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Kevin Conini, the administrative dean for graduate programs, is in the process of planning a trip to Salem Church in Staten Island located in New York. Students interested in volunteering to serve there can contact Dr. Conini at kaccoin@liberty.edu.

Formal gala honors military

Students gather for a classy night of food and fellowship at annual appreciation dinner

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Liberty students, faculty and staff honored military members at the third annual Military Appreciation Gala Saturday, Nov. 10. For the second year in a row, the gala was held in the William Schoolhouse Club Pavilion and was limited to about 300 people. Tickets for the event were $3, but members of the military were able to attend the event free of charge. The gala is formal, and attendees are required to wear appropriate attire, such as cocktail dresses and suits.

Liberty's chapter of Concerned Women for America (CWA) holds the event in order to honor members, both military and on campus, who are members of the military. According to its website, CWA is a coalition of conservative women that promotes biblical values and family traditions. CWA has nearly 500 chapters or action groups in almost all 50 states.

Young Women for America (YWA), Liberty's CWA chapter, is in charge of the annual event. Keen Davis, the president of YWA, coordinated the gala.

See GALL, A2.

Inside THE CHAMPION

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Another historic groundbreaking took place atop the Liberty mountainside Friday, Nov. S to symbolize the beginning of construction for the new School of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., university officially and administration, Liberty's Board of Trustees and representatives from the Tobacco Commission came together to dedicate the groundbreaking addition to the Lord and to clear those involved for moving the next steps possible.

This new, enclosed facility will be built on a 50-Acre-Donut set up the road from the Liberty Mountain Snowflex Center and will overlook the Liberty campus, the City of Lynchburg and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Set to open in the fall 2014 semester, the School of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences will house several health and wellness programs, including graduate degrees, physician's assistant programs, among others.

See SCHOOL, A2.

Election decided

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Election Day has come and gone, and after months of hard-fought campaigning, the nation has voted to choose its leaders. November 6th is an assistant news editor.

The Champion featured political coverage in each of the issues leading up to Election Day. Virginia played an important role in this election.

The Champion has continued its political coverage with a recap of the election results, including the presidential election, the senatorial election, the congressional election in the 5th and 6th Districts.

In addition to the Champion's coverage of the election results, a story on voter turnout at the Vote Center has been included.

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Ruth Rigney / Photo Editor

Hurricane Sandy

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Hurricane Sandy was one of the worst-hit areas in New York City when the record-breaking storm made landfall in Atlantic City Oct. 29. According to the National Weather Service, Hurricane Sandy had a diameter of 900 miles, which is roughly about one-third of the distance between the West Coast and East Coast. Dangers from the hurricane are estimated to be the second most dangerous after Hurricane Katrina.

Power outages, flooding and housing damages were reported from the Atlantic Coast to the Great Lakes area as the storm went land-bound, and thousands of people are still without electricity.

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NEWS UPDATE

Severe weather caused massive power outages, and one-third of the lights were still dark Monday night in Liberty County.

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BUILDING — Chancellors Jerry Falwell Jr. and Vere Present Ron Hawkins overlook the site where the new facility will be built.

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prerequisites programs, master's in public health and offers, according to Falwell. Students studying to join physical therapy are encouraged to take classes at Lynchburg College.

"It would cause problems locally if we started a program like that here," Falwell said, "As a country to Lynchburg College, we don't want to compete with them for the limited number of clinical opportunities available in the area, so we hope these liberal arts graduates will continue to enroll in LC's doctor of physical therapy program."

According to Falwell, students enrolled in the program will spend two years in intensive classroom instruction and a year or two in a work-study program in the local hospitals.

Liberty has an aggressive faculty that will eventually teach in the new school. Richard Martin, who has the primary responsibility of founding an osteopathic school of medicine in Oklahoma and serving in a leadership role that acquired schools of osteopathic medicine, will serve as

GALA continued from A1

"Considered "Women for Liberty" is all about liberty, and one group of people that we pursue for is the military," Hunt said.

"We want to honor those people who serve our country. Three military students on campus who are serving in the ROTC program, students who are veterans, and others students serving in the military." The evening featured a dessert and coffee buffet, presentations from Liberty military student groups and the testimonies of a military veteran, complete with a performance from the jazz ensemble.

"It was an honor to perform in the event," Liberty senior and jazz ensemble member Keke Harvey said. "The Military Appreciation Gala is the most anticipated event for the jazz band every fall."}

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At the event was Cpl. Jared Dubbs, a former Marine and a Liberty student who serves as president of the Student Veterans Group (SVG). Dubbs took the opportunity to share his testimony, including how his four years in the military affected him.

"Sometimes you forget there are veterans who are around your age just sitting next to us in class," Liberty senior Ruth Wiley said. "It was great to hear his testimony."

The purpose of the event was to honor members of the armed forces, but several door prizes were also given away to attendees. The big prize for the evening went to an iPad Touch and an iPod. CWA raised $300 from the event, which went to Southwest Behind Our Soldiers, a non-profit organization with a vision to serve and give back to the U.S. military and their families.

EACHO is an asset, news editor.

Correction

In last week's issue of the Champion, there was an article written about the Order of the Eastern Star. A question heard at the Alpha Lambda Delta society during the ceremony, for members of the chapter accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Additionally, Liberty is one of the top 10 schools among AYLA's 50 schools in the country to receive the award. This resulted in a

In order to receive the Order of the Eastern Star, members of the chapter can take part in the recognition of a scripture, which occurs within the chapter throughout the year.

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Kaine pulls for Senate

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Republican George Allen and Democrat Tim Kaine both waged a tough campaign throughout the season for the Senate seat, but it was Kaine who pulled ahead in the Nov. 6 election.

According to an article by Politico, Allen was resigned to the results of the election.

"Both Tim and I had the high- est honor that anybody could be accorded from the people of Virginia, to be as a governor," Allen said. "I have called Timand congratulations."

Weidell said that Kaine was a protege of Allen and that the two were friends.

Kaine will reportedly write his book, "The Common Sense of Politics," after his Senate career.

Goodlette, Hurt win House seats

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Virginia Gail Bob McDonnell appeared on "CBS This Morning" in August 2012, saying, "I think the implication of the election result had to do with the role of a governor in a state."

In his interviews, McDonnell expressed his disagreement in presidential candidate Mitt Romney's loss to President Barack Obama. The governor also did not record any turndowns in Virginia and added, "We won the right of the constitutional seats for the Republican party."

The 6th and 11th Districts elect Republican representatives, but incumbent Democrat Gail Ragsdale who has been re-elected 19 times.

According to his website, Governor Bob McDonnell was born in Richmond, Va. in 1957. Since then, he has worked in public service for more than 20 years.

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Elects

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Obama wins in close election

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Tahleese Cassidy

Reactions to the 2012 presidential election maps from the Liberty University student body are just as diverse as the nation itself.

"I think that Obama is an excellent choice," said Tahleese Cassidy, a junior studying social work.

"I think that Mitt Romney is a great choice," said Kohl. "I think it's an important time and he's an important person for us to have as a leader."
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The fact of the matter is an overwhelming majority of students at Liberty were leaning toward Romney's campaign, and this group undoubtedly played a pivotal role in Romney's taking of City of Lynchburg's vote by nearly 11 points. Virginia's enthusiasm gives an even more impressive reality to the outcome of voting, with Romney receiving 52 percent of the vote there.

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Pro/Con: Keeping Facebook for exams?

Whitney Rutherford

Pro: Facebook gives students escape during exams.

"It is time to reveal our self-control and use Facebook to enhance our academic experience."

"If you do not have the self-control to stay off of Facebook, you should probably not be in college," Liberty University student Maggie Koper said.

The problem of balancing social media and academic priorities faces every Liberty student during the final weeks of the semester. When the stress intensifies, many students are prone to drop off the social media grid. However, abandoning social media, particularly Facebook, is counterproductive.

Squeezing more productivity into a day might require trading Facebook. Instead, it is time to reveal our self-control and use Facebook to enhance our academic experience.

As college students, we should take maturity to reservoir self-control.

"If I feel like I have Facebook the whole week and then decide to delete it before finals and then reactivate it afterward, do that!" student opinion writer Chelsea Brown said. "Just have some self-control and limit your time on Facebook and the computer all together. I've tried deleting for a few weeks and then just had self-control."

"We should probably not be using Facebook to enhance our academic experience," said Koper.

When asked what he would do if he had to delete Facebook for finals, he said he would just stay off of the social media site. He added, "I just have self-control in general."

Con: Deactivating Facebook gets rid of temptation.

"It is time to reveal our self-control and use Facebook to enhance our academic experience."

"There is the harm in cutting out harmful temptations in life."

With finals exams less than a month away, students are looking for ways to get rid of distractions so that they can end their semester on a good note.

Our suggestion for students looking to avoid interference would be to deactivate their Facebook accounts for the week leading up to the exams in the beginning of December. According to Facebook's help section, deactivating an account will block anyone from being able to see that account's information. There is also an option for users to stop receiving email notifications from Facebook.

Deactivating Facebook is not permanent and users are able to reactivate their account at any time.

"For many, deactivating Facebook for a period of time is seen as an extreme choice of action. After all, it is just Facebook. What harm could it do?"

However, researches are looking at the possibility of removing Facebook use as a behavioral addiction. A study led by Cecilie Andersen that was published in the journal Psychological Reports created a study evaluating Facebook addiction called the Revised Facebook Addiction Scale. In the study, the results are seen when an individual decide to stop using Facebook. This process forces users to go through a lower period removing such more more effort. If they want to stop using Facebook for a period of time. True, this is not the best choice for those who are craving their friends. The users are able to reduce the desire for Facebook.

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"Facebook is like a time waster, and when you will delete it, you won’t have to do it. It would be a lot less time consuming, and it can be beneficial to you."

DAN BALLARD

Senior

"If you feel like Facebook is distracting you from what you are doing, you can make it stop. I used to be addicted to Facebook, and I have never been as addicted to Facebook because I set rules for myself."

"I think I have a hard time justifying why I am using Facebook. I have deleted my account and would not use it as much."

JAMAL LEW

Junior

"JAMAL LEW is the social media account manager. I have an account on Facebook and Instagram and have never been addicted to it."

"I think for me, it is a mind game. I don't know if I would be able to de-activate because I have been using Facebook for over a year."

"I am not sure if I would delete my account or not."

"I would delete my Facebook account and be more active on my school website."

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Liberty students react to hometown disaster across the Eastern seaboard

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Liberty junior Andrew Claudino may be here in Virginia, but he still felt the devastation of Hurricane Sandy firsthand.

The day before this was going to happen, you really knew that this wasn’t just a hurricane but just another storm for nothing,” Claudino said. “All you could do was look back and watch where you grew up go underwa-

A week before he heard about it, Claudino had taken his girlfriend and roommate to his hometown of Long Island, NY. Claudino said that it is difficult to describe how that house city in ruins.

“So it’s New York’s it’s not just undersea, it’s descending,” Claudino said. “It had to be very small to 9/11 except that there was a terrorist attack, and you didn’t know if it was going to get- shore, you could do this not just at back and work.”

Claudino is one of 2,669 residential stu-
dents and 7,388 other students who were affected from the storm New England states hit by Sandy. These numbers came from Earl Baker in the Registrar’s Office, who said that even more students have been affected outside these areas.

“The day after Sandy, our family took a walk up to the 7-Eleven that’s around the corner from my house, and there were trees down on cars, trees down on homes, ambiance left left and right trying to go people out of trapped homes,” Claudino said.

However, according to students from the decorate area, the hardest part is the fact that they are helpless to do anything for their homesestructure.

“Sandy,” Claudino said. “We’re really had more than one homes away and knowing that there’s nothing you can do,” Amanda Jacobs, a Liberty graduate student, said, “I don’t get to go home for another work, so he’ll be really excited when I don’t go to go home and have a hand in everything. It’s really hard teach-
ing your city being underwater and not

being able to do anything about it.”

H. Robert Johnson, multimedia reporter from the university campus, said, many students from Liberty have already prepared their own initiatives to help the victims of this crisis.

“A lot of people have used their own initiative to help the victims of this crisis situation,” he said.

Moore has said that since Hurricane Sandy hit, students have bombarded him

with requests for the university to send relief teams to the areas, and others have been raising support for the victims of Sandy. Some students have even gone back to help, according to Moore.

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Liberty University business
students had the opportu-
nity to learn from Dean
Parker, founder and CEO
of Callie Organogenesis,
a leading company in uni-
fied cloud, communication
services. Thursday, Nov. 8.
The 1986 Liberty alumnus
encouraged students to do
what they love and focus
on Christ.

Parker came to the event
called Call's Executive Vice
President, Troy Hanters,
919 Liberty alumni.

We are excited about
Call's making a significant
investment into Liberty
University as the students
start their professional
careers," Hanters said.

According to
press release, Callis
Communications is one of
the fastest growing compa-

ties in Alabama and has
been in inc. 500 company
every year since 2008.
Parker used his experi-
ence with the communica-
tions company to inspire
students with the message
of his son's adoption.

"You have to remember
you are the intersection of
talent and faith, and
base does that interest? It
interests because I thought
I was making a business
investment and then
that little boy showed up in
our household." Parker

He encouraged students
to remember that God has
a time and a purpose, and
good things will happen if
they just "believe and act." Parker
connected with students by sharing some of
his experiences at Liberty
and taking a few of them
had seen some of the
spiritual excitement.

He also was influential in
starting the initiatives of
Coalition.
Parker then shared the
principles that he found
important in success, starting
with where a company posi-
tions itself in the beginning.

"It's great to have a highly
successful business alumna
that's out there serv-
ing the Lord," School of
Busines Dean Scott Heis.

He explained how
successful Parker's company
has been, saying, "That's
what our students need to
learn--that's what we're
trying to do in the School of
Business and that's what we
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to do in the School of
Business..." Parker
to listen to Dean

"There were about 15
students before the event,
Parker challenged their tra-
ners for being at Liberty.

"It is a Christian education
and what you want? Do do
you want a Christian world-
view of where you want to
be?" he asked.
Parker then encouraged students
to remember to keep God first and remem-
ber that He has a plan.

The one point that was
hammered home to the stu-
dents was to remember to
do something that they love
doing. Heiskel was enthusi-
astic about the professionals
coming to speak.

"It's not us, and we shared that with our
students -- that's what I'm
expected about, and I think
our students need it,"

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reporter.
Tolsma maintains standard of excellence

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Under the leadership of one coach, the Liberty Flames cross-country and track and field teams have recorded 47 Coach of the Year awards in conference titles and 48 All-American scholars.

Head Coach Brant Tolsma is the longtime coach at Liberty University, and he has grown the cross-country and track programs from their early stages. Tolsma earned his doctorate and track programs at Indiana University.

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Men's soccer eliminated

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Windthrop Eagles men's soccer program was eliminated from the tournament with a 2-0 loss to Big South Championship.

The Eagles were seeded sixth going into the tournament, but they managed to beat the top three seeds that were expected. However, they were unable to advance further.

The Flames scored late in the second half to secure their victory. This is a significant achievement for the Flames, as they have been striving for success in the conference.

The Flames' victory was well deserved, and they are proud of the effort and commitment shown by the players.

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LU stuns Stony Brook

Flames upset No. 6 Seawolves to keep Big South title hopes alive

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Purple Prowess: Liberty's offense dominated Stony Brook, scoring a season-high 28 goals.

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Volleyball clinches No. 1 seed

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Liberty's volleyball team swept the Gardner-Webb's Buffaloes in three sets (25-21, 25-20, 25-19) Saturday, Nov. 10, while they celebrated senior day.

Prior to the match, the Lady Flames recognized seniors Lauren Bosche, Erica Manon, Kendall Rilling and Loren Thomas.

With its victory, No. 9 against University of North Carolina (UNC) Asheville, Liberty clinched the regular-season Big South Championship. Against Gardner-Webb, they won their 14th straight-home match and a program-record of 21 conference home matches in a row.

"Every team starts off each year with goals and expectations, and one of ours is to have a chance to be at the top and possibly win a regular-season championship," Head Coach Shane Pinder said.


The Lady Flames led the Rannin's Buffaloes in digs 55-16. Liberty - Gaither Ship did in digs with 16 total.

Becca Hata following with 14. In the free set included eight aces and five block changes. Liberty hit .412, while Gardner Webb hit .237. The Lady Flames were able to pull off the win as Jade摧毁alled the set on side.

The Rannin's Buffaloes had an early lead in set two, 14-6. The Lady Flames cracked back into the match with a 12-4 rally to tie the score at 18-All. With kills from both Douglas and Haggel, the Flames took the lead and pulled off a 25-20 win.

"We got a late-offset rhythm that we were ready to do, and they made a few plays. We weren't worried about that set," Pinder said. "It was just about getting back in rhythm."

Liberty took control early in the third set with a 26-10 lead over Gardner-Webb. The Rannin's Buffaloes then went on a 40-dig run putting them with four points. Liberty did not let it get any closer and pushed for a 25-20 win.

The Lady Flames season was proud to end their last regular season home game with a win.

"We've learned so much outside volleyball just being here, being on this team and playing under Coach Pinder and being around such great girls," Thomas said.

"There was such a blessing and an amazing journey. I've learned so much through being here at Liberty. It has really helped me develop as a person," Rolins said.

Mamone spent her last season out with an injury but was still a huge asset to the team, according Pinder.

"She's come every day and finds a way to add value to our program by the way she carries herself," said. "Getting to spend time with and getting to know these girls has been great," Manor said.

"I've been surrounded by great coaches and players that love the Lord," and I think realizing that is so much bigger than volleyball is a blessing," senior Lauren Bosche said.

Pinder expressed how important this group of girls was to the team.

"They are leaving something bigger than numbers, and it's a legacy, and it's relationships, and it's their walk with Christ that shines when it all said and done," Pinder said.

The Lady Flames head to Rollings Springs, N.C. Nov. 13 as they compete in the Big South Championship Tournament.

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TOLSKA continued from A1

Set to win against Coach of the Year

I don't think anyone expected to be the coach of the year, but if someone asked me how we did, I'd say yes. Just get your team to win. If your team finishes in last, you're chances of getting Coach of the Year are due to none.

In recent years, the Flames have been recognized in both sports coached by Toloma. This season, the men's and women's cross-country teams earned Big South titles. The

 men have won eight consecutive championships. The women earned their fifth championship in the last seven years.

"I'm thankful for all the boys I had working here," Toloma said of Liberty, "It's been a lot of fun. Not without heartache, but a lot of fun." The track team will begin its season Nov. 30 with the Liberty Ki-Yi-Ki track. The team will be able to use the recently-reopened track that is in its final stages of restoration. Toloma is excited for the new state-of-the-art track which he says will help reveal new athletes.

The facility, which is being elevated by Boyton Sports Surfaces, will feature eight 400- inch lanes as well as expanded field event capabilities.

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LEGACY - Toloma has built strong cross-country and track program.
average — more than five yards shy of his season average. The Flames defense was also superior on third down, allowing only five first downs out of 13 third downs all night.

“We call it the money down,” Lowrey said. “That’s what makes your money — getting off the field on third down.”

Maysen hit the day with a one-yard touchdown run, scoring the first points of the first half. Liberty responded in the second quarter on a 48-yard scoring throw from Brian Hudson to Desmond Rice. Hudson, who has the starting quarterback job earlier in the season after an injury, has worked his way back into the offense, taking several snaps a game in the weeks formation.

“I guess they were thinking run because usually I’m there to run,” Hudson said. “The corner hit and the safety was somewhere in sight. It just worked out that planned.”

During the next series for Liberty, Woodrum connected with Pat Kelly for a 47-yard pass, followed by a penalty setting up the Flames inside the 20 yard line. Hudson’s second was called again. He scored his second touchdown in as many passes running it in himself to give the Flames a 14-7 lead. Liberty would lose the lead for the remainder of the contest.

“We are being able to lead most of the game takes a little bit of the pressure off,” Lowrey said. “But at the same time, you have that mentality where you want to put your foot on their throat and keep gaining a lead.”

Yet, what Lowrey probably did not expect was that it would be the defense that would be stepping on Stony Brook’s throat for the rest of the evening and scoring the remainder of the Flames points.

The Flames were able to preserve their halftime lead when safety Shae Vinson intercepted a pass at the Liberty three-yard line. His interception triggered the start of a miserable second half of play for Stony Brook quarterback Kyle Elamton.

Five minutes into the second half, Elamton threw to the wrong-colored jersey again, into the waiting arms of linebacker Nick Stigmon, who returned the pick 21 yards for a touchdown. Stigmon finished the evening with a team-high nine tackles, two tackles for a loss and a forced fumble to go with his interception. Gill was full of praise for Stigmon’s play around the ball.

“Nick Stigmon played a heck of a ball game,” Gill said. “He had some great hands, I may put him on offense next, you never know.”

Two Stony Brook possessions later, Elamton threw another interception, with the third of the night going in the direction of safety Jacob Hagen.

Stony Brook did add one more score, a 15-yard run by Maysen that brought the score to 21-14 at the start of the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late.

The next Stony Brook drive ended with another defensive touchdown for Liberty. Stigmon forced a fumble by Maysen that was picked up by Hagen, who ran 44 yards to the end zone. With the game already out of reach for Stony Brook, Elamton added insult to injury, throwing a fourth interception, this time to Liberty’s Scott Hyland.

With one game to go, Liberty has removed hope for a conference title. A win over Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Nov. 17 will guarantee the Flames at least a share of the Big South title. The Flames can claim the whole title with a win and Coastal Carolina loses to Charleston Southern.

If God kind of opens the door for Coastal to lose, that would be great. If not, it certainly has been a fun four years,” Pat Kelly said.

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CERELATION — Senior Brandon Apon takes a victory lap, thanking fans in the student section for their support throughout the season.

FOOTBALL continued from B1

FLAM BEARS — The halftime show featured a patriotic celebration honoring the nation’s veterans.

TURNOVER — Liberty linebacker Scott Hyland returns an interception in the fourth quarter against Stony Brook.
Delaware hands Flames two losses

Hannah Keeney
The News Journal

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Poor shooting and turnovers were the story of the Flames when they were operated by the Spiders. Liberty scored 13 field goals in the entire half, while Richmond hit the Flames 35 points 29.2% to 55.3% from the field.

The Spiders forced eight turnovers, which led to 15 points. Richmond also shot 35 percent and knocked down five 3-pointers to only one.

In the second half, the Flames only made 17 percent of their shots and committed nine more turnovers. Overall, the Flames shot 26 percent.

Richmond continued to hot shooting and aggressive, getting to the free-throw line a total of 25 times. It also hit five of the six free-throw attempts to seal the victory.

Women’s season begins

The Flames hosted the Delaware State University Flames for the season opener.

The Lady Flames made seven field goals, which included their only three-point basket in the first half. They also committed seven turnovers during the half. The Dukes were able to shoot free throws and put it in the lead.

Turnovers continued to thwart the Lady Flames chances at a comeback.

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Aeronautics alumnus excels in Africa

Jeff Burnham, a pilot working for Flying Mission Services in Botswana, advances up the aviation ranks

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The Liberty University School of Aeronautics alumnus

The Liberty University School of Aeronautics is a different place than it was when Jeff Burnham led a flight there. A 2006 graduate of Liberty, Burnham now works as a pilot for Flying Mission Services (FMS), a mission organization that uses aviation to further Christian ministries in the southern part of Africa.

Burnham usually heads to the rank of captain and designated pilot examiner in Botswana, which gives him the ability to issue the required licenses for people who want to get their pilot's license in Botswana.

"I never even thought that I would be an examiner," Burnham said. "I asked to do it, Flying Mission didn't have guys with instructing experience, and I had three years of instructing here at Liberty under my belt."

FMS provides charter and passenger flights, and according to Burnham, about 90 percent of the flights that FMS makes are air-ambulance flights transporting people in need of immediate healthcare to a hospital.

The organization also has pilots who visit patients in the hospital and provide discipleship and evangelism. "The pilots fly and make the ministry, and that's what gets back into the HIV/AIDS work, so we can work, discipleship, and evangelism there in Africa," Burnham said.

He said that the ministry also enjoys the dual nature of his job, both flying and contributing to the ministry.

"I explain it to people who want to do ministry, both flying and contributing to the ministry."

Burnham recently view what ministry is like as ministry.

"It's great to see just how much you can impact the ministry that we have here, but the thing that got us is very rewarding. You're chang-

in the air — Burnham lives in Libmmy with his wife, Sarah, and their two children.

Despite its seemingly constant need for new pilots, FMS has increased the amount of work that takes on.

"The mission organization has grown a lot, and we've been here," Burnham said. "I'm hoping that a lot of these seniors catch the vision and come over to Flying Mission Services in Africa."

After returning to Liberty's hunger at the Lynchburg Regional Airport, Burnham realized how much things have changed at the School of Aeronautics. Liberty has made many improvements since his departure for Botswana, including new planes, upgraded office buildings, and the ongoing improvements on Liberty's main campus.

"It's amazing," Burnham said. "The new aviation buildings are incredible. All the classes are out at the airport too, which blows my mind. That's what we wanted while I was here, and it never happened. It's incredible that everything has been taken to the next level."

Burnham said that, coming out of college, he wanted to work for an airline flying bigger planes, but God drove him to missions. His parents, Garcia and the late Martin Burnham, were also missionaries.

"I'm very content with what I'm doing, and not once have I felt like I made a mistake," Burnham said. "At times, you can look at the job and think, 'Oh, man, that would be cool to do that.' But I get to do some cool flying, and I'm happy with what we're doing."

According to a Liberty Journal article about Jeff Burnham, his father was a missionary in the Philippines, but his parents were kidnapped by the militant Abu Sayyaf Group in 2001, and his father was killed in a firefight. Despite what happened, Jeff Burnham still desired to pursue missions.

"Even after it happened, I wouldn't stop. I wouldn't stop doing what I do now or all," Jeff Burnham said. "If anything, it makes me closer to the Lord and showed me the need for missions. If anything, it made me more clear how important it was."

Although Burnham and his wife, Sarah, experienced culture shock living in Botswana, they have learned to accept the differences.

"We had to welcome the bump and wiggle it out," Burnham said. "We can't change the country. We're not going to change the culture, so we need to just accept it."

Jeff and Sarah Burnham have lived in Botswana for over a year along with their children, Zion, age 4, and 2-month-old Vanya.

"I started to go to many places throughout southern Africa, including Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Malawi, South Africa and Namibia," Burnham said.

"I don't know what that means, but I'm happy with what we're doing."

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Ladies fitter as students rise on the stage, wide smiles filling in the cheerful work of the day they chose to perform. Each year, the Christmas Colloquium at Liberty University offers students, music, and student-organized video performances that highlight the participatory hidden talents.

"Christmas Colloquium is for the next exciting event we host every year," Stephanie Wald, Promotions Manager for Student Activities, said. Colloquium allows Liberty students to put their ideas on display in the Vines Center at either the spring or Christmas Colloquium events. Each student group, tickets to the grandiose event are open to both Liberty students and admission for children.

The Christmas season means that it is time for the first Colloquium of the academic year. The specific theme varies each year. In previous years, the themes have been "Middle Times," Christ­

"Students always amaze me with their different talents and the way they perform," Wald said. Each year, Student Activities bus­

Auditions for this semester's show are open Nov. 3 through Nov. 7 and Dec. 12 through Nov. 14. Outside performers are welcomed. This year, each performance set will be composed of inde­

As an approved late night activity, the performance will be held Dec. 7th at 7:15 p.m.

"We're excited to see this year's Colloquium, Ms. Walsh said, "Students are expected to check in early on the day of, according to Wald.

"We're really the start of the Christmas season," Walsh said. Tickets for the event are available at the Vines Center box office and online.

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Liberty artists display work at Ars Nova
Studio and Digital Arts Department holds exhibit to showcase the talent of five senior Liberty students

Over the centuries, art has been a means of expressing emotions and portraying ideas, and has even been considered a window to the soul. The well-known philosopher Aristotle once said that "the aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things but their inward significance." This semester, Liberty University introduces Ars Nova, or "new art," a senior art exhibit downstairs the projects seniors have worked on during their time at Liberty. This year, each artist brings something different to the table as they seek to explore new techniques in artistic approaches. The show features work by Maria Esaki, Jasmine Myers, Kyle Potter, Abbey Bargston and Rebecca Saunders. Each senior chose different avenues to portray each of their artistic styles, including portraits, digital painting and drawing, scratchboard, etching, acrylic painting and pencil drawing.

"Someone once told me that there is no right way of doing art, there's only what's been done before," Saunders said. "I'm learning from the artist, you can either copy, or you can also come up with your own style." Each artist has their own reasons for doing art and also have great expectations for this exhibit.

"If I was good at making people," Ealen said, "I hope my art encourages other people to look into art, to try harder, to broaden their horizons and to be inspired." "To get feedback from an outside perspective; that is what I'm most looking forward to," Potter said.

Todd Smith, Chairman of the Department of Studio Arts and Design (SADA), said that he appreciates what these artists are capable of.

"Their gifts are given to them by God, and He wants to glorify Himself through what the artists do with their art and reflect His creativity," Smith said. "It is basically a two-fold idea: first to reflect God's creativity, and to bring God glory. That's based solidly in scripture. The Bible tells us to be salt and light," Smith said.

Smith, as well as Maria Esaki's artwork at the gallery in De Moss Hall.

ARS NOVA — Liberty students Kelsey O'Brien and Jessica Morrison admire Maria Esaki's artwork at the gallery in De Moss Hall.

"It is basically a two-fold idea: first to reflect God's creativity, and to bring God glory.

The gallery opened Nov. 8 and will display student art until Dec. 14. The event is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and is also open on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about Ars Nova, contact SADA Secretary and Gallery Assistant Kaelyn Coogin at kcoogin@liberty.edu.
Valley View race honors military

Liberty students participated in the fourth annual trail race

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The Valley View annual trail race was held Saturday, Nov. 10, in honor of Military Appreciation Week. More than 100 runners collected at the Liberty Mountain Smokejumper Center to show support and race for a cause.

"Valley View, along with the other trail races throughout the school year, accomplishes our goal in providing relevant events for the running community here at Liberty and in Lynchburg," Promotions Manager for Student Activities Stephanie Ward said. "This year, we've partnered in appreciation of Military Appreciation Week, so we're very excited about that.

Student Activities created the Valley View race in the fall of 2009 and continued to hold the race every November.

"As a department, the goal for our events is to build relationships and create community among the student body," Ward said. "It’s important to create different events that will cater to all types of students."

This year, the event was highly promoted throughout Liberty’s campus.

“I really enjoy trail racing, and running in general, so having a race here at Liberty is really convenient," Liberty student Perry Butter said. "My favorite part of the trail was probably going along the mountain, having a little bit of a view and being able to see everything just going into the woods and enjoying nature.

With a challenging course trail, runners ran up Liberty Mountain and experienced the various trails surrounding the Smokejumper Center. This is definitely a challenging course," Associate Director of Student Activities Joshua Versant said. "It is about 3.5 miles long and 100 percent single track trail with a significant amount of elevation change. This year, we wanted to recognize our service members, both past and present."

According to Ward, Liberty offers many ways for students to become involved throughout campus, and racing in honor of those supporting our country is one of the small ways Liberty gives back.

“My favorite part was probably the finish," Liberty student Austin Butting said. "It was very hard, but I really like running the trail races that Liberty hosts, I think it’s important to do stuff like this because I have a lot of friends in the army, and it’s really helpful to do stuff like this to honor them while they are fighting.

Liberty student Hannah Parnell also appreciated the cause behind the race.

"I only run races that support a good cause," Parnell said. "This is a good cause, and I love that Liberty sponsors it."

For information on upcoming races and events being held by Student Activities, visit Liberty University Student Activities at liberty.edu/activities.

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