By Dominique McKay

By Daniel Martinez

By Matthew Coleman

The Red Cross collected more than 80 units of blood last Friday during a blood drive held at the TikTok Indoor Track Center. Students and faculty lined up for the chance to make their donations. "I have been a plasma donor before," said junior Dominique McKay, "but this was my first time donating blood. I was a little nervous at first, but once I got over that initial fear, it was a breeze."

The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that provides vital services to individuals affected by unexpected disasters or emergencies. They rely on community blood drives to maintain a safe and adequate blood supply. Participating in a blood drive is an important way to support those in need and help save lives.

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The nigh of prayer was held in front of the prayer chapel and began at 11 p.m. on Friday night and ended at 3 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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The Red Cross called many not only those of the volunteers were not. "Every single employee was instrumental in ensuring that the volunteers were never placed in any dangerous situations."

Liberty is a partner of the Red Cross' collection and is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all blood donors. "We are grateful for the dedication of our students and faculty who gave their time and efforts to make this drive a success," said Dr. Brett McMillin, director of Student Development.

The Red Cross thanks everyone who participated in the blood drive and encourages all eligible donors to continue giving. Together, we can make a difference.

See ECONOMY A3
Larger variety of activities and clubs make Liberty more entertaining

Amanda Baker
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Tuition will no longer be an option at Liberty University.

Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. unveiled the new "Ultimate LU" campaign during the semester's first convocation last Wednesday morning, which united all the different activities that will be made available to Liberty students in the near future. The goal of this campaign is to establish a better sense of community between resident and commuter students, as well as offer outdoor alternatives to playing "Halo 2."

"We want Liberty to be known for the great, wholesome fun and well-rounded experience that helps students to grow spiritually and academically. We do not believe it is necessary for Christians to compromise their values to enjoy life," Falwell Jr. said on www.lufinance.com, the campaign's Web site.

New activities and facilities that will be made available in the near future include:

- Monorail tracks
- Snowboard hill
- New tennis complex
- New basketball court
- New soccer field
- 3-D archery range
- Snowtubing on Liberty Mountain
- Horseback riding
- First time for skate at Ice Falls Ice Center
- Indoor access complex
- Additional-off-campus trips
- New Student Union
- Concerts

Sports are dramatically affected by the campaign. In addition to club sports being expanded to accommodate new venues, including a soccer club, basketball, ultimate frisbee, synchronized skating teams, trike, golf, softball and volleyball, and squash and field hockey, the new Men's and Women's NPC sports were also added: lacrosse, swimming and equestrian competition.

Another major benefit is the Liberty University Snowflex Center. According to ultimateru.com, "Snowflex is a multifaceted, synthetic material that simulates the offers of snow, allowing maximum speed and edge control no matter the snow conditions. With the help of small metal edges, Snowflex stays maple, giving it the glide and grip of real snow. Snowflex's extra padding and support enhance the most extreme maneuvers and stunts, catapulting it to the ultimate alternative."

Snowflex allows snowboarders and skiers of all ages and skill levels to participate, and tubing will also be offered.

Brian Thomas, the owner of Snowflex, visited Liberty last week to help overtake the project. He said that this is the first Snowflex to be constructed in the United States, and that he has a couple other locations in mind for future American Snowflexes. Thomas, who works for Britton Engineering, has worked in the ski industry since 1995 and conceived the idea for a snow-free slopes in the early 1990s.

Thomas wanted to maintain skiing in the area but did not want to endure the pain of flat tops.

"I thought, 'I've got to solve the problem, or make it raining doing something else,'" Thomas said.

"The slope is anticipated to open for business early January 2005. While construction continues this fall, the Discovery Channel will film a few parts of it on show on an upcoming remaking of "Daily Planet."

With all of the new things that are taking place on campus, everyone can find something, Thomas said.

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Bloodmobile - Students of all different blood types donated over 80 units of blood in a life-saving effort held Friday on North Campus.

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The need for blood is inevitable — it is necessary for hospitals to continuously refill their stocks in order to meet the needs of the population.

"The reason we hold blood drives is to make sure blood is available for hospital patients," said David Smith, director of donor resources for the Red Cross. Blood cannot be manufactured and therefore must be donated from volunteers. "It saves lives," Dr. Lee Wolder said. "The only way someone can receive blood is by another person donating it. Donors save lives. Whether it goes to a car crash victim in an emergency situation or a cancer patient who needs his platelet count replenished, each unit donated goes to help someone in need."

While the blood drive held Friday was considered a success, it was relatively small compared to the drive that will be held Sept. 29 at DeMoss Hall. Sponsors for the three-day drive start Sept. 29 at DeMoss Hall. Sponsors for the three-day drive start Sept. 29 at DeMoss Hall, and walk-ins will be accepted along with appointments.

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Assault on Liberty Mountain
Participants gear up for a grueling physical test on Liberty’s new bike trail system

By Joshua Swanson
Newspaper

The Virginia DeRailer Series and Liberty’s Ultimate U will be hosting Assault on Liberty Mountain, a mountain bike race, on Sept. 20. The symbolic race will begin at 11 a.m. at Camp Hydaway. Students can register to participate in the race by going to the Virginia DeRailer Series’ website, www.vaudealerseries.com. Each participant in the race must bring his or her own bike and helmet. Directions to Camp Hydaway can be found on the Web site.

The race course will consist of climbs, turns and technical descents, big corn and a "skinny" bridge. Categories for the race will be broken down into expert, sport and novice. The expert and sport categories will race on the symbolic course and the novices will race on an eight to 10-mile course.

Groups will be divided by gender and age — 11 to 13, 14 to 16 and 16 and over. Cash prizes and trophies will be given to the first place finishers in each category, while second and third place finishers will receive plaques.

Last Labor Day, the trail manager said, "We got so much time and effort cut into the track and then we realized there was a big change in it that people enjoyed riding on the tracks. We hired a director of DeRailer Series and we wanted to let the public know that the materials being used are very expensive, but they go out and do some hiking and biking." Larson said that if the event is a success, it might draw international riders and more professionals to future bike events at Liberty.

Students will be given the opportunity to get Christian service hours for the race. They can do this by going to intersections on the course and praying there to cheer on the competitors. They will also be encouraged to make sure the area is free of trash and report any injuries. Jeremiah Bishop and Chris Eatough, two professional racers, will be competing in the Assault on Liberty Mountain.

The filmmakers of the bike-racing movie "MAX VO2 - The Potential Inside," are planning to film part of their movie during the Assault on Liberty Mountain. Information for students who are interested in being extras is being entered in the movie at Peaks View Park on Sept. 19 and at the race on Sept. 20. The filmmakers will be announcing Friday, Sept. 9 during convocation. Additional footage for the movie may be filmed on Sept. 11, if necessary.

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine and Starbucks will be sponsoring the race. Sandwich will be serving coffee at 8 a.m., and Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine will be passing out water bottles. There will also be a chance to win a Rocky and other prizes.

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"I liked that it was at the prayer chapel lawn this year," said Lynn Kuhns, senior and a prayer leader on campus. "People were able to spend more time and stand within larger groups with their (other) dorms and brother dorms."

Many of the participants went with their halls as each hall was assigned a specific time slot. Other people came and prayed on their own.

I want to be strategic but not restrictive," said Carson. "We invite our students to come when they want and leave when they want to."

"Just walking up to the area was really moving to me — to see so many people all praying and praising God and knowing that God was able to listen to all of our prayers at the same time," Kuhns said. "It was cool to see so many people all praying for one another, the school and the year ahead."

At this year’s event, each of the 36 Resident Directors was assigned a specific topic to pray about in their corners.

"We have been working to give what we call prayer prompts," Carson said. "Twenty-six different things that cause students to say, ‘You know what, I need to pray for this.’ It could be for missions, missionaries, professors or family members."

Other prayer prompts included hometown churches, men and women of integrity and Jerry Falwell Jr. and his family.

"The station that stood out the most to me was the station to pray for the members of our Armed Forces, and especially the students at Liberty in the ROTC program," said Amber Kostura, a junior and Resident Assistant in East 1-3&4. "There were members of the ROTC that took shifts and stood by that station all night long.

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A Few Points on Palin

Marital Status: Married August 29, 1988 to Todd Palin (a Yup'ik Eskimo from Alaska)

Education: Graduated from the University of Idaho in 1987 (Journalism)

Worldview: A pro-life Christian who opposes abortion and same-sex marriage, and believes in limited government, albeit on a smaller scale.

Hobbies: Moose hunting, ice fishing, hiking, moose stew, skiing, running.

Favorite Food: Moose burgers and moose stew.

Politics: Palin is a Republican who supports conservative policies and has a pro-business outlook.

Career: Palin began her political career as a member of the Alaska House of Representatives and later served as the state's first female governor. She was also mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, and a member of the U.S. Senate.

The Landscape is Littered with the Bodies of those who Crossed Sarah.

This week, I write from Eden Prairie, Minn., a suburb of St. Paul-Minneapolis, where the Republican National Convention kicked off on Monday night. Of course the big news about the GOP's selection of Sarah Palin as their running mate was the pressure Cook's Political Report had predicted. It was the stuff of Al-Qaeda leaders'dreams.

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With the concern remains that Palin will not be able to stand up to Obama's running mate, Sea. Joe Biden of Delaware. Biden was hailed, in a recent article by The Sunday Times, as a "political attack dog." This notion leads some to believe that she will remain invisible in political circles on and around any candidate who shows the slightest signs of weakness. This offensive mentality of Biden is one that seems to resonate throughout the Obama camp. Following the official announcement of Palin as McCain's running mate, historic value of Palin being on the McCain ticket, Obama issued a new statement to counter his first, "It is yet another encouraging sign that old barriers are falling in politics. While we obviously have differences over how to best to lead this country forward, Gov. Palin is an admirable person and will add a compelling new voice to the campaign." Despite the fact that Obama went on to reveal his campaign's statements, it is a sign of the political AIDS to come.

However, Palin has made a name for herself in Alaska as a standing up against such tactics. A Web article by the Weekly Standard notes the "body count" of those who have opposed Palin. The article goes on to quote Dave Dittman, who worked with Palin during her campaign for governor of Alaska, "The landscape is littered with the bodies of those who crossed Sarah." Another plume in Palin's cap is that fact that she is in favor of drilling oil in Alaska. This fact alone will not only win over the voters of conservative voters, but also of those who are tired of paying extra at the pump-fight is everyone, in case you were wondering. The Weekly Standard quotes her as saying, "I am financed from folks from outside Alaska who come up and say you shouldn't be drilling your resources."

Due to Palin's coming with conservative does not end there. According to the official State of Alaska Web site, state of alaska, she is a lifetime member of the Republican Party and everyone knows that Republicans love their guns. With this said, the McCain and Palin tickets are on the hunt and taking aim at the Democratic Party, and as previously stated – Palin's got em.

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John McCain's Gambit: Palin as V.P. Nominee

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Now that does not imply that the levees are meant to last for 100 years, it is more of a standard of protection. In reality, it means that every rebuild home in New Orleans has a 26 percent chance of being flooded again. Every child born in New Orleans has no better chance of experiencing a major storm, as bad as Katrina, during his lifetime. Katrina was the second most deadly hurricane in U.S. history, claiming 1,600 lives.

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Sadly, this is not the first time. New Orleans is experiencing just as little right to take their spot as someone else did. One follows the new rules, then more parking spots will be available in every lot. So you didn't buy a premium sticker. Well, someone did and you have discovered nothing but an oil-slick where your '89 Ford Escort was just an hour ago. Why? Because if every­

free Film

As the economy continues to plummet and you spend your weekends searching for pawns to buy the waltz continues operating some time around your boundaries. Student Activities is proving the documentary film “Invisible Children” in DH 1113/1114 on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The film documents the brutal war that has torn Uganda apart over the last two decades. Free, please.

Gators, Gustav, and the Gulf — oh my!

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#### Volleyball off to 3-0 start after VCU Invitational

By Brittany Watson  
SPORTS BRIEFS

The Lady Flames volleyball team started their season off strong with a 3-0 sweep of the Florida Gulf Coast University Cougars to open up the season. The Lady Flames scored 15 kills in the first set, but ended up with 25 kills in the final set against the Cougars. The team capped off the VCU Invitational Saturday afternoon with a 3-0 win over VCU. Corbin had 32 assists, six kills, eight digs and four aces in the match.}

When asked about the victory for the Lady Flames, McCarty said that she felt this was "a great start to VCU" and was "happy with the way the whole team played."

#### Red Hot Reminder

When asked about the overall weekend, Chelaine McCarty said, "The atmosphere was great on the bench, everyone was into it."
Flames open season with 3-1 win over Bluefield

By Chris Wong

A brilliant first-half performance from freshman Darren Amoo, plus a strong overall team effort, led the Flames to victory as they scored all three goals for his first hat trick of the season. Amoo kicked off the scoring in the eighteenth minute, as he sent a Flame past Rams goalie Paul Gilbert for the Rams' only goal of the game. After Pozzani's penalty kick, he made a couple more drives to Liberty's goal but came up empty handed as the Flames defense took over and stopped any chances Bluefield had at pulling even.

With the second half underway, the Flames poured it on as midfielder Josh Boateng fed Amoo for his second goal of the night in the fifty-first minute. Liberty virtually kept the ball on Bluefield's side of the field for the remainder of the game, limiting them to two shots, which created a lot of chances (for the offense). Amoo took on his third goal of the afternoon with just six seconds remaining in the game, sending a shot past Rams goalkeeper Jeff Field to put the Flames ahead 3-1.

Getting into the action in the first period, Amoo kicked off the scoring with a penalty kick for Bluefield. Bluefield's Eric Pozzani was able to take out Flames goalie Paul Gilbert for the Rams' lone goal of the game. After Pozzani's penalty kick, he made a couple more drives to Liberty's goal but came up empty handed as the Flames defense took over and stopped any chances Bluefield had at pulling even.

Head Coach Jeff Alder was very pleased with his team's performance, particularly in the second half.

"Our guys responded and we had a lot of chances (for the offense)." Amoo took on his third goal of the afternoon with just six seconds remaining in the game, sending a shot past Rams goalkeeper Jeff Field to put the Flames ahead 3-1. "We were very confident in getting the win. We have been working all season long, and we hope it carries on to the next game," said Amoo.

Coach Alder had nothing but good words for his young players following the contest.

"Last year we had nine seniors, a lot of veteran guys who had been through big games, and we all knew this year was going to be a learning experience. But I'm proud of these guys, because under adverse circumstances they were able to dig in and over the half a little bit quicker than the game progressed," Alder said. "We were able to create some great chances, and we got a great mixture of old guys and young guys." Despite such a young roster, the Flames were picked to finish second in the Big South Conference this season. Coming off a championship as the team to knock off Winthrop in the Big South Conference last season, the Flames have put together an excellent start to the season, and Alder knows that his team has a target on its back.

"From day one, we have known that everybody looks at the defending champions as the team to knock off. Whenever you are coming off a championship year, regardless of how many players are returning, everybody is going. 'We need to knock those guys off,'" Alder told LibertyFlames.com. "That will hold up. It's going to be a great season as they play host to Campbell in the Liberty soccer field. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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"Last year we had nine seniors, a lot of veteran guys who had been through big games, and we all knew this year was going to be a learning experience. But I'm proud of these guys, because under adverse circumstances they were able to dig in and over the half a little bit quicker than the game progressed," Alder said. "We were able to create some great chances, and we got a great mixture of old guys and young guys." Despite such a young roster, the Flames were picked to finish second in the Big South Conference this season. Coming off a championship as the team to knock off Winthrop in the Big South Conference last season, the Flames have put together an excellent start to the season, and Alder knows that his team has a target on its back.

"From day one, we have known that everybody looks at the defending champions as the team to knock off. Whenever you are coming off a championship year, regardless of how many players are returning, everybody is going. 'We need to knock those guys off,'" Alder told LibertyFlakes.com. "That will hold up. It's going to be a great season as they play host to Campbell in the Liberty soccer field. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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Soccer Coach Jessica Celi

By Giselle Colbert
SPORTS REPORTER

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One year later women’s soccer head

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In a game that was completely dominated on both ends of the ball, the Lady Flames women's soccer team fell to the No. 7 ranked University of Virginia Cavaliers by a score of 5-0 on Friday night as they continue to look for the first win of the season.

The Cavaliers put on an offensive and defensive display that showed exactly why they are the No. 7 ranked team in the country.

Senior Brittany Tyson said, "UVa. is a great soccer team. Most of the girls on their team play or have played on the national level, it's a lot of hard work playing them but it's a great learning experience and definitely helps to prepare us for our season."

The Cavaliers found the back of the net for an early goal in the opening minutes of this match. Caitlin Miskel found herself dribbling to an opening and firing a shot, which landed just inside of the far post for her first goal of the season. The Lady Flames were able to get a shot off in the first half but it sailed high. This would be the only chance they had all game. Lady Flames goalkeeper Karen Blocker tallied up six of her 10 saves in the first half.

The second half of the game was no different than the first half. The Cavaliers kept control of the game in the second half and offered up three shots in the early minutes. Blocker was able to save two, and one ricocheted off the crossbar, keeping the score at 1-0.

The Cavaliers found the net again in the 62nd minute from a cross that was played into the box by Lauren Alwine and was completed by a header from Lenczyk, marking her first goal of the year.

Lenczyk would strike again less than a minute later for her second goal of the year. This came about when Colleen Flanagan played a clever lob pass over the top of Liberty defense. The pass put Lenczyk on a breakaway, where she was able to surprise Blocker on a one-on-one situation for her second goal of the contest.

At the 77th minute, Lenczyk completed the hat trick as she found herself at the right place at the right time, following up a saved header by tapping in the rebound and giving the Cavaliers a healthy, 4-0 lead with just over 12 minutes to play.

The game ended 5-0 as the Cavaliers managed 38 shots on goal to Liberty's one. They also held a corner kick advantage of 3-1. Goalie Celeste Miles was awarded her second clean sheet of the season while Blocker completed a busy day in the net with 10 saves.

The Lady Flames will continue to pursue their first win of the 2008 season when they pay a visit to Old Dominion on Friday for a non-conference match up. Game time is set for 7 p.m.
Learning leaders offer help to freshmen learning community

By Amanda Sullivan

The Liberty University University Student Government (SGA) has been flooded with freshmen who may not fully comprehend the importance of college. For many college freshmen, this is the first year away from home and they may not know how to make new friends or have fun. While having fun is part of the college experience, too much fun is not conducive to learning. Many freshmen may not be ready to adjust to the new lifestyle of college.

The new freshmen Learning Community (FLC) was developed by the Center for Academic Support and Advising Services (CASS). The program is designed to help freshmen make the transition from the simplicity of high school classes to the more trying college classes.

"The program is meant to help new students develop the confidence and confidence-building skills that bring students into their academic lives," said Jose Mercado, the FLC director. "The goal of the freshmen learning community is to help students acquire the knowledge for success, allow for convenient block scheduling and create a learning leader program to train a leader." The FLC program is a relatively new endeavor, therefore the program is only for the major majors, perhaps majors and those undecided as to what they want to study.

"If the program is successful in helping students to get connected with Liberty and gain the tools they need for academic success, we would like to continue to expand the program to include other majors," Mercado said.

In order for the FLC to be a success, opportunities are needed to help guide freshmen. The volunteers are referred to as learning leaders. The concept of being a learning leader may hold more of a positive punch than one might imagine.

"The benefits of being a learning leader will be building leadership skills (shaping and strengthening the next generation of campus ministry leaders)," Mercado said. "Ministry to students and those seeking leadership positions are also benefits.

Students may also be using the learning leader program to gain Christian Service (CSER) credit.

The position of learning leader may not completely glorify the role. According to Liberty, learning leaders are required to meet weekly, conduct weekly homework, inform students on Christian Ministry in the hoe through CSETI president via e-mail and learn personal and public discourse

The learning leader program is entering its second semester. Thirty students are participating in the program, which is roughly 1 percent of the student body. This "Will not just benefit SGA, but students, SGA hopes to include a "House of Representatives" in the future." SGA is the sole voice of the students to the administration. This has not been the case in the past. According to Misiano, there will be no artistic process. Any band that has a sound system decent enough to perform and a appropriate form will be allowed to perform.

"We will also like to see a building with a building as your venue that can be built for performing purposes," Misiano said.

Chandler would also like to encourage the generation to see this as an open space for students and perhaps an opportunity for students to perform. Unsung will not only be musical performances. Student will be welcome to showcase their poetry and theatrical talents at the opera house.

Lauren Mason, a senior on 572, is very excited about the new Student Union. "The Student Union will be a great place for students to just hang out and get some great entertainment," Mason said. "This students have a need like this campus for a while, and look forward to attending many of the various events that would be offered here in the coming year."

"I think this is an awesome opportunity. It is a place where musicians can come in and showcase their talents. Also, many more different artists will be able to showcase their talents. It is a place where musicians can come in and showcase their talents. I think this is an awesome opportunity. It is a place where musicians can come in and showcase their talents. Music by Chris Tomlin or John Mayer."

Todd Ruley is a campus artist who plays a mix of acoustic and folk-style Christian music. Ruley has previously performed for a Campus Student Association of SGA as well as a pergola gathering party. "I think this is a great opportunity. It is a place where musicians can come in and showcase their talents. Music by Chris Tomlin or John Mayer."

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Making a difference — Schoffstells lend a hand to Special Olympics program

By Danielle Talbert

Liberty is committed to the Special Olympics. Many faculty have taken on responsibilities, such as spearheading a fundraiser, in order to support the cause.

The Special Olympics was started in Chicago in 1968 by Anne Burke, with the help of her brother, Eunice Shriver. Anne was asked by her brother to hire a coordinator, and Burke, a registered nurse, took on the role.

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