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poses a serious challenge to Darwinian "Whatever Happened to Darwin's Tree of Life" that will take place on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in DeMoss 113. Dr. Dean Nelson, a fellow of the Discovery Institute, will tackle the issue of genomic data that calls into question the common ancestry of life. Nelson, a fellow of the Discovery Institute, will present an analysis of the evidence that calls into question the common ancestry of life. Nelson, a fellow of the Discovery Institute, will present an analysis of the evidence that calls into question the common ancestry of life. Nelson, a fellow of the Discovery Institute, will present an analysis of the evidence that calls into question the common ancestry of life. Nelson, a fellow of the Discovery Institute, will present an analysis of the evidence that calls into question the common ancestry of life. Nelson, a fellow of the Discoverin...
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The Moot Court team once again finds itself in a great position to take the national championship in the National American Collegiate Moot Court Association Tournament. The debate team just claimed victories at Mary Washington and George Mason Universities. The season is now 50-40-0, and currently the debate team sits atop the national rankings.

The debate team traveled to James Madison University where Stephanie Field won individual rounds and valedictorian. Rosie Garrett received second speaker and Ben Hagedorn received third speaker. They then traveled to the University of Mary Washington where the debate team won four of the top spots in the elimination round. Both Brian Ross and Jack Tupper finished with a 6-7 record and Garrett finished 5-1 along with the team of Paul Dillard and Garrett. Naomi Tupper won the tournament while Dillard and Garrett won the tournaments 2-1 decision. The debate team cleared top spots and Field and Garrett won 3-2.

Winning rounds of the matches landed the team at George Mason University where they completed their travels with a 6-0 victory over George Mason. In this match, Dillard, Armstrong, Garrett, and Troxclair came in third. Ross Garrett received second speaker. The debate team continues to improve.

The amount of work that a debate student puts into research helps them acquire tools that are transferable. "It is the debate team's job to clear arguments," said Garrett. "We have to think analytically and foster critical thinking. These two skills are transferable and applicable to any career."

If you’re a government, history or communication student, join us for a Q&A session on Jan. 30th at 4 p.m. in the Maloney Student Union Ballroom, Room 201. We will provide you with the latest in the world of debate and the tournaments. For more information contact Amanda Forth at afrith@liberty.edu.

Contact Caroline Harrison at catherieharrison@liberty.edu.

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America, in the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our death...}

Mattison Brooks
OPINION REPORTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A crowd amasses around the Washington Monument on inauguration day.

President Barack Obama delivered his inaugural address on January 20 in the following excerpts:

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Liberty gymnasts swing into action

Amanda Thomason

Flip, springs, and tumbling are a few of the daily pastimes of the new Liberty gymnastics team. The team has formed an umbrella under the direction of Lori Darter, the Assistant Director of Club Sports and Intramurals.

Students had an intramural Tuesday night fair to 11:30 p.m. with 22 to 30 students already signed up for the team. The club is being held weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the intention of meeting the club's intramural eligibility requirements.

If members are planning to compete in the next season according to Darter. They are doing megastatistics this week, and before the season starts, they will take their first meet where the local region will consist of local clubs, and the district level will consist of teams from other districts.

Darter is a new coach for the gymnastics team, and she is in the process of selecting a coaching staff.

The Intramural president can create a club team that will be for the upcoming academic year. The club team is formed to promote intramural, and the students who are interested can contact Amanda Thomason at thomasonahbeauty.com.

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Low - Students compete in gymnastics, holding their own both on balance beam, floor and the vault.

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Moriah Frazee scores 1000th

Liberty Flames turned the sword on the Bulldogs, 76-51.

Megan Frazee goes with six points during last 1-1/2 minutes of the game. Turnovers play a major role in the game, with 15 turnovers on the Bulldogs’ part.

Flames continue to run with a 75-48 victory for the Lady Flames.

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Overtime collapse haunts Liberty in Big South Conference loss

Chris McNairy and Jake Petersen
SPORTS REPORTER AND EXPERT

A crowd of 3,792 saw the Flames take on Radford inside the Vines Center Saturday night. What they witnessed was a back-and-forth struggle throughout regulation and forced two overtimes, but Liberty could not maintain their initial lead, ultimately falling to the Highlanders, 94-82.

Anthony Smith and freshman Seth Curry aided by the hot shooting of senior Kenny Thomas and Joey Lynch-Flohr with four three-point field goals, second half were crucial in sending Liberty's conference record to 14-7, while Radford handed Liberty its seventh loss of the season, bringing its Big South record to 16-4.

Prior to the loss, the Flames had won their four previous games, highlighted by last Tuesday's come-from-behind 61-56 victory over High Point. In the last 14 games, the Flames scored 14 straight points en route to their 14th win of the season.

The Flames look to bounce back as they face off against UNC-Asheville as they face off against UNC-Asheville.

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The phrase "Any given Sunday" is easily one of the most overused cliches in all of sports, but recent events inside the National Football League (NFL) have made it as true as ever.

The 2008 playoffs showed just how fickle the NFL can be from one season to the next. The New England Patriots, who have been the decade's most dominant team, missed the playoffs despite posting an 11-5-0 record. Meanwhile, the Miami Dolphins completed an unbelievable turnaround in 2008 as they rebounded from a 1-15 record in 2007 to make the playoffs.

Meanwhile, in the National Football Conference (NFC), the Giants followed up last year's Super Bowl run by securing the no. 1 seed in the NFC. They then fell prey to the Eagles at home, spelling doom for yet another one-seed in the NFL.

However, we have barely touched the tip of the iceberg on this season's playoff surprises until we talk about the Arizona Cardinals. Not only have they become the first 9-7 team since the 1979 Rams to reach the Super Bowl, but they are appearing in their first championship game of any kind since 1947 when they won the NFL Championship as the Chicago Cardinals. They have since called two cities home in St. Louis and Phoenix, Ariz, and have made the playoffs just a handful of times in that span.

Never before in Super Bowl history has there been such a sharp contrast between the teams' historical records. The Steelers are currently tied with the Dallas Cowboys for most Super Bowl victories with five, their most recent coming in Super Bowl XL. History aside, the game itself boasts many intriguing storylines, that are sure to develop further even before the game's opening kickoff. It should be an interesting chess match between Head Coaches Mike Tomlin and Ken Whisenhunt, as the two are familiar with each other from their time in Pittsburgh. Whisenhunt was the tight ends coach beginning in 2001 before becoming the Offensive Coordinator in 2004. He also interviewed for the head coaching position two seasons ago that was eventually given to current coach Mike Tomlin.

The stark contrast extends to play on the field as well. While the Steelers have been traditionally known as a smash mouth, in-your-face defensive squad dating back to the "Steel Curtain" teams of the 1970s, the Cardinals boast a potent offensive attack featuring arguably the game's top wide receiver in Larry Fitzgerald.

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Among college student, the consensus is that for $399 Apple (the creator of all things good) gives us everything we think we might need to entertain ourselves in life. and only. After all, Apple designed beauty, simplicity and usability into the many iPod models we have on the market today.

But is it the unquestionable leader in the world of portable music players? Are their products out there that can match up in quality what the iPod has in abundance? Probably.Apple designers did the best they could to implement beauty, simplicity and usability into the many iPod models we have on the market today.

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First off, let's nail an obvious design flaw found in all iPods—the lack of an ON/OFF button. Since the creation of the very first electronic devices, mankind has sort of a negative role model effect that might bring you to a startling conclusion. It was time to share his economic thoughts with others. Rencher took an opportunity to see students learn and grow in a very rewarding, according to Rencher. He recalls conversations with a journalism student he had a few years back in which the student acknowledged how important Rencher's economics class had been to his career.

It was time to share his economic thoughts with others. Rencher took an early retirement from AT&T, and he and his wife married.

Life in LYNCHBURG

Jazz Street Grill

Jazz Street Grill, now in its new location at 3009 Old Forest Road, is not just a great place to eat, but Tuesday through Saturday, live music is featured as well. Just because "jazz" in the title does not mean you have to love jazz to like this grill. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m.-midnight, and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact the Jazz Street Grill at 434-385-0100.

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The Lynchburg Community Market, located in downtown Lynchburg at 1219 Main Street, is an open-air market, full of fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms, unique gifts, ethnic foods and live music. Open every day except Sunday from 7a.m.-2p.m. The community market has different events tailored to holidays and the seasons. The Chocolate Challenge is an event that will take place on Valentine’s Day. Contact the Market at 434-455-4485.

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IThoughts on the iPod

Is the revolutionary mp3 player all it’s cracked up to be?

We love the fact that there are so many things in our lives that can simply be switched on and off with one touch. We just click a button, and Bam! Things happen spontaneously without ever turning them on or off.

A second major issue with most models of the iPod is the classic screen-freeze problem. Many iPod consumers have heard themselves or their friends laughing at their iPod, turning into a freeze screen. It is not that they cannot play music, they simply stop playing. This can sometimes happen spontaneously without ever switching or stopping the iPod. No one likes to see that, but it’s there.

The most intriguing 1/0 button issue with all iPods is the appealing fact that consumers can only have their iPod supported software active at one time. Unfortunately, the usability is not otherwise defined and the interoperability is questionable. iPod owner gets a new computer or want to put their iTunes library on a separate computer. Having to go through the hassle after paying hundreds of dollars for the device is not very consumer-friendly, it’s right.

Regardless of whether you are an iPod fan or not, there is no denying the market dominance of this product. More likely, you should consider other product like the Microsoft Zune, or the Creative Zen. Let’s do our job as Americans and attempt to not confirm this petty but extremely relevant issue and break the cycle.

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All Fired Up, located at 4119 Boonesboro Road, is a fun place to hang out with your friends and create your own pottery. All Fired Up has a large assortment of paints to choose from, which you can paint your pottery, then it is glazed and fired for your finished piece that you can take home with you. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 1 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. For more information, visit allfireduplynchburg.com.

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Professor Profile: Robert Rencher

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LIFE REPORTER

After 27 years of experience in the business world, Associate Professor of Business Robert C. Rencher decided it was time to share his economic knowledge with others. Rencher took an early retirement from AT&T, and he and his wife married.

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