Military
Gala honors veterans
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Military service members were honored at the military appreciation gala put on by the Concerned Women for America (CWA) at Liberty University this Veteran’s Day on Nov. 11, 2011.

The club level of William Stadium Tower accommodated over 500 guests, according to Amanda Haas, president of Liberty University’s chapter of the CWA. Parasols and military members were draped to elaborate ball gowns, service uniform and stars with ties. According to many guests of the event, the yellow rose decor and light classical music playing in the background, however, was slightly thrown off by the high school football game taking place down below.

The event, according to Haas, was primarily sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and cost $2,500 to put on. The SGA, Haas said, was able to drum up $2,400 to give to the CWA from Liberty University.

"We just want to take time to recognize the military," Haas said.

Amanda Baker, coordinator for the military appreciation gala and member of the CWA, said she has been working on planning the event for six weeks back in Liberty University in the fall. Having no military experience herself, Baker said she was most impressed to involve herself with this event because of a combination of her hometown, Shanksville, PA, where Flight 93 crashed Sept. 11, and because of how she feels about her nation of her hometown, Shanksville, PA.

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Events

Yogurt Yeti
Students enjoy unique self-serve, frozen yogurt shop off Wardens Road, Bb.

Use caution: speed zones aid safety
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Home is a special place for many. Many students are so eager to get there; they may even miss their last class to get an early start toward home. With music blaring, leaving classes in the rear view, one thing can easily ruin the drive: Red and blue lights.

As students head home for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, police are sure to be on the lookout for speeding college students.

In 2010, there were 24,287 speed-related crashes in Virginia, including 280 fatalities, 10,802 crashes resulting in injury and 34,305 crashes involving property damage, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. There were 1,928 crashes November of 2010, according to the DMV, and December had the year’s highest number of crashes with a total of 2,082.

Liberty senior Michael Johnsen knows the consequences of speeding all too well, as he has received three speeding tickets. One speed trap he has found is traveling north off Interstate 81.

"When you drive up 29 North, you switch to Interstate 64 going west," he said. "Then you go from 64 west to 41 and your speed limit drops from 70 to 55. What's arra\nging is, you drive a mile, and the speed limit goes back to 70."

From his personal experience, he knows that this is a sticky spot for commuters.

"For this one mile window, it's 55," he said. "Obviously, there’s a speed trap."

Johnsen also advised that students watch for speed bumps in attended areas where lower speed limits are equally enforced. The Governors Highway Safety Association website states, "Nearly all states have laws that increase the penalties for speeding or exceeding traffic violations while in a construction work zone."

Virginia is one of these states, where the penalty for exceeding speed limited $500 if that violation takes place in a construction work zone.

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Edney is not alone in her parking experience. Teachers, too, are having a difficult time with the overcrowded lots and late students.

"The beginning of class is important because it gets everything started on a certain tone," Communication Studies Professor Dr. Lynnda Bevers said. "It is a test if everybody is in class, settled down and ready to work. Students who come in late because of parking problems can be a disruption and may continue to be counted late."

According to research, commuters with the red parking sticker should avoid other parking lots until 7 p.m., 11 a.m. and noon on Monday and Thursday.

During these times, the only available spaces are on the perimeter of the campus.

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BLANKET DRIVE—Various prayer groups have been making blankets to send to needy orphans in Ukraine who live in orphanages with poor conditions.

"I thought it was an awesome prayer group thing," Deitsch said. "An event or evening that a prayer group could spend together. Getting to know each other, making a blanket, doing something for the future and doing something for someone else. I think one of the greatest ways we can draw together in person is to serve together.

"The blanket drive will be very beneficial to the children to keep them warm, as well as to share the love of Christ with them," Bornersen said. "Some of them have probably never received a gift in their life. Making the blankets, bringing my prayer group closer together through a hands-on experience. We were able to physically and spiritually share the love of Christ through (making the blanket) and the prayers that were lifted up for the child who would receive it.

Waters and her family will hand-deliver the blankets to orphanages in Ukraine in early January 2013. They will start 100 blankets this semester and if there are excess of blankets, they will give them to needy kids in the area. They will not only bring warmth through the blankets but also the message of Christ's love, Waters said.

"I'm a huge supporter of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. If I'll get to see a little girl get a free box that came from Liberty," Deitsch said. "We're going to get to see videos and pictures of the kids who are actually getting the blankets. We're going to get to see the real people why they are changed by this."
Director of Commuter Affairs writes home

Provost: 'I miss home, but sometimes in life you have to do things you would prefer not to'

Dear Liberty,

Greetings from Afghanistan. The view expressed in this note are my own and do not represent those of the U.S. Government or any of its agencies.

I also hope but sometimes in life you have to do things you would prefer not to. Your support is crucial to what we do, as there are few things more disheartening than fighting for a nation that does not support what you do or having a job that you just hate. I often think about what that would be contrary to what the Lord would have. I am thankful that Liberty supports the military.

Wars are won on the battlefield but as one speaks to younger and more technology through digital media, the battlefield has changed. Wars have always been, and are even more so today, contests of will between right and wrong. If the people back home do not support the war, then the war will be lost and the enemies know that. Then our children will have to return to the same land 20 years later. I am back in Afghanistan for that very reason. We left here in the late 1980’s. If we leave now, I shudder to think what we will be going through down the road.

We need your support for the mission and our profession.

I don’t think the Good Lord prefers His precious children killing each other, but am convinced, based on experience and in God’s Word, that military force is not only justified but an honored Biblical way of dealing with the evil that exists in today’s world.

A few weeks ago, I met my old interpreter and I asked him about our children. He knew I was in Afghanistan in 2002. The Taliban were also in this region. They had also not seen me long ago when they found out I was the son of a retired military officer. The evil we are fighting against.

I thought of one of our dead/aliens families. “No greater love than to lay down your life for your friends.” Only the most fanatical of people would allow an innocent to be killed and do nothing. Likewise, the people we are fighting against want nothing more than to kill us and our families. I would much rather be a target in this war of self destruction, death, and destruction, than to have to lay down my family for a target at home.

Our service members need your support and are thankful for it, especially this day and age. In World War II, nearly every able-bodied young man was fighting in uniform in righteous for the freedom. Now, the few first responders, service members and their families often to bear the brunt of this war.

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Some people take it too far

Clet Hayes

Editor's Note

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Privacy not always a constitutional right

As students decide what school to go to, looking at the fine print is beneficial

Ashley Bollinger

Admissions Director

A common misconception has infiltrated private universities across the nation: the rights to privacy. Most adults over the age of 18 assume that they possess the right to privacy — no matter whether they are at home or at school. However, this is not the case at many private universities in which the student actually signs away his or her rights at the door, so to speak.

Some students assume they have freedom from repercussions just as with most private universities, they must first take a step which reads somewhat similar to the following: “I will freely, upon my acceptance, adhere to all rules and regulations laid forth and outlined by the Liberty Way.”

Well, ladies and gentlemen, you have just signed away your First and Fourth Amendment rights — to some extent.

The First Amendment is the right to freedom of speech. The Fourth Readings, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.”

“All United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights.”

As a university student, this is an exception, and this Student Honor Code provides Liberty students with a framework that can enhance the college experience for all.

Yes, all United States citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to their constitutional rights. However, they are also entitled to make the decision to waive those rights at any given time.

They have done so by choosing to attend a private university. However, there are cases in which students have alleged violation of their Fourth Amendment rights on private campuses and have won.

Such is the case in the State of Connecticut v. David Burroughs. Burroughs alleged a private, university-issued, property was inspected of drug use, searched and found in possession with his or her rights at the ‘door,’ so to speak.

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Arts provide balanced education

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From Mozart to Beethoven, Donizetti to Leonard and Shakespeare to Andrew Lloyd Webber, the arts, according to several groundbreaking studies, are beneficial to a well-rounded educational experience for students of all ages.

In an article published by the New York Times, a study by New York City’s Education Department professed that the New York City school with the highest graduation rates were positively correlated with having the most access to arts education.

The study, which can be found at care.org, found that one third of students who took three or more classes in the arts were more likely to stay in school with higher graduation rates than students in schools with lower graduation rates.

“Given the national studies in which high school students cite art participation as their reason for staying in school, increasing course offering in the arts in the low-school graduation is likely to be an effective way to improve student engagement at these schools,” the study stated.

According to Kent City Schools in Michigan, James K. Davis, having a degree in music education, feels that an education in the arts, especially that of music, provides the best opportunity to nurture relationships that teach students more than just basic knowledge or facts. Music knowledge is to be learned, Davis said, but it also gives students the ability to train emotional experts, a scarcity in a technologically advanced society. Students at these schools, Davis stated, can learn to think larger, “to think bigger,” Davis said.

Such as Kristina Henham, a college student at Liberty University who is majoring in history and is currently working on a degree in music education, feels that an education in the arts has taught them skills that were applicable to all areas of study, but were only learned in art classes.

Henham said her music classes in college have been beneficial in teaching her discipline, the realization that there is always room for improvement and that without enjoyment, she cannot do her best.

“Music brings out the quality of my work rather than just the quantity of a grade,” Henham said.

Pridilla Nazarijclew, a 2009 high school graduate currently studying to become a better dancer, feels that arts benefit education by providing a purpose for students. She stated that they give students an outlet to express themselves and an opportunity to explore their personal creativity.

“I think art makes students see the world in a completely new and different way,” Nazarijclew said.

According to Nazarijclew, classes centered in art education and development are the only reason some students continue their education at her high school.

“A lot of those kids only enjoy that one class, and it’s the reason they wake up in the morning,” Nazarijclew said.

In an interview, Al Coleman, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Lynchburg City Schools in Lynchburg, Va., stated that the only time art classes are dropped from the curriculum is when enrollment is too low.

“Budget restrictions of 15 to 20 percent have affected elective and exploratory offerings,” Coleman said.

Leigh Farmer, the public information officer for Lynchburg City Schools, stated that interest plays a big role in whether or not a class is added to the curriculum.

“The student interest, as a result of the enrollment affects the budget decisions and some classes that are being offered,” Farmer said.

The arts and extracurricular classes offered at Lynchburg City Schools, according to their Program of Studies catalog, include classes such as music, drama, newspaper, yearbook and athletic training.

In 2010, roughly 82.3 percent of students in the Lynchburg, Va. area as a whole, graduated on time, according to the Virginia Department of Education. Jefferson Forest High School had the best graduation rates at 86.1 percent. Classes at this high school include an advanced placement (AP) course in music theory, theater, and art band.

We are very proud of the success our students have demonstrated in the arts,” Coleman said.

The economic crisis in the US paired with the lack of availability currently being seen in school systems does not affect only the students when it comes to courses being offered. Teachers of these courses outside the core curriculum are being laid off due to budget restrictions many schools face.

“Enrollment affects budget decisions regarding any cuts to in any area... these can have resulted in slightly higher teacher-student ratios in core classes,” Coleman said.

On Sept. 29, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations released the Draft Fiscal Year 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services funding bill. The bill includes information regarding future plans to fund programs within the Department of Education and other related agencies. The bill includes plans to raise funding for several education programs already in place in the public schools. However, according to the National Guild for Community Arts Education, a possible cut to federal arts education funding, at a total of $17.2 million, could be one of the implications to the bill.

“The claim is that the arts are able to foster creativity, a trait essential to tomorrow’s workforce of all kinds. While cuts in arts education are numerous, many of the young minds who would otherwise be exposed to art and have the ability to experiment within the realms of imagination would never be able to develop their creativity due to a lack of experience,” a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education, said. The arts and extracurricular classes offered at Lynchburg City Schools, according to their Program of Studies catalog, include classes such as music, drama, newspaper, yearbook and athletic training.

In 2010, roughly 82.3 percent of students...
wounded Army veteran runs to raise support for OASIS Adaptive Sports and Vacations for Veterans

Sean Edmunds has spent his life serving others. The Wales, UK, native met his wife Donna — a New Yorker — while working with the London City Mission in 2000. Following their marriage in 2002, the couple moved to New York where Sean Edmunds enlisted in the Army.

“I felt compelled that if I was going to live in America that I should give something back,” he said. “So I joined the U.S. Army.”

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Edmunds started a blog about his run at runningforveterans.com and can answer questions addressed to sean-edmunds@ymail.co.uk.

He said there are a number of ways people can get involved. To allow 100 percent of the donations to go to both charities, he is looking for corporate or individual sponsors to cover his costs. “An easy way to get involved is to spread the word,” Edmunds said. “I’m hoping to get many people involved and bring awareness in as many ways as I can. I have a twitter feed tapped on my blog, so if I am running close to where you are, let me know to stop and join me.”

After his run next year, Edmunds plans to follow his bachelor’s degree in Religion with a master’s degree in Chaplaincy, so he can continue serving others in a chaplain with the military or Veterans Affairs. For more information on either charity organization, see oasisadaptivesports.org or vacationsforveterans.org.

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about if they don’t remind me to mark their presence.
Because the university has implemented the new attendance policy as of the beginning of last academic year, students being late and absent could easily hurt their grades, according to Liberty’s 2011 attendance policy.
“Tardiness is a problem for me because the parking situation is real, I don’t have any way to know if students are telling me the truth or using parking as a lame excuse,” Reaers said.
“It is a popular route, and some of it may be legitimate, some of it not.”
However, the mindset is hurting students as well.
“In two of my classes, the teachers are very strict about tardiness,” Fale’s said. “I leave an hour early, and I get there 45 minutes in advance and can’t find parking. My class grade has dropped a letter because it can’t be proven that my reason for being tardy is because I can’t find a parking spot.”
Another concern for both professors and the students is the poor planning of on-campus parking.
“I would say that giving yourself enough time to get to class is a pretty typical expectation for students and employees of any college,” Martin said.
Even with the addition of new parking lots and a revised plan, students will still need to plan to have a few minutes to find open spaces, Jerry Falwell Jr. said.
“Students may not leave their homes early enough to search for a parking place. Many times they give themselves just enough time to get class assuming that everything works out perfectly in traffic, on the train tracks and in the parking lot,” Reaers said.
“When Martin and the rest of Liberty’s administration, they are hoping to calm the current frustrations echoing from the campus population, as well as lessen the run, creates a domino effect that cannot be adequately addressed by simply adding parking spaces.”
Vehicles parked illegally is a large part of the parking problems, according to the Champion research. At any given time there are 5-6 illegally parked cars in commuter lots on campus.
According to Martin, even if the commuter students do not want the plan proposing gates on each lot there should be enough additional parking added that every commuter will be able to find a parking spot if they leave themselves adequate time to find a spot before walking to class.
“We need every commuter to vote for the parking plan they prefer. A strong response from commuters will tell us what needs to be done to address the parking issue,” Falwell said.
“Every response will allow us to make the decision for commuters’ safety, we will be less likely to create tardy and absent students next semester. Now is the time for commuters to make their wishes known.”

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In addition to construction zones, senior Lev Washburn said that going downhill can also increase your speed without you realizing it and is a major problem that students need to be conscious of. In his experience, before the driver becomes aware of his or her speed, a police cue is already in. Traveling to Maine for the holidays, he has been given the police pink tickets.
“I was driving up US Highway 79, and I got pulled over going down hill in Alternate Route,” he said. “I was being pulled by a tractor trailer, but I had tagged Washburn’s tip. I allow myself to notice other speed traps that police use to catch speeding vehicles.
“Construction bridges,” he said. “There are always cops.”
For those heading south for the holiday breaks US Highway 29 South and the Daviess Expressway are usually necessary routes to North Carolina and other southern states. Senior Jennifer Palmer has received two tickets in nearly the same location of Pennsylvania County.
The speed limit changes force a driver to be constantly aware of his or her speed, and any lapse can cause frustration and a hefty fine.
“As you travel down 29 South, about an hour from Liberty, the speed limit for a while is 65,” Palmer said. “Then the speed limit decreases as you near the town of Chatham and before you know, you’re pulled over.”
“My argument is that the town comes upon so fast,” she continued. “And when you’re going 70, and you’re all of the sudden expected to slow down to 45 for two sections, according to Falwell. The commuter students are only voting on one section.
The administration has already begun meeting with a portion of the new plan, according to Falwell.
In the spring semester, the administration is proposing the addition of 600 new parking spaces, according to Liberty’s Corporate Engineer in Planning and Construction Maggie Cooman.
There will also be 200 new commuter vehicles moved into perimeter lots, creating an additional 1,270 spaces for commuters to park in.
“The parking plan of any large organization like Liberty is heavily dependent on campus-wide adherence to policy,” Martin said. “Students and employees that park in any area where they are not supposed to, even for a quick 5-minute run, causes a domino effect that cannot be adequately addressed by simply adding parking spaces.”
According to Martin, commuting students assistance in understanding the number of non-registered vehicles on campus.
Regardless of what plan we implement, the parking maps for next semester will include estimated walk-time from each lot to DeMoss to help students plan their day, Martin said.
However, if the new parking plan is not embraced by the commuter students, there are ways to plan ahead to ensure a parking spot, according to research the Liberty Champion has recorded over the past three years, along with numbers Martin has been recording for the past 11 weeks.
According to the results of the Champion’s research, there are dead time zones that should be avoided by drivers on campus. The results were recorded every hour by the staff and students.
According to the research, commuter students with the red parking sticker should avoid attempting to park at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
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Martin’s findings were similar to the Champion’s, with the dead time zones being 9:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 1:40 p.m.
Avoiding parking during peak hours could save students time and money, according to Martin.
With the new parking plan, as designed by Martin and the rest of Liberty’s administration, they are hoping to calm the current frustrations echoing from the campus population, as well as lessen the stress of parking.
However, like Edney, not all commuter students are backing this new plan.
“I did not vote for the new parking because I have a carpooled pass. I find easy parking,” Liberty student Sarah Dykstra said. “I would hate to get stuck in a random showing and end up having to park at Green Field or Campus East.”
Her proposed new plan will come in

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Men’s soccer claims Big South Championship

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The men's fourth-ranked Liberty University men’s soccer team won the Big South Title in a 3-1 victory over No. 2 Gardner-Webb, Sunday.

With the win Liberty clinched their second Big South Title and an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament.

The journey through the tournament began with a match against Radford University, in which Liberty defeated Radford in penalty kicks 5-4 after a scoreless game in regulation. During the game, Liberty allowed one shot on goal.

About a year ago, Liberty University ended their season early in the first round of the Big South Championship quarterfinals by one point other than Radford University.

“Looking early in the Big South Tournament last year, we have left our remaining guys hungry this season,” senior Chris Phillips said. That hunger set up a win-or-go-home match against No. 2 Gardner-Webb, Sunday.

Scouting the Flames - Liberty defeated Gardner-Webb 5-1 to claim their second Big South Championship.

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It was in our game plan to win both. – FORD

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Brown in driver's seat for playoffs

Justin Jones

As a leader, you have to be the best person you can be. There's no room for mistakes. A leader has to be accountable for his own actions as well as those of his teammates. Brown has always been a leader on and off the court. His presence on the court has inspired others to perform at their best.

Brown is one of the most respected players on the team. He is known for his leadership qualities and his ability to motivate his teammates. His guidance has been instrumental in bringing the team together and creating a strong sense of unity.

The ultimate goal for Brown and the Flames is to make the playoffs. With the Big South Champion receiving an automatic berth into the field, the Flames need to claim their conference title in order to make sure they are a part of the field. The Flames have made some strides in recent years and have shown that they can compete with the best in the conference. Despite some setbacks along the way, the team has remained strong and resilient.

The Flames' biggest challenge will be to maintain their focus and determination throughout the season. They need to stay committed to their goals and work hard to improve their skills and strategies. With a strong leader like Brown at the helm, the Flames have a good chance of achieving their goals and making the playoffs.

In conclusion, Brown's leadership has been a key factor in the Flames' success. His determination and focus have helped the team stay on track and achieve their goals. With Brown's guidance, the Flames have a good chance of making the playoffs and achieving their dreams.

**SPORTS**

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**Flames drop weekend series to Delaware**

No. 2 Blue Hens led by their goalkeeper, extending winning streak to five

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**What:** The Liberty Flames (7-3, 5-0) vs. the Stony Brook Seawolves (6-4, 4-1)

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 19

**Where:** LeValle Stadium, Stony Brook, NY

**If Liberty wins —** The Flames would clinch their fifth-straight conference title. Also with the win, the Flames receive an automatic bid to the 20-team FCS playoffs.

**If Liberty loses —** The Flames would not be conference champions for the first time in five years. To make the FCS playoffs, Liberty would have to arrange an at-large bid, which will be announced on Nov. 20.

**3 Keys to Victory**

1. **Establish a solid running game.** Football is a contact sport, and allowing opponents under 80 yards rushing a game, as he far as the stingiest in the Big South. Running back Alan Denton will need to start off quicker than he did against VMI.

2. **Defensive lineman Alex Chapman and Cory Freeman must dominate the trenches.** Stony Brook running back Miguel Maysonet and fullback Jack bodkins are both big bodies with good running ability. Both may not be able to stifle them completely, but they must do their best to contain the backs.

3. **Finishing drives once they reach the red zone.** Against Presbyterian, Liberty had over 400 yards of offense, but struggled to put points on the board. One problem was that of the five times they reached the red zone, the Flames either came away with two touchdowns, missing for field goals and failing to score in three other attempts. Against VMI, the Flames failed with touchdowns on three of their four red zone appearances. Liberty needs to have a more efficient offense in the red zone.

**On Target**

You walk through the doors at LeValle Stadium. The Flames’ Football Operations Center, one phrase is constant. It appears every corner every hallway every whiteboard. “The Quest Continues.” It’s been the team’s motto all year long, and it’s commo in every sense as it is Saturday 27-27 New York vs. Liberty 37-0 for all the marbles. For Liberty, it’s an annual-and-expected season for the FCS playoffs. No tricks, no surprises no move that is point differential needed. It’s the type of season that they haven’t seen in a while, and brusely, they enjoy the challenge.

“This year, we truly control our destiny. Wherein in this in three of the last four years, we were forced to the last game thinking if we win, we do this. In this, we are the first day where we know if we win, we know it is in our control in total of the way,” Coach Dana Rice said.

But that is still almost assuredly not come easy. The third straight year Liberty has ended the season with a pivotal matchup against Stony Brook at home. They have those big bodies with a team that knows the importance of the final game of the season.

**TRIPPED UP — The Flames couldn’t find their footing against the University of Delaware.**

**TRIPPED UP —** Although the Blue Hens are on the heels of a three-game winning streak, they are not a true threat. The Blue Hens have not been able to keep the losses at bay.

**Without Blair it would have been a whole lot different,”** Handy said. “But we have our feet on the ground and we are excited about tonight’s game. We played well.”

The major thing the Flames did not have to do is deal with the two loses against Davidson, the Flames average nearly three and a half goals per game, including goals this weekend from junior forward Brett Butterfield and senior forward Andrew Woolfolk.

The Flames will look to pull out early this next weekend behind their dependable offense and clutch goalkeepers as they head to Oklahoma to play the Sooners of the University of Oklahoma along with Central Oklahoma.

“We have a lot of opportunities to win this weekend with three big games coming up before break, and a great opportunity to move up on a couple of spots,” Handy said.
Grading:

Flames Basketball

Coaches: A

Coach Layer did a great job of not letting a loss to Texas A&M sit in the minds of his players. He told his team that they would have a chance to get one side of Vines Field.

Guards: A

Three scored in double figures and attributed 15 of the Flames 18 assists.

Forwards: B+

In limited minutes, Joel Vander Pol chipped in with five rebounds and a block.

Center: B+

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BASKETBALL

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In addition, Liberty grabbed 11 offensive rebounds as opposed to Randolph's four offensive boards.

In typical Flames fashion, two guards led the team in rebounding. Jessie Sanders had nine while guard Chey Phillips had seven. The 6-9 sophomore center Joel Vander Pol added 6 rebounds from the center position.

Aston Burris, forward David Minaya and John Caleb Sanders added four rebounds apiece. The off-balance rebounds gave the Flames plenty of second-chance opportunities. By the end of the night, Liberty had posted 25 second-chance points while Randolph College was unable to garner a single second-chance point.

Turnovers

The other story of the night was turnovers. Both teams played sloppy at times and the result was a bumpy ride.

Liberty played strong defense, making it difficult for an already undermanned Randolph team to find any open shots. The struggling defense led to 36.3 percent shooting from the field for Randolph in the second half. In addition, the Flames forced 20 turnovers during the game.

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Midnight madness: Fan up, Liberty

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WINNING

KEY PLAYER
Tavares Speaks
Scoring second is through 18 points of the bench.

Key Play
David Minaya hits a three-pointer in overtime on an 18-foot jumper.

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ncky does it, the University of South Carolina Upstate does it, so why not the University of North Carolina? A tradition that dates back to 1971, former Maryland head coach Lefty Driesell started the midnight madness tradition. Liberty University has a great tradition of supporting its teams.

Tavares Speaks

November 15, 2011

In addition, the Flames forced 20 turnovers during the game.

"Coach Layer has been teaching us to pressure the ball and make stops with our defense to feed our offense and we were able to do that some tonight," Sanders said.

Still, they had 17 turnovers themselves. It should be noted that 11 of those turnovers came in a second half in which head coach Dale Layer opted to play many of his backup players for an extended period of time.

Layer's Comments

Overall, head coach Dale Layer seemed happy with the performance from his team following the game. "It's good to get a win and see that we built upon the Texas A&M game," Layer said. "It was good to see Tar Heels get more comfortable and see us beginning to adjust to the loss of Sunny Oguske and John Brown." In addition, Layer had good things to say about his sophomore guard, John Caleb Sanders.

"I think that defensively he's 240 pounds and he probably won't want to play until he's 240. He will want to play until he's 240. He can help the team move in a lot of different ways," Layer said.

EACHO is a sports reporter.

Making a stand — Liberty's defense forced 10 steals in a rout against Randolph.

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Steel pan artist brings nontraditional worship

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Sounds of the islands echoed in the Center for Worship on Tuesday, Nov. 8, as the world premiere of a steel pan concert performed by students of Liberty University.

Caribbe, along with his wife, Judy, was selected to be a featured artist in the Center for Worship's Christian Artist Concert Series. Caribbe is a steel pan musician and an assistant pastor at his church, House of Prayer, which is located in the heart of Spain in Trinidad.

"I have been playing the instrument since age 11, and I have never been taught by anyone," Caribbe said. Originally created from steel oil pans, the steel pan is a hand-shaped instrument from the Trinidad and Tobago islands made from sheet metal in which indentations are carved into the walls of the bowl to create notes. In coming to Liberty, Caribbe hoped to introduce how the steel pan could be incorporated into church worship.

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"He did not care what people thought of him," sophomore Candace Helsabeck said. "He has the joy of the Lord." Tuesday night's concert was one of six concerts scheduled for the 2011-2012 academic year by the Center for Worship. To learn more about the upcoming concerts contact the Centre for Worship at 434-582-3172 or email them at worship@ liberty.edu.

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Art comes in Echoes & Whispers
Senior Art Show features four Liberty Artists

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"Echoes and Whispers," the Department of Studio and Digital Art, SADA, across four senior art exhibition, is now open. The show officially opened Thursday, Nov. 3, with an evening reception honoring featured artists Faithful McKain, Kendra Timko, Rachel Nicholas and Megan Taylor.

"The event went as smoothly as could be," McKain said. "It was a survival experience." McCool, who plans to graduate in May with a B.S. in Studio Art with a teacher licensure, said, "You work so hard for four years and then to actually see it framed and put up in a gallery—it's something you've worked forward to in the whole time. I've been in this major to be able to learn about gallery shows and how much time goes into it. It was great to see it all come together and to be able to work with the other seniors who were doing the show along with me." The exhibition includes work completed throughout all four students' college careers and features photography, painting, mixed media and drawings. Each featured student's work was several of their best pieces to be displayed in the show. The artworks were responsible for choosing the theme and title of the show, McCool said. The inspiration for this year's theme came from the book, "Blended Americas" by Fanny Goule.

"We're talking about submitting everything to Christ and then, through that, being able to receive blessings from that, from the echoes of mercy and whispers of love," That's what God is—I'm saying speaking mercy and love to us when we are part of his plan. Christ through kind of class that theme because our work was suited with each individual. But we thought, really, this is what we're trying to do through our art is to show people God's mercy and love.

Senior Kendra Nicholas, who will graduate in December, said, "I'm a cook out for inner-city children. The front of DeMoss will once again be covered with fake snow and made into a temporary ski slope as snowboarders and skiers compete for over $2,000 in cash prizes. There is a $10 entry fee for riders and the event is free for fans. The event starts at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Liberty's Snozone at 582-5359.

Virginia Christmas Spectacular

Dec. 7-11

One of the most lighted anticipated events of the year, this semester's Coffeehouse, centered around the theme "A Christmas Morning." Tickets are $5 in advance, $7 at the door and $10 for a table on the floor. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Vines Center Box Office or online at ticketreturn.com. Call 592-7528 for more information.

Dec. 9

Coffeehouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

Liberty Christmas in Lights

Nov. 28

In keeping with one of the newest Liberty traditions, a giant Christmas tree will once again be lit in front of DeMoss to bring in the holiday season. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

Dec. 4-24 & 8-10

Romans in Juliet

The last show of the Liberty Theatre Department's fall season will be Shakespeare's classic tale of families and forbidden love. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Vines Center Box Office or online at ticketreturn.com. Call 592-7528 for more information.

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DeMoss Rail Jam

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Dec. 7-11

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This year's production of Thomas Road Baptist Church's annual Christmas play will be titled "Let There Be Light." Tickets cost $4 for children, $6.50 for adults. For more information, call 592-4407. .
Liberty student helps deliver boxes for Operation Christmas Child

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Jami Macdonald said she took ownership of her faith after seeing a seven-year-old girl in El Salvador with nothing receive the toy she had always wanted.

Thanks to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child ministry, children around the world are able to have life-changing experiences just like the little seven-year-old girl who opened up her Operation Christmas Child box to find a furry, red Tickle-Me-Elmo monster staring back at her.

"I went to El Salvador in December 2006 to hand out these Operation Christmas Child boxes to children, and by the end of the trip I just knew something big had changed inside me," Macdonald said. "My faith became mine, and it overwhelmed me."

Macdonald was saved at the age of 13 and said she had always grown up in a Christian home. However, she took ownership of her faith when she was faced with the reality of children in need.

"I went from a life about Christ, to a life in Christ," Macdonald said.

According to Macdonald, her family has been actively involved with filling Operation Christmas Child boxes for as long as she can remember, to the point where her family would collect items year round in preparation for the holiday season.

"I remember wanting to go somewhere on a mission trip really badly, and when I found out that the Samaritan's Purse did what are called 'Spy Trips,' where 100 people go to personally deliver the Operation Christmas Child boxes, I knew this was for me," Macdonald said.

On this particular trip, Macdonald said that the people were split into groups of 10 to go each day and deliver the boxes to different distribution centers and that each member of the team got to hand deliver the box they specifically made to whatever child they wanted.

"I gave my box to a 12-year-old girl named Areseli whose father had recently passed away and whose mother left her and her two siblings during the middle of the night," Macdonald said. "Areseli's aunt had taken the children in, and when I gave my gift to Areseli she was very reserved. I could tell she was forced to grow up too fast."

Macdonald said that T-shirts and shoes are high priority items, as some children walk the streets naked and barefoot. She encourages Liberty University students especially to invest in a shoe box, as she believes investing in a shoe box is investing in a life.

"Going to El Salvador to hand out boxes completely changed my life. Now, when I see boxes that have not been taken by students, I see them as children who will not be getting a Christmas," Macdonald said. "Senior Casey Ballard enjoys filling Operation Christmas Child boxes as she said it gives her great joy to know she is making a difference in a child's life."

"I love being able to think I am giving a child a gift. Obviously Christmas is not just about presents, but it is important to make these kids who are less fortunate feel the love of Christ through our actions," Ballard said.

Macdonald hopes that Liberty University will start an Operation Christmas Child team next year so that even more children can be reached.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, or to show interest in being part of the possible Operation Christmas Child team, contact Jami Macdonald at jmcdonald2@liberty.edu.

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Yogurt Yeti feeds the dessert craze

Lynchburg's new frozen yogurt shop offers more than just fro-yo

Kassandra Reoedding

The recently opened Yogurt Yeti may prove self-serve frozen yogurt has become a staple for Lynchburg residents. Having opened Oct. 1 at Wards Crossing West, Yogurt Yeti offers 14 different flavors of frozen yogurt, along with a bar full of toppings. Just beyond the bar in pastel hues is a small dining area and a cafe. The large refrigerator in the back is cold and filled with yogurt covered pretzels, almonds, raisins and cranberries. The cafe offers a variety of products including gift items and specialty vendors from throughout the Schilling Center this weekend, offering a variety of products including gift items, gourmet foods, clothing and gift items.

"I just enjoy working here. I am blessed to be here," Cook said.

As for the shop itself, owner Patrick Noll's son, a 15-year-old Liberty Christian Academy student, came up with the logo and created the logo and color-design. A family business brought about the name. Needing a word to match "yeti," the family chose "Yogi," which means abominable snowman. For a mental picture, Cook reminds customers of the old animated Christmas movie Rudolph with the classic furry abominable snowman.

In comparison to the competition in town, Yogurt Yeti aims to keep a more upscale feel. The dress of the employees is semi-formal, which is different from the perky of an outdoor fireplace. Different, however, is that the Yogurt Yeti is located in a coffee machine which provides coffee, cappuccino, hot cocoa and tea.

"Pretty much all of our products in a 5 oz. cup are 190 calories or less. Whatever size you do when you get to the bar, that's on you," Cook said.

"I love heading in there. They take a smaller selection of yogurt compared to a nearby competitor, but my experience was great. The people were very friendly, I would recommend going there to anyone," senior Madison White said.

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