Bus riders pay price for GLTC budget cuts

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After the Lynchburg City Council turned down a $100,000 funding request from the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) in September, the bus company was forced to make major cuts to its finances.

According to a letter presented in the Oct. 25 city council meeting, GLTC already lost budget and service costs, totaling to more than $320,000 in savings. The plan has some members of city council, such as Vice Mayor cereal Johnson, concerned about the financial strain this will have on bus riders. Johnson said it is not fair that bus riders would have to bear the costs of the mismanagement of the GLTC budget.

"I think GLTC has to make some budget cuts. It has to make those cuts as a company," Johnson said. "And when they can't afford bus fare, they sure can't afford too much.

The bus company plans to cut $212,000 in administration and save over $76,000 in service reduction. They also plan to generate over $172,000 in new revenue with fare increases. If approved, the new budget will be implemented Jan. 1, 2012, according to the GLTC board.

A recent audit report of GLTC, repeated by city council, revealed that GLTC management was not effectively monitoring cash balances, grant applications and reimbursements. According to the audit report, the GLTC board was not receiving adequate information regarding finances.

Upon the fare increase and service reduction GLTC implemented Oct. 1, GLTC also wants to reduce weekday Saturday service and eliminate Route 313.

In the letter to city council, GLTC Board President Lisa Dobbs assured city council that their decision was not easy. "These reductions in service were sterilized carefully to cause our riders the least possible inconvenience," Dobbs said. "We feel these steps are absolutely unnecessary and unavoidable in order to ensure the financial stability of GLTC going forward, particularly in light of the expectation that our line of credit will be reappointed at any time until we fail to act now.

After noticing how much budget cuts had already affected bus riders, city council member Randy Nelson was not in favor of further service reductions.
Construction continues on new parking lots
Projects will create 200 new commuter and employee spaces and open up view of campus from Route 460

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Liberty University is continuing its building and construction trend as work takes place on several sites on and around campus:

Construction of a new parking lot is taking place on the property inside the Extended Stay America on University Boulevard, where dirt is being moved and the ground is being leveled.

“The main goal of the project was to create 200 new commuter and employee parking spaces and also to open up the view of the campus by removing the underbrush and the ugly mounds of dirt on the property,” Spencer said.

According to Spencer, Chancellor Jerry Falwell has been looking at clearing up the lot for several years.

“It took a lot of time to get it approved because some of the property was owned by the City of Lynchburg and some of the property was owned by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT),” Spencer said. “We were able to purchase much of the property and obtain permission to improve the portions owned by others.”

The work done for the project has already begun to result in a clear view from Route 460 and Route 75.

“Additionally, the dirt was very useful and cheaper, in constructing the new parking lot next to the School of Worship, although at Darden’s Place,” Spencer said.

According to Spencer, the construction project by Extended Stay America, including the new parking lot, will be complete by graduation.

Another one of the sites where crews have been working is along the side of University Boulevard, across the street from the Liberty University practice football field and Williams Stadium. A collection of grey drainage pipes are ready to be placed in the ground.

According to Charles Spencer, Liberty’s director of planning and new construction, they will be used for drainage in that area.

The small lot next to the highway will soon become either green space for tailgating and student recreation or a parking lot, according to Falwell.

Work trucks were taking up parking spaces in nearby parking lots at designabled times several days throughout the past week. Spencer said that the maintenance department is installing underground wiring for Christmas Lights at another site.

OPEN SPACES — The construction along University Boulevard will create more parking spaces and beautify the campus.

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For the most recent bout of bubbles, Liberty’s maintenance staff acted quickly to clean it up.

It took men two hours to completely clean the fountain of bubbles, Scott Starnes, director of building maintenance, said.

The staff has to completely flush the pipes, clean the fountain with specialty cleaners and replace the water. The bubbles have not damaged the fountain yet and Starnes attributes the lack of damage at least in part, to the maintenance staff’s immediate response to the bubbles.

“As soon as we find that there are bubbles in the fountain we send a crew out immediately to clean it up,” Starnes said.

Over time, damage to the fountain is a possibility, Starnes said.

Another prank that the maintenance staff has to fear is the loss of time and energy on cleaning graffiti on campus. The biggest problem with graffiti is that it spoils the image that Liberty tries to portray through its well-maintained campus.

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NIFA team dominates Regionals

Flight competition team wins seventh consecutive tournament, procceeds to Nationals

Omar Adams

Liberty University's National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) team claimed their seventh straight regional tournament ranking since the team's inception 10 years ago. The Region X competition took place at Franklin Municipal Airport in Franklin, Va., Oct. 27 to 29.

Most of Liberty's current NIFA team members had never competed before this tournament.

"The entire team, this year was an excel-

lent job," Liberty senior and flight instructor Jeff Schlaudt said. "Ten of our fifteen competitors were new to our flight team this year, so to have such a young team and still come out on top speaks volumes of the quality of our team members and about Liberty's aviation program in general."

Assistant coach Kevin Lang attributed much of the team's success to the leadership of the team veterans.

"The older team members really stepped up and helped guide the new members," Lang said. "The majority of our new members placed at Regionals due to the great leadership of the veterans." Retainer Eric Bell received Liberty's Outstanding Team Member award for placing first or second in four separate events.

"Eric is a gosh pilot and played a key role in our team this year," Schlaudt said. The win qualifies Liberty to compete in the 2012 national championship May 14 to 19 hosted by Kansas State University at Salina, Liberty placed 16th at the last two national tournaments. According to Schlaudt, the win "is rather last year's "throw as a couple of extra vaults," but the team still placed.

"This year's team has the skill and
tolernce to place in the top ten," Lang said. "Nevertheless, there are always fac-
tors outside of our control like the weather,

of Liberty and other Region X teams that can always change things. ... We will be taking it up a notch in our practices so that the only reason we would not do well at Nationals would be due to our own practice." Overall, NIFA team members recognize the importance of the competition to their careers beyond building skills and resume. "We realize that the person who is our competition today could end up being our copilot in the cockpit of an airliner a few years from now," Schlaudt said. "It's im-
porant to establish relationships and begin networking at places like these." ADAMS is the web editor.

Gov. McDonnell endorses Garrett for state senate

Amy Royall

Tom Garrett, 22nd District Republican candidate, visited the Republic Victory Center at 3:30 p.m. Sunday to campaign for a seat in the Virginia State Senate. Bob McDonnell endorsed Garrett at the rally and encouraged supporters to come out to vote.

Garrett is running against Democrat Bert Dodson who secured the seat in Central Virginia, he responded, "I plan to work hard and pray harder." Also in attendance were raile Republicans and support Garrett at the rally — a much higher turnout than they call for Congressman Rob Goodlatte, according to Goodlatte who won the event. Delegate Matt Faris, Goodlatte and Delegate Scott Garrett all agreed that one of the reasons, if not the main reason, they support "Tim Garrett because of his strong Christian conservatism."

"Garrett is the only candidate who will put Virginia back on the right track for-

diornally," Faris said. "Government will never have your family as first prior-

ty when making decisions and policies. Garrett, however, is a family man and

will consider family as a large factor in
every decision he makes as Virginia's Senate. I want my children to experience what I had growing up and un-

leash we need to get Christian conservatives like Garrett elected, that won't happen.

"Our opponent and I share the same
game, the psychology department, ac-
nalyzed Garrett's statement and said it's what he needed to get the vote. We researched Dodson's voting record and could not find one instance within the past 12 years that he voted against a tax increase."

Garrett said that he wants to work off of a "kitchen table" budget, which

broadly means borrowing is out of the pic-
ture. He also wants to improve public transportation, safety and education.

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their debt soon after graduation.

In an interview with the Associated Press, President of the National Center for Public

and Higher Education Patrick Callan explained the real cost is

"The states cut budgets, the price goes up and the federal money goes to that," Callan

said. "For 25 years we've been putting more and more money into financial aid, and

situations keep going up. We're on a national roadblock.

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"I will work to make sure taxpayers' money is spent in intelligently and

fiscally," Garrett said.

Congressman Robert Hurt said Gar-

nett should be elected because he will work for limited government. Other prominent\n
attendants of the event include: Delegate Kathy Byron, Bedford sheriff Mike Brown, Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Pat Mullins and Delegate Lacrecy Pucker, to name a few.

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Choosing an American Leader

Voting strictly on religious beliefs is not always the best way to choose a presidential candidate to support.

Barrel-rolling ourselves against those who may not have the same beliefs could ruin the risk of not putting some- one else into office that would benefit our country greatly. Also, common sense tells you that not everyone is honest in their approach to power, so even "Christian" leaders can put on a front to get other votes. Politics is almost like reality television sometimes, creating a persona for the camera, performing every line of the script and practicing an Oscar speech.

We want a profound, leader, captain and commander that will "do justice, restrain evil, and preserve order," Proverbs 29:25 says.

Even a non-Christian moral and ethical leader has the ability to do this, and choosing them over a faith-based leader who is not competent would be a better choice. America is a country that allows the people to vote for their leader, a privilege that other countries who are chained and shackled by a dictator do not have. Just look at the recent uprisal in Libya that led to the brutal murder of late leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi, Christians and non-Christians alike should cherish this privilege of democracy, with the common impor- tance, taking everything into account, not just religion.

"How soon we forget history. Government is not rea- sonable. Government is not eloquent. It is fierce. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master," Presi- dent George Washington said.

We need to pass along a sophisticated knowledge of government to generations after us so their decisions be- come focused on the real error in government before we see our country crumble. Government is a hold- ing up a nation or turn it down. Christians should value a candidate on their virtues for improvement and their ability to lead or even the strongest faith can be shaken. A person of faith may be most qualified in the realm of faith, but not necessarily in the course of leadership.

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Technology is the devil in disguise

As technology continues to develop, the level of education, knowledge and communication dwindles.

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In a world where Facebook has 800 million active users, according to the company, it is easy to assume that people's lives revolve around that network. Most of the millennial generation cannot imagine life without having their cell phone, email or Facebook pages. Society, though, rarely stops to think about the consequences of technological lifestyle. Technology changes how the world operates, how people communicate, learn and behave.

"Technology has done more harm than good," Liberty University Communications professor Bruce Stilwell said. "We can't resolve issues because of the lack of commu- nication skills."

Kirk said that 90 percent of the communication of the people receive an unceasing meaning that people react more to what they see, like body language, tone, etc. and only 10 percent is verbal, referring to what the person actually said. People have to learn a new way to communicate online because nonverbal skills are limited if not extinct. Verbal communication is not the only skill that suffers because of technology—grammar and spelling abilities do as well.

"Technology has had a negative impact on my generation's skills," sophomore and English major Lauren Jackson said. "I can see in their writing how much less skill they have in [technology] affected them. None of the papers I read look like second grade writers won it, she said.

Kirk added that this loss of commu- nication skills may even hurt the millen- nial generation when it comes time to join the workforce. "I can't tell you how many times I get professional emails from students, and they use texting acronyms throughout it." Kirk said. "It does not come off well and may damage the emp- loyer's first impression of the applicant.

Technology changed how the world runs, in both good and bad ways. It is a double-edged sword, one that today- day cannot do without. Technology in- fused itself with the means of how people communicate, learn and behave. The world continues to walk along a fine line with technology. However, one thing is certain. Civilization started this great bal- ancing act with technology, and it will either walk the tight rope across or fall to the wayside. Omar N. Bradley, a com- mander during WWII, once said, "If we continue to develop our technology with- out wisdom or prudence, our servent men to promises to be our executions!" Let this be a word to the wise.

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Animals (PpiA) feels that animals should also overcome their oppression and “slavery” and gain their constitutional rights. This is, a revolution because animals cannot know the difference between living with Constitutional Rights or being a slave. Thus, when Cádáis Constitutional Rights on PIH/Vorg. large corporation’s slavers, have been enslaved by SeaWorld and have been enslaved by the wild, where they will gain all of their Constitutional rights as free speech, hearing arms and even the right to vote. Being animals, however, they would not be able to recognize or execute these rights. The most they would be able to understand is the unfortunate truth that they would find themselves in a new home where they’d have to adapt to new surroundings.

Even as PETA files a lawsuit against SeaWorld, the corporation and its employees persistently continue to help the millions of animals that have been used by us. SeaWorld employees are currently treating more than 30 rescued wild animals and preparing them to return to their natural habitats. “We’re left to wonder how many animals in need could’ve been helped with the thousands of euros invested in SeaWorld’s enormous operating budget,” SeaWorld’s vice president of communications, Fred Jacob, adds regarding PETA’s rescue process in the article “SeaWorld Responds To PETA” on Orlando Sentinel.

PETA is truly raising a ruckus and shows how much they have done for the animal community. Really, the radical PETA members are notorious for throwing red paint on beautiful for coats or making people feel guilty for eating filet mignon. Now they manage to stand down a wonderful theme park that helps animals and educate the public about animal welfare. If PETA were to succeed in this case, what is next? Shooting down national parks and all other wildlife reserves?

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European Union seeks way to solve euro-crisis

As other countries follow in the footsteps of Greece’s economic collapse, world leaders seek a resolution

The European Union is caught in a severely toxic economic morass, and at the root of it is the country of Greece. Greece’s political and international economic scrutiny, European leaders agree, must be followed by a bailout. Greece is the first bailout, which occurred in May 2010, was predicated on an agreement that it would pay its debts and costs associated with the bailout. Afterwards, the Greek government, according to a BBC article, however, ended up killing economic growth in the country, and the debt was not resolved, causing protests and government inflating.

Most of the responsibility for bringing up Greece’s debt falls upon Germany, Europe’s strongest economy. Germany has more government debt exposure to Greece than any other country in the European. German lawmakers voted by a large majority to accept Angela Merkel’s, the German Chancellor, proposal in increase in the emergency bailout fund to $1.3 trillion, more than double the current $860 billion, according to a New York Times article, “Europe Agrees to Basics of Plan to Reseal Euro Crisis.”

However, in a move that shocked in-

ternational economic leaders, the Greek Cabinet unanimously supported Prime Minister George Papandreou’s plan to call a referendum on the country’s financial situation. The decision was widely criticized, especially within Greece’s own government. A referendum will push the Greek people back until at least 2014, at which point employ- ment within Greece cannot be su- stained, continuing, housing, caus- ing the country to abandon the euro. Greece’s referendum appeal comes at a rather unfortunate time, in the G-20 summit is scheduled to be held on Nov. 3, and the world’s eco- nomic leaders are eager to hear a definitive plan on how Europe intends to handle its financial issues. To middle matters further, at the No. 3 meeting Papandreou made a complete about-turn and announced he would support the plan to go through with the referendum. The result of this, according to a Mail.co.uk article by James Chapman and Graham Smith, is the fact that the unusual at most simple changed Papandreou’s position to hurriedly move to support the euro bailout. As if matters could not get worse, Greece is not confident Europe in the trouble. Spain, Portugal, and Italy, Europe’s third strongest economies are also fearful to be on the verge of economic collapse. According to an article in the Toronto Sun.

With all of this uncertainty magnified by Greece’s improving reputation, many are looking outside of Europe for a solu- tion to Greece’s debt crisis. It seems like a reasonable option: China’s economy has grown by nine percent each year and currently stands at a wrench of $3.2 trillion in foreign exchange reserves, according to BBC Beijing corre- spondent Damian Grammaticos in a BBC.co.uk article.

Despite some talk in Beijing concern- ing stopping in to help Portugal, Italy and Greece, China has done little in the way of action. The risks seem to outweigh the potential benefits. China invested less than one billion euros last year, which amounts to about one percent of Europe’s foreign investments, while Europe invests four times as much in China. Germany is the only European nation that invested in China, according to the Gram- maticos article, and Germany’s economy is already strong. China is wary, to the least, to invest in Europe in the middle of its economic crisis. “China can neither take up the role as savior to the Europeans, nor provide a ‘cure’ for the European malaise,” The South China Morning Post.

The fact that China is truly being con- sidered, even propositioned, to buy out Europe’s debt indicates that it may be the European Union’s leaders step back and evaluate the current state of the European Union.

If Europe’s southern periphery drops their use of the euros, banks across the world could take a major hit. Greece went on a virtual spending spree when it ad- opted the euro and the bailout is accepted only tightened the chains on its spending to the point where the fiscal blood supply of its people was cut off. Any solutions to this crisis must be agreed upon by 17 dif- ferent European governments and ratified by 17 parliaments, an incredibly dug- gish process. Perhaps the economy must weather the storm, rather than deliver to a repressive communist government.

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Jennifer  F’almer

Super Bowl champion addresses students

Jennifer Palmer

Former Pittsburg defensive back and two-time Super Bowl champion Don Davis spoke at Liberty University’s Williams Stadium Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The pro-football star shared tales and stories about his life to share his advice to students on how to overcome fear and become successful for God.

He elaborated on tips such as never giving up on studying, the effects of winning and losing, and maintaining Christian principles in a non-Christian environment.

“Never put positions ahead of principle,” Davis said.

Davis’ speech mainly focused on what he calls the four Cs to achieving greatness: commitment, confidence, character and consistency.

Davis said America is growing up in a culture of fantasy, where commitment is rare. He also explained how students can gain confidence through recognizing who they are and who they are not and being okay with both of those.

Davis said consistency is a “long-distance race in the same direction” and that being consistent will help students achieve their goals.

“Overnight success is a myth,” Davis said.

“I had folks that didn’t look like me,” Davis said. “I even got to have my name on the back of their jerseys.”

For his last point, Davis gave students three ways they can improve their character.

“You need to speak better, get a better grip of friends and read some books,” Davis said.

He gave examples of the identity crisis he experienced growing up in two different areas.

“I grew up in the city with folks that looked like me, then moved to the ‘burbs with folks that didn’t look like me,” Davis said.

The event was organized and put on by Liberty University’s Department of Psychology and Health Sciences Department. Psychology Department Chair Dr. Dan Logan met Davis five years earlier at an event in South Florida and was impressed with Davis’ decision to keep living a Christian life among non-believing friends and NFL team members.

“Don is very approachable and always willing to do events like this one,” Logan said.

Davis’ two role models are Super Bowl winner Kurt Warner and legendary Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy.

He said, “According to Davis, Dungy mentored him and is a real believer and huge fan of Christ.

Davis said he is continuing to always make new friends as he has.

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At the Liberty Champion we strive to glorify God with all that we do. Each issue of the paper represents an opportunity for us to do our best in providing accurate and excellent information to our readers. There were a few mistakes that were made in past issues that I would like to correct.

In the Nov. issue of the Champion, the “ thanking student for his" story pictured credit to Les Schroeder was actually taken by Kevin Margarit.

Also, the picture of Demon Hall that is featured on the front of the hometown section in the Oct. issue was taken by Alyssa Bockman.

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Sgt. Larry Provost: Third combat deployment

Liberty University’s Director of Commuter Affairs serving in Afghanistan

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Liberty University employs many military veterans. One of them, Director of Commuter Affairs Sgt. Larry Provost, is currently serving his third overseas deployment in Afghanistan.

Provost wanted to join the Army since he was in the third grade. He credits his upbringing, and a family history of military service dating back to the Civil War, with instilling his sense of patriotism and service.

He said one of the first quotes he learned remains in the forefront of his mind — President John F. Kennedy’s inaugural address in which he famously said, “Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.”

Growing up, Provost said he was taught to watch the games, and American people are being killed,” he said. “That was the time I first deployed to Afghanistan. I do worry that we are getting quiescent as a people and are forgetting why we are fighting this great conflict.”

Provost hopes to be off active duty in March so he can return home and resume work at Liberty. His father, Larry Provost Sr., is a Liberty grounds employee and Vietnam War veteran, and his wife, Lori, is a Liberty alumna who is an adjunct professor in the Theatre Arts Department, currently teaching dance education at New York University and American Ballet Theatre.

“We are absolutely impressed and humbled to work with the greatest students in the world,” Provost said.

He asked people at home to pray for him and the rest of the 116th, and, “as Christ said, pray for those who persecute us.”

“Pray that we would absolutely be successful in this fight and that our enemies would lay down their arms, go home in peace and turn from their ways,” he said. “Also, it is absolutely vital that people back home not only support the troops but support the mission. There are few things worse than fighting for a nation you know doesn’t need you or support your mission.”

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According to the Roanoke Times, this was one of those times. Something Jo8 wanted me to do in my scenes, and my husband thought it was asked her to trim. "I had the first law that made identity theft a crime. That was very big for me," Byron said. "I also had the first law that made it illegal to use the internet as a means for child pornography. We also took social security numbers off driver's licenses and school ID.s." Despite her accomplishments, Byron's passion is fashion. She and her husband owned a chain-of-center, which gave her first-hand experience to know what business owners need. "As a business owner, I used my business experience to vote for policies that would promote business rather than kill businesses," Byron said. "It's a very big thing when you look 14 years down the road. That's all we talk about, jobs and the economy." As part of her job, Byron serves as a member of the Tobacco Commission. The commission gave $12 million to Liberty University for the upcoming school of health sciences. "I was very excited over the possibility of the people of the Southside in such a world-class facility to come," Byron said. "It's such a tremendous opportunity, and I think it's going to be a huge opportunity as far as growth and development that we and the Tobacco Commission will make."
**SPORTS**

**Changing of the Guard—four seniors bid farewell**

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Liberty volleyball bid a fond farewell to four seniors Saturday afternoon. The Flames saluted the four seniors with an 84-43 victory over VMI in the Big South.

Under their leadership, the program has posted three straight 20-win seasons. Early this season was given a bouquet of flowers and framed photo in a pre-game presentation.

On the court, the Flames erected a nearly flawless match, winning in straight sets (25-18, 25-11, 25-21) to send their record to 30-6 and their 25th home career victory. The Lady Flames improved to 5-1 in the Big South.

The team's .279 hitting percentage nearly doubled the previous season average of .181.

Despite its bring a night to honor seniors, the underclassmen made a point of showcasing the young and upcoming talent that will be replacing the graduating players. Of the five players with at least eight kills, four of them were underclassmen.

Freshman Mia Melina Race paced the group putting down 12 kills with a .300 average. Rast had recorded double-digit kills in four of her last five games, including the last three.

On the defensive side of the ball, junior Lauren Thomas contributed her record saving season, adding ten total blocks over the weekend to bring her season total to 111, which sets a new school record for the rally scoring era.

With the win, Liberty moves to 11-1 in conference and secure their position atop the Big South. The Lady Flames will close out their regular season on the road against Gardner-Webb and UNCG. Both matches went unfinished. The Big South Championship Tournament will begin Nov. 17 in Greenville, South Carolina.

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**Honour Due**

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This article is dedicated to the 173rd Airborne Ranger who died by a point scored for SVU.

A company of blue and white clad VMI cadets filled a section opposite the Liberty student sections.

The Battalion waved an American flag and dropped to the railing to knock out some pushups when Liberty scored. What's a military function without a little motivation.

As the honoree, haunting names of Taps came floating above approximately 17,200-person crowd and an honor guard gun-salute rang out, I could sense the moment we were being honored.

The game made the game of football seem meaningless in comparison to their sacrifice.

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**Liberty lacrosse loss four team tournament**

Liberty men’s lacrosse goes 2-1 against the the competition of this past weekend

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The Flames had a man’s lacrosse tournament against Virginia Military Institute (VMI: George Washington, GW), and Virginia University (SVU) on Nov. 3rd. The Flames picked up an 18-6 win over VMI and finished the day with a 22-6 win against SVU.

The Flames executed a nine-point scoring drive.

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Lady Flames open season against Spartans

Which are more important, the following?

1. No. 20
2. AVP/Liberty Champion
3. Avery Ward
4. Catherine Warren

For Liberty's head coach, Jason Cameron, the answer is Avery Ward, Liberty's starting setter and senior center. They will start their season against UNCG, Greensboro. The Lady Flames will wear jerseys honouring the 80th anniversary of the Greensboro College Women's Basketball team, the ranking of No. 20.

They will have four of their starters return from the 2011-12 season. Among the four includes the Big South Pre- Season Player of the Year, start senior setter Avery Ward.

Although the Lady Flames are returning four of their starters from last season, they are unable to open this year without point guard Emily Fraizer. She had some injuries and things that continue to tease us as far as injuries. The Lady Flames head coach Carey Greenery said, "So it's about some challenges that we have in front of us rather than be prepared for the game. You have to be prepared for this challenge in case the game may bring up events of an unknown, opposing, or unprepared in all aspects of the game to be successful."

Although Fraizer is not expecting to play in the game against UNCG-Greensboro, Coach Greenery has prepared back up plans. The team includes Morgan Miller and senior Danica Daly, both Texas natives, to transition in the point guard position for the Lady Flames.

"I'll be sharing the point guard time with Raegan and Emily get back," Dale said. "Hopefully I will be useful to be that leader. I'm more aggressive than before. I've been pushed in the corner to do more than what I was asked to do."

While a graduate from Saint High School, he will be among the five freshmen to play in their first collegiate game against UNCG-Greensboro.

"I'm very excited, but nervous at the same time," Miller said. "It's my favorite team, the Lady Flames will return to face Virginia Commonwealth University on Nov. 13 in their first of three home games.

Cameron is a sports reporter.

Volleyball Seniors leave behind a legacy of accomplishments

#2 Rebecca Warren

Virginia Beach, Va. (Elementary Education)

Career Highlights: Recorded 14 kills against Virginia Commonwealth University on Nov. 28, 2009

2012 Big South All-Senior Team

Warren on Liberty: "In high school, I thought that I wanted to be a scholar athlete. This young lady has a passion for people, has a passion for the sport and is a hard worker. She's the kind of person that just gets me going. She's such a great team player."

Pinder on Warren: "She's a great leader, she's the kind of person that just gets me going. She's the kind of person that just gets me going."

#4 Courtney Boggs

Marysville, Ohio (Pre-Law)

Career highlights: Recorded a team high 686 assists in layup season

Has registered seven career double-doubles

Three 60 assists matches

Reflections on her decision to attend Liberty: "Once I heard about Liberty, that it was a division one Christian school, I knew I wanted to come here. Being here for the first time, I'm recruiting with Pinder and her girls are at the team and I see something different was about this place. Not only on the people difference, but what you play for is different. So I'm glad I came here."

Pinder on Boggs: "She's a leader, a senior, very mature. She's got the kind of girl that just doesn't do things with high integrity, high standards. She's not afraid to do something. I will definitely carry with me for the rest of my life. She's not afraid to get more than what I've taught her over the years. I'll miss the little swag she has. She's a player that we definitely trash talk in the nation right now and we got one of the best state downs."

#10 Kelly Haseman

Three Rivers, Mich. (Kinesiology)

Career Highlights: Liberty's all time leader in career digs, currently 5th in Big South

First ever Liberty player with back-to-back 500 dig seasons

2008 Big South All-Freshman Team

All Big South All-Tournament Team, 2010 Big South All-Tournament Second Team

Haseman on memories and motivation: "I'll definitely remembering being able to win the Big South. That was such a huge celebration."

Pinder on Haseman: "She's got the best serve, the best serve. She's got the kind of girl that just doesn't do things with high integrity, high standards."

Mack on Haseman: "There's no question that she's the best. She's such a great team player."

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#15 Courtney Cooper

Forest, Va. (Business Management)

Career highlights: Recorded 111 digs in each of her first two seasons

Registered 21 digs against Radford, Sept. 23, 2011

Named to Big South President's Honor Roll three times

Pinder on Cooper: "I wanted to come in to Liberty. Volleyball has been such a fulfilling and during, but ultimately I just wanted to be a part of this amazing volleyball team and we're the kind of the team."

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Taking on any competitors willing to play

Liberty’s club ultimate team participated in a six team co-ed tournament

"I sent out a ton of emails to try and get interest from different colleges, and it didn't work out," team captain Lake Biddle said. "I definitely wanted to do it like this."

At the end of the season, teams will compete. The Liberty University’s club Ultimate Frisbee team hosted a co-ed tournament Nov. 5-6 and will have last season’s tournament Nov. 12-13.

"We've played in a lot of tournaments," local coach Lake Biddle said. "We've been able to play in a lot of tournaments."

The team created and also played in the six team tournament that included the Roanoke Ultimate Club from Roanoke, Buckingham, Hampton, both are from Virginia and High Point University.

"We're High Point accepting on invitation to play in their tournament," Biddle hopes to gain even more interest from teams outside the state.
The Flames are playing a key role on the court. In the America Basketball Association, the Flames are the top team in their division. Lloyd DeLoatch said, "They are a strong team, I believe the girls are ready to embrace the pressure and shine. For example, during practice we trained with situations like being up one or down two points.

Liberty coach Smith said the Flames are looking forward to making an impact not only on the court but off the court. In the America Basketball Association, the Flames will be playing teams out Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina for the next 12-14 games.

"Our Liberty team will need to play its best game at the Big South Championship," said Smith. "Our Lady Flames are the No. 1 seeded team; therefore, we have been training like there is a lot of pressure on us. We want to finish the season with no injuries and we really want to get the community involved," Coach Smith said.

A strong commitment of the Legends is to have a strong bond with not only themselves as a team, but also with the Lynchburg community.

"We believe in each other. We attack a committment and excellence, not just in basketball but in life. We don't just focus on the basketball court, but in the community as well," Poly said.

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Breaking down the Game

FOOTBALL, continued from B1

Another answer, and another reception for Summers, who now has 178 for his career — a school record. "It feels real surreal... It's a great accomplishment for me to have all these records when I leave. I just want to give thanks to God and all my teammates, who knew that I had what it takes and my coaches who help me every week and get me ready to play," Summers said. "It's been fun to watch him grow and develop," Brown said.

Exhibit C, third quarter. After allowing a long VMI touchdown drive, which included a 24-yard run on fourth-down, senior center Kevin Fogg did what he does best, returning the opening kickoff for a 90-yard touchdown. That's the third of his career and of this season — a Big South record.

"That was definitely a turning point," Brown said. "After Fogg's kick return, we were able to get breathing room."

Thirty minutes later, the case was closed, the game was over and the Flames record stood at 7-3 and their conference record remained undefeated at 3-0.

The hard way. But Liberty didn't make it easy on themselves from the start. Fogg fumbled the opening kickoff, giving the Keydets the ball in Flames territory. Linebacker Chase Griffiths snatched a short, blooper kickoff, allowing it to bounce right off his numbers. A few minutes later, the Flames found themselves in a 1-7 hole and desperately in need of momentum before halftime.

Mike Brown orchestrated a 73-yard drive, going 7-4-4 passing yards and a touchdown, while adding another 18 yards on the ground during the drive. Still, Liberty went into halftime trailing a 1-7 VMI team.

Liberty's offense came out to play in the second half, boosted by the performances of receiver Dee Kelly and running back Aldredge Allen.

While Summers kept the defense's attention on his side of the field, Kelly made three critical catches for 77 yards on the Flames first drive of the third quarter. All three on third down — and put the Flames in position for Brandon Apon's back-ended the-catch.

We have a great group of receivers across the board, who can step up and make the plays," Summers said. "We've shown that throughout the season, any one of us can step up and love that feeling."

Allen was key in the Flames success in the second half. After halftime, he carried 12 times for 73 yards and provided a key block out of the shotgun to give Brown a fraction of a second more time to find Summers wide open in the end zone.

"We got Aldredge going in the second half, that shows great resolve by our kids," Rocco said.

The outlook

Summers and Brown said they will spend their time during the bye getting back to full-strength. "The bye week will help a lot of people, including myself, get healthy," Summers said.

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The latest change in school policy, which has Liberty University students talking is that nose piercings are now accepted for students to wear.

The Liberty Way, which once stated that only piercings of the ears were allowed, now has been changed to state that "small studs may be worn in the nose."

The allowance of nose piercings has been met with both positive and negative reactions by the students.

"I think it's a good way for people to express their style, and I think it gives us the liberty to be a little more rebellious, in a good way," Tomson said.

While some students were surprised by the change in policy, Tomson was unsure about why it was changed.

"I didn't think they would change it because of the culture. I thought they would just change it because everyone already had one," said Tomson. "It is a little bit weird, though, that you are allowed to have your nose pierced but no other facial piercing."

"I think that if they are going to allow one type of facial piercing they need to allow all types, and maybe just have a limit on how many you can have," senior Josh Farnham said.

"I mean, I don't see any moral difference between a nose piercing or a lip piercing or an eyebrow piercing," Garret said. "It's not necessarily unfair, but people who want a facial piercing other than one on their nose are probably upset about it. It's just sort of weird that the new rule is so specific."
The bells will ring once more

Kassandra Reeding

The familiar ring of the Salvation Army bells is back to kick off the Christmas season.

The Red Kettle Bell Ringing Campaign for the Salvation Army began in San Francisco in 1912 and, today, is a seasonal tradition. According to the Salvation Army’s website, last year’s campaign raised $1.42 million to purchase and feed those in need. Liberty has helped sponsor the campaign over the years and will once again stuff the food entrances of the Wash & Walmart from Nov. 11 to Dec. 24.

“I feel this is an important cause for several reasons,” Liberty’s Salvation Army committee representative Denise Wu said. “Collectively, it demonstrates to the community that Liberty cares about them and is an active part of the community. Individually, participants get an opportunity to be reminded that we are all in this together. We can make sacrifices to help others.”

Last year, over $220,000 was raised locally with all kettle locations combined. At Liberty’s location, 2010, about 10 percent of the total amount was raised. All kettle donations go directly to the local Salvation Army to provide holidays help for families in need and support for their annual budget in housing, food and health care.

Not only do the red kettles support a great cause, but they also unite the Liberty community. This year, several after- school programs have volunteered to participate. This is in addition to the athletic departments that are involved. The Salvation Army, about 300 different Liberty participants will have earned the kails, weather or not they show up to ring the bell.

“We are asking everyone to come out and take part,” Wu said.

Administrative Assistant to Dean McFalls of the School of Business, Student Army leader Rebecca Helgeoni said. “This year, the Salvation Army is asking everyone to donate to the kettle campaign. It is a meaningful cause to be involved in.”

“The salvation Army is a great cause to be involved in,” said Wu.

“Helping others is a beautiful thing to do. I feel that ringing the bell will benefit both the people in need and the people who are volunteering,” McFalls said.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 11-13

Little Shop of Horrors

The second race in the Liberty Mountain Trail Series starts at Snowbird at 9 a.m. For more information and to register, contact studentactivityoffice@liberty.edu.

Nov. 18-20

Winter Market

The Liberty Godparent Foundation will be hosting a shopping Expo in the Student Center with vendors selling everything from clothing, jewelry, gifts items and more. Admission is $5 for students. All proceeds benefit the Liberty Godparent Ministries. For more information, call 932-4907.

Nov. 28

Christmas in Lights

In keeping with one of the newest libery traditions, a giant Christmas tree will once again light in the front of DeMoss to bring in the holiday season. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m.

FEATURE

Poppies for Remembrance

Canadians distribute pins to honor veterans

SHOWING SUPPORT — Canadian students at Liberty bring down hours of poppies to distribute on Nov. 11. These fabric papckies are pinned to lids of honor war veterans.

Starchan Jennings supervisor, Photo by J. Ellis

My heart swells when I see other Canadians in Letzheug hearing a poppy,” said Ms. Bethany Laidell. “I think it brings us together in remembrance of what a great country we come from.”

Laidell, a Liberty student hailhng from Red Lake Ontario, is one of many Canadians who attempts to unite Canadians on Nov. 11 by buying hours of poppies shipped from home to distribute to her friends and fellow countrymen.

While the United States will be honoring the American troops for Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11, many Canadians will be passing their loved red, fabric poppies to further their country’s remembrance.

“The poppy is a pretty vivid symbol,” Laidell said. “The poppy made its mark on Canadian culture with the publishing of John McCrae’s in ‘In Flanders Fields’ in 1915.

“We all grew up knowing ‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae,” Laidell said. “That poem always inspired me and my grandfather since he was a pointe brigade-surgeon to the First World War, according to his biography on his life and work. McCrae was a Canadian physician and poet who enlisted in WWI.

While WWII ended in 1945, while still on the battlefront, McCrae formed the basis of his famous poem, urging whoever reads it to “take up the spade with both the hoe.”

That poem was then published in Punch magazine the same year. Since then, the poem has become one of the most popular poems of remembrance in Canada and Europe.

“The poppy has made its mark on Canadian culture, when I see a Canadian wearing a poppy, I smile and know that it is their way of saying thank you,” Noble said. “The poppy is Canada’s symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians and allies who have fallen in war and military operations.”

“We are just one of the other than their own, both Laidell and Noble find it important to pin their poppies as a sign of remembrance.

“Even though Canadians live and go to school in other countries they should still wear a poppy because to truly show them that they take the time to remember,” Noble said. “Even though most Americans don’t know what it means to wear a poppy, it gives Canadians a moment to encourage those who ask about it to do the same for their troops.”

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The Canadian Legion and the Salvation Army

Since 1914, the Canadian Legion and the Salvation Army have been working together to ensure that the sacrifices of Canada’s fallen soldiers are honored. This year, the Salvation Army is once again helping the Canadian Legion by providing poppies to be worn by Canadians on Remembrance Day.

Each year, the Salvation Army raises funds to purchase poppies for the Canadian Legion to distribute to Canadian citizens. These poppies are then distributed by the Canadian Legion to veterans, their families, and other Canadians.

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for those who have fallen in battle. It is worn on the lapel of a jacket or coat, and is often accompanied by a small card that reads, “In Memory of those who gave their lives for our country.”

The proceeds from the sale of the poppies go to support the Canadian Legion’s programs and services, which provide support to veterans, their families, and communities affected by military service.

The Canadian Legion and the Salvation Army continue to work together to ensure that the sacrifices of Canada’s fallen soldiers are remembered and honored. This year, they are once again bringing poppies to Canadians in honor of those who gave their lives for our country.

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Edelweiss House of Horrors

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Olympic hopeful trains at Snowflex

Pro-skier Jay Panther discovers the artificial ski slope

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PANTHER

Panther, loyal, determined, focused and loving. These are the words that future 2014 Winter Olympic hopeful Jay Panther used to describe himself. Panther is a 27-year-old competitive freestyle mogul who last year, joined the United States Ski Team. In February 2014, he hopes to represent the U.S. in the Winter Olympics, which will take place in Sochi, Russia.

Growing up in Lake Tahoe, Panther fell in love with the freestyle mogul motion that moguls bring to a ski course, he said. Moguls are a sequence of bumps made up of snow on the ski course, Panther said.

"I was nine years old skiing with my dad, and they had just started a freestyle mogul team on our home mountain," Panther said. "I saw the course and was like 'that looks awesome' so I skied the run and hit the jumps instantly fell in love with it and I have loved it ever since."

Panther left Lake Tahoe at the age of 12 when his family moved to Louisville, Ky. He attended middle school and high school there until he was accepted into Vanderbilt University where he was awarded a full scholarship for baseball.

After his freshman year, Panther moved back to Lake Tahoe to return to his one true love—skiing.

Nearly 10 years later, Panther, now a member of the U.S. Ski Team and has competed in the World Cup and the U.S. National Championship.

Panther has been training at Liberty University’s Snowflex for the past three weeks and has been offering free lessons to those who were interested. "I am here to train. Snowflex is an amazing facility,” Panther said. "As an athlete there are serious amounts of training to be done here and a lot to be gained from this facility.”

According to Panther, he had never heard of Liberty University or Snowflex until this summer, when his pastor mentioned the school. Intrigued, Panther, his mother and his little brother drove from Louisville, Ky. to spend a few hours on the slopes.

"Instantly I showed up and realized the value of this place. I didn’t know exactly what it was that I was going to be able to accomplish here,” Panther said. “I knew that it had endless possibilities because of how it all just fell into place. God had his hand in it and wanted me here, so I was just trying to be faithful to him.”

Panther’s time at Liberty has quickly drawn to a close. On Nov. 8, he will be leaving for Park City, Utah, to train at Olympic Park.

"Having Jay here is definitely a blessing for us. Having someone at that level train here confirms what we’ve been marketing the past two and a half years,” Snowflex general manager Drew Shenvood said. “This is a top-notch training facility and even somebody who is trying to qualify for the Olympics can train here. For more information on Panther and his journey to Sochi in the 2014 Winter Olympics, visit www.teamjaypanther.com, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/jaypanther. Or check out his web series on YouTube.

Panther is currently trying to qualify for this year's U.S. Ski Team and to compete for the 2014 Winter Olympics.
The David Crowder Band says goodbye in a farewell tour featuring Gungor, Chris August and John Mark McMillan

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“Most of the students who are on campus said they have realized that they have brought too much food and they don’t need it,” Pfeifer said. “So that’s a beautiful thing.”

The bands ended the night with a collaborative performance of the song “How He Loves,” first written by John Mark McMillan and popularized by DCB. Although he had changed the words “stoppy wet kiss” to “untempered kiss” in his condition for the album, Church Music, the bands performed it.

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