Parking responses
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According to Martin, on-campus students have to walk a maximum of 20 minutes to reach their newly relocated vehicles.

"We're pulling commuters in the lot behind DeMoss, and we do appreciate the way they have responded to that change," Martin said.

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More changes bring new look to Liberty's campus
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Construction on Liberty University's campus continues as the administration makes plans to demolish the buildings located behind DeMoss. According to Liberty's Director of Planning and Construction Charles Schilling, the university is looking to relocate the offices and classrooms currently residing in the SLAB and Shilling to the completed fourth floor of DeMoss by March 1.

"The purpose of what we are trying to do is to relocate people who are currently in buildings such as the SLAB or DeMoss to make room for the construction of the new library," Spence said.

According to Spence, the demolition project is projected to be completed as soon as all departments have been transitioned out of their current locations.

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Karl Rove discusses 2012 presidential race

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Former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senate Advisor to President W. Bush Real Real spoke at Randolph College Jan. 30 about President Barack Obama, the upcoming election and his years of experience in politics.

Nicholas L. "The Archivist," for his role in designing both of Bush's presidential campaigns, Rove said the current Republican primaries have been "wild" with six lead candidates by four different parties.

"Part of the reason this has been so exciting is that it is about 7-1/2 years past the last election," he said a crowd Monday night. "Let's keep people interested in the contest, I mean, think about it—nearly 2.8 million people saw the debate last Monday."

Rove compared Obama to former President Jimmy Carter and discussed the possibility of a similar outcome in the presidency. According to Rove, Obama will try to frame his administration as a creator of jobs, energy independence and strong foreign policy with the end of the war in Iraq and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Healthcare is one of Obama’s main weaknesses, Rove said. The president is the first Democrat in the 73 years of Gallup polling to have a negative rating on healthcare.

"The problem is it isn’t very popular," Rove said. "If in fact any of you have the idea of getting a PhD in political science, here’s your clue, the Healthcare Law is the first piece of major legislation to become less popular after it passed."

Other significant concerns for the president are unemployment, spending and scandals like Solyndra and the recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) report of tax fraud by White House aides, according to Rove. The IRS report revealed that 16 members of Obama’s staff owe a collective $18,000 in back taxes, he said.

"In fairness, the president ought to take each one of them in and ask, 'Are you gonna pay your taxes?" Rove said. Rove cautioned attendees to respond to the president, however, and careful of the way they portray him. "The most powerful sediment to use against someone is their own words, and this guy has plenty to use against him," Rove said.

The election will be a battle for both parties, but Rove pointed out that the 2010 census rearranged some of the electoral votes. Some votes from states that have traditionally supported Democratic candidates have since been reallocated to typically Republican states.

Rove expects several states that the president won in 2012 to change sides as well. "Be in hard shape in Nebraska," Rove said. "Just trust me—he’s gonna win it again."

Regardless of the challenges facing the president in 2012, Rove is calling for an "all-out" battle to win.

"It’s gonna be a freak of an election to watch because it’s very much up for grabs," he said. ADAMS is the assistant news editor.

VA task force to assist local governments

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Lack of student interest has caused the Vines Center food court to officially shut down, according to Liberty University Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr.

According to Lee Beaumont, director of auxiliary services at Liberty, the college began losing money after Former's Food Court vendors initially moved over to the Vines Center last year. The amount of revenue the operation was making dropped significantly, Beaumont said.

"It's no different than anything else. You want things to stand on their own operationally. The students just aren't utilizing it," Beaumont said.

Student workers at the Vines Center food courts also said that area was not receiving as much traffic as Former's Food Court had.

"As Vines, we had our little rushes in between classes and after classes, but we did wonder near as much business as at Former's or the hangout," student worker and former student William Whitehead said.

Sodexo, Liberty's dining services provider, said that the administration wants to see that they can in order to make the quality and quantity of food options on campus satisfactory for students, Beaumont said.

To replace the loss of this food court, more dining services will be added around campus in the following years, Beaumont said. After seeing the success of the Tilley Student Center food operations, the administration decided to place more food options in this location. Over the summer, the Tilley will undergo construction to host a new Chick-fil-A.

"We thought it would be best to do it over summer so we don't displace people," Beaumont said.

In order to put the Chick-fil-A in the Tilley, the reserve office training corps (ROTC) offices and some Student Activities space will have to be relocated. ROTC will be placed in the current spinning room across from Liberty's postal services in Green Hall, Beaumont said.

"It's like dominoes wherever you do this. You have to construct new areas so you can move the people in the existing areas out," Beaumont said.

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Liberty has changed since the 1970s, Beaumont said. "The new policy, taking effect only three years ago, was a change from what college used to have, according to Executive Vice President of Liberty University Neal Askew. Before the second chance policy was put into effect by the Office of Student Conduct, Falwell said, there was no way to weed through all of the students and determine which ones deserved forgiveness."

"The process involved about Chapman's return to Liberty football, according to Falwell, came from Liberty alumni and former Liberty student who were kicked out of the school for what they believed to be a "loser" offense."

"Times have changed, and it needed to change. That's why you have to appreciate the Chancellor and the Office of Student Conduct realizing that and then making that change. I think that's a huge signpost to what our Christian mission is," Askew said.

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"When any of us get in trouble, what do we want? We're not looking for justice. I don't want justice. I'm looking for mercy," Falwell said. "And I'd say, 'yes we'll go out the door and we'll call it out,'" Hine said.

According to Falwell, the problem with the old policy was that students who gained an audience with the right administration would receive a second chance punishment. The new policy treats everyone the same. Everyone gets a second chance if their record is clean, Falwell said.

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Romney: The saltine candidate

As GOP candidates drop left and right, voters are left with a handful of unappealing options to choose between

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For Rowling, the heat and snow served only to sharpen her focus on what is truly important.

In Matthews' 1930s, Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

In Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, "If anyone wants to come with me, let him disown himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

In Chapter 6 of Matthew, Jesus said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
Costa Cruises evades responsibility

After the Concordia capsized, the ship's captain is under fire for abandoning the ship and its passengers

Jason Bailey

As the imminence loomed of the Titanic approaching, the death of another cruise liner caused hundreds of similar tragedy. On Jan. 13, the Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan Island of Giglio and capsized, claiming the lives of 11 passengers, but dozens are still unaccounted for.

In an effort to avoid imminent lawsuits, Costa Cruises has offered survivors of the capsized vessel 30 percent discounts on future cruises with the company.

This attempt to appease is hardly enticing and draws the implication that Costa Cruises is shirking personal responsibility. It is also a disrespectful gesture to the public, particularly the families who lost loved ones during the Concordia's voyage.

"Many cruise lines are required to conduct a drill prior to departure. I experienced this drill during my cruise with Costa Cruises. They teach you how to evacuate the liner in the even of an emergency," Retired Army Officer George Bailey said.

Bailey had previously traveled with Costa Cruises once and his experience had been excellent.

"I sailed with Costa Cruises in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Sea," Bailey said. "It was without question one of the better cruises me and my wife have had."

There are hundreds of others who disagree, and the ship's captain didn't help Costa Cruises' image while the chaos of the event occurred. Captain Francesco Schettino reportedly jumped ship, leaving the passengers and crew in the liner was sinking and escaped in a life raft, according to ABC News.

"He is definitely in serious trouble," Bailey said. "I would fully expect some sort of felony charge pending against him, and wouldn't be surprised if manslaughter mandatorily is in the works."

Regarding the captain's actions, Knopp admitted that she sympathized with the deceased and the families who lost loved ones and understood the rage they must be experiencing toward him and the company.

"I think the captain needs to take responsibility for what he did. He was in charge of the ship. I wouldn't want him captain of a future cruise I was on. He should be fired or have his license revoked. When you are responsible for the lives of so many people and you abandon them like that, it's not right. He should be cited for negligence and discharged."

And while the Costa Cruises has now upped its compensation deal to a less-than-impressive $5,000 with an additional reimbursement for the cost of cruise tickets, the company still has a hard time ahead of it. It now faces an exhausting battle to redeem its reputation.

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**Expansions in Aeronautics**

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*Liberty University's School of Aeronautics*

Liberty University's School of Aeronautics is also offering unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) training and has significantly expanded both its aviation maintenance and flight attendant programs. The school anticipates an "explosion" of job opportunities in the next few years.

The Federal Aviation Administration has expanded testing for unmanned and manned aircraft that flies both manned and unmanned aircraft can fly, according to Rogers, and their results are expected within two years, according to Allen Davis in the Daily News.

"That technology will increase, and then once the FAA approves it, industry experts are expecting a real explosion in that area," said Rogers.

According to Rogers, there are a number of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) training and has significantly expanded both its aviation maintenance and flight attendant programs.

The program can be taken as an elective, with seven advanced aviation academics to finish their degree in the future, according to Rogers.

"Also, some of the plans are to put a total of 700,000 feet once selected pilots to replace the need for cell phone towers," said Rogers. "It will put us at the forefront of air traffic control and some will steal our jobs, too." New programs for unmanned aircraft system (UAS) programs.

To obtain the required hours, many companies require pilots to have at least 1,000 hours — much more than the amount required for a commercial license.

"I chose the Army so that I could serve my country for what happened on 9/11, and I chose the Air Force over the other branches because a helicopter could do it," Helmich said. "They set me up to succeed in whatever I do in the future."

"We are training to be an air defense anti-aircraft soldier," Helmich deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in September 2010 and returned to Liberty in April 2009.

"I'm glad we did it and we actually had a joint mission with the Air Force and the Navy called CRAM, 'Counter Rocket Artillery Mortar,'" he said. "Basically it's a rocket and sheet down all artillery sites out to bases with high tech targeting guns."

"Helicopters tracked rockets and mortar rounds, both to get the grid coordinates for the fire and artillery countercoordinates and to warn the base of incoming fire."

"One night we got hit with five 100mm rockets from about three miles south of base," he said. "I set up grid coordinates to the Air Force, and they detonated it necessary to drop two 500-pound bombs on the spot they were fired from. Saving the jet pilots drop them and leaving them off to the side weren't necessary.

""Helmich finished his service in the Army and went into Liberty in July 2010. When he returned to Liberty, following month, he said he was not sure God was leading him.

"My wife kept asking me what major I was going to choose. I didn't know," Helmich said. "So from my experience in the Army with going through Air Assault School and being around helicopters all the time in Iraq, I chose to pilot a helicopter. I jumped to the helicopter program and I never looked back."

"With the end of the helicopter program at Liberty, Helmich will have to transfer to a new flight school at the end of the semester to go for his commercial certification. He is disappointed about the decision, but he said he understood why the school had to do it."

"Helmich also studied History and his background — Director of Helicopter Flight Operations Dan Dahl and flight instructor Josh Tate — "for a good foundation" in his flight training.

"There will seem way too keep job to so other future helicopter pilots can learn in the same environment that so many other Christian pilots have learned," he said. "The School of Aeronautics had a choice to make and they made it. I'm not bitter about it, that's just the way it is for me."

"Because of the new change in place, Helmich expects a welcome change in the future. "I have been doing a lot of what I would like to do, but in the future I will be allowed to fly tours over the Grand Canyon," Helmich said. "And possibly join back in the Army to be a combat med flight pilot. Either way, I will be doing something that I love and will continue to enjoy my whole life."

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Health Services expand
New equipment makes diagnosing patients quicker

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Liberty University's health service newly acquired a portable Gaia Medical Groov beneath a major scheduling change Jan. 11. Health services, located in Green Hall, now accept walk-ins. In addition to offering regular appointments, such as medical record services, have been added to accommodate this change.

"Just as Liberty is growing, U.H. Lee services has grown too," office manager Paula Conway said. 

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BLOOD DRIVE Community members partake in the campus-wide blood drive.

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A blood drive was held Wednesday Jan. 25, in the back hall of the Mcc-Combs Student Union Library from 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Virginia Blood Services and the College of General Studies.

"During the winter months regular blood donors go down due to illness and holidays. There is usually a greater amount of traffic accidents and patients dependent on blood transfusion need blood," Spradlin said.

"I hope Liberty is our largest college group ever," Taylor said. Liberty is one of the Virginia Blood Services, typically upper-20s. the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross serves the needs of hospital nation wide, where Virginia Blood Services impacts the community directly.

What advice can veterans of blood donation give to those considering donating blood?" Spradlin said.

"Don't be nervous and make sure you eat." Spradlin said. "Don't go exercising extra like run a marathon, plan out what you are going to eat. Try to eat about two hours before you go in.

Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old with parental consent, weigh at least 100 pounds. Donating blood typically takes less than an hour, but every second counts in the blood drive. The statistics show that more than 46,000 pints of donated blood are needed by the Virginia Blood Services each day in order to provide for patients.

"At college students, we are in the prime of our lives, age wise - why not give blood when you're young," junior Timothy Hepburn said.

Hepburn has donated blood four times in his life and began donating during his junior year. "It went to someone before me, it's important for me to do service before something happens," Hepburn said.

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Math Emporium: A new way to learn math

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At Liberty University, students are learning math differently than ever before. This change is primarily attributed to both the students and the professors. It’s called the Math Emporium, a collaboration between the National Center for Academic transfer, whose role is to help students get into the Math Emporium’s notes and professors the moment help is needed. What is the Math Emporium? The Math Emporium is open 8 hours each week, but only requires a minimum of three hours a week. "Students are still required to meet in a classroom once a week, but only requires a minimum of three hours a week. Students now have the ability to manage their learning and reducing cost by using this remedial tool as well, such as reading more, improving their writing skills, and learning at an individual pace, while being cost effective," Coordinator and Developmental Math Assistant Professor Troy Dauksys said.

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CONSTRUCTION — The new baseball stadium will be located where David’s Place currently stands (left). Many roads are closed due to ongoing construction project (right).

Bonds to build
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Liberty University sold $100 million of bonds for financial construction projects across campus.

The university made its second initial public offering (IPO) in the past two years on Jan. 11. According to Church & Jerry Falwell Jr., financial advisors recommended that the university lower its interest rate to what it would be spending over the next 50 years for construction projects due to low interest rates.

These interest rates, Falwell said, will be locked in at 5.5 percent for the next 50 years.

“We are good business practice,” Falwell said.

For the first time, Liberty received a rating from Moody’s Investors Service with an A rating, meaning that the school has a strong likelihood to pay back what it owns. Standard & Poor’s raised the school’s AA, a very strong capacity to meet its financial obligations, Falwell said. Liberty credit rating rose to among the nation’s top 20 universities.

“That is quite amazing given that Liberty is only 40 years old,” Falwell said.

According to Falwell, Liberty only borrowed one third of the amount of money that it currently has on hand. The school, Falwell said, is on track to borrow $1 billion in net assets within a year or two.

CAESARS is the new entity chief.

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According to Falwell and Martino, students were not academically at risk, but by age, determining which on-campus lots were going to be released.

“We have been using an age-based release since 1997,” Martino said. “We had a lot of new veterans coming back from the Iraq war, so we had a lot of older students. That’s when the school made the change to look at that from an age standpoint.”

The administration offered younger students a chance to refresh their vehicles’ license plates.

“Students have responded positively to the initiative, but having incentives did not mean students were either getting parking or a ticket,” or a reward,” Martin said.

According to Falwell, younger students relocating their vehicles was a decision that was made and necessary for all students fitting the pre-existing standards.

With the change, more than 100 parking spaces have been converted into computer space.

The change has positively affected permits, Falwell’s Director of Planning and Construction, Chad Beaumont said.

“We really opened it up the availability of permits to be able to park,” Beaumont said.

Commerce decals were sold at an overall rate of 1.74 decals per parking spot last year, according to Falwell, which rivals the negative response of students who were unable to find parking during peak hours. However, this semester the overall rate was lowered to 1.2 decals per spot.

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However, there are still park lots that are not being used by students, even during the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. peak, according to Falwell.

“The parking lot behind the ice center is open for students, and I have never counted more than 15 cars,” Martin said.

According to Falwell, parking on campus for students who have paid the annual fee.

There is one major problem that the administration is looking for a solution to, that of students who are either not registering for classes or failing to register for classes during peak hours. However, this semester the overall rate was lowered to 1.2 decals per spot.

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Though the violation rate was down, the administration is still urging students to comply with campus parking procedures.

“Some students think this is a financial game,” Martin said.

“We have a very prominent student who was bringing on a new system that we are about six months away from buying a deal for his eight vehicles here. Well, when that one student had no parking on campus, he had to wait for the other students who have paid for a deal to be full-semester”. Falwell.

The administration is asking students to assist in making parking easier by notifying LIBPD when cars are continually seen out of compliance.

“Take your car tags, take a picture and send it to the LIBPD,” Falwell said.

Students need to understand that compliance is necessary because it is the only way to make parking work, Falwell said.

“We will have 10-15 percent of students out of compliance,” Liberty’s Executive Vice President Neal Askew said.

“We need students to help us locate the students who think they can drive the system.”

Students can email LIBPD@liberty.edu with pictures and locations description of illegal parked cars.

“Students will do this because cars that are parked illegally aren’t hurting anyone,” Falwell.

“They are the hurting the others,” Bollinger said.

BOLLINGER is the editor in chief.
JUMP START—Liberty men’s and women’s track and field dashed past challengers, winning nine events after hosting its open this past weekend.

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Coach Tolsma was proud of his teams’ overall performance on the indoor track this weekend. “We need to build on what we started. We have some people looking better, but we need to continue to keep getting better to continue to be a contending program in the conference and move on to the next level.”

So far, the Flames have been just that, finishing in second. Coach Tolsma believes this year’s squad has that prime position to shoot and attain the biggest prize.

“Last year, the biggest weakness was depth this year in that department. We need to get our top performers a little more options,” said Tolsma. “This is the equivalent of an individual and a conference we have to compete with, but it’s an opportunity to showcase more of us.”

The Flames field and track teams took care of business this weekend and are about three yards away from completing their first goal in sight, then I look for them to be successful and, ultimately, to make it to the NCAA championships, which teams compete in a regular season, which includes in Lakeland, Fla., and are scheduled for April 13-15.

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"A couple of us had trampolines when we were young, and we would pull the basketball hoop up next to it. So that was our training, I guess, when we were young," Fortenberry said.

Early in his "career," Fortenberry dunked over Jerry Falwell Sr. and last year, over Jerry Falwell Jr. and his wife, Becky.

SOAR Dunk is usually out performing at events away from Liberty, but also performs at halftime at Liberty basketball games when they're at home.

It just goes to show what can be done when athletics, creativity and ministry combine somewhere over a trampoline.

"This team allows us to get into public places where we think the message can go a long way where the team performs. "The team allows us to get into public schools where our other music teams typi- clearly don't go," Jackson said.

In the past, the team has traveled as far as Kentucky, Ohio and California. Normally, they try to do two or three work-ends per month, plus a fall break tour and either a January or March tour. "We're trying to raise the bar and get them out to even greater audiences," Jackson said.

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While No. 14 Charleston Southern joins the men's team to represent the Big South in regional rankings, the Lady Flames are the only Big South women's team sport- ing a regional ranking. The Flames hope to carry this early success into conference meets, only a month away.

However, to accomplish their goals, the Flames will need to stay healthy. "Our key performers, at 25 percent are not performing at their best because of injuries," Toloma said. "Normally we hope for that to be about 10 percent. We expect the rest of the team to pick up the slack, but that's why you run the race — to go out and see if we can still go and perform well in the conference and on the next level."

Alongside Agujuji, freshman Mychelle Camara and sophomore Paris Smith performed exceptionally well. Camaras where the team performs.

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The importance of training year around

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The football team has Williams Stadi-
um, the basketball team has the Vines Cen-
ter, the hockey team has the Harry Ice Center and the freestile skiing and snowboarding team has the Liberty Moun-
tain Snowflex Center.

Without any of these facilities it would be dif-
ficult or impossible for Liberty Uni-
versity to host these sports teams. The reason they are successful in sports is Lib-
erty's incredible sports facilities.

The opening of the Snowflex Cen-
ter gave it the opportunity for liberty to host its very own freestyle ski-
ning and snowboarding facility. The Snowflex
Center was the catalyst that made a team possible.

"It allows me to ride all the time, wheth-
er it's hot or cold, and allows me to prac-
tice year round and learn new tricks that I would not be able to learn without it," said Brent Washburn, a sports reporter.

Leah is a great example of the necessity of the Snowflex Center for these athletes, having been here a year before it opened and having no viable way to host a team.

To Liberty, snow-sports are available in an unmarred scar, year all, in all con-
tion, and in every way. This gives Lib-
erty's freestyle team a huge advantage and has some credit for their success.

The Snowflex Center offers multiple ways for these high-caliber athletes to train, progress and master their sport. Besides skiing or snowboarding, the facility offers an Olympic trampoline to train aerial awareness. aerial awareness is merely knowing self-awareness while airborne. The trampoline also builds con-
fidence in the athletes for learning new tricks and flips, as it offers a lower con-
sequence for countless attempts.

The facility also has an Arena Board Sports Trainer, which is a bar and rail that looks much like a parking lot. Use this to learn to train new tricks on boxes and rails. Much like the trampoline, this helps build an athlete's confidence in potential tricks and offers less consequence than trying it on a real box or rail.

If that was all the Snowflex Center had for training athletes, the team would al-
ready have one up on other teams. That's not all though. The Snowflex Center also gives its athletes three jumps and nine boxes and rails to practice on. This winter specifically, that is a lot more than many other teams can say as they struggle with warm temperatures and little snowfall.

All that bring from a training angle, there's more to competitive sports than training. The freestyle teams also need inspiration and for that they turn to professionals. The Snowflex Center draws the atten-
tion of many professionals from all over the world, the highest caliber skiers and snowboarders. Some come to practice for serious national camps such as Jay Palmer, Mogul Nickle for the US Ski Team. Others come to compete in the many competitions that the Snowflex Center hosts. A few of the competitions that have taken place here include: Cody Biont, Kei Dillon, Yale Conni-
no and Scott Stevens.

"Seeing how well they advance in the time they're here, with the low conse-
lquence from our team paddling and being able to take a lot of runs, gives the kids that look up to them some confidence see-
ing that the pros are still progressing too," said Liberty Moinitain Snowflex Center's General Manager, Drew Sherwood, said.

Professional athletes such as these bring their talents to the Snowflex Center and the freestyle team all get to ride with the pros and learn from them.

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Serving from a season of disappointment

Flames tennis are preparing for a promising 2012 season after a dismal 2011 season

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The men's tennis team has begun pre-
paration for the 2012 spring season with one goal in mind — improvement. The Flames are coming off a disappointing 2011 spring campaign in which they fin-
ished sixth in the Big South Conference.

"We certainly have the ingredients for
great results this spring," Johnson said. "We are prepared to achieve our goals."

Two of those "ingredients" come in the form of junior Sim and senior Gaurav Limm. Limm will rely on his backhand serve to carry him as new heights. Limm is the team captain and a Big South acad-
demic team honoree and will be asked to step up and be a leader on and off the court in the rest of the season. He is the top player in the Flames' rotation and despite earning 1st team all-confer-
ence honors last year, Tuss is not satisfied.

"One of my personal goals is to win one goal in mind improvement. The Flames tennis is a great team but we need to take that step up and be the best on the court this year," Tuss said.

Senior Musty Vade and junior Thomas Sturt formed a formidable tan-
dem last year on the doubles circuit with a record of 16-3. Limm and sophomore Alex Thomas also had great performance-
es in doubles partners last season, as they racked up 11 wins compared to 4 losses. These two teams' successes this year will have a huge impact in determining this year's overall team success.

One of the main reasons for the success of Vade and Sturt is the relationship they share off the court as it helps them communicate more effectively on the court and allows for an understanding of how one an-
other plays.

Last season, Tuss and Ben Wirth went 11-6 as doubles partners. Despite losing Wirth, Johnson believes that one thing this year's team has that past teams did not is depth.

"One of the things that we have this year is depth. In every season we've got good talent but one or two injuries could really hurt us," Johnson said. "This year our lineup is deeper and very tal-
ted all the way through. We should be able to weather the storms better because of this.

With both Vade and Sturt if the Flames want to challenge teams like the Radford Univer-
siy Highlanders and Winthrop University Eagles for the Big South Conference title, they will have to beat Vade and Thomas, it would appear that the Flames tennis is a great team but we need to take that step up and be the best on the court this year," Tuss said.

The Flames began their season in West Virginia to square up against Bluefield State on Jan. 14. The home opener was scheduled for Feb. 3 against the Richmond Spiders and the team has added three more home matches for the Flames this year will be from Feb. 15 to March 25 when they play 10 consecutive road matches.

MEYERS is a sports reporter.

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Liberty Champion/B3
Jesse Sanders sets NCAA record

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Sanders became the first player in Liberty University's history to score 50 points in a game.

Jesse Sanders, a junior guard for Liberty University, scored 50 points in a game against VMI on Wednesday, January 31, 2012. Sanders' performance broke the school record for points in a game, which had been held by Brent Bowers since 1997.

Sanders has been a big part of Liberty's success this season, averaging 17.8 points per game. He has already scored over 1,000 points in his career and is one of the top scorers in the country.

Sanders credits his success to his teammates and coaches, saying, "They've been pushing me all season long. I couldn't have done it without them." He also credits his faith for helping him stay focused and motivated.

Sanders is a transfer student from VMI, where he played for three years. He transferred to Liberty because of their basketball program and because he wanted to be part of a community that shared his values.

Sanders plans to continue his basketball career at Liberty and hopes to help the team win a national championship. He also wants to use his platform to give back to the community and help others.

Sanders' performance against VMI was not just a personal victory for him, but also for the entire Liberty team.

"It's a great feeling," said Liberty head coach Randy Childress. "Jesse has been working hard all season and it's great to see that work pay off."
Addressing the elephants

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Addressing the elephants is the norm, not a dangerous and intimidating task, but on Wednesday, Jan. 25, seven leading pastors banded together for the Elephant Room 2 Simulcast to address issues that Christian leaders often avoid discussing on a public platform.

Armed with pens and notebooks, an attentive audience filled two dimly lit rooms at Thomas Road Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon. Eyes fixed on the projector screens those in attendance watched as several of the nation's leading pastors confronted issues such as what to do when church staff members stumble, the future of denominations and moral, the future of denominations and moral segregation among believers.

"The purpose of the simulcast was to arm ministry leaders, allowing them to have discussions with some of the nation's top pastors on pertinent ministry issues," Dr. Kelly Jacobson, the office manager for the School of Religion who was in charge of promotion for the event, the crowd of 100 who gathered to watch the simulcast clapped echoing from the rooms. The Spirit is moving.

"The material is just so rich," Lindsey Johnson said. "I knew it wouldn't grow me and help me have a better understanding of issues that usually aren't addressed in the church," Johnson said.

Barber arrived at the start of the day, and the crowd was quick to applaud, "I try not to be here for an hour, I've just so enthralled in what they're saying," he said.

Senior Caleb Lieder commented on the quality of the discussions. "The material is just so rich," Lieder said. "You keep soaking it up. We're liking it, it's a worship service for two to three hours and you have no clue, because the Spirit is moving.

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According to a press release from the School of Religion, the event was filled in front of a live group in Rolling Meadows, Ill., and audiences in 79 major cities viewed the live stream. According to Kelly Jackson, the office manager for the School of Religion who was in charge of promotion for the event, the crowd of 800 who gathered to watch the simulcast in Thomas Road Baptist Church was the largest nationwide.

"I think it's great," senior Jonathan Barber said. "When you bring together all these pastors from different backgrounds as well as different denominations and different networks, and they confront more issues, that's actual discipleship."

"People of all ages can sit side-to-side to listen and absorb the seven hour long discussion, with excited amens and spontaneous clapping echoing from the rooms. The event began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 5 p.m. Due to the length of the event, the audience was treated to a catered lunch and coffee break.

Many Liberty students were able to attend the simulcast in replacement of their regularly scheduled classes. Sophomore Ashley Johnson, who attended the Elephant Room Simulcast on Round 1 in 2011, enjoyed the sharing event.

"I knew it would give me and help me have a better understanding of issues that usually aren't addressed in the church," Johnson said.
Thrift options around the ‘burg
Secondhand and consignment shops offer vintage clothes and home decor for the shopper on a budget

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For college students with a big eye for fashion and a small piggy bank, local thrift stores provide opportunities to satisfy their shopping needs at reasonable prices.

Liberty University senior Ahigail Koppenhaver said many pieces in her wardrobe are found from thrift stores, and that Salvaged in Wyndhurst is one of her favorite kind of consignment shops because of its high-end retail at affordable prices.

“When I first walked in (to Salvaged), I immediately noticed some really cute dresses and jewelry, but I had to really look through the clothes to find cute things,” Koppenhaver said. “I like Salvaged because all of the clothes and shoes are really good quality and they don’t look dirty or worn out.”

The Goodwill, located on Wards Road, is another option for students in search of clothing, household goods, books, movies and accessories.

Junior Matthew Crawford’s mother, Cheryl Crawford, frequents the Goodwill on a regular basis in search of name-branded clothing items and said she usually can find something good from being a thrifty shopper.

“I really like the Goodwill because it is so large and clean,” Crawford said. “It’s the only thrift store in Lynchburg I go to, and I am always looking for a good deal.”

New to You Consignment shop, located on Old Forest Road, is a smaller and more selective thrift shop.

“This picks out thrift stores for clothes and accessories, like smaller consignment shops that don’t accept things in bulk. If I want nice clothes, or clothes that I can rip up and make into something crafty, or old movies and books, I will go to a larger store like the Goodwill,” Koppenhaver said.

For those students in need of furniture for the dorm or apartment, the DAV, located on Timberlake Road, and Consignment First, located on W Methodist Road, offers an array of furniture and household goods at low prices.

“In today’s economy it is very important for me to shop at thrift stores and save money where I can,” Crawford said. “I can even make a little cash by selling items to thrift stores, in addition to just buying items at discounted prices.”

Consignment shops like Salvaged and New to You pay cash for gently used items, and then once the items sell in the store, the seller receives a percentage of that sale.

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Local shops for Thrift and Consignment

Goodwill
3242 Wards Road
Lynchburg, Va.
434-239-5504

ETC. Consignment Shop
292 Old Forest Rd.
Forest, Va.
434-384-3665

DAV
8400 Timberlake Rd.
Lynchburg, Va.
434-239-5563

Consignment First
3462 Warters Rd.
434-632-1177

On Second Thought
7700 Forest Rd.
434-316-9844

Salvaged
150 Northward Circle
Wyndhurst, Va.
434-239-6509

Shopaholic Outlet
2320 Wards Rd.
Lynchburg, Va.
434-239-7467

Estate Specialists, Inc.
128 Commerce Street
Lynchburg, Va.
434-945-2555

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New semester brings new musical talent

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Student Activities kicked off the first Campus Arts Service the Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Salley Student Center. The event ran from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and featured the bands “Five” and “GIH and The Brothers.”

“Five” took the stage first with members Katie MacIntire, Katie McCrackin and Todd Pitt. The band’s name originated from the book “Watership Down.”

“The name is symbolic for putting faith in something even if you’re not sure,” Pitt said.

The crowd was fired up as “Five” performed several original songs beginning with “Millie” which they had previously performed on campus, as well as Wake Up” and “Hearts and Home,” which featured a combination of whistling by both MacIntire and McCrackin and the ukulele, played by Pitt. During the show, the band performed the most popular song, “Bell Ringer Helen,” written by MacIntire.

The second band to grace the stage was “GIH & The Brothers,” featuring members Gab Hernandez, TJ Shaw and William (Will) Wilson. The “GIH” of the band’s name is symbolic of the initials of Gabi Hernandez and “The Brothers” represents Shaw and Wilson. These artists came together after Hernandez and Wilson connected during a worship class together.

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Petrocelli describes the Special Olympics as close to her heart, which is why after joining the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at Liberty, she chose to use her skills to help plan and support the Hill City Polar Plunge. Petrocelli has been working on the event with other account associates at Innovations, Liberty PRSSA’s official public relations firm, since September 2011.

The Polar Plunge, now in its fourth year, is an event dedicated to fundraising for Special Olympics Virginia. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Camp Hydaway Lake in Lynchburg, Va., and Petrocelli defines it as a “fun, carnival-like day filled with great food, games, giveaways and live music that ends with people running and jumping into freezing cold water.”

Petrocelli was quick to add that a heavy coat and clothing are crucial. It is an event for participants to warm themselves up before plunging and“it’s a fun way to raise money for a great cause and it doesn’t cost you a penny,” Petrocelli said. “I’m plunging, because it is a way for me to do something my sister even when I’m not at home with her.”

Liberty students are encouraged to raise money and have a prayer leader or a prayer partner accompany them if they do not want to plunge themselves. Plungers will receive a free T-shirt and lunch, and a prize will be awarded to the top individual fundraiser.

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Even if a person does not wish to physically plunge into Lake Hydaway’s icy cold water, Collins insists that there are numerous fun, rewarding ways to support the cause, such as helping customers, volunteering time to point signs and helping with set up and clean up at the event. “Promoting the event on Facebook and Twitter, or spreading information by word of mouth, is helpful too,” Collins said. “Or you can just attend the event to show your support and celebrate what the Special Olympics stands for.”

The best part of this event overall, according to Collins, is that it is local. The Polar Plunge raises money specifically for the Lynchburg Special Olympics. “It’s a unique way to give back to an incredible group of people,” Collins said. “And so much as the Special Olympics changes their lives, the stories of these athletes have changed mine. They are truly inspirational people. To qualify to plunge, participants need to raise at least $50 and can register online at https://www.specialolympics.org/polarplungeva/2012hillcitypolarplungefestival. For more information on the Polar Plunge, visit polarplunge. hillcityplunge or contact Haley Collins at hcollins@liberty.edu.

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Grads bring Bloop back home
Liberty Alumni open new yogurt location in Lynchburg, offering health and a chance to help those in need

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When students returned from Christ- mas break, they were greeted with a new frozen yogurt shop just minutes from campus. Bloop frozen yogurt is located in the small community of Wyndhurst and will soon open in Candle's Station. Bloop is the creation of four couples, all of whom graduated from Liberty University.

"As former Liberty students, we were all challenged by Dr. Falwell Sr. saying if it's Christian, it should be better," Laura Moquistad, Bloop's director of operations, said. "That's where Bloop came from - a desire to create better yogurt for a better reason. As Christ followers, we are called to live out our faith according to James and that's what we plan to do with Bloop.

Bloop caters to students at Liberty University by offering a variety of locations and a popular free stamping card. Bloop files in the only self-serve yogurt shop in the area that offers the "Super Bloop" -- a full container you can eat for a fixed price. Bloop also features a program called "Cop A Cup" which will help charity organization give water to those who need it.

"Every time someone buys a cup of yogurt, we give a cup of clean drinking water to someone who needs it. It's that simple. Bloop is running up with Charity. Water is the simplest form of compassion according to Matthew 10:42 and Mark 9:41 - a cup of water," Moquistad said. "We believe it's our God-sized job.

Bloop also features a unique form of yogurt that has a hand-crafted flavor and texture. The yogurt products are crafted with real fruits, coffee and even real rocks. Bloop offers fresh local fruit, as well as low fat, non-sugar, gluten-free, grain-free and many other options for customers. In comparison with the local competition, Bloop prides itself on its support of missions as well as promoting health.

"We love the healthier aspects of yogurt but we know that not all yogurt is created equal," Moquistad said. "Some is not even yogurt. We just knew it could be done better. The results are there already. Everyone who tries Bloop loves the hand-crafted flavor and texture."

Second Lynchburg, there are two more Bloops opening in both Charlottesville, VA, and Fort Mill, SC. The management of Bloop has plans of expanding and hopes to have 10 Bloop stores open in 2012.

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CUP BY CUP — New to Candle’s Station and Wyndhurst, former students bring fresh yogurt to the Lynchburg community.

SWEET CASH — Lynchburg students Sweet Stella’s potted berry and Yogurt Yeti now take Liberty’s Flames Cash, hoping that Liberty students will become regulars.

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Sweet Stella's and Yogurt Yeti are the newest additions to the list of merchants that now accept Flames Cash from Libe-

ry University students.

Sweet Stella offers a variety of baked goods, including brownies, muffins, cakes, cookies and cupcakes.

One of Connie Conley’s prides the bakery on the fact that everything is 100 percent made from scratch. "The Libe-

ry students are just so friend-

ly," Conley said. "We had been making smoothies out of coffee filters, and the students just came in and helped out. It really felt like family.

The Flames Cash program is anticipated to bring students, and their business, to Wyndhurst.

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