After the Lynchburg City Council today finalized a $100,000 funding request from the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) in September, the bus company was forced to make major cuts that could be instituted for Lynchburg bus riders starting next year. According to a letter presented in the Oct. 25 city council meeting, GLTC already set budget and service cuts, totaling to more than $320,000 in savings. The plan has some members of city council, such as Vice Mayor Caesar Johnson, concerned about the financial strain this will have on bus riders. Johnson said it is not fair that bus riders would have to be inconvenienced because of the mismanagement of the GLTC budget. "When I think about those people who ride the bus, who are going to have to ride the bus whatever it all costs, they still don't have any options," Johnson said. "And when they can't afford bus fare, they sure can't afford tax fare."

The bus company plans to cut $120,000 off its budget and save over $76,000 in service reduction. They also plan to generate over $122,000 in new revenue through a fare increase. 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 and Saturday service and eliminate Route No. 18.

In the letter to city council, GLTC Board President Lis Dobbie assured city council that their decision was not easy. "These reductions in service were necessary to ensure the financial stability of GLTC going forward, particularly in light of the expectation that our line of credit will be maxed-out again at year-end if we fail to manage the cost that the future brings."

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The cost of college

Student loans pile up

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There’s an old saying that goes something like, "The cost of living high." Then, it is usually followed up with reasons such as "inflation" or "that’s just the way things are." For college students across America, investing in their education through a college degree gives them a greater chance to manage the cost that life brings.

In recent years, students have been faced with a rising cost of education across America. The Associated Press reported on Oct. 26 that the average tuition for a full-time student is near $8,000. With room and board, income tax makes $17,000 a year.

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Bubbles potentially damage fountain

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Bubbles crept from the fountain in front of DeMoss twice in two weeks, and it seems to be an annual event for the pranksters on Liberty University's campus.

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

It takes two men four 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 itself 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 train out immediately to clean it up," Starnes said.

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

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

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Another prank that the maintenance staff has to face a lot of time and energy on cleaning is graffiti on campus. The biggest problem with graffiti is that it spoils the image that Liberty tries to portray.

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*NIFA team dominates Regionals*

Flight competition team wins seventh consecutive tournament, proceeds to Nationals

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

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

"The entire team this year is an excellent lawn party," 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 to 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 team veterans.

"This year, many of our new 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 on our team." Returning Eric Bell received Liberty's Outstanding Flight Member for placing first or second in four separate events.

"It's a great thrill and played a key role in our win 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, "It's rather last year's "throw as a couple of our guys, but the team still places well in their events."

"This year's team has the skill and mindset to place in the top ten," Lang said. "Nevertheless, there are always factors outside of our control like the weather or National last year that can always change things... We will be taking it up a notch in our practices so that the only reason we wouldn't do so well at Nationals would be because of our own shortcoming."

Overall, NIFA team members recognize the importance of the competitions to their careers beyond building skills and resume, but "We realize that the person who is our competition today could end up being our colleague in the cockpit of an airliner a few years from now," Schlaudt said. "It's important to establish relationships and begin networking at places like this."
As technology continues to develop, the level of education, knowledge and communication dwindles.

Nicholas durante this winter wrote a column about whether Christians should consider voting for a non-Christian presidential candidate. During the Watergate era, recently wrote a column about whether Christians should consider voting for a non-Christian presidential candidate.

People get wrapped up in this issue. Not to say that a leader with a strong faith in God should not be voted into office, but it is almost like Christians arguing about the color of the carpet, or the new guitar being used for worship.

A Christian leader could be the preferred choice, but Christians should not vote for a president based solely on his/her religious standards. Leadership is much more than what a person believes; it is about the actions they take to stand for morality and integrity.

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To muzzle matters further, at the Nov. 3 meeting Pappadopulos made a complete about-face and announced that his plan to go through with the referendum. The result of this, according to an article in the Mail.co.uk article by James Chapman and Graham Smith, is the fact that the unosit a.m. simple pushed Pappadopulos into a position to hurriedly move to the euro bailout. As if matters could not get worse, Greece's bailout fund agreed to provide €110 billion to Portugal, Italy and Spain, France, and Germany. The case was brought before the Court of Justice, the EU's highest court, on Aug. 1, 2010. Greece's government has said that it will not be bound by the euro. However, in a move that shocked most observers, the government has announced that it will go ahead with the referendum, which is scheduled to be held in June. The result of this is that Greece may not be able to remain in the euro and that the country's economy may suffer as a result. The fact that China is truly being considered, even proportional, to buy out Europe's debt indicates that it may be more in Europe's leaders' step back and evaluate the current state of the European Union. If Europe's southern periphery drops the use of their euros, banks across the world could take a major hit. Germany went on a virtual spending spree when it adopted the euro and the bailout it accepted is considered a 'cure' for the European malaise, The Daily Mail writes.

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Super Bowl champion addresses students

Former defensive lineman Don Davis gives life success tips to crowd at Williams Stadium

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Former Patriot defensive back and two-time Super Bowl champion Don Davis spoke at Liberty University’s Williams Stadium Tuesday, Nov. 1. The pro football star traded tales and stories about his life to share his advice to students on how to overcome life fears and be successful for God. He elaborated on topics such as finding a purpose, the effects of substance abuse and maintaining Christian principals in a non-Christian environment.

“Never put position 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’s are 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 obedience in the same direction and that being consistent will help students achieve their goals.

“Overnight success is a myth,” Davis said.

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

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

He gave examples of the identity crisis he experienced from 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-believers and NFL team members.

“Davis is very approachable and always willing to do the 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 sincere believer and friend of Christ.

Davis said he is continuing to always mentor younger athletes as best as he can, even though it “gets overwhelming sometimes.”

Davis said he is very impressed with Liberty and though he doesn’t normally follow football, he will now.

“Liberty exceeded my expectations,” Davis said. “Everyone is very warm and kind hearted here.”

Logan coordinated the event with Davis, keeping the questions and answers flowing smoothly by handing off the microphone from student to student. While answering a student’s question about Tom Brady’s faith, Davis said Brady tells him if there is something missing in his life.

After the speech and question-and-answer time, students received prizes given by the Health Sciences Department.

Davis was also given a Liberty University sweatshirt as a gift donated by the Liberty Bookstore.

All students were able to meet Davis and get his autograph and pictures taken with him. He even bought a Super Bowl jersey and showed guests to see up close.

Josh Matthew, a sophomore biblical studies major at Liberty, said he really enjoyed getting to hear Davis speak.

“I loved what he said about the four Cs,” Matthew said. “I also got to have him wear my Redskins hat, which was fanatic because as a fan of the Redskins fans hate the Patriots and all the Patriots fans hate the Redskins.”

Matthew said he hopes to see more of Davis and will keep up with him on Facebook.

PALMER is a news reporter.

Champion Corrections

At the Liberty Champion we strive to glorify God with all that we do. Each issue of this 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. 1 issue of the Champion, the “merged view” picture credited to Les Schaff was actually taken by Kevin Margraff.

Also, the picture of Demon Hall that is featured on the front of the hometown section in the Oct. 31 issue was taken by Alyssa Bockman.

In the same issue, there was a picture on B6 that accompanied the article “Liberty culture continues to grow in diversity” and it was taken by Candace Gladfelter.

We are sorry for any inconvenience or misrepresentation this caused to anyone who was credited in the pictures. It is our goal to continue to improve and provide you with the best material each and every week.

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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 remained 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 the role the U.S. Army played in ending slavery, liberating concentration camps and protecting the U.S. and other nations. He learned that “in America, we have been given so much and service to our nation is not just a job but a calling.”

Provost said that while no one wants to be in war, it is sometimes necessary because of the “fallen nature of the world we live in.”

“Evil exists and the worst thing to do is to do nothing good for men to stand by while innocent people are being killed,” he said.

He served three combat deployments — Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003, Iraq from 2004 to 2005 and now Afghanistan again — and after his first deployment, he said, “That was the time I first deployed to Afghanistan. I do worry that we are getting apathetic as a people and are forgetting why we are fighting this great conflict.”

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Meet the candidates: Kathy Byron

Byron runs unopposed for Virginia House of Delegates, 22nd district

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As several political candidates fight for their share of the election cycle, one Republican delegate can sit back and relax as she is running unopposed this election cycle.

Kathy Byron has been a Republican member in the House of Delegates since 1997. She represents the 22nd district, which includes Lynchburg, Campbell County and part of Bedford County.

This is the second time she has run unopposed, and Byron is enjoying not having to deal with the stress that comes with running a campaign.

"The last time we ran unopposed, Byron said. "It has been a great opportunity to focus on other things. I have been currently engaged in some of the other races, but it will still have the natural stress from stress you get from running your own campaign."

Although Byron has spent 14 years in the House of Delegates, she never had an interest in being a politician and actually declared when a former delegate first asked her to run.

"I always liked working behind the scenes, and my husband thought it was my destiny and he kept on encouraging me to explore a political career," Byron said.

"There’s been a couple things in my life that I’ve known really felt like it was something God wanted me to do in my life, and you can’t shake when that happens, and this was one of those times."

According to Garret, Byron felt that she had the administrative skills and the right values the district was looking for, so she decided to take the position.

Byron was re-elected as a Republican in 1997. She represents the 22nd district, which includes Lynchburg, Campbell and part of Bedford County.

As part of her election, Byron serves as a member of the Tobacco Commission. The commission gave $1.2 million to Liberty University for the upcoming school of health sciences.

"I am very excited over the possibilities of the people of the Southside to have such a world-class facility so close by," Byron said. "It’s such a tremendous opportunity, and I think it’s going to be another signature event that we and the Tobacco Commission will make."

As Byron gears up for the next session, she said she looks forward to continuing to work on workforce training. Although her job as delegate brings along a busy schedule, she has no plans to retire soon.

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Kathy Byron is a news reporter.

Republican Tom Garrett addresses accusations

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Changing of the Guard—four seniors bid farewell

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Liberty volleyball bid a final farewell to four seniors Saturday at at 2. More than 1,200 fans attended to cheer them on as they stood at half court to receive a bouquet of flowers and framed photo in a pre-game presentation.

In the center of the court, the Flames created a nearly flawless match, winning in their straight set (25-16, 25-26, 25-21) to send their record on over their 35th career home victory. The Lady Flames dominated opponents to record the season average in every calculable category as the second of 16 in a row and an 8-8 record. The team's .279 hitting average nearly doubled the previous season average of .181.

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

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

On the defensive side of the ball, junior Lauren Thomas continued her record setting ways, 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 1-1 in conference and solidifies their position atop the Big South. The Lady Flames will close out their regular season on the road against Gardner-Webb and UNCG. The Big South Championship Tournament will begin next week in Winston Salem, NC.

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Riding High — Lady Flames stay toward regular season end.

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The Flames had a job to do, and quite simply, they got it done.

There were challenges, sure, but in Saturday's 37-31 win over visiting Virginia Military Institute (VMI), senior leader Laura Strappelli said. "We've been preparing for this game all week. We've been putting a lot of focus into getting ready for our game against VMI."

As the game against SVU got off to a quick start, junior Derek Dittrich led the way scoring a point on their own 35-yard line, down 17-9. Senior slinger Mike Brown hit Chris Summers for a 74-yard touchdown drive. The Flames had a pitch.

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In its second game of the tournament, Liberty went up against George Washington. The Colonials pushed out a quick 4-0 lead. However, the Flames answered back with a goal by sophomore Andrew Walters, bringing the lead to 1-1 in the first period. With momentum shifting the Flames made an effort to keep up with the Colonials. But a much bigger and faster Colonials squad pulled away overcoming the Flames 2-1 in the final three periods.

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Lady Flames open season against Spartans

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Ally weeks of preparation, the Lady Flames will officially kick off their 2011-12 season on Nov. 11 against the UNC- Greensboro Spartans. This match meeting was in 2009 where the Lady Flames defeated the Spartans 3-1. 64-42.

Always looking to LibertySports.com, the Lady Flames have more of an opportunity to be listed on LibertySports.com Women’s Middlebury Tops 25-provision poll for their second consecutive sec- tion. They will then start their season against UNC-Greensboro with the ranking of No. 30.

For the Lady Flames, there will have four of their starters return from the 2010-11 season. Among the four includes the Big South Pre- season Player of the Year, senior center Avery Warley.

Although the Lady Flames are returning four of their starters from last season, the Lady Flames are not to open this year without point guard Emily Fraizer. She has had some injuries and things that continue to arise in her pre-season. The Lady Flames head coach Carey Green said, “So it’s about some of the challenges that we have in front of us. She’ll be prepared for the game. You have to be prepared to face the challenges that the game may bring up from an unfamiliar opponent. We’ll be prepared in every aspect and in all aspects of the game to be suc- cessful.”

Ally Fraizer is not expect- ing to play in the game against UNC-Greensboro. Coach Green has prepared back up options in the Regan Miller and senior Jun- da Kyle, both tvhich Flames, transition in the point guard posi-

sation for the Lady Flames. “I’ll be sharing the point guard time with Regan and Emily. We get back,” Dale said. “Hopefully I’ll be used to be that leader. I’m more aggressive than before. I’ve been pushed to the extreme of doing more than what I was asked to do.”

With a tradition from Saint High School, the Lady Flames will be among the first freshmen to play in their first collegiate game against UNC- Greensboro. “I’m very excited, but nervous at the same time,” Miller said. “UNC-Greens- borough, the Lady Flames will re- turn to face Virginia Common- wealth University on Nov. 15 in the first of their 13 home games.

CAMERON in a sports position.

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 14 career aces

Warren on Liberty: “In high school, I thought that I wanted to be a scholar. This young lady has a passion for people, for the spiritual side of things. I’ve never seen her do anything wrong. I’ve never seen her do anything bad. I’ve never seen her do anything that would hurt anybody.”

Pinder on Warren: “It was amazing to see her grow as a young woman. When you talk about all these seniors, I can say with- out a doubt as well that they are going to be champions for Christ someday. This young lady has a passion for people, for the spiritual side of things. I’ve never seen her do anything wrong. I’ve never seen her do anything bad. I’ve never seen her do anything that would hurt anybody.”

Cooper on Warren: “She’s a fierce competitor. She keeps going and never gives up. She’s a really important player. I’ll definitely remember being able to play against her.”

#4  Courtney Boggs  Marysville, Ohio  Government/Pre-Law  Career highlights: Recorded a team high 686 as- siats in layoff season. Has registered seven career double-doubles Three 60 assist matches

Boggs on Boggs: “There’s not a better partner of a younger sister! She’s really going to do all the things with high integrity, high maturity, and she’s going to bring something that’ll be perfect with me. She carries the book and she’s just a great person. She’s probably one of the most helpful people that I’ve ever met.”

Pinder on Boggs: “I’ve never been able to watch her in a game. You just feel that she’s out there with you.”

#10  Kelly Haseman  Three Rivers, Mich.  Kinesiology  Career highlights: Liberty’s all-time leader in career digs, currently 5th in Big South History First ever Liberty player with back-to-back 500 dig seasons 2008 Big South All-Freshman Team 2010 Big South All-District Team 2010 Big South All-Tournament Second Team

Haseman on memories and moti-vation: “I’ll definitely remember being able to win the Big South. That was such a huge goal for me. I think, being able to watch the TV and see who we were going to play and then being at Nebraska was just a great experi- ence. I’ll always remem- ber that. My motivation has been the girls. I don’t end a play or when somebody is able to do something for the team and me. My motivation has been the girls. It’s a great thing that just gets more and more all the time career leader in digs at Liberty. . . .

Pinder on Haseman: “I love seeing her compete. She’s a very hard worker. That was just a great experience. I’ll always remember that.”

#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 Presiden- tial Honor Roll three times

Cooper on Liberty career: “I wanted to come to Liberty regardless of volleyball. It’s been such a blessing and oppor- tunities, but ultimately I just wanted to be a part of the Liberty Lady Flames’ coaching program. Our head coach is such an inspiration. She’s really challenged me in every area of my life.”

Harvey on Cooper: “She’s another senior with an unbelievable amount of experience. To see her consistently grow in her role and never back down, it’s just grown and gave her the opportunity to play and contribute to this program her last four years. That’s hard work every day is something that this senior has taught me. ||

Pinder on Harvey: “I just wanted to be with her. I just wanted to be a part of this. I’d been in the sec- ond game to the suc- cessful team hosted a eo-ed 14

#3  erbena  John Beilein  Detroit Mercy  Career highlights: Recorded 111 digs in each of her first two seasons Registered 21 digs against Radford, Sept. 23, 2011 Named to Big South Presiden- tial Honor Roll three times

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Taking on any competitors willing to play

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

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Even during the off-season, teams still compete. The Liberty University’s club Ultimate Flames team hosted a co-ed tournament Nov. 5-6 and will also host a men’s tournament Nov. 12-13.

The Flames, led by senior Jordan Bassett, hosted and created and also played in the co-ed tournament that included the Michigan Wolverines Ducks, a team from Radnor, Buckatubas, Illinois, both are from Loyola and High Point University.

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“Liberty lost to Campbell 2-1, but it’s easy to say that Liberty was the better team in that game. The Lady Flames scored two goals and had a strong second half, while Campbell was limited to one goal. We dominated possession and created multiple scoring opportunities throughout the game.”

Lynchburg head coach Randy LaRentz.

The Lynchburg Legends are a team comprised of athletes that are dedicated to promoting a high-stan-

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Polly, said. “At that time, I was in contact with the coach of the ABA to see what it took to launch a franchise. It took me a year and a half to put it all together and start the Lynchburg Legends.”

The Legends are in the process of adding new players and will continue to evaluate their roster before the start of the regular season in April. The goal is to strengthen their lineup and compete with the best teams in the league.

FIRE! Flyer

Our Liberty team will need to play its best game this season in order to advance to the semifinals. The Lady Flames have a strong core of returning players and hope to build on their success from last season.

With "Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, and regular season play over, all eyes will be on the Liberty Flames as they prepare for the Big South Championship next year." The Lady Flames will look to improve in the off-season and aim for another run at the Big South Championship next year.

GONZALES in a sports reporter
FOOTBALL, continued from B1

Another answer, and another reception for Summers, who now has 117 for his career—a school record.

"It feels real surreal...It's a great ac-

complishment for me to have all these

records when I leave. I just want to give

thanks to God and my teammates, who

know that I had it in me but takes my

coaches who help me every week and get

me ready to play," Summers said.

"It's been fun to watch him grow and

bring so much success to the program,"

Brown said.

Exhibit C, third quarter. After allowing a

long VMI touchdown drive, which in-

cluded a 24-yard run on fourth-and-one,

other keeper Kevin Fogg did what he
does best, returning the kickoff for a

93-yard touchdown. That's the third of

his career and of this season—a Big

South record.

"That was definitely a run play," Brown

said. "After Fogg's kick return, we

were able to get breathing room."

Thirty minutes later, the case was

dowed, the game was over and the Flames

record stood at 7-3 and their conference

record remained undefeated at 5-0.

The hard way.

But Liberty didn't make it easy on

themselves from the start. Fogg fum-

bled the opening kickoff, giving the Key-

notes the ball in Flames territory.

Linebacker Chase Giffiths smugly

shut, blooped kickoff, allowing it to

bounce right off his numbers. A few min-

utes later, the Flames found themselves

in a 10-7 hole with 8:53 remaining in the second half.

"That's the best way to have it," Brown said. "We wouldn't have it any other way.

"We got Aldreakis going in the second

quarter and created live first downs. We

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

Aldreakis Allen was key in the Flames score in the second half. After hitting, he carried 12 times for 75 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 Aldreakis going in the second

hall that shows great resolve by our kids," Brown 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.

The Flames will control their own des-

tiny in their matchup with Stony Brook on

Nov. 19, with the winner being crowned

conference champions.

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Quarter Reporter
Breaking Down the Game

IN YOUR FACE — Aldreakis Allen finished the day with 100 all-purpose yards, his fourth consecutive 100-yard all-purpose game."

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Once again, there were fantastic plays and good
Liberty Way says okay to nose rings

A change in the dress code now allows small studs to be worn in the nose.

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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 good that they are loosening up some on the dress code,” junior Kandi Garrett said.

While some students were surprised by the change in policy, Tomson was more confused 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,” Truax said. “It is not necessarily safer, 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.”

But with every positive reaction comes a negative, or snarky, reaction. I do not believe that Liberty should have lifted the restriction. I believe that it may lead to a slippery slope and that other Liberty policies and/or dress code policies may be lifted as well in order to please the students,” senior Brittany Truax said.

Truax also said that she doesn’t think any facial piercings should be allowed and that because nose piercings are allowed, eventually Liberty will probably conform to allowing others.

Truax did mention that she thought it might be a good idea if a rule was created prohibiting certain majors from wearing nose rings, although she does recognize that it would be very difficult to enforce.

“Certain majors, such as business or education, will not be able to go into an interview with a nose ring due to the lack of professionalism. However, I think that would be the situation for most majors,” Truax said. “Colleges are to prepare us to get real jobs and the reality is, most employers will not be fond of nose and/or facial piercings.”

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Olympic hopeful trains at Snowflex
Pro-skier Jay Panther discovers the artificial ski slope

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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 and 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 is 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 these 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."

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GETTING SOME AIR— Mogul-skier Jay Panther does a jump off of a ramp at Liberty’s Snowflex.

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