Growing up

University prepares for campus renovations

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Lee University will undergo an extreme makeover during the next two years. This week Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced capital improvement projects, including third and fourth floor DeMoss Hall renovations, a Health Science building, an intramural complex, a new visitor’s center, a recreational aquatic center, and an amphitheater.

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military emphasis week

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The City of Lynchburg and local college presidents met Friday Nov. 13 for the city’s first Town and Gown meeting. Mayor Joan Foster called the gathering of individually in response to concerns voiced by Liberty University and its students last spring.

Law School Dean Matt Stover represented Liberty University, because Chancellor Falwell was attending Liberty’s Bicentennial Board of Trustees meeting on campus. Basically, they just wanted to hear from the college on what each is doing and see if there is a way the city can work with the college. Law School Dean Matt Stover said, “Not was it a very cordial meeting — fairly informal.”

Students give thanks

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Gallery of Gratitude: students interact in Thanksgiving communion.

Entering the Gallery of Gratitude, sounds of praise resounding in and around the building set the scene for Liberty University’s Thanksgiving communion service, Wednesday, Nov. 17. With artistic and creative exhibits scattered throughout the building, students reflected and prayed during the walk through communion. Eight exhibits stood off the first part of the evening with a time of contemplation. Each exhibit guided students to take time to pray and give thanks to God. See Communion on A2
Science professor expelled

Dr. Caroline Crocker confronts scientific integrity

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Over a hundred students piled into the 11:00 v.m. Thursday evening to hear the story of Caroline Crocker, whose academic integrity was put into question. Crocker, who was fired from her position as an Assistant Professor of Biology at Liberty University, spoke about her experience and the struggles she faced in academia.

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Water tax to effect Lynchburg

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Apparently the Chesapeake Bay has had a bit of a consumption problem and received a diagnosis to go on a diet — a "pollution diet" that is, to help alleviate the algae blooms that have taken up residence in the Bay. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a draft in an effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding streams, creeks and rivers. The cleanup effort is in response to President Barack Obama’s Executive Order 13508 on May 12, 2009, the summary said. The EPA said that the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), was developed in response to "significant restoration progress over the last several decades in the Bay" according to the TMDL executive summary. The government’s clean up regulations will cost the areas and states surrounding the Chesapeake Bay such as Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, billions of dollars. Corporate Engineer Maggi Conner stated that the estimated cost of the impact to the city of Lynchburg was $330,000 million by 2023. Conner stated that the Bay waterbath will be facing similar market impacts. Most of the regulations focus on discharges in densely populated areas like Lynchburg. The new regulation requires pollution of the Chesapeake Bay from point sources, such as farms, can discharge. The limits that EPA is proposing have two main federal agencies of concern for everyone, those who live and work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Congressman Rob Carter’s website said. Cities like Lynchburg will have to opt for an additional water tax or be to able to cover the costs. The Lynchburg City Government Management Advisory Committee is currently considering choices on which option, which option would tax exempt entities such as churches, and how much revenue they would have to generate. The estimates show that the amount of impervious - or paved or concrete, surfaces — is the largest single source of pollution loading on the Bay however, much of the agricultural discharge nutrient pollution originates from agricultural point sources. Chancelor Jerry Falwell, Jr. said. Falwell added that, "This is old stuff to us... Liberty University and the Lynchburg area are dined by the James River and the James River really doesn't empty into the body of water between the Delaware Peninsula and the man that we see on the Chesapeake Bay. The James River meets the Chesapeake Bay, and it's not a very large body of water. That section of the river is still called the Chesapeake Bay name but it doesn't have the same ecological characteristics as the upper bay. This is a big government scam that will cost citizens millions for no real proven environmental benefit. Go to pagelinks.com for several complaints from Virginians worried about the TMDL legislation which may regulate stormwater usage. In response, Goode had her own response to remove pollution... We will see the law suits..." The Chesapeake Bay TMDL is the largest ever drafted by the EPA, equaling about 1,000 pages. The TMDL is actually made up of 92 smaller TMDLs. According to the EPA, it may take at least 13 years to complete all the regulations. A final draft of the TMDL will be available on December 30.

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President’s recent trip costs too much

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The intent of the trip was to increase interest between Russia and the United States and create good feelings, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Near the end of his administration, reports from various sources claimed that the president’s trip would cost Americans $150 million per day. According to the NY Daily News, vs. Rep Michele Bachmann, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh all reported via various news sources that the cost of this trip would total around $2 billion. Other reports claimed that 34 warships were being used for the trip, and when President Bush traveled abroad, “the U.S. Navy was considered considerably less popular. When the evidence of weapons of mass destruction was not found after months, and eventually years, of searching, opposition to Operation Iraqi Freedom claimed altered motives on the president’s part. And, when the cost of war in both Iraq and Afghanistan began to rise (both in money and American lives), Bush’s popularity waned. To add to this, the president was criticized in the face of extreme cutbacks in funding and pushed ahead with the war in Iraq. Once he started the war, he realized it needed to be won and was sold to Saddam Hussein as a result. This is why perhaps Israel should have been left alone from the beginning. Perhaps the U.S. effort in Afghanistan was a bit overzealous. Perhaps the power Bush gave to the federal government in the wake of 9/11 will be used to abuse the American people for decades to come.

Again, I truly believe that Bush had the best of intentions, but the results were not what he hoped for, and I do not know how he could have handled 9/11 any better. I disagree with his decisions to go to war, and with many other policies in both America’s and Germany’s greatest tragedy of the 21st century. But, we are in a time of war and I cannot deny this nations hate any more than the current one.

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Opinion
Revisiting Bush’s leadership

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He went on the diet with the mindset that it was a successful weight-loss program. He was unsure about how much you eat, but about how much water you eat. He reduced his calorie intake from about 2,000 to 1,800, focusing on eating more water than he ingested.

At the end of the 10 weeks, Haub was surprised by the Twinkie diet's effectiveness. He lost 27 pounds, but the increase in his overall well-being extended beyond that. His body fat dropped nearly 10 percent, his bad cholesterol dropped 30 percent, and his good cholesterol increased 20 percent. These results astounded nutritionists, including Haub.

“Because this is a very strange diet and involved a lot of the most unusual foods,” Haub said to CNN. “What does that mean? Does that mean I am eating foods that somehow, somehow, somehow define health from a biological standpoint, that we are missing something?”

He went on to say that his general increase in health is a result of typical weight-loss programs. However, he noted that eating a diet that is high in fat and most the highest percentage of weight that is lost. But a question still remains that was never proven, nor do we even know if it will work. In fact, if anything, the results muddled the facts even further.

Haub also came out of the Twinkie diet with the mindset that the weight loss and increase in health was most important. In his mind, the important part of dieting continues to be how much you eat, rather than what you eat.

The only thing he is not entirely sure about is whether or not eating a Twinkie every three hours for two months is a diet he would recommend.

“I am not sure of that,” Haub said to CNN. “I am still in the middle of the fascinating part.”

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Luncheon honors veterans, servicemen

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"I am honored to be invited to attend a luncheon honoring veterans," ROTC Captain Chris Burr said. Burr is a senior.

Two members of the ROTC Color Guard are currently enlisted in the National Guard. Liberty alumni Colby Pilla was also in attendance. He earned a degree in Business Management. Pilla was an Anamosa Squad Leader in Iraq. On his first tour of duty in Kuwait, Sattler mushroomed in captivity. Pilla has described the experience as traumatic. He was both an improvised Explosive Device (IED) and has suffered hearing loss on his right ear. When the IED exploded a piece of shrapnel went into his eye and he pulled it out himself.

"My adrenaline was pumping so hard so I removed the shrapnel myself," Pilla said.

One group in particular stood out at the event. There was a table full of Marines who were all destined in Marine regalia. Each chair of the table was filled by a man who had served the United States during different decades from the 40s through the 21st century, yet each was bonded through the fraternities of the Marine Corps.

Senior Dan Villarreal served in the Marine Corps from 1947 to 1951. Below: Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. addressed the crowd of veterans and servicemen who attended the Veterans Luncheon on Wednesday.

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Heroes remembered by candlelight

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A gathering of patrons met at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the bottom of Drushel Steps on campus with a small, white candle in hand and overflowing gratitude in heart.

The third annual Candlelight Tribute Service for Fallen Heroes honored those who committed everything to freedom and paid the price of liberty for generations to come. The ceremony opened in prayer, then voices broke the quiet darkness with the first verses of "America the Beautiful." Liberty professor Will Honeycutt, who after a year at West Point and a year with ROTC at Elmira College in New York, is now involved in ROTC here with 11 Bravo National Guard Infantry attended the event.

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"Let us all have the courage to remember," he wrote. ‘And let us all bear the burden of the fallen down here.' After the memorial was set in place, all attendees sang "For the Fallen," a song especially composed by Lt. Col. Ben Cash for the ceremony. Daughters of the American Revolution, some in full dress, some in civilian-wear, gathered in a circle and were tenderly supporting all troops and commemorating those at Liberty who have recently sacrificed their lives in combat.

"It's a very personal connection for us," Director of Military Affairs Emily Poutz said. "We've lost four students in recent years, and we want to pray for them, too." Jessica Shroft, Chryon, Fabio and Ronald Baker were honored with a special tribute which was carried by servicemen into Drushel and in front of the Memorial when it paused through for the rest of Military Emphasis Week.

"Liberty really wants to make sure the military knows how much we support and appreciate what they have sacrificed for our freedom," Poutz said.

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A cloudless blue sky hung over Bedford, Va., as hundreds gathered at the National D-Day Memorial to commemorate all who have served the country Air Force chaplain Capt. Mike Flores opened the ceremony in prayer thanking God for America's veterans.

The Department of Defense and Veterans Administration report that over 41 million men and women have served this nation since the first shot at Lexington Green 235 years ago. More than 2.6 million of those veterans have been killed or wounded in the defense of freedom around the world.

"As we look at the Korean War veterans are memorial in Washington, D.C. states, 'Freedom is not free,'" said Ralph Bevan, president of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. "Today we remind us that we live in America where the freedoms we enjoy have been so carefully preserved -- thanks to you veterans.'

Army J.R. BOTZU, chaplain from Chilum and Tuscarawas high schools in Ohio, representing veterans past and present, called out Katharine Johnson singing "The Star Spangled Banner." A choir from Thomas Jefferson Elementary School performed patriotic songs including "Army Forces Salute" during which each veteran in attendance stood when their branch's song was played.

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Marine Corps celebrates 235th birthday

A SERIES LOOKING AT STUDENTS FIGHTING TO PROTECT AMERICA'S FREEDOM

Civil War remembered through letters and song

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---Henry David Thoreau

Continental

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SGT Jonathan Born: A man with purpose

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"SGT Jonathan Born was no stranger to the military life when he joined the 116th Infantry Battalion. The Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy student grew up around military bases because of his father's career with the Army before becoming a chaplain."

Born felt called to the ministry from a young age, but had originally planned on continuing his military career.

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Football drops the ball at Coastal

Liberty's playoff hopes are a longshot after a stunner in Carolina

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As the minutes counted down and senior captains Karyl Bacon batted, set, and spiked for the last time in the Vines Center as a Lady Flames volleyball team defeated UNC-Asheville, 3-2, Liberty dropped in its first Big South game against Coastal Carolina Saturday.

Saturday's game was a must win for both teams. A win for Liberty would keep them in contention for the title. A win for Coastal would essentially eliminate them from playoff contention. Both teams had a Hunger to play for Coastal and Liberty's playoffs.

The Liberty offense featured an average of better than 40 points a game in Big South contests and a quarterback in contention for the Walter Payton award — the only senior, had all the attention, celebration, and emotions focused on her with the win.

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The Lady Flames ended the season with a 17-8 record and a 13-5 Big South mark. Coastal and Liberty traded scores into the decisive fifth set to set the final tally at 3-2.

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Radford puts men's soccer season to an end

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The Radford Highlanders cut the Flames' soccer team season short with a 2-1 victory over the Flames in the quarterfinals of the Big South Tournament.

"We felt prepared to win. It just (was not) our day," Flames head coach Jeff Alder said. The Flames ended their regular season on a high note with a win over UNCG-Ashville. "This tied them in third place with Gardner-Webb. The Gardner-Webb/Rutgers Big South took the ball and shut us down at home in a field level game with Liberty, 1-0." The set up the Nov. 11 meeting between the fourth seeded Flames and the third seed Highlanders. These teams, similar in intensity, are used to playing each other. "Radford's very organized, very sound defensively, and extremely good on the counter attack," Alder said. "We had a big lead with them.

Two goals in the first half, some shots in the second half but stick to the game plan.

"(We) hang on or play the game defense," Alder said. "Tournament time, I think (it is) important that your defense is tight and organized.

The Flames battled through some tough weeks in the season but stuck to the game plan. They hung on or played the game defense.

Alder said they had a chance to see them go.

"We (were not) happy in the middle of the game when we lost some games, I felt we could have (tied or) won," Alder said. "That is part of the maturation process."

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With the Flames moving into the off-season, Alder is eager to get back to work. "Next season we will get another chance," Senior Taylor Chris Osborne and Parahke Mandatory said. "We are very proud of our seniors," Alder said. "We had a chance to see them go from being boys to being men." Alder said he wants the team to own. Make and work on getting better for the next season.

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Recreation Options

Archery, firing range and motocross draws students

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Stadium lights draw thousands of fans to Liberty University's campus on Saturday nights. On certain weekends students love to find Friday night parking spots at Lafayette as traffic spills over from the Ice Center lot.

Mainstream sports such as football and hockey are most commonly patronized by students, but Liberty tries to 

Liberty has owned a 10-12 acre archery range for three years. It is only for club sports, but Game Ov­

The club hosted two events this year and plans another in September. Browning said.

There were about 50 people from the university who participated.

Liberty offers an archery class, but the class does not use the course. "Liberty also offers shooting range for students who would rather not carry bows and arrows but choose guns and ammunition instead," Browning said.

"Liberty Police Department operates a gun range on university property in Campbell County accord­

The Liberty University Police Department does not teach archery course that are open to students and em­

"We just ran out of time," Alder said. "I felt we were prepared to win, it just (was not) out our day." The Flames have gone through periods of losing this season, and felt they fought through them.

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SPORTS

COLD WAR — No love was lost this weekend as junior defenseman Hunter Tweed stared down a Stony Brook player in a battle of two hard-hitting defenses.

FLAMES SPLIT SERIES AGAINST SEAWOLVES

DERRICK BATTLE

After losing two straight games, the Flames men’s hockey team hosted the Stony Brook Seawolves Nov 12 and 13. The Flames entered the game ranked No. 15 in the ACHA, while Seawolves were ranked No. 19.

In their first meeting, Stony Brook came out on top, defeating Liberty, 6-3. Although the Flames outshot and held the possession longer than the Seawolves, they were not able to overcome the strong defensive play of Stony Brook.

Midway through the second period freshman goalie Blair Bennett entered the game after a 3-0 deficit. By the end of the second period Liberty was on the board, thanks to a goal by defenseman Mackenzie Bauman.

By the third period, after a quick goal by Stony Brook, Liberty came out firing on all cylinders to score two goals, one by forward Tom Charlton and the other from defenseman Mike Morrison, cutting the lead to 4-3. Stony Brook eventually iced the game scoring two late goals, the last on an empty net.

This set up an emotional Saturday night game at the LaHaye Ice Center. It was a hard-fighting game with Liberty winning, 4-2.

UP-ENDED — SirChauncey Holloway found no running room on a swing pass thrown by Mike Brown. Liberty’s offense was upset by fast Coastal linebackers and persistent cornerbacks.

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the Big South. As Liberty and Coastal wound down their contest, Stony Brook’s Seawolves rolled over Gardner-Webb in a 55-3 embarassment, moving them to 5-0 in the Big South.

This makes Liberty’s upcoming matchup with Stony Brook Nov 20 the decisive game in the Big South. Should Liberty win against Stony Brook, and Coastal Carolina win their matchup against last place Charleston Southern, all three teams would be marked at 4-1 and tied for the Big South championship.

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Longboarding race held in Lynchburg

CAGWIN IS A SPORTS REPORTER.

After one of the most successful fall seasons in program history, the Liberty golf team is preparing to carry that momentum into the spring.

The Flames men’s basketball team will take a few weeks off the course to not only begin summer and fall practices and tournaments before getting ready for the spring season. The team wrapped up its fall season finishing third out of 18 teams at the ODY Oates/Heritage Collegiate Golf Tournament. The Flames competed in four tournaments in the fall season and finished in the top three all four.

Men’s basketball gets mixed results

The Flames men’s basketball team began its season Friday with a 62-45 victory over the Virginia Interstate Cobras at home. The Flames improved to 3-0 to home openers. Sophomore guard Ibraiad Fotso led all scorers with 32, sophomore forward Armando Aya scored 31, and senior guard James Sanders each scored 16. Freshman center David Moises and freshman guard Jesse Sanders each scored 12 in the double-digit scores, with 13 and 13 points, respectively.

The Flames traveled to North Carolina, North Carolina Fighting at the annual “North Carolina Fighting” tournament on Nov. 7-11. The Flames finished No. 1 in both Golfstat Collegiate rankings and the Golfweek Collegiate rankings. Liberty freshmen were also honored by being named the No. 15 freshman class in terms of contribution during the season. Despite some snags, no racers were injured during the event.

The last two miles, everybody was pretty spread out. [We were] kind of in groups. About halfway through, the three people that got the top three places were way ahead.” Buckley said.

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Fall foliage enjoyed by Valley View runners

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While the majority of the Lynchburg community was sleeping, a group of runners switched to the top of Snowflex for the Valley View 5 Mile Trail Race at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

The race was part of the Liberty Mountain Trail Series that seeks to provide fun events for students as well as the community according to Associate Director of Student Activities Joshua Yeoman.

“The students and the general public have shown a lot of support for this. All of our races have grown by at least 25 percent over the past years,” Yeoman said. “Student Athletes’ thinks Liberty has some beautiful property in the trail system, and we want to be able to share it with everyone including the general public. The trail system is a major asset of the university.”

According to Yeoman the Valley View trail is the most difficult in the series with large hills, technical single tracks and single-lane that make the race especially difficult.

“This race is the fourth race in the Liberty Mountain Trail Series to enter and finish at Snowflex. We love having the start and finish there because the facilities are great and the views are tremendous,” Yeoman said.

Sophomore Tim Shuler was the first to cross the finish line at a time of 15:36, followed by seniors Jordan Witlock at 16:24.

“The course was tough. They weren’t kidding when they said it was tough,” Witlock said.

Shuler, a runner since high school, believed the last hill was the hardest part of the race after running four and a half miles. Student Athletes provided music and lights for the festivities throughout the event as well as games and prizes before awards were handed out.

Whitlock ran for Liberty until an injury from 100-mile race, but continues to run races such as the Liberty Mountain Trail Series. According to Whitlock both the 100-mile run and the 5-mile run are difficult in their own ways in terms of pace.

“They both hurt and they’re both painful,” Witlock said. “The 5-mile was tough for sure especially with the leaves.”

Yeoman added a participant and runner in Liberty’s Triathlon Club Team, said that most people running the race were not trained runners.

Runners were not only Liberty students but members of the Lynchburg community as well. There were about 125 participants not excluding the spectators that came to cheer on the runners.

Liberty Alum Darrell Wargo, 42, has been to 36 different countries for running and has participated in 1,328 races in 28 years, including 40 marathons. Wargo placed first in his age group.

“I learned out here to enjoy the fellowship of other runners. I really appreciate all the festivities. Wargo said. “It’s also good to see the kids get out and do something other than video games.”

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Commuter Affairs recognized in national publication

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The Office of Commuter Affairs (OCA) has been recognized in the National Clearinghouse for Commuter Programs (NCCP) for newsletter from its new location at Northeastern State University. The NCCP specifically noted the OCA’s apartment fairs held every semester for current and prospective commuters.

“Competition fosters low—cost and pro­ fessional communities around campus grows and opportunity to take advan­tage of special and more—cost—saving programs and contract different communities within a fort of each other,” the article said.

The article also mentioned how the apartment fairs help community relations, and how feedback from both students and the apartment communities about the fairs has been overwhelmingly positive.

Commuter Affairs Director Larry Powley said that the OCA expanded its outreach with orientations, carpool programs, session series by the commuter pas­ senger, and even special commuter target events at football games.

“The OCA has links on our website to help commuters find a local church or purchase commuter meal plans as well as our com­ munter newsletter,” Powley said. “We have a lot of things to offer.”

Commuter students have a lot of information made available to them through the OCA, including transportation, housing, parking, carpool events and many other resources. For more information about programs and ser­ vices offered by the OCA, visit the website at http://col.sites.liberty.edu/commuter or call 434-592-3991.

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Get home for the holidays: Travel options in Lynchburg

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Football, family gatherings working on Black Friday and whether they should bring home their new significant other are some of the things students have to consider over November’s chilly weather and crisp colors make their appearance. However, a lot of stu­ dents have to figure out how they will be getting home for the holidays before they can make any definite plans.

Students planning to travel by air need to plan and purchase tickets weeks in advance because prices go up the closer it gets to the holiday season. For Christmas break, a US Airways round-trip flight from Lynchburg Regional Airport to Orlando, Fla., with one layover in Atlanta, Ga., costs $354, according to travel website Price­ line.com. A round-trip flight to Dallas, Texas, from Lynchburg with a layover in Atlanta, Ga., costs $434 with Delta Airlines. Travel sites such as Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz give customers deals on tickets and hotel stays based on the airlines and hotel chain, and also list package deals.

For students who get quizzed at the thought of flying, Lynchburg Amtrak offers student and veteran deals to accompany their al­ ready affordable rates. Active duty military personnel are eligible to receive a 10 percent discount for themselves, spouses and de­pendents on most Amtrak rail fares, accord­ ing to Amtrak.com. Veterans and students, including international students, receive a 15 percent discount with an Amtrak Advan­tage card, which can be applied for online. A round-trip ticket from Lynchburg to Baltimore, Md., with no stops for Thanksgiving break is roughly $120 without any discounts applied. Students can also car­ pool with friends and classmates or send out the typical mail e-mail to all of their classes looking for a ride with a complete stranger. Students are able to put posters up on bulletin boards around campus advertise the need or availability of holiday carpool services according to Commuter Affairs Director Larry Powley. All information can be approved by the Office of Commuter Af­ fairs (OCA) before being posted. Flyers can be taken to the OCA in the Schilling Annex room 223 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

• EDWARDS is the feature reporter
The middle-aged man sat across the table. With his hands folded, he looked intently reading what had brought him to this point. "Today, because of this ministry that Clarry brings, I've learned about the Lord," Davis said. "When I got out, they met in 1997 during Davis' first stint in ministry designed to minister to and disciple inmates twice for drug-related corrections with God," Davis said. "I know now to have a relationship with God. I know where they are at. We just need to go to them," Davis said. "He's rounded up all the lost people that reason that Hope Aglow has started this national Bible collection." The Bible drive donations are used to purchase Bibles that will be able to provide them with Bibles that will be used in the prisons, Davis said. "Providing a better Bible is getting more important because of the economy right now," Davis said. "Every Christmas has two or three Bibles sitting around their house that they don't use." Sims said that these Bibles, even those that have marking and notes in them, would be appreciated by those in prison. "The devil's done us a great favor," Sims said. "He's helped me to strengthen my relationship with God." Davis said, "I know now to stay the course — that things may look a certain way but they might not actually be that way. Whatever God is doing, I'm in charge." Hope Aglow Ministries is a local organization that works throughout the U.S., visiting inmates in prisons and jails as well as distributing Bibles and doctrinal studies to those who request them. "It's important for us to be able to provide them with Bibles that will last," Sims said. "We want them to be able to use them to teach others about their faith." The gratuitous Bibles are given to inmates who request them and put them in the same place. We deliver Bibles to a ministry in Philadelphia. "We have a direct command from Jesus to go into the whole world." "Inmates love a good, marked-up Bible, because it tells them someone thought that the (highlighted area) was important," Sims said. "We (as Christians) have a direct command to take these Bibles to the lost. We can distribute them to inmates." Davis said that Sims developed relationships with the inmates, encouraging them to keep in touch with him once they finished their terms. "We (as Christians) have a direct command to do jail or prison ministry," Sims said. "We have a direct command from Jesus to go into the whole world." Today, because of this ministry that Clarry brings, I've learned about the Lord," Davis said. "When I got out, they met in 1997 during Davis' first stint in ministry designed to minister to and disciple inmates twice for drug-related corrections with God," Davis said. "I know now to have a relationship with God. I know where they are at. We just need to go to them," Davis said. "He's rounded up all the lost people that reason that Hope Aglow has started this national Bible collection." The Bible drive donations are used to purchase Bibles that will be able to provide them with Bibles that will be used in the prisons, Davis said. "Providing a better Bible is getting more important because of the economy right now," Davis said. "Every Christmas has two or three Bibles sitting around their house that they don't use." Sims said that these Bibles, even those that have marking and notes in them, would be appreciated by those in prison. "The devil's done us a great favor," Sims said. "He's helped me to strengthen my relationship with God." Davis said, "I know now to stay the course — that things may look a certain way but they might not actually be that way. Whatever God is doing, I'm in charge." Hope Aglow Ministries is a local organization that works throughout the U.S., visiting inmates in prisons and jails as well as distributing Bibles and doctrinal studies to those who request them. "It's important for us to be able to provide them with Bibles that will last," Sims said. "We want them to be able to use them to teach others about their faith." The gratuitous Bibles are given to inmates who request them and put them in the same place. We deliver Bibles to a ministry in Philadelphia. "We have a direct command from Jesus to go into the whole world." "Inmates love a good, marked-up Bible, because it tells them someone thought that the (highlighted area) was important," Sims said. "We (as Christians) have a direct command to take these Bibles to the lost. We can distribute them to inmates."
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ESSENTIALS (CHARITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES):

Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Liberty students, faculty and staff are invited to volunteer for the Salvation Army bell ringing position. CSER credit is available for students. Time slots to work are available from now until Dec. 24. For more information contact Darren Wu at dwu@liberty.edu.

Dr. Judith Reisman Lecture: "How junk science abolished legal protections for women, children & the family." Reisman's lecture will focus on The Kinsey Reports: Crimes & Consequences 1948. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. in the Liberty School of Law room 1709.

Job and Networking Workshop: Liberty's Career Center is offering students the opportunity to learn job searching and networking skills at their Job Searching and Networking Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 3336. Contact the Career Center at careerevents@liberty.edu to reserve a seat.

Immigration Panel and Debate: Students are invited to attend and participate in the School of Law's Immigration panel and debate on Nov. 17 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information visit the School of Law's website at law.liberty.edu.

The 2010 Winter Market: Looking for the perfect shopping opportunity to begin the holiday season? The 2010 Winter Market will run from Nov. 19 to Nov. 21 at Liberty's Schilling Center. All proceeds will benefit the Liberty Godparent Foundation. Friday, Nov. 19 is the premier night, opening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $7, which includes a three day pass for shoppers who attend. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 a.m. to 6 p.m. admission is $5 for those without a pass, with a free gift for first 500 shoppers. Sunday, Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with $5 admission and free photo opportunities with Santa Claus all afternoon. (Shoppers must bring own camera for this year's Santa's kids age 12 and under are free.

For further information, please contact Kris Richard at 434-592-4400 or kris@liberty.edu or visit their Facebook page at 2010 Winter Market.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection: Boxes will be collected from Nov. 15 to Nov. 19 at the Office of Student Leadership in SLAB room 109 and the Liberty Champion Office in DeMoss Hall room 1035.

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS:

A Soulful Thanksgiving: The Black Student Initiative (BSI) is hosting a night of food, games, movies and fun on Nov. 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dres to impress; no season sneakers or T-shirts allowed. Space is limited, students can reserve a spot for $2. Contact Princess Patterson wpwpaterson@liberty.edu or John Swann at 434-592-4024 for more information.

Frocks 4 Freedom: Want a new $250 dress from Frankie & Milie for $20? How about a leather bag or pair of shoes from J. Crew for $15 and $5 respectively? Designer shirts for $5? Name brand pants for $7? If you are searching for affordable designer clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories, and a way to help a worthy cause, check out Frocks 4 Freedom Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at City View Skytop Lounge.

Concerts at the Drowsy Poet: Need a good, local music fix? Check out the Drowsy Poet at Candlers Mountain Station for weekend concerts and events. Liberty band Revolution 180 will be performing at the Drowsy Poet Friday, Nov. 19. Folk/classic rock duo RagTop will perform at the Drowsy Poet Saturday, Nov. 27. There is a $5 admission charge for the Nov. 27 concert.

A Christmas Carol: Join the Liberty Theater Department in their musical latest production "A Christmas Carol", which opens on Dec. 3 and runs until Dec. 11. Tickets are on sale now at liberty.edu/theatre.

Virginia Christmas Spectacular: A Thomas Road Christmas Carol The Virginia Christmas Spectacular is in its 40th year of dazzling audiences of all ages. This year's performance will span 40 years of Christmas traditions and memories. For ticket information visit TRBC's event website at new.trbc.org/events/ or call 888-244-2178.

"Impending Doom" Concert: Featured bands include Honour Crest, I Am The Kid, Blood Before Dawn. Last Seconds Alive. Dec. 5 at Crosspoint Church, 7619 Timberlake Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8.

Christmas Coffeehouse: Christmas Coffeehouse is coming Dec. 10. in the Vines Center. Tickets are available through Student Activities' website and at the Vines Center ticket office for $3. tickets will be $5 at the door.

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS:

Christmas in Lights: Liberty University will usher in the holiday season during a Christmas celebration Monday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in front of DeMoss Hall.

Christmas Coffeehouse: Christmas Coffeehouse is coming Dec. 10. in the Vines Center. Tickets are available through Student Activities' website and at the Vines Center ticket office for $3. tickets will be $5 at the door. Floor tables are $64, seat 8 people, and can only be purchased at the Vines Center ticket office.

Liberty’s Christmas in Lights

Liberty University will usher in the holiday season during a Christmas celebration Monday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in front of DeMoss Hall.

The "Christmas in Lights" event will include caroling and performances by orchestra and choral ensembles, free hot chocolate, coffee and snacks, and games and giveaways. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. will light a 50-foot tree.

"We want to get the students in the Christmas spirit," Director of Student Activities Chris Misiano said. University leaders will also announce details about a dorm-decorating contest during the event, he said.

This will be the first event of its kind at Liberty, but Becki Falwell said she hopes it will become a Liberty tradition. She said "Christmas in Lights" and decorations throughout campus will give students the opportunity to celebrate the season together before Christmas break.

"All households decorate for Christmas, and since Liberty is the students’ away-from-home, we wanted to do this to make them feel at home during the Christmas season," Becki Falwell said. "We hope to do it every year."

PARKER is a news reporter.
Janelle Basham said. "So he did." The Liberty Godparent Home, a Christian, maternity home in Lindberg, Va., that offers an alternative to abortion, is celebrating its 37 years, so singing his music reminds me of when I was only 13.

Father James D. Cram, who died when Porter was 13 years old, is the founder of the Godparent Home. It was set up to help young women and their children. "It was pretty incredible." Porter said. "It was my most heartfelt singing. I sang everything for me," Porter said. "To sing at the White House is the oldest of its current residents.

The Godparent Home, with its mission statement: "Changing a life while saving another," strives to help young women investigate all their options. Family Life Services, the girls attend classes where they learn about different forms of adoption, such as closed, limited-open or open. They also teach how to deal with the grieving process if they decide to place their child.

"What I like most about her is that she is able to communicate very complicated emotions while she sings. She is right where she needs to be," Basham said. "When I was there, the staff totally invested in her daughter. It was very touching," Porter said. After she wasitten to a singer at the National Day of Prayer, she said that all this attention was overwhelming. "I felt God's presence with me in a powerful way and it was pretty incredible.

Family has played a tremendous role in the Godparent Home. When Porter was 13 years old, her mother was killed in a car accident. "I feel like that was really the culmination of everything in between. Each girl is also assigned a personal experience will help her connect with the audience the way the song was written. "Knowledge is power and truth is freeing. A lot of people say they don't like (something), because they don't know anything about it," Porter said. "When you've known something for so long, you almost can't let it go. So I'm empowering my audience to listen with knowledge and truth it makes music so much more rewarding."