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Liberty University announced April 19 that Mitt Romney will be addressing Liberty graduates at the 2012 Commencement, May 12.

For 40 years Liberty has been training "Champions for Christ." This commencement will mark the 39th send-off of graduates from Liberty.

"We are delighted that Governor Romney will join us at the 2012 Commencement," Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said in an official press release.

"This will be a historic event for Liberty University, reminiscent of the visits of President Ronald Reagan to Liberty in 1980 and of President George H.W. Bush who spoke at Liberty's 1990 Commencement ceremony."

According to his website, Romney was born in Detroit on March 12, 1947. Although Romney is now classified as a politician, he spent most of his life working in the private sector before he was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 2002, according to his website.

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"It's really exciting that Palau is coming to Liberty," junior Israel Paredes said. "I'm someone who's known around the world for being passionate about spreading the gospel. I'm going to speak to the Baby Bird team.

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The national finals took place in Chicago, where Liberty University's School of Law earned a 4-1 record in the regional bracket. The team, led by returning All American Jeremy White and Philip Marbury, emerged as regional champions and advanced to the national finals.

Jeremy White and Philip Marbury led the team to victory, with White earning All American honors. The team's success was a testament to their hard work and dedication to the game.

Liberty University's School of Law is known for its strong program and competitive teams. This year, the team's success in Chicago further solidified their place as a national powerhouse in the field of law.

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Colson dies at 80

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Famous evangelist and former special counsel to Richard Nixon, Charles "Chuck" Colson, died of a brain hemorrhage Saturday, April 21, at the age of 80.

Colson is remembered for his prolific writing and speaking to educate prisoners and their families through his Prison Fellowship ministry.

"Chuck was a tremendous influence in my life," personal friend Chaplain Dan Croce said. "No one could ever praise Prison Fellowship — nobody.""}

The<em>The News</em> editorial board expressed its sympathy for Colson's passing and the loss it has left to the world.

Colson is remembered for his good work and his dedication to the prison ministry in the United States. He was a pillar of the prison Reform movement and a leader in the fight for inmate rights.

Colson's legacy continues to impact the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him and those who will continue to be inspired by his work.

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Aire race continues from 1A

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and the other for the chili cook-off winner.

Besides fundraising, the teams have focused on training for the race. Practice will pick up this week, as the June race approaches.

"This is the first time we are primarily focused on fundraising and learning the race," Morris said. "We are currently learning flight planning tools and techniques that will help them during the race. Next week we will begin doing some light flights to help them learn the decisions-making process that comes into play during the race, and we will fly some mock race routes.

The pilots themselves are excited for the upcoming event, even though they "don't know what to expect," Satterfield said.

"It's very surreal — it's a big thing and I don't think I'll realize until I get to that airport after flying twice across the country."

For the cook-off, it helped to raise funds for the trip and increase awareness at Liberty. The Liberty Belles and the Air Race Classic both have goals for the trip. The winners of the cook-off were, from first to third place, Brian Dollante, Luke and Tracy Hamer and Joe Leonard.

Anyone interested in donating to the Liberty Belles or sponsoring part of the race can email libertybelles@liberty.edu.

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City Council elections held May 1

Students can voice their opinions on important issues affecting Lynchburg

Tabitha Cassidy

City Council elections are next week—Tuesday, May 1. Many students who are already proud with decisions of which finish to study for and how they are getting home for summer plans may find themselves asking why they should vote in a local Lynchburg election.

"Voting locally, will employ a dynamic role in changing the makeup of your city," Liberty senior and Political Science major Zach Martin said. "When you're voting in local elections, you're voting for things such as median income, water usage, power rates—things of that nature," Martin said.

The current city council has already voted down the proposed City Budget meals tax increase. This current council will vote on every aspect of the proposed budget for upcoming years.

In the past, city council has also made the decision to add a Ward III polling place from Heritage High School to Liberty University. The council has also imposed Conditional Use Permits (CUP) on Liberty to require the college to build an estimated $6 million worth of roads, ramps and tunnels in previous years. This increase of building requirements caused tuition to raise $667 for the 2011 academic year, according to a previous Liberty Champion article.

According to the 2009 City of Lynchburg Financial Services' comprehensive financial report, the second largest employers in Lynchburg is Jerry Falwell Ministries (JFM) Inc., which includes Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty University and Liberty Christian Academy. Employing 3,422 people, JFM is behind only Central Virginia with the number of jobs that it brings to the community.

A 2009 report released by Marginal Economic Consulting (MEC), an organization specializing in economic and quantitative research, found that Liberty accounts for one out of every 10 local Lynchburg jobs. Liberty students also contributed to a $17.1 million local direct spending, the report said. The report also revealed that every dollar Liberty spends generates $1.48 in local economic activity.

In the past, Liberty students have helped swing the election for the House of Delegates between Shannon Valentine and Delegate Scott Garrett, Martin said. "Liberty students can play a dynamic role in the election because of the voting block they make up," Martin said. These students that are already registered to vote for city council members will be able to have their voices heard through the ballot box May 1.

"Liberty students can leave a mark and a legacy in Lynchburg by voting conservatively into office," Martin said.

On-campus students will be voting in the Ward III district. Off-campus students should one in the precinct where they are registered.

CASSIDY is the news editor.

Editor's Note

City Council elections will be held May 1, and the Liberty Champion news staff has decided to give each candidate a platform to discuss his opinions about issues relevant to Liberty University students.

Each candidate was given the same amount of time to respond to the Champion's questions, and the only criterion was to keep the answers to roughly 700 words. Their responses and brief biographies can be found on A4-A5 in this edition of the Liberty Champion.

The order in which the candidates appear was decided by putting the Wards in order, determining who was running against whom. We then placed the candidates that responded first on the top of the page, and the one that responded second on the bottom. Two candidates are running unopposed for their Wards.

With this information, we hope that our readers will be able to make an informed decision and get out and vote on May 1 for city council members. To determine which Ward you live in, please refer to our graphic to the left.

For complete details, visit Lynchburgva.com.
Mike Gillette, Ward I

Mike Gillette graduated from Brunel University at the top of his class as a magna cum laude with degrees in Philosophy and Classics. He furthered his education at Boston University, where Gillette obtained his law degree in 1999. Simultaneously, he also pursued his Master’s degree and Ph.D. in Philosophy.

According to his website, Gillette, originally from Connecticut, moved to Virginia in 1999. He has spent more than 20 years in Lynchburg with his wife, Kelly. The couple has raised two children, Rachel and Rebecca. Gillette’s time in Lynchburg has created a “vested interest” in the community, according to the website.

Michael was honored as Virginia’s 2012 Citizen of the Year by the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, which “honors people who have been long-time community leaders and who take great pride in seeing Lynchburg grow and prosper.”

During the past year, Gillette chaired the Task Force on Heritage High School and the Future of Secondary Education in Lynchburg. He would very much like to see the plan for a new Heritage High School continue and to assist in the implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations.

I also foresee the need to deal with competitive issues in our public education system. We must develop a multi-prong strategy for working toward a resolution of the stresses that impact our police, fire and emergency service workers.

John Richards, Ward I

John Richards is a lifelong Lynchburg resident. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Virginia and a Master’s of Science in Aerospace Dynamics.

Richards joined the Air Force in 1981 as a logistics plan officer. He served for 24 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2005. While in the Air Force, his first son, John, was born in 1987. He and his wife have three daughters: Frances, Morgan and Rebecca. Richards left his acquired skills from the Air Force to work for Edwards, an aerospace company.

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As representative of Ward II, I will continue to encourage and support downtown revitalization and good, sound business development on my ward. I will continue to support the development along Martin Luther King Boulevard and other areas of Rogers and Argyle. I will also work to encourage another super market to be located in downtown. Finally, I will continue to support our public education system and a responsible tax base.

Question Two: What key city projects do you plan to focus on if elected?

I am in favor of the comprehensive city budget process, but the most important issue is the way we make money and make it last. This is something we need to work on for Ward II, where residents have been hit hard and need something consistent and makes precedent. It is the only one of the four wards which lost population 2009-2017. We still need a Food Lion downtown. The Food Lion on Florida Avenue is not easy to get to for those who do not have access to vehicles and must rely only on taxis or walking for GeCo. It is the only one of the four wards which lost population 2009-2017.

Because of this, I want to cooperate with the City, the Public City, and the local colleges to recruit businesses into the city and increase its tax base as a whole. This will help jump start our economy from its current slow net job growth.

Question Three: Would you agree to City Manager Kimball Payne’s recommended tax hikes? Why or why not?

I do not agree with the tax hikes. The proposal was made by the City Manager for the citizens of Ward II. A real estate tax hike will be more costly for owners and renters. I am glad to see that the meals tax has been rejected by City Council. The result of such an increase will probably still be debated, but I am sure that we will not have brought more restaurants or customers into the city. Cutting back on budget is the route to go at this time. It is painful, but necessary.

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I believe High School High School should be restored, but we still need economic growth that will give us a better idea. It is time for Lynchburg to become what it is by mastering the necessary information. The wise decision to do the best thing for our town is the time to come. We should raise taxes and give residents more reason to head over the county line. The key is to improve the infrastructure still being planned for the projects. We must keep the vision, but we must focus on practical ways to fund it without creating burdens on the citizens.

Cecas Johnson, Ward II

Cecas Johnson, current representative of Ward II in Lynchburg, graduated from Alcorn State University in Louisiana. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics in 1989, according to Lynchburg.gov. Johnson excelled in academics, "in his way as "Senior City Council President, a member of the Parade of Presidents, and President of the Delta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc." according to the website. He was also on the dean's list for three semesters.

Johnson married his wife Rose in 1989 and moved to Virginia shortly after. During his time in the state, Johnson worked with the U.S. D.A. Soil Conservation Service, where he has served in Virginia, West Virginia and Harrisburg.

In 1996, Johnson became a licensed pastor. He attended the former Virginia Seminary and College, holding a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Divinity from the institution.

In 2008, he was elected to Lynchburg City Council, representing Ward II. He is currently the pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church in Roanoke.
Jeff Helgeson, Ward III

Helgeson

Committee Jeff Helgeson, first ran in 1996, and then lost his bid in 1998. He is currently running for re-election. According to his website, he has over 20 years of experience in government service and is a former city council member. Helgeson has been a long-time resident of Lynchburg, and he is a strong supporter of the city's growth and development.

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Question Two: What key city projects do you plan to focus on if elected?

We need to assess the city's most pressing needs in order to prioritize projects and see them through to completion. One crucial project would be the completion of the Cross Town Connector, and I would work to ensure that the project is funded and completed. Additionally, I would support projects such as Heritage High School and the Cross Town Connector, which I believe would have a long-term impact on Lynchburg.

Question Three: Would you agree to City Manager Kimball Payne's recommended tax hikes?

I cannot make a decision on tax hikes without further information and a thorough assessment of the city's financial situation. However, I support the City Manager's recommendation to fund the Cross Town Connector and to support projects that have a positive impact on Lynchburg.

Question Four: Tell a college student why they should or should not vote in Lynchburg.

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Turner Perrow graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1996, after attending VMI for a year, and served in the Army. After his discharge, Turner attended Liberty University and has been a long-time resident of Lynchburg. He is currently running for re-election as a member of the City Council.

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Question Two: How do you think the city can handle projects such as Heritage High School and the cross town connector in its budget?

These two projects are completely different. The cross town connector is a project that is funded by the state and does not require any local dollars. On the other hand, the Heritage High School project will be funded exclusively with local tax dollars. I believe that this project, through proper financial management, can be completed without raising local taxes. Last year, I successfully proposed that Council reserve funding for the new school project. This reserve fund can be held until a decision is made to move forward with the project. If the city decides to move forward, we can complete the project without raising taxes to support it.
America's oil turmoil
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From wood to coal and coal to gas and gas to electric, supply and demand has always been an issue since very early civilizations around the world first began to burn it. For it is that reason that the blame for ever-increasing gas prices goes to supply and demand. Ironically, President Obama and his administration are not the sole contributors to the implicit economic reality. All that to say the perhaps America, who consumes more than 30 percent of the oil supply worldwide, should consider coming up on the amount of wasted energy. In fact, today, analysts blame high costs of gasoline on market manipulation, and working-under-the surface putting around $44 per gallon on gas, it's time to invest in a Chevrolet Volt assuming I had close to $40,000 to spend on one.

"Gold would have to approach $100 per gallon before many fuel-efficient cars could be expected to be paid off in the six years that an average person owns a car," Jesse Toprak, vice president at TrueCar, a buyer who says it's time to "invest in a Chevrolet Volt," said. (The Volt is priced at $40,000 with federal incentives.) Analysts are saying that added cost of the new technologies is limiting the appeal of fuel-efficient cars to gain acceptance. Hybrid sales only account for less than three percent of the total market, so not even plug-in cars experiencing even lower sales than expected.

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Strange case raises odd question: What is a woman?

Transgender Miss Universe pageant contestant sparks controversy about the definition of womanhood

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In a much-publicized move, the Miss Universe pageant has clarified its policies for how transgender women can compete. The decision has sparked controversy and is being lauded by civil rights advocates as a major step forward; it is being criticized by some as a symbolic gesture.

Jenna Talackova, the 23-year-old transgender beauty queen in question, was initially blocked from competing in the 2011 Miss Universe Canada pageant. Pageant officials cited a rule stating that contestants must be "naturally born" women. Talackova responded by filing a top civil rights lawyer and public criticizing Donald Trump, who owns the Miss Universe pageant with NBC.

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"Everybody should be allowed to participate in every aspect of society," said onezen  deputy editor of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said, according to the article. "It's a major step forward. 'Talackova's Miss Universe Pageant Wins Title for Transgender Women' on abcnews.go.com. "Absolutely it's a step forward. 'The inclusion of a transgender individual in a national beauty pageant may represent a step backward rather than a step forward,' Talackova's Miss Universe Canada bill only recognizes the top civil rights lawyer and public critic"ing Donald Trump, who owns the Miss Universe pageant with NBC. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) provided some of the impetus for the rule's change, stating that Talackova's case be reviewed by the Miss Universe Organization, according to an article by the New York Daily News. Other civil rights organizations have sent their support.

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With Santorum out of the running, the Romney money machine all but clinches GOP primary spot

Ron Paul's campaign has a small but extremely vocal group of supporters still clinging to his libertarian platform. Gingrich says he's still a contender. As of this writing, he hasn't dropped out yet, but that can easily be attributed to two things: the first is the grassroots funding he is still receiving through his Super-PAC from billibertycasino.com donor Sheldon Adelson. Adelson has apparently all but given up hope, existing, according to the Huffington Post, that "it appears as though Gingrich is at the end of his line." Because mathematically he can't get anywhere near the number of delegates required to gain the nomination, and thus "unlikely to be a bend-the-knee convention."

Adelson's point is true, and one of the only days keeping Gingrich in the race.

The plain, simple fact is that election are expensive, and getting more so. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, in the context of the recent presidential election cycle crossed the billion-dollar mark for the first time in history. Santorum and the others just can't keep up, and the Romney money machine powers on.

EIDER is an opinion writer.
AFGHANISTAN — Sgt. Larry Provost served in Afghanistan from mid-summer until just before Christmas. He worked with locals to rebuild the infrastructure.

Sgt. Larry Provost: Finally home

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Liberty University's former Director of Community Affairs Sgt. Larry Provost recently returned from Afghanistan — his second time in the country and fifth deployment overall. Sgt. Provost left Liberty in June to head overseas and returned from Afghanistan Christmas Eve, which his wife Lori called the "best Christmas gift ever." It's "definitely good to be home," Provost said.

After spending the holidays at home, he finished his active duty term at a base in Missouri through the end of February. Returning to the U.S. involved mixing feelings for Provost.

"I had mixed feelings for Pnnost. Returning to the U.S. instilled a lot of pride, but you also think about the people over there who don't want to leave to be honest," he said. "I think they're over there for 30 years, and they see America as a force for good." Provost said that, "absolutely without question," many of the insurgents and problems the troops were dealing with came from outside Afghanistan and the local population is particularly significant.

"I think in many ways our enemies are just waiting to us, learning that we're leaving," he said. "We've given them a real hard bone because now they know we're leaving, and that is just uphill to me." After recently deciding to leave, Provost started working with the American Legion in Washington, D.C., "to help veterans convey their benefits. Constant contact with veterans at his job keeps him busy. "To be honest, it's on my mind because now it's a part of my job every day ... but for me personally, I don't think about my time over there, I think about the people I served with," he said. "I think that's just because it's very hard for me to see that we initially made a commitment to those people, and now we might not see it through." Provost will return to Liberty for commencement. He earned his master's degree in 2011 right before he deployed and will be easy to spot in his service uniform when he receives his diploma May 20.

Provost's views are not necessarily those of the U.S. Government or Military.

ADAMS is the web editor.
Faculty helps with Titanic research

Ashley Addington

A tragedy at sea stole a nation's heart 100 years ago and for decades to come, curiosity filled conversations on the topic. When the 1997 film was introduced, even more people became captivated by the mystery of the "unsinkable" ship.

The 2002 documentary "Titanic: The Final Word" filmed underwater in 1996 to take a look at the Titanic's sunken wreckage. The Luis Palau Association was working with Classical World Wide Productions. He was sent to do the video content from the expedition. What Braun observed and worked on was featured in several documentaries that became broadcasted to cruise ships. Their footage showed the whole process of Titanic's accident and what specifically went wrong.

"In Cameron's film, there is a huge dramatic scene of the ship completely breaking in half at a 45-degree angle. We learned that the ship actually only broke at 11 degrees. It sank in two and a half hours. The ship was supposed to be able to have at least three or four cabins flooded and to still be stable. We ended up doing a study on the metal of the ship and discovered that when metal is in cool temperatures like the Atlantic was, it becomes incredibly brittle. It's found that the alloys become more like a sponge material and make the metal more breakable. We did sonar under the ocean to see the floor and found that there were numerous little gashes throughout the hull of the ship," Braun said.

"Titanic" - Braun and his associates rejoice after a day of work on a 1996 excavation trip. In the 70s, Braun worked in Hollywood for several years as a producer and then moved to Florida. Later, Jerry Falwell Sr. called to offer Braun a position for TV operations, but he declined and went back to Florida. It was not until 1997 that Braun finally accepted Falwell's second job offer and stayed with the organization until 2004. Three years ago, the chairman asked him to come back on again with Liberty to work with media. Many opportunities have been offered to Braun, and he has had many experiences during his lifetime, but the Titanic voyage was one of the richest experiences of his life.

"I've been amazed at how much interest has been in the accident that happened 100 years ago. It happened at the age of a technological boom with many famous passengers on board. There is still a lot of mystery to why it sunk even though it was claimed to be "unsinkable," Braun said.

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Golf wins Big South

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Through laid weather and major adversity, the Liberty University golf team finished first for the second year in a row in this week’s Big South Championship Tournament at The Parish Golf Club at Grand Harbor in Ninety Six, S.C. The junior’s one-sen-
ed team set a few records, had golf fans on their feet throughout the entire tournament, which ended with an exciting win for the home team.

Liberty was able to bring home the second straight league title and finished a record 20 under par. The competition between first and second was separated by a mere 10 strokes. Liberty’s Robert Karlsson claimed his second career Big South medalist honor. During his last day of the tournament, the senior was behind Gardner-Webb’s Daniel Kim by four strokes to start the day but ended up outlasting the momentum for the win by two strokes. Karlsson had the second-lowest individual score in Big South Conference history and is the third repeat medalist in the league championship history, after winning it in 2010. He is now in the multiple Conference champions club with Windthrop’s Kevin Proctor (1997 and 1998) and Coastal Carolina’s Zack Byrd (2001 and 2002). Also finishing inside the top-six, Chase Marriott and Niklas Lindstrom capped Big South all-conference honors. Karlsson earned all-conference honors for his regular season accomplishments. Marriott finished in fifth place and Lindstrom tied for sixth place at three under par.

Ian McCool got his second consecutive first place finish of the season, three under par, and Lindstrom tied for sixth place.

The scores suffered because of the wet weather. Only three teams broke par. The men’s team came into the event with hopes of sweeping the Big South Championships. They were a better team in this year’s tournament, finishing out the entire tournament with a margin of a half point. The team finished the tournament with a 20 under par total, setting a new record.

Men’s track attains sixth consecutive BSC title

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The Liberty University men’s and women’s track team took their talents to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to compete in the Big South Championships.

The men’s team came into the weekend as the heavy favorites, seeking their sixth consecutive Outdoor Title and 17th title in 18 years. They finished just by running away with the competition, winning by 78 total team points.

"The guys came out and performed well," head coach Reant Tolona said. "We expressed to our team that we expected to win and we performed well in just about every event we wanted to." Last year, the women were able to defend their conference title in the indoor championships but could not complete the sweep, losing to the Chanticleers in the Outdoor Championships. They were looking to avoid that same fate this year after winning the Indoor Championship last fall.

The two teams battled down to the very end, but after the dust settled, the Flames didn’t have enough, losing to Coastal Carolina by a very slim nineteen and a half point margin.

"We’re very disappointed we didn’t win. Winning the Big South is how we measure our program," Tolona said. "Though he was disappointed they were not able to pull out the victory, Tolona made it clear he is not disappointed with the season overall. "Coastal Carolina is a very deserving champion," Tolona said. "We competed very well and it wasn’t a fluke they beat us. They were a better team in this event. We performed well and even over performed in a lot of events. We’re not disappointed in our performance..."
Mark Meyers

The Flames tennis team finished Thursday when they left to Coastal Carolina in the first round of the Big South Conference tournament.

"We lost a heartbreaker," said head coach Chris Lemmi. "We are a good team, very close to our level, and one of us had to walk off the court with the loss and unfortunately it was us."

"Earning all conference honors means that all the work that Sam and I have put into the program has paid off," Lemmi said.

"Instead of two seniors, we have three this year. The team was eager for victory after completing their season with a 9-2 record in the regular season with a 14-6 season record, and it all began with an 8-5 victory over Presbyterian College finished second since 2008 and the fourth overall. Campbell's Mitch Grey was voted the NCAA Scholar-Athlete of the year by the Big South Sports Information Directors.

"It has been a blessing to be a competitor we have. Asuero finished their first season with singles records of 10-3 and 9-1, respectively.

"It is definitely an honor to earn all conference singles honors three years in a row, and we are making the right choices and doing the right things," Lemmi said.

"Sam had an outstanding record this year and will no doubt have a great senior year," coach Chris Lemmi said. "He had an outstanding record this year and will no doubt have a great senior year," coach Chris Lemmi said.

"I am focusing on his fitness this year," head coach Chris Lemmi said.

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"Tuus will be a senior that we have seen this year because of the competitive rival we have."
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David Horton inspires student runners

Surpassing 100,000 total miles is not uncommon for automobiles. But what about humans?

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If Dr. Horton’s body had an odometer, it would read 11,000. And he did it without the help of four wheels.

A professor of health sciences at Liberty University for 35 years, Horton’s avid running career began in 1977 while pursuing his doctorate in physical education at the University of Akron.

“The teacher was a marathon runner,” Horton said, “and he made fun of me, I think. ‘How can you promote others to get into running and exercise if you don’t?’ A lot of you are out of shape and overweight. I thought, ‘He’s got a point there.’

Before I got running, it was an example for others.

Since 1977, Horton has run approximately 160 ultra marathons—any race that exceeds the 26.2 mile marathon standard, 30 marathons coast to coast of the continental U.S., 195 and held the record for running both the Appalachian Trail (1991) and the Pacific Crest Trail (1995). Horton’s record-setting completion of the Appalachian Trail took 52 days and nine hours to complete—an average of approximately 117 miles per day.

Currently, Horton uses his experience and accomplishments in running to both help and inspire his students. He teaches a running class participating in a marathon is a course requirement; and has directed approximately 65 ultra marathons, including annual races like the Mountain Masochist 50-mile trail run and the Holder Lake 50K.

Horton said he organizes the races “to get other people into doing what I’m doing.”

“I think it motivates and inspires people to do it,” Horton said. “If I’m more and more people do it, and more and more average people do it, other people think ‘Well, I can do that.’

Basically, we have a whole community now of people who run long races.”

Horton offered his advice for to-be runners: “Do it. Do it on a regular basis, and make it fun. Take your time, do it four, five, six days a week. Get it in a group who’s doing it, good peer pressure.”

“Take my running class. A lot of people take my class and their primary motivation is to like running, because in the past, running has been used as punishment. Run to run, just to run, and run long distances? How can that be fun? How can that be enjoyable? It can be.”

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Intramural sports to hold late night event

Student to break in the new East Campus volleyball courts with a Beach Bash tournament

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As a result of the popularity of the new beach volleyball facility on East Campus, Liberty University has decided to host its first Beach Bash Volleyball Tournament on Friday, April 27. The tournament is expected to last 12 hours, starting Friday at 7 p.m. and continuing on until 7 a.m. Saturday.

The registered teams are scheduled to play three pool play games between 6 p.m. and midnight. The pool play games will set up the eight final teams to take place until 12:00 a.m. on Saturday. The final championship game is expected to occur around 3:00 that morning. According to the website, matches will consist of one game lasting one hour.

Director of Intramural Sports Ed Barksdale said, “The idea is to bring in people who are being used heavily for pick-up games and intramural sports. We decided to combine that population with the popularity of a late night event.”

Registration filled up in less than a week. According to Barksdale, the tournament only allows 12 event teams consisting of 10 players per team to participate because of time restraints. The low price of $10 also ensures a lot of students to register.

Barksdale said prizes will be distributed at the end of the night to the top three teams. Some prizes, to be announced, will include beach volleyballs, t-shirts and gift cards to various local businesses.

According to the website announcement, entertainment will be provided by DJ Andrew Clark. From 9:00 The Light, East night mixes are included for participants and others in refereed, some of which include cookies, brownies, assorted pasta, sandwiches, chicken and scallop Newburg, large salad bar, and various local businesses.

UNDER THE LIGHTS—Students will get the chance to compete in a 12 hour volleyball competition at the newly constructed sand volleyball courts on East Campus. The money is now closed, “everyone can come watch some games, get a late night snack and hang out.” Also, for those students who don’t already know, the event is approved as a late night activity for players and spectators.

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Joyner said, "you increase your witnessing..."

The show hosted by the Fea-
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Bringing good health to Hill City

In February, mayor Joan Foster challenged citizens of Lynchburg to "lighten up" and lose 24,600 pounds (12 tons). Since then, 371 people have lost 350 pounds and logged 1,081 exercise miles collectively with the Live Healthy Lynch-
burg program.

Liberty's Health Prom-
otion department has been actively involved in this Live Healthy Lynchburg initiative. Its Program Planning and Evaluation in Health Education (Health 453) class has been participat-
ing in the program by collaborating with the Lynchburg Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change (ACHIEVE).

ACHIEVE is spon-
sored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and "identifies and promotes strategies and shares evidence and practice-based strategies and provides technical assistance related to chronic disease prevention and health prom-
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ported by local medical profes-
sionals, businesses, health educators and churches. It is spon-
sored by Central Virginia Health District, Center for Disease Control and the City of Lynchburg.

With truly alarming rates of obesity, diabetes and overweight children, interventions are definitely needed to change not only the health of adults but also the set for a healthier next generation," Christine Anasco, a ju-
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AWAY OF LIFE — Live Healthy Lynchburg's website is designed to educate the community about healthy lifestyles and encourage participation to make life-saving changes in their habits.

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cal assistance related to chronic disease prevention and health prom-
A part of each team, we look to stay on top of the latest fashion trends. I looked to the media, and my favorite celebrities dictated how to implement modesty into my wardrobe. "A lot of girls would like to be modest, but they just don’t know how," Neilding said. "You can really use accessories to make new trends modest." The website, which can be accessed at fearlesslychique.blogspot.com, also contains developetal material written by Liberty junior Carlin Black mobile.

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CSER acknowledges exceptional students

Christian/Community service supervisors nominate volunteers for quality work

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Julie Gonzalez

Each semester Liberty University students volunteer their free time between classes, homework and living life in the U.S. to give back to the community and benefit those who are in need.

Sophomore: Julie Gonzalez was nominated for the Christian Community Service award for her outstanding commitment to excellence in volunteering for the Lourieville Dolphin Scan. From this past summer, Gonzalez is a Communications major and was actively involved in the National Broadcast Society (NBS) on campus and is a project leader on East II.

Donating to the Lebanon is one of Gonzalez’s hobbies. She spends her time volunteering for organizations such as the International Junior Miss (IJM), the Boys and Girls Club of America and helping those in need at the Daily Bread in downtown Lynchburg. “I think CSER is important because it forces us to focus on someone other than ourselves,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez is focused on her future goal of becoming an editor and chief at a magazine after the completion of her degree at Liberty. “I love the entire process of creating a magazine from the front and design process to interviewing/editing stories and editing them, to getting advertising and publishing the magazine to event planning and promotional events. I would like to see the medium of print in the form of a magazine as an outreach to nonbelievers,” Gonzalez said.

“CSER is important because it forces us to focus on somebody other than ourselves.”

—Julie Gonzalez

Yuchen Hu

Yuchen Hu was nominated for the Christian Service Volunteer of the Year award because of his service in the International Office. He also acted as an ambassador for incoming international students.

“His duties were to help international students move in here and help them adapt,” Hu said.

When I came here as an international student, I was eager for others to help me. So I am happy when I can help other students in trouble,” Hu said. Along with his work, Hu has great experiences while volunteering and met several new people. His supervisor, Kristina Vin- sable, and several friends made him in the International Office an unforgettable one.

“Just new friends, man who came from the same city as me in China. My supervisor always smiles. She is a great supervisor,” he said.

Volunteer hours for Hu were long and tiring, many times starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. This schedule made sure that he put in much more than 20 hours, however, he enjoyed his time volunteering and learned a lot.

“It seems like a tired and hard job, but it is not like that. It is a job that makes people happy and excited. I was super tired, but I enjoyed it,” Hu said.

He has volunteered with the International Office for two semesters and hopes to do it again next semester.

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REACHING OUT — Liberty students Anders Bengtson (left) and Justine Middleton (right) are nominated for the 2011-12 CSER Volunteer of the Year.

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Anders Bengtson

Senior Anders Bengtson has also been nominated for this award. He is in the interdisciplinary program and is able to design his own degree with the classes he wants. Bengtson started a business called Anders Ink when he was in sixth grade. His goal is to be able to work with her family, friends and strangers and how God has worked in her life and relationships.

Barbara Sherman, the director and Associate Professor of Individualized Studies and Center for Professional and Continuing Education, Bengtson has shown outstanding qualities including always being on time, being flexible with time, being attentive, having a cheerful spirit and being confidential with information.

“I am honored to [have been] nominated,” Bengtson said. “I have grown not only spiritually, but as an individual by working with Mrs. Sherman. She has guided me in making decisions for the past two years. I am so privileged to be able to work with her throughout the week.”

Bengtson said that CSER is an opportunity for one to grow as an individual. “Never dis- credit that opportunity, but use it to motivate yourself to achieve your highest goals,” Bengtson said. “We also have the opportunity to help, minister and advance God through our work ethic.”

Bengtson started a business called Anders Ink when he was in sixth grade. His goal is to make that into a sustainable business. “My goal is to be able to provide for my family first, then be able to give to organizations and develop ministry,” Bengtson said.

Justine Middleton

Through her experience in doing community service, sophomore Justine Middleton has had the opportunity to be involved in a plethora of things. The Individualized Studies major has been nominated for CSER Volunteer of the Year award. She is involved in Calvary Chapel in children’s ministry, and attends prayer group and an off-campus girls’ Bible study.

According to Middleton, God has blessed her with the opportunity to hear many of Sherman’s life experiences with family, friends and strangers and how God has worked in her life and relationships.

Barbara Sherman, the director and Associate Professor of Individualized Studies and Center for Professional and Continuing Education, nominated Middleton after being amazed by her care and positive attitude.

“She is a woman who gives so much love. She has been gracious to show me love through kind words of encouragement, appreciation, quality conversation and gifts throughout the year,” Middleton said. “I feel it is a gracious honor to be nominated by such a strong, smart, godly woman.”

Middleton encourages students to get involved in serving Christ on their halls, on campus, in class, at church and of campu through all of their relationships and tasks. “The hours do not need to be documented, but just be a part of loving your neighbor,” Middleton said. “This gives God glory.”

Middleton’s goals in life include completing college having learned how to handle stress a little better. “I want to guard my heart from stress and to love God and love others,” Middleton said. “He will go on to do whatever it is he is calling me to do and not let the stresses of life pull me down.”

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Meet the rest of the nominees

Each year, the Center for Christian/Community Service CSER recognizes students for their outstanding community service efforts.

Through their supervisor’s nominations, students are considered for their commit- ment and character is working with the community. One student each year is awarded Liberty University’s Christian/Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award and given the title of Volunteer of the Year.

This year’s nominees are:

Mark O’Dowd

Justine Middleton

Lisa Burster

Kevin Tobias

Lucas Wilson

Meghan Law

Anders Bengtson

Gabriella Pepin

Jade Gonzales

Katherine Moore

Rebekah Mercer

Katherine Moore

Stina Sanderson

Kenny Rabell

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Meet the rest of the nominees.
Gerals fulfills dream in Wyndhurst

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Food and fellowship are often synonymous with Sunday afternoon lunches and Thanksgiving dinners, and Gerald’s owner and executive chef Michelle Hamrick has an exceptional understanding of this relationship.

Gerals opened at 112 Tracypoyer Drive in Lynchburg’s Wyndhurst community, recently entered its second year of business April 13, a milestone that Hamrick said she reached with the help of her family.

“Gerald is my father. I named it after my dad, and I have a lot of family here,” she said. “I’ve got two sisters here that cook it after my dad, and I have a lot of family support and I employed a lot of them...and after two years they’re still with me, so it’s even better.”

Prior to opening Gerald’s, her family owned, Hamrick said she spent more than 15 years in the food industry, working for Olive Garden, Holiday Inn, and opening a Yogurtie’s for 10 years. Opening Gerald’s was always a dream of hers, she said.

“I started to look at different places. I didn’t think that the current building was a good option for me, meaning that I didn’t think I could handle it. I thought that it was too big, too clean, not the right kind of thing,” Hamrick said. “But the owners of the building approached me about it. They knew of me, and knew what I was trying to do. We talked a couple negotiations, and now it make happen. It’s been quite a blessing.”

Gerals features a spacious dining area, furnished with wooden tables and chairs, topped with dark linen table cloths. Flat-screen televisions and contemporary music provide a relaxed dining atmosphere and outdoor seating and Wi-Fi are available.

In addition to an inviting facility, Gerals offers a wide variety of menu choices.

“We have a very diverse menu,” Hamrick said. “Someone could come in here and order an entree for $30, or they could order an entree for $50. We have all different types of food in different sizes, too.”

According to Hamrick, dishes come in both small and large sizes. The restaurant’s online menu features an extensive list of dishes ranging from Grilled Eggplant Caprese and Shrimp and Grits a best seller, according to Hamrick; to the Steakhouse Mushroom Burger and The Italian Job, an Italian sausage covered in peppers and mozzarella cheese.

“We have a very gourmet part of the menu and then we have a very casual end too,” Hamrick said. “We’ve got label it gourmet comfort food. A lot of it is just your traditional items with a special twist on it.”

Another big pull here is lunchtime and that is huge,” she said. “Probably half of our business is our lunch business.”

Hamrick said the salad bar is a blessing.”

“A lot of it is just your traditional items with a special twist on it. It’s really nice.”

In addition, Hamrick said the restaurant also features an extensive menu of items, combined with an inviting atmosphere, makes Gerals a dining option that appeals to anyone.

“A full dinner menu, contact information, hours of operation and more can be found at dineageralds.com. Gerals can also be located on Facebook at com/vatageralds.

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Auto skills lead to student business

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Greg Buscher never thought that as a junior in college he would own a successful auto repair service that cares to hundreds of Liberty University students and Lynchburg residents.

Buscher, a Broadcast Communications student at Liberty University, came up with the idea for “Buscher’s Auto,” a mobile auto repair service that fixes cars where they sit, in a way to make some extra money.

“I didn’t have a job, and I was living on my friend’s couch and eventually in the back of my car while I was looking for a job,” Buscher said.

Having worked at auto repair shops in the past, Buscher began to fix his friend’s cars, and eventually in months, his client list was too big to just drive his car around trying to service them.

“Better luck, I was finding their friend’s cars, and I didn’t mind getting paid a little more for that, so I actually had to have another go to fix all the cars that were coming in,” Buscher said.

Buscher’s Auto now employs six individuals as the business continues to grow, experiencing a month doubling of clients in the first year.

“We’re almost completely word of mouth, and we’re actually at a point where we can barely handle the volume we have now. People find someone they trust at a price they can afford and they tell their friends about it.”

Buscher stated. “Our service can be used for all Liberty University students and faculty, as well as anyone who may want to open their own business. Make all your decisions on your knees and stick to a straight path. Know your last move when you make your first, and when you make a decision know that God led you to it.”

To find out more information about “Buscher Auto” or to make an appointment, visit their Facebook page at Buscher Auto LLC, email buscher at gbuscher81@liberty.edu or call 434-987-3518.

ALLEYNE is a feature reporter.

FOOD AND FUN — After working in the food industry for 15 years, Michelle Hamrick opened her own restaurant, offering the Wyndhurst community a warm atmosphere to dine in.

“We actually have taken on a lot of the Liberty staff and professors, as well as students. We deal with the college students, and we’re a lot more approachable and recognizable,” Buscher said.

“We have commercial accounts with all major parts suppliers, and we also offer the opportunity to use parts from salvage yards, which are all still shop well,” Buscher said.

In the future, Buscher plans to gather investors and draft a business plan to be presented to a national board.

“I hope is to go toe to toe with Miracle and those types of shops, and we have now grown to be the top in our original size. We have done well,” Buscher said.

Buscher said he had some words of advice for students who may want to open their own businesses.

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