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**Turner Gill to lead the Flames**

New head football coach replaces Rocco

Andrew Wootfolk

For more students, Dec. 15, 2011, marked the end of another semester. 

For Liberty University football and new head coach Turner Gill, it marked the beginning of a new era, but a week and a half after the school's new coach Danny Rocco accepted the head coaching position at the Richmond, Virginia, Flames

Gill announced the hiring of Gill as the program's eighth head coach. With him, the Sharon-born coach brings a wealth of experience and more confidence to lead.

"We're going to be exciting, we're going to have fun and show a lot of emotion," Gill said.

Gill comes to Liberty with Division I experience, a characteristic Athletic Director Pat Conry, who caught after daunting his search for a new coach. Gill served as head coach at the University of Buffalo from 2006 to 2007 and the University of Kansas from 2007 to 2011. While at Buffalo, Gill revived the school's lethargic football program, guiding it to its best season in over 10 years in 2007.

Gill garnered more accomplishments with the program in 2008, as

See Gill, A5

Online ads get googled

Melissa Gibby

Liberty University Online has found an innovative new way to reach global audiences using mobile marketing through Google searches on smart phones and other mobile devices.

This past December, Google released a case study documenting Liberty's success in mobile marketing in the education industry.

According to the Executive Director of Admissions for Liberty University Online, Steve Perron, Google saw the success Liberty University Online was having with its mobile advertising and approached the university requesting to understand more about the model.

Liberty's mobile advertising is specifically intended to appear on smart phones and tablets in order to bring the best possible experience to a changing student population.

Since early 2009, Liberty University has been using AdWords by

See Google, A5

Advertisement taken out of context

Ashley Bolinger

Liberty University has made national news with its recent promotional commercial starring former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

However, according to a statement released by Liberty's General Counsel Dave Cory, the ad was not intended to support Gingrich as a presidential candidate.

"Liberty University and Speaker Newt Gingrich have a long history together that predates his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president," Cory said.

"Speaker Gingrich has collaborated with the university cannot endorse another candidate. His endorsement of his election "

According to Liberty's Vice President for External Projects Johnnie Moore, the university's ads were "entirely accurate and complete."

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"The ad is not designed to endorse Newt or anyone else," Dean of Liberty's School of Law Matt Staver told the Lynchburg News and Advance. "We're not speaking about his positions. We're not comparing him to another candidate."

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The advertisement, which featured Gingrich, is one of many that the university uses to promote the school across the nation. The fact that the ad aired on the eve of the Iowa primary is purely coincidental, according to Cory.

"New Gingrich is a national figure whose prominence has grown greatly," Cory said. "The ad is not intended to be Liberty University's endorsement of Speaker Gingrich but to highlight instead that New Gingrich has endorsed Liberty University.

Furthermore, in Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., though legally free to endorse, has not made any endorsement in this election cycle either," Cory said.

Cory concluded his statement by noting that all decisions made by the university are done as business decisions and not in any way intended to take just in the current political happenings.

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Pilots — Tom Cole stands with Troy Falwell and Jerry Falwell Jr. at the Lynchburg Airshow last May. Cole took a long-time supporter of Liberty's School of Aeronautics with 42 years of flying experience. He flew his L-39 Albatross jet to the airshow.

"When I flew with Tom back in May 2010, I was impressed not only with his 

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port Gingrich as a presidential candidate. Corry

said. "Tom was a highly motivated individual, and through his enthusiasm he encouraged others. He will be greatly missed.

Troy Falwell also flew with Cole after the Lynchburg Airshow last May and was able to fly Cole's jet.

"It was a 'once in a lifetime' experience," Liberty trustee dies in plane crash

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Liberty honors Martin Luther King
Center4ME annual Let Freedom Ring event on 50th anniversary of the pastor’s visit to Lynchburg

Liberty University is paying tribute to the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. for his “dream of a world characterized by justice, equality, opportunity and service.”

Jefferson referred to Liberty’s high percentage of ethnic students and cited it as a priority for the university to continue the work of the dream.

“His heart is full because as I think in this audience tonight that you at Liberty are living the dream,” Jefferson said.

Jefferson encouraged students to live King’s dream and finish their education and to also continue in their study of God’s word.

After closing remarks from Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Flan, students gathered in groups to pray for one another and the nation.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a group of friends. This really showed that Liberty cares about our and the unity and development of the school,” junior Anna Cost said.

The following morning students were encouraged to keep living the dream as Jefferson suggested.

“His message inspires me to keep pushing and keep the dream alive; to be something more and care about things and to more forward,” sophomore JD Mes said.

CRUMPLER is a news reporter.

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

Omaha Adkins

Liberty University, known for its online Master of Business Administration ranked number 15 in the nation, according to the annual ranking for Best Value Online M.B.A. programs.

The announcement comes at a time when online degrees and M.B.A.s in particular are in demand, according to Steele Brown, co-founder of BestMastersDegrees.com.

Our online program helps students

One of the things we’re providing that Liberty students are beating the odds.

Dean Dr. Anita Salterlee said.

The campus bookstore still gets

Students can specialize in accounting, management, public administration and public relations.

Liberty’s School of Business has several improvements and new programs awaits the academic appeal, but it also expects them to further increase the school’s ranking and make it more present.

The next step of things we’re providing is a good education with superior ethics and values, one that is certainly valued in business,” he said.

ADAMS is the asst. news editor.

Students combat rising costs by renting textbooks

Lindsey Blackfield

Renting textbooks prices set college bookstores and online providers to be creative in their marketing tactics. Renting textbooks offers students a means of avoiding textbook expenses.

While online rentals are offered in many cases, many college students are renting as the perfect option. The Liberty University bookstore rental program was responsible for much of their success this semester. Half of the current offerings through Liberty now provide the option to rent the required text, which enables students to take full advantage of the rental program.

“Most students are coming back to the bookstore for their textbooks because of our rental program,” said retailer Elin Loven said.

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 Manley, students still bought at least one of their textbooks from Liberty’s bookstore.

“I know I’ll get them on time from the bookstore, and don’t have to worry about shipping,” senior Kevin Taylor said.

Taylor bought most of her textbooks at the bookstore because of the rainy accessibility, she said.

Some students, like intercollegiate study major Megan McLean, had very limited options when ordering textbooks because of student of M.B.A. The college said that she is keeping more of her books because she takes classes in her major.

College students look for affordability and convenience when having textbooks. This semester was no different when 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’s not as easy as buying the book at the cheapest price. The campus bookstore still gets the job done, and the students keep coming back because it’s worth the money, said,...
While you were away... things you may have missed

Liberty University community mourns loss

Brenda Boyd
Victoria Lind
Mildred Boyd

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 four-door Honda Civic, operated by Anderson, swerved to the right side and hit a concrete pole at a private business. Excessive speed 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, private business. Excessive speed was to blame, according to a Central Virginia Commonwealth news release. Both girls were pronounced dead at the scene.

Anderson and Boyd were considered 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 their lunch period to write messages. “They were loved.” said one student on the poster board.

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

LIND is a news reporter.

Wards Road tunnel open for use

TunneL— Students gain safe passage across Wards Road through tunnel usage.

Tahisha Cassidy

A tunnel allowing students passage between Liberty University residential dorms and Wards Road is now open for travel.

Discussions to construct the tunnel began in 2008, but Liberty needed to gain the necessary approvals before the university began its renovations. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said.

The normal method for building tunnels under railroad tracks, according to Falwell, consists of “boring temporary tracks to be used until the new structure is complete. Liberty decided to tunnel under the tracks instead.”

“Of Liberty’s construction staff and engineers...accomplished a feat that many thought would be impossible,” Falwell said.

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.

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

“This will keep commuters from parking at Pantera 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 has not lost its vibrant web. In fact, the end of the Mayan calendar, and the end of the earth itself — or, for that matter, 16 months away, has, if anything, galvanized people concerned about the fate of the world. As in the past, the world is a better place because of these concerns.

Frustrated with the restrictions of such a somber calendar, the Mayans, who were brilliant astronomers and mathematicians, created a calendar based on numbers rather than time. Thus, their number days flow into the future. And this Mayan calendar would, if anything, happen today.

But the Mayans — whose remains only last for about 2,600 years — had the opportunity to see the closure of the first 5,125 years. For some reason, they set the calendar to zero in the year 2012, and the first Long Count runs from 4,325 days on Dec. 14, 2012. This is where the debate about the end of the calendar begins to go one step further, or, if anything, will happen sooner or later. The real question is where the calendar is headed, or why it is headed anywhere. It is the question of the end of the world.

In the blink of an eye everything can change. In this here today, gone tomorrow world we're living in, even the smallest changes can have a monumental impact on the future. And that makes all of the apocalyptic predictions just a load of superstitions not worth our time.

The world has not been a perfect place, and it is unlikely to be a perfect place in the future. But the world is not going to end anytime soon. And that makes all of the apocalyptic predictions just a load of superstitions not worth our time.

The answer for child obesity is not surgery. "I can't believe that parents would even consider letting their kids have surgery," said Renke Meyer, who has advised the U.S. Senate on obesity for over 20 years. She insists that parents should focus on helping their children make better choices and live healthier lives. "We need to teach our children how to make healthy choices, not rely on surgery as a solution," she said.

Some experts believe that the world is not facing an epidemic of obesity, but rather a lack of education and awareness. "We need to focus on educating people about the importance of healthy eating and exercise," said Dr. Susan Green, a pediatrician at the University of Pennsylvania. "We need to teach children at a young age about the importance of a healthy lifestyle."
New parking plan takes effect

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With continued parking problems plaguing the Liberty University campus, officials have required commuter students, faculty and employees to re-register their cars. New decals are now being made available for all students, Chief of Police Col. Richard D. Haskins said.

Haskins 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 replaced with new parking passes.

Zone 1 or Zone 2 permits.

According to the Vice President of Financial Analysis and Richard Martin, the biggest issue is how the parking lot is being used with the loss of about 500 parking places because of the construction of the library and baseball field projects. Unfortunately, there are a lot of components and there is not an easy answer.

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

"Monday the parking was fine. Tuesday was awful. I got to campus 40 minutes early and could not find a spot anywhere. The lot was packed," Junior Will Green said. However, according to Martin, the big problem is ready to register students. It is a school where people have heard that great things are going on. With the addition of the staff that we have hired, there is a lot of excitement. People have really wanted to come see it.

"We're well taken care of. Our fans are excited to be about the people we're going to be bringing in this year," Martin added.

For those who remain apprehensive about paying for parking, there are various options available.

"One number one goal is to sell our parking options," Martin said. "This gives you the chance to see a national championship, to come a conference championship and then a national championship." Martin added. "We have high expectations.Liberty has high expectations for the football team. If you don't have high expectations, you are in the wrong situation.

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GOOGLE continued from B1

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"We want to be speaking about our conference championships and national championships. We want to have that mentality. That's going to help us win the games, the conference championships and the national championships," Martin said.

The First Fort, Texas native also plans on attending a football game, a football history of high school talent, in the next few years.

"I have heard numerous stories about Tom helping individuals and in need. He was a family man who devoted his life to helping people, his loss will be greatly missed by Liberty University and kingdom work," Liberty alumna said. "200 spots.

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Liberty considers GLTC billing

A miscastlement in billing from the GLTC caused Liberty to take a closer look at transit costs from company to company.

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High transit costs and fees by the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) can be costing the university the costs of Liberty University.

In a report released by the GLTC board, Liberty's payment for the 2012 fiscal year was quoted at $7.4 million. The GLTC had been consistently using a “per-trip” adjustment to calculate costs applied to the college and, as a result, a formula for three years, the report said.

The GLTC board was asked to revise the current billing formula to see how Liberty has been buying transit costs in recent years.

Richard Martin, the vice president of student activities and research at Liberty, said that the university has expressed concern regarding the high costs that the GLTC has been charging.

“We have asked GLTC to reconsider the rates. There does seem to be some confusion about exactly how many hours GLTC will be asked to operate the next year, and we are working to clear up any confusion,” Martin said.

An annually, the actual operating expenses for Liberty average $1 million, according to the report released by the GLTC. For the current fiscal year, Liberty is expected to be insured a bill for around $2 million, Martin said.

For the 2007 fiscal year, Liberty’s actual operating expenses were $680,906. For the 2012 fiscal year, the university’s operating expenses was just over $7 million, which is a 50 percent increase.

Kimball Payne, city manager and GLTC board member, said that the GLTC went to provide service to the entire community, which Liberty is a part of, but that the university has a different need because of its focused demand.

“The goal is to keep everyone’s costs down as much as possible,” Payne said.

Due to the rates and the complications with the formula, Martin said that Liberty is currently shopping around for a possible private operating service that can provide transportation for faculty, staff, and students, and should the GLTC decide to continue using the current rates.

“We will be visiting a number of companies that utilize those operators during the spring semester,” Martin said.

The partnership between Liberty and GLTC began in 2007, and since then, according to Martin, the busing system has been a significant part of the campus.

Anderson hopes the new changes will improve the infrastructure and student interaction at the University of Lynchburg.

The GLTC board will meet again Feb. 1 to discuss the numbers they put to possible solutions to the bill revision proposed in Liberty Payne 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 PsyComm, which stands for “The Psychology Community,” will replace the current online Psychology Club to become an active, online organization that promotes the inclusion and unity of the entire Psychology Department. Faculty advise to the Psychology Club Dr. Larry Anderson hopes the new changes will increase involvement from students and staff in the field.

“PsyComm will be the new umbrella organization for the Psych Department,” Anderson said. “We want everyone to be a part of the PsyComm, 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 Daniels’ Program for outstanding psychology students, is included under this new umbrella program, encouraging interaction between all psychology divisions.

Part of the new changes under PsyComm 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 workshops, seminars with speakers and tailgates.

While promotions and major changes will not appear for a month or so, Anderson is optimistic about PsyComm’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

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Lady Flames lean on defense for win

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

The Lady Flames exploited the undersized front court. Although the shots were not falling, women's basketball remained aggressive and attacked the rim. Brown finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. Miller chipped in with 13 points and nine rebounds. Brown was dominant on the glass, scoring 17 rebounds against a undersized front court.

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Over Break
Sanders, Warley hit career milestones

Women Blatt continued from B1
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In his early coaching, 26 players were named Academic All-Americans, fourth most ever. He turned knights into productive citizens. He helped raise millions of dollars to build his university's library, which was then formally named after him. Students loved him, piling at his door and starting nothing short of a destructive mob when he was let go from the university.

He displayed loyalty, shaving 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, respec- tively. Both times, whether he scheduled or in the press box, he was there for his team, coaching the next game. He displayed hard work simply by doing what he loved for 16 years. Yet, he knew he could have done more.

Petero felt for the victims, expressing his sadness over the situation many times. In an interview with CBS, he called it "one of the greatest sorrows of my life." He bemoaned himself as "absolutely devastated" for the children and their families.

Still, there is a lot of talent and skill in the ever-growing program of Liberty's football and skiing and snowboarding, and physical training can only aid in this sport. In order to fine-tune the skills the team-mates have, they must practice to learn new tricks and perfect existing ones.

Each athlete has one private session with the coach for a week, but the athletes are encouraged in practice as much as they can throughout the rest of the week and most practice everyday.

For the first time ever, the team has been invited to attend Warren Spring Mountain Resort season passes to further enhance their training. Unfortunately, the unusually warm winter and late snow yields have made it impossible for Warren Spring to open their terrain park at this point, but they are hopeful to have it open in the coming weeks.

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Freestyling into the season
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"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," Middling said.

Workouts have been vigorous preparing for the spring.

"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 me more ceaseless and team-like," sophomore Zach Bakolt said.

This spring 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 Mac- guid, who noted that all of the professionals in this sport workout just like any other professional athlete.

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Listed at 6’10”, 230 lbs, redshirt sopho-
more Joel Vander Pol brings to the table a
to py perspective for what is widely consid-
ered an underdog Liberty Flames men’s bac-
sketball team.

Vander Pol graduated from Evangelical
Christian High School in Elkhart, Ind., where
he averaged 25 points and 15 rebounds per
game. He was named to the all-state, all-acade-
ic, and all-district honors, while being nominated for Florida’s Mr.
Florida basketball team.

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

In 2010, a thinner, unpolluted Vander Pol graced Liberty University with
high hopes but no idea what to expect. One
time that he was surprised was to
his coach was the man who recruit-
ed him, Dave Looney, rather than Rich
McKay, who left the university prior to
the season, choosing an assistant coaching
job at the University of Virginia.

When given a choice by the Flames’
new head coach, Looney, Vander Pol deci-
ded to redshirt his freshman year in order
to take the time to adjust to the transition
between high school and college basket-
ball.

“The main difference for me transition-
ing was the speed of the game and the
fast breaks that are just a lot faster,”
Vander Pol said. “On my official visit
here, we played pickup and that’s when I
realized the difference in the speed of the
game.”

At a redshirt freshman in 2010, Vander
Pol, with an additional 13 months of mus-
cle, appeared in 31 games, starting in 16
of them. The young player averaged 6.1
points and 3.2 rebounds per game, finish-
ing fourth on the team in blocks with 21.

“When Coach Looney does is coach
players’ strengths,” Vander Pol said. “He’ll
tell you what a player can do well, and
he will try to coach them to make that a
strength.”

Coming into his third season, Vander
Pol said that his role would most likely
expand with the loss of John Bouzous and
Scotty Ogilvie, two players who spent
much of their respective games on the
block.

“With the loss of Sammmy and John
Brown, we lost a lot of consistent rebound-

ing,” Vander Pol said. “Brown covered up
a lot of mistakes that our team made, and
we didn’t realize how much we’d be
missing until we lost him.”

Vander Pol has appeared in 17 games so
far, averaging 4.9 points and 3.5 re-
bounds per game.

“I don’t know if there’s another team in
the league that works as hard as we do,”
Vander Pol said. “We try to outwork our
opposition in every way we can.”

With 11 games to go before the team
heads into the Big South tournament, the
Flames will look to improve on a disap-
pointing season.

“I really like the way the team is playing
head-to-head this season because we’re
working really well together,” Vander
Pol said. “We’re going to try everything
we can to continue consistency, plus I think
we can give a strong team a big surprise in
the tournament.”

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Exploring the Hill City

Students get studio experience

Students from the Liberty's Center for Worship became the choir for an upcoming network presentation.

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Students who participated in the recording, which was originally released in 1989, said it was really great to work with the producers, said.

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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 LUSer may be the perfect option.

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

“Our goal is to motivate the community for weight loss,” Cook said in reference to the 2012 campaign. LaHaye LUSer is modeled after the popular reality television series “The Biggest Loser,” which places participants in an environment for optimal weight loss success. The program, made specifically to cater to the needs of Liberty students, is an eight-week fitness regimen that will include access to some of LaHaye’s carefully designed fitness resources. Students are required to commit on their own without the assistance of the staff three weeks before their final weight-ins.

Cook explained that the competition is a very motivational sport, and is now overseen by LaHaye’s Associate Director of Fitness John Yeoman. He echoed Yeoman’s comments on the difficulty of the program, and is now taking registrations from students who have radically changed lifestyles and are now losing weight, but to make lifestyle changes that will impact every area of their lives.

Jan. 27. The cost to apply is $5. The competition begins Feb. 11 and will end April 20. For more information, contact the Liberty Student Union at 992-5148. BASS is a feature reporter.

LaHaye hosts losing competition

Student Activities prepares for upcoming Arctic 5k

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If your idea of an enjoyable Saturday morning includes freezing temperatures, steep hills and an increased heart rate, then look no further than Student Activities’ Arctic 5k Trail Race, which begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 28, 2012, at the Liberty Mountain Snowflex Center.

The tagline for the race is “Ice, Sweat & Tears,” and is now overseen by Student Activities’ Arctic 5k. Students attempt to sweat off unhealthy lifestyles for Lahaye LUSer weightless competition

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The Pirates of Penzance," Director Dr. Wayne Kempfeller said. "The reason I picked this title is because it is my favorite Gilbert & Sullivan show, and a parody that keeps people laughing long after they've left the theater. Kempfeller started Opera Workshop in 1985 and has been directing ever since.

"I created the workshop because when I came to Liberty University, I saw these fine singers who weren't getting the experience of melding music and drama with directors and designers," Kempfeller said.

Jennifer Potter, wife of director Chris Potter, said that the show had challenges that were quite unique and different from what he is normally used to dealing with. "Probably the hardest thing about pulling this off was learning to not just sing opera, but sing it like a pirate. It took a lot of vocal practice, but it was really fun and I learned a lot," Potter said.

Senior Andrew Struhar played Frederic, the pirate who is not born but born to his crew and later for the Mayor General's daughter, Mabel, played by senior Joshua Hood, said. "I think my character is the Major General, yet he enjoyed being able to gain experience portraying a character with such a crazy personality.

"One of the best things about this production has been the rehearsal and how much the cast has laughed," Hood said. "This certainly is one of the most fun casts to be around — even the lighting crew has fun. Kempfeller agrees that there is no "drama" in the drama. The best thing about all this has been the laughs. They are such a great group and all get along so well and are humble. They work together and stay close to it in the tightest moments," Kempfeller said.

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