

**Christmas spectacular**

Liberty recruits 50 students to help with disaster relief over Christmas break

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Some people may find it hard to give thanks, even without a natural disaster ripping across their backyards. On the other hand, others who have lost their homes and families know about all giving thanks. According to the Rev. Ed Salem Church gave some vic­

tures of Liberty’s Sandy’s rea­

son to give thanks. The church in Staten Island partnered with Times Square Church to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for victims of the disaster relief efforts with the

innocents of “shackling

lives, not just

home.”

“We want to bring the peace of God to many of the victims whose lives have been turned upside down,” Pastor Ed Cole said. “I am happy to report to you that the Salem Disaster Relief Fund and teams of vol­

unteers from Sandy continue to reach scores of lives.”

Liberty University will be part of the disaster relief effort in the Center for Ministry Training (CMT) will send a team of volunteers to the Salem Church area during Thanksgiving. The CMT has been working with the dean of the graduate school, Kevin Costin, to organize a trip to New York City area before Thanksgiving break.

“One desire is to help any­

we can,” Costin said. “In a short amount of time, we’ve not only gotten quite a bit of interest but also support to
deploy.”

The trip was approved by Liberty Nov. 29, and the CMT plans to recruit 50 students to help with rebuilding houses and provide counseling. Students attending the trip will have all expenses paid for by the CMT and will travel to Staten Island along with mem­

bers from the Southern Baptist Convention from Jan. 4 to 11, according to Scott MacLeod, associate director of the CMT.

“We want to show the vic­

tims that the reason we’re here is to help because we as Christians are commanded to show the love and hope of Christ that is within us,” MacLeod said.

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Jannise Rooks | Lamb’s Christmas Spectacular

**Christmas spirit** — Liberty students and members of Thomas Roads Baptist Church participate in the annual Virginia Christmas Spectacular.

**Building in destruction’s wake**

Liberty works together to bless the Lynchburg area

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Every year, different organizations at Liberty University get involved in special drives to give back to the community for the holiday season. Many students take part in these events ranging from a Thanksgiving

building food drive to the United Way cam­

paign.

Christian Service Coordinator and As­

sociate Professor Darren Wu is in charge of over­

a monthly campus calendar.

nons is part of the disaster relief effort. He believes that student part­

ipation helps build character.

“We believe that those who participate, these opportunities help to shape their character,” Wu said. “They experience the joy that comes from giving helping others, the view of the world and open their eyes to the needs around them, which help them not to be self-absorbed.”

According to Wu, most of the year’s drives were successful. The Thanksgiving build was successful.

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**Campus expansions continue into new year**

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With the addition of the new Victory’s Center and the DeMoss Hall rooftop
domain, Liberty University’s recent campus expansion has been evident. Ad­

ditionally, the university has broken ground on a number of other projects,

including a new baseball

stadium, the Jerry Falwell

Library, a Vance Center

practice facility for basket­

ball teams and new dorms.

During an interview with the host of the Gay Up and Go show Nov. 25, Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. expressed satisfaction and excitement for the upcoming

projects.

Andy Clumelo, a re­
dio host for the campus radio station, WLR. The light, divided the campus into four regions for dis­

tractions purposes during the interview — North, South, East and Main.

The interview began with questions about projects on North Campus.

The major project in that area is the upcoming baseball stadium, which will feature new water fountains.

“I think we’re on sched­

ule to get the baseball sta­

dium finished by the next season,” Falwell said. “One of the reasons we’re build­

ing a new stadium instead of renovating the existing one is so the team will be able to play this com­

ing season and won’t move, into the new stadium until it’s ready. Construction is not on schedule to finish by this upcoming season. We’re at least going to move our teams to both campuses, according to Falwell. Campus

ternal disciplines. Students are already aware of the dorm thing, which is that there will be more

parking around the fields.”

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**‘Tis the season**

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Following in the footsteps of Amelia Earhart, the School of Aeronautics (SFAA) is doing its part to add a feminine touch to the American skies with its all-female flight team, the Liberty Belles.

Considerably smaller than the SOA’s National Intercollegiate Flight Associa­

tion (NIFA) competition team, the Liberty Belles have a more focused goal in the Air Race Classic (ARC) as opposed to the variety of competition categories the NIFA flight team embraces, according to Coach Sarah Morris.

The Liberty Belles include SOA stu­

dents, dispatchers and flight instructors. This year’s roster includes Jenna Ear­

hart, Jessica Dyer, Jodi Jacob and Megan Grupp.

Sarah Morris and dis­

patcher Alessandra Boardman round out the “all-villy” 11-player team.

The Liberty Belles are one of the only all-female flight teams in the country, according to Morris.

The Belles have been flying since Jan. 2007, when the School of Aeronautics began flying a twin-engine Cessna 337 Sky Master.

Following in the footsteps of Amelia Earhart, the Belles are flying a smaller-type plane to compete in the ARC.

The Belles have surprised many with their success, including the number of judges.

Earhart, the School of Aeronautics

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Students from the communications honors society helped package supplies for shipment around the world.

CAMPBELL — Liberty student Rebeckah Lark and Ashley Addington pack medical supplies at the Gleaning for The World warehouse in Concord, Va.

Students from the honor society took a trip to the Gleaning for The World warehouse, located in Concord, Va., Nov. 19-20. Through their efforts, they were able to put together packages of medical supplies to send to individuals serving who are suffering and unable to obtain the supplies themselves.

Ashley Addington, the vice president of LPE, said that the group packed almost 50 hours of medical supplies to send overseas.

"The amount that we packed would save the lives of about 60 people," Addington said. "I have never seen so many medical supplies in my life!"

LPE again planned to take part in the Teddy Bear Brigade at the warehouse. This project was started by Gleaning for The World last week after animal rights activists to children around the world. LPE did donate a box of teddy bears for the cause. However, when they arrived, they decided to take on the project of packing hours with medical supplies.

Brandon Osgood, public relations specialist for LPE, explained that each year, the honor society participates in different humanitarian efforts to help understand the importance of volunteering. He explained that the holiday season is the best time to take part in such activities.

"It was definitely an incredible experience to help out with packing medical supplies. The idea that someone from another country was going to be present- ed with a package at a time when they needed it the most, was very heartwarming," Osgood said.

Past events at LPE has participated in include Relay for Life and the Beta Club's fundraising in America.

"We also hope to develop a heart of volunteering through our members," Osgood said. "By participating with our service projects, we hope they see the importance (that) giving back to the community can do."

According to their website, Gleaning for The World's medical supplies have aided areas including Central America, Africa and Asia. They have sent shipments to more than 54 countries on five continents.

"This project really showed me that even doing small volunteer work can make a huge impact on a person in need," Osgood said.

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Museum hosts dies
Longtime Liberty contributor passes
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David Utsey Campbell, 88, former resident of Lynchburg and contribu- tor to Liberty University, passed away at his home Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Campbell is survived by his wife, Face Stinney Campbell, whom he was married to for five years, in addition to his daughters Sherry Callahan and her husband William, his son, David Keith Campbell and his wife Marsha his niece Rebecca Campbell and her husband Byrd and their grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Originally from Lynchburg, Campbell loved kids and all things sports and was active in the area through the year in 2001. Additionally, he was elected to the Lynchburg Sports Hall of Fame and the Lynchburg College Sports Hall of Fame, where he attended college. Campbell was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, according to the News & Advance. Most recently, Campbell served as a key supporter of the Jerry Falwell Museum in Staunton, where he served a board from 2010 until three weeks ago. He was honored for his contribution to Staunton with a memorial service was held Dec. 1 at First Baptist Church.

OELRICH is an associate news editor.

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Charity Holland, who is also a coach for the NHS flight team, will continue to serve Liberty for the first time in an aviation and as a Belle.

"Being able to now go back as a competitor, as a Belle, Belle will be a great opportunity and experience," Holland said. "I am very excited to represent Liberty University as a competitive team member for the Air Race Classic." The Belle's season was expanded in 2012 and will compete in their second Air Race Classic in 2013, according to the program.

The ARC is an all-female national flight competition with a flight course that spans the United States.

According to the ARC website, the female aviation team entered in existence in 1992 in the Women's Air Derby, which was replaced by the Powder Puff Derby, now suc- ceeded by today's Air Race Classic, the "There has been great advancement of women in aviation in the last several years," Morris said. "Now that women in aviation are more visible, this is really encouraging."

Holland said that the first requirement is that student has to meet to compete with the Air Race Classic is that a "way to have an instrumentation rating as a private pilot and must pass a course and an introduction's requirement."

According to the ARC website, the 2013 race will continue in two races, one early in the race and the right to compete. The race was won by Flight 101, represented by the University of Michigan, at St. Louis on the final race. The ARC is a great opportunity to share the Gospel and bear the love of Christ with others because you become so close with many women of the competition," Boardman said. According to Liberty University's website, the ARC started 25th and 26th in the 2013 ARC. The ARC strongly supports women in the field of aviation. According to the ARC website, they ask for encouragement and edu-

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Supreme Court to revisit ObamaCare lawsuit

Liberty University's litigation against the president's health care bill will be reconsidered in Richmond

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After being dismissed from court in June 2012, Liberty University's lawsuit against President Barack Obama's health care law will be reconsidered in the fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., according to a Supreme Court announcement Monday Nov. 26.

Liberty filed a petition for rehearing challenging the mandate for individuals and employers involved in the law and also raising the Free Exercise of Religion defense stated in the First Amendment and the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"It is very rare to have the court reverse itself, but on Monday it reversed in new ruling and directed our case to be reheard at the court of appeals," Mark S. Steuer, founder and chairman of the Liberty Counsel and Dean of Liberty University School of Law, said. "This is a major victory and타에 new life into our challenge to ObamaCare!"

When President Obama signed ObamaCare into law March 23, 2010, Liberty University filed a lawsuit against the new bill. This was the first private suit in the country. Steuer and Liberty Counsel held the suit on behalf of Liberty and other private individuals.

"Originally, the court of appeals did not reach the merits but instead ruled that the federal Anti-injunction Act (AA) barred the court from ruling on the case," Steuer said.

The AA requires that if the law imposes a tax, the tax must first be paid before the suit can be filed, which in this case would have been after 2014. However, Liberty Counsel petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court, and the first of the three days of oral arguments dealt with their case, Liberty University v. Geithner. The Supreme Court punted in their favor but then dismissed the case in June 2012.

There are three main arguments supporting the case. The first is the challenge to the employer mandate for all employers, religious and secular.

"If we win this challenge, ObamaCare will be disabled," Steuer said.

The second focuses on the constitutionality of the law under the First Amendment Free Exercise of Religion and the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, because it forces religious employers to fund abortion.

"ObamaCare is a significant infringement on liberty," Steuer said. "It also violates our free exercise of religion and rights of conscience by forcing people to fund abortion.

The third argument challenges the individual mandate on the same basis as the employer mandate because it too requires individuals to fund abortion.

"If you abide by your conscience and refuse to fund the murder of innocent unborn children, you violate ObamaCare and will be fined," Steuer said. "In Liberty's case, the fines will be in the millions of dollars. If you abide by ObamaCare, you violate your conscience."

Because of the media currently focusing on this issue, Liberty has been featured in top news stories around the country.

"We have received emails and phone calls from around the country and the world, thanking Liberty University for taking on this challenge," Steuer said.

Liberty Counsel will soon receive a briefing schedule from the court of appeals and file their briefs. They expect discussion to take place after the new year with a decision being made in spring 2013.

"We could be back before the Supreme Court in the fall of 2013," Steuer said.

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ALVEYNE is a news reporter.

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Food drive resulted in 612 pounds of food collected for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. This is only the second year for the drive, and we hope that future student involvement will continue to do the same in the future.

The food donated by Liberty will go to the counties of Bedford, Campbell, Appomatox and Rockingham, and the Westmoreland Government Association. (SA) partnered to make this year's food drive possible.

We said that past fund-raisers and drives have been successful and that he hopes to have even better outcomes in the future.

"We've always experienced a good amount of participation and success with the Blood Drives and Salvation Army bell ringing," Weid said. "The participation in the United Way campaign is not as high as perhaps other businesses or organizations, but that is probably understandable given the fact that most faculty and staff are active members of local churches who donate through that avenue."

Although many students are encouraged to get involved in various activities through Christian service and academic classes, Weid hopes that more will choose to participate for personal reasons.

"These drives are important because they impact those that participate as well as those that are benefited from the participation," Weid said. "Times are tough right now for many families. We don't want to be moved enough with compassion to help others out that really need it."

In Christian service, we teach us to help those less fortunate and Weid believes that these drives are a way to help those in need.

"These drives help to meet the needs of our immediate neighbors as they are all local organizations," Weid said.

There are plans to get involved. The United Way campaign for faculty and staff ends Dec. 17, and the Salvation Army bell ringing will continue through Dec. 24. To volunteer, contact Weid at 434-847-4005.

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A look at the traditions of Christmas

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Everyone has traditions for the Christmas season. Ask around and you will find a variety of responses. I know that I personally have a few that I would consider a "Must Do." Mine, like many others, involves family and friends, a love for gifts, the current Christmas album, and memories of Christmases past.

One particular tradition I have is an extended family Christmas party. Everyone gets together, and we spend the day together. It's a great time.

A look at the traditions of Christmas

From the Desk

Tabitha Cassady

For those of you who have parents paying for your college education, at least on the government side of things, you may have noticed the latest iteration of student loans.

On top of the latest iteration of student loans, there is the whole issue of upcoming tax changes. The government is proposing significant changes to the tax code, and there is a lot of uncertainty about what will actually happen.

One of the most important changes proposed is the repeal of the hated individual mandate. This is a provision that requires certain individuals to have health insurance or pay a penalty.

The repeal of this provision would have a significant impact on the Affordable Care Act. It could lead to higher premiums and deductibles, and it could also reduce the number of people who have health insurance.

Another proposed change is the elimination of the state and local government tax deduction. This would make it more expensive for people to live in states with high state and local taxes, and it could also lead to a reduction in the federal government's revenue.

There is also the issue of extending unemployment benefits. The federal government is considering extending unemployment benefits, but there is a lot of uncertainty about whether this will happen and how long it will last.

Finally, there is the issue of changes to the tax code that would affect businesses. There is a lot of uncertainty about what these changes would mean for businesses, and there is also a lot of uncertainty about whether these changes would actually be implemented.

Overall, it's a very uncertain time for tax reform. There are a lot of proposals on the table, and it's unclear what will actually happen. It's a good time to stay informed and to make sure that you are aware of the changes that are being proposed.
Andrew Wootfolk

"Two and a Half Men," CBS Network's hit comedic series, has had quite a successful run during its nine years on the network. Each season, the show has brought in more than 11 million viewers and an abundance of Nielsen ratings. But there have also been some low points for the show. The production crew had to deal with the psychological collapse of one of the show's main actors, Charlie Sheen, during its eighth season in February 2011. Sheen's meltdown followed production in the middle of the season, with six more shows left to be produced.

Less than a month later, another low point for the show occurred. Sheen was fired and subsequently replaced by Ashton Kutcher. Kutcher's performance on the show brought in more than 12 million viewers and an increase in viewership of more than 400,000.

The show's 19-year-old star caused controversy during an interview with a website spokesperson.

"I'm so Two and a Half Men," and I don't want to be on it," Jones said. "Please stop watching. I have to fill my head with stuff. People say it's just entertainment. Do some research on the effect of television and your brain, and I promise you, you'll have a decision to make when it comes to television, especially with what's on television. It's bad news.

Jones, who is an evangelical Christian and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wrote it to describe himself as a "fraidy cat," taking part in this article. "You cannot be a true God-fearing person and be on television doing anything to wish." Jones says, and being on that television show.

Many will question Jones' motivation. Jones said that he did not plan to try to get out of his current contract, which some say shows laissez-faire characters in "Two and a Half Men," but that he was trying to avoid having a meltdown like Sheen's. Jones said his newfound Christian values are being compromised.

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implying that his religious, views points are further more out of fear than faith.

But the truth in his words is still there. "Two and a Half Men" is a show that features rude sexual jokes. In the first episode that aired after the controversial video, much of Jones' dialogue on the show referred to his sexual promiscuity with his on-screen girlfriend.

It is concerning that Jones had the guts to condemn his show's vulgar content, but only time will tell if he sticks to his morals. The question of whose actions are right for not on the producers of the show, or Jones, but on as Christians. Admittedly, some of us watch "Two and a Half Men," and some of us watch shows that clearly in it. This is an issue of their lack of value.

We all use the humor we will hurt us, and that we would not participate in that type of behavior, yet we seem conflicted with that mindset.

Research conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation in accordance with professionals from California State University in 2009 found that those exposed to sexual content such as on television were "associated with an increased likelihood of sexual behavior and increased intentions to do so in the future." That is not to say that everyone who watches "Two and a Half Men" will suddenly turn into a licentious Gameras, but viewing behavior such as that displayed on "Two and a Half Men" is scientifically supported open the door for defining moral.

As Christians, we are called to guard our hearts. As Christians, we should be aware of the signs that will be before us in the last days. In 2 Thessalonians 2, Paul warns of those who will lose themselves, cause earthly pleasures and become convinced, telling us to "avoid such people." As Christians, we are called to reach for something better.

Jones has a choice to make. He is Two and a Half Men. In his stance, will participate in shows like that? We have a choice to make, too.

I pray we make the right one.

WOOLFOLK is the opinion editor.

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OPINION

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'Two and a Half Men' star causes controversy

Actor Angus T. Jones denounced his popular television show as 'filth' while begging viewers to stop watching

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Campus Christmas tradition continues, bringing joy to Liberty students

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Alumnus/Liberty University

Liberty University continued its Christmas tradition Monday, Nov. 29, when student gathered in front of DeMoss Hall to celebrate the final annual “Christmas in Lights.”

The unique event gives students the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season on their college campus. “Christmas in Lights” is one of the most unique events that we host throughout the school year,” Student Activities Promotion Manager Stephanie Ward said.

It’s always hard for students to come back from Thanksgiving break and get into the swing of things, but Christmas in Lights helps them feel like Christmas is right around the corner.”

Chase Hall, Jerry Fowler’s daughter, and his grandson, Gordon, joined students for the lighting of the mature Christmas tree positioned in front of the DeMoss Hall main entrance. The night began with Christmas cards from a community of Liberty students and alumni.

Fowler arrived early and told the story of last year’s Christmas tree lighting, when Artie Belford, a Liberty student, approached him and asked if she could light the tree on the top of the tree.

“I was smiling and I wanted to go home, and I said, 'Yes,'” Fowler said.

This year, Fowler surprised everyone with the announcement that the student who caught the water bottle would get to help light the tree.

“He said he was going to throw the water bottle and I wasn’t in a pretty good spot,” Liberty freshman Chelsea Timber said. “I wasn’t light in the front, but I wasn’t hit back. He threw it and just caught it.”

Before lighting the tree, Fowler interviewed students and guests with stories of the family tradition at his former Christmas tree.

“What’s my kids’ name? Don’t tell me, I’ll go outside on Christmas tree and see the 15-spoke design and shout something out of the trees,” he said.

Taylor and Belford joined the clinch of this year’s lighting of the tree.

“The night was fun, and I enjoyed lighting the tree,” Belford said.

Belford is a elder in the va Dordt University. He got the idea after opening up with the idea.

HOLIDAY CHEER — Students gather for the annual “Christmas in Lights” event.

For “Christmas in Lights,” she thought it was almost a big for the largest Christian university not to have a Christmas tree and law of decorations,” Fowler said.

“T is creates a sense of unity in being a part of a tradition here at the university, and we love forming relationships in that way,” Ward said. “It’s such an honor to take part in such an awesome event that starts the Christmas season here at Liberty.”

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Blood Drive

Liberty partners with Virginia Blood Services

Issue: Editor

Student and faculty filled the back hall

way of DeMoss Monday, Nov. 29, for the final blood drive of the semester.

Virginia Blood Services, a local blood bank that coordinates with Liberty University, hosted the blood drive. Following the morning’s, students were lined up, waiting to give blood.

“I was nervous to give blood because there wasn’t any fire, but it was fine and didn’t hurt too much, and it was really easy,” Liberty junior Karter Welsh said.

Many students had a sense of apprehension toward giving blood.

According to Melanie Campbell, an account manager for Virginia Blood Services, fear and anxiety is the number one reason for their hesitation.

Campbell, a Liberty graduate whose parents received the university, was overseeing the operation. According to her, the blood bank’s efforts at Liberty have been very successful. The low Virginia Blood Services blood drive at Liberty took place in October.

“Liberty students are fantastic. They come out for no other reason than to give blood,” Campbell said. “There’s no need for incentive, even though they sometimes get extra credit and what have you.”

According to Campbell, the Virginia Blood Services is local to Virginia.

“We have three of the for team trains coming in central and southwestern Virginia,” Campbell said. “We also serve several smaller hospitals.”

Campbell also addressed a common point of confusion among students, namely, that her organization is not the Red Cross, nor are the two groups affiliated.

“We’re a local blood bank. The Red Cross is a national Blood bank,” Campbell said. “We’re all serving the same purpose and saving lives.”

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WASHINGTON — The library will include new technology and a food court.

According to Falwell, one of the new residence halls will have as many beds as the entire circle section of Main Campus currently has. Because a total of four new dorms will be constructed on Main Campus, Liberty will have the ability to expand the student population.

"What most people don’t know yet is that I’d like to move all 2,800 students from the East Campus dorms to Main Campus and make East Campus an area of Liberty-owned off-campus housing for upperclassmen," Falwell said. "If we could get the 3,000 commuter students in housing projects close-by, it would alleviate a major- ity of the traffic congestion on campus, and campus buses would be able to move more frequently than they do from here to the Concrete complexes."

Academically, the "last piece of the puzzle," according to Falwell, is the new School of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. Administration has broken ground on Liberty Mountain and will begin construction shortly. These projects are expected to be completed before fall 2014.

Construction on the new Jerry Falwell Library is continuing at a steady pace, but it is not expected to be completed for another two years. "It appears that the library is coming along ahead of schedule," Falwell said. "In the interim, some offices will move over there, while the buildings behind DeMoss are torn down." Falwell said, "Once the center is done, expansion can then be made on the Vines Center, such as adding an upper deck and in- creasing the seating. Then the Vines Center would be used solely for convoca-

Although some plans are uncertain, Falwell and Liberty administration are working to make sure these improvements will better help the campus in training Champions."

"Whatever it is, we’ll figure it out," Falwell said.

OELLICH is an aunt, news editor.
Liberty sponsors academic tour to Rwanda

A team of 21 students and faculty members visited the impoverished nation to provide supplies and relief

Tyler Echols

Liberty University sent a group of 17 students and four faculty members to Rwanda for the fourth university-sponsored trip to the African nation from Nov. 6 to 18.

Dr. Kevin Cornish, Administrative Dean for Graduate Students, and Kevin Strebale, Assistant Chairman of Liberty University Abroad, led the group. Kathy Miller, a nursing department and Brandi Chambers from the psychology department also went on the trip.

This specific team of students and faculty members was participating in an academic study tour, although the Gospel remained at the core of the trip.

"The trip is centrally about the Gospel and bringing it in an untangible way with our African brothers and sisters in Christ," Cornish said. "We have a unique opportunity as a university to make a significant difference in this war-torn country."

"We were able to bring clothes and food. Like bags of rice, so many of these villages that don't have much, not even electricity," Strebale said. "We brought soap and other hygiene items to one orphanage village that had very little of anything, including enough food and running water."

Participants included online and remedial students in the counseling, psychology and seminary departments who were on the trip to learn about the genocide and its aftermath.

"There is still extreme poverty throughout the country," Strebale said. "However, villages were happy to see Liberty University students because relationships have been formed through previous trips and we are helping to meet some of their basic needs."

"The children's faces light up when we see you arrive and recognize that you've come back to see them again," Cornish said. "It's so rewarding to see them grow each year."

Milk was brought along to assess the medical needs of the villages and the Star School that Liberty is partnering with. The team purchased medical supplies for the school, and Miller worked with the nurse to help him learn how to meet the medical needs of the students.

"The school that Liberty has partnered with had little medical services and few medical supplies," Strebale said. "One little girl had a fungus on her head that could be easily cured with Listerine and soap, so we bought these items to help her."

Liberty also partnered with Lynchburg City schools and local private schools to collect used clothing items. The team was able to supply nearly 1,800 pounds of clothing to various Rwandan villages. These villages included widows, orphans, and a village of reconciliation, where perpetrators and victims of the genocide live together.

According to Strebale, most Rwandans in the village only own one outfit and many of them have no shoes to wear. "At the school, there was a baritone fencer for whom children who were not sponsored could not get in," Strebale said. "We went around the fence and gave some clothes and toys to those children too. Parents had tears in their eyes because we had given their children something that they could not afford for themselves."

"There is one boy who, for two years, wore the same Bob the Builder sweater because it was all he owned," Cornish said. "This year, the same dirty shirt was on his brother because he had outgrown it. We were able to provide them with new Liberty University shirts, which they treasured as if they had won the lottery.

Liberty also donated 60 laptops, which the team delivered to the Star School. An additional 10 laptops will be delivered to the school by a second team going in March. The school had no computers prior to the donation. Strebale believes that the laptops will help educate the students and could potentially allow future Liberty University Online classes to be offered at the school.

The team returned to the U.S. with 100 bags made by Rebounders in a vocational school. Some of the students in the school were former professionals or employed men off the streets. The Liberty University Bookstore purchased the bags and is currently selling them. All proceeds will go back to that vocational school to help more children get off the streets and receive an education.

"This trip has impacted my life in profound ways, and I am forever changed," Cornish said. "We are already making plans for a return trip with specific focus on engineering, women's health and counseling."

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The Lady Flames volleyball team fell short against the No. 8 Minnesota Golden Gophers in three sets (23-21, 25-10, 34-22) Friday, Nov. 30 in the first round of the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships.

Liberty concluded its 2022 season with a 25-8 record. The match against Minnesota was the Lady Flames seventh national tournament appearance. Liberty entered the match on a 10-match winning streak, hoping to keep it up.

Kendall Rollins and Melissa Rawls block in the first set before a 13-11 tie. Minnesota went on a four-point rally to take a 16-13 lead.

"They got us pretty good in that second set," Pender said. "We talked about resolve and the heart of a champion, coming out and playing strong for 60 minutes.

Despite falling into an 11-5 deficit at the beginning of the second set, the Lady Flames fought back and outscored Minnesota 21-11 in the next five minutes of play.

"It was a tough loss," Head Coach Dale LaVergne said. "I thought that last set, we played great defense, but we also left (Richardson) open. He hasn't shot well from three this season, but he made a big shot when it mattered most, and you can't take that from him."

"It's heartbreaking to lose a game like that," Head Coach Corrado said. "We played a solid game, but it was one that we won't walk away from."

The Lady Flames will look to build on their experience moving forward.

"I'm not an experienced remaining guard John Caleb Sanders received the ball off the in-bound and missed a half-court shot that hit the backboard.

"We didn't play our best today, but we went out the way we did," Head Coach Corrado said. "We don't necessarily want to win every game, but we want to play our best every game.

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Div. II hockey comes up short
Penalties, poor line changes, trips to sin bin foil LU comeback in third period

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Victory filled the Library men's DI hockey team two-sided with Rider University, Saturday, Dec. 1.

Liberty went down 1-0 in the first period but came back to overtake the Broncs, earning a 2-1 advantage in the second period. However, Rider played a better third period, scoring two goals to win the game 4-2.

Kyle is ranked eighth in the DI Southeast Conference and will earn seedling points for defeating Liberty.

"I think it was a good battle," Head Coach Chris Lowe said.

"Ultimately, we took too many penalties in the third, and that was what made the difference tonight. When two teams are even matched, you just can't afford to do that.

Heading into the third period, Rider started with two players down. The situation quickly reversed when a series of infractions went to two Library players on the penalty box, and the pressure mounted on the goalie Justin Gormann. Rider capitalized on its advantage in numbers and earned the score during a power play.

STRUGGLE — The men's DI team came up short against Rider University Saturday.

The go-ahead goal came a few minutes later when the Rider offense took advantage of a five-on-three and overloaded the Liberty defense. The final goal came during the dying minutes of the game when goalie Justin Gormann was pulled out for a sixth skater in a last-ditch effort to force a goals-with-superior-numbers. The plan backfired when a pass was intercepted and kicked across the ice into an open net, extending Rider's lead to 4-2.

"Rider's a very good team," Lowe said. "I thought we were better five on five, but they have a good power play. They've got some skilled guys, and that ended up costing us. Gormann played very well in net. The goals they got were second-and third-chance and power play chances, keeping us in it, and their goals played very well.

The fall semester may be coming to a close, but the hockey season will continue over the winter break and during the spring semester. Lowe has mentioned that he has high hopes for his current squad.

"I'm excited. We're young, so we're getting better every game. We've got a couple of guys with injuries that will get back in January, and hopefully that will help us solids," Lowe said. "This is a team that we can potentially see in the regionals, and hopefully our guys know what to expect now, and we can learn from that.

DI hockey will compete against Georgetown University Friday, Dec. 7 at the LaFayette Ice Center.

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with 5:37 left. Unlike earlier this season, the Flames persevered and eventually took a six-point lead when "Spoke knocked down a two-point field goal, multiplayer drained a three-pointer and Sanders and Giguere scored on three with 2:10 left in the game.

Throughout the second half, the Panthers chipped away at the Flames lead. Coach Loyer said his players "played a great game, but sometimes that is not enough.

Liberty finished with three players in double figures, led by Marshall's career-high 25 points. Roberts completed the night with 11 points — four rebounds, three assists and two three-pointers. Off the bench, Sanders had nine points — six assists and five rebounds.

Georgia State had four players in double figures. Atkins and White finished with 17 points apiece. Hume had 12 points — seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Liberty will host Southern Virginia Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Vines Centre. The Flames will look to avoid their first-ever start to a homecoming season.

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The top 5 highlight reel of fall sports at Liberty

With another semester in the books, the Champion sports office has decided to revisit the best highlights of Liberty Athletics from the fall. Preference was given to NCAA Division I sports, and the five chosen are listed in chronological order.

Dec. 4 — Men’s and Women’s Cross-Country capture Big South crowns

In a display of dominance that we have only come to expect from one of the winningest athletic programs on campus, Head Coach Brian Talaro’s crew took care of business at the conference meet in Rock Hill, S.C., running a complete Liberty sweep of the cross-country crown.

The top men’s finisher was senior David Riehecker, who placed second. The top seven runners — those whose score matters in the men’s scoring system — came in second, third, fourth, seventh, 15th, 16th and 14th. The top women’s finisher was senior Jennifer Knight, who won the women’s meet. The rest of the Lady Flames top seven finishers came in seventh, eighth, ninth, 17th, 19th and 22nd. Knight went on to finish second in the regional, eighth in the national and national level championship, finishing third out of 105 runners who competed for the national title.

Nov. 10 — Football earns biggest win ever against No. 6 Stony Brook

The heavily-favored Seawolves became the highest-ranked team that the Flames have ever beaten. After a tumultuous first half of the season punctuated by turnovers, serious key injuries and dropped passes, Liberty finally put all the pieces together when it mattered most.

The defense reaped its best outing of the year, forcing five turnovers and scoring as many points as the offense. Junior linebacker Nick Sighinolfi returned an interception 21 yards for one score, and sophomore safety Jacob Hagen returned a fumble 44 yards for another.

The 28-14 victory all but assured the Flames a piece of the first Big South title in six years. The Flames officially clinched the title the following week with a 33-18 win over Virginia Military Institute.

Nov. 27 — Liberty Men’s and Women’s Cross-Country capture Big South crowns

What made this victory so remarkable was what led up to it. The men’s hockey team shot out an 8-5 record to lead the season, but their remarkable start five way to a frustrating eigth-game losing streak. Having been penalty at the no. 7 spot at the NCAA regional, the Flames stumbled to no. 12. Conversely, Ohio University was the hottest hockey team in the nation. Trailing an 11-0 record, Ohio was the undisputed No. 1 in the nation.

Senior Rick Tartt enjoyed a stellar night on the ice, scoring once and getting credited with two assists. In total, four different skaters scored for Liberty in their 4-3 victory.

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Lady Flames squeaked out 67-65 win

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Associated Press

Liberty's women's basketball team kicked off the Big South Conference Tournament Saturday, Dec. 1 when they took on Radford in the Highlander's Dothon Center for the 120th time in the last 13 years.

The Flames took the lead at the end of the first game when Trina Biondo put up a basket with 0.3 seconds left in the first half, ultimately leading to a 45-39 victory over the Highlanders. Liberty moved to 11-1 overall and 5-1 in the conference. Radford dropped to 3-5 overall and 1 in the Big South.

The Lady Flames were down by nine points at the end of the second half when they went on a 13-4 scoring rally that took the game. Liberty's Horse Biondo secured time of the game-high 20 points in the first half against the Highlanders. Liberty's last shot gave Liberty some much-needed momentum, and teammate Jasmine Gardner helped put away the game with a free throw and two rebounds in the last 30 seconds. Radford's Da'Nesha Evans picked up a foul in the second half, but her harasser attempt during the closing seconds of the game left short.

The Flames went the spell to start the game and scored the first points six seconds later. Brittain Campbell hit a layup. The Flames made the double digit at 11:17 in the first half when Brown had a fast break that she passed for a layup, making the score 16-14. Radford went on an 11-9 run to take the lead back at 25:10 in the afternoon. Their time on top was short-lived, because Liberty reclaimed it just 20 seconds later. Radford went on another run, scoring 16-10 to take the lead back with 3:02 left in the first half. With 8:19 on the clock, the Flames made four straight free shots in 13 seconds and battled to regain control of the game. However, the Highlanders scored the last three points of the half making the score 36-22 before the buzzer sounded.

Radford made 8.4 per cent of its shots in the first half (13-31), compared to the Flames 29 percent (9-31). Liberty out-rebounded the Highlanders, 24-17, and Radford converted the Flames 10 turnovers for 19 points.

After the half, the Flames held the Highlanders and only allowed one field goal during the first 4:24 of the second half. That defensive stand allowed the Flames to take the score at 50 until Brown robbed a three-point shot from the right wing at 13:00.

The Highlanders chalked up nine straight points to regain the lead, making the score 49-40 with 17:01 left. LaShy Walker hit a layup and Gardner scored six straight points for Liberty, putting the Lady Flames within two (53-51).

Radford had the lead on 23-25 of 53-52 in the second half when Brown went on a 7-1 scoring run, putting up a three-pointer that rolled around the rim and dropped in. That tied the score at 60-60 with 1:39 left in the game. The two teams traded a pair of layups, and then Evans' Springs split a pair of free throws followed by Gardner's key shot with 6.1 seconds left. No shot blocked attempts by Nwosu, and Gardner rebounded Evans' springer shot. Gardner made one of her two free shots, and then Liberty regained Radford's released the buzzer sounded Liberty played a scrappy game to come home with three wins, making this the sixth straight victory in the Dothon Center for the Lady Flames.

Liberty will play another road game against the James Madison Dukes Tuesday Dec. 4. Tipoff is 7 p.m. at the JMU Convocation Center.

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gave us that a new baseball facility would totally go a long way with showing our patrons. The field will feature an artificial surface, enhancing the days on the field and making maintenance and grounds keeping easier. The field itself is an artificial surface. In the region of about 30,000 tons of mix, Charles Spruce, director of planning and construction, said. Even in a dead rain, they can practice on the field. The game goes through throwing with it being an artificial surface. It's sure of the rain.

Liberty will begin the 2013 season against Penn State for its home opener in February. While the stadium will be ready for play, it will only feature "the bare essentials of playing the game," according to Spruce. "One schedule is to be able to play a game on February 22nd," Spruce said. "So far, we have 100 percent complete. We don't know if the facility be able to be played on the last day of the spring. There will be two holes left to be played on the last day of the spring. The baseball Operations Center, the offices and the suites that will not be totally built. There will still be walkways, landscaping and beautification things that will be completed.

We have seats, lights, water system and a field."

According to Spruce and Evans, the transition should be seamless for the players, because the current stadium will be available for locker rooms, batting cage and more. The new field also allows for the possibility of multiple tournament play, while it was not possible at the old stadium.

Liberty has made it possible for the baseball field to be used throughout the day time to time, giving room for events of the baseball Operations Center, the offices and the suites. The baseball Operations Center, the offices and the suites that will not be totally built. There will still be walkways, landscaping and beautification things that will be completed.

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“Other than my mother, one woman who had the most significant influence on my life,” said Smith. “She cultivated my love of literature, reading, and writing. I wouldn’t have missed her. . . .”

Priest first came to Liberty as a music major, but her experiences with the English professors convinced her to switch majors.

“The English program was like a family,” she said. “That’s what I knew and I still keep in touch. I don’t think I would be where I am now without having been in an English major.”

One of the great gifts of teaching is being able to instill students’ lives in ways that are so far beyond what you imagined!”

Priest said, “You never really know who will reach, and that is what really makes teaching the gift that keeps on giving.”

A few minutes after the event started, the line to get a copy of “Booked” signature was so long that a few attendants decided to sit at the back and let the line die down or even grabbed pizza while enjoying the company of their students.

Once the line was sufficiently short, Priest took a break to read an excerpt from her memoir. The audience was enthralled as she read the third chapter of her book, “God of the Backyard, Prodded and Strangef.”

She continued, “. . . I learned that poet and priest go hand in hand.”

Priest also read from “Booked” and signed copies for readers.

“You have been hungry for books, hungry for liturgy, hungry to be fed by the Word,” said Professor Smith.

“Don’t be afraid of the Word, don’t be afraid of the Church,” she said. “I think it’s important that we reach those who are hungry for the Word.”
A hero’s heart

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Staff Sgt. Greg Goyer was a Liberty University online student at home and an advocate for freedom deployed as a Marine. As a student, Goyer worked on scholarship diligently between deployments, spending time with his wife and kids. Tragedy struck when Goyer lost his life during a deployment in Afghanistan when an Afghan soldier pulled his gun on two Marines, according to the Associated Press.

Many community members rallied behind the Goyer family, supporting them during their loss. At a meeting to be held in January 2013 at the Exchange Club of Lynchburg plans to accept monetary donations from the club members and the outside community to present to the Goyer family and the Wounded Warrior Foundation. In addition, the Exchange Club of Lynchburg, WS&F and Grinnin For The World are joining together this Christmas season for the Heroes from the Heart of Virginia Project. During this project, there will be multiple donation sites dedicated to gathering nonperishable items and monetary donations from the local community. Members of both the Exchange Club and Grinnin For The World, as well as other personalities from WS&F, will be on site continuing the effort to benefit “Operation Homefront” for our active-duty heroes such as the Forest Knolls Saturday, the Copeland family while the nonperishable items, such as personal care products, will be collected by Grinnin For The World.

“Our club focuses on patriotism. We set to support our veterans as much as we can,” Wingerfeld said.

For three years, the Exchange Club, WS&F and Grinnin For The World have partnered to take their mission of honoring patriotism directly to the heart of the community. “I don’t want to be in a social club. I want to be in a club that works and gives back to the community,” Wingerfeld said.

For military families, the Christmas season often brings the reality that loved ones will not be celebrating with them. The heroes from the Heart of Virginia Project is reaching out to those families this holiday to give them a glimpse of the love and support they have received. Collection sites are at the Forest Knolls Saturday, the Copeland family while the nonperishable items, such as personal care products, will be collected by Grinnin For The World. The holiday begins with a donation to the local community of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Run, run Rudolph

Student Activities’ third trail race brought Christmas cheer to runners

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Liberty students and the Lynchburg community gathered for the annual Reindeer 2-mile run hosted by Liberty University Student Activities (SA).

The race started at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Liberty Mountain Snooodle Centre, and awards were given out for the most creative costumes.

“I would say my overall experience was on eight. I really enjoyed the run, and SA made it really fun.” Liberty junior Chelsea Houkovich said. “The hills were really rough, I decided to run because my friends thought it would be fun for all of us do it together.”

Evan Durham, a sophomore at Liberty, participated in her first SA trail run in the Reindeer Run and she finished the race in 50 minutes and 17 seconds.

“It was rough because half of the race was uphill, and part of it was on a good road,” Durham said. “Almost everyone walked.”

Durham said that he felt cold in the race was starting, but as she conquered the many hills in the course, she felt her energy warm up. After the race, she collapsed in the grass after the race to cool off.

After she had recovered from the extreme race, Durham witnessed one of the winners of the most creative costume contest, a student dressed up as a “redneck Santa,” complete with a denim shirt, flannel tooth, a mud-stained shirt and a chia-tape bel. Durham dove a Christmas sweater with a Santa hat and Minnie Mouse ears.

Durham said that she appreciated SA hosting their trail race the race was full of fun way to keep running and say in shape. Houkovich also has a similar view on the runs.

“I really do appreciate that Liberty does these events because it’s an opportunity to not only spend time with my friends but also meet other people who are interested in the same activities I am,” Houkovich said.

For more information on races offered by Student Activities, visit liberty.edu.

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According to Lori Marsh, the director of the Virginia Christmas Spectacular, the production will feature almost 400 people including the cast, dancers, choir and orchestra.

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“The Virginia Christmas Spectacular is a holiday tradition at Thomas Road (Baptist Church) that has been loved and enjoyed over the past 62 years,” executive director of the production Charles Billingsley said. “This year will be no exception as we usher in the most wonderful time of year with a Broadway-style production set in the 1800s.”

The dedication and passion of the Virginia Christmas Spectacular team can be seen by the quality of their performances.

“It has been challenging because the production is monumental undertaking that happens every year at Thomas Road Baptist Church,” choreographer of the production Renia Lindenberg said, “It has been an incredible joy to work with such an incredibly dedicated and talented cast, crew and production team. We are a body of believers using our unique talents to bring Christ’s message to others in the community.”

Marsh said that she believes the story fits with the Christmas season perfectly.

“The story is fun and entertaining, and the message is clear and powerful,” Marsh said, “There is just something festive and nostalgic about a story set in the Victorian Era. I think this year’s production has something for everyone.”

For more information on the Virginia Christmas Spectacular and how you can purchase tickets, visit virginiachristmasspectacular.com or call 804-241-2178.

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YES, VIRGINIA — People routinely travel from all over the East Coast to see the Virginia Christmas Spectacular, now in its 42nd year at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Christmas Spectacular sparkles on stage

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The Theater Arts Department has many successful shows this semester, but they are not finished quite yet. With the theme of love and Christmas flowing across the stage, "She Loves Me," is set to be the last production for the fall semester.

"She Loves Me" was inspired by a one act play called "Parfumerie" by Miklos Laszlo. Although the musical itself did not make it big on Broadway, the plot is well known to audiences through films such as "The Shop Around the Corner" and "You're Late Mail!"

This reminiscent comedy is set in the 1930s and tells the story of two young pilots who fall in love while unwittingly working side-by-side at a perfume shop. The relationship between the two co-workers is far from a loving one, but behind the mask of perfume and stage the relationship slowly blossoms into love.

According to Natalie Creek, the tale is one that is sure to appeal to all members of the audience.

"Everybody can relate to some type of love, and I think that's what's beautiful about it," Natalie Creek, who plays the lead role of Amalia, said. "If you can't relate to us, you're going to be able to relate to someone else in the show."

As the story progresses, the relationship grows deeper between characters Georg and Amalia. Within the heart of the story is a plot on world love at work. "They fall in love at work... but love is like a work in progress," Creek said. "That plot on work falls over onto the set, with the actual stage itself being a work in progress."

"It goes from a sketch, to a watercolor, to a painting, to a finished product," Kyle Blanchard, holding the role of Georg, said. "It constantly-evolving set mirrors the relationship that is acted on stage.

"People come from all over the place to see our shows, because our professors and directors know what to do right now," Creek said.

Remaining performances of "She Loves Me" are Dec. 7th at 7:30pm. For more information, visit the Department of Theatre Arts page. Tickets can be bought at the box office or by calling 528-SEAT.

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The Dept. of Theatre Arts wraps up its fall schedule with a musical love story

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The Theatre Arts Department by dedication presents"She Loves Me." The musical is a feature reporter.

Aeronautes accepts plane donation

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The Liberty School of Aeronautics SOA has recently accepted a 1931 Travel Air Plane, the same one to win the Powder Puff Air Derby, which would later become the Air Race Classic, back in 1929. This race was the first solo women's air race. David Love, an avid pilot whose goal is to promote aviation and future pilots, donated the plane.

"Our program has been substantially built on the generosity of many supporters who believe in the future of aviation and in our work," Dean of Liberty's SOA Gen. David Love said. "The donation of the Travel Air plane is a great addition to the education and training programs in the U.S."

The Liberty Belles, the women aviation team, will enter the plane in the 2012 Air Race Classic. The team is also looking to increase the number of girls interested in aviation. "In 2012, the Liberty Belles performed admirably for a freshman entry. We learned a tremendous amount and will build upon that knowledge to be competitive in 2013," Chief Department Allessandra Boardman said.

Liberty has two teams that compete in the race, each consisting of two pilots. In addition, there is a ground crew made up of women volunteers who participate in the aviation program.

Although Young believes the plane in a great addition to the aviation school, there is a lot of work to be done before it is ready to fly in 2014. "The plane is completely disassembled and will take considerable effort by dedicated and committed volunteers from the School of Aeronautics and Freeport Aviation," Young said.

The Air Race Classic is a non-profit organization that caters to women pilots and hosts a transcontinental speed competition held each year. The 2013 race will be held June 18-21 and will start in Pasco, Wash. For more information, on the School of Aeronautics or the Liberty Belles, contact Coach Brandi Mears at image@liberty.edu.

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