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The audience responded enthusiastically.

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**Parent honored for Christ-like forgiveness**

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NEWS REPORTER

"He's a godly parent when you buy him, then my mother is the parent that we adore the most,"

Janice Taylor Thompson, a biblical studies major, said these words from his winning essay at the annual dinner with Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. Out Of 135 essays, four older brothers and sisters, "Taylor read.

"My family was now left without a father and my mother, Terrie Thompson, was packing for students interested in joining or questions for students and faculty. They were up so why do I fight against that," Terrie said.

"Instead of being angry and spiteful in this situation, my mother took the opportunity to realize that God is real through life or through the love of God and the forgiveness of God," Terrie said. "I think some people even our family's sake.""}

School’s biggest struggle was not spending eternity. He said, 'Heaven, because he doesn’t understand the love of God and the way he said, 'Yes he does.'"

"It was like picking ripe fruit from a tree. I agree with him when he didn’t ask for forgiveness," Terrie shared the plan of salvation with the murderer's brother has led the family members according to Terrie, The family members around the church that the Thompsons had attended. No, 4, 2:45-4 p.m., DH 1113. Military Band, Tues. Nov. 3, 3-5 p.m.

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**Military Emphasis Week Schedule**

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**Thanks "say" to the military**

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SMITH (continued)

"Chasing with Smith was incredible," states Betty White.

"It was the most exhilarating experience of my life.

Smith's main message of the night was the grace of God
the realization of which was one of the greatest things
that happened to him, besides his salvation.

"Satan's number one attack is, 'Look how much baggage
you have.'" Smith said. "I remember one day when I could feel God
speaking to me in my spirit saying, 'Michael, I love you, I like you and
I am extremely fond of you. Just know that you are loved, and
God wants you to be your dear.

Faster is the day, Smith hosted a question and answer
session with the Center for Worship students in David's Place.
Smith came with "no agenda" in mind except to worship with the
students and encourage them in their future dreams, and
willingly obliged when students asked him to play "specific
songs. The impromptu performance included a mix of old
and new "Smith" favorites, including "Walking on Rain." "Place in
This World," "Hallelujah Christmas" and the instrumental
version of "All Is Well," which Smith said was his
favorite song that he had written.

Smith also performed "Raging Sea," which has an
interesting back story.

"The radio stations refused to play "Raging Sea," at first
"because they wanted drums and bass (on the track)." Smith
said. "I refused to give in. I was going for more of an Elton John
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"I refused to give in. I was going for more of an Elton John
sound." Smith smiled upon John. Why John and Kanye as his
musical influences, but admitted that a music career was not
always his childhood goal. The defining moment of his musical
career came when he did not make the All Star baseball
team at 15 years old.

"I wanted to be a professional baseball player, but I didn't
make it to All Star because I kept being around on the practice," Smith said.
"I always had a dream to cut a record."

The allusion to a singular record elicited chuckles from
the audience, since Smith has cut 12 albums to date and has
won three Grammy Awards, an American Music Award
and 42 Dove Awards.

Smith's advice to the future worship leaders is to
lead with "childlike humility."

"When leading, your goal is to disappear and when the
presence of God comes," he said.

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Amanda Sullivan
with Smithy

Liberty Champion (LC): Where do you hope to see the
Christian music industry going?

Michael W. Smith (MWS): The worship movement is huge, and
its progressing. There's a lot of aggressive music, that's going on in that's rocking the young kids, and I think that's fine.
My hope would be that we would be innovative and start
leading the way instead of following. That we just kind of
jump on to the latest trend, and we follow it. I hope that we
can be more creative when it comes to creating art — not only
with music but with painting. I think that we need to be on the
front lines of sensing the peer — doing the stuff that really
connects with the heart of God. That would be my hope and
goal, to see us as an industry not spending our time at award
shows. We've been given this platform, and how we reflect
what God really wants to do on the earth. I don't think we
need to be that way, but I've been disappointed so many times.

LC: What is it like touring with Meredith Andrews?

MWS: My favorite part would be when I write a great song
which I don't know how often that happens. But when you hit
something, it just comes out of nowhere. You're a bit
priest and you just go, "Oh, wow." I immediately reflect to when I wrote "All Is Well," and the hairs
on my arm would go up. I also think back to when I wrote "Praise in the World," I was crying when I wrote it, I didn't even have
the lyrics, but I had the melody, I knew it was special with
these times happened more often. I write a lot of stuff that
end up on the shelf. It's just part of the process. I like the
process, the journey. I like feeling around and trying different
things. It's got a little disconcerting from time to time.
You've got two months and you write anything that's worth
a flip. You've got a little worried that you need to find a new
job and then a month later you write something that you
hear people singing years later.

LC: What is it like being with Meredith Andrews?

MWS: This is her staying ground. Ordinarily, it's a big step
for her being back here. What I like about Meredith's (God)
extremely authentic — what you see is what you get. I have
to be honest; I get a little skeptical because I encounter a lot of
non-authenticity in the industry. I automatically check. I don't
want to be that way, but I've been disappointed so many times.

Smitty continued
Aeronautics takes flight

Matthew Coleman
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The single propeller engine of the Cessna 172 Skyhawk took to the air and headed forward on the runway hold in place only by the plane's steady brakes. The pilot's name was Jim Tamer Khoury. He released the brake and pulled the throttle forward, giving the engine its full power. The plane's speed rapidly increased as the engine thrust drove Khoury into his seat. At 15 mph, he pulled back on the control column and the plane lifted into the air, a perfect takeoff.

Like Khoury. Liberty School of Aeronautics has taken off with outstanding success in recent years. In 1973, enrollment stood at a meager seven students. Now the number reaches 360, an 800 percent increase, according to Dean of Aeronautics Dave Reesman. Since the program's inception, the School of Aeronautics is currently the largest flight school in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the second largest (by number of flight students) flight school in the U.S., according to Young.

"We have done every flight training service for any type of student," said Young. The department also has access to a number of planes, according to Dean of Aeronautics Dave Reesman. Reesman was the first of many professors to be hired.

Aeronautics is "actively participating in the outreach and in the air. Currently over 260 students are enrolled in the School of Aeronautics," Young said. "Looking to the future, the School of Aeronautics is planning to add several new specializations to the department such as aviation management, avionics mechanics and aircraft certification."

The most ambitious milestone in which we are involved is the construction of a $4 million flight facility on the Lynchburg Regional Airport which will house our flight operations, academic classes, instructor training, the aircraft mechanics training program aircraft maintenance and future training," Young said.

"The School of Aeronautics is a testament to the students to know that their professors are not only in class for a paycheck, do not know what you are doing, and they will always look to the skies for ways to improve, the School of Aeronautics is continually adding to the department and planning for the future."

This fall the School of Aeronautics incorporated helicopter training into the aviation department, making Liberty one of three universities in America to do so, according to Rogers. The flight training will be held at Lynchburg airport.

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Global cooling: it’s for real this time

Christopher Scott
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To the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, Congressmen, please call the whispe"r of Mother Nature has bet"led us, for the tales are changing. As you may already know, a few of us revealed at the recent UN World Climate Conference in Geneva confirmed a significant drop in global temperatures, due to changes in oceanic cycles. In addition, all four major cycles of the earth (on which we are but mere maggots) must negotiate our fate with this vindictive earth (on which we are but mere maggots) must negotiate our fate with this vindictive.

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On the one hand, changes in oceanic cycles are for real. My sincere colleagues and friend Al Gore has suggested that we all should be on guard. But it is in the process of producing his latest documentary, which (as any of you are perhaps aware) will undoubtedly enlighten us all.

Let’s just face it, it’s been a hard month. Between the horrors of FarmVille, the cow in the meadow says stop to the next day of exams due to the next day, With distractions like FarmVille so quickly becoming a nationwide obsession, and the university further noting that deans at all as well as athletes face presses, it might be a bit more difficult to sit down and breathe.

The university further noted that deans at all as well as athletes face presses, it might be a bit more difficult to sit down and breathe. This step back break in the ocean’s current will provide us with the spike in temperature necessary to proceed. We need to make the right decisions and make the right choices.

Playing FarmVille occasionally might seem harmless, but an obsession can lead to more problems than mere social isolation. In fact, a check from her summer job had not come in yet, because a check from her summer job had not come in yet, and I made a conscious decision to not let this concern go unaddressed in this virtual world of FarmVille.

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Unmasking the truth beneath our costumes

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OPINION EDITOR

I have always seen Halloween for what it really is: an excuse for the people to be free vicariously. From the time I was little, it was unusual to see how many adults partook in trick-or-treating with the excuse of "Well, someone has to take little Johnny around the block, and I thought it would be fun to dress up, too." Oh really? So in that we spent $75 bucks on that Elfin costume, decorated our homes to look like the Amityville horror house and spent our week's paycheck on candy? This unprovoked violence against pumpkins is best explained in an English accent, courtesy of the British Journal of Psychology. In a 1970s study of 15,500 10-year-olds who grew up to "commit violent crimes," 70 percent went through the same candy craving every day up to adulthood. "The study authors speculated that the cause of this phenomenon may be the use of candy to prevent children from controlling their behavior," according to a recent study. "This prevents children from developing the ability to delay gratification." This study scientifically disproves the driving concepts behind "trick-or-treat." I think we all over-consume to fulfill our midnight mission to avoid the dresses and pranks. However, the "trick" is on our innocent pumpkins.

In our attempt to "control children's behavior" we have created monsters. With sugar coursing through their veins, their midnight mission turns to destruction and we sit idly by as jack-o-lanterns die. Without these soul-warming substances, fall's beauty is lost, and we are left with only a bleak precursor to winter.

Children, like my 8-year-old neighbor, can dress up as whatever they want whenever they want. But for the majority of society, our vicarious living is confined to one day of the year. No wonder we jump at the opportunity to be something we dream of being for the rest of our lives. No wonder we jump at the opportunity to be a mom and those things just naturally fall into place.

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Remixed: truth and rock music collide

"We help to give teenagers and young adults the OK to say no because truth takes care of itself." — Dawson McAllister

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Dawson McAllister,Parcelable

McAllister, a singer and radio personality, said during Liberty University’s radio consecration, encouraging students to get involved with the Hopeline.

The Hopeline is in conjunction with his radio show that airs on many Top 40 radio stations across the county, including Lynchburg's 101.7 FM WNL.

McAllister's desire to work with teenagers and young adults began in 1988 while touring at his ultra-right Bible College, where he was the keynote speaker. He noticed during his speech that parents tolerated him, but teens seemed to really connect with him.

"I can relate to kids and they relate to me," McAllister said. It is like a natural phenomenon.

McAllister continued to notice the effect that he had on students during another conference when he "get from Jackson, Ms., handed him a note. He received about 25 letters that night.

"I looked at the letters and they were all heartbreaks," McAllister said. "Most of them were from broken homes."

McAllister traveled to Houston the following week to speak at Second Baptist Church (SBC). Students started bringing letters to the stage without any announcements or provocation, according to McAllister.

"By the end of the weekend we had over 500 letters," McAllister said. "I finally had to say, 'Don't come up to the stage just put the letters in a box.' That's when I knew that those letters were important." McAllister said the upcoming election is "re-establishment of the Republican party in 2010 and afterwards, because it will 're-establish the brand of the party.'"

"The election will have national implications for the other candidates," Steele said. He believes "transformative," because it will "bring fresh, new faces."" 

"I thought we would win this campaign," Steele said. He also admitted that he needed to further develop his ministry with the youth. 

"This is where you can win," Steele said. "This team for Virginia is awesome, because it empowers people," he said. "I am so tickled to be here with the students and young people." 

"I am so tickled to be here with the students and young people," McDonnell told approximately 200 students. "I love Michael Steele. More than that, he has given all of us the resources from the early days ... to get a great start in this campaign."

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Concerned Women for America return to ‘first principles’

Wendy Wright remembers praying outside an abortion clinic in Florida that God would help the women inside love their children and that they would choose life by walking out. She was arrested for her demonstration and her case went all the way to the Supreme Court. Though she lost before the law, she believed she knew what went to obtain an abortion. The woman who had chosen Compass Care because it is close to her home in Virginia wouldn’t be there if the Falwells hadn’t gone just too far?” Freund said.

“Many people, Christians especially don’t realize how much government affects us and the other side of the debate is rarely heard. Women can’t afford to be quiet anymore. We need to stand up and take action.” Wright said the women’s rights movement is beyond Liberty and beyond Virginia, “It’s a great opportunity to encourage more people to be involved. So many women feel frustrated that there are groups such as Concerned Women for America (CWA), later met with other Thursday, and students can search for Liberty University: CWA on Facebook for more information. Contact Melinda Zosh at mzosh@liberty.edu.

Raffle for a cause: Win a date with the Falwells

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“My wife and I didn’t know if we would ever be able to have children,” Freund said, whose wife is a in vivo survivor. “To hear that he lost the first time is heart breaking, there’s nothing like it.”

Since April the Family Foundation has interacted with more than 6,000 churches across Virginia distributed more than 10,000 Family Foundation general assembly report cards to rate general assembly members on values issues and distributed approximately one million voter guides according to Freund. “If we can elect widely pro-family leaders, than we will be in a difference in the future and we can pave the way.” Wright said.

“Nurse, stop the gas. She has to pay more money,” the doctor said. Wright explained that the woman was so far along in her second trimester than the ultrasound and treats the women with dignity, care and professionalism,” Biggs said.

“Matt, Taylor and Jesse were chosen because they are very popular and charming, according to CWA Vice President Janet Robey. “It gives an opportunity for their voice to be even louder. If you have a lot of people dropping (coming) together you create a fluid. By joining together we can have a bigger voice than we are alone,”

Hannah Hunt, former vice president of a CWA prayer action chapter located at Liberty, encouraged young woman to submit a CWA meeting. Meetings are usually held every Thursday and students can search “Liberty University: CWA” on Facebook for more information. Contact Melinda Zosh at mzosh@liberty.edu.

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA
RETURN TO ‘FIRST PRINCIPLES’
RUSHING THE BLUE HOSE — SirChauncey Holloway (24) helped carry the Flames rushing attack with two touchdowns and 99 rushing yards. Aldreakis Allen (37) helped increase the score with 92 yards and two touchdowns (below).

Flames get even in Blue Hose blowout

Jordan Leake
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Judging by the crowd at Williams Stadium after halftime, it would appear the game was over. Although Liberty led 28-5 at this point, technically there were still two quarters left in the game, but practically, Liberty already won.

The Flames' first touchdown came after quarterback Tommy Beecher found tight end Will Quarles over the middle on a vertical route for a 37-yard reception that brought Liberty to Presbyterian's 3-yard line. Freshman running back Aldreakis Allen, who totaled 92 yards and two touchdowns, finished the drive with a goal-line run that he bounced from the inside to the edge for the score.

"We saw on film that their safeties didn't like to play real deep so we knew we were going to take some shots down field," Beecher said.

The backbreaker, based on what Coach Danny Rocco labeled the "mass exodus," was with 2:55 left in the first half. A 10-play, 28-yard drive was capped off by a 4-yard touchdown run by SirChauncey Holloway for one of his two scores. The attendance was announced at 14,197 at the beginning of the game, but after Holloway's touchdown, it was down to roughly 1,000.

"I actually turned to Todd (Wetmore, Liberty's athletic communications director for football) and said, 'Mass exodus.' I don't know if it started to pour or if it was the score, but I was taken back by that," Rocco said.

What the fans did not know was that Presbyterian still had hope after a disappointing final two minutes that yielded a safety on an errant punt snap for the Blue Hose to close the gap 28-5. Despite the score, the first half statistics were almost even with the Blue Hose holding the 164-162 edge in total yards.

"I thought in the first half we had a chance to knock them out, and we didn't knock them out," Rocco said. "We took control in the third quarter and created our own energy and momentum.

First half dominance gives Flames 3-0 victory

Axel Cerny
SPORTS REPORTER

There's no place like home, especially when you're speaking of the Liberty men's soccer team these days. The Flames entered this week's action with a record of 6-3-3 on the year and a 6-0-1 record at home, and a huge match-up looking them in the eyes on Saturday as the Winthrop Eagles came to town.

Coming into Saturday's play the Eagles stood atop the Big South Standings with a 4-0-2 record in conference play. Liberty did not waste time getting on the board, scoring on a free kick in the 7th minute. Senior midfielder Juan Guzman served the ball to the far post for defender Chris Marshall who headed it back across the box to fellow defender Greg White who had just broken free. White buried his shot into the left corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

Just 20 minutes later the Flames added to their lead on an incredible strike from Chris Osborne. Osborne stepped in front of a clearance attempt from the Eagles, trapped the ball and took a touch to move into open space. He then blasted a shot from nearly 30 yards out that found its way over the head of Winthrop goalkeeper Benito Miranda and landed it in the back of the net to give another Liberty defender his first goal of the season.

Following the halftime break, ball possession was reversed as the Eagles continued to apply pressure against a tough Liberty defense that helped its goalkeeper to his 10th shutout of the season. The Flames took their 2-0 advantage into the intermission.

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MUSE(IC) FOR FREEDOM

DALE LAYER PROFILE
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THE Lady Liberty women's soccer team started a three-week game last Monday with a loss to a team at home against VMI. The coach put early pressure on the Liberty defense, and two shots by Annella Beres and Corin Deal could not be converted by goalkeeper Ashley Nyholt in the game's opening series. Liberty got its offense going in the fourth minute, but midfielder Madison Miller's shot was blocked by a defender. Midfielder Rachel McIntyre hit the left side of the goal and an offside flag flew, and a quick goal on a one-on-one try by Rhonda Redmond knock off and attempt away with diving saves.

VMI played aggressively and put out good on a single phone. That persistence was rewarded in the 21st minute, when midfielder Nelan Marin followed her own blocked shot with an attempt that was deflected by Nyholt. However, the ball trickled near the left post where Sami Strand looked in to give VMI the 1-0 lead. It was the final goal Liberty allowed in seven matches.

The Lady Flames scored the equalizer in the 22nd minute. Striker Maria Owen took a pass from Michener, dribbled past a few defenders and blasted a shot in the right side of the goal for her fourth goal of the season. Neither team scored after that, and the game at interruption remained 1-1.

The start of the second half only one own shot, as play was rebuffed by the midfield approach. At the 61st minute, midfielder Kacey Hall controlled a loose ball between the Lady Flames' defense and keeper shot to the goal and rocketed a shot high and wide of the net to give VMI the 1-0 advantage.

The Lady Flames came close, but were not able to answer in the final minutes. Each team took shots short of the goal, and VMI held the advantage in corner kicks, 6-2.

In the 70th minute, Nyholt saved free kick. VMI scored off a free kick, 2-0. The game went into overtime.

Both teams garnered opportunities, but great play prevented VMI from breaking the score at the second overtime. The Lady Flames came close, but were not able to turn the scoring opportunity into a goal. Atlantic 10 Conference.

In the second game of the week, Liberty picked up a big road win at UNCG Ashville on Nov. 10, and the Lady Flames picked up their second first place in the Big South Conference.

The Bulldogs notched the first shot in the opening action, Liberty got its offense going in the second minute, when a ball from Leilani Berrios and Chrissy Heach had to be corralled by the Liberty defense, and two shots by Amanda Jeffrey Scott took over for former Flames Head Coach Ritchie McKay, who

Lady Flames win regular season title

Tournament Bound — Rachel McIntyre and the Lady Flames head into the Big South Championship with the No. 1 seed and will face No. 8 Winthrop.

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Fotina, Va., for a match up with the George Mason University Patriots. The schedule also features Clemson, then over the course of the next five days, the Flames will tangle with Old Dominion University (Nov. 19), the University of Navy (Nov. 22), and Northwestern University (Nov. 24). There are 25 games left after that.

Fortunately, Layr has experience leading basketball teams. He has been working as a head assistant coach since he graduated from School College in Florida, in 1985, and has held assistant coaches at such schools as Eastern Kentucky University, Queens College, Idaho State University, and Marquette. He has a 16-year record of 270-193 as a headcoach.

A few of his players have known him from his 2002-2003 stint as a Liberty assistant coach.

"He's got tons of experience," senior guard Kyle Ohman said.

"He's smart and knowledgeable, and he's a good motivator too." Layr was one of the key players and coaches. Former forward Tyler Baker added.

"He's very intense and demands a lot of us, so we have to give it our best. When you're on the field, you have to give your best. When you're on the field, you have to give your best."

"You want to try to encourage students to represent Christ, their families, and represent the university in the right way — in the midst of adversity, in the midst of losing, in tough times, good times," Layr said. "It's a great opportunity for growth for all of us."

Layr sees basketball as a metaphor for the Christian life.

"When you're in the middle of a storm and you try to put each other first, rather than yourself, you try to use your gift for the benefit of others, to help others live life..."

While Layr's eyes are largely turned to the 15mm on his notes, with whom practices in a week, he also receives advice from all Liberty students.

"Embrace what Liberty is all about. Use everything in a great opportunity, because it's putting money in the bank. 'You gotta need it at some point in your life, and God will have a chance to work in your heart.'"

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TOURNAMENT BOUND — Rachel McIntyre and the Lady Flames head into the Big South Championship with the No. 1 seed and will face No. 8 Winthrop.

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Liberty outlast Presbyterian 1-0 in the Liberty women's soccer team started a three-week game last Monday with a loss to a team at home against VMI. Nyholt made five saves for the Lady Flames.

The Big South regular season champion will begin Big South Tournament play on Friday, Nov. 5 at Charlotte, S.C. for the No. 1 seed against No. 8 seeded Winthrop.

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Your TURN: — Dale Layr takes over for former Flames Head Coach Ritchie McKay, who was fired after the UMass game. Layr was an assistant under McKay in 2007.

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Many changes have taken place since last season for the Liberty Flames volleyball team. Perhaps the biggest was the departure of the Frazee triplets, one of whom (Megan) is now a member of the San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA.

Going into this new season, the Liberty Flames, led by head coach Carey Green, have a new set of leading ladies. Returning players like senior Amber May and sophomore Avery Warley will have to carry the load without the Big Three.

Volleyball rebounds against Presbyterian
Jordan LeSane
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Flames volleyball team rebounded from a sweep at the hands of Virginia Commonwealth University Oct. 27 to sweep Big South conference foe Presbyterian on Saturday.

In Liberty's fourth non-conference match of the year, Karyl Bacon reached her 1,000th career dig but her double-double was overcome by strong net play by the Flames. VCU accumulated 32 blocks in the contest and controlled all three sets winning 25-19, 25-22 and 25-17.

Back at the Vines Center for its final home tilt of the season on Nov. 13 as they host Winston-Salem State inside the Vines Center.

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FOOTBALL continued
A big emphasis this week was to finish," Beecher said. "If we could have converted on a couple of the short fields last week, it really could have changed the game. It really built momentum for Charleston Southern when they got those stops. The defense has been real good for us all year. It makes a lot easier for us when you only have 20 or 30 yards to score.

Beecher, who went 15-for-17 with two touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown, led the offense until the game was out of reach by the start of the fourth quarter.

"Once again, he has been a model of consistency. He managed the game real well and we are real proud of the performance he gave us today. We are excited to have him on our football team," Rocco said.

In a game that the players and coaches both knew Liberty would be more physically dominant, and with the stadium vacant from the 'exodus,' the Flames relied on other motivation — last season’s 31-28 loss to Presbyterian that cost them a playoff berth.

After the game, linebacker Wes Cheek continuously named plays that cost the Flames their 2008 season. The hardest part of the week’s preparation for the Blue Hose came Tuesday.

"31-28 was everywhere. The most painful part was Tuesday. We struck up the film from last year and that was tough to see," Cheek said. "There were only about five plays where they gained over 10 yards and I think almost everyone of them was for a touchdown."

Atonement came on Quarles’ two touchdown receptions; the first came early in the second quarter on a 6-yard screen pass that put the Flames on top 21-3. The other was an 8-yard catch that Rocco said finally gave the Flames control of the game in the third quarter, after the missed knockout punches in the first half.

To ensure last year’s disappointment resonated with the players, the Presbyterian game results, 31-28, were posted all over the locker room and Football Operation Center. The players had all the motivation they needed to avoid another letdown.

"I wouldn’t say it was in the back of our minds. It was right in the front. 31-28 was everywhere," Cheek said.

Now the Flames can focus on improving from 6-2 record (3-0 Big South), and fight for what the Blue Hose cost them last season — the playoffs.

Liberty will play VMI (2-6) at home Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. for its fourth Big South contest of the year.

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SOCCER continued
In the final few minutes of the contest, Flames leading scorer Darren Amoo put a dagger into Eagles with his 11th goal of the season on an assist from defender Michael Ward.

Overall, the Liberty men outshot Winthrop’s squad 19-7 in the contest, also holding a strong advantage in corner kicks with 14 to Winthrop’s 2. Liberty goalkeeper, Andrew Madero was not forced to make a save on the afternoon, while the Eagles’ Miranda made three stops.

With the win, the Liberty men move into a share of first place in the conference with a 2-1-2 Big South record and an 8-3-3 mark overall.

The Flames match against High Point on Oct. 27 was postponed in the 25th minute. Darren Amoo gave the Flames a 1-0 lead in the 5th minute. The game will be rescheduled Wednesday at High Point.

This week, the Flames will close out their home schedule on Monday night with an important conference match against the VMI Keydets.

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autumn fest
We at Liberty Dining hosted our annual Autumn Fest at Reber this past Tuesday! We gave away a brand new iPod nano for the best pumpkin carving, provided FREE hayrides, and had complementary caramel apples available! Our feature band The Kase Project, played incredible music the entire night!

Helping Hands Across America

If you missed the autumn festivities, join us for our next event, Helping Hands Across America! The event will take place on November 12th at the Tilley Student Center beginning at 9:00PM. David Bates and Quick On My Feet will be in concert! Please bring canned goods to the event!! By doing so, you’ll be helping to stop hunger in our community and maybe even set a Guinness World Record! So come and enjoy a great music, and help Liberty University break the Guinness World Record for most canned goods donated in a day!
"Muse(ic) for Freedom"

Cheryl Cooper

"Nearly 150 students are organizing the free concert featuring bands from around the country to bring awareness of sexual exploitation in Southeast Asia, according to freedom424.org.

Eskridge and Jacob Russo organized the event as a project for their public relations class. According to them, making music for a cause is a win-win.

"It's a way to make a difference," Russo said. "They want to use their time to share their passion."

"Muse(ic) for Freedom" aims to raise awareness and funds for Freedom 4/24, an organization founded by Christine and Steve Pettit, the father and daughter team who founded Freedom 4/24. Robin, along with Liberty student Harrison Pedis, is also a member of the organization, and the bands featured in Muse(ic) for Freedom.

Liberty alumna Josie Sproul will also be playing, as well as the Gray Rabbit, as alternative rock band from Lynchburg.

"This event is figuratively killing two birds with one stone," Russo said, who has already helped to plan an event for Freedom 4/24 and through his connection with Bryan Wynn, the owner of the Muse.

"The Muse in Wyndhurst is a coffee shop that believes everyone who comes in should have coffee to start their day. We believe in community more than the dollar," according to themusecoffeeco.com.

"We want everyone in Lynchburg to take ownership of the Muse and truly inspire those around them."

"The Muse will be both a fair trade and organic coffee shop and display local artwork in the coffee shop. They also offer a Coffee and Espresso 101 class for those customers who want to learn more about coffee, according to themusecoffeeco.com. Wynn will meet with members of Freedom 4/24 to invent a drink inspired by the organization, according to Russo. The drink will be a permanent part of the menu and a percentage of its sales will be donated to Freedom 4/24.

"It is estimated that more than $27 billion per year is spent on prostitution in Thailand, an industry that employs approximately 30,000 prostitutes, according to freedom424.org. Out of the $27 billion, only $300 million is sent home to the prostitutes' families.

"Right now, women are sacrificing their dignity and self-worth in order to provide for their children and their families," according to the Freedom 4/24 Web site. "This is an issue of poverty."

Money donated to Muse(ic) for Freedom will go towards providing these women with education, employment and health care. "Come to the concert if you don't know much about Freedom 4/24," Russo said. "Talk to the girls who go to Thailand."

"For more information about the Muse, including hours of operation and available coffees, visit themusecoffeeco.com. For more informations about Freedom 4/24 visit freedom424.org."
Students take ‘Next Steps’ into missions

Megan House
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Casting homestretch and typical weekend activities aside, Liberty students representing all majors and ages spent the week away from campus. Surrounded by vibrant fall colors, they were able to focus on where God is calling them, and how to take the next steps into missions.

Next Steps Retreat was hosted by Light Ministries Oct. 23-25 at the Muster’s Inn in Abingdon, Va. Ministries from North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania traveled to the retreat to pair up with Liberty students for the weekend. Students and mentors attended seminars, which challenged students to evaluate their spiritual life, their involvement in the local church and the next steps to be taken to the missions field.

Director of Light Ministries Tom Nylander said Liberty provides classes that prepare students for career service in missions, but there are many that students need to know.

“I believe Next Steps provides a format that is different than what we have on campus,” Nylander said. “At Next Steps, there is an opportunity to really retreat away from our busy schedules and have answers intimately, safe and quiet environments to hear from God.”

Next Steps is designed to help students know how to get to the field. Nylander said many students know what to do once they are on the field, but they need to know how to get there.

“Hopefully, Next Steps as well as our missions conference will help students,” Nylander said.

Junior missions major Debbie Samson said she wanted to attend the retreat to clarify what God wants her to do. The one-on-one mentoring with a missionary who has been on the field was very personal and helped answer and explore new questions.

“The weekend helped me ask a lot of questions that I haven’t thought about before,” Samson said.

Cindy Ely, a mentor from Serving in Missions (SIM), traveled from Charlotte, N.C., with a heart to mobilize young people for missions. She enjoys fellowship with students who have an interest in missions, and looks for opportunities to encourage them. As a third time mentor for Next Steps, Ely encourages students to attend.

“If you’re considering going into missions, it’s a valuable tool and a good opportunity,” Ely said.

Nylander said Next Steps originally served as a missions retreat for college students sponsored by the missions organization CrossWorld. Nylander took students to attend the conference several times, and eventually decided to hold a retreat apart from CrossWorld. In fall 2003, Light Ministries held its first Next Steps retreat. Since then, around 260 students have been through Next Steps.

Nylander said there was an obvious need for a Next Steps retreat near campus.

“We saw way too many Liberty students that were saying they wanted to do full-time missions but for one reason or another, they were struggling to get to the field,” Nylander said.

The retreat is specifically designed for students who are not only considering full-time missions, but also planning on it, according to Nylander.

Another Next Steps retreat will be held Feb. 12-14. For more information call (434) 582-2634.

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TOMS — Senior Courtney Peay shows off her TOMS shoes in a fashionable way to give to those in need.

The TOMS club is at Liberty in the process of planning various fundraising events for the 2009-2010 academic year.

"TOMS shoes offer a lot of benefits. They will be at the White Hart Café (in) 7 to 10 p.m. Our headlining band is the Liberty University String Band."

The TOMS club is also organizing a screening of the documentary "TOMS Shoes for Tomorrow" on Dec. 11. In the spring the club plans to host a Style Your Sole event, where students can pre-order white pairs of TOMS and, on the day of the event, pick up their shoes and donate them with art supplies provided by the club. "By the end of the school year is to help Liberty students become aware of why TOMS Shoes exists and to be involved in the movement. We plan on establishing a club that our students at Liberty and our campus can continue to enrich the youth and the local community," Phelan said.

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Claris Rene
assistant professor

The Student Government Association (SGA) is partnering with nations.united, Liberty’s One for One Initiative: TOMS Shoes.

"The main thing is to unite as Christians and as a people who believe in God, do good work — different," Nations United Vice President Sai Nguyen said.

Nations United is the result of a deeper global involvement in the SGA. Nations United president Ali Al-Hada has seen an increase in international representation in student government over the past several years.

"It’s only one international senator on the SGA for the last three years, and now we aim to change that. I see many international students attending and participating in making good changes in our university," Al-Hada said. "When international student clubs and organizations bring, bring — cultural and background experience—which will enhance the effectiveness of (the) association and organizations."

The goal of the club is to recognize Liberty University’s diversity and celebrate it through events, services and international companionship with the rest of the student body, according to the group’s mission statement.

The club promotes membership of students of any nationality, as long as they are not just international students," Said Al-Hadar.

"Students can fill out an application to join Nations United at the International Student Center on Main Campus. Those interested can also contact nations.united@liberty.edu for more information. The International Student Center is located in SLAB 126.

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Liberty Godparent Home: changing two lives at a time

Sarah Hensley
associate director of admissions

For most of her pregnancy, Anna Bentley woke up every morning around 6:45 so she could begin her morning routine. She would have a shower without competing with other girls for her favorite cereal. She would quietly dress in her school uniform, according to the TOMS shoes. The home serves about 30 girls each year, provides classes on prenatal care and counseling on parenting and adoption options and allows the girls the opportunity to choose other-classmates with Liberty Christian Academy or Liberty University to earn their general education degree.

Every day the girls go through a structured routine. Their days are filled with exercise, classes, meals, fellowship, they go to bed at 10 p.m. every night. On weekends, the girls get to eat out and shop at Wal-Mart and Target. On weekdays, they go to church. Bentley noted that every Sunday morning they go to church, which is right across the street from the home. Bentley explained that the home is a local church ministry 32 years ago. Some days girls go from all over the country.

Lindsay Cook, a LGH resident from northern Virginia, found out about the home when her youth group came to Liberty for a Student Life camp and the volunteered there. Bentley’s church secretary in Arizona told her about LGH.

Many girls depend on the lives of their church groups and the home is exploring different ways of helping girls to help others. Often times they want to take care of or give responsibility to learn about adoption, take care of or give responsibility to their parents for adoption.

Whatever their reason for choosing LGH, they are making the decision to give their child a loving Christian couple and the godparent home supports them through the reality of that decision. Bentley and Cook are both thankful for their experience at the LGH Home.

"The home gave me a choice to be able to walk in with those who were helping my way," Cook said.

She is thankful for the way God worked in her life during that time of her pregnancy. "I prayed and prayed and just called God and I never knew what God wanted me to do with this blessing that he had given me. So I gave my little boy to an." Cook involved in his life.

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