LU Transit ridership surpasses one million passengers

Traffic on campus at Liberty University has increased dramatically in the past year, and it is not because fewer students have cars.

According to the LU Transit Service home page at liberty.edu, the LU Transit recently celebrated its first full year of operations.

"The first reason was to begin to ease traffic congestion on campus by providing an alternative way for students and employees to traverse between Main Campus and Campus North," Martin said.

"The second reason was to make the commute between both academic centers, Campus East to Campus North, and the south residence halls to Campus North (in this order) easier for those that already did not use or have a vehicle. LU Transit features four different bus routes: two on campus and two that go into Lynchburg as well as moving about the campus. On campus, the buses were all over with stops at North, East, the Hill, DeBusk and the Circle.

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While this past year has seen a lot of traffic in the way of transportation, parts of the system have been used before.

In 2003, students from Campus East had to be shuttled to campus from hotels, and in 2004, 46 staff members were required to park where the LaHaye Ice Center stands. They were then brought to Main Campus by the buses.

Neither of these projects, however, involved quite the manpower and time as the current transit system.

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Military Appreciation Day: Recognizing soldiers' sacrifice

By Amanda Forth

The very name of this school, Liberty University, speaks of the freedom that military service means to every day. In recognition of this fact, Liberty holds Military Appreciation Day once a year to recognize and thank soldiers who are currently defending this country.

"The purpose of Military Appreciation Day is to raise the awareness and increase the appreciation for all of our armed forces personnel," said Dr. Paul D. Hattaway, Assistant Director of Christian Service. "It's not only our duty, but our responsibility to show gratitude and support for those who serve in this country to maintain our freedoms.

The organization is new to campus, but due to military restrictions, it has been in action. Students have started to form the organization on campus called Students Involving Students in Military. The group will be setting up a booth in front of DeMoss where students can write letters to soldiers or drop off items for care packages.

In addition, there will also be voicemail from the National Guard. The Army and the Marine Corps will have a station there with display, information about 9/11 Memorial, located in nearby Bedford, Va., will also be available as a station in the back hallway of DeMoss.

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Coming soon to Liberty: Todd Agnew

By Mitchell Malcheff

Christian recording artist Todd Agnew will be asking the “Better Questions” in the Schilling Center Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

“Better Questions” is the title of Agnew’s fourth studio album. According to Agnew’s Web site, the CD explores all of the questions that people should not be afraid to ask in church but are.

Questions that deal with God’s grace, sin and what happens after death are all part of the equation, according to Agnew.

“I’m just finding more and more people who aren’t fooled by the everyday’s false version of Christianity. I’m just trying to just get out some of those questions out there, the questions people are afraid to ask in church, but also get the questions asked directly and without stigma,” Agnew said on his Web site.

Agnew’s expressed goal for the project is not to answer those tough questions, but to let people know that no question is a dumb question. I can’t help those people by giving them the answer, because I don’t know the answer, but I can help them in letting them know that they’re not alone in asking the questions. The church, as a body, can ask those questions, and we may or may not end up finding the answers, but we can walk that path together,” Agnew said.

Agnew will be accompanied on his “Better Questions” tour by Rush of Fools and Joy Whitlock.

Rush of Fools’ debut single, “When Our Hearts Sing,” quickly rose to No. 20 on the Billboard Christian Music Chart, according to the band’s Web site. Band member Kevin Huguley was discovered after it won a national contest. Shortly after, MCA Records signed the group to a record deal, according to the Web site.

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America lacks support for the troops

By Amanda Forth

I am tired of how Americans take for granted what their soldiers do to fight for them. We don't understand the meaning of sacrifice or heroism. When I think of sacrifice and honor, I think of our military and the families of those soldiers. I grew up in an Army family, and for as long as I can remember, the military has been a huge part of my life. However, without being exposed to the reality of the war, you can't fully appreciate the sacrifice and dedication required of the men and women serving our country in a society where people are told that this country owes its freedom to someone, somewhere, for something. Many people take for granted that if they were in the military, they would be able to do what they do. It is a dangerous world out there, and it is a huge responsibility to be able to defend this country.

My brother, Jared Forth, is in the Army and spent a month in Iraq. He came back a different man. It seems like the exposure to the military must still be in your face every day. I think of my own story in terms of how you want to do for others who don't have it as good as you.

"A lot of people verbally expressed their thanks and appreciation for what we do for going over and serving, but I feel like a lot of people don't really understand that, even though they've been through it," Jared Forth said.

Donahue feels that reading the soldiers' stories can help you understand what it is like to be in a war zone. However, many religious people still believe that the film is an attack on Christianity. The violence becomes a fantasy, and yet it is no longer something that is real to others. For a lot of Americans, the ungrateful attitude comes with the lack of perspective on what the war is really like. Our society is so engrossed in entertainment where you see people constantly getting killed on TV and where video games are an action adventure. The violence becomes a fantasy, and it is no longer something that is real to us. If you simply watch the news, you can see all of the violence in our schools and realize that something is going terribly wrong.

"There's no way you can think of someone dying, unless it's already happened. You can't relate to the feelings and emotions without it really happening," said David Anthores, who is a fellow student here as well as Air Force reservist.

It is easy for us to see the clips on the news and hear about what is going on over there and never make the connection that it is real. But because we see people on the news on the war that we should not be over there in the first place, and that it is only about oil, it is not real to us, and they see our wars about the soldiers or about the Iraqi people.

"They don't realize the real danger and seriousness of it. So, with that flippancy attitude, they don't care," said Petrono. We need to stop saying that the film is a game and grow up and realize that our military needs our support and our help. If you don't support the war, there is never an excuse for not supporting the troops.

Those whom we support hold us up in life.
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Which direction will 'Golden Compass' point audiences?

This time the story is different. Instead of just being absent of Christianity, the story is an antithesis of Christianity.

According to most reviews, the last two books of the trilogy, "The Subtle Knife" and "The Amber Spyglass," would be more difficult to make with eliminating religious themes. Bill Donahue, president of the Catholic League, has called on Christians to boycott the film. Donahue acknowledges the trilogy's "written to promote atheism and design a place in it for a more secular Roman Catholicism." In a press release issued by the Catholic League, Donahue said, "Even though the film is based on the last two of the three books, and even though it is clear that the producers are wanting down the most shootable element, which is to make money and not anger Christians by putting a film that the movie is built for the books." Donahue feels that really looks like "The Golden Compass" can damage the country.

Catholic organizations have beenbanned into action against the movie. Crooks and the movie may be too discrete of an action, as the movie hascomplex in both rhetoric and religious imagery.

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If the illustrations of "The Golden Compass" only make one installment of the trilogy, children and adults most likely will be fine, as the film adaptation has eliminated most of the anti-religious elements.

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Learning patience from Hollywood

By Jen Slothower

In the past month, I have been following fellow students on campus embarking each other with encouraging words. One student comes, downtrodden and struggling with a problem, and a friend comes alongside, offering advice to help with the situation. One day, however, I saw enough was enough. It is one thing when you hear someone tossing out random verses from the Bible that are often used, in context or not, like Romans 8:28 - "And we know all things work together for good to them who love God and are called according to his purposes." It is quite another when the standard for patience comes from the latest Hollywood funny movie.

One day, however, I knew enough was enough. Twice in one day and at least five times in a week I have heard someone around a friend on a lack of patience, but instead of using verses from Proverbs and James - which are quite obvious and simple to understand - the person引用s a fictitious man (Evan) imitating a real guy from the Bible (Noah), we should not ask someone to help us learn how to be patient if he is creative and diverse...."

"If someone prayed for the family to be closer, do you think God zaps them with warm fuzzy feelings, or does he give them opportunities to love each other?" Some told me that they had never heard patience expressed in this way. Others said that patience was not in the Bible, and when I mentioned a couple verses, they said they found the text hard to understand. If you have already located the film from which this quote comes, review your head. For the rest of you, it is "God" talking to the main character of Evan Almighty, a film which brings the Old Testament account of Noah into a modern-day perspective.

Whether I support the movie or not, or whether it is sacrilegious or not, is beside the point. The point is why people find it hard to understand. The reason we often find the Bible hard to recall a principle when we see those answers can have lasting effects on solving your own problems or giving advice to a friend. Too often, however, we do not take the time to learn these principles in chapters and verses, or we do not ask someone to help us learn how to use the Bible in such a way.

Instead of having to refer to a fictitious man (Dad) agreeing to a real guy from the Bible (Noah), we should be able to draw from a guy (Jesus) with inspiration from above (God).

Our words will have so much more gravity when they are sent from a true source, and we should never run from the chance to spread these truths among our peers as terms of encouragement.

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ARMY STRONG!
By Kari Mitchell

VeggieTales to hit the big screen again

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Aviation department to have own facility at airport

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After an international student decides to study in America, he must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Liberty’s English Language Institute (ELI) is the perfect place for any incoming international student whose English proficiencies is not sufficient to take undergraduate classes. According to Mumaw, even students from countries like India and Nepal, where English is commonly spoken in business, may need to enroll in the ELI because the English in those countries tends to be English-based with different grammar.

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SPORTS REPORTER

By Thomas Lourdeau

Flames beat Coastal

The Liberty Flames knocked off the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers 37-24 on Saturday, improving their record to 6-3 while remaining perfect in Big South Conference play.

Junior quarterback Brack Smith went 10-for-14 for 165 yards and a touchdown as the offense continued its improved play, evident over the last three games. Junior tailback Rashad Jennings soared three touchdowns and rushed up 172 of the team's 288 total yards rushing.

Conference offense.

After handing Winthrop University its first conference loss in four years, the Liberty volleyball team went back on the road to play Presbyterian and UNC Asheville. The Lady Flames ended their away streak in the first game in Presbyterian, but won the next three games to claim the match (25-22, 30-25, 30-23, 30-18). Liberty then went on to sweep UNC Asheville the next day with scores of 29-27, 30-24, 30-27.

Preseason Player of the Year Jerome Richardson to Big South Conference action.

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Please see VOLLEYBALL, B4
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By Will Luper

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Team captain implement Zac Stoltz
received a pass from sophomore Dave Seme-
hand off to me as he was going
down,” said Hendrix.

It was the Flames second five-on-three
short-handed goal of the season.

In between periods, Oklahoma flipped
the switch and came out firing in the third,
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Bumbut’s hat trick leads Flames to victory over High Point

By William Armstrong
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Flames men’s soccer team took the bite away from the Panthers as they defeated High Point 3-1 last Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The Flames outshot the Panthers 14-8 and also held the advantage in corner kicks, 3-2.

Senior Adrian Bumbut recorded his first career hat trick, and senior Justin Willoughby had an assist.

Bumbut opened the scoring on an unassisted marker 1:36 into the game when he found a loose ball, got around the defense, and buried his shot into the net for his ninth goal of the season.

High Point midfielder Michael Sayree was able to knot things up at one when he made a move around a Liberty defender and sent his shot past freshman goalie Paul Gilbert to end the first half scoring.

Just minutes into the second half, senior Toby Lewis went down with a lower-body injury.

Head Coach Jeff Alder learned that the senior forward will miss the remainder of the season.

“It’s tough to lose Toby. He’s a warrior and a hard worker,” Alder said. “We’ll need other guys to step up and fill that hole.”

Willoughby responded quickly by notching his sixth point of the season in the 59th minute when he sent the ball in front of the Panther net to Bumbut, who fired his shot to the left corner of the net for his second goal and 10th of the season, breaking the 1-1 tie.

“For us, it was a huge turning point, when we scored two goals in a minute,” Alder said. “It was a good feeling since we were tied. It put the game away and we got the win,” Bumbut said.

Forty-eight seconds later Bumbut banged home a loose ball to notch his first hat trick and his 11th goal of the season.

“That was the huge turning point, when we scored two goals in a minute,” Alder said. “The forwards now know they’re going to have to take on the load and create scoring chances.”

“It (the goal) was important because losing Toby is going to be difficult,” Bumbut said. “So, we tried to put everything away and win the game.”

Bumbut’s hat trick extended his team lead in goals (11), points (25) and game-winning goals (5).

The hat trick also established Bumbut’s single season career highs in goals and points and moved him into fifth place on Liberty’s all-time points and goals list. Thus far, he has totaled 31 goals and 75 points in his career.

“In the midst of Toby’s injury,” Alder said. “Adrian was very opportunistic, had three fantastic goals and had a great night in the midst of Toby’s injury,” Alder said.

Point High came into the game after suffering two losses. Beating the Panthers was an important conference and road win for the Flames.

With the Big South Championship on the horizon and senior night coming up, the Flames will feel the void left by Lewis’s injury.

“Toby’s the sixth guy that’s out, and our guys have shown great character in times of crisis,” Alder added. “We’re learning, we’re winning, a true man shines through those situations,” Alder said.

Liberty currently stands at 9-4-2 overall, 4-1 in the conference and ranks second in the Big South and No. 10 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America South Atlantic Region poll.

Senior defender Mike Galatt was recently named to ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA’s Academic All-America District III First Team for his excellence on and off the soccer field.

If Liberty wins and Coastal Carolina loses its two remaining games, Liberty will earn the number one seed in the upcoming Big South Tournament.

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BIG SOUTH BATTLE - The Flames battled the High Point Panthers last week to a 3-1 victory, backed by senior Adrian Bumbut’s hat trick. Liberty is Big Smith’s other a game behind conference leader Coastal Carolina.

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Volleyball: streak Green inducted into HOF

The Lady Flames women's soccer team continued its winning streak this past weekend, defeating UNC Asheville in an exciting game. The match was held at Beamer Field on Saturday afternoon, with the Lady Flames prevailing by a score of 2-1.

The Lady Flames entered the game with a solid 1-0 lead after the first half, with Shianna Woody providing the goal. In the second half, the Bulldogs mounted a strong comeback, with Kamphuis scoring to tie the game at one apiece. However, Liberty continued its winning streak by scoring on a free kick, with a goal by senior Kendall Bartholomew.

The Lady Flames women's soccer team continues to impress, maintaining an unbeaten record of 17-0-2. The team has scored a total of 70 goals this season, with 32 assists. The Lady Flames will be looking forward to their next match against the South Carolina Gamecocks on November 19th.
The Lady Flames hockey team had an exciting weekend to start off November. On Friday night Liberty dominated Penn State 4-1 and 2-0 during last year's season. Coming into the weekend with Friday's victory on their shoulders, the girls skated on the ice strong Saturday afternoon. They faced the U-M-D. Hurricanes team, which is based in Raleigh, N.C. Liberty was set to play against N.C. State but the schedule was changed at the last minute. The Hurricanes, however, share the name coach as the N.C. State squad.

Saturday's game was mostly played on the offensive half of the ice. The Lady Flames continued firing shots on the Hurricanes goalie the entire game. Heading into the third period, Liberty was up 4-0. At the start of third, the Hurricanes scored an sophomore Liberty goalie Patti Smith. The Lady Flames retaliated with a slap shot goal near the blue line by freshman man defenseman Jamey Mihalich with 10 minutes remaining. The eighth goal in the game was Mihalich's fourth and final score for Liberty. Mihalich will be leaving Liberty at the end of the year to return to Sarnia, Ontario.

The girls defeated the same team on Sunday 4-1. After a full weekend of hockey, the girls were tired. "I'm beat," said Sara Niemi. Although attendance at the women's games has yet to rival the crowds of Liberty's men's hockey, the relatively new women's team has drawn larger numbers than last year. Liberty has 10 recruits this year, mostly from Canada, and the team has improved and is working towards officially being a part of the NCAA hockey. This coming weekend the Lady Flames are having potential recruits come to the university to play hockey for fun. Liberty wants to continue to have the women's team grow, and this weekend was another step in a solid season.

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CELL PHONE COURTESY: Get educated about wireless etiquette

By Gina Palese
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Use exists, and with the increase of cell phones, the etiquette surrounding their use has also developed. Picture this scene: You are sitting in a restaurant for dinner and the company of the other people present at the table, the cell phone user continues to ring, ruining the atmosphere.

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There are times when a person may be sitting in a restaurant for a quiet meal, only to be jolted out of their seat at the shriek of a cell phone. Perhaps, it can be assumed that not only do the cell phone user continue to ring, but also the others around them. It usually comes down to a lack of awareness. We are just unaware of others when using a cell phone.

The more repulsive "bathroom" scene. Often, it seems that whenever a person wishes to use the restroom in peace and quiet, they are always surrounded by cell phone talking. "Sometimes it's an issue of negligence. People can forget about others, and they focus on the importance of their cell phone, rather than the individual." - Whitmore said. "It gets pretty annoying when you see someone answering their cell phone in a restaurant or even in class. It happens." - Dr. Randy Pruitt

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Jesus Christ Superhero?
By Natasha Kormanik

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In contract, theology professor Craig Hinkson is one to remain agitated, saying the purpose of these dolls was to create a closer relationship between children and their parents as well as to teach godly lessons to kids. While some consider this issue to be more comical, others view it as a chance to spread the word. One is left to wonder where the line between respect and reverence stands.

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Also, guest artist Adrienne Harvey’s art show began Monday.