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CLASH — Attendance policy, enforced towing and parking issues create tension.

## Parking controversy persists

### Students, faculty, administration looking for changes

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With student votes still being calculated from the commuter survey sent to all commuting drivers Monday, Nov. 7, it is unclear as to whether or not Liberty University will be experiencing the proposed parking changes in the spring.

Since the beginning of the Fall 2011 semester, parking has been an issue, Director of Financial Research Richard Martin, who designed the current parking system, said. The biggest issue is commuter parking.

According to Martin, lots were oversold at too high a ratio for the influx of students on main campus.

"Parking is more competitive this year," student Christina Edney said. "I feel like there are more students and less parking. I have been trying to get to school during breaks staying in one area and watching for cars to leave, but even with getting to school early, it is hard to find spots near my classes."

According to research, commuter students with the red parking sticker should avoid attempting to park at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During these times, the only available spaces are on the perimeter of the campus.

Edney is not alone in her parking experience. Teachers, too, are having a difficult time with the overcrowded lots and late students.

"The beginning of class is important because it gets everything started on a certain tone," Communication Studies Professor Dr. Lynnnda Beavers said. "It is best if everybody is in class, settled down and ready to work. Students who come in late (because of parking problems) can be a disruption and may continue to be counted

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## Use caution: speed zones aid safety

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Home is a special place for most. Many students are so eager to get there, they may even miss their last class to get an early start toward home. With music blaring, leaving classes in the rear view, one thing can easily ruin the drive. Red and blue lights.

As students head home for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, police are sure to be on the lookout for speeding college students.

In 2010, there were 24,567 speed-related crashes in Virginia, including 260 fatal crashes, 10,002 crashes resulting in injury and 14,305 crashes involving property damage, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. There were 1,888 crashes November of 2010, according to the DMV, and December had the year's highest number of crashes with a total of 2,932.

Liberty senior Michael Johansen knows the consequences of speeding all too well, as he has received three speeding tickets. One speed trap he has found is traveling north on Interstate 81.

"When you drive up 29 North, you'll switch to (Interstate) 64 going west," he said. "Then you go from I-64 west to I-81 and your speed limit drops from 70 to 65. What's interesting is, you drive a mile, and the (speed limit) goes back to 70."

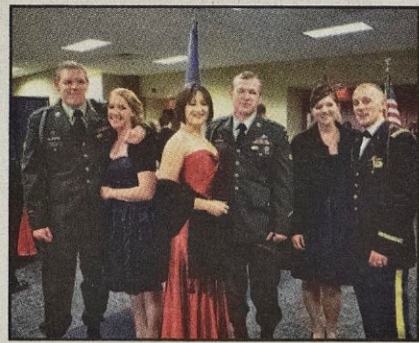
From his personal experience, he knows that this is a tricky spot for commuters.

"For this one mile window, it's 65," he said. "Obviously, it's a speed trap."

Johansen also advised that students watch out for construction zones, where lower speed limits are equally enforced. The Governors Highway Safety Association website states, "Nearly all states have laws that increase the penalties for speeding or committing other traffic violations while in a construction work zone."

Virginia is one of these states, where the penalty for speeding is enhanced to \$500 if that violation takes place in a construction zone, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

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CELEBRATE — The Military Appreciation Gala was an opportunity to thank those who serve the nation.

## Military Gala honors veterans

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Military service members were honored at the military appreciation gala put on by the Concerned Women for America (CWA) at Liberty University this Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 2011.

The club level of Williams Stadium Tower accommodated over 300 guests, according to Amanda Haas, president of Liberty University's chapter of the CWA. Patrons and military members were dressed in elaborate ball gowns, service uniforms and tuxes with ties. According to many guests of the event, the yellow rose décor and light classical music playing in the background, however, was slightly thrown off by the high school football game taking place down below.

The event, according to Haas, was primarily cosponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and cost \$2,500 to put on. The SGA, Haas said, was able to drum up \$2,600 to give to the CWA from Liberty University.

"We just want to take time to recognize the military," Haas said.

Dianna Baker, the coordinator for the military appreciation gala and member of the CWA, said she has been working on planning the evening since she first got back to Liberty University in the fall. Having no military experience herself, Baker said she was most inspired to involve herself with this event because of a combination of her hometown, Shanksville, Pa., where Flight 93 crashed Sept. 11, and because of how she feels about the United States armed forces.

"As I've got to know service members here at Liberty, I've been really inspired by the sacrifices they've made," Baker said.

Military personnel, according to

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# Blankets donated to make a difference

## Liberty students work in prayer groups, make blankets to donate to orphanage in Ukraine

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Prayer groups across Liberty's campus have been busy this semester, making over 140 fleece blankets for orphans in Ukraine who are in need of warmth and God's love.

Tiffany Waters, a junior and a prayer leader at Liberty, and her sister Natalic, an aviation major at Liberty, visited Ukraine, saw the conditions that children living in orphanages were subjected to and decided to take action.

Waters first went to Russia and Ukraine in 2007 through her parents' ministry, which provides school supplies to needy children. Many of the children in the orphanages were abandoned by parents with substance addictions and some were taken away from abusive guardians.

"I looked at the beautiful little ones and could see the sadness and loneliness written on their faces," Waters said.

The condition of the orphanages that Waters visited in Russia and Ukraine were unbelievable, Waters said. Children sleep all in one room, shower together and go to the bathroom in rooms without privacy.

Malnutrition sweeps through the orphanages and the poor bed quality causes children to develop scoliosis. The children face abuse often, even from each other.

"We spent the night in one orphanage in Russia," Waters said. "I remember, it was December and there was snow on the ground. It was the coldest night I've ever experienced. The wind whipped around the orphanage and it was almost impossible to sleep. I sat in the bed and thought about having to sleep in that room every night and it chilled me even more."

Waters went to Chris Deitsch, Discipleship Pastor and Associate Director of Prayer Leaders, last year and asked for his help in providing blankets for the children in need.

Deitsch spread the word of the blanket drive to the prayer leaders through their prayer leader class at the beginning of this semester. He showed a video, made by Waters and her sister, that taught the



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**BLANKET DRIVE** — Various prayer groups have been making blankets to send to needy orphans in Ukraine who live in orphanages with poor conditions.

prayer leaders how to make a blanket.

After making the blanket, prayer groups were encouraged to fill it with letters and pictures for the kids.

"I thought it was an awesome prayer group thing," Deitsch said. "An event or evening that a prayer group could spend together, getting to know each other, making a blanket, doing something for the future and doing something for someone together. I think one of the greatest ways to draw together as people is to serve to-

gether."

Prayer leader TJ Borneisen, sophomore, and his prayer group of five guys made a blanket seeking to "tangibly share the love of Christ," Borneisen said.

"The blanket drive will be very beneficial to the children to keep them warm, as well as to share the love of Christ (with them)," Borneisen said. "Some of them have probably never received a gift in their life. (Making the blanket) brought my prayer group closer together through

a hands-on experience. We were able to physically and spiritually share the love of Christ through (making the blanket) and the prayers that were lifted up for the child who would receive the blanket."

Waters and her family will hand-deliver the blankets to orphans in Kiev, Ukraine in early January 2012. They will visit 150 to 200 orphans and if they have an excess of blankets, they will give them to needy kids in the area. They will not only bring warmth through the blankets but also the message of Christ's love, Waters said.

"I'm a huge supporter of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child (but) I'll never get to see a kid that got a shoe box that came from Liberty," Deitsch said. "We're going to get to see pictures and videos of the kids who are actually getting the blankets. We're going to get to see the real people who are changed by this."

There are over 100,000 orphans living in orphanages in Ukraine and just as many living on the streets. At 15 or 16, the children are forced to leave the orphanage.

"(After leaving the orphanage, many children) will enter lives of prostitution, crime and drug abuse," Waters said. "Some will be lured into sex-trafficking and many will end up committing suicide. It is so important that we reach these children with the hope of Christ. We must point them toward the everlasting and unconditional love of their heavenly Father who can bind up their wounds and heal their hearts."

The Office of Student Leadership is collecting the blankets. They want to get all the blankets turned in by Thanksgiving to start preparing them for delivery.

"If God gives you a vision to do something small, run with it and just see what He might actually do with it," Deitsch said.

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# Summer School provides expedited track for students

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Liberty University will be offering an assortment of classes in a number of departments with its residential Summer School program, which is designed to help students save money and graduate on time or early by getting through their program quicker.

Director of the Liberty Summer School Programs Kenny Rowlette said that summer school is an important and valuable option to students for a number of reasons.

The reduced price of \$310 per credit hour allows students to save on loans and decrease their overall education expenses, according to Rowlette.

"Liberty is offering a program in which students can speed up their education and enter the job market, while also keeping the overall cost down as much as possible," Rowlette said.

The tuition rate\* for undergraduate Summer School classes is \$310 per credit hour, in comparison to the tuition cost of \$8,903 that residential students pay for a semester with 12 to 18 credit hours. Students who attend part-time during the fall or spring semester have to pay \$594 per credit hour, according to the Liberty financial aid website.

Total student loan debt is approaching \$1 trillion in the United States and is projected to surpass that amount by the end

of 2011, according to ConsumerReports.org.

"Getting into the job market, even if is not the job you ultimately desire, is critical today," Rowlette said. "So this idea of stretching out your college education into five or six years just doesn't make a lot of sense."

Students who stay in school for extra semesters generally lose not only the money for tuition, housing and other expenses at college, but they also "lose" money that could have been earned if they were in the job market and employed full-time, according to Rowlette.

"Many students take longer than two years to earn an associate degree or longer than four years to earn a bachelor's degree," a 2010 report by the College Board states. "More time out of the labor force increases the amount of time required to compensate for lost earnings."

Another benefit of Summer School is that it allows students the opportunity to take a fast-track approach to graduation, according to Rowlette.

"In today's paradigm, most college students take five years to finish college or university," Rowlette said. "What Sum-

mer School allows people to do is to speed up that process."

For student-athletes, or any student who is busy with extracurricular activities, Summer School allows them to adjust and fine-tune their schedules during the school year. People will sometimes find that taking a number of credit hours during the summer allows them to take a lighter course load in the spring or fall, Rowlette said.

There will be two four-week sessions of summer school that include May 14 through June 8 and June 11 through July 6 and one three-week session from July 9 through July 27. Rowlette said that the three- or four-week model is set up so that students meet Monday through Thursday and have Friday off for homework, research, their jobs or whatever they would like. The majority of the courses will be offered as these lengthier course modules, although one-week summer intensives are still offered, according to Rowlette.

Generally, the four-week classes are two and a half hours a day, allowing students to also work or to take more than one class. However, Rowlette said that students are not recommended to take more than two classes in a four week time period because of the intensified schedule.

The courses offered at this time are multiple programs ranging from accounting, to criminal justice, biblical studies, theology, and more.

"What we want students to do is to

look at these offerings and do one of two things," Rowlette said. "We want people to start planning right now, long before they get into the second semester. Also, if we see that a certain course is not being offered, but we have enough people who are interested in it, we can try to offer that course."

Liberty will also be offering courses for incoming freshman through the Summer School program and Rowlette said that Liberty will be making high schools aware of these classes.

Students enrolled in the Summer School program will have the option of staying on campus in the residence halls if they so desire. Announcements about housing for Summer School will be made at the beginning of the second semester, according to Rowlette.

There are two forms of registration. Online registration will begin Monday, Jan. 30. Once the online registration closes, tentatively May 1, students will still be able to go register in-person at the Registrar's Office. More announcements will be made as the details are finalized for the Summer School program.

For more information, contact Dr. Kenny Rowlette at kgrowlet@liberty.edu.

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**FYI**  
Online registration for Summer School begins on Jan. 30 and runs through May 1.

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## letter from war

# Director of Commuter Affairs writes home

## Provost: 'I miss home, but sometimes in life you have to do things you would prefer not to'

Dear Liberty,

Greetings from Afghanistan. The views expressed in this note are my own and do not represent those of the U.S. Government or any of its agencies.

I miss home but sometimes in life you have to do things you would prefer not to. Your support is essential to what we do, as there are few things more disheartening than fighting for a nation that does not support what you do or having a body of your fellow believers convinced that what you do is contrary to what the Lord would have. I am thankful that Liberty supports the military.

Wars are won on the battlefield but as our world gets smaller and more together through digital media, the battlefield has changed. Wars have always been, and are even more so today, contests of wills between right and wrong. If the people back home do not support the war, then the war will be lost and the enemy knows that. Then our children will have to return to the same land 20 years later. I am back in Afghanistan for that very reason. We left here in the late 1980s. If we leave again, I shudder to think at what we will be going through down the road. We need your support for the mission and our profession.

I don't think the Good Lord prefers His precious children killing each other, but am convinced, based on experience and on God's Word, that military force is not only justified but an honorable and Biblical way of dealing with the evil that exists in today's world.

A few weeks ago, I met my old interpreter and I asked him about one of the children I knew when I was in Afghanistan in 2002. The Taliban were also interested in this boy. They burned him alive not too long ago when they found out this boy liked the Americans. This is the evil we are fighting against.

Any one of us would defend our families. "No greater love hath he than to lay down his life for his friends." Only the most fanatical of people would allow an innocent to be killed and not do anything. Likewise, the people we are



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WRITING HOME — Sgt. Larry Provost is currently serving his third deployment.

fighting against want nothing more than to kill us and our families. I would much rather be a target in this war of self defense, over here, than to have my entire family be a target at home.

Our service members need your sup-

port and are thankful for it, especially this day and age. In World War II, nearly every able-bodied young man was fighting in uniform for righteous causes. Now, there are only a few, rendering service members and their families often to

be misunderstood and worse, forgotten.

Our Lord is fond of calling people out from their professions, but nowhere in the Bible is it found that soldiering is against Christ's teachings. The commandment thou shall not murder has been twisted into thou shall not kill under any circumstances including self defense, even though the Lord allowed, and even commanded, killing in special circumstances, after the giving of said commandment. In fact, soldiering is given a place of honor, far beyond just rendering unto Caesar. Jesus told Peter to buy a sword. Saul killed his thousands and David his tens of thousands, including the Giant Goliath.

In the New Testament, the very first person who became a Christian after the Crucifixion was more than likely the Roman soldier who fell to his knees and said, "Surely this man was the Son of God." Moreover, the very first Gentile to earn the title Christian was the Roman Centurion Cornelius. It was never suggested that Cornelius resign from the military in order to become a Christian. In fact, he received a great honor by being the first Gentile to accept Christ. Further, the Lord continuously used Cornelius' profession as an analogy to putting on the Armor of God or to endure hardships in Timothy like a good soldier of Christ.

To all of you, thank you for the items you have sent to us here. Thank you for your giving, your service, your support of our service. Thank you for what you will do. I have great faith that, from this cloud of witnesses, you will be able to continue to educate your churches and charities so that servicemembers are not only ready to come to their physical home, but more apt to hear and accept the message of their eternal home through Christ.

I miss you all greatly and look forward to seeing you again. Thank you, and God Bless you.

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## Servicemen honored

### National D-Day Memorial celebrates Veterans Day

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Military veterans received a special ceremony at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., for Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11.

"Our motto is 'everyday is Veterans Day,'" April Cheek-Messier said.

As the director of education for the National D-Day Memorial Foundation and chief organizer of the event, Cheek-Messier spoke on the historical and current significance of Veterans Day.

"We spend each and every day thanking veterans," Cheek-Messier said.

The location of the D-Day Memorial in Bedford is also significant, according to the National D-Day Memorial website.

"Proportionally this community suffered the nation's severest D-Day losses," the website states. "Recognizing Bedford as emblematic of all communities, large and small, whose citizen-soldiers served on D-Day, Congress warranted the establishment of the National D-Day Memorial here."

The Veterans Day Observance event merged military forces young and old to honor veterans through special presentations, vocal performances and formal military ceremonies.

"We want to involve young people

to show veterans that the young people want to thank them," Cheek-Messier explained. "We have the Navy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), air force and a number of students involved."

The National D-Day Veterans Event, which took place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and was open to the public, featured over a dozen schools and included memorable presentations from JROTC and ROTC programs. Captain Michael B. Connolly, a retired state commander from the Military Order of the World Wars, delivered the keynote address at the Memorial.

The AJROTC participants of Chatham High School and Dan River High School presented a march-on while the New Covenant Schools band performed the national anthem for the audience. Children also presented veterans with hand-written thank you cards to show their gratitude.

The National D-Day memorial commemorates the martyrdom of D-Day soldiers and stands as a tribute to their service.

"At this ceremony, we wanted to commemorate this really important day to honor veterans for their patriotism, heroism and sacrifice," Cheek-Messier said.

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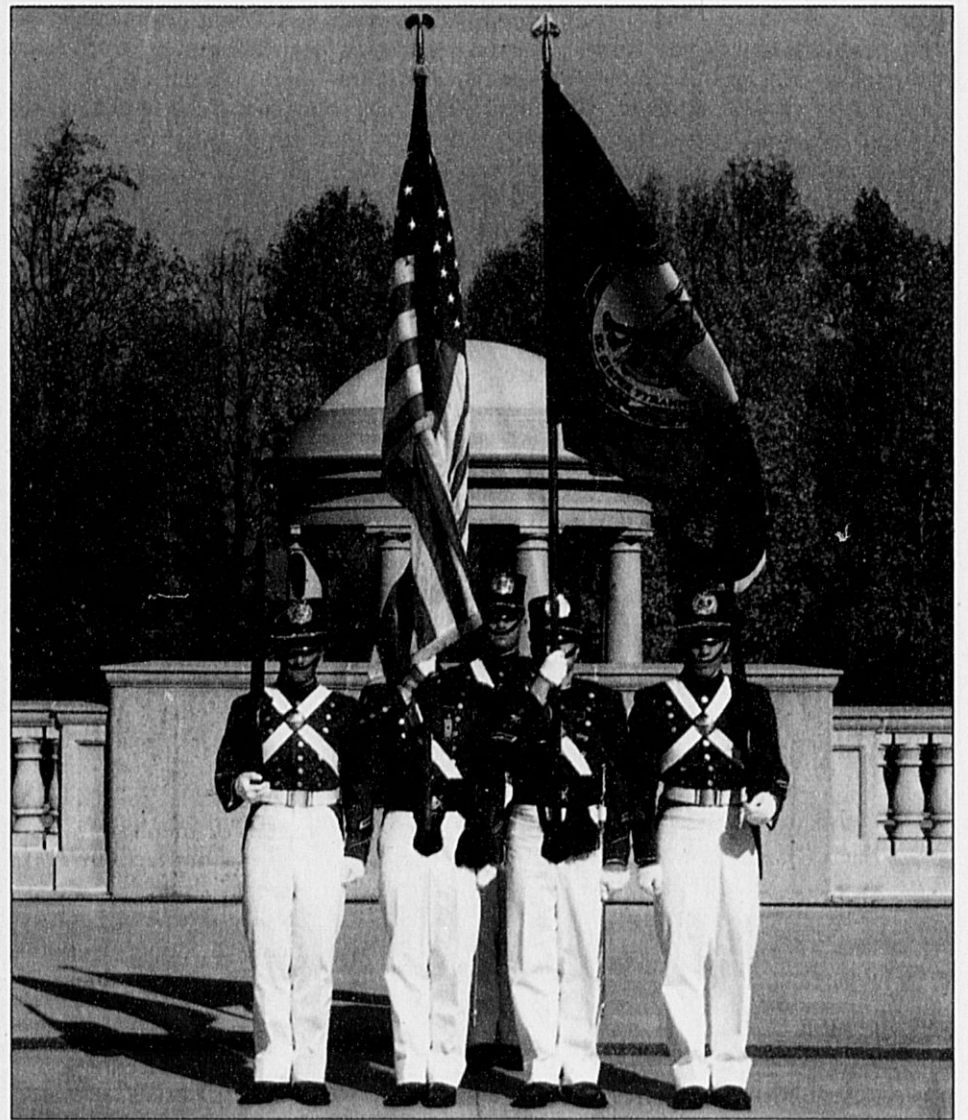


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OBSERVANCE — The Virginia Military Institute color guard honors Veterans Day at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va.



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GALA — Air Force cadets attended the event in full Mess Dress.

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several veterans, such as Joshua and Donald Penley and Keith Peterson, enjoyed the evening and the chance to dress up. Many of the past and current military members spoke about their experiences or reasons for joining the military before and after keynote speakers took the stage.

"I'm glad I did it. I don't regret it, but I'm glad to be home now," Donald said.

The evening consisted of a dessert and coffee buffet and several presentations from the military groups on Liberty University's campus, as well as veterans from

the armed services.

Stephen Parke, the associate dean for the Helms School of Government and an associate professor of criminal justice at Liberty University, was one of the presenters. Parke served 21 years with the United States Army, according to his speech, where he was a staff sergeant for the joint task services. Parke spoke on what it is like to be out of the military and then read a letter from a current soldier deployed overseas.

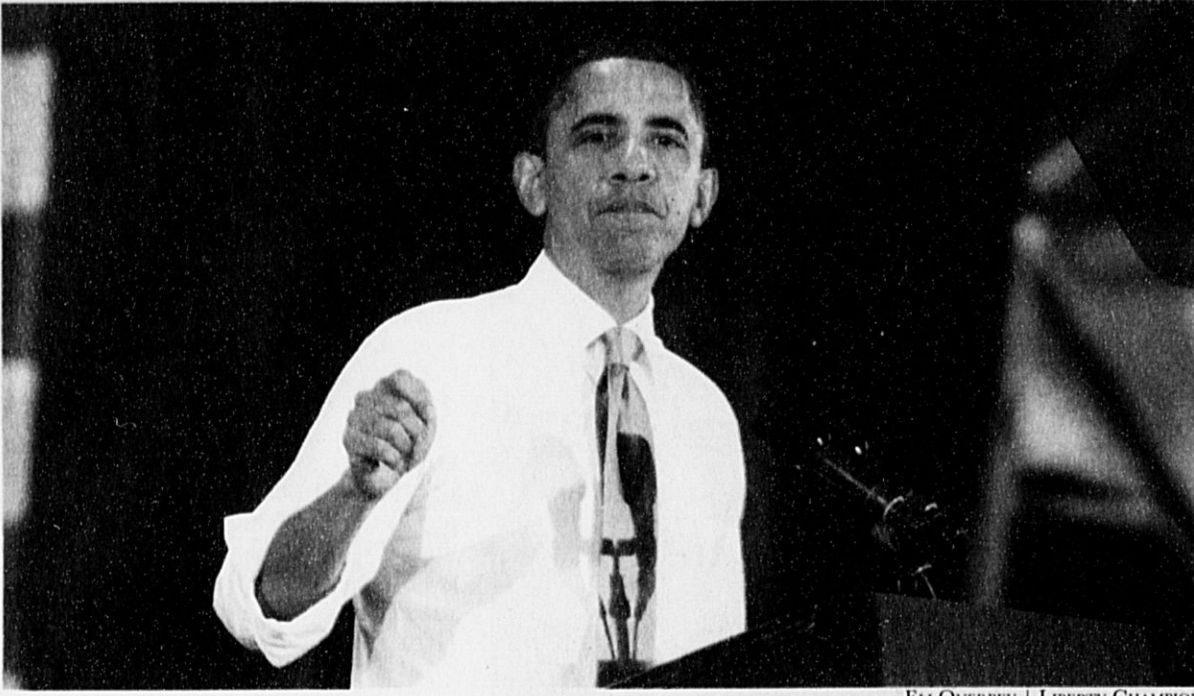
"Old soldiers, when they get together, they usually start off with, 'there I was...' Whenever you hear folks say 'and there I was,' seek high ground, because it's gonna

get really deep, really quick," Parke said.

According to several attendees of the evening, the most touching moment of the night was when Parke read a letter from Sgt. Larry Provost, Liberty University's director of commuter affairs, who is currently on his third deployment serving in Afghanistan.

"If the people back home do not support the war, then the war will be lost and the enemy knows that. And then our children will have to return to the same land, 20 years later," Provost wrote.

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BARACK OBAMA — A graphic cartoon of the president causes uproar and an eventual resignation of Loudoun County Republican Committee Communications Director Robert Jesionowski

## Some people take it too far

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I am a lover of all things having to do with zombies. "Night of the Living Dead" is, by far, one of my favorite horror films. The original 1968 Romero film is a classic treatise on race relations in America — with zombies. However, not every political struggle is appropriately depicted via images of the living dead.

Case in point: the image of a zombie President Obama with a bullet through his head recently released by the Loudoun County GOP committee.

The controversy began Oct. 29 when an email was circulated among Loudoun County Republicans in hopes of recruiting volunteers to pass out candy at a local Halloween festival.

A collage of images was included in the email, one of which depicted House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi with distorted features and a bulging eye.

The Virginia Republican Party was quick to condemn the image. Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell

called the message "shameful and offensive," according to the article "Zombie Obama Email: Virginia GOP Condemns Image of President with Bullet Through Head" on huffingtonpost.com.

Loudoun County Republican Committee Communications Director Robert Jesionowski resigned Nov. 2 after taking full responsibility for the email.

"This was in bad taste, does not reflect my own principles nor those of any political activist or candidate I know in either party, and if I had reflected a little longer, I would have caught it," Jesionowski wrote in a letter to committee chairman Mark Sell, according to the article "Official Quits over Obama Zombie Email" on upi.com.

The controversy surrounding this issue stems primarily from the cranial bullet hole included in the image. The image of a zombified president does not seem worthy of contention. Provided Jesionowski had circulated an image of a zombie Obama more in the "Night of the Living Dead" vein minus the fatal wound in his forehead, the email could have remained safely

within the confines of satire. Instead, the insinuation of violent assassination steps over the line of satire into the realm of offensive.

Censorship, in many instances, is a violation of free speech. Had a private citizen emailed the image in question to his or her friends, there should be no issue. It will be a dark day in America when we begin censoring images critical of the president in the same way satirical images of the Muslim prophet Mohammed are censored.

The difference here is that an employee of the Republican Party circulated this image. Such an act insinuates an endorsement of violence against the president, whether that was the intended message or not.

Regardless of whether you agree with the president's political stance and policies, he remains the president and should be treated with proper respect. Considering this country's history of both attempted and successful political assassinations, more care should be taken when satirizing a public official.

HAYES is an opinion writer.



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### Gabe

Sitting in our living room with a cup of hot cocoa in my hands watching a movie with my sister and mother, I could hear the sound of a shotgun coming from the top of our hill.

"I bet that was them," my mother would say. I was never one for waking up at 3:30 a.m. to sit out in the cold for hours waiting for a fat bird to walk by, but my brother and father sure were.

A half hour later, we could see them break through the trees laughing and high-fiving with a turkey draped over my father's shoulder.

Part one of Thanksgiving — waiting for the bird — was the easiest, but part two, on the other hand, was like torture. Smelling the food cook and the aroma of sweet potatoes, turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes before you can actually eat it is the worst. But, of course, I am the kind of person that sneaks behind my mother, snagging slivers of turkey before everything is done.

My favorite part of Thanksgiving is sitting down around the table, grabbing a family member's hand and praying and giving thanks for the simple things in life. I, as well as many people, don't give thanks often enough for my home, food, water and family. But this holiday reminds all of us of the importance of not taking things for granted.

It will be a different Thanksgiving this year, however, just my mother, father and me. With my brother and sister married and moving forward, I give thanks for their progress. Even though they will be missed, I will enjoy the company of my parents and the joy of knowing that I get more food because there are less people in the house. Have a Great Thanksgiving.

- Gabriel Fowler

### Gula

Thanksgiving has never been that important of a holiday in the Gula household.

My mom is one of seven kids, so for as long as I can remember, every holiday has consisted of going over to my grandparents' house and having a huge family dinner. In that respect, I guess it's sort of important. Twenty-some people all crammed around a huge table tends to be a big deal, no matter how many times a year it happens.

But besides the table full of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the other main Turkey Day foods, I would hardly call that part of the holiday any more memorable than any other one. It's more of a big and sometimes crazy family gathering where we eat great food and spend the whole day chatting.

In my mind, one of the best parts of Thanksgiving is before the "official" festivities. My immediate family spends all of Thanksgiving morning taking Christmas boxes down out of the attic. Between the outside and inside decorations and the boxes of stuff for the tree, we spend most of the day occupied with that.

And rather than Black Friday shopping, our entire day is spent "Christmasifying" our house, inside and out. As a college student who doesn't get to spend much time with his family anymore, that time is by far my favorite part of Thanksgiving.

- Andrew Gula

## Letter to the Editor

The opposition expressed by students such as Brittany Truax to the revision in the Liberty Way to allow nose rings ("Liberty Way says okay to nose rings") is misplaced.

Her argument is that by allowing students to wear small studs in the nose, they will forever be negatively affecting their chances of finding a job, as "most employers will not be fond of nose and/or facial piercings." This reasoning of "maintaining an environment of professionalism" has been echoed by members of the Liberty administration. The professionalism argument is a cop-out excuse to justify the dress code of the Liberty Way.

Frankly, it's rather insulting to assume that we students would not have the common sense to wear professional attire, i. e. take off accessory jewelry, for a job

interview. Most Liberty students, having had internships or jobs, are aware of the dress code of the work force — such a standard does not need to be forced upon us in a non-work environment five days a week. Furthermore, the Liberty Way's current permitted standard for class dress, which includes jeans, sweaters and sandals, contradicts the "professionalism" standard anyway, as most of the attire would not be appropriate in a work environment.

Modesty, rather than professionalism, should be the standard by which we judge our attire at this school. According to the Liberty Way, the guiding principles for dress code are "cleanliness, neatness, (and) appropriateness." A female student wearing a nose ring can honor God and still uphold these guidelines.

Additionally, Truax's negative reaction to the "slippery slope" of Liberty conforming to the will of the students should be viewed as a positive, as it demonstrates that students can exert influence. As the ones financially supporting Liberty, we have a right to express our opinions and take initiative for change.

I would agree with Truax's statement that "college is (a time) to prepare us to get real jobs." Yes, our time at Liberty is a period of preparation — the key word being "prepare." We students are not currently in a work environment and are merely gaining knowledge to use in the real world. And this process of preparation is not going to be destroyed by wearing a nose ring.

- Tyler Flynn

## FROM THE DESK

By: ASHLEY BOLLINGER

Thanksgiving is a time of celebration for families across the US. Too many people gathered around too much food serves as the icon for a great day.

In my family, Thanksgiving has never really been a day full of traditions — more like a day full of whatever food our best friends bring, a fried turkey compliments of my wonderful father and stuffing from a box compliments of my mother.

However, this year promises to shake things up in a whole new way.

This year, I am hosting Thanksgiving. Yes, that's right. Yours truly is going



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to attempt to cook a turkey — and whatever else you are supposed to cook on such an occasion.

Originally, the plan was to head up to New York for a family filled holiday with my fiancé's family. However, when he got a new job at the wonderful JCrew we soon learned that leaving for the week was simply out of the question.

So that's how it happened. Among the common fears I am facing are "How am I ever going to create a meal that can compete with his mom's," "What if I under cook the turkey, and we all die" and "Are there really cranberries in cranberry sauce?"

On top of these, it is not only my fiancé I am striving to impress, but also my best friend and her boyfriend who are flying in from Florida to spend the day with us.

No pressure.

As I sat brainstorming the kinds of foods that are expected, yet can't be bought in a box, I realized another dilemma. I don't have a kitchen table.

So, not only do I need to figure out how to feed four hungry college students with food that's not only edible, but also traditional, but I also need to figure out where we are going to sit.

I contemplated doing it "Jesus style," but figured relaxing on the floor surrounded by food — and my dog — may be a bit too first century for my soon-to-be house guests.

So this week my goals are to figure out what my Thanksgiving menu needs to hold and what will hold my Thanksgiving menu.

# Relationship advice from yours truly

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Women, I'll be honest, you are very emotional.

Men, I'll also be honest, where are your emotions?

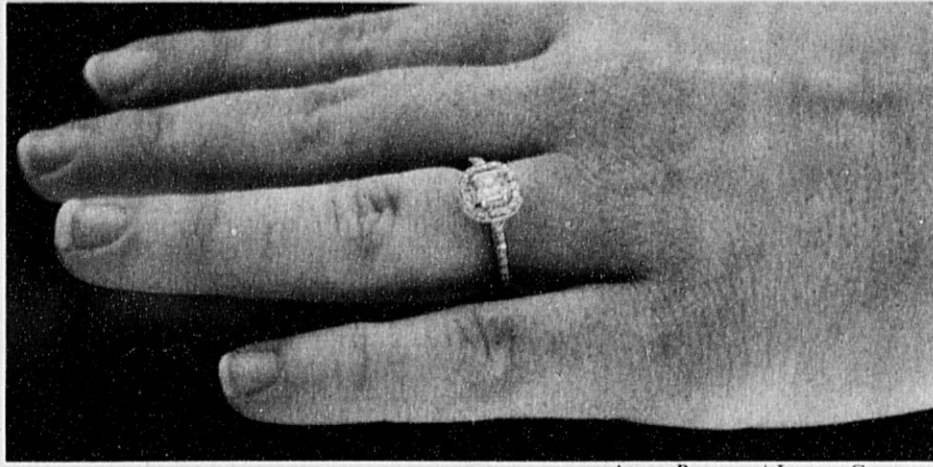
Ring-by-spring is approaching.

**Scenario 1:** It's a warm, partly cloudy day at the beginning of the semester and you are walking through the courtyard texting your mother explaining to her that she needs to stop posting embarrassing information on your Facebook wall and there she is, a 5' 6" brunette with a pencil skirt and a dark blue blouse sitting at one of those uncomfortable concrete tables reading her psychology textbook. You close your phone without finishing your message and discretely stare in her direction.

**Scenario 2:** It's the first day of the spring semester, and you are "make-upped," ironed and packed for an 8:50 a.m. English class. You realize that you are half an hour early, but, like most college students, are embarrassed to admit it. You looked at the class roster over Christmas break and Facebook stalked half the class.

While doing so, you realized that the same cute blond hair, blue-eyed football player from your last English class has the same 8:50. So, you not only want to get a good seat, but you are hoping that when he walks through the door, he notices you, says hello and sits down next to you.

Obviously, I have just given you two separate scenarios and, by the end, a



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RING BY SPRING — Be smart about who you want to spend your life with.

description of the most likely outcome will be given. However, let us talk about relationships in general.

As many of you know, nearly 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, and the percentage for Christian marriages is not any better.

With sex the main focus of the media today, it is inevitable that children are going to grow up learning the wrong way to do things.

Just to give you a few statistics, according to a 2010 article written by David Evans of an Online Dating Industry Consulting and Commentary, the average man's ideal woman is 60 pounds lighter than him and a woman will get chatted up six minutes faster if she is wearing make-up. Last year, 21 percent of dates were organized

via email and five percent of relationships were ended by text.

Relationships are not the same anymore.

To prove this, we venture back to our scenarios.

**Scenario 1:** It's the end of the semester now, and you've walked through the courtyard three days a week for 16 weeks and that same girl has sat at the same table for the entire semester. What you do not know is that last semester she noticed you, but was too shy to say anything. Also, you do not realize she is a senior graduating in May.

However, you wasted hours looking at her from a distance when you could have been staring at her from across the table in Panera. You lost your chance to step up because you never opened your mouth.

**Scenario 2:** He said hello, and, to your surprise, he sat down next to you and asked about your summer. Throughout the semester you became good friends, and one day he asked if you wanted to take it a step further. You went out on a few dates, played mini-golf and talked for hours over the next few weeks. But one day he said the words no girl ever wants to hear, "can we talk." Your heart dropped, and you knew what was coming. He told you he was too busy with football and school, and he thought it would be unfair to you if he kept going on with the relationship.

You respected him for his honesty, but you were crushed. For the next three weeks you were out of it, your grades slipped, but what you didn't realize was that the attractive, kind and funny guy sitting behind you in class wanted to ask you out. However, because of your reaction to the break-up, he did not think he could ever match up to the football player.

My goal here is not to scare people away from dating or to shun others for decisions they may have made. I just want women to understand that that one guy you dated for three weeks isn't worth hours of crying. And men, chivalry is not dead, so dive into your curiosity and ask that girl out, and if she says no, pat yourself on the back for taking a risk.

Do not worry about where the next person is going to come from or you will turn into another statistic.

**FOWLER is an opinion editor.**

## Privacy not always a constitutional right

### As students decide what school to go to, looking at the fine print is beneficial

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A common misconception has infiltrated private universities across the nation: the right to privacy.

Most adults over the age of 18 assume that they possess the right to privacy — no matter where they are. However, that is not the case at many private universities in which the student actually signs away his or her rights at the 'door,' so to speak.

Some students assume their freedoms remain in tact although they have willingly signed them away.

When students first fill out their application to attend Liberty University, as with most private universities, they must sign a page which reads something similar to the following: "I will hereby, upon my acceptance, adhere to all rules and regulations laid forth and outlined by the Liberty Way."

"All United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights."

Well, ladies and gentlemen, you have just signed away your First and Fourth Amendment rights — to some extent.

The First Amendment is the right to freedom of speech. The Fourth reads, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated."

"All societies and organizations have certain guidelines, standards and expectations that govern them in order

to maintain an orderly community," the Liberty Way reads. "A university is no exception, and this Student Honor Code provides Liberty students with a framework that can enhance the college experience for all."

Yes, all United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights. However, they are also entitled to make the decision to waive those rights at any given time.

They have done so by choosing to attend a private university. However, there have been cases in which students have argued violation of their Fourth Amendment rights on private campuses and have won.

Such is the case in the State of Connecticut v. David Burroughs.

Burroughs attended a prominent private university, was suspected of drug use, searched and found in possession with intent to sell by the court. However, when

the case went before the Supreme Court, Burroughs charges were overturned on account of the violation of his Fourth Amendment rights and an unlawful search outside of university policy, according to the case filed under the Connecticut Law Journal.

Although students may sign their rights away, they are still entitled to basic constitutional rights that must be handled gently by private universities. Guidelines may be in place by the university, however, if the university in cases of criminal action does not strategically follow them, there may be loopholes for students.

In the end, choosing to attend a private university such as Liberty is up to you. If you are not willing to sign away rights, then go elsewhere.

**BOLLINGER is the editor-in-chief.**

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# Arts provide balanced education

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From Mozart to Beethoven, Donatello to Leonardo and Shakespeare to Andrew Lloyd Webber, the arts, according to several ground-breaking studies, are beneficial to a well-rounded educational experience for students of all ages.

In an article published by the New York Times, a study by New York City's Education Department professed that the New York City high schools with the highest graduation rates were positively correlated with having the most access to arts education.

The study, which can be found at caenyc.org, found that one third of students who took three or more classes in the arts were more likely to be found in the schools with higher graduation rates than students in schools with lower graduation rates.

"Given the national studies in which at-risk students cite arts participation as their reason for staying in school, increasing course offerings in the arts in the low-graduation schools is likely to be an effective way to improve student engagement at those schools," the study stated.

According to Kent City Schools in Michigan, James K. Davis, having a degree in music education, feels that an education in the arts, especially that of music, provides the best opportunity to nurture relationships that teach students more than just basic knowledge or facts. Music is knowledge to be learned, Davis said, but it also gives students the ability to train emotional expertise, teamwork, accountability and an appreciation of others.

"I see band frustrating students in a way that helps them create solutions to problems. Band helps us overcome adversity while taking the time each day to be thankful for each other. Band expands students' minds to think bigger," Davis said.

Students who have already gone through the trials of public education, such as Kristina Benham, a college student at Liberty University who is majoring in history and is currently working on a minor in music, state that education in the arts has taught them skills that were



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LIBERTY ARTS — Liberty incorporates the arts into education through programs like "Echoes & Whispers." Erin McCool is presenting at the show.

applicable to all areas of study, but were only learned in art classes.

Benham said her music classes in college have been beneficial in teaching her discipline, the realization that there is always room for improvement and that without enjoyment, she cannot do her best.

"Music brings out the quality of my work rather than just the quantity of a grade," Benham said.

Priscilla Nazarijchuck, a 2009 high school graduate currently studying to become a better dancer, feels that arts benefit education by providing a purpose for students. She stated that they give students an outlet to express themselves and an opportunity to explore their personal creativity.

"I think art makes students see the world in a completely new and different way," Nazarijchuck said.

According to Nazarijchuck, classes centered in art education and development are the only reason some students continued their education at her high school.

"A lot of those kids only enjoy that one

class, and it's the reason they wake up in the morning," Nazarijchuck said.

In an interview, Al Coleman, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Lynchburg City Schools in Lynchburg, Va., stated that the only time art classes are dropped from the curriculum is when enrollment is too low.

"Budget restrictions of 15 to 20 percent have affected elective and exploratory offerings," Coleman said.

Leigh Farmer, the public information officer for Lynchburg City Schools, stated that interest plays a big role in whether or not a class is added to the curriculum.

"The student interest, as a result of registration, for these classes determines whether they are actually taught in any given semester," Farmer said.

The arts and extracurricular classes offered at Lynchburg City Schools, according to their Program of Studies catalogue, include classes such as music, drama, newspaper, yearbook and athletic training.

In 2010, roughly 82.5 percent of stu-

dents in the Lynchburg, Va. area as a whole graduated on time, according to the Virginia Department of Education. Jefferson Forest High School had the best graduation rates at 96.1 percent. Classes at this high school include an advanced placement (AP) course in music theory, theatre, art and band.

"We are very proud of the success our students have demonstrated in the arts," Coleman said.

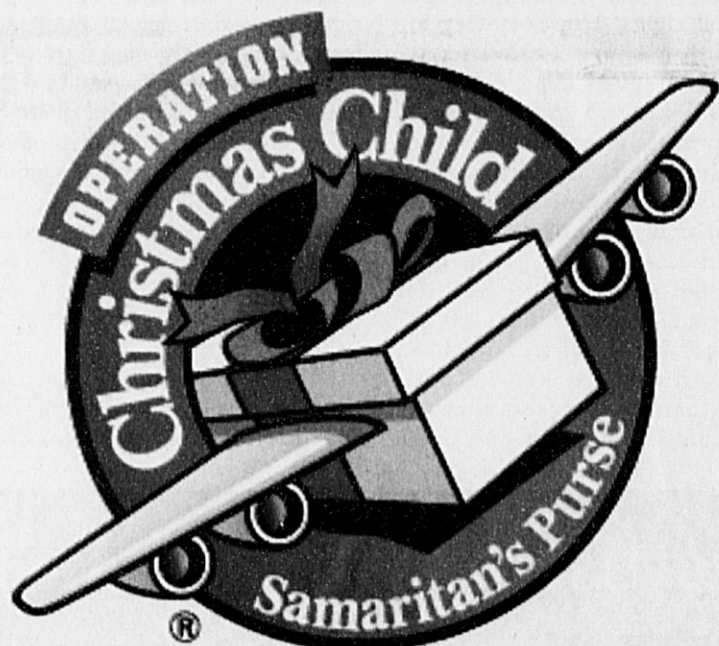
The economic crisis in the US paired with the lack of enrollment currently being seen in school systems does not affect only the students when it comes to courses being offered. Teachers of these courses outside the core curriculum are being laid-off due to budget restrictions many schools face.

"Enrollment affects budget decisions related to any cutbacks in any area... these cuts have resulted in slightly higher teacher-student ratios in core classes," Coleman said.

On Sept. 29, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations released the Draft Fiscal Year 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services funding bill. The bill includes information regarding future plans to fund programs within the Department of Education and other related agencies. The bill includes plans to raise funding for several education programs already in place in the public school system. However, according to the National Guild for Community Arts Education, a possible cut to federal arts education funding, at a total of \$27.2 million, could be one of the implications to the bill.

The claim is that the arts are able to foster creativity, a trait essential to inventors of all trades. With cutbacks in art education, many of the young minds who would otherwise be exposed to arts and have the ability to experiment within the realm of imagination would never be able to explore the cornucopia of activity, experience and knowledge the arts offer.

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## Cpl. Sean Edmunds: Giving back

Wounded Army veteran runs to raise support for OASIS Adaptive Sports and Vacations for Veterans

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Liberty University Online student Cpl. Sean Edmunds has spent his life serving others. The Wales, U.K. native met his wife Donna — a New Yorker — while working with the London City Mission in 2000. Following their marriage in 2002, the couple moved to New York where Sean Edmunds enlisted in the Army.

"I felt compelled that if I was going to live in America that I should give something back," he said. "So I joined the U.S. Army."

Edmunds trained as a combat medic with Dog Company, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment stationed in Fort Richardson, Alaska. The unit deployed to Iraq in October 2006, and four months later, Edmunds was wounded by an improvised explosive device (IED) at a checkpoint.

"In February 2007 my unit was conducting a traffic control point, and as I was crossing the road, a remote-controlled IED was triggered a few feet from where I was standing," he said. "I had shrapnel wounds which fractured my jaw and caused a traumatic brain injury, and I have severe hearing loss."

Edmunds said his recovery process was long and frustrating, and the first year "felt like a daze."

"I saw countless doctors and therapists, but ultimately it was my faith in God and his hand in my life that brought me through," he said. "My wife and children were also a tremendous support, pushing me to keep going and not give up."

Two charity organizations helped Edmunds and his family through the recovery process, OASIS Adaptive Sports



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**SOLDIERING ON** — Liberty online student and army veteran Sean Edmunds continues to give back to others, despite suffering wounds incurred while serving in Iraq.

(Outdoor Adventures for Sacrifice in Service) and Vacations for Veterans. OASIS, located in the Finger Lakes area of New York, provides veterans with outdoor experiences including skiing, archery, sailing and horsemanship.

"When I found out about oasis I was at a pretty low point, and they asked me if I wanted to learn to ski," Edmunds said. "I was a little unsure but my wife was really hoping it would be beneficial in the re-integration to civilian life process. The instructors and staff were very supportive, and they are trained to work with disabili-

ty levels of all kinds."

Vacations for Veterans allows vacation homeowners to donate their homes for a week to wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. The Edmunds family was able to spend a week in Folly Beach, S.C. and Gulf Shores, Ala. at no cost.

"Returning from war is difficult, whatever the circumstances, and encouragement, support and love are crucial in making it a successful transition for all veterans," Edmunds said. "Veterans organizations like these are vital in supporting

and aiding our veterans in their recovery process and returning to civilian life."

Now, Edmunds is once again giving back. Immediately following graduation in May, he plans to run across America from Washington State to Delaware to raise support for both OASIS Adaptive Sports and Vacations for Veterans. The trip will last 80 days at an average of 42 miles per day.

"Running was a huge outlet once I returned to good physical condition," he said. "Running has provided a great way for me to let off steam, think things through and bring them before God."

Edmunds started a blog about his run at [reasonatorun2012.blogspot.com](http://reasonatorun2012.blogspot.com) and can answer questions addressed to [seanedmunds9@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:seanedmunds9@yahoo.co.uk).

He said there are a number of ways people can get involved. To allow 100 percent of the donations to go to both charities, he is looking for corporate or individual sponsors to cover his costs.

"An easy way to get involved is to spread the word," Edmunds said. "I'm hoping to get many people involved and bring awareness in as many ways as I can. I have a tentative route mapped out on my blog, so if I am running close to where you are, feel free to join me one day!"

After his run next year, Edmunds plans to follow his bachelor's degree in Religion with a master's degree in Chaplaincy, so he can continue serving others as a chaplain with the military or Veterans Affairs.

For more information on either charity organization, see [oasisadaptivesports.com/wordpress](http://oasisadaptivesports.com/wordpress) or [vacationsforveterans.org](http://vacationsforveterans.org).

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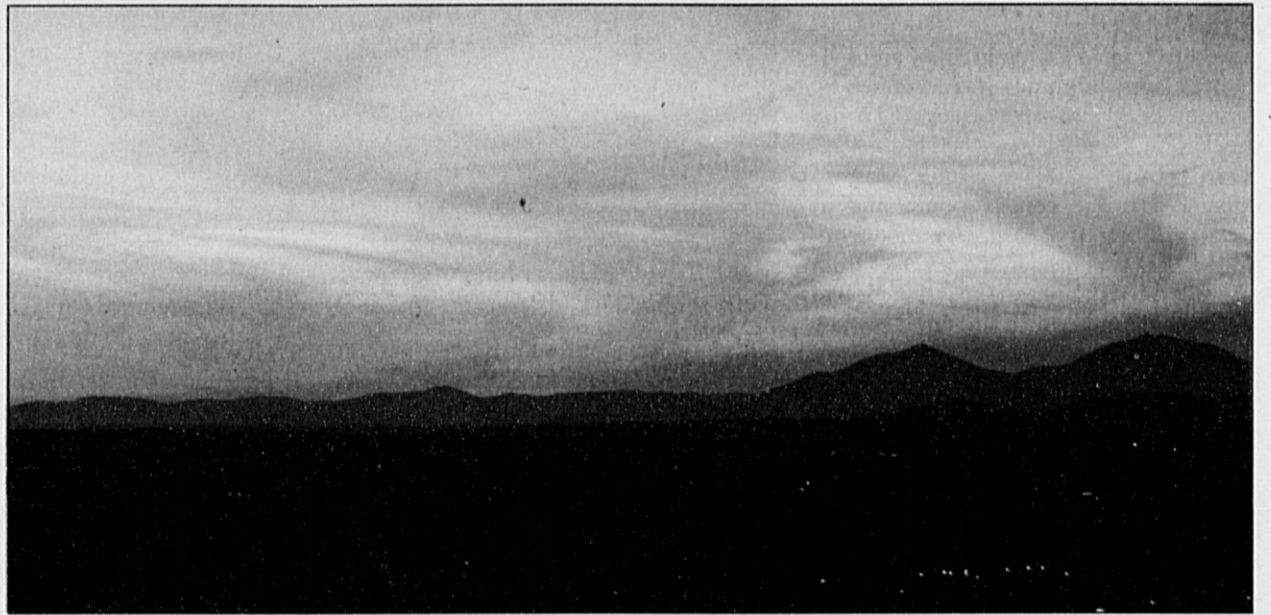
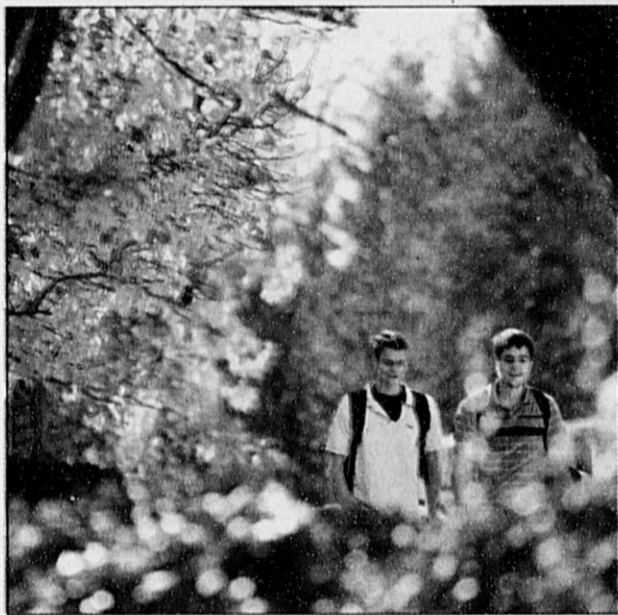
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## dramatic display



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**CORNUCOPIA OF COLOR**— Esther Lee and Coco Lee (top photo) enjoy a crisp, sunny Monday afternoon, surrounded by the colors of fall. As Thanksgiving approaches, the chilly fall weather persists. The season brings with it a continuation of leaves changing from green to radiant yellows, oranges and reds.

**PARKING continued from A1**

absent if they don't remind me to mark them present."

Because the university has implemented the new attendance policy as of the beginning of last academic year, students being late and absent could crucially hurt their grades, according to Liberty's 2011 attendance policy.

"One problem for me is that while the parking situation is real, I don't have any way to know if students are telling me the truth or using parking as a lame excuse," Beavers said.

"It is a popular excuse now, and some of it may be legitimate, some of it not."

However, this mindset is hurting students as well.

"In two of my classes, the teachers are very strict about tardiness," Edney said. "I leave an hour early, and I get there 45 minutes in advance and can't find parking. My class grade has dropped a letter because it can't be proven that my reason for being tardy is because I can't find a parking spot."

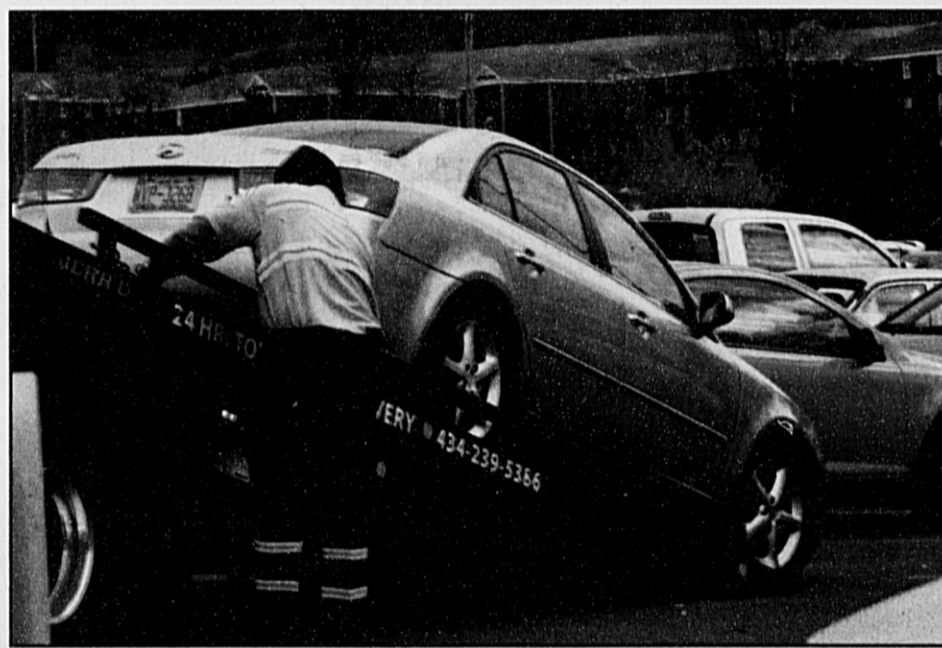
Another concern for both professors like Beavers and the administration is poor planning on behalf of students.

"I would say that (giving yourself enough time to get to class) is a pretty typical expectation for students and employees of most any college," Martin said.

Even with the addition of new parking lots and a revised plan, students will still need to plan to have a few minutes to find open spaces, Jerry Falwell Jr. said.

"Students may not leave their homes early enough to search for a parking place. Many times they give themselves just enough time to get to class — assuming that everything works out perfectly in traffic, on the train tracks and in the parking lot," Beavers said. "Students may have tight schedules with work and classes, but often they plan badly, too."

The administration, however, is offering students assistance in understanding time management.



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**ILLEGAL** — According to Martin, towing is being enforced strictly in hopes of limiting the number of non registered vehicles on campus.

"Regardless of what plan we implement, the parking maps for next semester will include estimated walk time from each lot to DeMoss to help students plan walk time," Martin said.

However, if the new parking plan is not embraced by the commuter students, there are ways to plan ahead to ensure a parking spot, according to research the Liberty Champion has recorded over the past three weeks, along with numbers Martin has been recording for the past 11 weeks.

According to the results of the Champion's research, there are dead time zones that should be avoided by drivers on campus. The results were recorded every hour on the hour by staff and students.

According to the research, commuter students with the red parking sticker should avoid attempting to park at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

During these times, the only available

spaces are on the perimeter of the campus.

Martin's findings were similar to the Champion's, with the dead time zones being 10:45 a.m., 11:24 a.m., 12:42 p.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Avoiding parking during peak hours could save students time and money, according to Martin.

With the new parking plan, as designed by Martin and the rest of Liberty's administration, they are hoping to calm the current frustrations echoing from the campus population, as well as lessen the dead time zones.

However, like Edney, not all commuter students are backing this new plan.

"I did not vote for the new parking because I have a carpool pass. I find easy parking now," Liberty student Sarah Dykstra said. "I would hate to get stuck in a random drawing and end up having to park at Green Hall or Campus East."

The proposed new plan will come in

two sections, according to Falwell. The commuter students are only voting to enact one section.

The administration has already begun moving forward with a portion of the new plan, according to Falwell.

In the spring semester, the administration is proposing the addition of 630 new parking spaces, according to Liberty's Corporate Engineer in Planning and Construction Maggie Cossman.

There will also be 600 on-campus vehicles moved into perimeter lots, creating an additional 1,230 spaces for commuters to park in.

"The parking plan of any large organization like Liberty is heavily dependent on campus-wide adherence to policy," Martin said. "Students and employees that park in any area where they are not supposed to, even for a quick '5-minute run,' creates a domino effect that cannot be adequately addressed by simply adding parking spaces."

Vehicles parked illegally are a large part of the parking problem, according to the Champion research. At any given time there are from 5- 68 illegally parked cars in commuter lots on campus.

According to Martin, even if the commuters do not vote to enact the section of the plan proposing gates on each lot, there should be enough additional parking added that every commuter will be able to find a parking spot if they leave themselves adequate time to find a space before walking to class.

"We need every commuter to vote for the parking plan they prefer. A strong response from commuters will tell us what needs to be done to address the parking issues," Falwell said. "A weak response will force us to make the decision for commuters. Either way, faculty will be less likely to excuse tardy and absent students next semester. Now is the time for commuters to make their wishes known."

**BOLLINGER is the editor in chief.**

**SPEED continued from A1**

In addition to construction zones, senior Levi Washburn said that going downhill can also increase your speed without you realizing it and is a mishap that students need to be conscience of. In his experience, before the driver becomes aware of his or her mistake, a police car is closing in. Traveling to Maine for the holidays, he has been given the costly pink ticket.

"I was driving up (U.S. Highway) 29, and I got pulled over going downhill in Albemarle County," he said. "I was be-

ing passed by a tractor trailer, but I got tagged."

Washburn's trips to Maine have allowed him to notice other speed traps that police can use to catch speeding vehicles.

"Construction bridges," he said. "There are always cops."

For those heading south for the holiday breaks, U.S. Highway 29 South and the Danville Expressway are usually necessary routes to North Carolina and other southern states. Senior Jennifer Palmer has received two tickets in nearly the same location of Pittsylvania County.

The speed limit changes force a driver to be constantly aware of his or her speed, and any lapse can cause frustration and a hefty fine.

"As you travel down 29 South, about an hour from Liberty, the speed limit for a while is 65," Palmer said. "Then the speed limit decreases as you near the town of Chatham and before you blink, you're pulled over."

"My argument is that the town comes up so fast," she continued. "And when you're going 70, and you're all of the sudden expected to slow down to 45 for

a town, they just sit there and wait for people."

With Thanksgiving approaching fast, as well as the travel that comes with it, Johansen's, Washburn's and Palmer's testimonies indicate that students need to be careful to watch out for speed traps or areas where special regulations are enforced. By obeying the law, they can avoid accidents and fines.

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## Men's soccer claims Big South Championship

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The men's fourth-seeded Liberty University men's soccer team won the Big South Title in a 3-1 victory over No. 2 Gardner-Webb, Sunday.

With the win Liberty clinched their second Big South Title and an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament.

The journey through the tournament began with a rematch against Radford University, in which Liberty defeated Radford in penalty kicks 5-4 after a scoreless game in regulation. During the game, Liberty only allowed one shot on goal.

About a year ago, Liberty University ended their season early in the first round of the Big South Championship quarterfinals by none other than Radford University.

"Losing early in the Big South Tournament last year



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MOVING ON — Liberty defeated Gardner-Webb 3-1 to claim its second Big South Championship.

has left our returning guys hungry this season," senior Chris Phillips said.

That hunger set up a win-or-go-home match against No.

1 seeded Coastal Carolina. Midfielder Travis Joseph and forward Darren Amoo both scored to edge the Flames past the Chanticleers, 2-1. The

Flames defense allowed only five shots limiting Coastal Carolina's possession of the ball.

"The thing about the tournament is that it only matters

who is the best team on the day," Phillips said.

Upsetting Coastal set up the championship match against Gardner-Webb in North Carolina.

Darren Amoo became Liberty's all-time leading goalscorer with a second-half score against the Runnin' Bulldogs, pushing his career total to 37.

Phillips, Aseweh and Kyle Breitmeyer also netted goals to lift the Flames over Gardner-Webb.

The Flames defense only allowed one first-half shot on goal.

Phillips was named MVP and named to the Big South All-Tournament Team. Midfielder Juan F. Nino, defenseman Greg White and goalie Scott Sutarik also made the All-Tournament team.

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off and rolling



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FLOATING ON — J.C. Sanders (33) was 4-6 from three-point land and finished with 17 points. The Flames defeated Randolph College 81-58.

## Hitting on all cylinders

### Forcing 20 turnovers is key to Flames win

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In their first home game of the young season, the Flames defeated Randolph College 81-58 in a game where size and athleticism played a large role.

Coming off of an 81-59 loss on the road to 16th-ranked Texas A&M in their first game of the season, the Flames were able to turn things around in the Vines Center on Friday night.

In a game where Liberty shot 54.2 percent from the field, they were able to take the lead early and hold it for the rest of the game.

#### Strong Shooting

Guard Jesse Sanders finished 4-4 from the field, adding nine rebounds and eight

assists, in a game where the point guard and team captain almost posted a triple-double with limited second-half playing time.

Sanders' brother, guard John Caleb, added 17 points on a 6-9 shooting performance in which he dropped 4-6 from behind the three-point line.

Forward Antwan Burrus played strong down low, shooting 5-5 from the field and adding 10 points to the team total.

The story of the night, however, was junior college transfer guard Tavares Speaks, who provided a big spark off of the bench, leading the team in scoring with 18 points on a 7-9 shooting performance and looking like he had been playing with the team for years.

"I've started most of my

career so coming off of the bench has been different, but I feel like it gives me more fuel," Speaks said. "I feel like I already fit in with the team pretty well. It's a long season and a long process."

"Tavares has come in and done a great job. We've connected quicker than I have with a lot of other players and I think that helps," Sanders said.

#### Rebounding

Liberty had an obvious size advantage and it proved to be true on the boards throughout the game. When it was all said and done, the Flames outrebounded Randolph 42 to 26.

See BASKETBALL B4

## Lady Flames volleyball team claim top seed in Big South

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With two road games left to play in their conference schedule, Liberty volleyball had full control of their postseason destiny. The goal was simple: win two games and claim sole possession of the regular season Big South Title.

"Coming into the weekend, we needed to win at least one out of two matches to claim the Big South title for the fifth season in a row. It was in our game plan to win both," Coach Pinder said.

The weekend road trip featured two contests against North Carolina rivals Gardner-Webb University and University of North Carolina Asheville, teams the Lady Flames had beaten previously this season.

On Friday, the Runnin' Bulldogs stunned the visiting Flames 3-0. Liberty simply could not find any rhythm. An offense that hit near .300 in the match prior struggled to find kills, hitting only .124. Sophomore Lillie Happel led the Flames with 14 kills.

Defensively, blocking has been one of the greatest strengths all season long, yet Friday the Flames front line managed only two blocks. Three Gardner-Webb hitters tallied at least 10 kills while posting an impressive .368 hit-

"It was in our game plan to win both."

— PINDER

ting percentage.

The loss on Friday magnified the importance of Saturday's game. The loss dropped Liberty into a close second place in the Big South behind Winthrop, making the season finale the deciding factor in tournament seeding.

With a fifth straight Big South regular season title on the line, the Lady Flames played inspired volleyball, rallying behind Happel and junior Loren Thomas. Happel and Thomas combined for 41 kills as Liberty's offense rebounded from the poor performance the night before.

Thomas registered nine total blocks in addition to her 20 kills, accounting for 25 of Liberty's points. As a team, the Lady Flames tallied 11.5 blocks. Senior Kelly Haseman's 28 digs against the Bulldogs moved her career total over the 1900 mark — a milestone only reached by four other players in Big South history.

Despite the big outings of the key veteran players, the match against Asheville was far from easy. The first four sets went back and forth with each squad winning twice.

See V'BALL, B2

## X-country finishes at regionals

### Mens, womens teams not advancing in competition

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The men and women of Liberty's cross country teams ran their hearts out this weekend at the NCAA Division I Southeast Regional Championships in Louisville, Ky.

In the men's 10k, Edwards placed 23rd while Klugh in the women's 6k placed 20th. Both Edwards and Klugh earned cross country all-region honors.

Redshirt junior Zac Edwards had high expectations for his team going into Saturday's meet.

"I (wanted) to see the team maximize the potential that we know we can definitely achieve. We're all really fit and I think we definitely feel like we're under ranked but we've just got to go out there and

perform, even on an individual basis," Edwards said.

Tolsma also had high praise for Edwards.

"(Edwards) is a very-high level runner and he's a contender," Tolsma said.

The Liberty University athletes finished 11th (of 32) for the men and 22nd for the women at the regional tournament.

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**FYI**

Zac Edwards, Jennifer Klugh recieved All-Tournament Honors

# Brown in driver's seat for playoffs

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His goal of a championship has not been reached.

Neither has his team's.

This year, the Liberty football team plans to turn those goals into reality. Whether those goals are achieved or not will ride on the success of senior quarterback Mike Brown. Brown has now been behind center for three years, and soon the curtain will close on his playing days at Liberty. If anyone is looking for the leader of this football team, offensive coordinator Brandon Streeter has no reservation tagging Brown with the title.

"There's no doubt," he said. "This is his third year in a row as team captain. He's been a leader ever since he's been here."

One of the ways Brown shows his leadership is by leading on the field. His awards and honors list covers nearly every offensive category. He is the 2009 Big South offensive player of the year, and two-time Big-South first team honoree. Libertyflames.com reported that Brown finished 2010 season first in the nation with 3,810 yards of total offense.

When did the future Liberty hall-of-famer begin playing the sport in which he now excels?

"Five," he said. "Basketball, football and baseball."

Brown's journey to Liberty was not very complicated. Colleges such as William & Mary and Richmond were interested in Brown, but he did not feel at home there. Although Liberty is distinctive in its Chris-



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A BIRD, A PLANE — Superman doesn't wear a cape at Liberty. He wears No. 10 and plays football.

tian worldview, it did not draw Brown into coming to the Hill City.

"It didn't have anything to do with me coming to Liberty actually," he said. "I really came here just to play football, but since I've been here, I've really seen a big change and I think it's been the best thing for me."

As much as Brown has seen changes in himself, Liberty football has seen big changes on the scoreboard. It takes a special type of athlete to put up the numbers Brown has posted through his first three years at Liberty. He says that setting personal goals keeps him focused.

"I'm a pretty self-motivated person," Brown said. "I have goals, and I set small goals each week. Just chasing after those goals keeps my mind in the right place."

Streeter works with Brown in their weekly quarterbacks meeting. Streeter can tell that teammates of Brown immediately respected him and looked up to him, despite being a freshman.

"People respect him, and it starts with hard work," he said. "He has to prove to the guys that he's going to work harder than them, and I think he did that when he first came in."

Brown also has the personality that Streeter looks for in his quarterbacks. Both on and off the field, Brown represents Liberty well, and coach Streeter hopes that teammates catch on.

"Whatever he's doing, he's having fun," he said. "He's got a big-time drive to win, and that's what's one of his biggest attributes. He plays so hard and has that passion to win and that makes him special."

The ultimate goal for Brown and the Flames is the playoffs. With the Big South Championship receiving an automatic berth into the field, the Flames need to claim their conference championship, which would be a fifth straight. The Flames know a share of the conference will not be good enough, as a three-way tie last year left the Flames on the outside looking in.

Brown and his senior teammates realize this is their last chance at a playoff run.

"We seniors haven't been in the playoffs yet, so this is our last crack at it," Brown said. For a lot of us, this is our last time playing football, ever. So it's what kind of legacy do you want to leave? You want to put a stamp on it."

Brown has put his personal stamp on the record books. His versatility of 25 rushing touch-

downs has left him one touchdown shy of fifth all-time in rushing touchdowns at Liberty. Brown is also approaching the former Coastal Carolina quarterback Zach MacDowall's 45 touchdown passes, which ranks fifth most all-time in the Big South. Currently Brown has 41, with at least three games remaining on the year. He has twice been named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List, going to the top player in FCS, but personal awards are not what Brown is after.

"It's definitely an honor, but it's something that I really don't pay any attention to," he said. "My focus is just coming out here to win each and every Saturday. All that kind of stuff takes care of itself."

"Our goals from the beginning of the season, was just to win the conference championship."

When the curtain does close on Brown's days at Liberty, the football program will be in a better state than when he came. During Brown's four years on the field, Liberty has won more games during this four-year period than any other in its history. Brown's name will be etched in many Liberty and Big South records for his accomplishments as quarterback. When asked what he hopes people remember, Brown's answer is not about records or personal hype, but about how his impact reached farther than football.

"Just remember me as a good person, more than anything else. A man of God, who used my talents as a platform to share his Kingdom."

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Liberty won the first and third set each by a score of 25-22, and Asheville won sets two and four by scores of 25-21 and 25-20, respectively.

As it had been all year long, the fifth set belonged to Liberty. For the sixth time in many matches, Liberty emerged victorious, winning the fifth set against Asheville 15-13.

"Friday night, we faced a bit of a setback, losing at Gardner-Webb. We had our backs against the wall tonight. I'm proud of the team and their resolve. As coaches, we talked today about our team's character being tested tonight. We responded, and pulled out a five-set match at Asheville," Pinder said. "We won the Big South title for the fifth season in a row, something that no Big South team had ever done. I'm proud of the program being able to put together that kind of consistency over a sustained period of time. I am happy for the seniors and leaders on this team."

Winning the regular season Big South title gives Liberty the No. 1 seed in the Big South Tournament, set to begin Thursday at Charleston Southern University in North Charleston, S.C. Ironically the team that nearly knocked Liberty off their perch at No. 1 is their first oppo-

FYI  
The Lady Flames victory over UNC Asheville Saturday gives them a share of their fifth consecutive Big South regular season championship.

nent.

"Going into the first round against Gardner-Webb, it's good that we just played against them on Friday. We know how they like to play, and we'll watch the film and see how to attack them on Thursday. Our team has prepared all season for this opportunity to compete in the Big South tournament. We're looking forward to putting together a good week, and potentially making a good run in the tournament," Pinder said.

The entire Big South tournament will take place this weekend and should the Lady Flames take the division crown, they will be entered into the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship being held in December.

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Last week one of the most shocking, disgusting and unbelievable scandals ever to rock the NCAA ripped through the nation. Joe Paterno was fired.

Why? Nobody really knows. A lot of people think they know. But the Penn State Board of Trustees who fired him said themselves they "were still investigating details."

Most people regurgitate the rumors they've heard. "He knew about child molestation within his program and did nothing."

That's not entirely true. "As the head coach, he is responsible."

In most cases, I would agree. In this case, after reading the 23-page Grand Jury report, I can't agree.

According to the report, 17 other people knew about Gerald "Jerry" Sandusky, a former Penn State defensive coordinator who retired from the program in 1999.

In 1998, a young boy's mother called (Penn State) University Police, reporting that her son was treated inappropriately by Sandusky.



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## Paterno not so guilty

The University Police detective Ron Shreffler and former Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar had a conversation with Sandusky in which Sandusky admitted to inappropriate behavior with the boy.

That's where this whole thing should have ended. Sandusky should have been locked up right then and there.

But, the district attorney concluded, "there would be no criminal charges," according to the grand jury report.

Consequently, Sandusky still haunted the Penn State facilities well after his retirement in '99.

He was granted emeritus status by Penn State president, Graham Spanier and was granted access to campus facilities even though Spanier knew about the investigation by the Child Protection Agency in '98.

In 2002, a graduate assistant, now a part of the Nittany Lion defensive staff, Mike McQueary, saw Sandusky acting inappropriately with a 10-year-old boy in the Penn State showers. Instead of stopping the act or calling the police, McQueary went home and told his father. His father presented the issue to Joe Paterno.

Paterno called a meeting with Penn State athletic director Tim Curley, another Penn State official, Gary Shultz, in which Paterno reported "disturbing and inappropriate" behavior by Sandusky and called the two officials to act.

Curley, and Shultz assured Paterno they would.

But, according to the grand jury's report, "Although Shultz oversaw the University Police as part of his position, he never reported the 2002 incident to the University Police or other police agency, never sought or reviewed a police report on the 1998 incident and never attempted to learn the identity of the child in the shower in 2002."

I won't tell you where to point your finger. All I can tell you is the situation should have been handled in 1998.

The issue should have never reached Paterno's desk. Seventeen people could have stopped Sandusky long before Paterno even had the chance to.

I hate that so many people are pointing the finger at the wrong man.

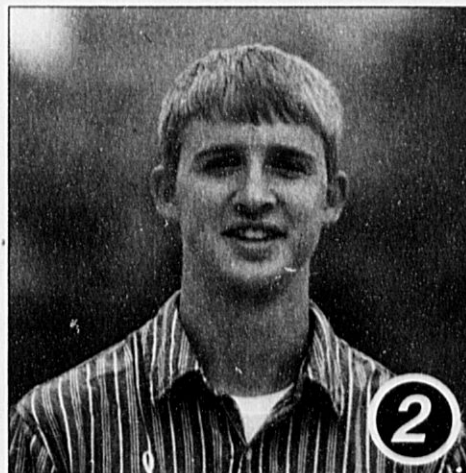
I understand the need to blame Paterno. He's the face. He's the coach. But he never should have been responsible.

And he definitely should not have been fired.

After 60 years of integrity, character and mentorship, turning to his superiors — who turned out to be detestable, morally bankrupt cowards — cost college football one of its most loved coaches.

Regrettable is simply insufficient.

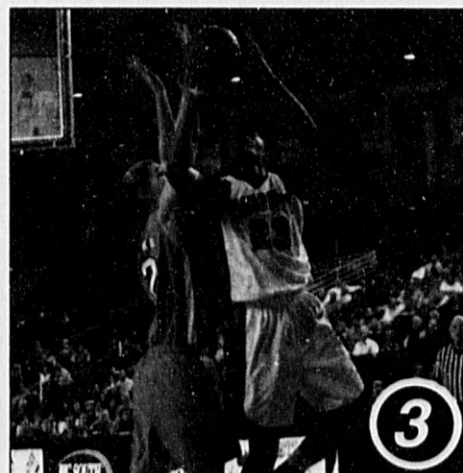
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# Flames drop weekend series to Delaware

## No. 2 Blue Hens led by their goalkeeper, extend winning streak to five

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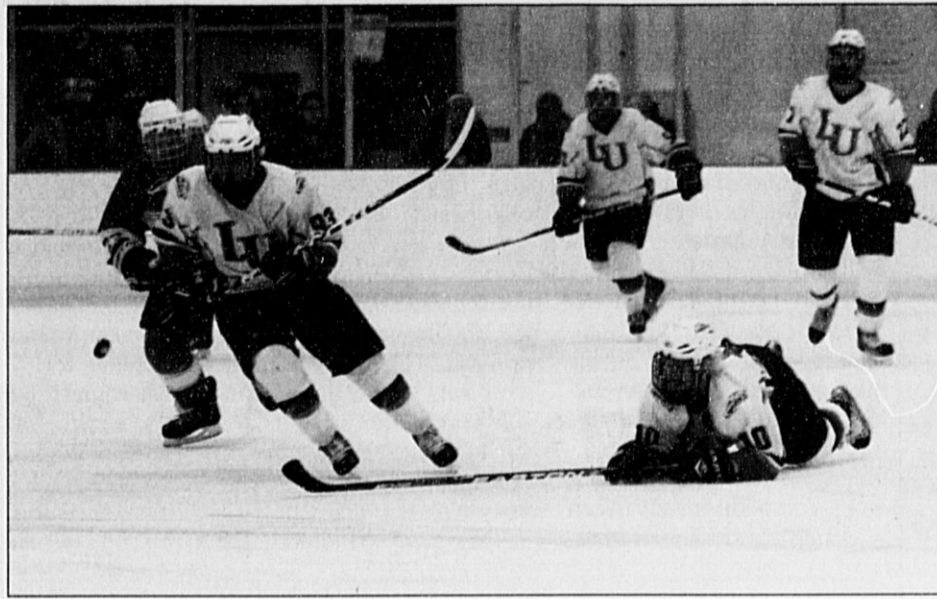
The DI Liberty University men's hockey team has faced a number of great teams so far this season. Even though they have not always been successful in beating them, the competition is making them a better hockey team in all aspects of the game.

Despite losing the weekend series to the University of Delaware 3-0 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday, head coach Kirk Handy takes the losses as a learning experience for his squad.

"It's a good barometer for where we're at. That's why we play good teams. You want to try to figure out where you are at, and we're right there," Handy said. "Some minor adjustments have to be made, but we have the skills, we have the ability, we have the players. It's not a matter of those things, it's tweaking those things. We'll work on that and continue to refine and continue to make our team better."

Being able to battle from the first face-off till the last buzzer sounds is also imperative for a hockey team to be successful. When the Flames have jumped out early, whether on offense or in pure momentum, the majority of the time they have been able to rack up a 'W.'

However, when the Flames allow an



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**TRIPPED UP** — The Flames couldn't find their footing against the University of Delaware.

untimely goal in the first moments of the game or let the opposing team take control of the game, they usually falter. Unfortunately, the latter was the way the games this weekend went.

"When you start the game on the penalty kill that doesn't help you and they (the other team) score, which doesn't help us as well. I think the first period we'd like to do over, but the second and third period we

liked what we saw," Handy said. "The big thing is we have to be more disciplined, especially against better teams. You can only give them chances for so long and then you're in trouble."

Goaltending is also a crucial aspect of any hockey team. Sophomore Blair Bennet and freshman Clayton Brown have been all the Flames have asked for between the pipes. They not only have

a decent save percentage, but they have also been clutch in keeping their teams in games when their team needed it most.

Bennet played both games this weekend against Delaware and received much praise from Coach Handy.

"Without Blair it would have been a whole lot different," Handy said. "Blair was steady, made some huge saves and gave us an opportunity tonight (Saturday). He played well."

The major thing the Flames do not need to tweak in the upcoming week of practice is their ability to score goals. Liberty's lines from top to bottom are great scorers. The last eight games, going back to the two losses against Davenport, the Flames have averaged nearly three and a half goals per game, including goals this weekend from junior forwards Brent Boschman and Andrew McCombe.

The Flames will look to jump out early this next weekend behind their dependable offense and clutch goalies as they head to Oklahoma to play the Sooners of the University of Oklahoma along with Central Oklahoma.

"We have a lot of opportunities (to win) this weekend with three big games coming up before break, and a great opportunity to move up a couple of spots," Handy said.

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### football preview

# Liberty to battle Stony Brook in season finale

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**Who:** The Liberty Flames (7-3, 5-0) vs the Stony Brook Seawolves (6-3, 4-0)

**What:** Perennial Big South football powerhouses Liberty and Stony Brook battle for sole ownership of the Big South title and an automatic berth in the FCS playoffs.

#### Quick Info

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 19. Kickoff at 1 p.m.

**Where:** LaValle Stadium, Stony Brook, NY

**If Liberty win** — The Flames would capture their fifth-straight conference title. Also with the win, the Flames receive an automatic bid into the 20-team FCS playoffs.

**If Liberty loses** — The Flames would not be conference champions for the first time in five years. To make the FCS playoffs, Liberty would have to receive an at-large bid, which will be announced on Nov. 20.

#### 3 Keys to Victory

**1. Establish a solid running game.** Stony Brook is allowing opponents under 80 rushing yards a game, by far the stingiest in the Big South. Running back Aldreakis Allen will need to start off quicker than he did against VMI.

**2. Defensive linemen** Asa Chapman and Cory Freeman must dominate the trenches. Stony Brook running backs Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski are one and two respectively in rushing yards in the conference. Liberty may not be able to stifle them completely, but they must slow them down.

**3. Finishing drives** once they reach the red-zone. Against Presbyterian, Liberty had over 400 yards of offense, but struggled to put points on the board. One problem was that of

"It's just another game in our quest and it's something we need to take care of."

— BROWN

the five times they reached the red zone, the Flames only came away with two touchdowns, settling for two field goals and failing to score on the other three appearances. Against VMI, the Flames finished with touchdowns on three of their four red zone appearances. Liberty's success will hinge on their efficiency in the red-zone.

#### On Target

As you walk down the corridors at William Stadium's Football Operations Center, one phrase is constant. It appears at every corner, every hallway, every whiteboard.

"The Quest Continues." It's been the team's motto all year, and its connotation will never ring true as loud as it will Saturday when the Flames heads to New York to face Stony Brook for all the marbles. For Liberty, it's a win-and-your-in scenario for the FCS playoffs. No tricks, no gimmicks, no massive point differential needed. It's the type of situation they haven't been in in a while, and frankly, they enjoy the challenge.

"This year, we truly control our destiny. Whereas in three of the last four years going into the last game thinking if we win we would be in, this is really the first year where we know if we win, we know it is an outright bid," Coach Danny Rocco said.

But a win will almost assuredly not come easy. This is the third straight year Liberty has ended the season with a pivotal matchup against Stony Brook. The Flames will have their hands full with a team that leads the conference in total offense and defense. Stony Brook's backfield features backs Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski, who are the Big South's two leading rushers. On the

opposite end of the ball, Stony Brook's run defense in among the leagues best.

"They have a real physical defense, their backs come up and play the run well. They have a good defense all the way round," Liberty quarterback Mike Brown said.

For Rocco, the key to Liberty's success in the upcoming weeks will rely on a mixture of a balanced attack of physicality and speed, pointing out that while teams from every level of football usually have one or the other, Rocco believes the Flames have a little of both.

"We have both elements in our camp here. Week in and week out, we'd have an opportunity to match up against opponents you don't see during the season, and what that gives you is balance."

Rocco also believes the playoff snubs of past years will offer quite the incentive as well.

"It's really hard being left out when you know your body of work, your resume, was deserving. That's difficult," Rocco said. "This team has a history of being denied, and that is a motivational element that few people can relate to. That could be a real positive psychological advantage for us if we can win and get in."

If Liberty were to come away with a win on Saturday, they would also have a chance at hosting a playoff game. Teams in the FCS are allowed to place bids to host games, which Liberty is expected to do.

But for now, the focus for the Flames is on the short-term. Practice routines will remain the same, expectations are the same as they have been all year. For the team, it's about getting a win Saturday and nothing more.

"It's just another game in our quest, and it's some-

thing we need to take care of," said Brown of the matchup.

"Like I told our team yesterday, the only thing we can focus on and control is our preparation and our performance in

an effort to beat Stony Brook. Any discussions about playoff in my opinion are taboo. Any discussion about winning a fifth straight conference championship is taboo," Rocco said.

It's time for the next chapter. The quest continues.

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## Tale of the Tape

### //LIBERTY//

Points per game: 36.4  
Rushing YPG: 161.7  
Passing YPG: 261.2  
Total YPG: 422.9  
21 total takeaways  
19 total sacks  
Point differential: +163  
Opponent YPG: 323

Key Players: QB Mike Brown, RB Aldreakis Allen, DT Asa Chapman

### //STONY BROOK//

Points per game: 39.5  
Rushing YPG: 287.4  
Passing YPG: 153.2  
Total YPG: 440  
25 total takeaways  
18 total sacks  
Point differential: +185  
Opponent YPG: 321

Key Players: RB Brock Jackolski, RB Miguel Maysonet, LB Jawara Dudley



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# Grading:

Flames  
Basketball

## Coaches: A

Coach Layer did a great job of not letting a loss to Texas A&M sit in the minds of his players.

## Guards: A

Three scored in double figures and attributed 15 of the Flames 18 assists. Also, their pressure caused many turnovers from the inbound.

## Forwards: B+

Accounting for four of the teams five blocked shots, they dominated the inside.

## Center: B

In limited minutes, Joel Vander Pol chipped in with five rebounds and a block.

## Overall: B+

Liberty showed improvement from its first game against A&M. However, allowing .17 turnovers is something they need to change before facing William & Mary.

# Midnight madness: Fan up, Liberty

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The University of Kentucky does it, the University of North Carolina does it and even the University of South Carolina Upstate does it. "It" is referring to the tradition of Midnight Madness — a theme that announces the beginning of the college basketball season.

Beginning in 1971, former Maryland head coach Lefty Driesell started this mid-October tradition by having his basketball team first practice at 12:01 a.m. But unlike the scenes of screaming students, music introductions and competitions between the men's and women's bas-

ketball team, Driesell's Terrapins held a regular practice running a mile on the football field (Byrd Stadium). However, that next year about 1,000 fans came to watch the Terrapins practice.

### What it has become

Forty years later, this "regular" practice has become a celebration for universities across America. But here at Liberty University, there is not a pre-season celebration recognizing our basketball programs. There are not any slam-dunk or three-point competitions or scrimmages for the student body to see.

### Why Not Have It

Midnight Madness has

not been a part of Liberty since 2009. One reason that Midnight Madness is not at Liberty may be because of the lack of attendance at basketball games. However, this can be a positive in bringing more attention to the men's and women's programs to on-campus students.

Since the Vines Center opened in 1990 the arena has been sold out 10 times total and three times since 2000 for basketball games. Last year, the average attendance at the Vines Center was around 2,820.

According the NCAA, the average attendance of college basketball games for the 2010-11 season was 5,025. Top schools such as Ken-

tucky, North Carolina and Duke have their students enter a lottery or raffle just to get into games. At Liberty, with a Flames card, a student gets free entry to games. However, students struggle to get one side of Vines filled up.

Liberty University has great fans that support various teams of the University such as hockey and football. However, when the Athletic Director or leaders of the teams have to beg students to come to games due to lack of support, that is just sad.

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MAKING A STAND — Liberty's defense forced 10 steals in a rout against Randolph.

### BASKETBALL continued from B1

In addition, Liberty grabbed 11 offensive rebounds as opposed to Randolph's four offensive boards.

In typical Flames fashion, two guards led the team in rebounding. Jesse Sanders had nine while guard Chene Phillips had seven. The 6-10 sophomore center Joel Vander Pol added 5 rebounds from the center position.

Antwan Burrus, forward David Minaya and John Caleb Sanders added four rebounds apiece. The offensive rebounds gave the

Flames plenty of second-chance opportunities. By the end of the night, Liberty had posted 25 second-chance points while Randolph College was unable to garner a single second-chance point.

### Turnovers

The other story of the night was turnovers. Both teams played sloppy at times and the result was a bevy of turnovers.

Liberty played strong defense, making it difficult for an already undersized Randolph team to find any open shots. The smuggling defense led to 34.5 percent shooting from the field for Randolph in the second

half. In addition, the Flames forced 20 turnovers during the game.

"Coach Layer has been teaching us to pressure the ball and make stops with our defense to feed our offense and we were able to do that some tonight," Sanders said.

Still, they had 17 turnovers themselves. It should be noted that 11 of those turnovers came in a second half in which head coach Dale Layer opted to play many of his backup players for an extended period of time.

### Layer's Comments

Overall, head coach Dale Layer seemed happy with

## keys to WINNING

### KEY PLAYER

Tavares Speaks scored a team-high 18 points off the bench.

### Key Play

David Minaya miss in transition, led to an Antwan Burrus tip-slam early in the first half. Setting the tone for the rest of the game.

### Key Stats

Turnovers: Liberty forced 20 turnovers which led to 29 points.

the performance from his team following the game.

"It's good to get a win and see that we built upon the Texas A&M game," Layer said. "It was good to see Tavares get more comfortable and to see us beginning to adjust to the loss of Sammy Ogukwe and John Brown."

In addition, Layer had good things to say about his sophomore guard, John Caleb Sanders.

"I think that defensively he's 248 percent better than he was last year. He can help the team now in a lot of different ways," Layer said.

**EACHO is a sports reporter.**

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Fight the flu one shot at a time

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Flu season has arrived at Liberty, and its brought its usual sniffing, aching and sneezing with it, meaning it is time for flu vaccines.

"The flu season is between October and March," Liberty University Health Services physician Dr. Richard Lane, M.D., said.

Liberty students have been encouraged to get their flu vaccinations this season, as many students and faculty are already fighting the sickness.

"The flu has been on campus this semester," Lane said. "It runs through the dorms very quickly."

Lane explained that influenza is a respiratory illness, and symptoms can include a fever higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, a cough and a sore throat.

"There are about 36,000 influenza deaths in the U.S. every year," Lane said.

There are many variations of the flu, including types A, B and C. Lane explained that there are several strains of type A, such as the novel H1N1 flu and a newer H3 strain first isolated this summer in Ohio. There are also type B strains and C strains. Type C is a milder illness.

"Types A and B are in the vaccine," Lane said. "Both a live nasal vaccine and a split (killed) injectable vaccine are available."

The vaccines are based on the most common viruses seen during the previous year and are well worth taking, according to Lane.

To prevent the flu, get a shot, wash hands regularly with soap and water and avoid others who are sick.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website, the flu can be spread by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching the face, but is more often spread directly by droplets made from people coughing, sneezing or even talking. These droplets are then inhaled



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**QUICK AND EASY** — Flu vaccinations, which are available at Light Medical, are one way to keep the flu away.

into the lungs of people nearby.

Liberty student Jade Carey is required as a nursing student to take the necessary precautions and get flu shots.

"If you don't get the vaccines you have to wear a mask in the hospital," Carey said. "It's just to protect ourselves and our patients. Every Centra employee and nursing student has to have the shot."

If a student does catch the flu, the CDC recommends they stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever has broke to avoid spreading the virus. Those who have the flu are encouraged to have as little contact with others as possible and cover all coughs and sneezes. They should also wash their hands often and drink plenty of fluids.

For more information about the flu or flu related illnesses, and to learn more about treatments and frequently asked questions, visit webMD.com or visit the CDC's website at cdc.gov.

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# Steel pan artist brings nontraditional worship

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Sounds of the islands echoed in the Center for Worship concert hall Tuesday, Nov. 8, as world premiere steel pan artist Kelvin Corbett performed for the students of Liberty University.

Corbett, along with his wife, Judy, was invited to be a feature artist in the Center for Worship's Christian Artist Concert Series. Corbett is a steel pan musician and an assistant pastor at his church, House of Praise, which is located in Port of Spain in Trinidad.

"I have been playing the instrument since age 11, and I have never been taught by anyone," Corbett said.

Originally created from steel oil pans, the steel pan is a bowl shaped instrument from the Trinidad and Tobago islands made from sheet metal in which indentations are carved into the walls of the bowl to create notes. In coming to Liberty, Corbett hoped to introduce how the steel pan could be incorporated into church worship.

"Some people are only familiar with the steel pan in what Trinidad calls the carnival season. People are more knowledgeable of the instrument in a worldly sense, but I am trying to introduce it also into gospel," Corbett said.

"The steel pan was not accepted at first in the churches in Trinidad," Dr. Vernon Whaley, director of the Center for Worship, said. "This instrument is like many of the drums that have had a hard time or a slow time being accepted into churches."

Over the years, Corbett has performed around the world alongside well-known names such as Lionel Peterson, Ron Kenoly, Sandi Patty, Jaci Velasquez, Alvin

Slaughter, Phil Driscoll and Cece Winans. He has also received an award from the Trinidad and Tobago Gospel Award Association and produced two albums: Pan In Shekinah and Pan In Shekinah 2: Lift Him on High.

During his performance, Corbett played different styles of music including classical, jazz and calypso, using the fourth and fifth tenor steel pans. According to Corbett, there are 13 different types of steel pan which are assembled to create an entire orchestra.

"Corbett was a professional steel pan artist traveling all over the world before he got saved," Whaley said. "This concert gives our students the opportunity to see someone of this caliber. He is a world class player who has a great Christian testimony, but is one of the finest steel pan players in the world."

"It is amazing to see how others worship God in another culture," sophomore Bethany Chistpherson said.

"Corbett puts everything into his worship," sophomore Paige Burhans said.

"He did not care what people thought of him," sophomore Candace Helsabeck said. "He has the joy of the Lord."

Tuesday night's concert was one of six concerts scheduled for the 2011-12 academic year by the Center for Worship. To learn more about the upcoming concerts contact the Center for Worship at 434-592-3875 or email them at worship@liberty.edu.

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ART AND INSPIRATION — Students enjoy a look at artists' works, prepared for this year's senior exhibit.

## Art comes in Echoes & Whispers

### Senior Art Show features four Liberty Artists

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"Echoes and Whispers," the Department of Studio and Digital Arts (SADA) four-person fall senior art exhibition, is now open. The show officially opened Thursday, Nov. 10, with an artists' reception honoring featured artists Kaitlin Malvaso, Erin McCool, Kelsey Nicholas and Morgan Taylor.

"It's kind of a surreal experience," McCool, who plans to graduate in May with a B.S. in Studio Art with a teacher licensure, said. "You work so hard for four years and then to actually see it framed and matted and put up in a gallery — it's something I've looked forward to the whole time I've been in this major. I was able to learn a lot about gallery shows and how much time goes into it. It was great to see it all come together and to be able to work with the other seniors who were doing the show along with me."

The exhibition includes work completed throughout all four students' college careers and features photography, painting, mixed media and drawings. Faculty helped each artist select several of their best pieces to be displayed in the show. The artists were responsible for

choosing the theme and title of the show, McCool said. The inspiration for this year's theme came from the hymn "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny Crosby.

"It's talking about submitting everything to Christ and then, through that, being able to receive blessings from that...she references 'echoes of mercy and whispers of love.' That's what God is — he's speaking mercy and love to us when we surrender it all to him, so we kind of chose that theme because our work was varied with each individual. But we thought, really, this is what we're trying to do through our art is to show people God's mercy and love."

Senior Kelsey Nicholas, who will graduate in December with a B.S. in Studio Art, said, in addition to the classes offered at Liberty, working on the exhibition helped her to broaden her style.

"I've loved art my whole life. My mom stuck me in private painting lessons in elementary school and I've loved it ever since then. The show has helped me pin down my style but my classes have helped me branch out with all the new stuff I hadn't done before," she said.

Liberty's SADA degree program prepares students for career opportunities in the fields of

advertising, freelance, business, sales, education and television and film.

"Especially from working with the great professors we have in the art department, I feel well equipped to really go in any direction that I want," McCool said. "I'm not sure what that looks like yet, but whatever it is, I feel like I could do it."

The exhibition is free and open to the public. It will run until Dec. 15. The gallery is located in the Student Life and Academic Building, which is adjacent to the Helms School of Government.

The gallery will be open to visitors Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The gallery is closed on Mondays and will be closed for Thanksgiving break Monday, Nov. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 26.

For more information, visit the exhibition's Facebook page or contact Katelyn Coogan, the Department of Digital and Studio Arts secretary and Gallery Assistant, at [kdemarco@liberty.edu](mailto:kdemarco@liberty.edu).

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## Forge event challenges leaders

### Band of Leaders holds weekend conference

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Liberty University's Band of Leaders Forge 2011 Leadership Summit challenged both students and Lynchburg residents Nov. 11-12 to get a vision and become leaders.

"Through Forge Leadership Summit, students will be able to know what it means to be a God-Made Leader and tap into the gifts that God has given them individually. The Summit will provide an environment of worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship," Jess Baez, secretary of the Liberty chapter of Band of Leaders, said.

The two night event took place at Family Life Christian Church International. Friday night began with worship led by Lorenzo Jackson, which was followed by evangelist Chris Palmer's message. Palmer, who came from California for this event, paced back and forth as he feverishly taught the Word of God. He was both animated and passionate as he explained the importance of the Holy Spirit within the Christian life. The night ended with many walking up front, determined to become spiritual leaders.

Saturday night, Ray McQueen, the pastor of Family Life Christian Church International, spoke at the event.

"We want to be able to spread the word that God can use anyone, in any capacity, and that they have a resource (Forge 2011) where they can go to fellowship, grow and learn," Baez said.

Band of Leaders is a Christian organization that seeks to spread



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A TIME TO REFOCUS — Lorenzo Jackson led worship at Family Life Christian Church during the two night Forge Leadership Summit. Speakers included evangelist Chris Palmer and pastor Ray McQueen.

the gospel of Jesus Christ through 'Building a Community of God-Made Leaders.' According to their website, the group launched its first Collegiate Chapter at Liberty University in December 2010.

"So many times in our generation we sit back and watch our world fall — we want to let them (Liberty Students) know that if we take a stand, we can change the world around us. We want to raise up Christian Leaders in our Generation to impact the world for Christ," Baez said.

Band of Leaders founder and president Trendous Cuthbertson said that the organization seeks to provide students with the tools they need for growing spiritually and to give them the opportunity to connect with college leaders in the community. They also strive to

influence the community through multiple outlets and volunteer projects including raising money for an after school program and holding a cook out for inner-city children.

They already raised \$1200 for an after school program at the Center in Downtown Lynchburg.

"The Bible says where there is no vision, the people perish. I believe our generation, especially the inner city, is perishing because of a lack of vision," Cuthbertson said. "Often times we find in the Bible God spoke and I believe as Christians if we're silent and not communicative to this world the visions are going to die. The Bible is clear and I believe this generation has gone long enough without a vision," he said.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

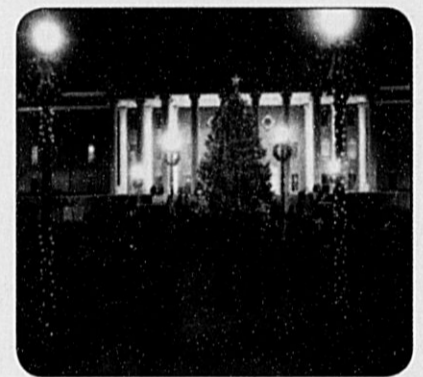
Nov. 18-20  
Winter Market

The Liberty Godparent Foundation will be hosting a shopping expo in the Schilling Center with dozens of vendors selling clothing, jewelry, gift items and more. Admission is \$5 and \$3 for students. All proceeds benefit the Liberty Godparent Ministries. For more information, call 592-4407.



Nov. 28  
Christmas in Lights

In keeping with one of the newest Liberty traditions, a giant Christmas tree will once again be lit in front of DeMoss to bring in the holiday season. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m.



Dec. 2-4, 8-10  
Romeo and Juliet

The last show of the Liberty Theater Department's fall season will be Shakespeare's classic tale of feuding families and forbidden love. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Vines Center Box Office or online at [www.ticketreturn.com](http://www.ticketreturn.com). Call 582-7328 for more information.

Dec. 3  
DeMoss Rail Jam

The front of DeMoss will once again be covered with fake snow and made into a temporary ski slope as snowboarders and skiers compete for over \$2,500 in cash prizes. There is a \$10 entry fee for riders and the event is free for fans. The event starts at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Liberty's Snowflex at 582-3539.

Dec. 7-11  
Virginia Christmas Spectacular

This year's production of Thomas Road Baptist Church's annual Christmas play will be titled "Let There Be Light." Tickets cost \$8-\$12. Call 888-244-2178 for more information.

Dec. 9  
Coffeehouse

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year, this semester's Coffeehouse, centers around the theme "A Christmas Morning." Tickets are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door and \$8 for a table on the floor. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Vines Center Box Office or at [www.ticketreturn.com](http://www.ticketreturn.com). Call 592-3061 for more information.



# Invest in a shoe box, invest in a life

## Liberty student helps deliver boxes for Operation Christmas Child

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Jami Macdonald said she took ownership of her faith after seeing a seven-year-old girl in El Salvador with nothing receive the toy she had always wanted.

Thanks to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child ministry, children around the world are able to have life-changing experiences just like the little seven-year-old girl who opened up her Operation Christmas Child box to find a furry, red Tickle-Me-Elmo monster staring back at her.

"I went to El Salvador in December 2006 to hand out these (Operation Christmas Child) boxes to children, and by the end of the trip I just knew something big had changed inside me," Macdonald said. "My faith became mine, and it overwhelmed me."

Macdonald was saved at the age of 13 and said she had always grown up in a Christian home. However, she took ownership of her faith when she was faced with the reality of children in need.

"I went from a life about Christ, to a life in Christ," Macdonald said.

According to Macdonald, her family has been actively involved with filling Operation Christmas Child boxes for as long as she can remember, to the point where her family would collect items year round in preparation for the holiday

season.

"I remember wanting to go somewhere on a missions trip really badly, and when I found out that the Samaritan's Purse did what are called 'Spy Trips,' where 100 people go to personally deliver the Operation Christmas Child boxes, I knew this was for me," Macdonald said.

On this particular trip, Macdonald said that the people were split into groups of 10 to go each day and deliver the boxes to different distribution centers and that each member of the team got to hand deliver the box they specifically made to whatever child they wanted.

"I gave my box to a 12-year-old girl named Areseli whose father had recently passed away and whose mother left her and her two siblings during the middle of the night," Macdonald said. "Areseli's aunt had taken the children in, and when I gave my gift to Areseli she was very reserved. I could tell she was forced to grow up too fast."

Macdonald said that T-shirts and shoes are high priority items, as some children walk the streets naked and barefoot. She encourages Liberty University students especially to invest in a shoe box, as she believes investing in a shoe box is investing in a life.

"Going to El Salvador to hand out boxes completely changed my life. Now, when I see boxes that have not been taken by students, I see them as children who will not be getting

### FYI

1200 boxes were collected at the Liberty drop-off last year.

Boxes will be collected until Nov. 16 in the OSL, in Dorm M-17, and Liberty Champion office, in room 1035 DeMoss Hall.

a Christmas," Macdonald said.

Senior Casey Ballard enjoys filling Operation Christmas Child boxes as she said it gives her great joy to know she is making a difference in a child's life.

"I love being able to think I am giving a child a gift. Obviously Christmas is not just about presents, but it is important to make these kids who are less fortunate feel the love of Christ through our actions," Ballard said.

Macdonald hopes that Liberty University will start an Operation Christmas Child team next year so that even more children can be reached.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, or to show interest in being part of the possible Operation Christmas Child team, contact Jami Macdonald at [jlmacdonald2@liberty.edu](mailto:jlmacdonald2@liberty.edu).

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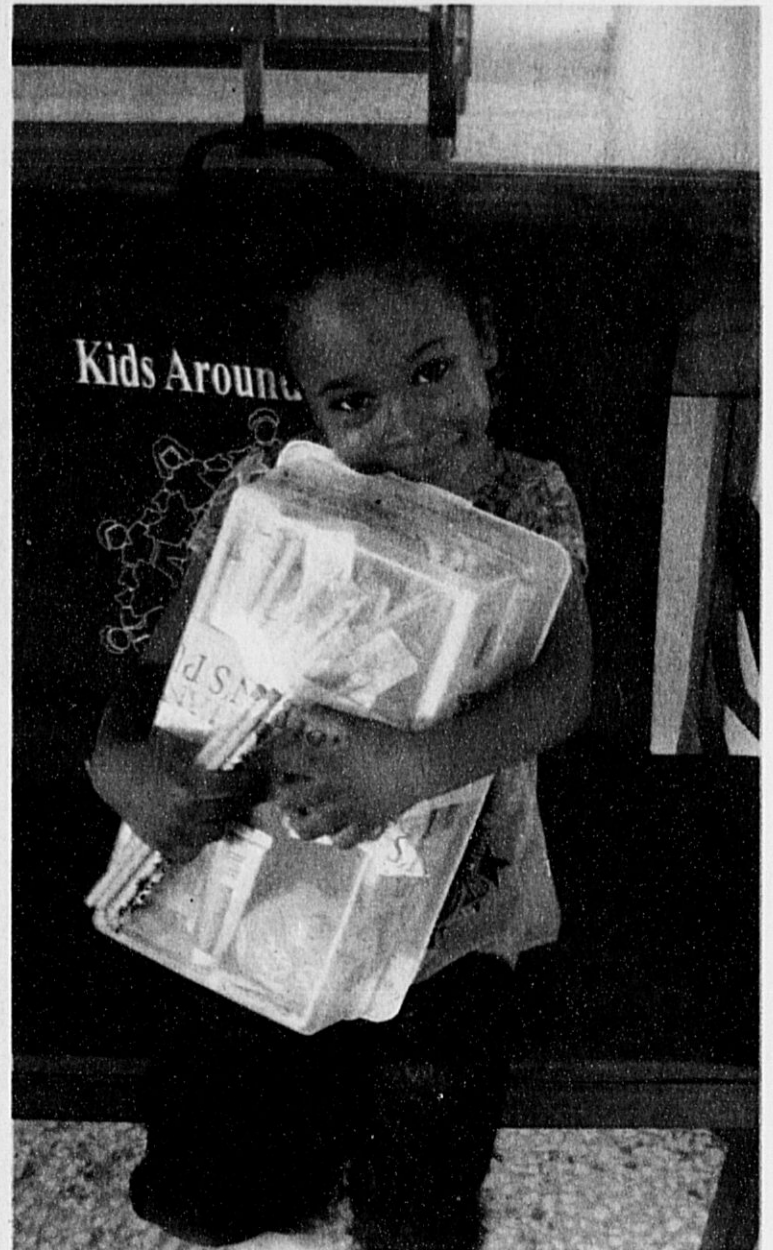


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SEEING THE JOY FIRSSTHAND — Christian organization Samaritan's Purse hand-delivers shoe-box-sized gifts each year to children around the world.

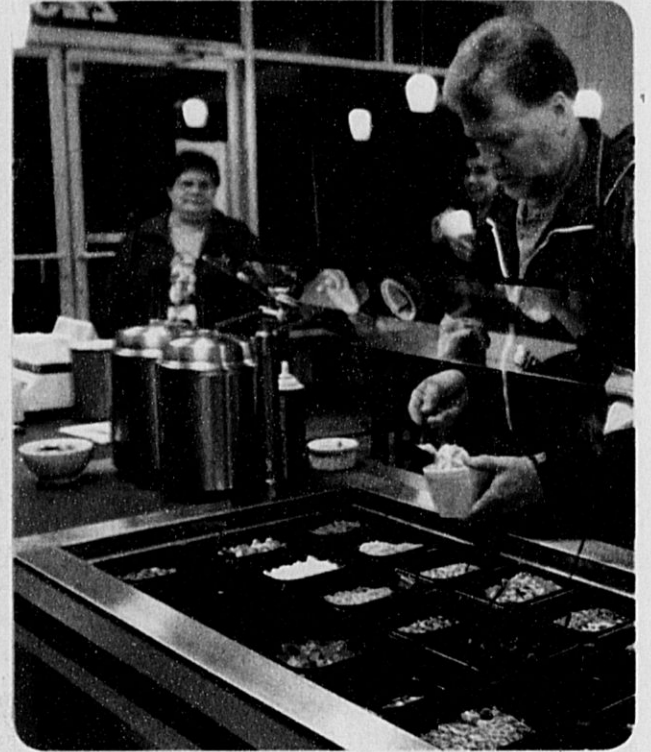
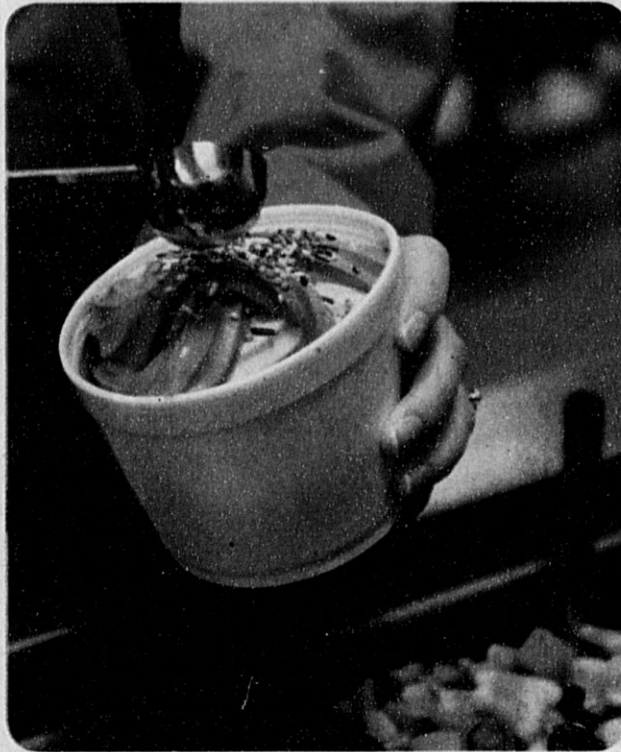
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## self-serve made sweet



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**YOGURT DONE RIGHT** — Lynchburg residents have embraced the self-serve style of Yogurt Yeti where they can personalize their dessert by mixing flavors and adding as many toppings as want. The shop also sells drinks and a variety of yogurt-covered treats such as pretzels, raisins and almonds.

# Yogurt Yeti feeds the dessert craze

## Lynchburg's new frozen yogurt shop offers more than just fro-yo

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The recently opened Yogurt Yeti may prove self-serve frozen yogurt has become a staple for Lynchburg.

Having opened Oct. 1 at Wards Crossing West, Yogurt Yeti offers 14 different flavors of frozen yogurt, along with a bar full of toppings. Just behind the bar in pastel hues sits bags of yogurt-covered pretzels, almonds, raisins and cranberries. To the right is a coffee machine which provides coffee, cappuccino, hot cocoa and tea.

"Our motto is excellent product, excellent service and excellent environment," manager Curtis Cook said. "We just want everything we

do to please the customer. That's what we are here for. The value and attitude we have is positive and it's Christian-based."

Cook, with his friendly and upbeat personality, greets customers as they walk through the door. He is known to pass out samples of the popular pretzels, from which cinnamon is his favorite flavor.

"I just enjoy working here. I am blessed to be here," Cook said.

As for the shop itself, owner Patrick Neff's son, a 15-year-old at Liberty Christian Academy, came up with the idea and created the logo and color-design. A family brainstorm brought about the name. Needing a word to match "yogurt," the family

chose "yeti," which means abominable snowman. For a mental picture, Cook reminds customers of the old animated Christmas movie Rudolph with the classic furry abominable snowman.

In comparison to the competition in town, Yogurt Yeti aims to keep a more upscale feel. The dress of the employees is semi-formal and sitting outside offers the perk of an outdoor fireplace. Another difference, according to Cook, is the yogurt machines are cooled by a water system that helps keep the yogurt from getting warm, milky or watery.

"I loved going in there. They have a smaller selection of yogurt compared to a nearby competitor, but my experience was great. The people are

extremely friendly. I would recommend going there to anyone," senior Madison White said.

Frozen yogurt is a healthier choice compared to ice cream and Yeti's provides a relaxed and fun way to socialize with friends. The most popular flavor is the raspberry pomegranate, which has a bit of a tangy taste.

"Pretty much all of our products in a 5-oz. cup are 100 calories or less. Whatever else you do when you get to the bar, that's on you," Cook said.

Yogurt Yeti caters to Liberty by offering to stay open for Tuesday night prayer groups or hall meetings. Also, Flames Cash will soon be accepted. Students at Liberty Christian Academy can use cards at

Yogurt Yeti where 10 percent of each sale will be donated to gather school supplies for the community.

"Patrick, in his own words, is a visionary. With this shop, he wants to do more for the community than just a yogurt shop, but also to spread the Word of God," Cook said.

Yogurt Yeti is located in Wards Crossing West at 225D Simons Run Road, next to Ross. Follow Yogurt Yeti on Facebook or Twitter. For more information, visit their website at [www.yogurtyeti.com](http://www.yogurtyeti.com)

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# Winter Market brings dozens of vendors under one roof

## Liberty Godparent Foundation to host Christmas shopping expo

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Why wait for Black Friday? Lynchburg residents can get a head start on their Christmas shopping Nov. 16-18 at the Winter Market, an annual shopping expo put on by the Liberty Godparent Ministries.

Dozens of vendors will gather at the Schilling Center this weekend, offering a variety of products including gift items like candles and jewelry and different services.

"This is a shopping extravaganza created by the Liberty Godparent Ministries. We have gathered unique and specialty vendors from throughout the state of Virginia and beyond to offer the attendees a one stop experience to begin their holiday shopping," Director of Operations at the Liberty Godparent Foundation Kris Richard said.

This is the second time the foundation has decided to bring the festival to the Lynchburg area.

"The Winter Market has been in existence for a few years, however, we took a year off and this is the second year under new organizers," Richard said.

The Liberty Godparent Foundation wanted to bring the Winter Market to this area not only to provide a great holiday shopping experience, but also to bring awareness to their mission.

"There are similar events around in larger cities throughout the state and we wanted to have a venue where we could raise awareness for our ministry. At the same time, have a new holiday

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tradition for shoppers in Lynchburg," Richard explained.

Events such as the Winter Market Festival typically have a large number of attendees. The foundation is expecting this year's event to be well attended. The main purpose of the festival is to bring support and knowledge of the ministry to the public, so the hope is for a large crowd.

"It's hard to 'guesstimate' how many people will turn out," Richard said. "Our event is growing and we know awareness is building. We are praying that thousands of people will walk through the doors of the Schilling Center during the three day event."

Attending the event held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday will not only give people the chance to discover great gifts, but also to help a life-changing foundation. All proceeds from the Winter Market will go directly to Liberty Godparent Ministries.



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**SHOPPING MADE EASY** — Winter Market attendees can peruse through tables full of products such as candles, chocolate, clothing and gift items.

"There are many benefits to attending the Winter Market. First, you will be supporting a great cause. Second, you will be able to shop and find gifts from some of the best shops in town, as well as have access to vendors from across the state. You can get a jump start on your holiday shopping," Richard said.

Richard said that the Winter Market will be filled with many amazing gifts and foods.

"You'll find sauces, dips, jewelry, hand-crafted pens, gourmet foods, clothing, candles, antiques, children's items,

photographers, everything you'll need to get ready for the holidays. Schedule your holiday photos and check off your holiday gifts list. We'll have staff here ready to answer questions guests may have about our ministry as well," Richard stated.

Doors open Friday at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students.

For more information, call (434) 592-4407.

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