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Gun-free no more?

Student group defends concealed carry on campus campuses

Daniel Bartlett

A group known as Students for Concealed Carry (SCC) is speaking out about allowing students with concealed carry licenses to be armed on campus and said that using on campus college students risk.

Founded following the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, SCC's aspirations are to add to the 220 campuses in the United States that have allowed concealed carry as a right of SCC's members. We are now reaching what the policy change should do.

"The current rules guarantee criminals a free shot. Allowing licensed concealed carry would give potential attackers pause and ultimately prevent innocent victims a fighting chance."

Library University recently permitted concealed carry to those with licenses as long as they do not carry in school facilities, according to Bartlett.

"The campus weapons policy was amended in November 2011 by a vote of the Board of Trustees," Library University Police Department LPDS Chief of Police Col. Richard Hinkley said. "This change removed the ban on firearms, allowing exceptions for university faculty and members of Liberty over the age of 21 to get permission from LPDS to conceal carry, according to university policy."

The policy was designed so that people with concealed weapons could keep them locked in their vehicles while on campus, or store them with LPDS without going against Liberty policy.

According to the SCC website, public colleges in Colorado have to allow concealed carry on campus after the Colorado Supreme Court recently ruled in favor of the SCC. The ruling will add to the 220 campuses in the United States that have allowed concealed carry on college campuses.

According to Bartlett, SCC's goals are much broader, in that they are attempting to carry on college campuses.

"We're not out to arm everyone. We're not saying, if you have the legal permit and legal carry, they should have it," Bartlett said.

"The language in the SCC's decision is a little bit broader, in that we're not just talking about people who might have guns," Bartlett said.

When asked what the policy change should do.

"When Liberty allowed guns on campus in 2011, it was one of 240 schools in the United States that have allowed concealed carry on campus," Bartlett said. "Since then, the decision has been made in six states that already allow concealed carry, and members of Liberty over the past year have been able to take the first step."

"We're not saying, 'Let's let them carry on campus,'" Bartlett said. "But we're saying, 'Let's let them carry on campus".

"Liberty counsel set to challenge ObamaCare"

Samantha Benoit

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A celebration of heritage kicks off

The Center4ME is recognizing African American History Month on campus

In the United States, the month of February has been dedicated to celebrating the heritage of the African American people in our country.

The Center for Multicultural Education (Center4ME), a department of Liberty University's Student Affairs, gives students the opportunity to celebrate African American heritage by providing academic lectures, documentaries and entertainment—all of which take place throughout the month.

According to the Center4ME website, the center exists to present an understanding of the Western tradition and the diverse elements of American cultural history while contributing to the knowledge and understanding of other cultures and of international events.

"Center4ME is here to celebrate various cultures and give students the opportunity to learn about those different cultures," Assistant Director of the Center4ME, Josie Jefferson said. "A lot of students think Center4ME is for African Americans or Latinos, but it's for everyone to build relationships."

The African American History Month kickoff in the GLC of DeMoss Hall on February 1, 2010 featured one of those cultures.

At the event, students were served food and refreshments as they were given the opportunity to examine several pictures of prominent people of African American heritage.

"Bridging the Gap, an urban ministry youth team, also performed at the kickoff as students picked up elements from the upcoming events for the month.

To continue celebrating, Hispanic American History Month, a number of events are scheduled to take place on campus. A deliberate dialogue with Ron Miller, a Liberty professor and the author of "Selling," will take place Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall.

Other events include another performance by Bridging the Gap Friday, Feb. 12 at 11:30 Am in DeMoss Hall, and a musical performance accompanied by food and games in Green Hall during the week.

Faces of America, a documentary covering 13 Americans from various ethnic backgrounds, will be screened in Green Hall (279) Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Finally, the皮肤病 will be wrapped up with a presentation on the history of African American music Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Texas Auditorium.

In addition to African American History Month, the Center4ME celebrates various heritages throughout the year.

"We celebrate Irish heritage in March and Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage in April," Jefferson said. "We also celebrate Hispanic heritage in September and October as "American Indian Month in November."

For more information on upcoming events for African American History Month as well as future events, visit the Center4ME webpage at https://center4me.libr..y.edu.

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Memorist Maya Angelou speaks

Randolph College hosted the acclaimed poet for a discussion about her rise from persecution and adversity.

Tess Curtis

Celebrated poet and memoirist Maya Angelou spoke about her own life and career during an intimate event at Randolph College. Angelou, who passed away last June, is a renowned poet, essayist, and civil rights activist. She was one of the most influential African American writers of the 20th century. Angelou's work has had a profound impact on the literary world and continues to inspire people around the globe.

Angelou addressed a group of students, faculty, and other attendees in the students center at Randolph College. While her words were intended for a larger audience, the event was intimate and personal. Angelou spoke about her own experiences in a candid and forthright manner, sharing stories from her life that had not been heard before.

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The event was open to the public, and some groups had taken reservations, Price said.

“Her words were impactful and moving. She talked about her experiences in a way that was both honest and inspiring. Her work continues to be relevant today, and it was an honor to hear her speak. I encourage people to take the time to read her work,” Price said.

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She passed the long hours and enjoyed the north entrance of the building along with Price. However, some students were not so fortunate. According to one member of the crowd, he had been sitting at the 6 p.m. in hopes of getting into the building. Price also mentioned that some people had traveled there hours to Randolph College, just to hear Angelou speak.

Most students eventually made it into the building.

"All the security officers - really bad it organized well, and they let them come right in,” Price said.

According to Price, Randolph College had announced that Angelou was going to speak in December. Price already knew that her late friend had decided to attend Angelou at some point during her life. She had decided that it would be a good experience for all people to hear her speak. Price said, "I was honored to have my students have a chance to do that.”

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The Grammys are being called "music’s biggest night," an event where, among other things, to see last year's best albums. It's an event that's been around for over 50 years, and it's not just to celebrate the music, but also to honor the artists who have made significant contributions. The Grammy Awards are televised every year and are attended by thousands of people, from artists to industry executives. It's a night where the best in music come together to celebrate their achievements.

Gabriella Fuller
Radio.com

It is said that music is the language of the world, and the Grammy Awards are a testament to that. The event is considered by many to be the most prestigious in the music industry, and it's a chance for artists to come together and celebrate their accomplishments.

The Grammy Awards are held every year and feature a wide range of categories, from best new artist to best album. The event is broadcast live on television, and it's a chance for fans to see their favorite artists perform.

The Grammy Awards also feature an array of performers, from pop stars to classical musicians. The event is a chance for music lovers from all over the world to come together and celebrate their favorite artists.

The Grammy Awards are a chance for artists to come together and celebrate their achievements, but it's also a chance for fans to see their favorite artists perform in a live setting. It's a night where the best in music come together to celebrate, and it's a night that's not to be missed.
Celebrating Black History Month

Just how much progress have we made in the 50 years since Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspirational speech?

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It is hard to imagine that a little less than 50 years ago, our nation did not consider African Americans to be equal with whites. Their voting rights were discriminated against, public schools were segregated, and even drinking fountains were segregated with signs for "white" and "colored" individuals.

Yet, this was the same era for our country in the mid-twentieth century. Sadly, we committed some of the greatest injustices in the history of our country in the world.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the contents of their character"—Martin Luther King Jr., said in his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, challenging the racial inequalities of the time.

In the 50 years following King's iconic speech, America has moved from a nation wherein racism was embedded in our laws to having an African American as president.

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PERSPECTIVE: What would Martin Luther King Jr. think of today's world?

We are nearing six times the rate of whites. It is clear that while it is possible for minorities to succeed, they do not do so at the same rate as Caucasians. Why is that?

Equality of opportunity is the idea that everyone should have an equal chance to succeed. Equality of outcome is the belief that a racially equal society, different races should have similar levels of success.

It is easy to say that everyone should simply have an equal opportunity to succeed, but if the outcomes are not equal, is there truly equal opportunity?

The answer to the question is, "No! There is not equal opportunity, but that is not necessarily due to racism."

"Our children have been told to work hard and study. Our children have been told to be well mannered and to respect your elders. Our children have been told to be kind and to be humble. Our children have been told to be good citizens and to be good people."

Oprah Winfrey is an example of this. She did not grow up in a wealthy family. She was born into poverty and did not have the same opportunities as her classmates. She worked hard her whole life to be able to move up in the world.

Just as her father's words to "make something happen" encouraged her to move forward, she has used her platform to encourage others to do the same.

So, what can we do to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed?

1. End racial profiling and systemic discrimination.
2. Provide access to quality education and healthcare.
3. Educate the public about the importance of diversity and inclusion.
4. Promote economic opportunities for all races and ethnicities.

This is not an easy task, but it is necessary for the future of our country.

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Shemanski said: "Her life was an example of our faithfulness."

Fred Ria, prominent attorney and senior academic consultant to the program, considered Donaldson the "founder faithful" at Liberty. "She knew as a person of great energy, unswerving focus and personal integrity," Ria said. "She was a builder, caring and busy person continuing to influence the School of Education and Liberty faculty in the 21st century unvon those 60 hours from her that we took to train the culture for the cause of Christ."

In between service is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. at Westview Baptist Church in Lynchburg.

**Preparation for youth work**

International student Emmanuel Jaidola died Wednesday, Jan. 30. He had been transferred to Lynchburg General Hospital following a fall on campus. According to Dean of the International Student Program Bill Wexler, Jaidola suffered major blood loss and died at the hospital.

"Emmanuel Jaidola was a very passionate and enthusiastic student," Dr. Pradeep Donaldson, a foreign minister and native of Nigeria, said. "He was going to be a leader in his community."

"He goes where everything he had at home in Nigeria now comes from and pushes the limits."

According to Rania, Jaidola had only been in the States for about a year and had not been home since.

"The first week he was at Liberty, he was looking really bored and didn't have a cellphone, so a few other guys and I went out to purchase a phone that he could use to connect with his family," Rania said. "He had a really big heart, and I'm praying for his family and God will take care of him in Africa."

The last text Battle received from Jaidola was a Christmas morning. "Emmanuel texted me at 3 a.m. on Christmas morning and said Merry Christmas may God bless you more with His blessings. May we find life's true meaning as we further reflect on this blessed season. May here be happiness, success and good health," Battle said.

The International Student Center, along with the Campus Pastors Office, will be holding a memorial service for Jaidola, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m., in the Pier Chapel at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

**FSN engineer loved Liberty**

Jay Silvis, a Flames Sports Network (FSN) studio engineer, died Friday, Feb. 1. He was 30 and was survived by his son, Tim.

The former, Sunday, Jan. 28, Silvis suffered a severe attack minutes after the term's basketball game concluded. He was rushed to the hospital and died.

According to Brandon Carey, the on-air producer for FSN, Silvis was a "vital part of the team."

Carey handled all of our external and split rehearsals, according to Gregorios, an international student program major. He was in his eighth year for football, basketball, baseball and baseball, including out-of-town games. Carey said, "He told me that working here at Liberty helped him to revitalize his relationship with God, which he appreciated the prayers that we conduct prior to each broadcast. Liberty University always came first with Jay and I will be surely missed by the entire team.

A memorial service for Silvis has yet to be announced.

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"The advantage you have with us is that we have a placement coordinator who is constantly talking to people in D.C., organizations that see openings out in order to find those opportunities," Gregorios said.

"In the last few or four semesters, between 35 and 40 percent of the students interested in DC have been offered jobs after graduation," according to Gregorios. "One of the best aspects of the Washington Fellowship program is knowing that while you are completing your internship, there are 20 other people there from your school who knows exactly what you are going through."

Romas said, "Student Body Vice President Joshua Wroten also interned in Washington, D.C. this past summer for Congressman Colette McCarthy Moore, R.I.

"Having a hands-on experience in the area I want to go into, and having a better understanding of the legislation process, helped me to narrow down what I want to do after college," Wroten said. For information regarding the application process and acceptance into the program, visit the Washington Fellowship Program page on the Liberty website, or stop by the Career Center to set up an appointment with a career counselor.

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The Liberty Lady Flames out-scored the Lady Rams 17-1. Amanda Tom Foote, goalkeeper for the Lady Rams, said her third shutout performance by her was "outstanding." Emily Brown, goalkeeper for the Lady Flames, said, "I was really happy about it, and I just had fun with my second." Steiner said, "Kevin Hoff and Dave Promitzer led the way for the snowboarders, taking the top spot in the men's snowboarding event." "My first run was just what I wanted, and my second one turned out even better," Steiner said.

Lady Flames sweep Rams
Lady Flames stay perched at No. 1 in the nation with win

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The Liberty University Lady Flames Division I hockey team defeated the Colorado State Lady Rams 50 Friday, Feb. 1, on the strength of two goals scored by senior Laura Del Monte. On defense, sophomore goalkeeper Sam Rupp delivered her third shutout performance of the year.

Liberty dictated possession of the puck for the majority of the first period, but futility work by Colorado State goalkeeper Amanda Vandenberg stifled the Lady Flames attack. "I think our girls passed really well," Head Coach Paul Blaisdell said. "As a scout, we were able to count the puck into their end. We just were not able to get it into their net — their goalie was containing." The Lady Flames eventually did find the back of the net when freshman Kerley Reisinger set up a game-tying goal for Del Monte with 31.2 remaining in the period. "Kerley Reisinger came around behind the net and had a nice play and just set it up right there for me," Del Monte said.

It was perfect, and I just tipped it in. The second period started with a strong attack by the Lady Rams, but Liberty's Rupp made a sensational save to preserve the 1-0 advantage for the Lady Flames.

Although the Lady Rams played a much stronger second period, Liberty still manufactured more opportunities and controlled the puck. "Del Monte added her second goal of the night with 8:40 remaining in the second period, after deflecting a wide shot from the other line into the back of the net to give Liberty a 2-0 advantage.

"Autumn Kucharzyk took a shot, and I just tipped it in," Del Monte said. "It was a nice shot, but her..." See HOCKEY, B2
**Weekend highs and lows**

**Men's and women's basketball teams hit the road**

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With 12:29 remaining in the final period, freshman Carrie Jenkins scored the third and final goal of the game on a beautiful wrist shot that went right through the legs of the Lady Rams goalie.

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**Flames sweep weekend triple-header**

Men's DI hockey picks up three conference wins against East Carolina, Rowan U. and Virginia Tech

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**GAME DAY**

The Liberty University Division II men's hockey team dismantled the East Carolina Pirates, 1-0 after trailing 1-0 in the first period. The game was the first in a weekend showcase featured at the LaHue Ice Center.

Senior Goalie Dootchek led the way for Liberty University with three goals and two assists. Dootchek continues to lead the teams with 9 goals overall. Freedom OJ Doinitis also chipped in with one goal and one assist.

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Emo Jones, the only female competitor for Liberty, also
carried her way to an individual first place finish in the women's snowboarding event.

With the success, Liberty's club ski and snowboard team continued its three-year unde­
named streak on the East Coast. Liberty defeated teams from across the region, including the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, East Carolina University and Appalachian State, and competed as part of the United States Slalom Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA). Liberty also successfully ran, guarded as unpredictable a course, due to oneodie in the first place results.

"Now on Snowrid, it's time to deal with " Head Coach Wil Scherl said, "Sometimes it's the best thing in the world. Trouble is, probably made things a little more difficult. Our guys have been riding on it. The way it's been a deal with it.

"these are unpredictable. They are unpredictable with weather conditions, and they did a good job."

Liberty lacked a band of experience in the first competition as well, as the team consisted almost entirely of newcomers. "These guys stepped up at full and put in a lot of work, so I'm not surprised," Scherl said about his team.

Hall said, "Scherl was pleased with the team's efforts on the course." Liberty changed its course layout for a better fit for the hill's terrain, and Liberty took the first place finish in the snowboarding event.

The Flames started the tournament in the snowboarding event with the line-up in their first game, leading them to win in the first set, 23-21. N.C. State came back in the second set, with the Flames winning, 25-23.

In their second match, the Flames took on the University of North Carolina, Wil­lington, sweeping them in two sets, 25-17, 25-14. Despite the Flames' dominance, the Flames had four kills on the match, while the Flames took down 14 kills on the night.

"We had a lot of changes in the rotation throughout the tournament, and we need to get back to work on some of the links before next year," Hall said.

The Flames travel to Har­vard-Michicago, Va. Saturday, to compete in a tournament at James Madison University.

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Professor shows passion for psychology

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In a competitive Delta Air Lines internship with more than 700 applicants interviewing for three openings, Liberty student Zach Floto came out on top, earning the chance to work with one of the world’s largest airlines.

Q: How did you qualify for the internship, and how were you selected?
A: As I heard about the internship while at the federal Aviation Administration in developing RNAV (random access navigation) procedures for the operation of Delta’s flight simulation, I realized this was the exact opportunity I was looking for. I applied early and was selected.

Q: What was the interview like?
A: Typically, the interview is an in-person interview with the manager at the Chief Pilot Center and the Vice President of Flight Operations at Delta Air Lines. A couple weeks later, they called me again for a phone interview with the manager at the flight operations center.

Q: What are you doing at Delta?
A: As a new pilot, I am learning the fundamentals of flying an aircraft, including takeoffs, landings, and approach. I am also learning how to operate the flight deck and take care of any issues that may arise during the flight.

Q: What does your current role entail?
A: Currently, I have over 30 hours in the simulator and have been able to practice takeoffs, landings, approach, and hold-briefings. I have also been able to practice with rising operations, engine failures, and much more.

Q: How has your internship been helpful in preparing you for a career in aviation?
A: My internship has allowed me to learn how to operate an aircraft, take care of any issues that may arise during the flight, and practice how to handle emergencies. It has also given me the opportunity to practice my communication skills with the crew and other pilots.

Q: What are some of the benefits of serving as an intern?
A: The benefits of serving as an intern are invaluable. We have been instructed about how to use the aircraft simulation programming in the FMS (flight management system), test students, and set up the aircraft in each airport, all along with training the crew on the FMS. I have also been called for a phone call to train pilots on new technology and set up the aircraft in each airport, all along with training the crew on the FMS.

Q: What are your career goals?
A: Ultimately, I want to be a captain for an international airline. Delta is a very strong company with great future in front of them, and I hope to return to this airline in the future.

Q: What would you say is the most valuable experience you have received over the past few weeks?
A: The most valuable experience I have received is the opportunity to work with a professional airline, learn about the technology, and have the chance to work with many pilots.

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Good Hill hunting

Students to scavenge for $1,500 in prizes

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Lynching will soon become the site of a massive game for the first time. The Good Hill City Hunt hosted by Liberty University's Student Activities.

In order to participate in the hunt, students must be in the Student Senate or have a Student Activities website. Each task on the list will be worth a different point value, but participants will also have to use their minds to solve the riddles that will lead them to the final prize.

The hunt is part of the Student Activities' Public Account and Facebook page. Students who do not complete all the items on the list and the event this year could not complete the hunt for the experience.

"If I could go again this year, I would have to say my favorite part would be the actual game itself," said Elizabeth Haske, a junior in Community Service major.

"It is something that no student wants to miss because the completion is great, and the prize is to die for."

According to Student Activities, students will select their own teams of four. Only 100 teams can take part in the scavenger hunt and members must present a valid Flames Pass in order to participate. Student Activities also said students to provide their own vehicles.

"This event is one of the few that we encourage students to bring someone along to join them in the hunt," Stephanie Ward, program manager for Student Activities, said.

According to Student Activities, teams will be given one and a half hours to complete as many challenges as possible, and teams will be given the definite probability of God to do amazing incredible things," McPherson said. "I'm encouraged by what I see here, but I don't think I have quite the same thing in God. He's about doing big things!"

McPherson named this website, mc-philmsaurum.com, McPherson founded The Rock Church in 2003 and has served as senior pastor ever since.

Before starting his career in ministry, McPherson played in the NFL for both the Los Angeles Rams and the San Diego Chargers over his four-year career according to his website, he was the second football player in the history of the University of New Haven to be named an All American and drafted to play in the NFL.

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PRSSA preps for Plunge

Liberty students to help raise money for Special Olympics

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Liberty University students and the community of Lynchburg prepare to brave the icy waters of Camp Highwater later during the Hill City Polar Plunge that will take place Feb. 16, 2014.

The event has had a lot of drama in the beginning. Weeks. We were originally competing for the upper hand within the team, so naturally, there was a few altercations. We eventually worked through them and tried to focus on our differences and came united in the end.

"Student Activities' website said that they will give more than $500 worth of prizes, and each team is required to check in at each location in order to qualify for the final event.

"Being your thinking caps to this event, because figuring out the riddles can be pretty tough. They also have a lot of clues, and puzzles are pretty tricky," Weeks said.

The website also provides information to go to liberty.edu/PLUNG.

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McPherson encourages giving

Former NFL player and pastor of The Rock Church returned to Liberty for the third consecutive year

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Liberty University Vice President for Executive Projects John Moore introduces many congress speakers throughout the course of the day, but one often does the day’s guest as the key speaker of the evening.

Miller McPherson, senior pastor of The Rock Church in San Diego, and two-time Spiritual Emphasis Week guest, returned to Liberty Wednesday, Jan. 30 to share a message about the importance of being a "giver" instead of a "taker."

"About two months ago, I was telling my church that I had a very important message, one of the most important, that I have ever spoken about, and that was it," McPherson said. "Because if we can have a giving attitude, there's nothing we can't do. I just felt like that would be appropriate today.

McPherson talked about God's willingness to give to people and how Christ's church should follow that attitude toward others. The talk recapitulated a story of Abraham's obedience, showing how believers should be ready to give back to God and God's church.

Liberty junior and spiritual life director Anthony Parentis said that he appreciated McPherson's message about the importance of giving back to God.

"What he talks," Parentis said. "There's something about him where one can't help but be inspired, and one knows that Christ is with him because just from out of him. I think that it's really something to be encouraged by.

Almost 2,500 miles separate The Rock Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, from Liberty, but the messages have grown at a similar pace over the past year. Shortly before last year's visit to The Rock Church, more than 15,000 people signed up to take part in the Feb. 16, 2013 event.

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“God made us in His Image, so when He looked at us, it would be like He was looking in the mirror,” McPherson said. “He would see Himself in how we exercise His Authority, how we live, how we treat other people—everything we do, and everything we are.”

McPherson ended his day by speaking at Campus Church. By the end of the night, the students' expressions to meet McPherson after his talk showed how much they appreciated him and his place in Liberty's "spiritual family.”

"Thank you for being here, you have made us here," McPherson said. "It is awesome to meet people that I have never met before and have never spoken to before. We are all family, and we are all important to God and to one another."

TAKING THE PLUNGE — McPherson said that snow Barry fell before last year's event.