Candidates to visit Liberty

Perry, Bachmann will speak in convocation

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry will speak at Liberty University in convocation Wednesday, Sept. 14. The presidential candidate will be followed by rival candidate Michele Bachmann, who is scheduled to address students two weeks later.

School of Law Dean Mat Staver said Liberty has always encouraged students to get involved in political and cultural issues and that both candidates had actually been invited prior to the current presidential campaign.

"The fact that both of these national leaders are speaking at Liberty indicates the

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Elections coming soon

Students may register to vote locally

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"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost," Sixth President of the United States John Quincy Adams said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2008, only 49 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the presidential elections. Although that was an increase from the elections in 2004, it still leaves a great divide for college age students to fill in the upcoming elections.

"Voter registration is something that confuses some newer students, especially if they are not from Virginia," Liberty University junior Alex Nelson said.

However, voting isn't as complicated as some feel, Dean of Students Keith Anderson said.

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Fires, floods wreak havoc across America

Firestorm sweeps across Texas

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A firestorm raged through Central Texas this week, destroying homes and lives of hundreds. According to CNN.com, a wildfire has killed at least 13 people in Bastrop County, Texas. The fire started on Monday, Sept. 5, and worsened through Monday, when winds from Tropical Storm Lee spread across the small rural county.

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Floods submerge Northeast

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Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee dumped an estimated 45 trillion gallons of water onto an already waterlogged East Coast, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Now, more than two weeks later, many Northeast states are still coping with the aftermath of the storms, which left flood damage and devastation from Pennsylvania to Maine. While Hurricane Irene had actual landfall in the Northeast states, the rainfall.

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Volunteers clean Candlers Mt.

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This fall, Liberty University is taking part in Zipcar, a car-sharing program. As a result, students, 18 years and older, as well as faculty and staff members, can check out a Zipcar and use it as long as they return it before their allotted time each day. On Sept. 3, this new service became available on Liberty’s campus and on Friday, Sept. 9, Liberty Transit held a promotion to introduce and encourage students to spread awareness of this new service.

The two Zipcars Liberty has acquired so far, a Honda Insight and a Smart Car, are located in reserved parking spots, one inside the Library Row, and the other in front of the Student Union Library. These Zipcars will provide students with an affordable way to get around campus and give students a cost-effective means to reduce residential vehicle demand.

“Once a certain level of use is established, Zipcar will provide additional numbers of cars to use on campus,” said Kyle Laird, the vice president of external relations for Zipcar. “We envision a future where car-sharing can leave their car at their workplace, library, or dorm.”

New wheels zip onto campus, for rent

Zipcar program offers students pay-by-the-hour vehicle access

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A civil rights hero

Monument causes uproar over architect and resemblance

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A man who spread peace and tranquility would have loved the silence and utter clarity near a half century after his "I Have a Dream" speech. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was a public man, to say the least. A monument was built in his reverence, but judging by his walk through life, it would fail to most that the monument is unnecessary.

It is not about whether he deserved it or not because he does. However, his purpose in life was to show people that they should not seek to be the center of attention but to think of others before themselves.

Not to be idle, but Dr. King would be rolling over in his grave with a sense of embarrassment and the thought of "How does this further my dream?"

His dream was what he wanted to leave behind. He wanted the generation after him to benefit from the passion he thrust onto Americans. Rather, America has turned this into a monument.

"Critics have openly asked why the monument is being ridiculed not because of the cost or the purpose, but because of the architect and whether or not the monument resembles Dr. King enough."

Let Yi Xin, a 33-year-old master sculpture from China, be the art selected to build the monument.

"I believe there is much truth in Klein’s closing statement. Hopefully, what this means for us hungry, busy and challenged in court, said The Hullington Post. Aug. 30, has caused political uproar because it is the first restriction against abortion to be passed in the state of Kansas to date. US District Judge Carlos Moore issued a temporary restraining order preventing the enforcement of the law.

"The ACLU is so fired up about this particular legislation, that while men have the opportunity to receive full health insurance coverage, women will be left with no choice. They argue that while men can have an opportunity to receive full health insurance coverage, women in a way men will never be forced to experience..

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ally say how the bill would be paid for. No plan was given for it. Instead, Obama said that he would explain, "in a week from Monday," Sept. 19, when he will release "a more ambitious deficit plan.”

Additionally, Obama asked the joint committe to cut spending by $3.5 million to 0boto to save the bill. No, he does not agree to cut most government spending projects.

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ALD inducts new members

Rahab Munganja
First generation students

Family and friends gathered at Texas Auditorium last Friday, Sept. 9, for a color-
ceremony, where The Liberty Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD), Scholaric Honor Society announced 30 new residen-
tial and online student members. Each academic year, new members are chosen after maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher throughout their freshmen year in college. "You are defining members of Alpha Lambda Delta," ALD faculty advisor Dr. Marilyn Gwiltsk said to those being inducted.

Gweltsk commended the students for their hard work and encouraged them to continue to maintain their GPA.

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Military students serve fellow veterans

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College life is an adjustment for many new students. Many, difficult changes, new people and unfamiliar surroundings can be overwhelming. For veteran students at Liberty, trading their combat boots for collared shirts and relearning how to live their lives as civilians instead of soldiers may be the greatest adjustment of all.

Liberty student veterans Charlie Cash, Jeff Harrison and Jesse Delello began the Student Veterans Group SVG in 2009 to help their fellow student veterans adapt to college life after serving in the military. Cash has since graduated, and now freshman political science major Jared Delello is the student president of SVG. Both Cash and Delello are in the Marine Corps infantry. Both have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. According to Delello, the best thing about SVG is that it gives veterans a sense of camaraderie.

"It's hard to share something with someone that they don't understand, so we're able to share things," Delello said. "It's kind of like a support group, for lack of better words. It is nice to be able to get out and talk to people who understand where you're coming from."

The veterans have diverse military backgrounds, but all have common experiences.

Delello, a Los Angeles native, joined the United States Marine Corps in 2005 for four years. He joined the Marine Corps after high school because he believed in America's cause, and also did not want to go to college immediately. The Marines left him injured, according to Delello. He has deployed to Iraq for seven months in 2007 and to Afghanistan for eight months in 2008. He is currently serving in the Marine Corps Reserve. When asked if he would do it all again, he responded with an enthusiastic yes.

"It's been a way I have seen God so much, I wouldn't change that for anything," Delello said.

The SVG works with local Veteran Affairs and Wounded Warrior Projects, as well as the Roanoke Veteran Affairs facility. Veteran student members of SVG also mentor and give advice to ROTC students who are considering a career in the military. The group also hopes to involve non-veteran and non-military students in veteran outreach programs and Christian Service opportunities, according to SVG's mission statement.

"There are certain things you can only help people with in life because you went through some of those similar things, whether it's experiences, abuses any kind of trauma. People who can help are the ones who have done it to themselves. We're the ones to help out the ROTC students, mentor them, share with them some of our experiences," Delello said.

Military students are encouraged to email the group at veterans@liberty.edu or check out their Facebook page at Facebook.com/LUSVG. All military and ROTC students are welcome.

Cundiff is a guest writer.

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Fires continued from A1

Smoke rises from a large wildfire near Houston. According to the Mayor of Bastrop, Terry Orr, the wildfire was 16 miles long and five miles wide, making it the largest fire in Texas history.

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"Texas has been forced to help outside of the area. A Texas Army National Guard helicopter is staying at Fort Hood to help Texas communities that have been hit by Hurricane Ike," Orr said. "I really believe that even if we had help from Fort Hood, we couldn't have done a whole lot to stop the fire. It was just too hot.

The second day of the fire, the Texas General Reserve came in, brought some resources there.

When Governor Perry came, we had more and more help. We had 150 Humvees along all three shifts.

Respond to receive more help on the federal level. According to Orr, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, David Dewhurst, signed a document to help the people of Bastrop.

"It's going to be a fairly easy transition. Everyone is going to be happy," Orr said. "It was a fairly easy transition. Everyone is going to be happy.

The move is just one of the first steps in relocating the on-campus dining options. Students will now have access to Chick-Fil-A, Lit Tone's Pizza and Jazzman's Café and Grill.

"It's a good move. I can for walk right over to Texas and get frod now," said Rachel Greer of the move. "It's a good move. I can for walk right over to Texas and get frod now."

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Liberty revamps on-campus dining

"Many classes have been moved from Greens Hall to DeMoss, and main campus. All of the food stations have been moved," Orr said. "It was just necessary.

Students have mixed feelings about the new dining arrangements. Some miss what Founder's had to offer, not only the stations that were cut out like the "Made Your Way" and "Create" stations, but also the military bands allowed. "Vines lacks the same feel of community," junior Elize Peer said. "Founder's was a fun place to meet up with friends and share a meal together." It was a hangout place for students.

Other students are excited about the new food changes on campus.

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Student Activities
Andrew Woolfolk

"... return for a touchdown vividly corner Kevin Fogg, whose two interceptions and a kick forced 3 turnovers in State, that we made a statement for an impressive season," said a 38-7 rout.

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TRIPPED UP — Liberty Christian Academy product Scott Highland university are saying bring power punching cheer-'World in Orlando, Fla. UCA Nationals at Disney it on. They're ready to fuU price to go to nation-als, as well as striving
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work hard in practices and
workouts.

Scott Highland

"Advisory: Air traffic dangerous if
wanting to rip his head off, there's
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Nate Brown

Hey Kevin Fogg, would you characterize your speed as "explo-
sive," or "incendiary?"

Cruising 88 yards for a touch-
down in less than 12 seconds is one of the
two.

Danny Rocco pegged turnover as a payback game for
years of road loss as well
as an opportunity to make a statement to the rest of the FCS teams lined up for the
season.

The defense did their part. They scored touchdowns, took care of the football and moved the ball
considerably.

The defense was scary. The Flames torched the Colonials in a resounding revenge win. The Flames fell to the Colonials 23-30 last year in a dis-
appointing performance. For head coach Danny Rocco, that loss was all he needed to fuel his team
growing into this season.

"We have some element this game of payback of last year game. I certainly talked about it this
week," Rocco said.

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Cheer squads' sights set
Jennifer Syndor has her squads focusing for Nationals

The "towling, power punching" cheer-
leaders of Liberty Uni-
versity are saying bring it on. They're ready to
eclose this season and win another shot at the the FBS Nationals at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"Last year we were one
spot away from getting a perfect spot, paid bid, and
would not have to pay the full price to go to nation-
als," head coach Jennifer Syndor said.

A former cheerleader herself, Syndor is going into her fourth season leading the program. The
just three years she's had
experience with her team, helping them to
learn and grow through the cheering program.
When asked about making the shift from cheerlead-
ing coach, Syndor made it clear that it wasn't her
decision.

"I had no idea that this would happen. I said that this would be right for her, or a good fit." Student" said. "It's totally a God thing, and I just feel like he placed me here for a reason and purpose."
BLEEDING RED — The first home game brings out the spirit of Liberty students.

"It really got us pumped for the game," freshman Amanda King said. "Whether it's grilling with secret family recipes, donning a kilt and painting your face, or just wearing red, tailgating is Liberty's signature pre-game ceremony. The success of this week's tailgate was only the beginning. Dorms are already planning bigger and better things for next week's tailgate before Liberty takes on James Madison University at 7 p.m. at Williams Stadium.

GONZALEZ is a sports writer.

From sunrise to sundown

4QF does not begin at kickoff, instead it is an all day event for LU students

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FOOTBALL continued from B1

"Our guys responded, and we came out of here with a really significant victory." Liberty's defensive unit was ready to rise to the occasion. The Flames held Robert Morris's running game in check in the whole half, allowing just 2.9 yards per carry, and instead of committing turnovers that led to their defeat last week, the Flames forced three.

Liberty's offensive also operated well during the game. After exchanging possessions to start off, momentum finally arrived for the Flames midway through the first quarter in the form of a 50-yard punt return by return man Alex Williams, the Colonials' 13-yard line.

Minutes later, quarterback Mike Brown scrambled out of the end zone off of a quarterback keeper from five yards out. Later in the quarter, the Flames kept the pressure on the Colonials' defensive backs, with Brown frequently trying deep completions, which led to solid connections with receiver Pat Kelly. During the Flames' scoring 85-yard third drive of the game, Kelly used three catches for 75 yards, which culminated in a nine-yard touchdown pass off the right side of the Robert Morris defense.

"We thought we had some mismatches so we tried to take advantage of them on the right," Brown said.

The second quarter featured stellar plays from the defense that repeatedly stuffed the Colonials game and forced an interception by Egg just before halftime. Unfortunately, the Flames couldn't convert their late turnover of the game, a fumble in the red zone just before halftime, which left the score at 14-0.

Liberty added two more scores to the board in the third quarter. Brown scored on a two-yarder to sap down the middle of the Robert Morris defense six minutes into the half on a drive started by yet another crucial interception and followed the ensuing on a 37-yard touchdown pass between two defenders to receiver Ryan Ferguson with 1:50 left in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Robert Morris finally managed to reach the red zone, with just over 15 minutes left, and capitalized with a nine-yard touchdown pass in a futility play.

The Flames punched back immediately. "Seconds later," immediately. Fogg proceeded to return the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown, which piled up any momentum the Colonials may have had and sent the crowd into a frenzy with 10 minutes left in the game.

The final drives of the game featured more shutdown defense by Liberty, and solid offensive play, by quarterback Troy Brown leading a 69-yard drive that ended with a 23-yard Matt Brevns field goal, which ended the scoring at 30-0. Now, Liberty focuses its attention on next week's game versus James Madison, a program that has been a thorn in Liberty's side the past two years.

"That's going to be a game. For here we're going to play," Fogg said. "It'll be really good to play them at home, and hopefully get a win."

WOOLFOLK is a sports writer.

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Liberty dominates home invitational
Lillie Happel claims MVP honors and makes 400th career kill

The Liberty University Lady Flames volleyball team added three to the win column over the weekend, defeating Rider University, Saint Francis University and California State University Bakersfield at the Liberty Invitational. Against the Rider University Broncs, Liberty hit .488, dominating the match from the outset. Liberty scored first and never looked back, leading the entire match en route to a three set victory (25-21, 25-12, 25-10).

Leading the Flames in kills was sophomore outside hitter Lillie Happel with 16 kills, including her 600th career kill, on a .367 average. Happel was voted the tournament’s Most Valuable Player for her efforts. Sophomore middle blocker Kendle Rollins recorded six kills, as well as one solo block and five block assists. Also on defense, senior Kery Haasemeyer tallied seven digs.

"Opening up with some really tough teams the past two weeks, with some of these top notch teams...we didn't necessarily expect the outcomes that we wanted in the beginning, but I think ultimately we handled it well and went out there and got where we are now. We had a lot of good chemistry out there and some good communication," Happel said.

Liberty's offense was again firing on all cylinders in game two against Saint Francis as five different players registered five or more kills in another three-game sweep (25-18, 25-13, 25-14). Happel hit on 14 kills, and junior middle blocker Loren Thomas added eight to contribute to the team's .300 hitting average. Sophomore setter Jade Craycraft registered 90 assists. Craycraft was selected to the all-tournament team for her role in setting up Liberty's attack.

"Lillie and Jade are, I guess, on some level the veterans and they're sophomores. We're all pretty young, but they've had to carry a load early and I'm really happy about Lillie's progression from last year. She had to go from one distribution player to now, she's making great decisions and taking big swings of hitting that we need," Coach Pender said.

Liberty outlasted CSU Bakersfield in a back and forth game, one which included 16 tie scores, before going on to win in sets 26-24, 25-21, 25-16 for the third straight match. Freshman outside hitter Ameyly Golden had a strong showing, hitting .359 with nine kills, as well as one ace, six digs and a solo block. Craycraft added 22 assists. Haasemeyer moved into second place on the all-time list for digs with the seven she registered.

"She is a playmaker," Haasemeyer said. "And she makes it tough back there for opposing teams to get the ball down. You almost think there's about four of her defenders back there. She has a knack for being in position to make the plays," Pender said.

Throughout the tournament, Liberty led the field with a .336 hitting average over three matches, as well as numbers in kill, blocks and service aces.

'We had to answer some tough questions the last couple of weeks but the kids have never backed down and they came in this weekend hungry...to see these kids play with the type of pace that they did this weekend says a lot about the group,' Pender said.

Liberty will meet North Carolina State Friday, Sept. 16 in Raleigh, and return home to the Vines Center to take on University of North Carolina Asheville Sept. 9.

HARVEY is a sports writer.
Making a change from one life to another

For the Hoglunds, making an impact starts with children

Tyler Earles
reporter for Liberty Champion

While his players were settling into their first week of classes, Liberty paintball coach Todd Hoglund and his wife, Leslie, were in the other side of the world, preparing to bring home their second adopted child with Down syndrome.

A year and a half ago, the Hoglunds were watching the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti when they felt moved to adopt again. They were content with their adopted daughter, Jasmine, and their two biological children, Quinton and Elise, but something was telling them to adopt once again.

It was shortly thereafter that they received an e-mail from Bethany Christian Services, the Hong Kong orphanage where they adopted Jasmine, their first child with Down syndrome. In the e-mail, they learned about four-year-old Joel, who had been given up by his family when he was only two months old. Because of their previous experience, the Hoglunds knew that most orphans were given up by six months. It was his unique story that had Todd and Leslie feeling an instant attachment to Joel.

“We had to trust that God would provide a way because it wasn’t planned and He did provide,” Todd Hoglund said.

As a matter of fact, the Hoglunds were able to raise $8,000 to cover travel expenses, much of it coming from two yard sales they held. Members of Brentwood Church, where the Hoglunds attend, as well as Rivermont Baptist Church, where Todd works in the early learning center, donated a variety of items to help with the travel expenses in addition, many people donated money for the cause.

In fact, one lady heard what they were doing and handed them a $500 check. Another strange woman told Todd $50 through PayPal when he heard what he was doing through some of the paintball players who were mutual friends.

It was because of these generous contributions that Todd and Leslie were able to make the fourteen-hour flight to Hong Kong, where they spent four days last week. They were supposed to be there for five days, but Hurricane Irene forced them to return early. The important thing is that the Hoglunds made it back to the states safely with their new son, Joel.

Amazingly enough, Joel has done very well with the big transition that comes with moving to a new country and living with a new family. He began school yesterday, joining his sister, Jasmine in kindergarten.

“This has been a humbling experience because people see it as something great that we’re doing, but we’re just doing what God has called us to do,” Todd said.

EACHO is a sports writer.
Oklahoma! set to lead a spirited year of theater

Shelana Jennings
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Counts of four cool sets of actors onto the floor of Liberty University’s theater practice room. Tight and them, cowboy hats and jackets waved back and forth as each actor and dancer followed the lead of their choreographer in preparation for the Department of Theater Arts upcoming show, “Oklahoma!”

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s great American show, “Oklahoma!” will take stage at the Tower Theater in Liberty’s Green Hill Sept. 23 through Oct. 15, ushering in a season of shows focused on spirit and hope.

“This year’s shows are unique in their authentic American feel,” Producer and stage director Linda Nell Cooper said. “I think they all have this pantry spirit about them, which makes them very American. It’s very much about the American people who have triumphed over adversity.”

Chosen primarily for the senior theater students who will be using their acting experience as a platform for their future careers, Liberty’s 2011-12 Theater department will be performing “Little Shop of Horrors,” “Romeo and Juliet,” “Grease Hall Shadow,” “The 13 Steps,” and “Peter Pan.”

“We always open and build again,” Cooper said. “That’s what Oklahoma’s all about, that’s what Ragtime is all about, even Peter Pan. It’s the idea that the future is a good one and that there’s always hope at the end of it.”

Senior Rachel Overholtz, who will be playing the character of Lois, is looking forward to being part of a show focused on American strength.

“I love the story. It’s set in the west. It’s full of American spirit,” Overholtz said. “I love Lois’s Character. She’s a spittin’ stubborn and independent. She’s a fun, down-to-earth, fascinating character.”

The show, which was originally seen as a broadway production in 1943, will be given a second feel as Cooper and her theater staff pull their own concepts.

“My concept for the show is Queen Anne’s Lace which grows as a weed in the middle of a field but it’s beautiful,” Cooper said. “It has this old fashioned feel to it in the middle of 2011. When you see it, you are reminded of yesteryear. We are going with three colors of 2011 but with a layer of vintage, antique lace over it.”

The show mixes schizophrenic old country energy.

“It’s kind of fun to bring back something old,” Overholtz said. “I think it will bring in families or people who maybe had the classics.”

 Knowing that Oklahoma may not be a family show, some things are going to excitement to Cooper and the cast.

“Instead of being stuck to these older stories with this fresh approach and giving them to an audience who have never seen them,” Cooper said. “It’s almost like giving them theater history.”

With a year of experience in their new theater and the success of Phantom of the Opera behind them, Liberty Theater is hoping to see a greater audience than before.

“We have already doubled our average and I am looking forward to next year,” Cooper said. “We now have an audience that knows what to expect from our theater. Now they can come with a peace of mind, knowing that they are going to enjoy themselves.”

To see the full line of Liberty Tow- er Theater’s 2011-12 shows, visit the Department of Theater Arts website. Tickets are available at the Vines Center Box Office by calling (434) 846-7321 or by visiting the Department of Theater Arts website.

JENNINGS is the feature editor

LAMP Literary Magazine shines a light on creative talent

Kassandra Reeding
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No apologizing: Gospel loud, clear

King's message touched students during Spiritual Emphasis Week

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Spiritual Emphasis Week kicked off with a fall house Monday night, Sept. 3, at Thomas Road Baptist Church with speaker and campus Clayton King. King was on Liberty's campus Mon-
day through Wednesday night, speaking to students about various topics, includ-
ing being born before God, distance from God, true belief and God's calling. He en-
couraged students not to wear masks with God and to be true to his plan for their lives.

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The Schilling Center was filled with students, Friday, Sept. 5, to raise aware-
ess and hope for the Somali people at the Horn of Africa concert.

In July of this year, the United Nations declared a famine in Somalia, which is loc-
cated on the east coast in a region known as the Horn of Africa.

Somnia has been suffering from a drought for the last six months, forcing thousands of Somalis to leave and find refuge in neighboring countries. Suzanne O'Dell, online community manager for World Help, said in her July 25th blog posting that the United Nations reported "over 11 million people in the Horn of Africa are in desperate need of food, wa-
ter and medical care."

Recent reports point to World Help's website that "More than 30,000 children under the age of five have per-
dered in the last 90 days in southern So-
malia alone," and that number has risen to an estimated total of 90,000 for the entire region.

Members of World Help and Liberty University's student body put together a concert that would spread the situation in Somalia. The event was

SINGING FOR CHANGE — Liberty student Joy Lippard performed at the Horn of Africa Event, saying she was hoping to not only entertain, but to learn more about the issues affecting Somalia.

to inform the Liberty student body about what World Help is doing to provide aid.

The goal of World Help is to send 40-foot long containers that hold 240,000 meals, along with water and medical supplies. Each container, howe-

r, costs $50,000 to send, but they are guaranteed to reach the Somali refugees and others in need.

Alumna Jessica Cockran, class of 2011 and employee of World Help, said the con-
cert had a threefold purpose, "To edu-
cate people, move them to compassion and provoke them to action."

It was that one word, compassion, which set a fire in people's hearts to act and provide aid to those suffering in So-
malia. Even though there is a need for funds to be raised, the most important part is awareness. "This generation can make a difference with their voices," Cock-
ran said. "Showing compassion is a living testimony of who God is."

The concert included performances from students and other artists. Other performers included Liberty junior Joy Lipparri, local Lynchburg artist Paul Da-
vidson and Taylor Holder, an employee of World Help who said she "hopes the students would be moved to action with-
out quality and compassion."

"As Americans, we are naive and com-
forable," Liberty student and performer Gate Hernandez said.

"Raising awareness and stirring peo-
ple's hearts to be compassionate about the situation in Somalia was the desired over-
all outcome of the event," volunteer and junior Alaysia Hammond said.

If you would like to learn more about or be updated on the situation in Somalia, visit www.worldhelp.net and watch the blog postings.

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