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Military Emphasis Week kicks off

Military Emphasis Week officially kicks off on Friday night at the Military Appreciation Night Resquest at Williams Stadium and continues on Saturday afternoon at the Liberty Flames halftime show. The show was a moving tribute to our nation's veterans and the men and women who are currently serving in the military. The show began with the Liberty Marching Band presenting each branch of the military hymn as a mixed guard presented their colors. Charles Billingsley sang "Proud to Be an American" while the Liberty Theatre department reenacted the famous flag scene from Iwo Jima. Former chief financial officer at the Old Time Gospel Hour George Rogers was honored as a surviving POW from WWII. Rogers is a survivor of the 1942 Bataan Death March. See related noon inside.

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The School of Aeronautics' flight team won the Region X competition for the sixth consecutive year. They are regarded as a shining example of outstanding performance and excellent sportsmanship.

The National Interscholastic Flying Association (NIFA) team is the first at any school to win the event eight years in a row. The team is now the champion of the region, and will seek to continue their historic run.

The competition is divided up into two portions: flight and ground. Events include things like precision landings, navigation, preflight inspection and aircraft recognition. Both portions are combined for an overall score, and Liberty pilots took first in each.

"The ground portion we absolutely dominated," senior Christian Traxler said. "It was all in good sport, though." While most aviation students are male, the women in the program have been making a name for themselves. "One of our female pilots, Adaire Evans, took first place in the precision landings — this was the first time a female has won a landing event in our region," Rogers said. "The girls are really stepping up and getting better every year."

City to seek students' input on proposed Wards Road bridge

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Liberty University students will get a chance to sound off on a proposed plan to build a pedestrian bridge over Wards Road. Liberty and Lynchburg officials will survey students in the coming weeks to gauge interest in a bridge. The officials met last Friday to discuss plans to build a pedestrian bridge over Wards Road for pedestrians. "We want to make sure what we do the students will really use," said Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. Last September, council members unanimously approved a $15 million dollar safety improvement to Wards Road. The project includes placing crossing signals and marked crosswalks on the highway and a median pedestrian refuge in the median. Council members set aside $2 million for the project, which includes placing crossing signals and marked crosswalks on Wards Road. The project was a mixed guard presented their colors. Charles Billingsley sang "Proud to Be an American" while the Liberty Theatre department reenacted the famous flag scene from Iwo Jima. Former chief financial officer at the Old Time Gospel Hour George Rogers was honored as a surviving POW from WWII. Rogers is a survivor of the 1942 Bataan Death March. See related noon inside.

Inside the Champion
PAYNE wants city and university officials to save money on the project by skipping plans and instead hiring a consulting firm to build walking trails along Rock Castle Creek. Payne said the traits were essential to pedestrian safety. City Planner Tom Martin is preparing a survey for Liberty students. The survey is expected to measure interest in a pedestrian bridge and determine how often students cross Ward Road on foot and in a vehicle. Falwell hopes to present the survey in the coming weeks. "It was a very good meeting," Falwell said. "The city is willing to do part I don't think any city is willing to do." Falwell said seeking student input will help leaders make a decision. "We want to maintain the university campus as a transit center and build walking trails along Rock Castle Creek," Falwell said. Payne said city and university leaders have not yet decided on plans and the decision will be announced in the coming weeks. The Liberty will build a $1.5 million pedestrian bridge and bypass the current intersection with the pedestrian crossing.

The tunnel will be built under the railroad tracks behind the Vines Center, allowing stu­dents direct access from the campus to Ward Road shops.

• PARKER is a news reporter.
The House drastically changed affiliations as the Republican Party picked up a total of 60 seats during the election, making this the largest shift of power since 1994. The election has left the House with 239 Republican representatives, claiming victory and 188 Democratic representatives holding their ground. Presently, the Democratic Party maintained control of the House with 256 representatives holding Democratic affiliations and 177 representatives having Republican affiliations. At stake were issues such as healthcare, the national budget and debt. John Boehner may take the Speaker of the House position. Nancy Pelosi has expressed plans to run for minority whip.

GOVERNORS
Prior to the most recent elections, the governors among the states were overwhelmingly divided, with 26 states represented by a Democratic candidate and 24 states represented by Republicans. During the last election only seven seats were up for grabs, and the breakdown now includes 17 states represented by the Democratic Party, 29 represented by the Republican Party and one state represented by an Independent. The independent races were important as the newly elected officials will be responsible for reviewing the voting districts, which will affect future elections.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER
On a local level, Robert Hurt (R-5) won the highly contested 5th District Senate race, beating out former representative Tom Perriello (D-5). Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-6) will still represent the 6th District.

On a national level, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R) won the governor's race, with an electoral victory of 50.8% to 47.1%, and now includes 17 states represented by the Democratic Party, 29 represented by the Republican Party and one state represented by an Independent. The independent races were important as the newly elected officials will be responsible for reviewing the voting districts, which will affect future elections.

The Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism held in South Africa

EVANGELIZING THE WORLD — Campus Pastor Johnnie Moore attended the Third Lausanne Congress in October to discuss world evangelism. The theme of the Lausanne movement has been "the whole church taking the whole world!" The Third Lausanne Congress moved beyond missions and evangelism in a broader arena, saying that Libeiry needs more closely married to local churches in every country of the world. In the end, the desire that Liberty's faith should lead to subsequent moves that pastors should go on a missions trip. Moore said he also said he will keep doing pastoral work, and that students will continue to nurture a passion for the gospel, regardless of their career aspirations. The response to this Congress was so great that the movement was kept alive by those who created the vision. They have been deemed one of the largest regional and topical conferences held around the world in the same spirit as the original Lausanne Congress. For more information about the congress, visit www.lausanne.org.

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The Supreme Court on Nov. 2 debated the state of California’s controversial 2005 video game law. The law, which bans the sale of violent video games to minors, has never generated effect. The video game industry sued, citing violations of the Free Ammunition and the 9th circuit appellate court overturned the law in 2009. Now, California is appealing the ruling and the case has made it to the US Supreme Court. The justices voted Nov. 2 to hear the case, which extends to violent content in all forms of media. Previous rulings have maintained that sexual content and obscenity should be regulated, but the current regulation does not extend to violent content.

The video game industry has been using a ratings system similar to that employed by the MPAA for years. Since 1994, the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) assigns ratings to video games sold in North for America. “E” for “Everyone” games are the rough equivalent of a G-rated motion picture. “T” for “Teen” corresponds with a PG-13 rating. “M” for “Mature” with R-rated films. Games given as “M” rating by the ESRB contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual themes and content, use of alcohol and drugs or frequent use of strong language. Gaming consoles refuse to license video games that have not been rated by the ESRB, and all video games retailers have a policy against selling M-rated games to children under the age of 17.

This is not a perfect system, but then again, no system is. The intent is combined with parental supervision, should effectively prevent children from being exposed to violence, language or sexual content beyond their capacity. Ultimately parents should be responsible for what their children see, and have a serious problem with the government taking over parents’ responsibilities.

Of further concern, however, is a short ruling could mean for the entertainment industry. If the law is not struck down, America can expect the close regulation and restriction of violent content to extend to comic books and many other forms of media. Rich Taylor, the president of communications for Entertainment Software Association, the group representing the industry, says the similarity concerns: It begins with the fact (that) computer video games are among a few protected constitutional rights as any other medium. One reason a book publisher, the movie and music industries and broadcasters all put in much supporting our cause is that we see the danger. California might have children’s best interests in mind with this law, but the consequences of its passage are ones this country will regret. According to a recent study, the passage of the video game law would certainly argue that it has. Regardless, it would be best not to speed it along.

NATE TREESE is an opinion writer.
Every year members of the Air Force compete for a prestigious award known as the Airman of the Year award. Liberty student Airman First Class (A1C) Ariel Ruffin recently received the honor for the 192nd Mission Support Group, a subdivision of Virginia’s 192nd Security Forces Squadron.

"I was at work one weekend and then they were having a ceremony," Ruffin said. "I was called up front and they announced that I won the award."

Ruffin will now compete against other airmen in the 192nd Fighter Wing for the award of Airman of the Year for the 192nd Fighter Wing. The winner of that award will move on to a state level and then national level.

"A1C Ruffin is an outstanding young troop in the Virginia Air National Guard,” Staff Sergeant Jeffred Hosfeld said. "She not only brings great credit to the 192nd Security Forces Squadron, but also to the 192nd Fighter Wing and to Liberty University students that are being trained to be Champions for Christ.”

The criteria for this award are very rigorous, according to Hosfeld. When Ruffin competes for the 192nd Fighter Wing, she will stand before a review board, consisting of commanders, sergeants and non-commissioned officers. The review board examines everything about the candidate, from the placement and wearing of the uniform to their military experience, academic and civic accomplishments.

"A1C Ruffin is a force of questions, ranging in scope from her job duties to general military questions and military history. Her answers will then be compared to the other candidates and a report will be chosen. Ruffin said she is preparing herself mentally and physically for this interview process."

Ariel Ruffin competes for Airman of the Year.
SCOUTING THE POSSIBILITIES — SPC Gabriel Homer fulfilled a lifelong dream and joined the Army so that his sister could attend Liberty University. The senior Western Legal Traditions major was with the National Guard 1-116th Infantry Battalion in Iraq this year. Homer drove a scouting truck for the Bravo company. Homer plans to continue with the Army before going to law school.

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NEWS

SPC Gabriel Homer: Taking care of family

“Really feel like I have struck something with the army that only the army can really provide,” Homer said. “I feel really comfortable doing what I do with the army. It is a perfect fit.”

Homer said the transition from soldier to civilian was not an easy one to make. Homer said the simple things were what brought the most culture shock after coming back.

The push that got Homer to join the arm was his little sister. “I found out my little sister wanted to come to Liberty,” Homer said. “My parents said that if you go to a Christian school, they would help pay for it, but they couldn’t pay for both of us to go to Liberty.” Homer told his parents not to worry about his tuition, he would take care of it.

“I have always wanted to do something in the military and it worked out too well,” Homer said.

Now Homer is getting to enjoy a little more time as a big brother while at Liberty.

HEWETT is the news editor.
A team of women led nine young delinquents to Christ, including the 13-year-old charged with the murder of 81-year-old George Baker II. Jodie Walton with the Center for Multicultural Enrichment said a Bridging the Gap urban ministry team visited the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center on Monday, Oct. 25 with members of Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC) witnessing team to evangelize to young inmates.

While the 13-year-old accused of beating Baker to death on Sept. 5 is held at the juvenile detention center, the two 16-year-olds also charged with the murder have been transferred to an adult prison. Kenneth Havis and Vernon Jackson—who have each appeared in juvenile court for previous charges—have been indicted and will be charged as adults in the Baker case. If convicted, the boys could face a life sentence, the News and Advance reported.

"(The 13-year-old) is very remorseful and is very afraid of going to court and what's going to happen," Pamela King, who was at the center with the step team Oct. 25, said. "She listened to us, and she was very attentive and I think she is very regretful that she was in that situation."

Tracy and Pamela King lead the TRBC witnessing team and visit the detention center once a month, Pamela King said. When the witnessing team and a Bridging the Gap drama team visited the center on Sept. 27, Jackson received Christ as a result of the team's message, Pamela King said. The next day Jackson and Davis were transferred to the adult prison.

"After we give them a chance to receive Christ, we go and talk to them individually to ask if they did," Pamela King said. "Then we give them Bibles and talk to them and pray for them and encourage them."

About 30 Liberty students and TRBC members were at the detention center for each visit, Pamela King said, including members of Bridging the Gap urban ministry. "Liberty has been a big part in reaching out to the inmates," Pamela King said. "They really love to see Liberty students because they're close in age and can relate to them. They see that God has changed the lives of these Liberty students, and it makes a big impression on these inmates."

In addition to the women's step team, Bridging the Gap has a men's step team, a running group, a hip-hop dance team and a group that raps, Walton said.

Sophomore Pamela Parker has been a part of the women's step team since October 2009. "It was my first time (at the juvenile detention center)," Parker said. "I told them not to worry about what the people around them think, because they need to worry about their own salvation and faith."

Parker said the team's step routine on Oct. 25 focused on prayer and relationship with God.

"We just show the love of Christ, because that's what sets people over as far as their lives and character are concerned," Walton said. "We just love and want to serve people. We're just doing the Great Commission."

The witnessing team meets at 6:15 p.m. each Tuesday in the TRBC lobby. Liberty students can earn Christian Service for their work with the team. For more information about the witnessing team, contact Tracy King at tmking3@liberty.edu. Contact the Center for Multicultural Enrichment for information about Bridging the Gap urban ministry.

MEAGAN ROPER is the copy editor.

FLIGHT (continued from page 2)

"We've got the team to do it," Traxler said. "We've got a top-notch program here, and we'd love to represent it well."

The School of Aeronautics has grown exponentially every year and is in a unique position to excel. Liberty is one of only three schools in the country to offer both airplane and helicopter licenses. With the acquisition of Falwell Aviation Inc. in February of this year, the school also has acquired a full "fixed base operator" which supplies fuel, services, aircraft maintenance repair and charter flights.

Rogers is proud of the program's growth and looks forward to the future.

"Funny thing I notice the most is that, walking around three or four years ago, I didn't see anyone from aviation," Rogers said. "Now everywhere I go, they're working there, going there to walking down the street—all the time."

ADAMS is a news reporter.
Football honors Armed Forces

On Military appreciation Day, the Flames win big

HORNEFFER is a sports reporter.

In the Trenches

FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA...

A massive onslaught of enemy armor, surrounding and overwhelming the Third Reich in W.W.II. A massive onslaught of heavy armor, surrounding and overwhelming the enemy.

BRAID HORNEFFER

The Lady Flames soccer team's season ended Saturday as they were making a push to win the Big South Tournament. Play started against Coastal Carolina on Friday and ended Saturday as they were making a push to win the Big South Tournament.

The Flames entered as the sixth seed of the tournament. After coming in as the sixth seed last year it is a better fit for them on the road to the title game. The game we are faced with we have to play psychologically for the team.

"No matter what the circumstances of the game we are faced with, we have to play the full game and outlast the other team," said Coach Hain.

Lady Flames season ended as Gardner-Webb outshot them 4-2.

The early lead gave Liberty's defense the short in the game needed for the game. Gardner-Webb's first drive resulted in a touchdown, opening the game at 7-0. But the Flames defense held on and came out victorious, holding Gardner-Webb to only 14 points.

The lady Flames defense didn't allow a score on Friday. Coach Jessi Hain said, "We want to take the referees out of the game and play well so one call doesn't make or break the game."

"Gardner is a physical team," coach Hain said. "We want to take the referees out of the game and play well so one call doesn't make or break the game."

"Overall, seeding does not matter in this tournament. I feel like," coach Hain said. "Last year the top four teams were knocked out the first game by the bottom four teams."

After the big win over rival Coastal Carolina, the Flames had a tough test in front of them on the road to the title game. "Being able to play a full game is what we need to do," Coach Hain said. "Entering and team win the key factors."

Coastal Carolina knocked out the first game by the bottom four teams. Gardner-Webb road between the Flames and the championship. The game ended regulation length in a draw 0-0, forcing the season to come down to penalty kicks for each team.

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Lady Flames finished the year with a record 8-10-3.
**Swimming**

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**FACEOFF — Colton Crossley tries to out-muscle a Delaware defenseman to win a faceoff for the Flames.**

**Hockey drops close matches in weekend set**

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**YOUNG is a sports reporter.**
FOOTBALL

I thought we came out low and played pretty good defense most of the game. Fortunately, we may have played championship football," Rocco said.

Senior linebacker Kyle O'Donnell led the team with 10 tackles (6 solo, 4 TFL), making him the leading tackler in five of the last seven contests.

Broggan picked off Gardner-Webb quarterback Chandler Browning three times in the game. Defensively we may have been a little bit softer in five of the last seven contests.

But while the defense was primarily focused on keeping Gardner-Webb's offense away from the end zone, the Bulldogs' offense found themselves in a war of attrition with Gardner-Webb's defense.

Senior linebacker Kyle O'Donnell had a monster game for Liberty. He recorded three tackles for loss, a Big South record-tying four sacks and a season-high 10 tackles.

It's the archetypal blow-for-blow, toe-to-toe warfare. Liberty's offense was met by a Bulldog defense that was bold, but not breaking.

A war of attrition comes down to sheer numbers and determination. It's the archetypal blow-for-blow, toe-to-toe warfare.


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'AMERICA'S CROWD': The patriotic atmosphere was thick in the Flames' home opener as Liberty and Gardner-Webb kicked off in front of a sellout crowd of 19,958.

The icing on the cake, the gravy on the potatoes, the cherry on the sundae was Gardner-Webb's injury-ridden offense.

SEVENTH CALVARY

South Carolina Gamecocks head coach Steve Spurrier has been the all-purpose yards in the Flames win over Big South opponent Gardner-Webb.

Disappointments

• Dallas Cowboys: The Cowboys were one of the several teams that experts said would head to the Super Bowl. The Cowboys will be watching the Super Bowl in their stadium, but chances are they won't be watching from the sidelines. With a 1-7 record, the Cowboys have a very small chance of seeing the playoffs, especially with an injured Tony Romo. They are making costly mistakes and not meshing as a team, even though they boast some of the most talented players in the NFL.

• Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings were a team that was projected to go far into the playoffs, but has produced only a 3-5 season. Quarterback Brett Favre, who has several ailments, has been lackluster this season, only completing 62 percent of his passes. The Vikings have been blindsided by injuries this season, especially with the recent problems with wide receiver Percy Harvin.

Surprises

• AFC South: The entire AFC South has been a surprise to many NFL fans so far this season. No one team is in control of the division as of yet. The last team in the division, the Jacksonville Jaguars, has a record of 4-4 and is in no way out of the race. The Indianapolis Colts and Peyton Manning, who are first in the division, have performed well again this season with a 5-3 record. The Tennessee Titans and Houston Texans have also surprised fans and experts alike with their surprising success.

Fantasy Disappointments

• Drew Brees: The Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees is still a good quarterback and no one can say otherwise. But Brees has not delivered like most fantasy owners expected.

• Michael Vick: If anyone had said at the beginning of the season that quarterback Michael Vick would be the starting quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles, they would have been laughed at. Vick got his chance to start for week two when Kevin Kolb sustained a concussion during the season opener. Vick started week three and four, but suffered a rib and chest injury during the week four game. Vick was named the starting quarterback this week after recovering from his injury.

Fantasy Highlights

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• Matt Schaub: With the surprise of Arian Foster, Matt Schaub has a lot of pressure taken off of him and he has not produced the yardage that fantasy owners were expecting. He has also been extremely prone to pick this season.
Basketball Preview: Newcomers add depth to Flames

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Fans heading out to the Flames’ games for the first time this season will see plenty of new faces on the men’s basketball team. The Flames welcome six newcomers into the mix this season as they look to improve on their 1-20 record from last season.

John Brown is the eldest of three children. Her parents are the greatest support system ever. "They’re always there to help us when we do good things and bad things," Brown said. "Their main purpose is to help get better.”

VERSATILITY is a large attribute of Brown’s success. Previously at Waynesboro High School, Brown played every position and became the second leading girls’ high school basketball scorer in the history of Virginia. Brown is the eldest of three children. Her younger sister is currently playing basketball at a college freshman and her younger brother plays college baseball and football. Brown is anxious for the excitement of this season, but anticipates particular events. "I’m looking forward to playing BYU," Brown said. "They're the goal for the final four. They're competitors for us. I’ll bet a box, but not on that.”

The sports management major believes that everyone is going to have a good role this season. "I’ve been impressed with the group as a whole," Sanderson said. "I think they have done a good job of dropping their roles in leadership on and off the court this season." Brown balance schoolwork and basketball.

John Brown is the daughter of James and Jennifer Brown. She has been playing basketball since she was seven and looks forward to the Flames immediate and future success. "They’re competition for us. It will be a battle, but not a fun ball," Brown said.

The ‘no excuses’ attitude has helped Brown and the rest of the group as a whole, "I’ve been impressed with the whole group and everyone is going to have a role this season. "The understanding and determination that everyone is going to have a role this season. Brown is hoping to start this season and be the second leading scorer last season and looks to step up into more of a scoring role this year. "I’ve earned a lot of respect from the basketball aspect as well as in the classroom," Brown said. "It’s been a long time since I was at home. A lot from the basketball aspect as well as in the classroom,” Brown said. Brown is hoping to start this season and still her term winning the conference title. "I feel really strong about this year," Brown said.

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Gleaning for the world and the community

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Gleaning For The World (GFW) is a group whose effort is not in recruiting and sending people, but in meeting the tangible needs of those who supply the manpower in times of great devastation.

Organizations need supplies. GFW’s Communication Director Ismael LaBiosa explained, they have people and they can send supplies, and toys that could be used for physical therapy. “Our goal is to fill as many trucks as we can,” LaBiosa said.

GF’FW anticipates being able to reach 3,000 people in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and 500 people in each of the other 24 countries it serves. The Lynchburg Museum’s website says, “Right now we are involved with the ‘Feeding our Neighbors’ project, ‘Feeding our Neighbors,’ helps feed thousands — even thousands — on a new Chevrolet? Buick or GMC. If you’re in college, a grad program or even you’re a recent grad, take advantage of this college discount today and get a great deal on a new ride to call your own. Check it out:

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Talent from God: Music Honors recital

Brett O’Donnell brings insight to PR majors

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Brett O’Donnell brought insight to public relations majors as he shared his career journey and insights into the field.

When O’Donnell arrived at Liberty University, he initially thought he was going to major in speech and minor in Greek. But O’Donnell was given a piece of advice that changed his path. He was advised that it would be better to hone a skill that could be used in many places. He decided to major in speech and minor in Greek. He was the director of Liberty University’s award-winning debate team for 16 years. Before the end, he brought the team to the national level, making him one of 16 who survived from the team. He also served as the director of Liberty University’s award-winning debate team for 16 years. Before the end, he brought the team to the national level, making him one of 16 who survived from the team.

The event was put on by Liberty’s chapter of Public Relations Student Association. Students who participated in the recital were first chosen by the faculty and then auditioned in front of three judges. For the past five years, there were about 30 students who audition. Students perform in front of classical repertoire, which is the department’s academic focus. The audition process guarantees that the best of each department are represented.

It doesn’t matter what they’ve done before, it’s what happens right then,” Music and Humanities Department Chairman Dr. John Hugo said. Hugo helped coordinate the event.

The auditions are not only hard on students. The judges are also faced with the tough task of selecting the students that show the highest quality of performance.

“They are up there and we say these are the best of the best and they have to prove it,” Hugo said.

Like Milli is a senior in the music department and attends most of the student performances. She believes it was a learning experience because students get to see each other’s techniques and that it was a good opportunity to help support fellow classmates.

“We are able to hear different styles of music and appreciate all the hard work that people put into their craft,” Milli said. “It was an accurate representation of our department and the talent we have.”

After the intense audition process and high pressure environment, students have the opportunity to showcase their talents, according to Hugo.

“We work really hard, you get talent from God, you develop that talent and then we get to see it,” Hugo said.

KOPPENHAVER is a feature reporter.

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in the next week

TUESDAY, NOV. 9 – BETH PORTER IN CONCERT 7 p.m.
Center for Worship, room 106. Part of Liberty’s annual Christian
Concert Series, Beth Porter is a member of the vocal faculty at
Cedarville University since 1997.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9 – COMMUTER ORIENTATION SESSIONS
BEGIN. Register for a session online at liberty.edu/commuters.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 – 235TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION 2:15 p.m. School of Law Mountain View Room.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11 – COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHIL­
DREN CHAPTER MEETING. 6 p.m., DeMoss 1113, featuring stu­
dent speakers Ben Shipps, Maureen Lovetro and Barrett Cumby.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11 – FAR FROM FIELDS OF FIRE AND GLO­
RY: LETTERS AND MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR, sponsored by
the National Civil War Chaplains Museum. 7 p.m., Tower The­
ter. Tickets are $5 for general admission, $3 for students.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11 – CAMPUS ARTIST SERIES FEATURING
CHARLES WRIGHT AND AUSTIN LEWIS 8 p.m., Tilley Student
Center, Free event.

NOV. 11 AND 12 – DR. CAROLINE CROCKER, president of
American Institute for Technology and Science Education is
speaking on integrity in science and medicine and the loss of
her job at George Mason University after raising questions about
her job at George Mason University after raising questions about
evolution. Thursday, 7 p.m., Campus North 1500, Friday, 11:25
a.m. Campus North 1500.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13 – VALLEY VIEW FIVE MILER TRAIL RACE
9 A.M., Snowflex. Register at the Student Activities website,
through the Liberty Splash page.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13 – STUDENT ACTIVITIES “INCEPTION”
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Students’ perspective on soldier life

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"Duty, honor, country" cadet Melissa Knox said. "For Liberty, though, we add a fourth focus — our faith."

Without hesitation this was Knox’s response to the question, "What is the basic principle of the Army ROTC program?"

According to Knox, the most constant misconception about soldiers is that they are just trained and paid killers. With the media portraying less than flattering stories about soldiers, small, non-military-based towns such as Lynchburg tend to get the worst impression, Knox said.

"A lot of people think we just want to kill, kill, kill," Knox said. "But I think if people really get to know us and what we are training to do in Army ROTC, they would see we are not out to slaughter. We really are trying to protect our country and our people."

Liberty’s Reserve Officer’s Training Corps’ main webpage states that ROTC’s main focus is to develop confident, competent and adaptive leaders.

"Everyone out there (in the program) has a heart to serve," Knox said. "We don’t expect to know everyone who is a natural born leader. That’s the great thing about ROTC, you are always learning throughout your time with the program."

Private Caleb Conner, a sophomore, said he joined for the physical training but also for the camaraderie. Conner was also influenced by his mentor, who participated in Army ROTC at the University of Florida during the Vietnam War.

"I’ve noticed that there is a sense of close friendship and loyalty to each other," Conner said of his fellow cadets. "We know that we have each other’s backs."

For cadet Timothy Hepburn, born surrounded by like-minded peers while still maintaining a Christian lifestyle was vital. Hepburn finished his basic training the summer at Fort Benning, Ga. According to Hepburn, he was simply heartbroken over his peers’ choices each day while in basic.

"Since enlisting in the Army National Guard, I make decisions and try to be a leader everywhere I go," Hepburn said. "It’s a tough military for Christians to be in, but just think about how tough it must have been to be a Christian in Rome back to biblical times."

In order to combat the misunderstood reputation of soldiers, Liberty’s Eagle Battalion plans to become more involved in community activities. According to Knox, being present is uniform, ready to gracefully answer any questions people may have on the way to easy success. Knox said.

"Our program at Liberty strongly emphasizes the importance of having faith in Christ," Knox said. "We need to show our community that they need to see the hard work and energy our cadets are putting forth and not only protect our country but to also be important to their peers."

According to Knox, right of the estimated 220 cadets at Liberty participated in the Lynchburg community fundraiser Run For Their Lives last Saturday Oct. 16. Cadets in full uniform marched the 5k to help freereedom424 raise awareness for the need to end human trafficking. This was one of the many events the program has participated in this year already and will be much more, according to Knox.

The daily life of a cadet student is not easy. Center mentioned when describing his daily routine.

According to Knox, all cadets have mandatory physical training that starts at exactly 5:50 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Two hours later, from a few weekends are dedicated to specialized field training and competitions against other ROTC programs.

All cadets are required to attend specialized military leadership training classes led by cadets and higher ranked officers along with their other classes, according to Liberty’s ROTC webpage.

"As seniors, I am so proud of all the hard work and energy our young college students are putting forth," Knox said. "I mean think about it, (many of) these are freshman, fresh from high school. All they want to do is to be trained to be the best soldier they can be.”

Lining up to Dr. Fishback’s challenge, "If it’s Christian, it ought to be better," Liberty’s Army ROTC program has been rising to the occasion. As reported on Liberty’s homepage, the country’s second top ranked Army ROTC nursing cadet in Petra Gerber, a Liberty senior. According to Liberty’s ROTC homepage, the program aims to not only train leaders, but more specifically future military leaders. According to Cusner, that great sense of tradition has been weighing on him recently.

A senior, Conner enlisted in the Virginia Army National Guard this past month. Center plans to pursue a career in the crowd services after graduation. He plans to get his commission in military police or military intelligence. Hepburn is directly related to the US Army National Guard and is pursuing a career as an Infantry Officer in the US Army National Guard Infantry.

For more information on Liberty’s ROTC program visit www.libertyrotc.com, or visit the Facebook page "Liberty University Army ROTC (Eagle Battalion)."