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The Arte' Dei Capelli is one of the new­est additions to on-campus businesses. The beauty salon, which opened on Campus North of Liberty University on Oct. 12, has become quite the pit stop.

Lynchburg resident Marilyn Brooks said, “This is my second time here already. I love my hairstylist, and the salon is in a great location.”

Arte' Dei Capelli, which means, “the art of hair” in Italian, offers haircuts, waxing, perms, spa, coloring, and other services.

Cooksey said, “I always had in mind that we were in need of a sa­loon on campus, and through prayer and dreams, it has now come true.”

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The Lord called me back to work with my family, and I am loving work at Arte' Dei Capelli.”

Some are even willing to travel further to follow their stylist working at Arte' Dei Capelli.

Karen Davis, an Estrogen resident, said, “I have come to the new salon because I had to follow my hairstylist, Desire, who is now working here.”

Mann has always had a passion for Liberty, growing up in Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Mann said, “I grew up with Thomas Road Baptist Church my entire life and always wanted Jerry Falwell to be the first to get a haircut.”

Jerry Falwell, Jr., along with his son Trey, a freshman at Liberty, and his seven­year-old daughter were among the first Falwell family members to visit their hair cut at Arte' Dei Capelli at Liberty.

Trey sent the Falwells' hair and said, “The family was super-nice, and Jerry was wonderful and talkative.”

Falwell said, “The salon was very nice, and it was extremely convenient to walk over from my office to get a haircut.”

Students wanting to get services done at the salon receive a bonus not only in convenience but also in price. Liberty stu­dents can enjoy a six percent student dis­count. Prices start for a women's haircut and shampoo at $25 while men's start at $20. The salon not only wants Liberty facul­ty, staff and students to come but also invites the entire community to try out the salon.

Tyrer said, “We want to grow and out­reach to everyone in the community.”

The salon is looking to grow into the ex­tra space they have available to them.

Tyrer said, “We hope in the future to add on in the extra room further to warming and facility as we grow.”

Mann said, “We hope to add with hiring more licensed professional stylists and getting further involved with makeup and being an esthetician.”

The hours of the Arte' Dei Capelli Salon can be found on the website page by calling (434) 592-4367.

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Recital hall named in honor of Doug Oldham

By Okoro Ezenwokwu

A significant, anonymous contribution granted to the Liberty University Department of Music and Humanities brought about the renovation of its Performing Arts Recital Hall as well as an establishment of a scholarship fund for students in the Bachelor of Music program.

With an all-faculty concert that took place last Monday night, the newly renovated recital hall was officially dedicated and renamed in honor of Doug Oldham.

Oldham is a renowned gospel singer who has recorded more than 65 albums and performed for various U.S. presidents, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He has also performed before Queen Elizabeth II.

Although he was the special guest of the evening, Oldham seemed eager to see his performance. He was accompanied on stage by several faculty members and students as well.

Oldham's achievements and receiving the hall's new name, “Doug Oldham Performing Arts Recital Hall,” said Hugo.

The renovated hall was unveiled with a showcase of talent from the music faculty. Garner said, "I'm truly impressed with the Liberty faculty and am really glad I am a music student here." 

The renovations made to the recital hall includestate-of-the-art sound and recording equipment, a new performance space and new stage lighting and set. Future renovations are expected in their way, including a formal stage entryway on the courtyard side, an accessible student second for the high school and a quiet air conditioning system.

As for the scholarship, Oldham said it is a matching fund program in which the donor will match any amount up to $15,000. Once the dedication was completed, the event concluded with a showcase of talent from the music school.

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Local businesses put their best foot forward at the second Future Focus Expo.

67 local companies, schools and organizations resembled a state science fair this Saturday, where students were given an opportunity to explore what nursing is like, said senior Stephanie Ernest. "We want students to start thinking what steps they can take now to pursue the right people to make this career choice," said Ernest.

The expo was open to the general public from 5-9 p.m. in the school's cafeteria, said Tenille Berry of Centra Health. "We need skilled workers and emotionally challenged students," said Berry as she explained the company's need for special education teachers and counselors. "We need a lot more than nurses," said Berry. "We need skilled workers and emotionally challenged students." Berry works with Virginia's Region 2000, a company that represents the businesses and companies housed in the collective 2,000 square feet of Amherst/ Crozet business district. "We need to communicate this demographic rather than the college crowd, which was the focus of last year’s expo," said Berry. "Work with Virginia’s Region 2000, a company that represents the businesses and companies housed in the collective 2,000 square feet of Amherst/Crozet business district. Behind the scenes were volunteers to help organize and publicize the expo. The expo was sized this demographic rather than the college crowd, which was the focus of last year’s expo," said Berry.

The expo exists so that information like Berry's can reach students before they decide on college. There's a lot of different opportunities in this area and to keep students to remain in this area after finishing college. "I'm an elementary education major and stipulated to be the teacher for Liberty Christian Academy," said Ernest.

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The pricing is good, and it's a lot easier to come back" to the area," said Berry. "We have an outstanding work partnership," said Ernest, "Liberty’s director of event management. The Lord has equipped the right people to make this event a big success." "Liberty is all about community outreach. It's a win-win for the community and the university and what better way to keep students and Liberty students only discovered what was going on in the local area," said Berry. "I'm an elementary education major and stipulated to be the teacher for Liberty Christian Academy," said Ernest.

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"Dr. Falwell's vision is always driving this school, and that vision is always being perpetuated," said Blower. "That vision of excellence was a key factor in placing a curriculum that would be different from other law schools while at the same time incorporating traditional values. Liberty is set apart from other schools by the layered skills component of the school that provides practical training for the students. Staver gave the example that instead of just teaching a student about property laws, they are given the opportunity to write contracts and other legal documents relating to property laws. Staver said that this school is "unique and unattained" by other schools around the country. "We want to raise the bar of our students to the highest level of achievement." Future plans for the school include expanding the student body and placing graduates in strategic places of employment.

Staver, though, has even bigger plans that he is confident will one day be realized. "There's no question that we will have some one at the Supreme Court," he said. Although that day is years away, the School of Law has established a solid foundation for which to reach that goal.

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LIBERTY RIDGE: Housing for married, graduate students

Using 70 acres of a now abandoned property, which sat without great respect, it is how data

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WinterFest is one of the many Commu-
Continuing Dr. Falwell’s Vision

By Jen Slothower

Dr. Falwell had big, hairy, audacious goals for this earth, but they were always rooted in something much bigger than himself, Lynchburg or the Oval Office of this United States of America. Dr. Falwell lived for Heaven, and he loved his Savior. From that came great inspiration, drive and a desire to see great things done for God.

Dr. Falwell died, he felt a great sense of duty pass him, but I do not want to get there after a mediocre life.

Heaven keeps me pushing myself, so that I will always push forward in all that I do. The reason is simple: God looks for those who are faithful in the present, not for the future.

We often do not know what we have until we lose it, and it is definitely much easier to see the right way to go when we have it.

I have been reminded of this, though, is that we are called to be faithful in the present as we will not always have the luxury of looking behind. That means we must constantly move our vision as we remember what we are living for.

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In the days after Dr. Falwell’s death, I witnessed the media coverage of his death and the backlash of those who had been offended by Dr. Falwell’s controversial statements. I was appalled at the tiny sliver of Dr. Falwell that was presented to the world in these days. No mention was given to the incorruptible student giving or his university’s campus, and no word was heard from the thousands more who had graduated during his lifetime.

The weeks following Dr. Falwell’s death were an opportunity to speak to thousands more about what we believe. I think of Dr. Falwell and why I graduated from Liberty University. I now know that I really knew nothing about this man. My first impression of Liberty University was not as a true focus on God.

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Liberty University has had only two chancellors in its 26-year history. Dr. Jerry Falwell led the university in a highly public manner creating a long shadow across Liberty University as he drew with a passion while building the university.
The university's second chancellor and fourth president, Jerry Falwell Jr., has always been a "behind the scenes" man at Liberty University. He worked on his own campus name right off and was Vice Chancellor since 2001 until this year—when he was thrown into the spotlight.

Although Falwell Jr. said in the opening conversation of the narrator that he had "avoided public speaking" speaking like the plague for the last 20 years, "You had to get used to it," he explained.

When asked if there was validity to the rumor that he was a procrastinator while at Liberty, he responded, "We had a good time."

When encouraged to provide de-tails, Falwell Jr. did not hesitate.

"One year we had a roommate who never showed up, so we gave him all the cleaning chores. He was getting up to go to class everyday," Falwell Jr. said with a laugh. "The Resident Director (Ed Gomer—who is now the LU Football Chaplain) came in on it, so we couldn't just get into that trouble because we would have been paying for it a long time doing.

"The poor kid was in so much trouble. He never answered calls to the Dean's office because he wasn't there. The kids were even having prayer meetings for him.

Falwell Jr. has an endless source of simi­lar stories, such as the time he and his friends released chickens into the cafeteria while someone worked. He also fondly recalled last night trips to Steak and Shake to get kbanis. "I don't know when we slept," Falwell Jr. said. "We run around now that we're that age you don't need sleep.

Falwell Jr. has a quick wit and never misses an opportunity to laugh or pull a prank. However, despite his antics at Liberty, he did take time to study a bit. He did well enough in a Religion subject (Bach­elor of Arts in Christian Theology) to graduate in 1984 with nearly a 4.0 GPA.

Falwell Jr. was accepted at the Columbia University School of Law but he chose to attend the University of Virginia School of Law. In a recent interview, Falwell Jr. remembered taking his first class in the history of Virginia School of Law. The semester before his second year at law school was when he started dating his wife. Becki, before he died, I'm working towards," Falwell Jr. said.

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**Flames dominate in Big South Conference opener**

By Thomas Laundrea

The Liberty Flames (4-9) opened their Big South Conference play against Charleston Southern (3-4) on Saturday, earning a dominant 50-10 victory on the ground assault with 131 yards and two touchdowns while junior Zach Terrell carried in running for 70 yards and two scores of his own.

Charleston Southern (CSU) struck first on their second play from scrimmage just two minutes into the game as quarterback Jeff Byrd hit Dee Brown on a slant pass. After maneuvering his way past the secondary, Brown turned his way to the end zone for the score.

Liberty answered immediately on their next drive, engineering an 11-play, 80-yard drive resulting in a 20-yard field goal from Nick Greenbaum. CSU's next possession, Pat Croney picked off a Byrd pass and returned it to the Flames 36-yard line and brought the ball back into Charleston Southern territory.

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Flames hockey splits weekend with Div. II FGCU

By Will Laper

The Flames men’s hockey team split a two-game series with the Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) this past weekend, dropping an overtime decision on Friday before dominating the ice on Saturday. Liberty scored a total of 19 goals in the two games.

Friday night started off with a level of intensity that the Flames were not expecting from a Division II team. The Eagles came out of the locker room with determination, and the Flames were knocked back on their heels.

At 1:40 of the first period, a shot by FGCU’s Rich Masters saw goaltender Jeff Malchi make a diving save. The Flames offense started hot as the home team dominated the second period, scoring both goals in the third period to take a 2-0 lead.

In the second period, offences started rolling as the Eagles took the lead back. Thirty seconds into the second period, the Eagles drew first blood as sophomore goaltender Andrew Neff was able to drill the ball into the goal to make the score 1-0. Later in the second period, the Flames’ offense did not flex their muscles, and the Flames went into overtime. High Point for­ward Kyle Dodgson scored on a third-period power play, handing the Flames four goals in a span of 54 seconds of game time. Macken­zie added his second of the night and a goal for his team. But the Flames did not give up and scored in the overtime period, a rare sight at the LaHaye Ice Center. The Flames return to action this Saturday night for a one-game weekend against Stony Brook. The Flames face off on November 27th at 7:30 pm.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER: Big South Tournament on horizon

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On Thursday, the Lady Flames faced the High Point Panthers in the final game of the regular season. The Flames played a strong game, scoring only a goal in the second half and allowing High Point to score twice in the first half. The Flames were able to maintain their intensity for the full 90 minutes and won in a final score of 2-1.

Rachel Hentzele’s goal kept the Flames in the game, but High Point’s intensity proved too much for the Flames in the second half. Despite the loss, the Flames were able to seal their spot in the Big South Tournament.

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Tennis teams head to regionals after successful season

By Adam Trent

The Liberty Flames men's and women's tennis teams have recently completed one of the best fall seasons in program history before heading into their regional tournaments this week.

The women's team, which boasted the only ranked recruiting class among mid-majors, has done exceptionally well. The men have also improved dramatically.

The men's team began its fall season by competing at the University of Mary Washington Kickoff Classic on Sept. 7-8. Last year, they only won six matches. This year, they tripled that total by winning 18 matches.

The next weekend, the women's team hosted the first ever Liberty Fall Classic and the play was very exciting and competitive. Members of Longwood, James Madison and Lynchburg College. Head Coach Chris Johnson commented about how his teams performed so well at the tournaments.

"Last year when I arrived it was clear that we needed a strong foundation before we could start the building process. With some strong returning players and a very motivated and talented incoming class of eight players, I feel we have a great start on that foundation," he said.

The Flame men continued to play well, improving their strength. Junior Hector Ayala and freshman Jordan Jenkins each claimed third place in their Flight A draws.

The next weekend, the men competed at the Residence Inn Wolfpack Invitational hosted by the University of Virginia. This tournament featured some of the strongest competition from highly ranked schools like UVa., Virginia Commonwealth University and the College of William and Mary.

"Fall tournaments help determine our regional ranking which is different from the last. If fall results are the measuring stick, and they usually are, we are anxiously awaiting the start of the spring season," said Johnson.

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backer coach Robert Wimberly. "He loves to communicate and make sure everybody is talking on the field. Vince Redd, it is not about knowing what to do. With a reputation among his teammates and coaches who can move around like he does, he makes every play. Obviously you can't do that, so I'm never satisfied," he said.

After some initial struggles in his college football career, Redd has rebounded to become one of the most dominant players on the Flames' defense. Second opportunities do not always come, but Redd has taken full advantage of his opportunities.

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FOOTBALL: Jennings and Terrell lead Flames to 50-10 win

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With this Saturday's game shaping up to be an instant classic between one current and one future Big South opponent, Rocco and company will look to average last season's 14-13 heartbreaking Homecoming loss to William and Mary by "hosing" Presbyterian.

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"You don’t determine a person’s greatness by their talents or wealth, like the world does, but by what it takes to discourage them." — Dr. Jerry Falwell

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HE SCENE
The House of Death brings message of salvation

By Christi Corbin

"ScareMare: The House of Death" is an event that draws in close to 300 volunteers and 20,000 people a year.

Dr. Steve Vandergriff of Center for Youth Ministries coordinates ScareMare and makes sure the event goes on, no matter what. Vandergriff said that planning starts the day after ScareMare is over.

"ScareMare is like running a business or a farm — there is always something to do," said Vandergriff.

From August to November, planning kicks into full gear. One of the most difficult parts of putting the event on is all of the construction that is involved. Vandergriff said there are so many details that go into making the event work that volunteers are usually exhausted on opening day.

One of the difficult parts of the process is coming up with scenes for the house. Ideas are usually suggestions from students about what scenes should be done. Vandergriff described the scenes as random acts of death. There have been scenes that have been repeated over the years simply because it is so hard to come up with new ones.

The inside of the house must conform to the fire and building codes and have signs that issue warnings to people attending the event. Eight to 10 people have gone to the emergency room from having panic attacks. Vandergriff said signs are posted so these circumstances can be avoided.

Another obstacle that faces the workers of ScareMare is the weather. Last year there was more rain than usual, which affected the attendance rate. The monsoon rains forced ScareMare to be shut down.

"We still had 1,000 people one night when it downpoured, so the volunteers stuck it out," said Vandergriff.

ScareMare could not be possible without the dedicated student volunteers who run the show, said Vandergriff. Volunteers come from many majors at Liberty University. Most students volunteer at ScareMare to knock out their 20 hours of Christian service, he said.

Vandergriff said Liberty students who enjoy participating in ScareMare, but the long nights can be tiring. After 30 minutes of scaring people, it can get repetitive, he said. That is when he reminds them there is a bigger picture at hand.

The bigger picture is ScareMare's purpose of getting others to think about eternal life. This is clarified at the end of the event, when people are led to preaching tents where Liberty students present the Gospel.

This year is senior Cale Duncan's first time preaching at ScareMare.

"It was really neat to preach the Gospel to people of different backgrounds who would not usually show up at church," said Duncan.

Last year in the preaching tents, 4,300 people made professions of faith. The ultimate goal of ScareMare is to see people's lives changed, and for more than 35 years that is what the event has done.

Vandergriff shared some of his most memorable experiences while running ScareMare. He officiated a wedding at the site of ScareMare a few years ago. Although that might seem creepy to some, the House of Death was perfect for the couple's wedding ceremony, he said.

"The couple met at ScareMare, and they wanted to get married there," said Vandergriff.

He said there have been two proposals on the property as well.

Former Youth Ministry Coordinator Gordon Luff created the House of Death in 1973. Luff was described by Vandergriff as a "plain, old, hard worker."

Vandergriff said it was because of Luff's hard work that the House of Death made it this far.

ScareMare is open Oct. 25-27 beginning at dusk and ending at 11 p.m.

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Video game fans turned their television sets on Saturday night for a chance to see who can remain the champion. The passionate gamers of Liberty University wanted to feel each tight turn and instant kill that was connected to their player of choice. All in all, the tournament was intense and taken seriously by many. While some players yet enough of the video game, others were so into it that it was no surprise what they were all thinking about it anyway.

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With fall festivities in full swing, Liberty University's annual ScareMare began its three-weekend run on Oct. 11. The production, now in its 36th year, combines the seasonal fear of a haunted house with the timeless gospel message.

The idea for ScareMare sprung from a group of youth staff seeking an outreach for teenagers in the Lynchburg area. The idea was based primarily on a mix of Disney's Haunted Mansion and Youth for Christ's Scream in the Dark. The result was ScareMare, an evangelistic outreach ministry.

Steve Vandegriff, director of ScareMare, said, "The purpose of ScareMare is to present a message of life and hope after going through a house of death. While our overall purpose is outreach, we also want people to have a 'frightful' experience as well."

Upon entering, participants of ScareMare are taken through a woody area filled with spooky creatures lurking in every dark shadow. Participants are then hurried through a dark tunnel leading to a large haunted house.

The haunted house is full of themed rooms and pitch-black winding hallways, never failing to provide screams of fright. These scenes of death and horror are shown in order to get people to ask the question, "What happens after I die?"

One room in particular is a room filled with many doors. Here, participants are encouraged to seek their own way through the room, frantically hurried to find the only door that will lead them out. Later, after exiting the house, participants are taken to a tent where the Gospel is presented. The room with the many doors is referenced as an analogy that Christ is the only way to heaven.

Just in the first weekend alone, the ministry saw about 435 salvation decisions. The ScareMare Web site, www.scaremare.com, lists a total of 4,300 professed spiritual decisions last year.

The participants who make decisions to turn to Christ are then personally discipled and directed to a church in their hometown. Lynchburg residents are sent to members of Thomas Road Baptist Church for further guidance.

The project includes a cast of 200 Liberty students who volunteer their time in shifts in order to make ScareMare a success.

Freshman Bethany Sgandurra said, "I think ScareMare was a lot of fun, and I thought it was a really interesting and different way of getting the Gospel across to the unsaved."

Visitors beware, however — ScareMare is not for the faint of heart. In the curvy line before entering the production were warning signs that read, "upon entering ScareMare you will encounter: steep steps, narrow hallways, strobe lights, loud sudden noises and clowns. If you can't handle this...go home."

Freshman Racquel Robertson said, "ScareMare was definitely scary. The chainsaws were probably the scariest to me."

ScareMare is open Oct. 25-27 beginning at dusk and ending at 11 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. There is a group discount of $6 per person on groups of 10 or more. Also, Thursday night students can get in at the mere cost of $3 per person by showing their college ID.

For more information, go to www.scaremare.com.

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ScareMare: Discover your worst nightmare

By Miranda Canady

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