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Romney rallies in ‘Burg
Presidential candidate urges Hill City to get out the vote

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With less than 24 hours before polls open nationally, Mitt Romney made a stop at Virginia Tech in Lynchburg, Va., to address a crowd of nearly 3,000. Many of those in attendance were Liberty University students. Romney spoke for approximately 20 minutes, but insisted that words will not change the country.

“Talk is cheap,” Romney said. “A record is real and is owned with real estate. The president promised change, but change can’t be measured in speeches. It’s measured in achievements.” According to Romney, what Obama has achieved is not good enough for the American people.

“Obama praised what the president has accomplished...”

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Sears closing
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Liberty University recently announced plans to build a new state that the university purchased from the River Ridge Mall on Garden Mountain Road.

According to Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., the university bought the space for $60 million. However, it was announced that Liberty does not intend to purchase more than the mall space.

According to The News & Advance, the purchase was the result of a meeting between the two parties and the creation of the new estate agent and a representation from Sears to rent.

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Stein speaks
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Well-known writer, artist, and TV personality Ben Stein, acclaimed for his role in the 1980 movie “ Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” made his way to Liberty University to vote in the general election Monday, Nov. 5.

Taking advantage of the looming Election Day Stein focused his address on pro-life, religious liberty, and the importance of every single vote.

The secret weapon is hard work, Stein said. “We don’t need government subsidies, we need the government to get out of the way.”

If God intended us to act to ward one another will help get America back to where it needs to be, Stein said.

It comes down to something that seems fairly simple — believing, deeply, that our fellow human beings are God commands us to be,” Stein said.

According to Stein, there is a lack of national effort in the United States. Yet, the best way to get people interested to work for their paychecks, Stein said. “Stop speaking in long, dull works,” Stein said.

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For more information on Stein’s article on Ben Stein, please visit libertychampion.com.

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New dorms coming
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When construction on a new residence hall began, the building has been under construction since 2009 and will not be completed until 2011.

Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced in a press conference Monday, Nov. 5, that the tower residence hall begins next semester, the university to Liberty University. The tower residence hall will replace residence halls one and two through Liberty’s campus transformation. The project is part of what one developer calls a $170 million overhaul of the University.

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ONE LAST APPEARANCE

REAL CHANCE

ONE DAY AHEAD

Ready to vote
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Election Day is here, and the Champion has spent the past month informing readers about who they will be voting for at the polls.

In addition to the congressional, senatorial and presidential candidates, the Champion has featured voters sharing their opinions on the ballot. It is a proposed amendment, titled Question 1, that would require the state to adopt an official “code of ethics for public officials” that would limit incentives where private property could be allowed for public use. It is a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution of Virginia. The initiative, titled Question 2, asks voters to “abolish the Virginia Lottery Corporation.”

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Nursing program boasts high pass rate

Students with a 3.0 and above GPA are eligible to apply but compete against many other eager students

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Years of hard work and dedication from students, faculty and staff has helped Liberty University’s nursing program come to fruition.

According to Donna Britt, Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Liberty University, students must apply to get into the program during their freshman year, a process that includes requirements such as a GPA of at least 3.0. Freshman year helps distinguish which students are prepared for the program. Other schools “weed out” candidates as they go through the program, which makes it easier to have a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination.

According to Britt, determining whether students during their freshman year only, as opposed to throughout the student’s college career, is what makes Liberty unique.

**RESIDENCE HALLS**

This also shows what the new dormitories on the current site of Liberty’s Champion Circle residence halls could look like.

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According to Liberty News Service, more than $180 million in construction projects have gotten under way since the end of school last spring, compared to the $205 million in construction projects during a “normal year.”

The new residence halls will provide more than 60,000 square feet of living space, 50% of which will be common living areas, and 50% of which will be student rooms.

The residence halls will feature four-story buildings, each with its own kitchen and living area, which will be available for students to use as they see fit. The buildings will also feature a large lobby area, which will serve as a social space for students to gather and relax.

**CHAMPION CORRECTIONS**

In issue 8 of the Liberty Champion, there was a misprint of the name of the author for the article on the School of Communication’s Career Fair. The article was written by new reporter Andrea Rutte, not new reporter Darcy Hatten.

**LIBERTY CHAMPION**

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"I'm really excited because..." — Debunk the plan in this excerpt.

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Pro/Con: Do debates still matter?

Whitney Rutherford

As Americans flood the polling places to fill in the bubble for the next president of the United States, television voters must turn to the local polls to see if the debates the presidential candidates

"Debates challenge voters to be thoroughly educated." - RUTHERFORD

The presidential debates have featured the leaders of policy and style, and they have given candidates' aggressiveness was valued by viewers as much if not more than their planning.

Though the debates ran about 90 minutes and included points that are largely devoid of substance.

Our main problem is that the candidates had little time to respond to issues.

Following the debates, candidates with major points on the same issue, such as health care, were often pitted against each other.

With the knowledge gained in these debates, voters are now better informed about the candidates and the issues. The debates serve as a window into the minds of candidates and help voters make informed decisions. The debates are a valuable tool in the democratic process, and we should continue to have them.
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Former congressman addresses students
Ohio representative Bob McEwen visited Liberty University to remind students why America stands strong

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Planes donated to the School of Aviation

The SOA has received over $1 million in both cash and equipment donations to aid in furthering education.

Jeremy Angiome

Liberty University's School of Aeronautics (SOA) has recently received donations to the program in the form of several aircraft that will be used for student training purposes.

The SOA is making strides in the aviation industry. Dean of the SOA, Gen. David Young believes it is partly due to valuable support and substantial donations that the program receives.

The fleet team recently won the National Intercollegiate Flight Association regional tournament for the right to compete for the national championship. The SOA program was accepted into the Federation Aviation Administrators' Airline/Executive Standard Young Graduates and Training Workshop Group.

"We've been very blessed with both cash and equipment donations," Young said. "To date, we have received over a million dollars in donations in both cash and equipment.

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RECOGNITION - Members are awarded for their yearly accomplishments.

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David Loss, whose father owned, 1931 Travel Air biplane, has agreed to give it to the SOA for a very unique purpose. Once the SOA and Freedom Aviation have received the aircraft in trading conditions, there is no reason as to why it will not be in the annual Air Race Classic's air show across the country.

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The legacy we leave behind for our children, grandchildren, and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94th birthday, I realize this election could be my last. I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel. I urge you to vote for those who protect the sanctity of life and support the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for biblical values this November 6, and pray with me that America will remain one nation under God.
**Bulldogs tie Flames on Senior Night**

UNC Asheville forces a draw, but Flames still manage to earn the No. 3 seed in the Big South tournament

**SPORTS**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**Men's Volleyball**  
Liberty 1  
Duke 2

**Men's D2 Hockey**  
Liberty 5  
Virginia Tech 3

**Men's D3 Hockey**  
Liberty 3  
Virginia Commonwealth Univ. 1

**Women's D1 Hockey**  
Liberty 4  
Stevenson Univ. 1

**Women's D2 Hockey**  
Liberty 1  
Slippery Rock Univ. 5

**Crew**  
Head of Occoquan race  
Liberty 22nd out of 34

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The University of North Carolina (UNC) Asheville Bulldogs took to the field as No. 1 seed and upset No. 2 Flames in overtime to advance to the first round of the Big South tournament. The Flames entered the tournament as defending champions and were looking to advance to the second round for the fourth consecutive year.

The game was a tight battle, with both teams having opportunities to score. However, neither team was able to capitalize on their chances, resulting in a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation. The game went to overtime, where the Flames were unable to find a winning goal.

Despite the tie, the Flames still managed to earn the No. 3 seed in the Big South tournament, securing their place in the second round. The team will now face the No. 6 seed in the upcoming round of the tournament, which will be played on November 16.

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The Flames' defense was a key factor in earning the tie against UNC Asheville. The team's goalkeeper made several key saves to keep the game scoreless, while the defense was able to prevent the Bulldogs from finding the back of the net.

Offensively, the Flames were unable to capitalize on their opportunities, with neither team able to score in overtime. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, leaving both teams with a share of the Big South regular season title.
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Liberty University student Stephen Berry has always lived life in the fast lane. He grew up in the tiny town of Claflin, South Carolina, and was the driver of the "Thunder 500," the series' highest handicapped to race featuring its standard amount of 20 drivers fighting to qualify. Late-model racing serves as a minor league for sprint cars and is a popular spectator sport featuring a competitive event. Berry was one of the first to see the sport's potential.

"It was one of the craziest races I've ever been in," Berry said. "I was just happy to be here and hanging. Drivers were going out there. It was wild!"

Berry's high finishes especially impressive when you consider the odds stacked against him. On just his first lap of the race, a wreck in the group of cars in front of Berry knocked out left-tire from his suspension and above his car's alignment. "The car was pushing because he had the tires from his\n\n\nWhen Berry's support has been crucial in Berry's success, more funding is needed for his team to reach the next level. Several universities have started NASCAR-focused programs for students. Clemson University alone has been a very strong partner, starting a long-term relationship with the university. Their support is one of Berry's biggest supporters, funding his team since 2007. Berry's first race was as a more prominent student in the racing arena, entering the Ironman 190 Car to support his cause. He suffered through the first race but had the idea to Berry Raymond Jr., who immediately signed him on as a driver. "The race was the idea. One of the last races I ran was during the homecoming parade that year, which he let me drive my own car. He came up to me afterwards and said that the "team loved" Berry said. "He was a very genuine and unique person."

Moving up Berry is now looking to the future and searching for ways to reach the upper echelon of racing. He has set his sights on joining NASCAR's Truck Series, where many prominent NASCAR Cup drivers, such as Carl Edwards, Kevin Harvick and Mark Martin, first gained public recognition. Berry has also had conversations with representatives from series powersports house Kyle Busch Motorsports in hopes of joining the team in the next few years. "They are one of the premier series teams. They like me and I like them," Berry said.

Still, Berry has found it tempting to reach the upper echelon of racing, but he believes it is more than just money that makes a team successful. NASCAR teams are driven by the desire of sponsors, and financial support must be ensured before a deal can be made. "It's all about getting that money to pay for the teams and the equipment," Berry said. "Everything else goes into that."

Despite being a stand-out, Berry's passion and dedication to the sport is undiminished. "People have said I have a natural talent," Berry said. "I love being out of control. You're literally going as fast as you can on the whole race, within inches of each other, beating and banging. It's a huge adrenaline rush. I'm just trying to make it into the big leagues and make my dream come true."

Woolfolk is the opinion editor.
Coach Layer, Flames look for healthy start

Men's basketball focuses on the upcoming season with their first test coming up against the Richmond Spiders

Derek Bech
delaware

A year on of Liberty Flames basketball has crept up on us, and head Coach Donnie Deluca and crew, staying healthy is key.

Early injuries to players cost the Flames its first eight of ten games last season. As those players slowly returned, the Flames were able to put together several solid outings late in the season before being ousted in the conference finals of the Big South Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina.

"We are in a different stage than the Jones brothers, but we've got a bunch of really good young talent," Lay said. "If we stay healthy, I think we can really contend for championship in the Big South."

Having been one of the players who was unable to play last season after being forced to add a severe knee injury, Upperman's presence will add depth to the front court along with the return of forward Amarion Barnes and "Kama Giraffes. However, not 10-15 center Joel Vander Ploel will miss the beginning of the season.

"I think it will be the best front court we have had in a long time ever. We've been at Liberty," Lay said. "Sonny has been very busy recruiting, and it has really improved, Amarion has been out for the season, and the pressure. We need Vander Ploel back, but we are deeper and more athletic in the front court since we have here."

Vander Ploel is currently recovering treatment for a nagging back injury. Last year, he played throughout the season with this injury, appearing in 29 contests.

Training camp impressions

Layer has brought in new members, some of which will see dramatic time early in the year. One is transfer Donavon Marshall from Mercer in the Big South. Also, an offensive training camp, Marshall has gotten the notice of his same coach in the Big South.

"Donavon has matured well into the team," guard John Calee Sanders said. "He will most likely be our starting point guard. He is real unselfish, but he is very good. He is a good defender, but he is a different style of player."

Georgia guard freshman Wesley Acosta is another player who has progressed well into the team. Acosta is one of a few LSU high school recruits who earned a Liberty basketball program, the offer being granted by Larry Taylor.

"Everyone is trying to find each other's game out and trying to fit into the coach's system," guard Tavorses Spade said. "I think the point is we are at a point we are struggling pretty good."

The Flames entered training camp with a blue-white scrimmage that three of the teams, Liberty, double with a game 29-29 and 10-9.

"As a team, we have progressed well during foot camp," J.C. Sanders said.

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pressure off the quarterback and revives and helps them keep the game going down at the 15.

The first half of action could be summed up in three plays. Alabama Alabama's "big three" long touchdown run and the back's huge significant pass game, a 45-yard touchdown pass on a well-executed end around play to wide receiver Kirby Keeton.

"The first 30 minutes, both offense moved up and down the field almost exclusively via the running game. Liberty compiled 150 yards on the ground before halftime, with Alabama Alabama scoring 19 of the yards. North Alabama's three yards came on two touchdowns, Alabama's long 11-yard touchdown was a 3-4 lead on the half.

Berdeek freshwater halfback Naveen Tootal had still his third touchdown of the year at the beginning of the second half on a five-yard reception, pulling the Flames up 20-14. Minutes later, Aber scored his third touchdown of the game, burning up the middle for a 30-yard score. Aber finished the night with 179 yards on 13 carries and his second highest total of the season.

"I thought Albert ran hard. I thought he had good vision, and he made good runs," Till said.

For Aber, the success of the running game was two-fold: having the key center and next, key center.

"The line knows that we can see the hole, we're going to take it," Aber said. "They were very confident, the line was okay, and I knew it for the line." In spite of playing behind for the entire contest, the Bucs' three-dimensional offense remained committed to running the ball. CMS managed one more score in the fourth quarter to pull the final.

It's hard not to underscore the rule the Flames defense had in the victory.

"The defense did a great job holding them down as far as their rushing stock," Gill said.

After averaging an astounding 129 yards on the ground a three-quarter winning streak going against the conference, the Flames defense limited 321.5 rushing yards to mere 306.5 rushing yards. As we'll see the second time around against the conference, this will not be the case.

Liberty hosts Stony Brook University next Saturday, Nov. 1, as a game that may decide the winner of the Big South Conference. Stony Brook is undefeated in conference play, and Liberty has lost only one conference loss. Liberty can force a three-way tie with Stony Brook and Stony Brook with Virginia Military Institute for the following- 1953.

HARVEY is the sports editor.

Lady Flames hit 20-win mark for sixth straight year

Newcomer to Liberty athletics, and with the Lady Flames hitting the 20-win mark for the sixth straight year, Gill said.

The Lady Flames women's basketball team captured the 25th consecutive victory, the longest winning streak in the nation, with a victory over Hampton on Saturday. The Lady Flames are currently 20-0 in conference play and 24-2 overall.

"We need to look forward to get ready for Richmond on Friday night," Gill said.

Season Outlook

The Lady Flames are considered one of the top teams in the nation, and are predicted to finish fourth in the North Division of the Big South Conference. The Flames are also invited to the Legend Classic, where they will face Big East opposition.

NEW FACETS — Jarred Jourd ans of Liberty athletics.

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Sportsfanatic unconcerned that behind every great team is a leader who makes the players that stay late, shows up early, and bears the weight of responsibility for every win and loss. This bearer is unfailingly dedicated and unyielding in his pursuit of team victory. Rick Turner is that player for Liberty University.

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INTERVIEW

The interview, the 61-year-old said he was considering a job in the big, post-Hurricane Sandy weather afterward.

Despite being in shape, when Tothurn went to the University of Kansas
to a physical, they realized that he had above-average pressure-specific antigens.

After a second exam, the doctor eventually told Turner the word one that no one wants to hear.

"The doctor said, 'you need to see me. When he said I have cancer, I thought wasn't right.'" Turner said. "I was very much at peace because I knew if it was the Lord's will, it was the Lord's will."

Even though it was a late stage prostate cancer, action needed to be taken right away. Turner decided to return from Kansas University to complete coaching in general, driving to have a radical prostatectomy.

He returned to East Tennessee with his wife, Janel, and son, Trey. The surgery was successful, and Tothurn was back to playing basketball and jazzing almost immediately.

Turner said that he was happy in retirement, but he heard of Liberty's opening for a new head coach. He thought Girard would be a perfect fit. Tothurn made a phone call, and in December of 2011, Girard was hired in the local coach of the Flames. Soon after, Girard worked to hire Turner as a member of his coaching staff.

Then you will call on one and name another to me, and I will listen to you. However, Tothurn had some reservations, which he made clear to Girard, saying, "I will not come if my cancer is not under control and cleared."

"I went and we reflected about two weeks later," Turner said. "I was cancer-free, zero-zero-zero. So I felt that the Lord's way of telling me."

You need to go.

With a slight laugh, Turner said with his Southern drawl, "So, here we are."

Living in Virginia, Tothurn was impressed with the kindness of the people and the atmosphere of Liberty, noting how he can play with others without being committed by fans and onlookers.

He praised his Life coaches and his facilities for coming with much experience and with the proper level of a lifestyle of coaching. He began his life after graduation from Carson Newman College in 1974 playing a year of baseball in the Kansas City Royals' organization. From there, he moved up to coach freshman football in a graduate assistant position at Taylor University and later to assistant coaching positions at Southeastern Louisiana and Louisiana Tech.

In 1983, Tothurn became the defensive coordinator at the University of Mississippi and at the University of North Carolina before cursing his first head coaching position at UNC in 1988.

He also had stops at Alabama, Texas A&M, Carson Newman, Mississippi State — his alma mater — and eventually Kansas, where he served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach under Gill.

"The loyalty to Gill was enormous. If I started my coaching career again at age 25, I'd coach for him for the rest of my life." Tothurn said of Gill. "That's how much I think of him." Tothurn will seek and find me who seeks me with all your heart."

"I was in my beginning to Gill and Assistant Coach Robert Winfield. Tothurn, committed to coaching the Flames Dec. 28, 2011 — the same day he learned he was cancer-free."

"The Lord's way of experiences, heartache and trials, and learning how to deal with certain situations," Tothurn said. "I think, over a period of time, those experiences give us in the wisdom we need to have to deal with certain situations."

Sitting at his desk, which is covered with Bibles and devotional books, Tothurn reflected on what he has achieved so far in his life. The cancer coach who has overcome cancer brings a wealth of life and coaching experience to Liberty University.

He has overcome being let go from positions as a result of criticism and cancer diagnosis.

Throughout the interview, however, he kept talking about Gill with a smile spread across his face. He wanted to describe something he learned during his battle with cancer, he spoke for a while on #0 matters, paused, looked up from his desk, and said.

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Liberty University will be joining with Sodexo and the Campus Ministry of the Liberty Bank to make an impact in their community by hosting a Thanksgiving food drive during the month of November.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Liberty University to give back to the community," senior women's basketball player, Shalondra Tait, said. "We are honored to be at this university and to have the chance to help provide a beautiful Thanksgiving for less fortunate families. Please help us spread the word, and let's donate as many food items as possible."

The Liberty community donated 672 pounds of food in 2011. This year, the goal is to collect 2,000 pounds. All food collected during the drive will be used to feed the needs of local residents of the following counties that are part of the Southwest Virginia Corridor: Bedford, Campbell, Appomattox, and Franklin.

Dareen Wu, Christian service coordinator and assistant professor at Liberty, helps coordinate the drive. According to Dareen, food gifts donated to the drive last year and partnered with Sodexo as an effort to help the Southwest Tidewater Community Commission.

"This food drive is important because time and time again, we are No. 1 for many reasons," Wu said. "For those of us that are fortunate enough to be blessed by the Lord, we should be moved to ensure that we have the resources to help others that really need it.”

We also said that the food drive arose as a result of a student request made by the Office of Student Life. The drive will give students an opportunity to reach out to the needs of others, love one another, and be good stewards.

"What I love about Liberty is how much we value community and the importance of coming together to help those in need," said senior Jessica Sturcke said. "Donating food to the Thanksgiving food drive is a perfect way for students to help others.

Students can donate various food items at conversation Tuesday, Nov. 14, and faculty and staff can donate at the Thomas

COMPETITION — Businesses along Wards Road have created increased competition in Liberty.

"I’m optimistic that this year, with more outreach to the community, we will reach more people," Executive Vice President of Lynchburg’s Chamber of Commerce, Ward R. Britt, said.

"It is absolutely helping the local economy," said Senior Janet Ferguson, who has been involved with high-quality areas such as Washington D.C., are not placed by the traffic. However, residents of low density areas see this competition as a nuisance. With the influx of traffic an influx of growth, and with the influx of growth an influx of competition, according to Kennedy.

"Any savvy business owner will look at their competition and strategize their marketing and get around them," she said. "It’s all about consumer preference and time.

With restaurants like Chick-Fil-A, Bogo, and Cook-Out residing on one stretch of roads, Wards is the hub for dining out. However, Kennedy said that the influx of Wards Road received benefits, fewer road signs that are designed and specialized.

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Lynchburg competition creates growth

Business re­funds have caused healthy synergy in the Lynchburg economy with Wards Road expansion

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FEATURE

Campus SERVE impacts community

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Squashing over a row of veg-
ables in a small fenced garden,
Athena "Chains" Rabhan stood
up for a moment to take a rest.
The row was small and narrow,
and there were bunches of seeds
on the tile, regardless of in-
side the field looked like. "We had
there in that area right there?" Rat-
han said, putting her bunch of
tall weeds. "Basically, that's what
this field looked like at first.”

Volunteers working with
Liberty University’s Campus
SERVE ministry had cleared the
field of ware, ragstied it and
seeded it.

"Not only do they help with
the gardening, they help out with
the community, too,” Rabhan
said. "They cut people’s grass,
plant flowers and whatever they
need, they are willing to do it.

The Voley community
which Rabhan is a resident of
is just one of eight inner city
sites that Campus SERVE visits
on a weekly basis. These sites
mainly help out with the child-
en’s or the community, but they
also help to “break the chains” of
the Voley garden. Campus SERVE
also helps the adult members of
the Lynchburg community. They
help the seniors to visit sani-
tions and women’s minsters for
single mothers as well as many
other special projects according
to Campus SERVE coordinator
Shawn Collier.

"Four weeks ago, world gift-
ning day, Mr. Johnson, leader of
the Voley team, said, "Always
care for the elders, the ones who
get 10 gab from the commis-

DURING – About 300 Liberty
students/volunteers Saturday mornings as a part of Campus SERVE.

"Even though you try to do every-
thing and delegate, as a lead-
er, you can’t do anything with-
out the volunteers,” Adams said.

"All you can do is point them in
the right direction and they just
take over. It’s awesome.”

Around 200 students attend
Campus SERVE on Saturdays
to fulfill their Christian commu-
nity service requirements (CSER) at Liberty. In addition to CSER students,
there are other volunteers, such as former
Campus SERVE leaders, who coordinate with the ministry to serve the community. According to Hampton,
"Last week, we had around 140 students,” Demidrich said.

“We also have students who just meet us at the sites, and when students have several-semester papers due for Examplor, 13, we get students from there.

Every Saturday morning at 10 a.m., volunteers meet together with their team leaders in Dall-
awll 1111 to pray for the day’s outreach opportunities. After prayer and announcements, the
groups break off to their respect-
s sites and spend two to three
hours serving and evangelizing in local nursing homes, neigh-
borhoods and businesses.

“I think it’s a good experience,
and a lot of people should try it
one time or twice,” Laura Libby, Campus SERVE volunteer, said.
"It helps to have a biblical world-
view of serving.”

According to coordinator An-
drew Chambliss, there have been
about 28 salvation result-

ing from the ministries in the last
two years. Volunteers through-
the years have also managed
to impress not only Chambers,
but the communities they served
as well.

"I can’t speak for other com-

unities, but Campus SERVE
has impacted this particular
community,” Cameron Coffman,
Rabhan said. "These kids are
a tremendous job.

Stipends awarded in volun-
teerism for Campus SERVE
for CSER points, plus anyone can volunteer at campuseserv.com (call
256-084-6618). The last Sat-
urday to participate this semester is Dec. 8.

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Audrey Moore grew up in the world of music, but she never envisioned being part of a band. Now a student at Liberty University, Moore has become part of Degwoods & Holly, a band that has even recorded an album.

“I never thought that I would record an album or play big shows or anything,” Moore said. “I guess I just didn’t have that much confidence in my abilities.”

The name Degwoods & Holly has been popped up quite frequently around the state of Virginia and other areas. With a debut album and shows in an array of places, the band has been making a name for itself.

Made up of four Liberty students — Audrey Moore, Richelle Worrell, Luke Sawyer and Owen DuPont — Degwoods & Holly has a passion for good, honest music and an underlying heartbeat for Christ.

The band members said that their name together who they are. On softer level, it is a name that speaks to the heart of each member. The states of Virginia in Degwood and Delaware’s state tree is Holly. There members hail from Virginia, and the fourth, Moore, calls Delaware home.

Their name is also a good reflection of the band’s sound. With the harmonious blend of fiddle, mandolin, banjo and upright bass, the members of the band consider their music to be folk.

“It’s folk, that’s certain, but there are a lot of genres,” Moore said. “We are a very broad category. One of our goals as a band is to incorporate all subgenres of folk into our music.”

It was not until after the name was chosen that the band unpacked its deeper meaning. Legend says that the cross of Christ was made out of degwood, and holly ferries traditionally represent the blood of Christ.

“The name kind of has a double meaning because it represents where we’re from, but it also represents what we believe in and what we stand for,” Moore said.

The first time the group played together, they did not know each other at all. A brother-sister storm event at Panther Falls marked the beginning for the band.

“Richie had brought his guitar and Luke had brought his banjo,” Moore said. “They brought them out and started playing. I had my guitar as well, so I just started to play with them.”

Members of the band also played individually at an Open Mic event. Although the members played separately, it revealed sparks from Panther Falls.

“They made an impression on many in the audience during the next Open Mic Night event, including TwoStooges,” Moore said.

“Two Stooes, the show gave me chills,” she said. “I love them so much. I like their banjos and their vocals.”

The band really began to formulate at that Open Mic.

“The next day, we all brought out instruments and played some different covers, and then we met again the next day, and the next day, and we just started playing music like every single day, ’cause we just love to do that,” Moore said.

It is not just the music itself that appeals to the band, but the lyrical aspect of it as well.

“You can say so much in a song and you can communicate to someone in a way you can’t communicate just in talking to them,” she said.

Moore writes a large portion of the music, but writing has not always come very easy for her. Blooming constantly immersed in the world of music, but never being able to carve up lyrics, was a struggle for Moore.

“I sit down and try to write something, and it just never turns out well,” Moore said. “It wasn’t until after high school that I even wrote a song that I actually thought had merit to it. God’s just been continuing to develop those skills in me over time.”

This struggle has made Moore understanding of others who are trying to hone their craft.

“Truly they have not been writing for very long at all, which is why I always try to encourage other people to,” Moore said. “It’s never too late to start learning something.”

What the band communicates through their lyrics is a driving force behind what they do.

“What we’re attempting to do is write music that is accessible to the secular world, that is creative and a little bit unorthodox,” Moore said. “We aren’t a Christian band.”

“People are so heavily influenced by the music that they listen to and music is such a powerful force,” Moore said.

“There are secular artists all over the place that are writing really good music, but it’s preventing a worldview that is contrary to the truth.”

As far as having a future together, the band is open to just about anything.

“We’re not really sure whether it’s going to happen anywhere or not,” Moore said. “That’s just kind of how it is in the music industry.”

Despite being immersed in the music, the band has accomplished a lot. Degwoods & Holly released their first album, “Bonaparte,” last semester. Many music videos are also in the works, and they have already produced a number of times.

“In a way, I know I’m always going to be playing the music the rest of my life,” Moore said. “It’s just a part of who I am, and writing is kind of how I process my life. So, this is that in contrary to the kind of just going with the flow and not setting what God intends to do with it.”

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Switchfoot electrifies CFAW crowd

The Christian rock band combined with The Rocket Summer to put on an energetic show at the Vines Center.

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Camera flares and the light of cellphones soaring back forth in a packed Vines Center during the Switchfoot and The Rocket Summer concert at Liberty University, Nov. 2.

After The Rocket Summer warmed up the crowd with a high-energy performance, Switchfoot took the stage and played songs from their most recent albums, "Vox, Vox," along with a few favorites from other albums.

The Rocket Summer's Vox, Vox electrified the crowd before Switchfoot took the stage by singing a song from the middle of the audience and crowd-surfing back to the stage. He later pulled out his new iPhone 5 and took a panoramic photo of the entire audience, which he posted on The Rocket Summer's Facebook page. According to the band's Facebook page, they played all of The Rocket Summer's albums himself.

Both bands had the advantage of the audience filled with College for a Weekend (CF/AW)007's posters and bands by encouraging crowd participation. Switchfoot lead singer Jon Foreman climbed over the bar row between fans and the stage at one point in the show, walking through a sea of screaming people andaudience going to see another college.

"It's good to be back, y'all," Foreman said from the middle of the crowd of fans. "My goal for tonight, among many others, is to be a party to break out, and it's starting to feel like a party," he added.

Switchfoot has played at Liberty in the past, and their second performance did not disappoint. CF/AW participant Jake Koonsy experimented with the concert about 15 feet from the stage and reached Foreman's hand as he made his way into the crowd. Koonsy also said that Switchfoot makes the list of his top five favorite bands, so he was enthusiastic about seeing them in concert for the first time at Liberty.

"I think Switchfoot's appearance is super awesome because it's not something that you are going to get at another college," Koonsy said. 

You're going to get tons of stuff here that you won't get anywhere else.

Liberty senior Krist Johnson had her ticket that was taped to the side of her bed for a month. She got in line about two hours before the concert began, positioned herself at the front of the stage and was later rewarded for her persistence.

After the concert ended, Johnson remained by the stage, and a cross商家 gave her a set list used by Switchfoot band member Jerome Brunoock. "Honestly, my favorite part was getting in front like I did and just getting to be so close," Johnson said. "I've never been close to a concert before, that was so amazing. Contact with her free souvenir, Johnson was making her way to

Christmas comes early to Liberty Mountain

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Christmas is a time filled with hope, joy and love. This year, it arrived early. The dormitories stayed two months in advance to honor the wish of a 5-year-old boy named Nathan Norman. He was diagnosed with brain cancer at the age of 1, and the cancer later spread to his spine. Nathan Norman has gone through countless treatments but still fights back the illness.

"At 5:30 in the afternoon, we received the call," Dawn Norman, the boy's mother said. "We're never good when the doctor's office calls you after hours. He just kept saying on the phone, "Don't be an abnormal," I'm sorry. There's been an abnormality and"

When asked by his parents what they could do to make Nathan Norman's treatment easier, he responded like any 5-year-old boy would and said, "Celebrate Christmas." Immediately, both of his parents began to dream of having stringing up lights and setting up the Christmas tree. From the Normans' neighbors, who have support from the beginning, joined in on the pre-Christmas festivities and decorated their yards and houses in well.

"Does it matter to people we think we are crazy? Does it matter?" Robert Norman, the boy's father, said. "Absolutely not. If this is his last Christmas, and he can spend it celebrating for four months, absolutely.

Liberty University took the idea of an early Christmas further Tuesday, Oct. 21 by allowing Nathan Norman to light the Christmas tree that adorns the Liberty mountainrange.

"Nathan was really excited to turn around and watch the tree light up, and now, for the rest of the book page for the rest discovery through Lynchburg, everybody can know that Nathan got Christmas started for us this year," Neal Asloe, Liberty's executive vice president, said.

"This story has touched so many people, it's crazy — more than I could have probably even imagined," Robert Norman said.

Nathan Norman's parents presented him with a level of hope for their son. Through their faith in Jesus Christ, they trust that God has a plan.

"When you ask Nathan, "Are you scared?" He'll say, 'No, God is with me.' His sister asked him, Nathan, are you scared you might get to see Jesus? As a room, I'm saying no. No one is going to say Jesus. Everybody is saying yes. We're seeing Jesus when we are sick," Dawn Norman said. But Nathan said that he is not scared to see Jesus, but he would just miss his Mommy and Daddy.

Nathan and his family said that they appreciated all the support and prayers. All Christmas wishes come true for Nathan Norman at Daniel Beter, Rosemary V, 25308.

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