City behind in rainfall

This year, Lynchburg may not be able to live up to its infamous nickname, "Drenchburg.

Virginia’s rainfall has been almost five inches below average this year. While the lack of rain may currently have students tossing umbrellas and bulky rain boots for flip flops and sunglasses, it may soon have them rushing to the state market because of a drier, hotter summer.

While the winter and spring are usually the states wettest seasons, that has not been the case this year. According to WSBE meteorologist Matt Ferguson, Virginia has only received 6.11 inches of rain for this season. Ferguson attributes this lack of rainfall to changing weather patterns that originate in the Pacific Ocean.

If we all look back to the overall weather pattern, this past year, probably is the fall, we started transitioning from a neutral to a La Niña weather pattern," Ferguson said. "The temperature is well below average in the Pacific Ocean and the colder water will start to affect the atmospheres and it changes the overall weather pattern across the country.”

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there is a La Niña weather pattern that will cause different effects in different parts of the country. Here in the southeastern United States, it will cause drier weather conditions. Ferguson predicts that even though the dry weather will stick around through the summer, extreme drought is not a concern.

“We’re heading into the summer months (at) more of a drier weather pattern," Ferguson said. "But that’s not a concern." 

March through May is an expected rainy season in the Triangle, Ferguson added. While the rain may currently have Lynchburg residents shivering, Ferguson said, "It all goes back to the Pacific Ocean.”

DeMoss Hall to receive updates

New plans revealed to complete fourth floor construction

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Remnants continue at Liberty University continue to sabotage 60 years of growth.

The construction that has begun on the fourth floor of DeMoss is a continuation of a series of projects that originated in the Pacific Ocean. DeMoss is part of a series of projects that originated in the Pacific Ocean. DeMoss is the first phase of the major campus facelift," Falwell said. As the school grows at such an exponential rate we did not have the opportunity to move the programs." The programs, which are currently located in these buildings, are temporarily being moved to the fourth floor of DeMoss, with the exception of programs that are in freestanding buildings.

The classrooms are being relocated in order to prepare for future plans of DeMoss, Falwell said. "The construction on the fourth floor of DeMoss is the first phase of the major campus facelift," Falwell said. "That will continue to select Liberty as "new-era."" 

Over the next several years the administration plans to demolish the buildings which house the Teacher’s Education hall, Science Hall, Performing Arts Hall and the other halls located behind DeMoss. Those buildings were never intended to be permanent," Falwell said. "As the school grows at such an exponential rate we did not have the opportunity to move the programs." The programs, which are temporarily being moved to these buildings, are temporarily being moved to the fourth floor of DeMoss, with the exception of programs that are in freestanding buildings. 

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Twenty-seven-month-old Mikalah Moylan-Long cares her hand in her mother on the ceremony, to their could help. "We mother patiently putting flat, lamb molds with melted white chocolate takes the little girl from the corner of the eye. "I stay at home and watch Mikalah and do this in the morning," Sally Moylan said, sporting a brown cardigan with yellow buttons. "We've had such long days, but we occasionally get to Joel and Sally Moylan's business, "Why really good." the stuff that you made," Sally said. 'At first, I didn't think it would work but it was really good." The chocolate lambs are the main ingredient to Joel and Sally Moylan's business. "Why the Lamb." The couple began operating in their home last year. The business originally began in Australia when Joel's dad, Paul Moylan, decided he wanted to refuse attention to the true mean­ ing of Easter. The goal is to provide an alternative to ham or eggs, and nothing to do with Christmas or Hanukkah. "The lamb is represented in the Bible in the Old Testament when God chose a lamb as the Passover meal, and when Jesus came in the New Testament, John the Baptist said, 'Behold! He of the world," Joel said. "Jesus came and that we can have eternal life. It's not a moneymaker by any means, but if one person comes to know God through this or even if it just plants a seed, then it's all worth it," said Joel. "A FAMILY EFFORT — Joel and Sally Moylan share God's truth through chocolate. The business began with Joel's dad, Paul Moylan, in Australia.

New site seeks to help students

The typical college student pays $1,500 to $2,000 for textbooks each year. About 60% of college students must take out loans to pay for the books they get the Gospel. It's a non-threatening lamb," then turn the box over and that's when they get the Gospel. "It's not a moneymaker by any means, but if one person comes to know God through this or even if it just plants a seed, then it's all worth it," said Joel. Since 2004, Lamb sales in Australia have grown by more than 1500 percent. As the end of the semester, and college itself is perceived as a quest to wear gowns and tuxedos. "There will be one mask for every student attending." The gala will be held Saturday, April 16 in the Williams Student Union. Tickets are $15 with $5 per ticket being donated to the retreat, and can be purchased at the Vattera Center ticket office or online at eventbrite.com. For more information, contact SGA at ausp@liberty.edu or see the event page on Facebook.

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Awakening: Remembering freedom

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"Painful is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction."

These words of Ronald Reagan appropriately echoed in the last night of the Awakening, Liberty University’s annual political conference featuring more than 60 speakers. The Awakening took place April 8 and 9.

"We’re getting to pray, we’re getting to be educated and we’re getting to be motivated," Dean of Liberty University’s law school Maat Staver said of the event.

The conference began with a Convocation on Friday, with a speech from pro-life activist Lila Rose who talked about "what she calls the ‘greatest human rights issue that our country is facing’ — abortion and is never more than one generation away from extinction." Rose used to uncover shock clinics.

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The conference continued Friday night with a series of speeches at the main sanctuary of Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC). Staver opened the event.

"We have a country that is literally out of control. This country is broken," Staver said. "It is time in this generation that there is an awakening that transforms this world."

Other speakers included bookfora of Liberty’s law school, former Republican woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives Michelle Bachmann and President, of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference Samuel Rodriguez.

"The speakers are authentic," executive chairman of College Republicans at Liberty University Zach Martin said. There was also a panel, including Ohio’s Secretary of State, John Kasich, discussing the future of the conservative movement. "I’ve been watching people who have been heretofore very firm, College Republicans member Tim Johnson said. "It has been an opportunity to see some real stars from political area which is great. Activities continued Saturday with break out sessions and presentations from speakers including Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich Saturday nights session concluded the conference with a concert from Sonic Flood.

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not to say we’re expecting a lot of drought because we could have a few hurricanes that could come up through here in the summer or early fall which would really drop two or three inches of rain on our storm," Ferguson said.

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The results from this year’s Virginia Press Association (VPA) College Center placed Liberty University’s campus newspaper The Liberty Champion as a winner in three categories.

The contest is intended to recognize those people who produce college publications day after day. The judges are asked to provide constructive feedback on each winning entry. VPA Member Services Manager Stephanie McLeod said, "The judges work hard on these reports, student journals feedback on their work, which many have said they found very constructive and very much."

"We’re working on our head lines," Sullivan said. Awards for the contest were handed out Saturday, April 9 at the Society of Professional Journalists’ Mark of Excellence Awards luncheon. The breakfast was held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.

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Fox News, Glenn Beck part ways
After a good run in broadcast, Beck shifts focus to the radio market

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While there was heated opposition on Capitol Hill this week, Fox News and Glenn Beck parted ways amicably. According to a New York Times article, Beck's leaving seems to be a mutual agreement between Beck and Fox News. Some of the reasoning behind Beck's leaving could be the advertisers who have boycotted the show as well as Beck's steady stream of controversial remarks. According to the Wall Street Journal, 400 advertisers had boycotted the show. Given the fact that Beck wasn't advocating violence, racism or other blatant morally objectionable things, this seems like a petty high school popularity contest move on the part of the advertisers.

Beck's announcement that he will be discontinuing his television show has sparked an interesting national dialogue across the country. Some are thrilled that he no longer will be able to use Fox News as a soapbox to spread his opinions. Some in the conservative movement think that he was a major liability that made the right look crazy. Jennifer Rubin of the Washington Post said that it was a good thing for conservatives that Beck was leaving. "It is entirely fitting that he should leave this week. This week belonged to the grownups in the conservative movement," Rubin said.

If people view Beck as a journalist, he appears ridiculous. Some of his speculations can be very far-fetched, and a lot of what he talks about could hardly be considered solid fact. Beck hosts a talk show, not the nightly news. The reason people watch his show is to hear how he thinks, his speculation and prediction on current events. So if conservatives want to tout him as serious news, then he makes all of them look foolish. If he is viewed for what he is—a commentator—then his enthusiastic rants can be entertaining.

Beck has accomplished some good for the conservative movement. His Restoring Honor rally generated a great deal of enthusiasm for the right. Even though there is controversy as to the actual number of people in attendance, the rally was still impressive. He has also generated quite a following. The New York Times described his show as "top rated" and dominating the 5 p.m. hour on cable news. According to their article, Beck's average nightly audience was 1.9 million. Although these ratings are significant, this improves to be a decrease in ratings. Beck set records for Fox News for his timeslot with some broadcasts over 3 million viewers, according to the New York Times. Some of his views lack sufficient evidence. However the enthusiasm that he and others were able to stir up could possibly account for the huge turnover in the House and Senate last November. People were motivated to generate change of their own. Instead of the typical grumbling about how bad things were in Washington, people got involved and voted, campaigned and did things that they may not have done otherwise. Beck must be evaluated for what he is—a motivator and entertainer.

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Master Sgt. Jamal H. Bowers: Life lived for God and country

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Master Sgt. Jamal Bowers, a decorated soldier and Marine who served more than 20 years on deployments that spanned the globe, died March 15 in a medical-related incident.

The 41-year-old native of Newark, N.J. spent his career in the Marine Corps out of Fort Bragg, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in 1987 and switched to the Army Reserve in 1993. He had been finishing up a bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies from Liberty University Online while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti from February 2008.

Kawana Bowers said she wanted to become a teacher when he retired.

"When he finished his degree, he was going to get his master degree and then do doctor's degree in psychology," she said. "He wanted to actually teach history at a college, he was going to get his masters degree then doctorate degree in psychology," she said. "I thought he was going to get married and have a family, but he wanted to actually teach history at a college." Kawana Bowers said he was going to become a teacher when he retired.

Planning to retire on September 24, 2015, Jamal Bowers had currently been stationed overseas as part of Operation Enduring Freedom — Horns of Africa Command (AFRICOM). He was part of Company A, 6th Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne), 4th Psychological Operations Center and School.

Jamal Bowers' deployments included two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. Among his numerous decorations, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Achievement Medal for Valor. The latter was cited for "tactical skills and courage under fire" while counterattacking an enemy ambush in Fallujah, Iraq and leading three wounded Marines to safety. The Department of Defense held a special dinner in honor of Jamal Bowers and 10 other African American veterans in February 2009.

As a special operations soldier, Jamal Bowers' actions were classified, and the stress strained his family relationships. "Only a small group of women are shown by God to be married to the soldiers that were married to — it is a sacrifice, and you can't do it without God," Kawana Bowers said. "They have the highest divorce rate in the military because of what they do, and the stress of the job will sometimes follow them home."

Kawana Bowers tends to go out and speak to women in similar circumstances based on her Christian belief and experience as the spouse, and now gold star wife, of a special operations soldier. "I learned to listen because that was the only way I could get to them — even if she was talking about nothing, they just wanted to hear," she said.

"Just be a good listener," she said. "Most people don't see how I'm dealing with what I'm dealing with, but I know that it's not necessarily the end, it's the beginning."

With all of her recent experiences, Kawana Bowers has learned the hard way many things. "I wish I had been told beforehand. She encourages women with questions, particularly military spouses, to message her on Facebook.

"There's a lot of stuff you don't know and a lot of stuff that he planned on doing before he left, but we never got around to it, that would've made a great difference now," she said. "Just these small things would help a lot."

People have been asking how they can help to the family set up an account for Jamal and Kawana Bowers' grandchildren. Jamal Bowers liked his grandchildren so much that, in lieu of sending flowers, the home of his two sisters, who asked that people make checks payable to Kawana Bowers so that she could put them in the children's account — that was Jamal Bowers' last wish for his grandchildren.

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Fire claims lives of Liberty alumni

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Aaron and Rachael Horton, 2007 graduates of Liberty University, died together Friday, April 8.

The two grew up in Lynchburg and met while attending Liberty. They married in 2007 and remained in the area.

"They were very close," said a friend of Liberty, a servant in Thomas Road Baptist Church and member of Thomas Road Baptist Church and became a successful businessman in Lynchburg. He helped develop the Old Time Gospel Hour in the late 1960s.

Later he founded the mailing company Samuel E. F. Jr. and Josh Quintero and nephews, Jude, Gabriel and Heavenly Pate Jr. said.

"We are glad that we have hope," Rachael Horton was survived by her husband Wendell Kenneth Pate Jr. of Lynchburg and replaced by her sister and brother-in-law. Heather and Macel Pate Falwell, wife of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell Jr. said.

In addition to his parents, Rachael was survived by her sister and brother-in-law. Heather and three great-grandchildren (who will be bom later this spring).

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A forum on academic changes
Chancellor Falwell and team tackle frequently asked questions

The Chandler Griffin: And his staff and others can be quoted for questions and answers about the changes.

For those students who were not able to attend the forum last week, The Chandler Griffin is publishing the Q&A. Some of the students who attended the forum were happy and professor suggested changes after she received information from students in the forum last week. All of the changes will be subject to ongoing review and improvement, and further refinement will occur as faculty and students provide additional feedback to departments and administration. The goal of all the changes has been to enhance the learning opportunities for students and improve the academic outcomes of the university while making the most efficient use of the university's financial resources.

Are any courses being moved? - Yes.

Some courses will be moved to online delivery as part of the two-year cycle. The two-year cycle is a series of offerings that are designed to deliver classes to students in a more efficient way. This means that the majority of courses will be offered online, and the remaining courses will be offered in-person. As a result, the majority of faculty members will be teaching exclusively in-person.

Are any courses being canceled? - Yes.

The majority of the courses that are being canceled are large classes that are not working for them to teach. These courses were carefully chosen in consultation with the Provost and the deans of the schools. The goal is to cancel courses that do not meet minimum standards for enrollment.

Are any courses being added? - Yes.

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Are class sizes being increased? - Yes.

Some classes are seeing larger class sizes as part of the two-year cycle. This is because the majority of courses will be offered online, and the remaining courses will be offered in-person. As a result, the majority of faculty members will be teaching exclusively in-person.

What departments at the university will be impacted? - All departments at the university will be impacted as part of the two-year cycle. The majority of courses will be offered online, and the remaining courses will be offered in-person. As a result, the majority of faculty members will be teaching exclusively in-person.

Relay: Run to save lives

The Relay For Life seeks to honor those who have been touched or affected by various traditions. The "Luminaria Ceremony" will begin the relay and serve as a reminder to the participants to celebrate their stories.

The "Luminaria Ceremony" is held at 8 p.m. and involves the placement of luminaria, which are small, battery-operated candles, along the track. The candles are lit and placed in memory of loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer. The luminaria are then placed along the track, forming a circle around the track. The candles are lit and placed in memory of loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer.

The Relay For Life is a 24-hour event that begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 7 a.m. It is held every year to raise funds for cancer research and to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer. The relay is open to anyone who wants to participate, and it is a fun and rewarding event for all involved.
Wetmore. However, he said the second game was completely different. "I'm really proud of our girls as they never gave up on a match," head coach Chris Sheeran said. "We would not be where we are now if they didn't fight so hard." The April 4 match was the Flames first step onto the courts for competition since March 17's match against Georgia Southern. All of the matches during the hiatus were canceled or rescheduled due to the threat of bad weather. Though Liberty fought hard and added singles victories to No. 2 sophomore Tittiaa Stamy and No. 6 freshman Stanislav Vaughan, they could not pull out a total win against Gardner-Webb. "We had much after much postponed due to weather and we lost a little bit of that competitive edge that is a big factor when competing with other teams," No. 2 doubles senior Benjamin Wirth said. "This is one reason why we were so well against Longwood and won, we used the Gardner-Webb match to regain that competitive edge." The Flames recovered and defeated Longwood 4-3 on April 5 at home on the Hershey-Ebenshade Tennis Courts. The win kept Liberty undefeated on its home courts.

Sarah Jovin was the only Liberty men's singles player to win a set against his opponent. After losing the first set, Jovin came back with vengeance to win the second set. Both Tuus and his opponent, Ivan Salec, fought hard for domination of the third set. In the end, Salec narrowly defeated Tuus with a final match score of 6-4, 6-4 and 10-8.

SUCCESSFUL BATTER — The Lady Flames softball team took two of three games this weekend against Charleston Southern.

TENNIS

KATHERINE LACAZE

After falling on the defense during one of Saturday's doubleheader and taking a 2-6 loss, The Lady Flames softball team stepped it up, taking control of the next two games and winning two of their three home games in the series against the Charleston Southern Buccaneers April 8 and 9. Pitcher Katrina Johnson struggled during the first game, giving up five runs, and the team couldn't recover according to head coach Paul Wetmore. However, he said the second game was completely different. "Kat came out and pitched a complete game and she pitched very well," Wetmore said. "We hit the ball well. We had some long ball and the intensity was great in the second game because we didn't have to play from behind. That makes a huge difference." Johnson said that after pitching most of the first two innings of the first game she went to the bullpen to practice so she was ready to come back out during game two. Not only did she pitch the Buccaneers at one run and six hits, but the rest of the defense stepped it up, according to Johnson. "The first game, we might have struggled a little on the mound and on defense, so we decided to just come back for the second game and bring it together and refuse to lose," third baseman Ashley Benninger said. "We were going to be good at all things and that was the focus." Benninger said that the strength of the Lady Flames during the second game was adjusting to what the Buccaneers pitchers were throwing, just during each at bat, but with each pitch.
Shepherd matches record on his birthday

Liberty pole vaulter Kolby Shepherd matched a long-standing school record of 17 feet 63/16 inches Saturday at the Texas Relays. The vault placed him third in the competition among several nationally ranked athletes.

The two vaulters to place higher were the No. 1-ranked pole vaulter for the 2011 season and two-time national champion.

Kolby Shepherd successfully cleared the vault on his first attempt. The record had been held since 1993 and was Liberty track and field’s oldest-standing record. Not only was Saturday a successful day for Shepherd, but it was also his 22nd birthday.

Golf places second at River Landing

Liberty’s golf team took second place this weekend at the River Landing Intercollegiate competition. After the first 36 holes in the two-day tournament, No. 32 Liberty led the competition with a combined 21-under par, but recorded a one-over par during the final Saturday play.

Liberty finished the competition at 6-under par, which is the Flames lowest score of the season, as well as the second lowest in the program’s history. Junior Robert Karlsson finished to share fourth place at seven-under par, and was Liberty’s top finisher. The next event takes the Flames to the 2011 Big South Men’s Championship April 16-20. The first place finisher will receive the automatic bid to the NCAA Regional.

Football spring practice underway

The Liberty Flames football team completed its third week of spring practices. According to libertylacrosse.com, head coach Danny Rice took the team through its first half of spring practices. Rice has one week left of practice until the annual spring football game. Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. The team will be running drills to work on usage game situations for its most important practices, including Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Women’s Lacrosse wins one of three

The Lady Flames had a busy week, playing three games in the weekend. Kolby Shepherd placed second in the national rankings.

The Lady Flames dropped their first game of the weekend to the tough Nebraska Wesleyan. On Sunday, the Flames rebounded Tuesday with a 17-7 victory against Evansville. Junior Kolby Krutlow

The Flames baseball team fell the James Madison Dukes Wednesday at home in a five-inning, 12-12 game. The Flames dropped their first game, 6-2, but came back Saturday, blanking the Panthers 9-0. Starting pitcher John Nagli pitched eight solid innings for the Flames, allowing High Point off the scoreboard. Sunday’s game looked bleak, but a strong comeback in the ninth inning pushed the Flames to a 12-9 victory over High Point. The Flames scored seven runs on seven hits in the ninth, beating around the perimeter.

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SLUGGERS — Second baseman Zach Haley waits for his pitch.

HIGH SCORING — The lacrosse team beat Erskine Tuesday with a score of 17-7, led by five scorers with four goals each.

Baseball takes two of four

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The win takes the Flames to 17-16 in the season and 3-3 in conference play.
KICKING AWAY THE TIME — Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco chose to stay active during the current NFL lockout, by playing with the Kansas City Sporting soccer team.

For example, "The NFL still intends to play 18 games, but it’s a lockout is even. There are many players with legal issues during the lockout will face court proceedings when the season starts."

"The personal conduct of players and employees is an integral part of the NFL. A stay on the 2010 season would not be to the advantage of the NFL."

Other players have spent time in Uruguay and Brazil with an organization called Pem for Africa, providing food and medical supplies to children who have become victims of war and disease.

Despite examples of misconduct during the NFL, current players have to earn the right to enjoy the benefits of the league. They campaign for the enforcement of the NFL — like in a lockout.

NFLPA History

The NFL Players Association (NFLPA), founded in 1984, did not soon recognize players as a union until 1956, when it was finally recognized by the court of final arbitrator. The NFLPA has since represented players in several key situations, including a 1994–95 lockout and a 2004–05 labor dispute.

The lockout also led to the NFLPA decertifying as a union. The union was later dissolved but was eventually reinstated in 2006.

The argument is that with the struggling economy, which has undoubtedly led to a decrease in ticket sales and merchandise, players are being paid less than expected. The owners demand a salary cap.

The real issue here is that the NFLPA is not doing enough to represent the players' interests. The union has not been proactive enough in addressing the owners' demands and enforcing the collective bargaining agreement.

The NFLPA has not been able to negotiate with the owners on issues such as a salary cap, a team emergency fund, and player safety. The league has also not been proactive enough in addressing the players' concerns.

If you had $20 million sitting at home, how would you spend your time? Or, would you enjoy the good fortune lasted? Or, as the NFL — like in a lockout. forced on players when they conduct policy can't be enforced, when the integrity of and public confidence in the NFL will certainly be addressed when play resumes.
Phantom of the Opera

The Department of Theatre Arts rented roughly 210 costumes for the opera, and the costume shop created custom costumes and accessories, including hairpieces.

Christine and Raoul, sweethearts since childhood, are threatened by the Phantom's fixation with Christine.

The Phantom, played by Davis Mercer, sabotages the opera house until the owners give in to his demands.

Tiffany Edwards, Feature Editor

Those who have not seen the Liberty Department of Theatre Arts' 2011 production of Phantom of the Opera should prepare themselves for an extravagant display of sight, sound, and skill by the cast and technical crew. After preparing and adding costumes and accessories in advance, the show sold out 17 performances.

The Phantom of the Opera opened Friday, April 8, expertly designed by students, community members, and inspired by the contest winners who traveled from out of state to witness the largest production produced at the new Tower Theater. Directed by Linda Self's assistant, the show stars Davis Mercer as the Phantom; Rachel Orme as Christine; and Caleb Hughes as Christine's fiancé, Raoul.

Costume assistant Elly Williams has worked in the Theatre Arts costume shop since late fall and is also the wardrobe manager for The Phantom of the Opera, which makes her responsible for overseeing the actors' costume and makeup changes during the performance.

Pantomime's biggest challenge compared to other productions, she said, was the number of costumes that were very difficult to work with. Williams said, "Our goal was to make the show look as real as possible." According to Williams, the DIAM has worked to give the production a unique Liberty Theatre style as opposed to following the traditional Broadway format.

This weekend was a great opening weekend," Cooper said. "Our last performance was actually the last run of the musical. Normally, the week of the show, the students are non-painting and performing all week. But this time, the cast had a full week of performance.

Cooper said that all performances are sold out, but people still looking for tickets can visit the Tower Theater box office or call 20 minutes before a performance starts to see if there are any cancellations for reserved tickets. For more information about the play or the Department of Theatre Arts, visit the website at liberty.edu/theatre
Ray Jones and his wife, Jill, died in an August car crash. Their daughter, Niko, also died. The family is now focused on finding closure and healing.

Some days it kills you and some days it makes you smile.

Ray Jones

The family is through. Harris County District Judge John Harris has sentenced the driver to life in prison.

Some of Jill Jones' fifth grade students wrote letters to her in Heaven, thanks to efforts of the school's principal and Jill's job teaching. These letters were given to the family.

The family received an outpouring of offers from the university, school and church.

"I still get cards from people I don't know," Jones said. "Jill, said, 'We're going to survive this.'"

"We're going to survive this," Jones said. "It's hard when you're dealing with the aftermath of this. It's tough to try to make plans when you have to deal with everything you have to deal with."

"Father and son share a similar path. Raymond plans to enroll in Liberty and teaching or digging ditches," Jones said. "I know in the last year, my plan didn't work. Between saying something and doing it is so vast," Jones said. "Some days it kills you and some days it makes you smile."
Downtown soul: Jimmy’s On The James

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Jimmy’s On The James, a southern bistro located on Commerce Street, is packed out every weekend and sometimes as early as 5 p.m. Rygelinski, manager of Jimmy’s On The James, said, “We only open since Oct. 1, 2010, Jimmy’s On The James has been packed out every weekend, according to Dudley. Reservations are required on the weekends and are recommended during the week.”

The music at Jimmy’s is live every night with local talent, which includes pianists, saxophonists and singers, as well as their in-house talent, Jim Dudley. According to Dudley, many customers have compared him to “The Blue Eyes” Fred Sinatra. Rygelinski described the music at Jimmy’s to be “American songbook,” with jazz. Dudley moved back to Lynchburg to be closer to his parents. Dudley has previously owned Southern Culture, a restaurant in Richmond, Va., in the 1990s. He said the restaurant and moved to Florida to pursue his passion in acting and singing. Dudley moved back to Lynchburg and became the Salvation Army Development Center and the Academy of Fine Arts.

For more information, visit jimmysonthejames.com.

Epicurious Adventures — Jimmy’s On The James features live music every night, including its house talent, Jim Dudley.

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Events to LOOK OUT for in the next few weeks.

April 11
Annual Assessment Day
This year, Assessment Day is being referred to as “A-Day.” Classes and reservation will not be held with the exception of classes that are only held on Wednesday. Assessment activities have been planned for the entire day. E-mail have been sent to students informing them of each specific activity that they are required to attend. Participants will be eligible to win prizes. For more information, visit the A-Day website which can be found through the Splash page.

April 15
Liberty University Night at the ballpark
Student Activities will be hosting a night with the Lynchburg Hillcats on Friday, Gates open at 5 p.m. and the game begins at 6:05 p.m. There is no cost for Liberty students, faculty and staff with a valid ID and there will be fireworks after the game. For more information, contact student activities at 434-592-3061 or studentactivitiesinfo@liberty.edu.

April 15 and 16
Whitewater Rafting Trip
Student Activities is sponsoring a rafting and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. For more information or to register, stop by the Student Activities Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The event is formal and attendees are requested to wear gowns and tuxedos.

April 16
Junior/Senior Gala
The Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting a Phantom of the Opera Masquerade from 8:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Williams Stadium Club Pavilion. The event will feature entertainment, food, drinks and performances. The event is formal and attendees are requested to wear gowns and tuxedos. Tickets are $55 with $5 of each ticket being donated toward the senior class gift. Each ticket comes with a mask and can be purchased at the Vines Center ticket office or on line at ticketmaster.com. For more information, contact SGA at 434-582-2323 or sga@liberty.edu.

April 16
Seabird in Concert
Student Activities will be hosting a free concert at the Tilley Student Center starting at 9 p.m. Seabird will be performing for the night. For more information, contact student activities at 434-592-3061 or studentactivitiesinfo@liberty.edu.

April 26
CPR/First Aid Training Registration is open for the upcoming CPR training classes on April 26. Participants have two class times to choose from — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will receive a two-year certification card in CPR and first aid. For more information or to register email care@centre.liberty.edu.

Salvation Army seeking volunteers
The Salvation Army is continually seeking volunteers. Volunteers can assist with programs such as — Noah’s Ark Day Care, the soup kitchen and property maintenance.

The Salvation Army is located at 2315 Park Ave., Lynchburg, Va. For more information, call 434-446-9579 or visit us.salvationarmy.org.

Congratulations

Liberty Dining Services would like to thank all of you who participated in our Dessert Competition. The winners are below.

Grand Prize: Kindle 3 with M-Edge Cover
Jenna Pearce

Frozen Yogurt Social with 3 Friends
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Jenna, he graciously welcomed this, Jenna said. "The doctors were not if they could hold a drive on Liberty According to Cole's biography, she finally made. Jenna endured six "After an enlarged spleen and lots of her aunt found an ar­row match for me." Jenna was taken to the emergencySlow swelling had become so severe that was rapidly getting. She was rushed into surgery the surgeons performed a crani­otomy and put her in a coma. She awoke on Jan. 16,2011. She was a full year and a half later. Jenna returned to Liberty to how the Lord has brought her to this point. Jan. 16, 2011 Jenna was rushed into surgery. Her condition was quite seriously worse, and she was unresponsive. The surgeon performed a crani­otomy to try to relieve the pressure and swelling. According to Jenna, thousands were praying at the exact moment the surgery was taking place, including students at Liberty and God more than anyone. "I was really honored to be involved all hare, but it just goes to show you how powerful God is." People would send me things from Facebook and letters even if I wasn't awake," Jenna said. "When closed the book on her first year, it was six years since she began her life. Jenna had lost her hair once be­cause of radiation therapy. She was living in Richmond, Va. According to Jenna, she had been suffering with a continuous headache for a couple of weeks. After CAT scans were performed, Jenna and her family were informed that not only did the hurricane blow two blizzards in her brain, a little long hair that had been, but it had severe. Aug. 3, 1999 Jenna received an umbilical cord blood transplant at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C. Before the transplant, Jenna underwent chemotherapy and total body irradiation. Following the transplant, Jenna went through months of conditioning, regener­ation and near death experiences. In addi­tion, all of middle school, only attended two years of high school and had to wait a year before starting college. Jenna was able to begin taking classes at age 17 with the help of the fall of 2006 and transferred to Liberty her second year and later even more difficulties to not worry about - then our minds about what she should do. She all her state in God's power, very high. Please pray for her to wake up good."