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Tom Best remembered for his love of flying and his service to other people

Tom Best, 58, was returning to North Carolina after taking his L-29 Albatross fighter jet for routine maintenance when the plane caught fire and exploded moments after takeoff. With more than 42 years of flying experience, Coble was "happier when in the cockpit," according to a statement released by his company Coble Trench Safety.

"He often joked with friends and family that he missed the business of flying his habit," the release said.

Coble had been using AdWords by Google to promote Liberty University's School of Aeronautics, which he helped establish in 2007.

"Coble is the kind of man who flew his own plane and had a relationship with Gaulight. He was a faithful member of Liberty University," said Jerry Falwell Jr. "He loved Christ, and he was passionate in his faith and in his service to others."

Liberty University's School of Aeronautics has maintained a strong relationship with the university's board of trustees, with several board members holding academic positions within the school.

"Tom Best was a man of faith and a dedicated individual who made significant contributions to the aviation industry," according to a statement released by the university. "We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time."

Cobble, who was a veteran of the Vietnam War, was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and flew more than 3,000 hours in various aircraft, including the L-29 Albatross.

"I have known Tom Best for many years and always admired his commitment to aviation education," said Dr. Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University. "He was a dedicated educator and a true leader in the aviation community."

Cobble is survived by his wife, Linda, and two children, Ty and Tammy. Services will be held at a later date.

"Tom Best was a dedicated and loyal member of our aviation community," said Dr. Jeff Barber, executive vice president for academic affairs. "He made significant contributions to the aviation industry and will be greatly missed."
Liberty honors Martin Luther King
Center4ME allows Annual Liberty Ring event on 50th anniversary of the pastor's visit to Lynchburg

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Liberty University celebrated the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with an annual Liberty Ring event hosted by the Center for Civil Rights and Reconciliation at Liberty in Jan. 30, 2001.

Students, faculty and the Lynchburg community gathered to pay tribute to King and reflect on the accomplishments and struggles of King and the nation in the spirit of civil rights. The date also marked the 50th anniversary of King's visit to Lynchburg and the inception of the city's school system.

The service began with prayer led by Center4ME analyst Justin Smith, who thanked God for giving King his vision and asked that other prophet may be inspired also. After a powerful presentation of King's, "I Have a Dream" speech by Theodore Cates and the Bridging the Gap Ministrations performed an inspirational dance.

The atmosphere turned celebratory as the audience sang and shouted with praise to the Rappahannock Church Choir and Siskirkia Association led soulful. After the time of prayer, keynote speaker, National Football League Hall of Famer and the Holy Spirit Church Stratton for the International Affairs Department addressed the crowd.

Jefferson spoke of King's accomplishments as a young adult and his early passion for equality for all. "I was a speech writer where he challenged the nation that 'we must be truly prophetic when there existed

CRUMPLER is a news reporter.

Jefferson referred to Liberty's high percentage of ethnic students and cited it as a priority of President Dr. Jerry Falwell Jr.

"My heart is full because as I can see in this crowd tonight that you at liberty are living the dream," Jefferson said. Jefferson encouraged students to live King's dream and finish their education and also continue in their study of God's word.

After closing remarks by Student Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Elter, students gathered in groups to pray for each other and the city of Lynchburg.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to come together with my group of friends," senior Amanda Costen said. "It was an opportunity to be encouraged by the president."

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Liberty's online M.B.A. ranks among top 25 in nation
A high ranking and affordable program sets the School of Business apart from others across the countryside

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Liberty University Online's Master of Business Administration ranks among the top 25 in the nation, according to the annual U.S. News and World Report report.

"We are excited to announce that the online MBA program is now ranked among the top 25 in the nation," said Birkett Lenihan, Dean of Liberty University's School of Business.

Joanne Kline, associate professor of business at Liberty University School of Business, said the MBA program is a great resource for busy students who want to own their own business, this is kind of their boot camp where they're going to learn about finance and HR and all those issues that you're going to have to deal with in your own business," Associate Dean Dr. Ama Natarer said.

Affordability is one of the highlights of Liberty's MBA program. Of the 25 schools on the list, Liberty has the lowest cost at $19,719 for the 33 credit program.

Students can specialize in accounting, criminal justice, healthcare management, human resources, international business, leadership, marketing, project management, public administration and public relations.

"Liberty's School of Business has several improvements and new programs available," said Birkett. "We're excited for our students to see the growth." Students can also transfer courses to other schools, "This really showed that Liberty cares about our students," said Birkett.

"One of the things we're providing is a good education with superior ethics and integrity that's certainly valued in business," said Adams.

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Students combat rising costs by renting textbooks

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Rising textbook prices forced college bookstores and online providers to be creative in their marketing tactics. Renting textbooks has become an increasingly popular alternative to buying textbooks.

"It was a major issue in college, but now college students are renting at the perfect option," The Liberty University bookstore rental program was responsible for much of their success this semester. Half of the courses offered at Liberty now provide the option to rent the required text, which enabled students to take full advantage of the rental program.

"More students are coming back to the bookstore for their textbooks because of our rental program," said manager Ellen Majors.

Liberty University's bookstore rental program offered 10 percent off the regular purchase price of the textbook. Even with cheap ways to find textbooks online, students preferred the convenience of the campus bookstore. According to Majors, students came back with the challenge of finding the least painful way to order textbooks. With more options provided to students, especially through the web, it became an opportunity to find the cheapest price. The campus bookstore still gains students' business because of the convenience and comfort of having the books when they need them to study.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to see a change in the way we practice baseball.

Liberty University provided students with the opportunity to rent the required book, and don't worry about shipping," senior Kevin Taylor said. Taylor bought most of her textbooks at the bookstore because of the easy accessibility.

Some students, like intercollegiate study major Megan Melson, had very limited options when ordering textbooks because of student demand. Melson assures she would still buy her books at the bookstore because she is keeping most of her books now that she takes classes in her major.

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While you were away...

things you may have missed

Liberty University community mourns loss

Tragedy struck the Lynchburg and Liberty Christian Academy (LCA) community Jan. 6, after LCA seniors Stacia Anderson, 17, and Breanna Boyd, 17, were killed in a single car accident. The two-hour Homecoming dance, operated by Anderson, was to the right side of Nelson Forest Road. Then, turned to the left and hit a concrete pole at a private residence. Excitement was to blame, according to a Central Virginia Commonwealth news release. Both girls were pronounced dead at the scene.

Both Anderson and Boyd had close ties with the Lynchburg community. Anderson’s father, Keith, currently serves as the Dean of Students at Liberty University as well as Chief Conduct Officer, according to a biography on the Liberty website.

Anderson and Boyd were best friends and were always in the hallways together and outside of school.” LCA campus pastor Louis Preston Jr. said.

On Thursday, Jan. 12, LCA seniors gathered in the lobby of the school during third lunch period to write messages on orange and purple balloons, Anderson and Boyd’s favorite colors, to set free into the sky in honor of them. A memorial service was also held later that night at Thomas Road Baptist Church. The service was an opportunity for friends and family to gather for a time of mourning and to share memories of the two girls, according to a News & Advance article. LCA substitute John Patterson, friend of the girls and an LCA teacher, spoke at the service.

Preston remembers Anderson and Boyd’s independent nature, especially when both girls would slightly bend the LCA uniform policy.

“Stacia and Breanna would always find ways to dress up,” Preston said in an interview with the News & Advance. “Stacia had these orange boots and would wear them a lot.”

The concrete pole where the accident occurred evolved into a memorial service. Flowers of different colors and candles surrounded the crash site along with a pink poster board with gloomy messages. “Your laughs and smiles will be truly missed. Fly high,” wrote one student on the poster board.

Preston describes the best friends that died together that Friday night in three words: “They were loved.”

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Wards Road tunnel open for use

The tunnel runs under the railroad tracks separating the school from Wards Road. According to Falwell, the tunnel is gated and only allows those individuals with a Liberty identification card to use it.

Community, students, faculty and staff are able to use the tunnel the same way as students being on campus, but they must enter through the Liberty side.

“This will keep commuters from parking at Panera and walking to campus,” Falwell said.

A fence is also currently being built along the length of the railroad tracks to prevent students from crossing at any other location other than the tunnel, Falwell said.

The Norfolk Southern Railway was also thanked for their cooperation in this project by Falwell.

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Debunking the 2012 ‘Apocalypse’

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Now that 2012 has finally arrived, the world will end in fiery ru
The end of the Mayan calendar and the world as we know it — or maybe not is 11 months away.

In the weeks leading up to the New Year, there were some very real experts to consider about this whole ‘doomsday’ business. But for the most part, the Mayan calendar must certainly come just prior to predict the apocalypse.

Originally, the Mayans used something called the Long Count. This cycle begins in 3114 BC and

FOOD - Painting — Predicting the end of the world has been a recurring event since the Old Testament days.

in 2126 BC, and marks the calendar in the way that a year in our calendar begins on Jan. 1. Another long-count cycle ends on December 21, 2012. According to NASA, the story begins with claims that Nibiru (a planet supposed to pass through the Solar System 6,000 years ago) was headed toward Earth on a collision course. But when no planet appeared, the cycle was simply extended another 2,000 years to 2012. This was then cut to the end of the calendar, resulting in an apocalyptic moment in December 2012. NASA assures us that there is no possibility of anything happening in the near future.

Theories about doomsday date back at least 1,200 years.

But until now, any of these things actually occurred would have cast a
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New parking plan takes effect

With continued parking problems plaguing the Liberty University campus, officials have required commuter students and employees, except for those on campus East, to re-register their cars. New decals are not being made available to students, Chief of Police Col. Richard D. Hickley said.

Hickley said the reason is because the lots and the numbers of allowed vehicles per lot are different this semester due to parking issues and construction. Red and purple permits must be used in Zone 1 or Zone 2 permits.

According to the Vice President of Financial Research and Analysis Richard Martin, the biggest issue is how bad parking is with the loss of about 600 parking places because of the construction of the library and baseball field projects. Unfortunately, there are 600 components and there is not an easy answer.

One major change was moving some residential students to the Winwright parking lot in order for commuters to have more parking places on campus.

"Monday was awful. Tuesday was awful. I got to campus 40 minutes early and could not find a spot anywhere. Everywhere I went on Sunday, it was almost full," junior Will Heen said. However, according to Martin, the big problem Tuesday was not a lack of parking places, but almost 400 commuter students had parked in the Zone 1 south lot with permits, which would not allow any vehicles to be parked in Zone 2, where 500 places were available.

The situation began to improve on Wednesday when towing was enforced for illegal decals. Zone 1 allows vehicles to park in Speake Drive, Robert Thomas Drive, Zone 2 parking allows vehicles to park in Green Hall, Hale, Dale's Dairy and East Intramural Field. Position parking at Green Hall is now available with 200 spots.

Martin also had several recommendations that could help with guaranteeing students a place.

First, don't park early. Even if a student does not live at Concourse, he or she can still park and get a ride to class.

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Boffo won the Mid-American Conference title and clinched its first bowl game appearance in program history. For his efforts, Sports Illustrated named Gill the Mid-American's Coach of the Year. He was also an assistant at alma mater, the University of Nebraska, for 13 years, aiding in the development of standout players such as Heisman-winning quarterback Eric Crouch.

"It is a school where people have heard that great things are going on there. With the addition of the staff that we've hired and the players that we've really wanted to come in, we've been successful. Fans are going to be excited about the people we're going to be bringing in," Gill said.

For those who remain apprehensive, Gill said that "the best way to see fans is to win." He said that "if you give the fans the chance to see a national championship, fans come a conference championship and then a national championship." Gill said, "We have high expectations. We had high expectations for no matter where Florida. If you don't have high expectations, you're in the wrong situation." Regardless of where the program goes, Gill knows it is an determination factor.

"Bottom line, we're going to develop young men for Christ, build champions for Christ, that's one of our mission statement. We've got to do things within the university's standards and, most important, we've got to win championships." WOOLFOLK is a sports reporter.

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Google to advertise to users who type keywords into relevant searches. Google provided a platform to target reach audiences, Liberty University. With the addition of mobile marketing, creating webpages that are easier to navigate on properly or mobile devices rather than desktops has been recently available.

Persoon counts the case study as an extremely positive reflection on the university.

"Any time Google calls you based on what you are doing, it's a compliment," Persoon said.

He said Google was interested in how Liberty University Online was leveraging the tools they provided to create a successful campaign.

Persoon also said advertising through Google is still only one part of a multi- pronged approach to marketing the university, and that Liberty continues to use many traditional methods such as print, radio and TV.

However, as society has begun to embrace technology, more people are making the switch to smart phones, Liberty University Online recognizes the importance of exploring new advertising methods to reach a greater audience.

"The increase in mobile advertising has also proved to be cost effective for the university," Persoon said.

Since Google only allows advertisements to appear on a search that is rele- vant, this keeps the cost for mobile advertising low for Liberty University Online. As more people search for education options through portable devices, mobile advertising has become an increasingly important part of Liberty's overall mar- keting strategy, Persoon said.

"Liberty University has always been known for its ability to participate where people are looking," Persoon said.

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New developments in the psychology department

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Liberty University's Psychology Club is gearing up to make some major changes in the scale of the spring semester with a new name and program set for the future.

The PsychComm, which stands for "The Psychology Community," will replace the former Psychology Club and become a more inclusive organization that promotes the inclusion and unity of the entire Psychology Department. Faculty advise the Psychology Club Dr. Larry Anderson hopes the new changes will improve the overall involvement of students and staff in the field.

"PsychComm will be the new umbrella organization for the Psych Department," Anderson said. "We want everyone to be a part of the PsychComm, including psychology students, faculty and even our online students."

As one of the current faculty advisors for the club, Anderson helped facilitate and plan the agenda for the club with the assistance of another advisor, Dr. Daniel Logan, and several club members.

The psychology honors program, Psi Chi, along with the Daniel's Program for outstanding psychology students, is included under this new umbrella program, encouraging interaction between all psychology divisions.

Part of the new changes under PsychComm include doing away with official memberships and instead promoting the more welcoming title of "contributor." Contributors will pay a $10 annual fee to participate in various club benefits including psychology scholarships, seminars with speakers and tailgates. While promotions and major changes will not appear for a month or so, Anderson is optimistic about PsychComm's potential.

"Overall, we are trying to make and create an atmosphere of unity, connection, involvement and caring. We want all to feel a part," Anderson said.

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Wrestling team ranked No. 2 in coaches poll

Jesse Castro has already made his stamp in his inaugural season in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association

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A small building behind the south end zone of Williams Stadium houses one of the most successful athletic programs at Liberty University — the wrestling team, currently ranked second nationally in the latest NCAA Coaches Poll.

Liberty’s defeat of No. 1 (overall) Appalachian State helped vault the Flames into their current coaches poll rating.

Avery Warley had three blocks and the Lady Flames held Presbyterian to 24 percent shooting.

Flames into their current coaches poll

Liberty University — the wrestling team, the most successful athletic programs at its zone of Williams Stadium houses one of the highest level of football for over 60 years. 409 football games, after coaching at an institution, “JoePa” is gone.

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Avery Warley led the way with a game-high 20 points, including eight in the second half, which helped wrap up a small quick for the Blue Hose. But key Presby players stepping up on fouls made the comeback impossible.

Avery Warley led the way with a game-high 14 points. Three players, including the Blue Hose leading scorer, had four fouls and sat out most of the second half.

Lady Flames lean on defense for win

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Over Break
Sanders, Warley hit career milestones
Jessica Grigg
January 24, 2012

Sanders: “I’m going to the end of my career here and am realizing more and more that I need to stay in shape and work harder at my craft and every day,” senior guard Jesser Sanders said.

Sanders reached several milestones over break, setting the all-time Vares Center single-game assist record with 6 against Mount, and scored a season-high 22 points against the Hampton Pirates. Sanders became the 23rd player elected into the hall of fame 1,000-point club against Radford. Sanders had 14 points on the night.

Sanders also became the first player in Division I history to post a triple-double in each of his four seasons. He accomplished this mark in a win against High Point, where he finished with 14 points, 15 assists and 19 rebounds.

Coming off a seven-game losing streak, the Flames defeated Virginia Tech 75-60, the Hampton Pirates 74-65 and Montana 93-71.

Warley: “I have a lot to learn and be ready for,” sophomore EJ Warley said. “I have to be ready to go from day one and be ready to go from here so I can help the team.

“Lose the biggest maybe, but I think the most difficult thing is the lack of a strong team. I have a strong team, but I don’t think we have a strong team yet.”

“Everything this year is because of him, and the team is a calling card of his hard work,” sophomore Zach Bukolt said.

This marks the Freestyle Team’s third season, but workouts were not implemented until November 2011. This was a decision made by the team coaches, Will Scherer and Kevin McGuig, who noted that all of the professionals in this sport work out just like any other professional athlete.

Freestyling into the season
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Although it is still January and the winter season has yet to fall fully at Liberty, the University’s Freestyle and Snowboarding Team has been working hard trying to improve for its competitive season.

Many of the team’s training is possible thanks to the Liberty Mountain Snowsport Center that has athletes to practice year-round without the threat of summer or snow. Snowboarding yields much like the winter. However, few know that the Freestyle Team trains much like any other sport at Liberty.

The Freestyle Team trains not only at Snowmass and in other mountain resorts, but also at the gym to have their turns in a different manner. The team’s strength trainer, Anaisabel Midlileon, has the team up before 7 a.m. three times a week to strengthen their core and lower body.

“We train the core, because that is where your body’s power comes from, and we train each leg individually so the athletes can react quickly,” Midtlelion said.

Workouts have been vigorous preparing for the season. “Well, for starters, I hate waking up at 6:30 a.m. but after the shock of waking up I believe the workouts are improving our team and even making us morecreative and team-like,” sophomore Zach Bukolt said.

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Women Blllall continued from B1
With the sun, Liberty remains undecided against Presbyterian posting an 11-1 record and remains record at the Big South.

This is a tall racket and it takes time to establish a program and have a legacy, Buono said. “When we haven’t been doing a lot of things they have in a good game, and they have a young talent but it is going to take time for that to develop. We have some young talent in depth on their development and how well they are going to be in the future.”

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Paterno, continued from B1
While Paterno regularly recruited teenagers with rough pasts, his players graduated from college, 78 percent of them to be exact, second only to Texas Tech in powerhouse football programs and well above the 67 percent average among Division I Programs.

In his early coaching, 38 players were named Academic All-Americans, fourth most ever. He hired packs into productive citizen.

He needed millions of dollars to build the university’s library, which was then fittingly named after him. Students loved him, plating at his door and starting some sort of a massive gift money campaign when he was let go from the university. He deployed loyalty, spurring numerous offers from NFL teams to move up to their ranks. He displayed toughness, most notably in 2001 and 2009, where he broke his leg and had hip replacement surgery, respectively. Both times, whether he was available or the press box, he was there for his heroes, coaching the next game. He displayed hard work simply by doing what he loved every single day.

Yes, he knew, he could have done more. Paterno felt for the victims, expounding his sadness over the situation many times. In an interview with CBS, he called it “one of the great sorrows of our life.” He described himself as “absolutely devastated” for the children and their families. He was a good man who handled a situation poorly, something we are all guilty of. He committed two times, he blamed no one for his handling of the situation, and expressed his bitterness to the university he wanted him back for so many years of service. Yes, he could have done more, but who could we. Now we can forgive, and we can remember.

WOOLFOLK is a sports reporter.
Alumnus lifts Legends to close win

Former Liberty baller Damien Hubbard's lay-up and steal proved clutch 

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Forward progress for Vander Pol

Joel Vander Pol knows the work he's put into this season. Now, he's ready to see that hard work pay off.

Alumnus lifts Legends to close win

Former Liberty baller Damien Hubbard's lay-up and steal proved clutch

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Students get studio experience

Justin Berry
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Eight students from Liberty University's Center for Worship visited the recording studio Jan. 16 to record background vocals for an upcoming Trinity Broadcasting Network IV special, the program, which will be aired nationally in February, will feature Doe and Grammy award winning recording artists Lauren Daigle and Sandy Patty. The special will be taped on Jan. 16 and will include a behind-the-scenes look at the recording session, as well as interviews with the students and Doe.

"The students also worked on a second new recording project for "Let There Be Light,"" said Berry. "This song was arranged and produced by Associate Professor in the Center for Worship Dr. Mark Ives.

"The students were delighted with the opportunity to record something for the television special, and I think anywhere else we wouldn't have really gotten that opportunity to record something for someone we've known," said Berry.

Along with many of the other students who participated in the recording, are involved with different musical groups such as Sounds of Liberty and plays put on by the theatre department.

"When I saw the list of students I knew they were from a lot of different backgrounds in performance and would be a great selection for the recording," said Berry.

Harris and Patty will complete the recording for the television special later this month at Nashville. Look for the airing of this TBN broadcast in February.

BERRY is a feature reporter.

FELICIANO and ADDINGTON are feature reporters.

All students from a brand new class in the Center for Worship, WSPR 355, Artist and Worship Ministry Preparation, recording experience is one of the learning outcomes for this class.

"Having Mr. Marsh direct it was just really fun, because I've never seen him in that setting before. He has just always been in the back of my mind," said Bailey. "I think anywhere else we wouldn't have really gotten that opportunity to record something for someone we've known."

The overall thing that is really about being at Liberty is the fact that the teachers are really involved in what they are teaching," said Bailey. "We have gotten that opportunity to record something for someone we've known."

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LaHaye hosts losing competition

Students attempt to sweat off unhealthy lifestyles for LaHaye LUSER weightloss competition

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With the spring semester of classes at Liberty University finally underway, along with haggling and open minds, students have brought their New Year’s resolutions to campus. For students with weight loss goals in mind, LaHaye User may be the perfect suit.

The LaHaye User competition was started in 2006 and it is now sponsored by LaHaye’s Associate Director of Fitness Ben Cook. For the past five years LaHaye User has been radically changing the lives of its participants one pound at a time.

“Our goal is to motivate the Liberty community for weight loss,” Cook said in reference to the 2012 campaign.

LaHaye User is modeled after the popular reality television series “The Biggest Loser,” which places participants in an environment for optimal weight loss.

“We feel like putting on a good event is something that the students enjoy, so it is a ‘Shred-Off.’”

Three people were a huge encouragement to me. My life has changed drastically,” Warren said.

Another former participant, sophomore Casey Vidal, said the LaHaye User competitive improved her life.

“LaHaye User not only changed my life, but it altered it as well. I was on track for diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and congestive heart failure, all of which run in my family. By learning how to live a healthier lifestyle and lose weight I’ve been able to become a better person,” Vidal said.

Cook explains that in past years many students apply for the competition in hopes of achieving their weight loss goals and of those students, 12 participants are chosen to compete. While weight loss is the objective goal of competing in the LaHaye User, the experience is also meant to show the participants how to recognize unhealthy habits and replace them with healthier options.

For winners of LaHaye User, there are up to $1,000 in prizes. The competition is open to all Liberty students and the deadline to turn in applications is Friday, Jan. 27. The cost to apply is $5. The competition begins Feb. 1 and will end April 28.

For more information, contact the Liberty Student Union at 692-1448.

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Swashbucklers take stage

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The Pirates of Penzance, K

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Liberty's Department of Theatre Arts turns blessing into promise with the creation of a new stage company

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The outgoing talent of Liberty University's Department of Theatre Arts has been a blessing to its new business venture.

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