New parking regulations, construction cause growing pains

University plans for centralized classes
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Rumors of parking garages, no freshman vehicle passes and additional parking lots can be heard throughout Liberty University's campus as demands for parking have increased on campus, it has been unclear to many students and faculty if there will be any changes made by the administration.

With the increase in the number of classes in DeMoss Hall, there has been an increase in demand for nearby parking. Some see this as a problem.

However, according to the administration, the parking "issue" is really not an issue at all, it is simply a phase that the university must go through in order to reach the vision of the university over the next five years.

"The idea was that we wanted students to get used to going to class in one centralized area," Vice Provost for the Graduate School and Online Programs Ronald Hawkins said. "The administration is essentially going to take the next three years to revamp the look and feel of the university, according to Liberty's Director of Planning and Construction Charles Spence.

"By having taller dorms and taller classroom buildings you have more beautiful spaces but also you have more green space, but that means students are going to have to walk a bit," Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said. A green campus refers to more

Budget cuts hit GLTC
Company struggles to avoid changes
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The earthquake was not the only thing to shake things up in Lynchburg recently.

The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company announced significant budget cuts to its operations, which caused an outcry from Lynchburg bus riders at the public meetings held Aug. 18 and 19.

"No changes have been made as of this date but there will be a board meeting at the end of this month to determine what actions will take place," GLTC General Manager Mike Carroll said.

Many Liberty University students, including sophomore Emily Hoffman, are concerned about what budget cuts at GLTC means for the future of the Lynchburg city buses and LU Transit. GLTC partners closely with Liberty University, supplying buses and additional resources to the campus.

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Changes abound on campus
Pedestrian tunnel, bridge next on list
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For any returning student, the changes around Liberty University cannot be missed. The former Campus North has been renamed Green Hall. Almost all residential classes have moved to DeMoss Hall, which now occupies the fourth floor. The seminary has made a similar transition, moving to the Elm E. Townes Religion Hall. New structures and signs are sprouting up all around campus. Next in the long list of changes is the creation of the long-awaited pedestrian tunnel from Liberty's campus to Wards Road and a bridge for pedestrians to safely cross the busy street.

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**New system designed to better represent students**

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“Leadership is servantship,” Student Body Code Cody Mayo said. One and a half years ago, a group of Student Government Association leaders started reviewing Liberty University’s Constitution to better serve its students. The group bought the Constitution needed revisions and updates to make the SGA run more professionally.

Among other changes, the Hall Senators elections, which are to be held this spring, were created, and the SGA welcomed the new Hall Senators in the spring semester of 2011. The Hall Senator system became an official part of the new school constitution as of spring 2011.

Hall Senators are students elected by their fellow hallmates to represent 600 hallmates in the SGA. Hall Senators are obligated to join at least one committee in the SGA. The committees range from a Club Committee to a Budget Committee and a Spiritual Life Committee.

Government students and non-government students alike are encouraged to be a part of this opportunity to serve the student body and gain experience working in a professional leadership position. Having diversity in the SGA allows other student groups to be better represented and helps SGA better understand which student groups need help as they grow.

“We can’t leave (student groups) behind,” Mayo said.

The Hall Senator program is designed for students to have more direct access to SGA leaders who represent them. The program helps the SGA operate more professionally, and now students have better representation.

There is also senate representation for commuter students. One senator is assigned to represent 100 commuter students. Students who wish to be a senator, but lost their election, still have an opportunity to be a senator through special spots called “Senators at Large.”

When asked about the future of SGA, Mayo’s eyes light up and SGA Vice President of Government Affairs Ben Lesley suitably referred to Mayo as “Mr. Ambition.”

“We’re here for the students,” Mayo said. “We see a lot of potential to grow and mature.”

SGA is striving to become more professional, while maintaining a relaxed college atmosphere.

“Balance is the key,” Mayo said.

Brainstorming has already commenced to bring up new events to connect the senators with the students. SGA will consider the annual Jefferson/Senior Gala, as well as introduce new events.

May encouraged students to consider running for Hall Senator.

“Definitely run,” Mayo said. “SGA gives you a chance to serve. It’s a great place to meet people and be involved in community life.”

“We want to come to an era of understanding between students and administration. We want to move forward together,” Walsh said.

Students can vote for their class senator during Hall meeting. The next SGA meeting is Thursday in the Campus Life Building. The meetings occur every other week and last approximately one hour.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Parking continued from A1**

Through the major changes in the parking and vehicle registration, the university is attempting to lower the number of cars that are on the campus at all times.

For example, we are charging $300 not to make money, it is actually to discourage students from bringing their vehicles on campus,” Falwell said.

“We are seeking your help in逆转ing how we view the use of our parking spaces and buses on campus,” Falwell said in the Facebook post. Even though we constructed hundreds of new parking spaces over the past few summers, it is not possible, with our size, for everyone to be entitled to a parking space in their class room and workspace, especially if we are going to continue to grow in the future. Many students have raised questions about a parking garage, or freshman possibly not having their cars on campus. However, the administration warns that neither of these will actually solve any of the current issues.

“Let’s be clear,” administration warns that neither a parking garage nor prohibiting freshmen from bringing cars on campus really solve the current parking challenge. The cost of decals would go up $70 if freshmen were not allowed to bring cars,” Richard Morris, Liberty’s director of material research, said.

“A parking garage centrally-located on campus would create significant traffic on Liberty’s small, two-lane roads,” Falwell said. “Thousands of cars would have to enter and leave campus each day in addition to the existing traffic.”

The administration plans to add new parking lots along the perimeter of the university as it is going through the changes over the next three years, moving most, if not all, parking to the outskirts.

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**Bollinger is the editor in chief**
Liberty University and Coleman-Adams Construction both reach that impressive milestone this year, 1971-2011.

The two are uniquely connected since the first buildings on Liberty’s campus were constructed by Coleman-Adams. And throughout those 40 years, Coleman-Adams and LU have continued to partner on many other dynamic projects.

As each moves forward, Coleman-Adams honors Liberty University, its positive impact on our community, and A New Era of expanding its missions and world class facilities. Coleman-Adams and Liberty University celebrate 40 years of building futures together.
Some too open on Facebook

Amanda Sullivan

As a fellow Facebook user.

Society has a way of re-inventing the wheel, so to speak, to further accommodate the needs of the people. Now, culture demands that citizens embody conveyance — and we see how folks down-to-the-second updates on all things personal, as well as news and events that will be sent to our phones, which we equipped with at all times. Everyone really has a chance to remove my BlackBerry from my palm in the event of my death.

Welcome to the Digital Age, where social media and networking websites reign supreme in the newest genre of social networking. Students can learn about the recent 5.8 magnitude earthquake that shook Virginia and surrounding areas last week? I surmise that the announcement came via a text or Facebook or Twitter notification.

Not to mention, that each Facebook page “renovations,” such as the new chat bar and the even more recent additions of “share options” — I think Mark Zuckerberg is worried about Google+ stealing his friends — quickly becomes the topic of status rants and normal conversation for weeks.

The social media outlet is here to stay, as we are all incredibly devoted to the constant notifications that somehow appear on our phones and Internet browsers. Besides, did events really occur if we weren’t invited to the Facebook invite or are people really dating if their relationship status on Facebook is changed? Is someone’s seemingly studying love for each other? Additionally, are all those women, who insist on posting their ultra sound pictures, really ready to open up on Facebook?

We are dependent on social media. Our future employers, educators, friends and, sometimes family depend on the social networking site to peer into our everyday lives. As we know, people don’t factor in to their online profile are the underlying ramifications of some Facebook conversations. Many streams of thought on Facebook have been found to haunt some students seeking employment or college admissions. Testimonials and posts and profiles to gauge a person’s character.

Unfortunately, I can pinpoint several Liberty University students that may find themselves included. Amongst this statistic. Recently, I have observed some students blatantly disrespect our school, chancellor and fellow classmates on the social networking site — the most recent being a couple of days ago about the ever-sensitive campus parking subject. Whereas, I am a promoter of free speech and honesty, I am an even bigger advocate for integrity and face-to-face communication in times of conflict or other sensitive events. I am a firm believer that one has an issue with an individual or person and prefers to place it individually in question — even if it happens to be a private email or message.

Integrating the actual person are the reflected through the digital realm — as so much of your life is represented. This is why, though not say by any means, is to watch what you say on Facebook and consider the ramifications or consequences. Some good judgment, and a lack of swear words, could save your future job, educational experience and, maybe, even a couple of friendships along the way. I am all for social networking — and you can like that.

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Some students fall prey to spending

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It is no secret that times are tough in the financial realm these days. According to the US Treasury, Congress is wading through a $14.6 trillion deficit. However, there may be no other people group in the United States more acutely aware of how tight money is than the average college student.

"State-budget cuts forced many colleges and universities to make huge tuition hikes," Jahna Berry said in her USA Today article. Due to the increase, education is causing aspiring students to reach even further into their pockets for spare change.

There obviously is not much students can change about their skyrocketing tuition payments, but there are plenty of things college students may be spending precious pennies on that are not quite as essential as they think.

The College Board website posts a breakdown of how college students are dispersing their money. The breakdown consists of 47 percent for miscellaneous purchases, such as clothing, entertainment and restaurants.

In this simple generic breakdown of how college students are spending their money, there are obvious ways to make simple cutbacks without sacrificing a fulfilling college lifestyle.

One of these cutbacks is transporting, which is virtually unnecessary on most college campuses. Specifically at Liberty University, there are a variety of alternatives to driving, such as the bus system or good old fashioned tennis shoes. By opting out of driving aimlessly around campus, students could potentially save hundreds of dollars a month on gas. For students brave enough to sacrifice not bringing around a car, money, which would have otherwise gone toward a shiny new parking pass, is placed safely back into their wallet.

As far as "miscellaneous purchases" go, college students fall prey to excessive spending without even realizing how much money is truly being wasted by the end of a semester. One obvious money pit for college students is food. Utilizing the dollar menu may seem like an economical and appetizing meal option; however, over time all those dollars add up, leaving the student with no dollars. Instead, make the most of cafeteria meal swipes and any form of meal point systems on campus. While these are technically not free meals, this allows students to avoid wasting precious dollars from their wallet.

Other limitable expenses include buying unnecessary school supplies, overspending on entertainment and spending money to relieve stress. Instead of buying a random assortment of school supplies to fill freshly furnishing dorm room desktops, check with professors to avoid buying items that will not be used throughout the semester.

When it comes to entertainment, there are often a variety of exciting activities provided by a school's campus activities coordinator. By making use of the activities fee to plan weekend rendezvous, students can truly save a substantial amount of money over time.

"The goal is to save money now so you can continue enjoying your money on both essential and frivolous expenses," Bloomberg Businessweek reporter Ben Steverman said. While college is an expensive privilege, students can certainly pinch pennies without being penny-wise.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Chancellor sets the record straight

Liberty University Chancellor and President Jerry Falwell Jr. recently addressed the misconception that he and his university received S44.3 million in federal grant money, which was reported in the March 27 issue of the News & Advance, a weekly college newspaper circulated on campus.

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Liberty University's strategic plan, titled "Building the Campus of the Future," recently outlined a vision for Liberty University over the next 25 years, including a push for excellence in academic programs and a commitment to providing a world-class education.

The article also omitted the fact that the university's financial aid programs help more students than ever before.

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Leadership was displayed at Summer Program

ROTC Cadet and Liberty Student Austin Coombs learned to put his skills to the test at Operation Warrior Forge

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For most college students, summers are filled with internships, jobs and an occasional vacation. For Liberty University senior Austin Coombs, however, it was a time of leadership testing, as he and other Army ROTC cadets from across the country embarked on Operation Warrior Forge.

The talented, athletic cadet from Wichita Falls, Texas can be recognized by his blond hair, strong build and welcoming smile. But behind his easy-going exterior is a driven individual, eager to step up to leadership roles and responsibilities.

"We recruit scholar-athletes-leaders and Cadet Coombs is a poster child for that description," Maj. Robert Foy, director of Liberty University's ROTC program, said. "He has a 3.4 GPA in the exceptionally challenging Bio Chemistry arena. He was the captain of the LU Crew team, and regularly scores 280 points or above on the Army Physical Fitness test."

Accomplishments aside, Coombs and other ROTC cadets were challenged in their leadership abilities this summer at Operation Warrior Forge. The intense assessment tested participants in their performance as they trained to serve their country. Cadets were evaluated during various activities including patrol missions, land navigation, squad tactics and overall leadership skills.

"I can tell you that Austin is a very high performer in our organization," Foy said. "Additionally, he is articulate and confident, and he brings an infectious optimism and enthusiasm to his duties every day. The bottom line is that Austin is a special young man who will be an outstanding Army leader."

With all his experience, Coombs is no stranger to military life. As a participatant in the Simultaneous Member program, he served in both the Liberty University ROTC program and Army National Guard as a Cadet and in the Army National Guard as an E-4 specialist.

"I was always interested in camping, outdoors, extreme challenges and crazy things, and shooting guns ... so it all pointed me in the direction of the Army."

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Construction continues around Liberty campus

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- Construction on the Hancock Visitor’s Center is in the home stretch as it is scheduled to open by homecoming weekend in October. The building will house Liberty’s Welcome Center, the Jerry Falwell Museum, 40th Anniversary Museum and theater, as well as conference rooms, a gift shop and a banquet area.

**Bridge continued from A1**

According to Liberty University President and Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., the plan for a pedestrian walkway over Wards Road has been discussed for several years. When the City of Lynchburg promised monetary support of approximately $1.3 million, the idea finally came off the table and into execution.

As first, the city created a plan for a crosswalk, but then Charles Spencer, Liberty’s director of planning and construction, took the proposed budget and with it created a construction plan that would get pedestrians completely off the road and would not stop traffic.

“The money that was going to be spent on a dangerous plan was going to be spent on traffic to cross the high-speed train tracks,” Falwell said. “That’s what I want to keep stressing to students,” Falwell said. “Things like this happen not only because they got involved, and things like this will only happen in the future if they stay involved.”

The primary purpose of both projects is safety. Currently, many students get to the stores and restaurants along Wards Road by walking through the parking lot of the Robert-Thomas Dining Hall, passing over the train tracks and then darting through traffic to cross the highway.

Soon this dangerous walk will no longer be an option.

On Aug. 31, the construction crew will set the structure for a bridge that will span across Route 29, from Panera Bread to Sam’s Club.

According to Don Ash, manager at Panera Bread, they are simply waiting for the impending completion of the bridge for students to only use the tunnel and the bridge are complete, although that has not negatively affected the business.

“The contractors have gone out of their way to not get in the way of the establishment,” Ash said, adding that they have “sent over backhoes” to avoid disruptions.

It will take another two or three weeks after the structure is set to get the bridge completely finished and ready for use.

The tentative date for it to be usable is the end of September, according to Ash.

Spence said that, shortly following the opening of the bridge and tunnel, the city will build a fence in the median of Wards Road and the school will construct a fence along the railroad tracks.

This will force students to only use the pedestrian tunnel to get off campus to get to the shopping centers along Wards Road and the bridge to cross over the busy traffic on Route 29.

“They have either got to use that tunnel and bridge, or they’ve got to run through an intersection,” Falwell said.

Other than a slight increase in construction traffic on campus, such as trucks containing workers and materials, the tunnel construction will have little impact on the daily lives of students, according to Falwell and Ashok.

Ashok said that they are scheduling certain times for the construction to take place so that the slight increase of accompanying traffic will not disrupt the students.

Once the tunnel and bridge are complete, those, too, will change one of the most prominent venues that students will use to leave campus and access stores, shops and restaurants in the surrounding city.

Since going through the tunnel will be mandatory for students, Falwell and Ashok said that Liberty would be implementing certain new mechanisms to ensure safety and monitoring for the students using that point of access.

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Amoor and company ready for launch

Team's mission remains: play solid and win

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time as a graduate assistant and he is not only a player but also the cross country sensation Josh McDougal is being welcomed back to the cross country department at Liberty — this time as a teacher.

The Flames are preparing for their season debut in Raleigh.

FOOTBALL CONTINUED on B4

Amoor and company ready for launch

Team's mission remains: play solid and win

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Although the Liberty men's soccer team entered their season early with a loss in the first stages of the Big South tournament, they have much to look forward to this season and have told the Liberty Champions that they are hungry for success. With a talent of eight seniors, Liberty's men's soccer will field an experienced and more seasoned squad, along with fresh talent who all have depth and skill in every position. Among the returning players are Darren Arrom, the lead scorer for the Big South region and a player ranked sixth in the nation in goal-scoring for two seasons straight. The forward boasts 40 goals in 40 games during the three seasons that he has played for the Memorial All-Tournament team and has already matched the 2005-2006 era of Craig Bell and Marshall Worthington in being sixth place for Liberty's career goals. His exploits last season include scoring 14 goals in 16 games including two game winning scores, breaking the Osborne Stadium record for most goals scored in a game with four tallies, being named to the SEC All-Tournament team and earning the Big South Presidential Honor roll status for the third straight year. Darren Arrom just might be the hardest working player in the Big South, according to Christopher Phillips said. "Darren is a great player who brings a different dynastic and flair to our team defense that will be the enemy of our

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Record-breaking alumni welcomed to X-county coaching staff

Josh McDougal returns to Liberty to don a whistle rather than spikes

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Lady Flames soccer ready for upcoming season

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As students return to campus, attired for the first classes and hit the books, the Lady Flames soccer team has been hard at work training for the upcoming season. After a disappointing end to their 2010 season with a penalty kick loss to Gardner Webb, the Lady Flames are back and better than ever. Since losing five graduating seniors, the Lady Flames picked up six new players to round out their 2011 roster. Fall practices began Aug 10 and Head Coach Jessica Hain has been working the team hard to prepare for their match-opener against No 10 ranked LVA Cavaliers Friday, Aug 26.

Coach Hain said that the team's main focus during pre-season training was that "In all that we train, our goal is to develop mental toughness, unity, perseverance and pride. We know that the season ahead of us is a marathon, not a sprint. We are seeking to use the strength within us through the Holy Spirit to go beyond what we could ever do on our own."

The Lady Flames 2011 schedule consists of 10 home games and 11 road games, including a rematch against Gardner Webb, which was the closest we have to an in-state match. Other exciting games include matches against Elon, Radford and Liberty Flames rivals Coastal Carolina.

"When asked about the upcoming soccer season, freshman Carleigh Knitz said "This is the only the best from Liberty's soccer team," Junior Andy Malloy says.

NCAA Continued from B1

"It's sad that this is a problem going on in college athletics, I think a lot of it falls back on those who are outside of athletics such as donors doing something that no one in the athletic department knows about," said Jeff Barber Athletic Director of Liberty University. Over the past summer, the NCAA football team was stripped of their their 2009 ACC Championship as well as all of their victories from that season, and was fined $200,000. The accusation states that a player accepted a couple of hundred dollars worth of clothing from someone who works with an agent. The Oregon Ducks football team is currently being investigated for improper recruiting of high school players in the state of Texas. The Ohio State Buckeyes is team is under investigation due to players selling merchandise (individual awards) and giving improper benefits to players. This lead to the resignation of their head coach, Jim Tressel, and the withdrawal of their top quarterback, Terrelle Pryor.

Lastly, the Miami football and basketball teams are currently under investigation due to players and coaches accepting improper benefits, partly from booster Nevin Stein. Shapiro is currently serving 20 years in prison for fraud. Shapiro admitted to giving the teams favors in cash, prostitutes and parties, among other things, during an eight year span. He even admitted to awarding players bounties to hurt or injure key players on other teams. Miami faced "It's disappointing when coaches and the administration become involved because it's our job to see examples for the players and represent our institution in a positive manner," Barber said.

"I know they'll be amazing, because this is Liberty. Players are already on sale for the Lady Flames home opener against the Longwood Lancers Aug 29 at 7 p.m. at Osborne Stadium. Longwood is looking strong entering their season ending 1-0 loss to Morehead State last year. The senior forward and member of the Costa Rican women's national team, Silvia Betancourt, is returning from injury and healthy. Redshirt junior goalkeeper, Karen Blocker is returning from injury and healthy. Be early, be loud and wear red does not just apply to football and basketball anymore. 'The Lady Flames soccer team has been working hard and they deserve to have a huge crowd of fans cheering them on at their home opener. Expect a star-studded atmosphere to surround our team from family, friends and fans in very, very important. When a solid, positive foundation is set, that atmosphere is powerful and it fuels the student-athletes,' Coach Hain said.

ON GUARD — The Liberty Flames football team has worked hard to follow the NCAA and Big South Conference regulations and guidelines.

Looking for more?

Amos's 39 goals in 10 games placed him in high honors last year.

Soccer Continued from B1

The year without football started a 209 day without a winning season. This judgment is known to most as the death penalty.

These recent schools that have come under the investigation of the NCAA raises the question of who is responsible, the players who accept the gifts in order to better themselves and their families financial, or the coaches, boosters and agents responsible?

For Liberty, however, Barber and his staff make strides daily to follow the standings of the NCAA, as well as the Big South Conferences. "Our compliance department does a great job in overseeing the department. We do a good job educating our players, coaches, staff and student athletes of what they can and cannot do. We are proactive when we deal with these types of situations," Barber said.

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The Liberty men’s basketball team was able to take an exciting trip overseas this summer to play against six European teams and finished with a 4-2 record.

The team spent nine days total in Europe, visiting parts of Belgium, Switzerland and France. In between games, the team was able to experience European culture with the help of Dr. Samuel C. Smith, a historian professor at Liberty, who accompanied the team in order to provide a historical perspective.

On Aug. 8, the team arrived in Brussels, Belgium to begin their European campaign.

After a sight-seeing tour, the team played their first exhibition game, defeating Excel Center in a double overtime, 102-96. The team turned in a 14-point performance.

After a 2-0 start, the team rested before heading to Ghent, where they visited three historical buildings. Later that evening, the Flames faced their toughest test thus far, defeating Zwolle 79-66 to run their record to 2-0. Zwolse pulled within one possession of the Flames with 7:30 remaining in the game, but impressive shooting and tough defense led the Flames to the win.

Day five saw the team resting after their early strenuous schedule. The Flames' exhibition that evening was special for the people of Brussels. The Flames were holding the game in the third point line. Minaya also led JCC Sanders with 16 points, while Sanderson finished with 14 points, six rebounds and John Minaya recorded 14 rebounds and a double-double. The Flames took the message overseas.

One day, the Flames traveled from Brussels to Kayserberg, who were staying for the game itself. Kayserberg 79-64. The team rested before heading to Ghent, where they visited three historical buildings.

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FOOTBALL CONTINUED from B1

Veteran receiving targets Chris Samuels, Eric Garner, Patikelley, and B.J. Hayes will lead Liberty's passing attack. Samuels returns after a breakout 1,000-yard receiving season dooming a captain's band. Multiple precocious honors.

On defense, the ball, more experience in veteran transfers, and speedier personnel have improved Liberty's squad over the summer.

Liberty's front four will field four transfers from new 2011 settlers. 10 Minutes from Lynchburg on Route 460 East

...be led by junior Malcolm Boyd, who finished the 2010 campaign with 82 knockdowns. Liberty Christian Academy standout 300-pound Grant Jones is on many local fans starting depth charts, but might not spend too much time on the field immediately amongst Rocco's more experienced players.

On the defensive side of the ball, Rocco will field experienced transfers and a special defensive unit.

“Honestly we feel it’s about time for us to step up,” 380-pound nose tackle and team captain Chapman said. “Last year we left too much to chance. Hopefully we can play better this year to where we can

when the news that the NFL locker had officially ended on Aug. 1, there was undoubtedly a large de- mographic that was more excited to play fantasy football again than the upcoming season itself.

This year’s season could have a slightly different feel to the beginning.

The long summer break could adversely affect every team’s chemistry, specifically the connection and communication between the ball and their receivers, offensively, and running backs.

“Get ‘Em Fast!”

(Mr. top player in each position)

Quarterbacks

Annie Rogers - The Super Bowl MVP leads a dominant, pass-happy offense that returns starting running back Roan Grant and tight end Michael Finley.

Running Backs

Adrian Peterson - Some fantasy players are worried that the Vikings passed up Peterson in the draft, but that will cause teams to stack the line against him. Remember, he ran for over 1,700 yards with Gun Frenchie at quarterback in 2007. He will be fine.

Wide Receivers

Andy Johnson - A five-time Pro Bowler, Johnson is physically the most gifted receiver in the game. Schwall will keep balls coming his way as long as the Texans keep the sub-Kevin Walter across from him.

Frequent Features

Annie Rogers - He scored 10 touchdowns in just over half of a season's worth of play last year.

Now, he is healthy.

Defense/Special Teams

Packers - If cornerback Tramon Williams continues the level of play he reached in last year’s playoffs, the Packers could be a shutdown corner.

Linebacker Clay Matthews will continue to wreak havoc on quarterbacks as well.

Kickers

Sebastian Janikowski - “Seb” is a mainstay at the top of the position. He is in range anywhere from 60 yards out to 85 yards, which is usually about as close as the Raider get to the end zone.

“Buyers Beware!”

Players who may be drafted too high

Cam Newton - His inaccuracy has shown in the preseason and it will cost him at this level. It does not help that he plays in the very competitive NFC South.

Chris Johnson - Johnson has missed all of the offseason workouts while waiting for a new contract; his early season performances should be worth watching.

Defensive/Offensive Tackles

Mohamed Massaquoi - He could be a solid fantasy backup.

Matthew Stafford - He has all the tools to be one of the top #1 picks in 2011.

Head coach Jack Del Rio is in the midst of being the last coach ever to be fired in the NFL career.

Brent Celek - Celek struggled in the Eagles’ No-Show transition last year, but he should be more comfortable in his role this year and could be a solid fantasy backup.

New Englander Wadie Paulette has been guiding his team this week and with his 3-4 defense this offseason, and his unit has looked solid so far.

Alex Henery - The rookie out of Nebraska needs one stat to describe him. He hit a 57-yarder into the wind in Lincoln.

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FOCUS - Flames look toward opener

earn it this time to where nobody can even take a guess...

“Sleeper Picks”

(Pointers who may go un drafted)

Matthew Swiderek - He has all the intangibles to be one of the top scorers in fantasy football. He could easily be the top ten for quarterback backs if he avoids injuries.

Josh Scobee - He started last season 0-2, had the game winning field goal in the last minute of the game, and has now34, 993, 2475

led on with the Flames. Standing at 6-1 and weighing in at 195 pounds, Aikens brings size to the defensive backfield. Junior Kevin Fogg brings blazing speed to the defensive backs, as well as in special team coverage.

This defense faces its first test in the opening week of the AAC powerhouse North Carolina State, Sept. 3. Rocco’s MO for the game, as well as the season – protect the ball. Play solid defense and dominate.

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SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME—Spiritual Emphasis Week is just one of the many events coming up in the next few weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 31
JAZZ NIGHT
Student Activities will be hosting an outdoor jazz night, featuring the Bob Peckman Trio. For more information, call 592-3061.

SEPT 1
HILLCATS GAME
College night at City Stadium allows Liberty students and faculty the chance to enjoy local baseball for only $2. For more information, call the box office at 528-1144.

SEPT 5-7
SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK
Clayton King will be speaking at this year's Spiritual Emphasis Week.

SEPT 9
HORSEBACK RIDING
Enjoy a night of moonlight horseback riding and eating s'mores around a warm bonfire at this Student Activities' event. Contact Student Activities at 592-3061 for more information or to sign up.

SEPT 10
GET DOWNTOWN
Main Street will once again be shut down as the city hosts its festival, featuring Lynchburg's best. This event is free. Visit www.downtownlynchburg.com or call 528-3950 for more details.

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SEPT 10
FLAMES FOOTBALL
The first home football game of the season will be held in Williams Stadium against Robert Morris. For more information and the full schedule, go to www.libertyflames.com.

SEPT 29
SOUNDS OF HOPE TOUR
Student Activities is bringing Leelanau and Building 429 to TRBC. Tickets are $7 in advance for Liberty students and $12 at the door. For more information, contact Student Activities at studentactivitiesinfo@liberty.edu or 592-3061.

OCT 15
HOMECOMING
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Not an average workout: Making exercise fun again

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Back to school means back to classes, stress and eating way too many foods that require only three minutes in a microwave. While unhealthy eating is an all too often chosen lifestyle for many college students, Lynchburg offers a variety of different workout options for people looking to get physically fit.

James River Float Company
122 Rocky Hill Road
Madison Heights, Va., 24572

Located right outside of downtown Lynchburg, the James River Float Company offers classes for a different workout experience the chance to participate in water sports, such as canoeing and kayaking. Not only is this a great way to spend time with friends, but college students also receive a 15 percent discount.

“It’s a good upper body and core workout so you’re not just enjoying nature and your friends but you’re also getting more of a workout than you realize,” office manager Rebecca Waggoner said.

Get Healthy — Going to the gym is just one of the many options Lynchburg residents have if they’re looking for a place to get fit.

Bikram Yoga
1314 Jefferson St.
2nd Floor
Lynchburg, Va., 24504
(434) 846-2028
www.bikramyoga-lynchburg.com

“Try one of the same old downward facing dog, salutation to the sun yoga routine? Then Bikram Yoga might be something worth trying. What sets this apart from other types of yoga is not only the poses, which are traditional hatha yoga postures, but the setting. All of the workouts take place in a room 105 degrees with 40 percent humidity. Student discounts are available and classes are available seven days a week at varying times.

Rise Up Climbing
1225 Church St.
Lynchburg, Va., 24502
(434) 845-7673
www.riseupclimbing.com

Stepping into Rise Up Climbing is like stepping into a different world. Located in downtown Lynchburg, the indoor rock climbing gym offers people the chance to let their inner outdoorsman out. Students also receive a 15 percent discount.

Lynchburg — To find out more information on how to get involved, visit tr630.com or call 434-239-9281.

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...thinking ‘how can we get the students reconnected to the local church?’”

Moore explained that an important part of that was taking church back out of Liberty’s Vines Center and holding it in a location that was more inviting to the surrounding community.

“I think that tonight exceeded my expectations a little in energy, responsiveness and the diversity,” Moore said. “There were many people there that weren’t college students.”

TR SIX:THIRTY’s Teaching Pastors Jonathan Faksel, Moore and Ben Gutierrez hope that students and young people around Lynchburg and the surrounding community take hold of this opportunity of ministry and fellowship as a church.

“We aren’t doing this as a fad. This is a church,” Moore said. “We are just facilitators. The people are the church.”

According to Moore, TR SIX:THIRTY is looking for young adults to act as leaders in this new church movement. Leaders are needed for small groups, to help with parking, greeting and an assortment of other duties. “The church needs to be owned by the people, not the pastor, and this is a Liberty thing,” Moore said. “We are empowering them to be the body of Christ, so hopefully they do it.”

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Target’s After Hours event hits bullseye

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A line of students wrapped around Lynchburg’s Target department store late on August 19, waiting outside for its large glass doors to finally open.

With empty shopping carts and wish lists in hand, each student was greeted by volunteers dressed in Target’s signature red and white, welcoming them into Target’s Second Annual Exclusive After-Hours Shopping Event.

This late night event, held exclusively for Liberty University students, started at 10:30 p.m. and lasted until 12:30 a.m. With free samples from event sponsors and the store, students filled their arms with what they needed for the upcoming school year.

“I just moved into my house off campus, and I needed a lot of stuff,” senior Jessica Thomas said. “I’ve found a TV stand for some stuff.”

While the familiar bustle and lack of parking places may start out as nothing to the familiar, the noise soon becomes overwhelming. Smiles quickly turn as sour as three week old milk and all that is asked and prayed for during this time is to keep up.

Like many universities, together with Reba Farm Inn and Saddle Road Ventures, Target provided a way for students to experience such a peace.

Discounts and then some—Thousands of students filled shopping carts with merchandise, and some even with their friends, at Target’s late night shopping event.

“It was a good way to welcome students back to the college to get them started off on the right foot for the new school year,” senior Noah Edwards said. “It’s been cool to meet all the new students and to welcome them to life at Liberty.”

For Furnas, the back to school shopping event is perfect for fostering a strong relationship with the Liberty community.

“It’s a way for us to connect with the Liberty community,” Furnas said. “We want Liberty students to feel at home at Target.”

In a total of two hours, Target saw an estimated 4000 customers.

“Vitamin Water (is) being given out at the door. Skittles, Starbursts and Snickers are all being given out at the door. Samples (are) set to take place at the picturesque farm and will be offered specifically to Liberty students. Mike Elsworth, an event staff member for Student Activities at Liberty, as well as a wrangler at Reba Farm Inn, gave good reason for stressed out college students to spend an afternoon riding through the countryside.

Horseback riding is one of the most peaceful things to do outdoors. I think it’s because you are just completely surrounded by natural beauty, and there are no cars or man-made noises around,” Elsworth said.

Horseback riding ventures have been offered through Reba Farm Inn for several years, according to Elsworth.

“Students who go on the trip are always impressed with the experience,” Elsworth said.

The trip is not only for those ready to ride in the rodeo. Reba Farm Inn makes sure to take good care of less experienced riders.

The wranglers accompany each trail ride and help teach beginners, as well as more experienced riders, Ellsworth said.

Reba Farm Inn will offer the trip to students at every skill level, but they also understand that not all students are able or willing to show up at 8 a.m.

According to Stephanie Ward, promotions manager of Student Activities at Liberty, there are 44 total spots available for the hit. One trip, Sept. 3, will have two sessions. One will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the other from noon to 6 p.m., so all students can participate, whether looking for a refreshing morning venture, or a unique day trip experience.

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block party 2011

Weather not an issue for annual Block Party

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Hurricane, schmурricane. An overcast sky, intermittent rain and the looming threat of Hurricane Irene could not keep students away from the LaHaye parking lot for the annual Block Party this past weekend.

Saturday's block party was like no other. It was missing good weather, a lead singer from a headlining band and all the usual elements necessary for such a highly anticipated event. However, the event was far from lacking. As music blared from the speakers above the stage, hundreds of students milled around the parking lot enjoying Dominos pizza, free kettle corn and drinks. Like usual, the mechanical bull was one of the most popular attractions. Set up under a white tent to shield the crowd of spectators from the rain, the mechanical bull threw the brave students who dared ride it into the air all night. Students were also entertained by the Performakers, who performed throughout the night, and the Ferris wheel. Fusion the Salon had a table set up where students could get feathers and braids put in their hair, and block party attendees could also speak to representatives from the Flames Club, 90.9 The Light, the Comic Book Club and other various organizations.

Others stayed inside the LaHaye center, where inflatable carnival games, such as wrecking ball and a basketball toss, had been set up across the basketball courts. Lynchburg resident Brooke Van Name came to the rainy event to meet up with some friends and hear the bands perform. “I’ve heard so much about Dave Barnes, but I’ve never actually heard of his songs,” Van Name said. “I’m having a great time despite the rain and the wind.”

Fedora-clad, Andy Davis took the stage first, followed by Dave Barnes, who crooned romantic songs such as “God Gave Me You” and the more worshipful “What I Need.”

Most bands would never dream of performing without their lead singer. However, as a result of their lead singer losing his voice, the remaining members of MuteMath decided to do an instrumental set. As soon as they began, the large crowd gathered around the stage quickly forgot about the need for a lead singer. The musicians’ high energy captivated the audience, which clapped along in the missing lyrics to songs such as “Typical” and “The Nerve.”

Junior Callie Capwin said that while she was initially disappointed to hear that MuteMath would be performing without its lead vocalist, she really extended her. “It was still really entertaining. They’re really good performers and it was cool that they got the audience to sing along,” Capwin said.

The evening ended with fireworks against a slowly clearing sky as students partied away, another part to take in small group Bible studies, Sunday school classes and service projects throughout the community. “Campus Church has been great. It’s helped thousands of people deepen their faith, and it served its purpose. But the downsides of Campus Church is that we weren’t in a church, we were in a basketball arena,” Moore said. “We didn’t have a Sunday school class or small groups. We didn’t have many service opportunities and so it was just a service. We started

Campus Church revamped: TR SIX:THIRTY welcomes community

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To the undiscerning eye, the service looked like any other. The Campus Prairie Band was accompanied by a choir in leading the worship. As the lights went up, finding a seat in the large sanctuary was difficult. But to look on the faces of the people in those seats, fixed on Liberty University Campus Church pastor Thomas Moore’s teaching, it was evident that this was not another service.

Thomas Road Baptist Church’s new evening service, TR SIX:THIRTY, held for the first time, Aug. 28, marked the start of a new church era for Liberty and in the Lynchburg community.

“I think that tonight’s service was a great introduction to what they want it to be,” sophomore Jason Nichols said. “They want us to be part of it, not just a church meeting but a community event every day.”

Although some have thought of TR SIX:THIRTY as a rebranded and renamed version of Campus Church, Moore sees this new church meeting as something much greater. “The vision of TR SIX:THIRTY is to get college students, 20-somethings, 30-somethings in this region back to the church and for the church to be what it’s meant to be for the body of Christ,” Moore said. “When we made the decision last fall to move to TR six and essentially close down and significantly rebrand Campus Church, it was all about getting people back to being connected to the local church.”

In addition to the 6:30 p.m. service that will take place each Sunday in Thomas Road’s sanctuary, young adults will lead and take part in small group Bible studies, Sunday school classes and service projects throughout the community. “Campus Church has been great. It’s helped thousands of people deepen their faith, and it served its purpose. But the downsides of Campus Church is that we weren’t in a church, we were in a basketball arena,” Moore said. “We didn’t have a Sunday school class or small groups. We didn’t have many service opportunities and so it was just a service. We started

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