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 now have the polls a chance to be aware of the constitutional amendments on the ballot.

Only legislatively-referred constitutional amendments are allowed on the ballot in Virginia. According to the Virginia State Board of Elections, proposals must be made during the Commonwealth’s legislative session.

Amendment 1, titled Question 1, deals with the question of what would limit the size of the presidential election ballot. It is a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia.

Information on the amendments refers to the position, issues of the Liberty Champion at libertychampion.com. For more information on the proposed constitutional amendments, visit sbe.vt.gov. EACHO is an asst. news editor.

Sears closing

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Marks & Spencer (M&S) announced plans to build a new store in Lynchburg that will replace the former River Ridge Mall on Forest Mountain Road.

According to Chancellor Terry E. J. Brackin, M&S bought the space for $6 million and plans to build a 180,000-square-foot store. The company announced that Liberty does not intend to purchase the mall.

According to The News & Advance, the purchase was the result of a meeting between the management of the former retail estate agent and a representative from Sears.

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ROMNEY - Presidential candidate Mitt Romney rallies in Lynchburg with one of the left to campaign.

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 on Wednesday to address a crowd of nearly 3,000. Many of those in attendance are 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 eloquence. The president promised change, but change can't be owned in speeches. It's measured in achievements." According to Romney, what Obama has achieved is not good enough for the American people.

"The president has brought at least seven arguments he can think of to try and convince you that the last four years have been successful," Romney said. "And his plan for the next four years is to take all the ideas from the first term... and do them over again. He calls that forward. I call it forever Saddam.

Romney's father opposed the running president on his faith in America's past. "If there is anyone who is worried that the last four years are the best that America can do, or if there's anyone who fears that the American Dream is fading away, I have an unapologetic message," Romney said. "America is about to come marching back.

Romney thanked campaign volunteers, and called to everyone in attendance - campaign workers at post - to do their part in the final push.

"I also want to thank many of you in this crowd that have been out there, working on the campaign, making calls at the victory centers and putting up yard signs - as you neighbors do," Romney said with a smile. "We ask that you stay at this for the next 14 days on Tuesday night.

One Bob McDermott, who spoke prior to Romney, angered voters to get out the vote, saying the importance of every single vote is the close race.

"I can tell you in 2009, when you elected me attorney general, I was elected by 165 votes," McDermott said. "Let me do the math for you, one-out-of-one vote per precinct, that's what's at the difference.

Liberty students came by the thousands to the event, courtesy of buses provided by the Romney campaign. Chad Jackson, an editor at the student newspaper, The Liberty Hill, said, "We're doing our part.

The event was the first of its kind for many of the students present, and it will not be the last of events that will soon follow. "The way it was said" was there was a lot of energy and sense of hope." Liberty junior Jared Dessard, "Romney has a clear vision, a plan for where he wants to go, and that's what I like about him.

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Stein speaks

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Well-known writer, actor, environmental and TV personality Ben Stein, acclaimed for his role in the 1980s movie " Ferris Bueller's Day Off," made his way to Liberty University on Wednesday night.

Taking advantage of the looming Election Day, Stein focused his address on preserving the college of the family and of education, as well as how the upcoming president could impact all of those.

"The secret world is hard work," Stein said. "We don't need government subsidies - we need the government out of the way.

"It comes down to something that seems fairly simple, behaving decently toward one another will help get America back to where it needs to be," Stein said.

According to Stein, there is a lack of hard work ethic in the United States. Yet, the best way to get people interested in working for their paychecks again, Stein said, is with a "Stop Parking Time Is Now" article on Ben Stein, please visit tpeacho@liberty.edu.

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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 have helped Liberty University’s nursing program grow in recent years.

According to Dr. Anna Brit, 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 “need our out” candidates as they do through the program, which makes it easier to have a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination.

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

**HEARTBEAT** — Nursing students who are accepted in their sophomore year to the nursing program, we want them to succeed,” Brit said.

In addition to getting into the new environment and schedule, freshmen have to worry about actually getting into the program. Brit said that nursing applications are looked at first and foremost in the student’s career. Brit also said that the student needs to have a good GPA and excellent grades.

**DORMS continued from A1**

Dorms currently living in those residence halls will have the choice of housing at the Quadrangle, Foster Road, or at other dorms on campus.

The university recently purchased the land in anticipation of this project. Liberty students are already living in the Residential Area, another university-sponsored hall that allowed more residential students to attend the school when it lacked on-campus living space.

According to Falsell, the dining areas in the Aeneas will be expanded so that students in both halls will share the same kitchen and dining room.

During his conversation about the new dorm, the chairman praised the students affected by the decision.

“They are the ones actually doing it so we can make this university a worldwide university in every way,” Falsell said.

The new state-of-the art residential tower is scheduled to be finished by fall 2014, according to the Liberty News Service. Upon completion, it will be large enough to house all students currently living on the Campus Circle. In the future, Liberty officials plan to build five such residence halls in that area.

The current residence halls on Champion Circle were built in the late 1970s and were only meant to be temporary, but they have now been in use for more than 30 years, according to the Liberty News Service.

Falsell said that because current students have to live in the dorms, Liberty needs to replace these soon.

**DORMS** — The new residence halls will be surrounded by lakes and foliage.

In issue 8 of the Liberty Champion, there was a repaint of the name of the nurse for the article on the School of Communication’s Career Fair. The article was written by new reporter Ananda Rettie, not new reporter Darice Harlee.
It's really neat because my mom went to Liberty many years ago and got to hear Reagan speak before he was elected president...and now I'm at Liberty, and I got to hear Romney speak...

- JEANETTE LARSEN

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BLUEPRINT - Above the depiction of the proposed site where a swimming pool would be added.

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Pro/Con: Do debates still matter?

Whitney Rutherford

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

The presidential debates have featured the leaders of policy and style candidates, and a bigger focus on appearance and style candidates, and a bigger focus on appearance and style candidates. The candidate's aggressiveness was valued by voters as much if not more than their planning.

In total, on average 90 minutes of questions and answering points that are largely devoid of substance.

One main problem is that the candidates had little time to respond to issues. Asking the same question twice is a valid way to give the audience over a larger focus on making short, funny points. However, candidates had enough time to say what they want to say, but not enough time to say how they are going to do it.

Without the time to fully elaborate on their policies, candidates risked offering empty promises, and in response to that risk, the Washington Post noted that the debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas during the 1858 Senate election showed in stark contrast to the current format. During Douglas and Lincoln's seven debates, the first speaker would speak for 60 seconds, the second speaker would speak for 90 seconds, and then the first speaker would get 90 minutes to respond. This format may not be a perfect solution to the current setup, but it does reveal that there is a time when politicians could fully explain and defend their beliefs in a way that the current debate format does not address.

Yet as long as candidates get only two minutes to answer questions and articulate their positions, results based on how a candidate wins, these debates will continue to be immeasurable.

Future presidential candidates have the power to fix this. According to The Times article by James Rainey, candidates suggest debate rules and rules, which are then voted upon by the Commission of Presidential Debates. If candidates truly want change, a term that has been more or less defined as "love them or hate them," the debate format could be adjusted.

"It is time to have a debate about the debates. The current format is neither useful, nor informative, and the mess up corrections are readily available."

TELLERS is an opinion writer.
Take advantage of Military Emphasis Week

The time of appreciation for veterans who serve and have served gives students the chance to give back.

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Life is itself an ongoing drama each day filled with an incredible mixture of ups and downs. Throughout the journey moments of tragedy are a certainty. On Oct. 13, the Liberty University community went through one of those trials.

This was the day that U.S. Army Sgt. Robert J. Billings, a Liberty University Online student, was killed while serving in the line of duty in Afghanistan. The story is filled with many tragic details. There is the fact that Billings was just one month away from returning home, according to his hometown newspaper in Morehead, Mich. There is the sad reality that his goal of obtaining a B.S. in Criminal Justice will never be achieved.

But when I read the news of Billings’ passing, a few other names stood out besides his.

They are the names of his family. The name of his wife of eight years, Christa, seemed to jump off the page. The list of his four children, Isaiah, Kayla, Elijah and Naomi, pulled at my heartstrings. All of them face the shocking and premature reality of life without their husband or father.

As a community, we share in their pain. As Christians, we pray for their comfort. As fellow Americans, we appreciate Billings’ ultimate sacrifice.

The question many ask is, “How can we help?”

This question must be answered.

Moderator marked the beginning of Military Emphasis Week (MEW), which will run from Nov. 1 to Nov. 10. According to the university website, MEW is dedicated to raise awareness of and appreciation for those who serve and have served in the United States military. There has never been a more appropriate time for the student body to step up.

The Office of Military Affairs offers numerous ways for students to serve and show support. Director Ryan Reis and her associate director, Ashley Page, have worked with the student-run organization Students Behind our Soldiers to send care packages filled with snacks, hygiene products and of course, Liberty T-shirts. To maintain the ability to do this type of ministry, they are relying on students to chip in.

“This is something Students Behind our Soldiers does year-round. Resources help us to continue to do that,” Reis said.

Boxes will be placed at the Union Center as well as through our Deans and Greens Hall. Drop in a few dollars when you pay pass, because our veterans appreciate it.

Psychology students and any other interested parties can attend a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Seminar Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 111A.

A definition of what PTSD is, what treatments are available and other tools that can help those affected will be discussed. Sleep and fitness, because a veteran may need your help one day.

Former Navy pilot Jerry Goldfarb will also speak in conversation Wednesday. Coffee was a prison of war in North Vietnam for seven years. After he was released in 1973, he went back to work in the Navy. Come to conversation and give your full attention, because our veterans deserve our applause and respect.

More events are being held throughout the week, from luncheons to military panels. All are listed on the University’s “Military Week” website. It is time to put our words of encouragement into actions of assistance.

Reis said that something as simple as attending these events and voicing your gratitude is priceless to the families of veterans.

“It really helps us if we have a lot of students show up to support and recognize all the sacrifices that they have made,” she said.

And that is the key to the success of the Office of Military Affairs.

“It’s about creating a sense of community with veterans on campus,” Reis said. “It helps when they can encourage each other in closure and share in each other’s struggles.”

Those outside Liberty’s campus have various ways to donate as well. Organizations such as American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans have their own websites, where you can find financial support, no matter how small.

The fact that our university dedicates a whole week to honoring those who serve or have served is a blessing. Liberty has over 200 un campaña soldiers alone. Never forget the fact that we live in a country where we have the freedom to embrace our troops.

WOOLFOLK is the opinions editor.

Now, it is up to us to take the time to thank these veterans who give us the freedom to do so.

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acellular student from Liberty University who is not sponsored by the student’s school during a tour in Iraq.

LIBERTY VETERANS — Students Behind from Liberty University pause with the school’s banner during a tour in Iraq.
Former congressman addresses students

Ohio representative Bob McEwen visited Liberty University to remind students why America stands strong.

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Former Ohio representative Bob McEwen returned to Liberty University Oct. 31 to remind students of the founding principles this country was built upon.

During Liberty’s convocation service, Rep. McEwen, who represented the 12th congressional district of Ohio, spoke on the founding principles of what this country is all about better than anyone else.

McEwen drafted his message on historical facts that have shaped how this country is run. He mentioned the four freedoms to which citizens of the United States should measure the greatness of our nation: the strength of the economy, the military, politics and leadership.

“This country is a very unique place, and you hold the key to where it goes,” McEwen said.

The former congressman also mentioned that a politician cannot produce jobs. Instead, the citizens of this country have to create them ... and to create them, we must hold them.

“... You have to create wealth, and government cannot create wealth for you. Government only takes from people who have it,” McEwen said.

In the midst of this historical election, McEwen encouraged students to vote for a leader who will not fear the future, but will stand for the founding principles according to the Liberty News Service. In addition, he also underscored the importance of voting for the nominee who will uphold those principles.

According to McEwen, Nebraska senator Ben Nelson, who won the race for re-election, held up those founding principles.

“He worked for the main street small town, and by a good old dirt road,” McEwen said.

However, if incumbent president Barack Obama wins the election, McEwen believes the current economy will continue on its current path.

“If Obama is president for another four years, we will lose more wealth and more jobs, and we’ll lose influence in the world,” McEwen said. “If this turns into nearly a decade, America’s position in the world will be severely damaged.”

McEwen said that if a businessman such as Romney is put in a position of presidency, the jobs currently in China would be made available to Americans again.

“We’re on the threshold of greatness. If we have a businessman instead of a politician in the White House, we could bring the jobs from China home, and America would take off like a rocket,” McEwen said.

According to McEwen, Liberty University has made a lasting impact on the former politician, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives for six terms. While in office, he and U.S. Sen. Robert Dole sponsored theBrowse! non-partisan division of a non-Communist leader of a Soviet country, which led to the destruction of the Berlin Wall.

“I was here for the first time in ’73 or ’74, and I’ve been here several times since,” McEwen said after his convoca-

tion message. “If I could do it again, I would have gone to school here. The student body is happy, and they aren’t filled with bitterness toward their families and their country. They’re looking for-

want and spread, which is what Christie does for all of us. That’s what I love most about Liberty.”

McEwen currently serves as the senior advisor of his own nationally-recognized law firm, McEwen Law Firm Ltd.

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Alpha Lambda Delta hosts ceremony
The Order of the Torch Award was presented to five members of Liberty's honor chapter

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It is unusual for Liberty students to award both in and out of the classroom. add Friday, Oct. 26 was no different for five exceptional students.

On that night, the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) National Honor Society presented the Order of the Torch Award to five members from Liberty’s chapter at a ceremony hosted by faculty advisor Marilyn Gaddis. The ceremony was held in the Grand Lobby of DeMoss Hall, included a brief speech about the Order of the Torch Award and the history of the ALD by Sandra Williams, one of nine National Council Members. She presented the students with the Order of the Torch banner and commended them for their hard work.

Although the ALD is represented by 270 college chapters across the country, only five were awarded with the Order of the Torch Award every year. To win the Order of the Torch Award, chapters must create a scrapbook portraying the events and activities from the past year. Only five members per chapter may take part in the designing of the scrapbook.

RECOGNITION - Members are awarded for their yearly accomplishments.

“The scrapbook was an accumulation of all of our events that we did, starting with our initiation and ending with the initiation of the new class officers.” Liberty junior and ALD member Audrey Rolan said. “The events included everything from the local red lip hear drive that we did, when we went to the juvenile center, and sending out Thanksgiving packages. (The scrapbook) was just a recap to let the other ALD members see what we did throughout the year. The purpose of it was to share our chapter and our crew and to view other chapters and their successes.”

Liberty junior and ALD advisor Sara Campion said he had never heard of the society before she was invited to become a member of Liberty’s chapter. “The ALD is actually a really great society,” she said. “It’s something where once you are in it, you are in forever. They offer a lot of scholarships. They offer money to help you build your leadership skills.”

The Order of the Torch Award was not the only award presented at the ceremony. Brian Maudling, the president of Liberty’s chapter, received the 2012 Joe Anne J. Trow Award. Williams was one of 35 members of the ALD national to receive the Joe Anne J. Trow Award, which also includes an educational scholarship.

“Our chapter nominated two people for this award,” Maudling said. “It was a fairly typical scholarship application. I had to write my resume, my transcript and a couple of recommendation letters from this club to the ALD. I was the head president of this chapter, so that probably affected how I did, and also that I took a leading role in the ALD helped my chances of winning.”

According to Williams, Liberty is one of the top schools among ALDs 270 in the country for their academic scouting.

“Your chapter has been really active and has shown good work,” Williams said. “Liberty is in the top six chapters in the nation. That’s outstanding.”

SMITH is a news reporter.

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.

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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 and research.

The SOA is making strides in the aviation industry. Dean of the SOA Gen. Daniel Young believes he is partly due to valuable supporters and substantial donations that the program receives.

The fleet team recently won the National Collegiate Flight Association regional competition for the first time ever. Young liberty professor Kurt Bevan was also accepted into the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airline Officer Young Standardees, and the Wells Air Work Group.

“We’ve been very blessed with both cash and in-kind equipment,” Young said. “To date, we have received over a million dollars from donors in both cash and in-kind donations.”

The Piper Super Cub, donated in 2011, is being used to train students in a unique history. According to Young, the plane’s previous owners were Martin and Grocia Burham, who were implicated in the Philadelphia Plane Crash for one year. Martin was killed in a rescue attempt. Donated by Grocia, “the SOA used the plane as a valuable trainer for students, and it was very special to us. Those other aircraft were made this year.”

Donated by Luke Lee of Min, Mo. N.D. A Piper Cherokee that was used to train potential flight instructors is now being used to train aircraft mechanics in the Aviation Management Technical Services Program. Young said.

George Arista, the aircraft’s SOA captain Amander Speni, donated Grovair 172 that is currently being used as a standard flight training aircraft, according to Young. Dynamic Aviation is an aircraft and aviation solutions provider that employs several of the SOA’s graduates and with which the SOA has a strong relationship. They donated a Beechcraft King Air, which will also be used to train aircraft mechanics.

Other supporters have also stepped forward and indicated that they will be donating aircraft to the SOA.

David LESS, 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 flying condition, there is planned to use it as a part of the annual Air Race Classic’s historic plane race across the country. Travel Air was actually the winning aircraft in the first 1931 race. In 2012, the SOA fielded two teams in the race for the first time and has already, selected the teams for 2013.

All aircraft received through donations are evaluated to determine any associated cost for preparation and how in turn corporate them into the SOA, according to Young.

The SOA may also be receiving a 1973 Piper Cherokee, donated by Bryan Cook, for use as an airplane for potential use, Young said.

ANGIONE is a news reporter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5 - Nov. 10
Military Emphasis Week
Nov. 7
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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.
The University of North Carolina (UNC) Asheville Bulldogs took to the field as No. 2 seed in the NCAA Women’s Soccer Tournament. The Bulldogs defeated their Southeastern Conference foe, Eastern Kentucky, on a penalty kick by senior midfielder Abbey Basom. Liberty’s women’s soccer team, on the other hand, was eliminated from the tournament after falling to Davidson College.

**Field Hockey falls to Liberty in first NorPac title debut**

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In only its second year of existence as a NorPac Division I team, the Lady Flames field hockey team went to their first NorPac Conference title game Nov. 3, losing to the Stanford Cardinals 3-0. The NorPac Tournament took place in Farmville, Va., and became part of their 15-5 (T-1) regular season record. Liberty was able to draw the No. 1 seed as a part of the Eastern Division.

**Flames sink Buccaneers**

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**OVERWHELMED** — Liberty defensive back Brent Vonin forces Charlotte Southern contributor Chase Jones out of bounds.

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**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

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Liberty University student Andrew Woolfolk has always loved life in the fast lane. He knows he was born to drive when he was 4, which is why starting racing go carts professionally has been his goal since he was in elementary school.

The fight for funding

Berry also had to fight against inertia that hindered him before he even entered the car, as he was the necessary component to compete on a regular basis. On the way stood the Liberty University and the National University Series, the level directly below NASCAR.

Stephent Berry survives wreck-filled race to finish 13th in the Virginia Is For Racing Lovers 300

Moving up

Berry is now looking to the future and searching for ways to reach the upper echelons of racing. He has set his sight 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 powerhouses like Richard Childress Racing in hopes of joining the team in the near future.

"They are one of the premier truck series teams. They like me and I like them," Berry said.

Still, Berry emphasized that the fact the team continues to keep an eye on him, is more important than any other reason to be a part of the sport.

"Making a deal to race full time for the championship next year.

Despite funding being a hindrance, Berry's passion and dedication to the sport is unshakable.

"People have said I have a natural overall talent," Berry said. "I love being out of control. You're literally going as fast as you can for the whole race, within inches of each other, breasting and tangling. It's a huge adrenaline rush. I'm just trying to make it into the big leaguers and make my dream career."

Woolfolk is the opinion editor.

SOCCER continued from B1

has been the glue of the team this year.

"We started the year with a record of 6-0-0 and went to 13-3-3. But those guys just kept fighting and competing and willing us to win, and they've been steamin' it in the right direction," Slagle said.

The graduating seniors include Rafael Anaya, Uchich Bejtek, Rack Clark, Andrew Jones, Thon Jeffers, Richard Nielson and Greg Whis. White is the current team captain and has started in 74 consecutive games that span four years.

"It was just a great experience," White said. "I can't thank the coach and staff enough for giving us that chance to come here and do that. God has done so much in my life, and it's just been phenomenal. I wouldn't have been here without this."
Coach Layer, Flames look for healthy start

Men’s basketball continues the upcoming season with their first test coming up against the Richmond Spiders

Derrick Battle / Charlotte Observer

A year ago of Liberty Flames basketball has crept up on us, and Head Coach Djiek Layer and crew, staying healthy is key.

Early injuries to players cost the Flames its first 10 of games last season. As those players slowly returned, the Flames were able to go on a late-season run to make the NIT late in the season before being ousted in the semifinals of the Big South Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina.

“We are definitely looking forward to have some serious depth on the ball,” said coach Kirk Brooks.

Derrick is one of the players who was unable to play last season before being dealt a severe knee injury.

Layer’s presence will add depth to the front court along with the return of forward Antone Barros and “Kamau Grier.” However, 6’10” center Joel Vander Pol will miss the beginning of the season.

“The first test we have will be how long in the season we can stay healthy,” Layer said. “It’s a key even though it’s the conference heading into the middle of the season. Can we stay healthy?”

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Lynchburg competition creates growth

Business redundancy has caused healthy synergy in the Lynchburg economy with Wards Road expansion

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Competition can either fuel a fire or set it a tone. Local businesses on Lynchburg’s Wards Road are discovering the latter. New franchises create a cluster, congesting the already crowded shopping area of Wards Road. However, the spike in trade is just the beginning of the question of whether it helps or hinders the local economy.

“It is absolutely helping the local economy,” said Cornell MacKenzie, Executive Vice President of Lynchburg’s Chamber of Commerce, of the new businesses that show the city of Lynchburg coming to life. Within a 15-minute walking distance down Wards Road, there are three different yogurt places surrounding Wards Road. Within a four-mile radius, there are four Chick-Fil-A locations and two McDonald’s locations. Different establishments offer similar cuisines turning around the busy street.

“These businesses are choosing to be in Lynchburg because they see potential,” Kenneth said. “It is a positive sign for the Lynchburg economy because it means that people believe in it.”

The city’s economic achievements were recognized with a national prize. In 2010, Forbes named Lynchburg No. 2 for “Best Performing Small Cities and Counties.” Milliken Institute also ranked Lynchburg 36th among the 175 urban centers for the “2010 Best Performing Cities,” even ranking above Houston, Texas. In 2009, CNN identified Lynchburg as a place to launch a small business.

Kennedy said a cluster of businesses on Wards is an advantage rather than a disadvantage. Many businesses are competing and compared Wards to a strip mall because of the numerous stores selling similar items. In large, populated areas, there are numerous options for food, shopping and entertainment within a close proximity. Kennedy noted that Lynchburg’s central location is an advantage, especially to Liberty students. Kennedy said, “Parents want to know that their kids are safely getting to places. These are within walking distance to the campus.”

If growth in business and competition continues, one potential result that Kennedy foresees is an infrastructure that may not be able to keep up. More roads need to be maintained, and the area will need to be expanded. However, Kennedy does not see this as a disadvantage. She says that it actually shows how well Lynchburg is doing because so many people want to live in the city. Wards Road might seem congested, but it is all about perspective. According to Kenneth, “many students who are growing up in high density areas, such as Washington, D.C., are not used to traffic. However, residents of low density areas see this congestion as a nuisance. With the influx of traffic comes an influx of growth, and with the influx of growth comes an influx of competition, according to Kennedy.”

Any savvy business owner will look at their competition and strategize marketing and getting around them, she added. “It’s all about consumer preference and time.”

With restaurants like Chick-fil-A, Bbq and Cook-Out residing on one stretch of roads, Wards is the hub for dining out. However, Kennedy said that the numerous Wards businesses work together to bring traffic to the area. “Wards Road has benefits, not just a lot of foot traffic,” she continued. “Wards is busy often, now, Wards offers more choices that are cheaper and specialized.”

Downing metrics the growth in competition, but does not see it as a nuisance. She believes that the older generation will continue to go to the established restaurants while the younger generation will go to the new places. Local resident and Liberty alumnus Robert Harvey, a 2008 graduate, chooses restaurants located on Wards Road because they are open later than the other businesses of the close proximity.

“I try not to fall into the typical biking foods,” Harvey said. “These restaurants bring excitement because for three years, my friends and I went to the same restaurants. We might get more variety.”

With the new businesses, Harvey notices the increase in traffic on Wards. However, she also sees the jobs that are created from these businesses that give more employment opportunity to local residents. With more options available, Harvey weighs the pros and cons of comparing the prices based on personal preference.

“Sweet Frog is the original franchise,” said Harvey. “They have better toppings options. But Bbq has punch cards and more chances to win free nugget. You can’t beat that.”

Downing considers what choosing a restaurant is an activity for customers. “I choose Bbq over Sweet Frog because the food is more appealing,” Downing said. “It’s all about customer preferences.”

Kennedy believes that time will tell which fast food franchise will flourish because of the growth occurring in Lynchburg.

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"I have one of the most important parts of the Campus SERVE program is its volunteers," Johnson said. "Every Saturday, I always tell my volunteers, 'I love you guys and what you guys do is so amazing,'" Johnson said. "They don't really understand how important they are to this ministry."

"Although leadership provides direction for any organization, Adams said that there is only so much she can do without the help of volunteers."

"I think it's a good experience, and a lot of people should try it out once or twice," Laura Libby, Campus SERVE volunteer, said. "It helps to have a biblical worldview of serving.""
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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 Dogwood & Holly, a band that has 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 Dogwood & Holly has been popping 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, Richie Worrell, Luke Swoyer and Owen Davenport — Dogwood & Holly has a passion for good, honest music and an underlying heartbeat for Christ.

The band members said that their time together is what they are. On a deeper level, it is a name that speaks to the human state of each member. The names of Virginia in Dogwood and Delaware's state tree in 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," Moore said. With the combination 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. "Any kind of bread categories. One of our goals as a band is to incorporate all sorts of genres into our music."

It is not until after the name was shown that the band unpacked its deeper meaning. Legend says that the cross of Christ was made out of dogwood, and Holly heretofore traditionally represents 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 dorm 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 radiated sparks from Panther Falls. They made an impression on many in the audience during the next Open Mic Night event, including Two Cities.

"I was bored. The show gave me chills," she said. "I love them so much. I love their banjos and their voices."

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 got together again the next day, and the next day, and we just started playing music like every single day," 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. Being constantly immersed in the world of music, but never being able to cooperate 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 wrote a song that actually thought had merit to it. Gods 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.

"I really have not been writing for very long at all, which is why I always try to encourage other people to," Moore said. "If ever too late to start learning how to do 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. We're Christians in a band."

Moore said that much of what the band does stems from what music can do for people and the messages it can send.

"People are so heavily influenced by the music that they listen to and music in such a powerful way," 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 we're going to travel anywhere or not," Moore said. "That's just kind of how it is in the music industry."

Despite being unsure of the future, the band has accomplished a lot. Dogwood & Holly released their first album, "Bonaparte," last semester. Many music videos are also in the works, and they have already performed a number of times.

"If for some reason I have always been going to be playing 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, that is in contrary to just kind of just going with the flow and writing what God intends to do with it."
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 flashes and the light of cell phones sitting back lit up the 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 album, “Vice Verses,” along with a few favorites from other albums.

The Rocket Summer’s Brooklyn-based vocalist opened 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 center's audience, which he posted on The Rocket Summer’s Facebook page. A day earlier he featured a version of the song during a theater performance, doing everything from singing in front of a theater audience to singing in front of drummers. According to the band’s Facebook page, they recorded all of The Rocket Summer’s albums himself.

Both bands have the advantage of the audience filled with College for a Weekend (CFAW) students and Liberty students by encouraging crowd participation. Switchfoot lead singer Jon Foreman chimed in on the harmonies between fans and the stage at one point in the show, walking through a mob of screaming people and standing in the middle of section 102 for two songs.

"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 for a party to break out, and it’s starting to feel like a party.

Switchfoot has played at Liberty in the past, and their second performance did not disappoint. CFAW participants Jake Krouwer experimented with the concert about 15 feet from the stage and reached Foreman’s hand as he made his way into the crowd. Krouwer also said that Switchfoot makes the list of his top five favorite bands, so he was enthusiasm 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," Keener said. "You’re going to get tons of stuff like that you won’t get anywhere else.

Liberty senior Keirst Johnson had her ticket that she taped to the side of her bed for a month. She got in line almost 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 crowd member gave her a set list used by Switchfoot band member Jerome Bussmill; "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, so that was so amazing.

Context with her free sourvenir, Johnson was making her way to the exit when she encountered someone who was willing to buy the piece of paper that was still visible and excited, Johnson politely refused.

"I love their music," Johnson said. "I own basically every album, and I love it, love it.

This concert marked the second Student Activity-built concert of the fall semester and the first concert of the fall to be held in the Vines Center. Jon Foreman and Shane & Shane played at TRBC Sept. 21.

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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 freshmen 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, “It’s never good when the doctor’s office calls you after hours. He just kept saying on the phone, ‘Dawn, he’s an abnormality. I’m so sorry. There’s been an abnormality.”

When asked by her pursed, Dawn Norman said, ‘They said they couldn’t do make Nathan’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 supported them from the beginning, joined in on the pre-Christmas festivities and decorated their yards and homes as well.

“Does it matter to people we think we are crazy? Does it matter?” Robert Nor­

man, 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 mountainside.

Nathan was really exci­

ited to turn around and watch the tree light up, and now, for the rest of the book page for the next do­

ditions, everybody can know that Nathan got Christmas started for us this year,” Neal Askel, Liberty’s executive vice president, said.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER — Nathan Norman lit the tree two months early.

“We are proud of that and proud to be a part of help­

ing their family,” Nathan Norman received gifts from coaches, athletic teams and the Liberty Bookstore. Sparky, Liberty's mascot, showed up for the moment to give the boy some Chris­

mas cheer. Joining in the festivities were Nathan Nor­

man’s three siblings and some close friends and neighbors.

“The story has touched so many people. It’s crazy — more than I could have probably even imagined," Robert Norman said.

Nathan Norman’s par­

ents are at a very high level of hope for their son. Through their faith in Jesus Christ, they trust that God has a plan.

“Where 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 soon? As a room, I’m saying no. No one is going to see Jesus. Everyone is just praying. We’ll see Jesus when we see God.” 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 Dainan Deter, Roat­

est, V11, 23138.

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