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Akers named Government Dean

New dean switches, moves from law school

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Shawn Akers is one of the newest faces at the Helms School of Government (HSOG), but that doesn't mean he's an unfamiliar one. The former Director of Academic Support and cabinet professor at the Liberty law school moved into his new role of HSOG dean on July 1.

SGA President Tim Arron Leong says that Akers wasted no time reaching out to student leaders.

"He was very open and willing to talk about future projects at Liberty," Leong said. "I can already tell by the first impression that it's going to be a phenomenal year."

Leong hopes the HSOG can give students more chances to travel and work internationally. Others hope that Akers, a Louisiana native, can reach out to other departments, giving students a chance to expand their connections.

Building Liberty

Liberty's campus receives updates during the summer

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Students returning to Liberty University this semester are surrounded by new construction that occurred during their summer absence. The brick and mortar campus at Williams Stadium and the Tower Theater visible from the highway are the most noticeable campus updates. A myriad of finished and ongoing projects can be seen at every turn.

Roads have been repainted to allow the transit service to pick up and drop off passengers while maintaining smooth traffic flow. The Hancock parking lot is wider and has a new entrance off Stadium Road.

New 40-foot buses will be servicing the County Green, Forestbrook, Walden Pond apartments and Old Mill Townhomes.

While addressing students in the semester's opening convocation, Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced some of these changes, stressing God's generous provision.

"Most private colleges in Virginia are fortunate to build one new building every 10 years," he said. "We have been building one about every 10 months here at Liberty.

Inside the Champion

Towers theater
The Performing Arts theater will be home to the season's first play: Hairspray.

D.C. RALLIES BEHIND BECK

TAKING back AMERICA

Beck's 'Restoring Honor' rally challenges conventional thinking

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Sophomore Jason Heckman could have been doing anything Saturday morning—reading, working out, even hanging out with friends, but he decided to take a road trip.

Heckman, a business major, traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend his first rally on the 42nd anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech.

"I was surprised by the variety of people," Heckman said. "There were children with their families, couples, college age students and old people."

Freshman Kayla Weston said thousands lined the grass, some sitting and others standing, during the three-hour rally.
The Barefoot Professor

Liberty Biology professor Dr. Daniel Howell's passion for feet surfaced about four years ago. Since then, he realized that both his words and actions would be influenced by the humility effects of putting on the human foot. From this insight, he changed his new book, "The Barefoot Book". Howell recently returned from a 56-city book tour when he traveled through 21 states in three weeks. Next on his agenda is a book signing program at the Liberty University bookstore on Saturday, Sept. 4. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Gospel Community Church

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One more addition I'd like to highlight is the new disc golf course near the intramural fields on East Campus. The 30-arc course will be used by the new intramural sport teams scheduled to start Sept 9. With begin an enhancement to the bonfire field, the course is accessible to newcomers and experts alike.

With the completion of the lower theater the boardroom reported that the "furry of the Mountain Mirror and Book" will be practicing in the old theater while their former practice room will be used as a classroom for the new department. The Church Learning Center founded in downtown Lynchburg that hasn't been reached yet.

The Jubilee Family Development Center relied on extra funds.

When he heard of the outreach and impact Jubilee had on the community, Hicks presented the idea to SBJS residential and online students.

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Jerry Falwell Jr., Liberty University Chancellor
Freedom is not free. America has engaged in many wars throughout its short history to protect the freedoms the founding fathers fought for and to take those freedoms around the globe.

On Sept. 11, 2001, America entered a new war as the outrage of a terrorist attack fueled America’s fervor. In the Global War on Terror, American soldiers have been sent to Afghanistan and Iraq, liberating both countries from oppressive governments.

The Lynchburg-based 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 116th Brigade Combat Team (1-116th) began a tour of duty in Iraq on March 15, 2010. The 1-116th contains more than 40 Liberty students and alumni.

The soldiers have to adjust to many differences when they are shipped out. Specialist (SPC) Mitch Roberson said the first thing that caught his attention when he got off the plane in Iraq was the weather.

“(It) kind of felt like a blow dryer hit us in the face,” Roberson, a Sports Management major, said. “It took us a couple of weeks to get used to that.”

While in Iraq, the 1-116th was stationed at Camp Adder in Southern Iraq and ran convoy missions, transporting food, equipment, fuel and weapons to other base camps around the country. Their missions could travel as far as 350 miles and take as long as 15 hours one way depending on breakdowns or attacks by the enemy that slowed the progress of the three mile convoys.

“The 1-116th Convoy Escort Teams would supply the armed escorts for those missions,” First Lieutenant Patrick Wilson of the 1-116th’s Public Affairs office said.

The soldiers enjoyed working and hanging out during their downtime in Iraq. About 85 the soldiers from the 1-116th participated in their own Virginia Ten Miler on July 25. Many of these Liberty students plan to run the race this year on Sept. 25, wearing their custom Iraq shirts.

SPC Ryan Sweatt, an International Relations Strategic Intelligence major, and a few men from his platoon began meeting nightly to pray for the men in the 1-116th.

“That eventually grew,” Sweatt said. “(Eventually), about a once or twice a week, we would get together and we would do a little bit of acoustic praise and worship, a little bit of Bible reading. Pretty soon we were packing out the room that we had, which is a pretty cool thing to see when you are overseas in the middle of Iraq.”

The 1-116th was not scheduled to come back to the United States until December, but as a part of the responsible drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq, the battalion arrived home Aug. 25. Most of the Liberty students in the platoon started hitting the books immediately.
“We asked... What do you miss most about summer?”

Ethan Massey
Senior

As summer begins to fade in the quintessence that is the full semester, some Liberty University students find that their van is about to disappear within the span of a class period with nighfall as an 85 fin left in their place.

With Liberty's residential enrollment reaching 12,000 students this semester, illegal parking has never been a bigger problem. Although a sure-time parking policy is in place, some students have been caught short with a parking spot that is a slight walking distance. Getting the extra 15 minutes of beauty sleep in the morning may do wonders for some, but it is not worth half a weekly parking budget.

The Liberty University Police Department (LUPD) officially began enforcing its towing policy Aug. 36, and things are already full swing. Bee Line Transport Inc., although students tend to detest the towing company, were Kevin Jones asserts that they are not the bad guys people make them out to be. A lot of times (students) are in a faculty lot and don't have a sticker for it or they’re in a handicap space or they aren't even in a parking spot at all. Jones said, “A lot of people don’t understand. We do tow change, jumpstarts, lockouts and we work accidents. We do more of that on the campus and in the surrounding areas than we do actually impounding cars.”

Erik Ross,
Senior

“Sleeping in.”

“Traveling.”

Isabel Bodrog, Associate

“If your question is liberty.edu with your E-mail lunchampion@gmail.com, I will send you the textbooks.”

Jordan Gausch

“We have to be very frugal with their off-campus activities such as volunteering or after-school jobs. The university has promised to review the regulations near the end of this semester. Until that time, however, in some cases, Liberty students will have to be very vigilant with their off-campus activities such as volunteering or after-school jobs.”

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“ABSENCE MINKED: New attendance policy forces students, teachers to re-evaluate”

Tyler Flynn
OPINION REPORTER

The Liberty University administration recently implemented a controversial campus-wide policy for the Fall 2010 semester concerning class attendance, which was followed up to the discretion of professors. The new universal system sets a limit for missed and unexcused absences, which determines an excused absence and allows students to make up assignments missed during class time. Procedures regarding the latter have also changed, limiting the number of permitted absences depending on the number of times a class meets a week: for example, a Monday/Wednesday/Friday class allows three unexcused absences, a Tuesday/Thursday/class two additional absences beyond the permitted number results in harsh penalties, beginning with a five-point grade reduction. The administration said it’s in favor of the initiative to be a higher emphasis on attendance. “Regular and punctual attendance in class is the greatest contributor to earning good grades,” Ray Stullker, Dean of the Registrar’s Office said. “The consequence of the new policy is to be consistently to both professors and students.”

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When I was a kid growing up in rural Pennsylvania, I played and acted like most normal kids. I guess it depends on your definition of normal. I rode my bike and climbed my knees one too many times. Then there was the time that I cut my hand. I saw a metal tinfoil knife and I decided that if runnies can jump hurdles, I could definitely jump a little fence. I have been sorrow when I woke up face down in the dirt, making that fence wasn’t as little as I thought. Joining the cross county team didn’t fix that problem. Running on a dirt path takes less coordination than jumping hurdles! But in other ways, I was anything but normal. No, it wasn’t just that I’m that glassy that covered half of my face, which, by the way, made my tiny brown eyes look unusually big. I keep pictures of that face hidden in a secret drawer far away from Lynchburg, so I’m not searching the blacklisted on Facebook. Right now, I’m stuck. But seriously it was more than those glasses that made me unusual. An only child. That was too much for any imaginary friends. Not to mention I read way too many books to these newly formed creatures. By this time you probably think I was an only the century on this campus, but hold on, my friend, don’t make that judgment just yet. Finally, I college, traveled down the road for a career in journalism, and I found a few fences to jump along the way.

When I was 16 that kid riding my bike down the road, I never knew that I would one day interview CSPAN VIP Bob Schieffer, Republican National Chairman Michael Steele or even 16-year-old Booboo Stewart (if you’re a fan of Idol, you can understand my excitement). It all because I finally made that decision and followed my dreams. That’s when the opportunities started coming my way. It turns out to be even more. I’m looking forward to serving you as the Editor in Chief of Liberty Champion and saying what I wish to say. I may have to jump free to drop me into a role anything about the challenges you face.

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Technology trumps use of textbooks

This semester, Liberty University introduced a new option for textbooks-the e-book. Instead of buying traditional, heavy books, students can purchase electronic versions of their textbooks-with the same expensive price tag, unfortunately. So students to upload on their computer or with the use of their Amazon Kindle or Barnes & Noble Nook.

With the new textbook option, the class of 2014 may no longer need physical textbooks. The new trend that offers the ability to choose between book types seems like a great alternative since it is a greener option, but in actuality may lead to the demise of printed books for future generations. If that is the case, what will happen to printed books and libraries in the future? Though rising numbers appear positive, perhaps high school students will one day find themselves reading the "modern classic" Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone instead of enthralled by the angry 1981 tale of The Catcher in the Rye.

Seeing future generations shift toward technology-based reading materials, libraries and book stores may find themselves closing their doors. In such cases, how will the world get its fix of the "Library book smell?"

As much as using a newer route is welcome, the tradition of weights, expensive textbooks cannot be replaced by digital, impersonal copies.

Renting from the library meant that all notes and highlighting done in the book like nothing the author could ever imagine. Common textbooks are the only option available, professors cannot make use of the technology by pointing out certain information in the text...

With high school students already relying on such modern technologies, such as email, it is hard to see students still reading hard copies of books that all high school students were required to read just a decade ago, such as To Kill AMockingbird by Harper Lee and Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Certainly libraries and used book stores will carry copies of the classics, but eventually their well-worn bindings will bite the dust. In 2009, book sales rose by 2.3 percent in children's titles and young adult copies. Copies of books that all high school students were required to read just a decade ago, such as To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee and Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Certain libraries and used book stores will carry copies of the classics, but eventually their well-worn bindings will bite the dust. In 2009, book sales rose by 2.3 percent in children's titles and young adult copies, according to Entertainment Weekly.

If textbooks become simple PDF files, there will be no drive for book companies to print books ever again.

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Offering comfort

Daryl Pitts devoted life to comforting others

Tadie Overholtz/tribune review reporter

The father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Co. 1:4, 5

Dr. Pitts devoted his life to the verse, comforting those who were facing personal battles. On August 5, 2010, Dr. Pitts lost his two-month-old son, Daryl James Pitts, to Leukemia. Pitts spent most of his time to Freedom Ministries, a ministry that is a "safe place" for people with hurts, hang-ups and high places to be restored, according to the Thomas Road Baptist website.

"Daryl had such a heart for wounded people," Freedom Ministries facilitator Cindy Phillips said. "He always said that God never wanted a wounded soul." he added.

His love for his family and his desire to help others drove him to a career in medicine, where he could help others from the inside out. He was a professor of psychology at Liberty University, teaching upper level courses involving the study of substances abuse and addiction, and the recovery process.

"Dr. Pitts changed my life in the very short time that I knew him," wrote Pitts. He did more awesome things for God during the last few years of his life than most people are willing to allow God to use them in their own lives, and because of that I will always be reminded of how mighty God is.

Pitts was diagnosed with Leukemia during the April 2010. He continued his ministry and teaching through the progression of his illness.

"It is (God) that finds value in us, and it is (God) that filled a dying man with so much life," Pitts wrote.

Pitts is survived by his wife Connie Pitts and two sons, Reagan Pitts and Morgan Pitts.

More info at: freedommin.org

"Sparkle for Jesus"

Dr. Jeff Artes Jones not only encouraged students with these words, but demonstrated them in her own life, Jones and her sonBehavior "Niko" Jones, were killed in an automobile accident while returning home from a trip to Illinois Aug. 8, 2010.

"The Holy Spirit and His love emanated from her," said student and friend Melissa Holabird. "She had a beautiful glow.

Jones began teaching in the education department in 2007. She will never forget her passion or love for teaching or her students. I am a better person and teacher for knowing her and our loss will be her greatest gift," sixteen senior Jamie Hughes put on the "Remembering Dr. JeJones" Facebook page. "Let's not forget her love, because she does the most work there the least amount.

The School of Education, according to a news release, is a month of the release of the "Remembering Dr. JeJones" Facebook page, more than 1,000 students and friends joined, a testament to the impact she had on the lives of her students.

Jones also completed a number of school self-published books. Her latest book, "The Private Journal," was literally her crumbling work, according to the School of Education.

"Though she was accomplishing great things for God at every turn, she always wanted to make sure she was completing God's will," Holabird said. "She would often reflect on her work and make sure she was meeting the needs of students.

Jones is survived by her husband Ray Jones, and her son Raymond Jones of Lynchburg.

The School of Education has created the Dr. JeJones Memorial Fund, a testament to the impact she had on the lives of her students. The funds will go towards the creation of the Dr. JeJones Doctoral Conference Rooms.

"She had a tremendous heart for the liberty champions,“ Dr. Jones said, "with the purchase of a large drink and small fry."

"Sparkle for Jesus"
Many of them waved flags and wore t-shirts with messages of restoring faith and honor back to America. Hearing and singing, Beck and former Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin was difficult, but Kayla Weston says she heard one message loud and clearly when Beck handed out the faith, hope and charity awards. "It was cool to hear them talk about faith in front of so many people," Kayla Weston said. "The rally was very open about Christ." 

"The rally, which was allowed to have 300,000 participants. She was greeted by people sitting on picnic blankets and others who were "camping out" at her first stop in DC. "People in our nation care about ethics and morality and faith and are willing to take a whole Saturday and camp out for the day," Erica Weston said. "It's something they want to teach their kids." Beck emphasized recognizing ordinary citizens who stand up for faith and honor according to Erica Weston.

"It makes you want to take a stand and be active," Erica Weston said. "It makes me want to do something, even though I'm just one person at a rally." Heckman decided to take a stand after he realized that he's 'ignorant' about current issues. "It made me want to research more instead of going with the flow," Heckman said. Protestors marched in DC after Beck's speech, according to Heckman. "They were bashing Beck about going out on Martin Luther King's anniversary," Heckman said. "There are the two sides of it... and you need to know both sides of an issue." Erica Weston wants to be free and work overseas some day, and she wants to stand out from the crowd. "I'm easy to be complains and there are a lot of people who don't know what they believe," Erica Weston said. "It's good knowing how to articulate that and being willing to stand up for values."

IE REPORTS

Rally on Saturday

Hundreds of people attended Saturday's "Restoring Honor" rally on the Lincoln Memorial for 42 years later for the Glenn Beck's "Restoring Honor" rally. (Above) Thousands of people stood on the Lincoln Memorial Saturday near the same spot where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech exactly 42 years later for the Glenn Beck Restoring Honor rally. Above Members of The Sounds of Liberty pose with Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. and former U.S. Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin. The group sang several songs at the Restoring Honor rally.

"Not a single one of them is here by accident," Ackers said. "It's a great honor to be part of bringing them together what God is creating them to be."
Liberty’s new Tower Theater will be open for the Theater Department’s first fall play

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If this world is a stage, then the new Tower Theater is a whole new world. When asked what play Liberty Theater Director Linda Neil Cooper always wanted to perform, she smiled, "The Phantom of the Opera." Cooper said, "I love great operas, great music and lots of costumes for the performers." Cooper said, "I love great operas, great music and lots of costumes for the performers."

The Tower Theater will officially open on Sept. 24, the opening night of Hairspray. "It’s going to be big and loud," Cooper said. "It’s going to be big and loud," Cooper said.

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The theater department hosted an open house, showing students, faculty and staff to tour the new theater, Aug. 25.

The theater also came with other theater classrooms, a costume shop, four practice rooms and a scene shop for the department. The lighting booth will also be used as a classroom for lighting and design.

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Dr. Todd Campo is leaving his role as Superintendent at Liberty and most recently as Superintendent of Liberty Christian Academy, to serve as the new vice president of Student Leadership. Previously, Campo has worked as a detective with the Los Angeles Police Department also giving him that extra edge for the job.

"I really enjoy our new leader. He looks like Arnold Schwarzenegger but has the heart of Mother Teresa. He is very compassionate and in a great addition to the OSL family," second-year Resident Assistant Liz Campbell said.

Even though Carson said he will miss the daily interaction with these students, he is happy to see the transition under the leadership of Dr. Todd Campos. As the student leaders arrived early in August for their orientation, they had the opportunity to hear from both Carson and Campos as they kicked off the new school year.

"I want to help fulfill Dr. Falwell’s original vision — not just expand the university, but train up students to grow in the maturity of the Lord and have a maximum impact for a global audience in this new era of the theater," Campos said.

A whole new world

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Women's Soccer Team: Another Dominating Season

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The Lady Flames Women's Soccer team has been on a winning streak. In the 2009 season, the team recorded six wins, finishing first in the Big South Conference. The 2010 season saw the team succeed again, with six wins and a first-place finish.

The big goal for the season is to perform in the postseason. Last season, the Lady Flames went to the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship but lost in the first round. The team is looking to improve this season and make it to the championship.

The Lady Flames are being noticed around the country. They are impressed and when they go into the facilities they are awe struck. "It's being installed right now," Barber said. "The hard part of the construction is over because the foundation is laid and we're putting on the final touches." Barber said when people drive by and see the new additions they are impressed and when they go into the facilities they are awed. "The Williams Stadium Expansion Project is expected to be completed by Oct. 2," Barber said. "The hard part of the construction is over because the foundation is laid and we're putting on the final touches."

Construction continued on B3

LCA Victors in Historic Match-ups

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Liberty Christian Academy's offense took the lead in the Aug. 20 game against the Amherst Lancers, as "two top teams going against each other every play—a battle to the end."  At the final whistle, the LCA Bulldog's won the victory 13-11. For the Bulldogs, this match meant more than another win.

"Amherst is the football team in southeast Virginia," former Bulldogs linebacker Mike Godsoe said, "for LCA to go in there and win—that makes a statement."

The Bulldogs have a tough schedule this season, starting off with two away games, the first at Amherst and the second at Gretna.

"We knew we had to heighten our stall all summer long," Jones said. "We went out there working in the 105 degree heat, getting better through it. We know the quality of the teams we were going to face."

Mike Godsoe played for the Bulldogs from 2004 to 2006, helping them win two state championships. Even though Godsoe won state rings at LCA, he feels people in his community respected Amherst football players more.

"The general attitude was, allegedly that LCA was trash and we were just working our way from the bottom up, Godsoe said. "That's for sure going to be a great team because we are so excited about this win. We didn't let anyone down, and we did our job, and we are a good football team."
ultime Fever Consumes Players
Kate Bell
Staff Reporter 2010

An ultimate Frisbee player grows up for the inaugural season of ultimate Frisbee as an official Liberty club sport, it is evident that the ultimate season is taking shape. In the spring of 2010, Liberty Club Sports put an advertisement to gauge student interest in an ultimate Frisbee team. Students expressed enough interest that Club Sports made a team and hired Jason Jarrett as the coach.

Seniors Jarrod Greenwood and Jonathan Matt who provided the initiative behind the club. Greenwood and Matt went to the Club Sports stall during the first week in December, 2009. They arranged for a meeting with Mark Jankel, the Director of Club Sports. Hardy and the other Club Sports staff members asked Greenwood and Matt technical questions about the game of ultimate Frisbee, the rules, officiating, playing area, travel costs, recovery, equipment, coaching and student interest. Club Sports officials indicated to Greenwood and Matt that they were impressed with the amount of research that had been done.

"It was just exciting to talk to them about the sport," said Matt.

There will be both a men’s team and a women’s team. Each team will have a minimum of 20 participants. The team will be recruited from both the male and female student populations.

"We are currently searching for players, and we have 20-30 people trying out with 25 assistants helping him run tryouts," Jarrett said.

"It would be awesome if we won the tournament that is going to be held at Liberty it would be great if there would be a lot of Liberty students in attendance to cheer the team on," Jarrett said.

Ultimate Frisbee tryouts will be held Saturday, Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the intramural fields at East Campus. Interested students may be eligible to join the ultimate Frisbee team. Undergraduate students must have a minimum of 10 credit hours. Graduate students must have a minimum of 6 credit hours.

"Ultimate is not a sport. It is a lifestyle," freshman Ross Huntington said.

"Gentlemen, this is football"
Nate Brown
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Editorial

For many, coming back to school means everything from new classes, new dorms and new friends to new sports, haircuts and maybe a new girlfriend who likes the new haircut. These trips to Wal-Mart for school supplies, toilet paper and four different centers of hair — one for each class they plan to attend this semester.

But amidst the clouds of All America award winning, the new dorms and the width of fresh coats of nail polish filling the female dorms, fliers for the running national pressure of a new football season. For those three hours on a Saturday homework and household chores are forgotten and replaced a chorus of first down cheers and school spirit.

The face paint will be red, the hot dogs, tasty and the tailgaters will be loud, wild and easy. The old men will stand against the railing and cheer with "back in my day" stories and "when I knew Jerry" memories.

The young man wearing a jersey will cheer in a story of Jerry "The old men will smile and address the youngster with "we meant the same thing.

The marching band is trumpeting, the vendors are busy and the field groans. A new press box at the home venue is days away from completion, and all the sports—jacks—compare favorable notes while the south enter search for their long hoped buddies and jackets in anticipation of another high energy football day of the northern stills in T-shirts. A memory is forever.

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"THE PERSONNEL"

"ULTIMATE FEVER CONSUMES PLAYERS"

"ULTIMATE IS NOT A SPORT. IT IS A LIFESTYLE..."
There is nothing to be gained or lost for a VHSL team by playing a team from the VISAA. The reason not to play VISAA teams, Rocco said, is many have considered the prospect of losing to a private school embarrassing.

"Virginia is one of two states in America that segregates it that way," Bulldogs Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Frank Rocco said. "Forty-eight states in America find a way to do it — Virginia is segregation."

The Bulldogs have won three Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association state championships since 2004 and Amherst is the strongest local public school football team with multiple state championships. Aug. 20 was the first time these two teams competed.

"Amherst is a great program, we want to play good competition," Rocco said, "When we beat good competition it heightens our notoriety, but we want to play the best because it makes us the best."
**OFF TO A RUNNING START**

Liberty Football Alumni Samkon Gado and Rashad Jennings give Liberty a name in the NFL

By Ryan Carr

LASTING INTEGRITY: Samkon Gado made his NFL debut with the Green Bay Packers in 2005. He currently plays for the Tennessee Titans.

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**Whoa! There, Tex**

The Adventures of Tex Rombora and Okei O'hare

Nat Brown

With the start of the 2010 college football season less than a week away, the Liberty Flames football team pursues continuity and the drive for another Big South Championship. With 15 games scheduled for the season, the team is looking to build on the momentum of last year’s 6-5 record. The Flames hope to improve their performance in the conference and set the stage for a successful season. The team’s focus is on building a solid foundation of teamwork and preparation. The young players will be given the opportunity to showcase their skills and develop into key contributors on the field. The experienced players will continue to lead the way, using their experience to guide the team. The coaching staff is experienced and committed to developing the players into successful football players. The team is ready to take on the challenges of the season and aim for success in the Big South Conference. The Flames will be looking to improve their record and make a strong statement in the conference. The team is ready to take the field and compete with the best teams in the league. The players are excited to represent Liberty University and give their all on the football field. The season promises to be an exciting one for the Flames, with many games to look forward to. The team is ready to take on the challenge and give their best performance in every game. The Flames are looking to make a strong impact in the conference and set the stage for future success. The fans are excited to support the team and cheer them on to victory. The team is ready to take the field and make a name for themselves in the Big South Conference. The season promises to be an exciting one for the Flames, with many games to look forward to. The team is ready to take on the challenge and give their best performance in every game. The fans are excited to support the team and cheer them on to victory. The team is ready to take the field and make a name for themselves in the Big South Conference. The season promises to be an exciting one for the Flames, with many games to look forward to. The team is ready to take on the challenge and give their best performance in every game. The fans are excited to support the team and cheer them on to victory. The team is ready to take the field and make a name for themselves in the Big South Conference. The season promises to be an exciting one for the Flames, with many games to look forward to. The team is ready to take on the challenge and give their best performance in every game. The fans are excited to support the team and cheer them on to victory. The team is ready to take the field and make a name for themselves in the Big South Conference.
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Thousands of students attended the Block Party on Aug. 29. Despite the heat, many students seized the opportunity to reconnect with friends they had not seen all summer and to enjoy the variety of games, food, entertainment and music provided by Student Activities.

Alice Chandler, Associate Director of Student Activities, believes the Block Party is so popular because students gravitate toward the festival-like atmosphere of the event.

"When an event is organized well and has variety — food, games, rides, music, prizes and free stuff — you can count on people enjoying themselves," Chandler said. "Students love to mingle and just be with friends and Block Party allows them to do just that."

Many students said that they love meeting people at the Block Party. Freshman Hannah Butcher said it made her feel more welcome at Liberty.

"There are a lot of people and it's really nice to see all the people you meet in class and talk to them. I think it helps the freshmen get to know people and feel more at home," Butcher said.

Senior Chloe McIntosh said it was good reuniting with friends she had not seen all summer.

"It's a really great way to start the semester and to see the people you haven't seen yet. It's just a good time and I'm glad we have it," McIntosh said.

The event provided students not only the opportunity to socialize, but plenty of amusements.

The ministry team PeaceMakers and step team Alpha Xi Delta Omega provided entertainment for an enthusiastic crowd and students were able to enjoy games such as mini-golf, rock climbing and basketball. Some students raced friends on an inflatable obstacle course and released their inner child on a giant inflatable slide, while others tested their endurance on the mechanical bull.

Representatives from campus organizations such as Invisible Children, the Helms School of Government, Students Behind Our Soldiers, SmithAfrica and Freedom 4/24 told students about upcoming events and what they could do to get involved. Some tables gave away candy and stickers, while others raised money and awareness for a cause. The Student Government Association gave away free t-shirts and agendas while the Future Global Professionals raffled off a Nintendo Wii.

For some students, this year's Block Party was all about one thing — the Family Force 5 concert.

"We got any rednecks out there," shaggy-haired lead singer Soul Glow Activator asked the crowd before the band launched into "Kountry Gentleman," one of their most popular songs.

After the hour-long show, the band's bassist, known as Phatty, came onto the stage and prayed with the crowd.

"I've never been in so much hype in my life. It was an all-around great show," Beale said. "I was pretty happy when Phatty at the end said a prayer and how much God affected their lives. It really worked itself into the Liberty atmosphere."

As students get back into the grind of responsibilities and work, events like the Block Party will be sorely missed, until next year that is.
We learn from what we do:

Liberty students assist in Guatemala relief effort

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There are those who learn by seeing, those who learn by hearing, and those who learn by doing. Whatever category the group of Liberty students who spent their spring break in Guatemala falls into, as a team they got to learn from all of them. They saw a tropical storm pass by them and help them unboard, they heard the stories of those it impacted, and in helping they helped repair the damage.

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Guatemala is a country in Central America located between El Salvador and Mexico, according to the Central Intelligence Agency’s World Facebook website. Both drug trafficking and human trafficking are growing problems in Guatemala. The predominant religion is Roman Catholicism, and the population of Llano Verde is made up of about 300 people, according to Towles.

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Block Party keeps it ALL IN THE FAMILY

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Who does not love kicking off a school year with a block party, especially one with food, fun, friends and Family Force 5? Liberty’s Student Activities hosted the annual block party Saturday evening in front of the LaHaye Student Center.

People in the crowd ranged from freshmen trying to find the funnel cake line to faculty kicking back and enjoying the company of students outside the classroom. Carnival games were open to students alongside food vendors from local businesses, just like any block party. But there was nothing ordinary about the entertainment.

The main event hands down, no pun intended, was the ever-outlandish group Family Force 5. Their set included classics like “Love Addict,” “Kountry Gentlemen” and “Supersonic,” as well as their new hit, “Ghostride the Whip.”

When asked about playing a dance-themed set for a school where dancing is not technically allowed, drummer Jacob Olds (known on-stage as Crouton) replied in jest, “Family Force 5 breaks boundaries.”

“If you can’t go to a dance party, we’ll bring the dance party to you,” band mate and twin brother Joshua Olds (aka Phatty) said.

Front man Solomon Olds, known as Soul Glow Activatur and for singing while wearing Hulk hands, explained their eccentric costumes were partly for show and partly for their own entertainment.

Saturday night’s concert included a costume change where the “Five” left the stage and attached large inflatable balloons to themselves, each with a picture of his own face. Associate registrar and School of Religion adjunct professor Michael Ocealis was in the crowd enjoying the music and time with the student body.

“I was not familiar with Family Force 5 prior to reading they were booked for the Block Party. My daughter and I looked them up on the web, watched a few videos of their music and thought we would enjoy the concert,” Ocealis said. “I definitely enjoy being around students outside of the classroom. It was especially good to talk with a few students from former classes.

Throughout the concert, the band made light of Liberty’s dance rules while performing.

“It was the best concert I’ve been to. I enjoyed moving in rhythmic fashion, but I was not dancing,” senior Kyle Wachenheim said.

The band members said they enjoyed the campus, and from the response of the audience Saturday night, it is safe to say the feeling was mutual.

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