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As a special thanks to our dedicated readers, the first three people who come to the Champion office today and recite the names of the eight reindeer from memory will receive a gift certificate for a free large one-topping pizza from Dominos.

HUCKABEE: Gov. attributes campaign success to prayer

Clarence Jerry Falwell Jr. introduced the former Arkansas governor as the candidate who would beat Sen. Hillary Clinton, the current Democratic front-runner, by the largest margin of any of the other Republicans, according to a recent CNN poll.

"It’s not even close," Falwell said in conversation. "A lot of the other candidates try to talk like the others, but he’s actually one of us. He believes like we do in all of the issues. He really, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, truly, true..."
Home for the holidays: Evacuated students return to Dorm 7

The main students of Dorm 7 on the Circle received a welcome e-mail into their residence hall after being told they could move back.

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On Oct. 30, students have quickly moved out and into other rooms around campus due to cracks in the walls and floors as well as shifting of the foundation under the dorm. Now, almost all of the students have returned to their previous rooms with maintenance wrapping up the final details.

Over 100 "helical anchors" were planned to be installed around the dorm. These anchors act as supports to brace their newly repaired yet fragile building.

"Once that pressure is achieved, the anchors are screwed in and the pressure is released," said freshmen Owen Baker. "You can't tell if there was anything done except for a small rising in the floor where, previously, a strip of carpet covered a long, invisible crack. Workers used a jackhammer in his room to remove the floor and re-pave it, according to Baker.

Baker lives in room 110, one of the most severely damaged rooms. The room is on the side closer to the winter. Not only has the floor been replaced and made, but the cracks in the wall are also gone.

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First ever book fair gives customers the chance to give and receive.

By Alyson Braver

For the first time ever, Liberty University’s Curriculum Library hosted a scholarly book fair from Nov. 20 to 23, sponsored by the Phi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. Fifty-eight volunteers as well as the officer volunteers helped in the setup and operation of the book fair. All of them were Liberty University students, either officer or pledge members of Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society at Liberty University.

Senior Relgan Hopkins, one of the volunteers, said, "It seemed like a huge project, and at the same time, volunteering is a way to become a member of Kappa Delta Pi." Besides giving customers a chance to purchase books, the book fair also gave them an opportunity to give back to the community through the One for Books Donation. One for Books allows customers to give a dollar to show their support of local elementary schools. The donations help to buy books for school libraries and help teachers increase their classroom libraries.

Another volunteer, sophomore Katie Gale, said, "The book fair has had a lot of sales as well as many people giving donations, and I enjoy seeing this because I have a passion for children." Librarians will watch the total amount in donations of up to one million books to three national nonprofit organizations, which include Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., the National Center for Family Literacy and Toys for Tots.

Items available for sale at the book fair included a vast array of books in children and adult literature, special author video clips, downloadable student activities and a classroom curriculum package.

Any customers who missed the book fair can still purchase books at www analeadership.org.

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ERNGEN CANER Interview dinners Buddhist Tibetan at Liberty University

By Ohbim Thamo

President of the Liberty Theology Department, Dr. Engern Caner was honored as informal interview with Tibetan Buddhist scholar, Dr. Thamo Rinpoch. Rinpoch is in front of a low audience but two-thousand people.

Although the event was part of the semester’s Agape class, the doors were open to everyone who wanted to attend.

It was the first time Caner has spoken to people from other religious groups who wanted to learn more about Buddhism. Rinpoch said that he is interested in discussing with Muslims about the faith.

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"There is an actual job for dur­ing the conference with staff of or­ganizations looking for young, en­ergetic conservatives and闸hand who might work there," Hart said. He said that six young people attended CPAC last year, about half of which were college students from around the country. Liberty University has taken the past two years and has brought along the past two post years.

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Just say yes to recycling: such a simple help needed to establish on-campus program

By Jennifer Schmidt

The average person produces five pounds of waste a day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the campus residence students liberty. EPA has projects that have been checked that there was no recycling program on campus... we are recycling not so much to be 'green-minded' for that sake, but to follow biblical mandates to care for the world," Pruitt said.

RecycleMania! is a "friendly" 10-week competition between colleges and uni­versities across America. "You need slow and steady for the competition," Ray Lowman, who has registered Liberty for RecycleMania!, said.

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Stabbing: Victim reveals new details about attack

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The story of a young basketball player—a true testimonial to the power of sports. The narrative will leave an eerie Reminder of Jonestown, a place where the dreams of rebellion and escape, as told by Rev. Jones, and some of his friends, left Jonestown by the fateful day of November 20, 1978. The event that ended up being shot and Rev. Jones committed his entire town to commit suicide by drinking a cyanide-laden beverage. He hoped that they would have to do the others, as they could not understand how they lived. I cringed when washing the document. I can explain to friends and acquaintances that I am not the kind of Christian until I am left behind, and that my beliefs are the same as those that exist. I am extremely confused. How can they know what the difference is between Rev. Jones and other believers.

Although such tragedies are commonplace, charismatic Christian leaders continue to cause more problems that cloud the testimony of Christ. A Nov. 26 Time article examined the efforts of Rep. Sonny Black, who is a ranking member for the Senate Committee on Finance is beginning to examine the financial lives of many of the country's most influential ministry leaders. The leaders that promote charismas lives and beliefs on their own are examined as to whether their lives match their messages. Expense dressing clothes, frequent vacations and other expenses, spending on the ministry's tab have all been part of the investigation's focus. Unfortunately, this is not the first time such problems have been present in the ministry.

While these ministry leaders can be the source of life in times of need, they can also be the source of ruin. "Many Christians find this (dressing) too easily, and should not let the world influence them," according to Time. Grassley has not condemned the activities of Jonestown, but instead, the problem of the current situation will recreate such problems in the future. The world will know that there is much more to this tragedy than what meets the eye. The celebration was never about gifts or decorations, but about the joy of giving each other presents. The reason we give each other presents is to express our love and appreciation for the people we care about. It is not the sparkle of lights or the smell of pine that makes Christmas special. It is the love and joy that we share with each other.

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A collection of gifts and grief from 2007, by Will Mayer, Opinion Editor

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Candy Cane — The Nobel Peace Prize
Awarded this year

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Millions in donations

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Candy Cane — Unlike sitcom writers, baseball players were not on strike this year

Candy Cane — Chuck Norris attended political debate

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Candy Cane — It was awarded to Al Gore

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A new kind of Christmas controversy
By Amanda Sullivan
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The celebration was never about gifts or decorations, but about the joy of giving each other presents. The reason we give each other presents is to express our love and appreciation for the people we care about. It is not the sparkle of lights or the smell of pine that makes Christmas special. It is the love and joy that we share with each other.
MySpace advertising: Personalization vs. privacy

By Claire Melhi

Recently, MySpace users are noticing a rapidly increasing amount of personalized targeted advertisements on their home pages. According to the Digital Daily Web site, the change can be attributed to newly developed, hyper-targeting, which allows small businesses to access MySpace users' demographics in order to create customized advertisements. MySpace already contains user-interest categories available to select companies and is quickly expanding the site explains. In a day and age where basically everything is simplified for ease and convenience, demographic gathering is no exception. Many struggle to stay afloat as the wave of technological advancement and fast-changing methods crash down upon the present day with amazing pace. By embracing this innovative and beneficial change of hyper-targeting, MySpace has the ability to make life easier not only for advertisers, but for users as well. According to Michael Barnett, Chief Revenue Officer for the Interactive Media, a typical MySpace user receives from Nov. 1, "MySpace's" privacy issues, with hyper-targeting by MySpace was to build an ad platform that translates our massive amounts of self-expressed user data into highly-targeted, interest-based segments, enabling individual advertisers to carve the right slice of an increasingly diverse audience. Barnett goes on to say that many users do not realize the impact of hyper-targeting and consider it as an invasion of privacy. Barnett explains that MySpace's privacy policy is designed to protect user privacy while still allowing advertisers to reach their target audience. Barnett notes that MySpace is committed to maintaining privacy and protecting user information. He says, "We believe that users have a right to control how their information is used, and we are committed to ensuring that users are in control of the information we collect and how it is used."

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By Stephen Nelson

The Writer's Guild of America (WGA) strike that began almost a month ago has hit the giant interactive that is the entertainment industry to a lumbering halt. The strike - between the WGA, a labor union for writers, screenwriters and directors: and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) - has had the public conception is that the strike is simply over more money, and it is painless way it is, but it may be less about money and more about writers' rights. If the strike continues, not only will a three-acter industry be affected, but millions of viewers at home will also be facing the sting of the strike. The issues of the strike focus on DVD sales and works being presented through other "new-media technologies." Currently WGA members receive 6 percent from residuals on DVD sales. That percentage was put in place nearly 20 years ago with the emergence of VHS tapes. According to a 2004 New York Times report, the DVD sales and rental markets produced $8.8 billion, whereas the box office produced less than one half of that figure at $1.78 billion. WGA members want the formula updated so that they receive percentages of total sales similar to past percentages. The second issue is remaining residuals for works of members that are being downloaded, streamed and shown through "on-demand" cable services. In a sense, the strike is over money, but the writers are not picketing simply because they want more money. They are picketing because they feel they deserve it. Writers write to earn a living, and currently they believe that they are not being compensated fairly for the work they are producing. Representation in the WGA is divided up into East (WGA) and West (WGA) divisions. According to the WGA's Web site, the WGA's primary duty is to represent "members in negotiations with film and television producers to ensure the rights of access, reproduction and new-media works." After a contract is secured for the writer, the WGA's job is to make sure it is followed through. The WGA has a similar standpoint. They also say that if there was not a writer's guild, then there "no standards of pay for work performed; no residuals for further use of your creative contributions; and, among other things, no fair and rightful credit of work. The opposite would in itself, the AMPTP, is an organization that "negotiates for industry-wide collective bargaining agreements on behalf of newsgathering, motion pictures and television producers." For viewers of home shows that means their favorite shows may be coming to an early end this season. Writers strike means there is no show, and without a show there is no television show or film. Some producers thus far have not anticipated the strike, but others continue to work. WGA execs may be filling primetime with reruns or an overrun of reality shows. The length of the strike depends on what compromise writers and executives are willing to work. To make sure, according to USA Today, negotiations were scheduled to resume Monday, Nov. 20. The last WGA strike occurred in 1988 and lasted for over 20 weeks. Hopefully, the current strike will not last as long, or the fate of couch potatoes everywhere may be in question.

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Flames triumph over Longwood, Niagara

By Jeffrey Scott
SPORTS REPORTER

On Tuesday the Flames looked to deliver some home court cooking against the Lancers of Longwood University. Coming in at 2-4, the Flames shot out of the gates at the Vines Center thanks to the strong play of senior Alex McLean.

McLean posted nine points in the first four minutes of action, putting the Flames ahead 15-11. Junior Anthony Smith put in early work as well, scoring six consecutive Liberty points with 11:06 remaining in the half. Longwood however, cut the lead to nine on a free throw from Ryan Hogan. Liberty then exploded for a 12-0 run, scoring high percentage baskets and stellar defense. The score at the end of the half was 46-27.

The Flames got their biggest lead of the game, 35 points, with a three by sharpshooting sophomore Kyle Ohman, putting them up 85-50. The Flames controlled the rest of the game, and McLean never let up on his offensive onslaught en route to a 91-67 victory.

McLean finished with his third double-double of the year, scoring 15 points and grabbing 11 boards, coming short of his career high of 40 points versus VMI last year. Smith tied his career high with 23 points and his seven made three-pointers tied the record held by former Flame guard Larry Blair. He also tallied his 700th career point.

Senior guard TeeJay Bannister handed out 11 assists. Longwood's high scorer was Billy Roman Jr., who had 18 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Lady Flames improve to 6-1 with 100-29 victory over Southern Virginia

By Jessica Carniol
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty University women’s basketball team got off to another great start this season. Over “Thanksgiving break, the Lady Flames played the National City Xavier Invitational Tournament, and with another victory over Southern Virginia on Friday night, the Lady Flames have posted a 6-1 start.

In their first game of the tournament, the Lady Flames easily defeated McNeese State 92-52. The Lady Flames won the tournament, the team's efforts in the final five minutes to put the game out of reach for McNeese State. The Lady Flames won the tournament, the team's efforts in the final five minutes to put the game out of reach for McNeese State. The Lady Flames won the tournament, the team's efforts in the final five minutes to put the game out of reach for McNeese State.

On Friday night, the Lady Flames played their first home game of the season against Southern Virginia. The game began with both teams scoring on every possession until the 17-minute mark when Liberty kicked off a 16-0 scoring run against the Panthers. By the 10-minute mark, all of the Lady Flames starters were in the game, putting the Purple Eagles in a 49-15 disadvantage.

In the second half, the women’s basketball team continued to build their lead, with Megan Frazee scoring 11 points in the second half and shooting 67.9 percent for the game. The Liberty defense held the Lancers to 40.7 percent shooting.

Four days later the Niagara Purple Eagles visited the Vines Center, recreating the game played in last season’s ESPNU’s BracketBuster series. The Purple Eagles, a 2007 NCAA Tournament team and defending Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Champions, could not stop Smith's hot shooting as the junior sank a three-point basket with 23 seconds left to propel Liberty to an 86-67 victory.

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The man, the myth, the legend: Meet Brant Tolsma

The facility was a dream for Tolsma, with a unique vision to lift up the world of running, most recently giving him the opportunity to start the Indoor Track program at Liberty.

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I on a 12-0 run, forcing a timeout; They later got their first lead 31-29 • the half. The Lady Flames took a 66-54 lead with just over three minutes remaining to put the game out of reach. Jenkins went on to add 14 points and 18 rebounds as Liberty evened its record to 19-17.

## Liberty’s 100th Point
James Madison University.

## Attacking the Basket
With the lead at 76-74 in Niagara’s favor, Jenkins was fouled on Liberty’s next possession by Nielsen leading scorer Charles Force. The foul shot was his 10th point and cut the Flames’ deficit to 79-76 after the break to put the game at 73-75 at halftime.

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Men's hockey records to 13-5 with win over N.C. State

By Will Luper
SPORTS REPORTER

Liberty University traveled to Raleigh last weekend to face Penn State in a costly home matchup.

The Nittany Lion Open is one of the largest and most prestigious tournaments on the East Coast, with nationally-ranked teams such as Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, Michigan State, Lehigh and Vermont.

The Flames fell short in the opening round against No. 6 Michigan, losing 5-3.

The Flames will host their first weekend tournament of the season, the College of New Jersey, the Campbellsville Tigers, and the Southern Eagles, at the LaHaye Ice Center this weekend. The Flames willhost their first home match of the season against North Carolina State on Jan. 12, 2007.

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**Indoor track season kicks off with record-setting performances**

**By Dave Hunt
Contributing Reporter**

The first five events were the highlight of the weekend as senior Josh McDougall continued his winning ways by claiming yet another first-place finish. McDougall covered the 1,500-meter distance in 4:15, qualifying himself for the Indoor National Championships to be held later this winter. ‘It wasn’t a particularly fast race for me, McDougall said afterwards. ‘It was a little inconsistent, but it was still a good race, and it was the best I’ve done in a long time for sure.’

Sophomore Sam Chukwuka, the sophomore flame coming from Kansas, also competed in the race, coming in second in a time of 4:33.

While the distance runners seemed to rule the track, the throwers— seniors Jeff Hunt and Andrew Hendrickson in particular—ruled the turf. Hunt won the weight throw with an astonishing 59’-4½ toss, breaking the school record and provisionally qualifying himself for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Hendrickson also had a successful day, placing second in both the weight throw and the shot put, with throws of 60’-7½ and 53’-9½.

Also competing well for the men’s team were junior Phil Leinberger, freshman Jeff Ferris and senior Brandon Hoskins. Leinberger split a 4:28 second-place 400-meter time, placing second in the 5,000-meter run. Ferris took second in the 60-meter hurdles (8.32 seconds) and Hoskins finished second in the heptathlon (5,204 points). Freshman Chandler Powell also made an immediate debut for the men’s team, setting a triple jump school record in the process. Powell flew to a remarkable 48’-4½, grabbing second place. The jump came just before his first-place finish in the high jump, which he took to a breaking point.

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The Lady Flames also showed that they had a little spunk in their leg in their debut competitions. Junior Clinton Watson took first in the women’s 400-meter dash in 55.21 seconds, the fastest preliminary race mile by a Liberty woman in over 12 years. Watson also placed an important role in the women’s 4,400-meter relay team, as senior Cheyanne Hibbert, freshman Mia Agrusa and sophomore Chelsea Freeman joined her to win the race in a quick 3:59.9.

Aguirre also took second (missing only by a half inch) in the women’s triple jump. Her leap of 38’-1½ brought her to third place in Liberty’s record book.

Other top performers for the women’s side included senioriversity student and Rachel Talker, placing second and third in the long jump race (17.95 and 17.92 respectively), freshman Kail Adkins, third in the women’s shot put (44’-6”) and sophomore Lavay Cunningham, second in the shot put (48’-0½). ‘This meet is a preview for the season,’ said Watson. ‘I think our girls are ready and we’re all looking forward to the upcoming season.’

With Christmas break giving the Liberty runners, throwers and jumpers an extra week to rest their legs, they will be back in action next week as, at the Virginia Tech Invitational.

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**WOMEN’S HOCKEY**

**By William Armstrong
Sports Director**

During this season the Liberty Lady Flames hockey team has scored goals late in games, but when they played Western Michigan this weekend, that was not the story. The Flames shutout the Broncos in consecutive games to end a 4-1 season early and often during both games en route to two more victories.

‘We kept to our style, and it was working for us,’ senior Brooke Harris said. ‘We didn’t know what to expect at all. We know we had to play our style, which is dump and chase, and not get paradoxical because of our small lineup.’

The Lady Flames batted the Broncos in one game and took the first of the two game series with freshmen Lauren Nivert.

Liberty opened the scoring in the first three minutes of play when freshman Brodie Harris scored a goal from freshman Kristin Fresscura and put a wrist shot past the goalie.

In the second period, the Lady Flames took a big lead when junior Samantha Spangler scored a goal to put Liberty up by two. Repeating the team’s early success from the first game, Liberty scored four more goals in a 4-0 shutout in the second game with sophomore Pat Horning adding the final score between the pipes.

For the second term in as many games, Flames opened the scoring again at the 1:40 mark and continued to play a defensive battle as the Flames took the game away for the Lady Flames as they won with a final score of 5-0. Libbeshirk trade her way onto the score sheet when she scored in the point and along the pack from Nivert past the keeper. Harris continued the scoring with a unanswered goal. Wilson also added an empty net goal in the victory.

The score remained tied at three until the final minutes of play. Liberty took the lead for good when Joyner fed the pass to Harris, who scored her first goal with the goalie out of Western Michigan.

Smith was in the net for another spectacular weekend as the second three goals and recorded three assists in the four games. Smith also had three goals and Joyce, who scored the second winning goal in overtime of game one, also played pivotal roles in the four games.

Smith allowed only four goals in four games as Liberty concluded the Wolverine road trip unblemished. Contact William Armstrong at wsarmstrong@liberty.edu.
Hallmark Channel to premiere "The Note" by author and Liberty alumni Angelia Hunt

By Natasha Kormanik

Teen sensation the Jonas Brothers may play a concert at Liberty in the near future. The three brothers, Kevin, Joe, and Nick, are currently working on their third CD with Mylly Cyrus of the popular Disney Channel television show "Hannah Montana.

The 54-date Rost of Both Worlds Concert Tour, which will begin on May 3rd in Greensboro, North Carolina, is the largest tour that the Jonas Brothers have ever embarked upon. The tour is expected to draw a huge fan base of Mylly Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers' own legions of fans.

"I asked Charlie Billingsley if he knew anyone who could get us tickets," said Joe. "But no one could.

Kevin, the third of the three brothers, said that he has long been a fan of Mylly Cyrus, and that he is looking forward to playing with her on stage.

"I have been a fan of Mylly Cyrus since she was a teenager," said Kevin. "I have always admired her talent and her ability to connect with her fans.

On the subject of the concert, Joe added, "We will be playing all of our hits, as well as a few new songs that we have written specifically for the tour. We are all very excited about the upcoming show, and we can't wait to see all of our fans there.

The Jonas Brothers are currently working on their third CD, which is expected to be released in the near future. The album will feature a mix of pop and rock hits, as well as a few acoustic numbers.

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"Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbons." - Ann Ruth Schabaker

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Gift ideas for shopping on a student budget

By Miranda Cardory
LIFE REPORTER

With the Christmas season quickly approaching, many students are wondering how to save money when purchasing gifts. The best tip for shopping on a student budget is to make a plan. It is very important to make a plan and stick to it, as it is very easy to let one impulse purchase turn into five.

Make a list of people you plan to buy gifts for and then do some research to find out what they might like. Doing this helps prevent you from buying things because they are on sale or trying to save money thin for a certain amount of money.

By making a budget for the gifts you plan to buy, you can avoid impulse buying or purchasing something that you didn’t really need. Doing this also helps prevent you from overspending.

Another way to stay on budget is by making homemade gifts. Homemade gifts are often more personal and thoughtful than store-bought gifts. You can also consider creating a budget for these gifts and then stick to it, allowing you to save money over the long run.

Kappa Delta Pi internationally recognized

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society for students. The organization was founded in 1911 and has over 250 chapters worldwide. Kappa Delta Pi members are selected based on academic excellence and leadership potential.

The organization has a number of initiatives aimed at promoting the field of education, including the Pi Sigma award and the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) program. Members are also encouraged to engage in community service and to share their ideas and experiences with other members.

Liberty University's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi is located in the Department of Theater and Dance. The chapter offers students the opportunity to participate in various activities and events, including performance opportunities, service projects, and leadership development.

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Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is a musical that opened on Broadway in 1954. The musical is based on the novel of the same name by James Jones and is set in the American Old West.

The musical tells the story of seven brothers who are all married to seven different women. The brothers are determined to find wives for themselves, and they use various tactics to accomplish this goal. The musical is known for its catchy songs and its humorous take on the challenges of finding a mate.

The musical was performed at Liberty University's theater in the Fine Arts Building. The performance was well-received by both students and alumni, and it was sold out for both performances.

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FOOTBALL

KING OF THE CONFERENCE — In a season of attendance records, high-octane offense and defensive intensity, the Liberty Flames football team won its first ever Big South Championship. The 8-3 Flames were undefeated in conference action, defeating Gardner-Webb in the season finale to secure the title. With thousands of fans cheering support, Liberty went 6-0 at Williams Stadium. Twenty-two players earned all-conference honors and Coach Danny Rocco’s achievements earned him his second straight Big South Conference Coach of the Year award.

VOLLEYBALL

ONE FATAL SWEEP — Liberty volleyball captured its first Big South Championship since 2001 with a 3-0 sweep over defending champion Winthrop, Liberty’s third Big South title. The Flames defeated the Wildcats in the tournament finale with Kalie Corbin, Jessica Nelson and Nicki Scripko named to the all-tournament team with Corbin crowned the tournament MVP. The Lady Flames end the season with a 27-9 record, their highest total since becoming a Division I program.

MEN’S SOCCER

FIFTH TIME’S THE CHARM — With its fifth appearance in the Big South Championship game, Liberty men’s soccer team captured the title for the first time in school history. Seniors Joshua Boateng and Cameron Chastain were named to the all-tournament team as well as seniors Andrew Kappler and Justin Willoughby received first team tournament honors with Boateng named the tournament MVP. The No. 3 seeded Flames defeated No. 4 Radford 2-1 to take the title and secure their first ever automatic bid to the NCAA Men’s Soccer Championship. Liberty finished the year with a 13-5-2 record.

JOSH MCDougAL

NATIONAL CHAMPION — After running for the NCAA National Championships for four straight years, senior Josh McDougal captured a national title with a 10 kilometer time of 29 minutes and 22 seconds. Prior to becoming the national champion, the 12-time All-American became the first runner in Big South history to win four straight conference titles. In early November, McDougal also won his third Southeast Regional title. The sensational senior becomes Liberty’s second national champion.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

GOING THE DISTANCE — The Liberty men’s cross country team capped off its third straight Big South title with an at-large bid. The victory gives the Flames its third conference title in as many years. Seniors Josh McDougal and Jarvis Jelen received All-Big South honors along with junior Jordan McDougal and sophomore Josh Edmonds. Coach Brant Tolsma took home Big South Men’s and Women’s Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive year.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

LADIES OF LIBERTY — For the second straight year, the Lady Flames cross country team claimed the Big South Championship, winning both the men’s and women’s titles. The victory gives the Flames their second conference title in three years. Seniors Piper Nelson, Jordan Rebekah, Kebekah Rickseeker and freshmen Dacia Bushman and Kati Albright each earned All-Big South honors. Bushman also earned a spot on the 2012 NCAA Cross Country Team, while Bushman was named Big South Women’s Freshman of the Year.

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