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Looking ahead, remembering the past

By Cory Parker

Since 2001, the month of September has brought with it memories of a national tragedy. The attacks on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the World Trade Center in New York City and the United Airlines Flight 93 plane crash near Shanksville, Penn. were the greatest tragedy on American soil in years.

Everyone remembers what they were doing on that fateful day when they found out what had happened. But for some at Liberty, it hit closer to home.

Khalil Reed is a senior sports management major. In 2001, Reed and his classmates watched in disbelief, wondering how the firefighters would manage to extinguish the flames. From there, they saw another plane heading toward the other tower.

“It’s like it was frozen in time,” Reed said. “That’s probably the most vivid image that I have. Everyone turned their heads: ‘What’s going on?’ But then it turned to ‘What’s that second plane?’

The plane picked up speed and crashed into the second building. Everyone screamed, people were crying, and that’s when I realized that this was a planned attack,” recalled Reed. The students suffered another shock minutes later as it was confirmed that the second tower had also been hit.

“That was when we realized that it was probably an attack,” said Reed. “Then we saw on the news, and we were just dead still. We didn’t know what to do. We just saw the footage on TV.

We were a bit dazed. It hit closer to home than any other event in my lifetime. I’m 21 now, and I have some recollection of the day. I was only 5 when I heard about it. It is probably, however, that even they were overwhelmed in soot.”

Reed’s mother picked him up from school, and they picked up his principal released school for the day, because most of the students’ parents worked at the World Trade Center. "The principal called me to come back to school, and we were able to see footage across the Hudson River to watch the first tower burn.

“By this time, we were all in a panic,” Reed said. “Our principal released school for the day, because most of the students’ parents worked at the World Trade Center. “At first, it was disbelief. It’s almost like the steps you go through in the process of losing a loved one. You watch and you think, ‘This can’t be happening. Then you get mad and want to do something about it.’”

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"Bringing women closer to the heart of God is the continuing vision of Extraordinary Women Ministries. This past weekend, that vision was realized as women from all over the country arrived to be part of the 2006 Liberty Women's Conference this year, said Julie Clinton, the President of the Conferece's Organization.

This was the Trinity Broadcasting Network broadcasted the conference to various countries around the world. Approximately 1,000 women in the nations of China, South America and numerous other locations around the globe. Every year, women who are part of the XW Foundation travel to the Women's Conference. With 4,000 women of all ages and walks of life bring their hands in worship together and unimaginable others took back into the mission site, now that God was especially near. "I enjoyed the fellowship with my sisters in Christ," and conference attendee Barbara Bihn.

The conference gives women an avenue to share their stories to hear from some of today's most accomplished and "I loved the contest."

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Ziafat agreed to shave his head, and so did Ron Godwin, both reaching the $3,500 mark in enrollment, the seminary and Dr. Ron Godwin are missing a bit of hair from his father, who was a Muslim, just like his father.

With a flashlight, Ziafat read the Bible constantly, even when his father discovered he had become a Christian, which was new to him. When Ziafat decided to accept Jesus as his savior, it was difficult to leave his life behind and different. When Ziafat decided to accept Jesus as his savior, it was difficult to leave his life behind and different.

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It was not until that fateful day, September 11, 2001, that Ziafat realized that his faith was not enough.

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Most Americans feel fairly knowledgeable about international affairs. The news is always covering a story in Iraq or Afghanistan, and it seems that our government and troops are involved everywhere. However, if we were to mention the following: Sudanese, Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, and Haiti, how many Americans could tell you anything about any of these nations, or someone from one of these nations? Overall, the news coverage is largely due to the lack of viewer interest, unless of course, an American is involved.

Similarly, while international news Web sites and human rights groups have been documenting the violence in Sudan for some time, it took the release of Paul Salopek, an American journalist who was held prisoner, for Sudan to gain some media attention in the United States.

In Iraq, the U.N. received sufficient warning of an imminent massacre occurring in B slave, but, instead of giving aid, the U.N. stood by, saying there was nothing they could do. President Bush (Cheney offered "no condolences," according to an open letter published on PBS.org. The Web site also published a public address by Clinton, in which he said of the genocide in Rwanda, "I mention it only because there are a sizable number of American's there and it is a very tense situation." Two years after the Rwandan genocide, Hollywood makes a film about it and Americans wonder why nothing was done to help.

In 2005, a 2-year civil war in Sudan ended "peacefully." The war between the ruling Islamic Arabs in the north and the tribal Christians and animist blacks in the south was due to the attempt to establish Islamic Sharia Law in the southern region. According to BBC News, the violence costs the lives of an estimated 1.5 million people. The damage done and lives lost cannot be quickly fixed. In this case, Christians were being persecuted, not even the church within America did little on behalf of their Sudanese brothers and sisters.

Today in Darfur, the northern region of Sudan, another war is still being waged. The ruling Islamic regime in Arabic and the residents of Darfur are Arab, they are black. The Arabic militia has been accused of performing ethnic cleansing. While ethnic cleansing is simply a pseudonym for genocide.

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Remembering 9/11 with propriety and sorrow

Five years ago, I remember exactly where I was. I remembered everything like it happened yesterday. I remembered what it was like on the morning of Sep. 11, 2001. I was a college freshman at high school, sitting in my chemistry class that morning, trying not to doze off. My mom had called and I went and grabbed something to eat from the student union. I was quizzing each other on the periodic table. Remembering that morning.

An announcement over the PA system broke our concentration as our principal instructed each classroom to turn on their TVs. I cried as we all watched the small screen. I asked people what was happening in the world. I was so shocked. People were sitting in their homes, watching the lives of loved ones being snuffed out.

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Five years may seem like a long time, but in actuality it’s not. If I can recall my own account of that day, or where they were or what they were doing. The nation is still healing, and yes, looking back to reflect helps Americans see how far they’ve come. But the commercialization of 9/11 through the entertainment industry is hardly the way to commemorate our fallen heroes.

Regardless of where it took place, the attacks that occurred on Americans and affected all civilians alive at the time will never forget what happened that day, or what they were or what they were doing. The nation is still healing, and yes, looking back to reflect helps Americans see how far they’ve come. But the commercialization of 9/11 through the entertainment industry is hardly the way to commemorate our fallen heroes.

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Textbook pages will come alive for some this spring. During this time, a trio of international travel will take thousands of students on a globe-sweeping adventure.

The first of those trips will take place March 8-19 when the English and Modern Language Department transports students to the beauty of Southern Spain. Students will spend a day in the capital city of Madrid before going to Cordoba. A trip through his- torical Seville then leads to the ancient Roman city of Cordoba.

"A visit to the Checkpoint Charlie [will] show students how much the world has changed in their lifetime," said Gayle Saxon, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences. "It is said that the best way to learn a culture is to immerse yourself completely in it. How about escaping the classroom to experience the world for yourself?"

The first stop on the trip will be an overnight stay in Dublin. From there, students will cruise the Irish Sea and enjoy a day in North Wales taking in the presence of the Beaumaris and Warwick castles before retrac­ ing the steps of Shakespeake in Stratford­upon-Avon. The trip concludes with two days in London, ending with the steps of Shakespeake in Stratford­upon-Avon.

"Students can gain class credit for the trip by signing up for ENGL 497 and completing an online class.

"Every student should con­ sider traveling abroad to ex­ pand their understanding of the world and to take advantage of student dis­counts," said James Grant, professor of English. "Spain is one of the most breathtaking countries in the world with a unique history and a fascinat­ ing mix of cultures. It is a must-see for anyone interest­ ed in foreign travel. This tour really explores Spain and all of its richness at a very reasonable price."

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Perhaps most perplexing for Liberty fans was the seeming lack of momentum that carried from the first half to the second. "The weather was rainy and cold," said quarterback Brock Smith. "The passing game also showed some life that wasn't there last game, due to the wind and rain."

The team was limited to one touchdown in the second half after scoring three-plus a field goal in the first half. "The weather was rainy and cold," said quarterback Brock Smith."

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After having a home game against Gardner-Webb cancelled last week due to excessive rain, the men's soccer team traveled to Radford this past Tuesday evening for Radford's first-ever conference game of the season. "It was a good opener for us to build confidence and finally end all the training," said senior Jarvis Jelen and junior McKeon. With a strong finish, third place was won, with the younger McDougal less than a tick behind in 11:30.00. Both runners are expected to be forces this year and challenge the nation's best.

After a dual in the box on Liberty, Radford was afforded a penalty kicks that led to their goal of the third game. "It was an amazing finish, well played," said Coach Jeff Lamb. "Most coaches would be nervous about moving their team to the next level. Not so today, Liberty fans." We know that we have the talent and ability to support us to go to this level and play well. We're only getting better each game and already have seen a new level of commitment and ability from our players," said Coach Lamb. "We're very excited to watch the growth of the total team and competing and doing their jobs with enthusiasm and confidence. Our guys are ready to take it to the next level."

"It's not just the level of talent that has Handy confident about the season. "It's been amazing the support that we have received from the administration, as well," he added. "The student body, the coaches, the fans, the team and the community. This is a special group of people, and we're very excited to see how far the team can go."
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I’m not going to leave the (first string players) out there tonight, midway through the third quarter, and I wasn’t going to do it last week, either. I just don’t think it’s the right thing to do,” said Bevo.

“What we’re trying to do in the second half is really to get the second team experience,” Smith said.

“Coach K, as he so affectionately knows, took a bunch of superstars from different teams in the NBA, and tried to mold them into a team — a team not filled with a superstar mentality, but with players who would make their “apprentices” work together for a gold medal.”

Coach K took LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade, Antawn Jamison, Kirk Hinrich and several other high caliber NBA players to practice for weeks so he could infuse his coaching philosophy into this team to bring in the team attitude.

The outcome looked promising as they began exhibition play.

The U.S. and its fans expected nothing less than a gold medal in the WBC, considering that they were sending so many high caliber players.

What resulted in the WBC was beautiful to begin.

The USA went on a tear in the second and third quarters, turning that deficit into a 14-point lead tally of 101-95.

The team could not hit three-pointers at all, let alone the clutch threes. They were poor on defense and got torn up on the pick-and-roll.

The worst part about this team is that they cannot even show good sportsmanship.

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Lady Flames suffer consecutive shutouts

By Jeff Price
sports editor

Not to be outdone by the Men’s Soccer team, who played top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday, the Lady Flames matched up against a top 25 opponent from the state of North Carolina.

The Lady Flames took on the 25th ranked Wake Forest Demon Deacons at the Virginia Tech Tournament in Blacksburg. This was the third opportunity for Liberty to play a major conference school this season and the second ACC foe.

“We're definitely not scared,” said head coach James Price. “There’s no pressure on us. All the pressure is on the bigger schools to perform. We think we have come a long way though. A few seasons ago they could have had a bad day and still beat us, but now if we play well we have an opportunity to beat them on any given day.”

Unfortunately, the Lady Flames didn’t catch Wake Forest on a bad day.

The Demon Deacons scored on a counter attack in the fourth minute of the game. Quickly down and facing a heavy favorite, the Lady Flames needed to bounce back quickly and gain some momentum.

Wake Forest struck again, however, in the 49th minute and the half would end 2-0 in favor of the Demon Deacons. With a 2-0 disparity in shot total, it is no surprise the Lady Flames found themselves down at the half.

Liberty was far more competitive in the second half. They managed to get off only four shots and allowed Wake Forest two more goals. Both came late in the game with the first coming in the 76th minute and the second in the 84th minute.

Starting the weekend with a 4-0 loss was not what the Lady Flames wanted. Senior goalkeeper Katherine Neff, who has been competing with freshman Michelle Rich for the starting job as goalkeeper, made three saves and allowed two goals. Rich, who took over in the second half, also allowed two goals but did make four saves.

The Lady Flames played their second ACC opponent of the weekend in the form of the host Virginia Tech Hokies. Liberty entered itself early by scoring the second goal of the game. The Hokies scored in the ninth minute and quickly again in the 13th minute. After falling into a 2-0 deficit, the Lady Flames could do little to mount a comeback against the Hokies.

The game ended with the Hokies on top 2-0. With the loss, the Lady Flames fall to 2-4 on the season.

According to Price, the use of both players at goal will end after this weekend. “Our plan was to have a starter in mind before conference play began. They’ve proven us this and are just fine with it. Both girls have played well and it is going to be a tough decision for us.”

The Lady Flames hope to improve that record for the upcoming conference games.

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Coach Jeff Alder said, “We got through the first half of the game and the second half was fantastic until we had a small miscue and Radford was able to correct that into a goal.”

Alder affirms that his defense did not break down, only that Radford capitalized on a mistake made by Liberty.

“Early in the season and we have had a few goals cancelled, especially this week and we are facing the teams we are facing. This is a learning experience for us,” Alder said.

Liberty offensive line has produced 35 shots in its last two games but scored only two goals. Nevertheless, Alder is optimistic. “The goals will come. We have had chances and created opportunities — now we need goals.”

After missing the situation, senior goalkeeper Kevin Mulvan observed, “We didn’t just get a good effort against Radford, but this is a little bump. We’ve lost together as a team and this should be our greatest season.”

Saturday, Liberty hosted the top-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels in front of more than 2,000 fans.

Though it was not a conference match, the intensity and level of play put out by the Flames was incredibly high.

During the first half, the Flames saw numerous chances at goals from the consistent play of Roberts and Lewis — who hit the crossbar in the first minute.

The Flames defense and midfield held North Carolina in only five shots and the first half closed with a scoreless tie. Possession ranged from 52% of one end of the playing field to the other in the second half.

Halfway through the second half, the Tar Heels quickly converted a change of possession into one of their goals, only eight yards out from Liberty net.

 liberty seniors midfielder Joshua Boateng, a transfer from North Carolina Tech, and Roberts, whose bicycle kick in the 86th minute ended the top of the crossbar, continued to create opportunities, but could not alter the score.

Despite out-shooting North Carolina 27-5, the game ended with the Tar Heels on top 1-0.

“ Liberty has a lot of talent and they played well and created many chances,” noted Liberty head coach Kevin Bolovitch.

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*SSEEDNG THE BLOCK—Senior forward Darryl Roberts takes advantage of the block from a teammate. Roberts has one goal and an assist for the season.

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On the women's side and just outside of the top ten, Piper Nesby was Liberty's first finisher in a time of 19:32, good for 12th overall. Nesby is showing great promise after having an excellent spring in the 3,000m steeplechase last year where she placed third in the conference championship.

Easily won was Saturday's race by Wake Forest's Michelle Siles with a time of 17:20. Finishing 15 seconds behind Nesby was Sarah Roberts in 17th place overall, in 18:35. Carol Jefferson claimed six places ahead of Liberty's third finisher. Jefferson was last weekend's conference champion in the 5,000m and 10,000m events.

Then came a group of Liberty runners in 22nd, 24th, and 25th place. These runners were Rebecca Ricker, Breyna Quinn, and Ashley Osterby.

Other Liberty women were Jo Welch, 26th, newcomer Leah Ramsey, 27th, Molly Morgan, 28th, Rebekah Wallquist, 29th, and Myles Johnson, 30th.

While the University of Virginia women claimed first overall, the Flames finished a respectable fourth place out of 12 teams. Liberty finished eighth behind second and third place teams Wake Forest and William and Mary and just ahead of fifth place High Point.

Saturday's race marked the beginning of a long year for Liberty's runners. They traveled next to the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn., on September 23 and will make stops in Louisville, Ky., Terre Haute, Ind., and Lexington, Va., before the conference championships in Charlotte, N.C., on October 28.

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A TRIBUTE TO LASTING FRIENDS

By Wilford Grant

T'ough event has been the loss of a loved one during the summer. This week, the Obituaries section will focus on the passing of two of those individuals, who not only were a part of the Liberty family but are known by his parents and two sisters.

DANIEL SAMUELS

Dr. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, typically known as Dr. Yaw, greets his visitor with a smile and a handshake. He kneads his back in his chair and introduces himself in a dialect reminiscent of his native Ghana. He then continues himself in a dialect reminiscent of his native Ghana.

As planned, his roommate, Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, talked about the events of the evening. He explained how he was given the opportunity to be Israel's favorite pictures of Danso, as his home. "It was all of those things. And lie was kind, helpful, hardworking, smart, and very much a part of the Liberty family. Dusty was no doubt thinking of Danso himself.

The roommate thought that he might be able to work it out between 11, 12 and one o'clock. "When I got there his neck was broken, he was unconscious," says Aubrey. "He basically told me to get the police involved and to make him put on his Myspace that one time Aubrey was at a party. He lived with many memories from the dorm. To his visitor, it seemed as if the hotel was the response before the passage became impossible. Aubrey was scheduled to take the Ukiah line. Yaw explained that this struck him a lot.

Aubrey, touching the lower arch of his back, stepped out of the theater, and he had nowhere to go. But he didn't care who you were. He just wanted to introduce himself.

STEVE/JOSEPH — Dusty Boyce made friends easy and was an enquiring person.

Dusty left work that night after helping Aubrey with her.homework. This time Aubrey was at a different location, and he had nowhere to go.
When I step through the restaurant doors, my stomach does growl. The air is rich with the aroma of an extraordinary food: Thai cuisine.

This marks my first experience with Thai food, particularly at Thai '99, a delightful restaurant that serves authentic Thai cuisine.

Patty Kachornvanich, a native of northern Thailand, joined the faculty as a teaching assistant at Liberty University three years ago to start a Thai restaurant.

She and husband Jeff Thai '99 in Lynchburg as well as two other restaurants in Charlottesville, Va., of the same name. Encouraged by the demand from their customers, they opened this third location in 2006.

I began dinner with a tall glass of water. As I sip my water, I can’t decide what to order first. Thai '99 has a definite top seller, called "Thai hot." As many of the comments and tea shops all serve "Thai hot," I choose the dish to make the food more palatable for unaccustomed American diners. "The main staple of Thai food is rice," says Kachornvanich, "but we can make things not so spicy." Thai offers a variety of spice levels for any dish, including mild, medium, hot and "Thai hot." As many of the foods used in the dishes are somewhat hard to come by in Lynchburg, Kachornvanich explains that she grows them herself.

Everything on the menu looks incredible. Hoping to sate my curiosity, I order the first dish on the menu to try new things in unique surroundings.

"I think it's a very good cultural experience if you are looking for something new to try," says Patty Kachornvanich.

As stated on www.circleofasia.com, Thai cuisine varies greatly from region to region of the country. While the regional style of food at Thai '99 is more general to Thailand than in a specific region, the menu does take a slice towards the cooking style of northern Thailand, where Kachornvanich is from, which uses a unique variety of vegetables and food traditions.

Central Thailand lends to a sweeter array of dishes, while southern Thailand favors a wide variety of seafood.

Dinner is over, and the final words that come to my mind are "culinary triumph." "The food was good and the service was great," says sophomore Tom Prusak. "Encouraged by my friends, I decided to try Thai '99. I am very pleased! It is a very good cultural experience if you are looking for something new to try," says Patty Kachornvanich.

CSER office staff endeavors to reach Lynchburg Community College, public schools and local neighborhoods and Lynchburg's athletic programs with its "Campus Serve" link. As LU junior Nick George stated, "It is a lot of work, but you start to enjoy it."

Today, it is under the direction of Dr. Lew Weider, who began his teaching career with GNED classes in 1981 and finally began teaching his career with GNED classes in 1981 and finally joined the faculty as a Christian Community Life faculty three years ago to help students as assistants with CSER.

The entire motivation behind the CSER program at Liberty University is to meet the need of students who are community oriented, while offering the love and support of students and Dr. Weider explained. "The program is designed to educate students in a variety of fields while offering them a two, provide greater opportunities for students who are still in school. Three, allow Christians to use their spiritual gifts to enrich the lives of others. And lastly, it gives students the opportunity to be safe and light in the community.

The basic requirement for students to be a part of CSER is that they take the CSER course, which gives 4 credits and includes a service project. The students choose a site of their choosing and must complete 40 hours of community service each semester. The students must come to a meeting every other week to discuss their experiences and plan upcoming projects.

As a young man in prison, I had no idea what a difference I could make in the lives of others. I was shocked to learn that I could make a difference in the lives of others.

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