Seeking Aid—People wait for needed supplies after Haiti's 7.0 earthquake Jan. 12.

Helping Haiti

Lending a Hand

Goldman is Abbot will be collecting books throughout the semester. They are planning on a spring trip to Haiti. In the meantime, the group created a website to get donations and resources. 

Department of Student Housing donated items including beds, pillows and mattresses, according to Director of Student Housing Betty Saunders.

Caribbeans in Action will be collecting items such as sunscreen, shampoo, and other toiletries. President Kenny Rowlette said. "If we could locate our own Haitian community, we would get the money to buy their books and food.”

Rowlette said. "Sixty percent of the students on visas study at Liberty according to Vice President for Enrollment Management Charles Moore. He sent letters to each student and started a fundraising campaign in their hometown of Port-au-Prince Jan. 12. Dormay lost all her financial resources, she said. Dormay is a Haitian native and did not expect a 7.0 earthquake to strike her hometown of Port-au-Prince Jan. 12. Dormay said that her goal is to meet the students intermediate needs and to have an individual assessment of each student's situation. Dormay's brother was killed in the disaster and was laid to rest and he was laid to rest in his own community. "We need to make sure that they are in a clean and safe area." Three percent of the 900 Haitian students receive money in Liberty according to Wegert. 

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Liberty University Online grows

In an article regarding the expansion of online learning, Virginia Business magazine reports that Liberty University's burgeoning online program, which is currently 19,600 students strong, is a large part of Liberty's success. Students pursuing a business degree at the undergraduate and graduate level. Liberty is one of a number of Virginia universities who are continuing to expand their online presence, including Virginia Tech, Old Dominion and George Mason.

CASAS here to help

For students confused or curious about their academic future, there is hope. CASAS offers advising appointments during full registration and registration for all students. With all help at their disposal, students will not be left in the dark by CASAS and other advising options. CASAS also offers advising services to all students in need of assistance regarding class scheduling and other related academic matters.

Health center renamed

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Blackboard gets facelift

While everyone was making real-time changes to online grades, the shift has a negative impact on the Blackboard system. The shift has made it difficult for students to navigate the system. Some students have had a negative reaction to the change in the Blackboard, citing dropping problems and navigation as the issues they may encounter such as opening Blackboard.

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The Champion reserves the right to edit letters. Letters should not exceed 400 words.
"Before making a tour out the spring of 2010," Shackleton said, "I heard remarks from people standing in line, and they were moving pretty quickly regarding the ticketmaster peak." Ritz said.

Additionally, Liberty is forced to consider the economic status of America, directing administrators' attention to financial burdens many lenders are experiencing. "Because of the economy, some lenders have decided to pull out of the program and put their people in some other business," Ritz said. "Others have stayed and cut their staffs, so customer service is going downhill. So we are going to have reach out meetings, where we go into dorms and into the cafeteria. We are in the middle of printing an information card and that will be used as a point. We are in the process of designing a call campaign for our online students to give them a proactive call instead of waiting for them to call us," Ritz said.

Liberty's decision to switch to the Direct Lending program remains a reminder of a time not so long ago. "Normally there are about 10 to 15 other passengers waiting, but that morning there were hundreds," Shackleton said. A majority of those waiting were Liberty students. "They were all wearing Liberty sweatshirts," Shackleton said.

When the train station staff informed those waiting that the train had again become an option because of the Direct Lending program, the passengers waiting, but that morning there were hundreds. "I heard remarks from people standing in line, and they were moving pretty quickly regarding the ticketmaster peak." Ritz said.

For Shackleton, seeing the students' actions makes the transition easier on students by creating additional Web pages and providing announcements in future convocations. The new Web pages were launched on Thursday, Jan. 19 and had received more than 5,300 hits as of Thursday, Jan. 21.

"We're going to do an announcement in convocation, and we're already developing Web pages one for the MPN and the entrance interview and the other for QAS," Ritz said.

Many students currently enrolled at Liberty will have both FFELP loans and Direct Lending loans, which has the potential to make repayment confusing. "I recommend that students (who have both FFELP and Direct Lending loans), contact the government and counselor consolidation," Ritz said. "There's good and bad to it; it's nice because it simplifies things. Sometimes it's not nice because you may be paying over a longer amount of time and more interest."

As a university, we don't recommend anything specific, except that students do the analysis with their lender and consider it," Ritz said.

For more information on the Direct Lending program, visit the Financial Aid's Web page on Liberty's Web site at liberty.edu/aid.
Scott Brown wins Massachusetts election

Katie Bell

In one fell swoop Republican Scott Brown took the Massachusetts special election on Jan. 19, replacing Democrat Ted Kennedy. With his victory, Brown became the first Republican United States Senator from Massachusetts in 31 years. Edward William Brooke III was the last Republican Senator from Massachusetts. Bruce left office on Jan. 3, 1979.

For as long as I can remember, I have had a vested interest in politics, both locally and nationally. I believe that my passion for this obsession is why I have taken the time to inform you on my stance about voting to set the stage for the rest of the election draws near.

As editor in chief, I feel that it is important for me to inform you on my stance about voting to set the stage for the rest of your political career. I believe that individuals should exercise their right to vote and make the request of his fellow democratic senators to suspend the Democratic Senator Jim Webb from Virginia was the first to make the request of his fellow democratic senators to suspend the Democratic Party's 60-vote filibuster-proof majority to cease its obscene spending, according to Brown's Web site.

Democrats fail to palliate northern election

INSIGHT INTO THE NORTHERN VOTING MENTALITY FROM A MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENT

Tom Matttingly

The American people are fed up with President Barack Obama's agenda. It is ironic that this country is tired of the Democratic Party. Brown was the underdog in the election and his victory proved to be a significant blow to Obama's agenda. As it were, President Obama faced such a devastating political loss, considering a year ago he convinced many Americans that he was invincible. Upon announcing his candidacy on Sept. 12, 2009, Brown made the claim, "Power in the hands of one political party as is the case in Massachusetts, leads to bad government and poor decisions." With Brown's election, the scales of power have finally begun to balance out in Washington. Brown sticks by his beliefs, he will prove to be a voice of reason against unwanted health care and sustainable government spending. The recent transition of the Massachusetts Senate seat final provides Americans with political change worth believing.

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While the Champign staff will be conducting its own research and agrees to present students why they should vote locally and why they have a right to vote to each other. We encourage you to vote with us and call 800-800-9999 to reach us.

The sit series will appear in the News section each week, starting with this next edition. We encourage you to email your questions and comments to us.
Short-Changed: Obama’s first year in office

Ethan Massey
OPINION REPORTER

As votes changed to the polls Nov. 4, 2008, with a promise of change electrifying the air they were never imagined the man who seemed to walk on water would struggle to earn any trust. Jan. 20, 2010, marked the end of the first year of power for President Barack Obama’s administration. With that realization came a marijuana bipartisan “boo” and a rare 51 percent approval rating, according to a new CNN Poll of Polls. Following his many failed attempts at change, it is hard to imagine more.

After pushing through a $787 billion stimulus package, Obama promised to use the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to buy a controlling interest in various companies. Though TARP was intended to save firms from their toxic assets, it only served to pull Americans further under the blanket of socialism, according to the Guardian. As a further “push” for the economy, the Cash for Clunkers program went into effect, leaving buyers with their credit in the red and vendors looking for the money they were promised.

Many of these people still wonder if Obama’s “Fronted Land” has disappeared along with his many other campaign promises. Among these are the vow for fewer taxes, more jobs and a general war, heavy feeling on Obama’s approval rating now. However, the last year has made it appear that these commitments nằm somewhere on a mythological scale between unicorn and Gandalf the Grey.

Unemployment has steadily increased from 6.9 percent in November 2008 to a startling 10 percent in December 2009, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This figure is comparable to the recession of 1983 as well as the latter part of the Great Depression. Coupled with taxes that stole the middle class’ last chance to get back on their feet, it is easy to see why Americans are lashing out at the new regime. The proposed $1.9 trillion increase in the nation’s debt limit hardly makes the situation better for Democrats.

As the nation looks to its leader, Obama responds in true form as he wasn’t yet again in the face of failing approval and intense controversy. Now moving toward a natural slowdown and very maddled versions of his original health care plan, the president needs to hold their beliefs in a “starter house” of health care reform, according to Fox News.

“I would advise that we try to move quickly to codify those elements in the package that people agree on,” Obama told ABC News. In light of the recent Massachusetts election, this “starter house” may prove to be nothing but another coat of paint.

Americans have experienced firsthand what a year of change has brought the country. Disillusioned Democrats and Independents alike have now begun to move away from an administration that has only amplified Bush’s mistakes. As America searches for confidence warrant in quick fix solutions, perhaps the United States can finally move toward a change that truly matters — one toward responsibility.

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WARNING: these digitally enhanced images may damage your mental health

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OPINION REPORTER

France may now have a reason to group products such as cigarettes and alcohol together. Health warnings are already common for tobacco in most countries. But French lawmakers are now pushing for similar warnings to be printed on every digitally enhanced and published image, according to the UK Telegraph.

The campaign is led by French parliamentarian Valerie Boyer. She, along with 50 members of the French parliament, proposed that all enhanced photographs contain a message stating “Photograph retouched to modify the physical appearance of a person,” according to a Reuters article.

However, the warning would not be limited to magazine photos. Advertisements, press or political photos and even artistic photographs would be required to have a warning, as reported by Reuters.

The goal is to inhibit the possibility of creating a false reality of body image in the minds of consumers. Boyer said that enhanced photos create an impossible goal of perfection, according to an article in Time magazine.

There is little question that airbrushed photographs have made a mark in many cultures. The impact has been felt by the beauty regarding consumer body image, especially among women of every age group.

Everywhere are photographs propugating an image of what one is supposed to look like. More often than not, these images are altered.

The campaign objective is admirable. As a general rule, it would be beneficial for the public to be aware that these pictures of perfection are lies. However, a health warning seems to be not only an inappropriate reaction, but an extreme one as well.

Boyer is correct in stating that airbrushed photos could possibly contribute to a mindset of impossible perfectionism. Yet at the same time, France’s action seems to be simply an avenue of government control. Another method of promoting a realistic sense of body image would be more effective.

Regulations and warnings would not necessarily alter the mind. An image of a girl digitally made to lose bone this would still give the viewer the idea that she should look the same as the picture, whether the viewer knows it is real or not. A governmental health warning seems insufficient in order for women and girls to truly grasp the concept that not every one has to be extremely thin in order to be beautiful. The best answer to correct mindset thinking would be effort from the French people to educate misled girls in the area of healthy body image.

Furthermore, if warnings are to be required, would not the same intervention be necessary; that is not the way for more unnecessary control in the future? Francis even according to digitally manipulated photos lead to the possibility that freedom of expression will no longer be an option, even for art.

While France may have a worthy aim in trying to prevent distorted self image, its methods of regulation are ineffective and can cause loss of personal freedoms as a final outcome.

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Peace Corps on campus

Thursday, Jan. 28

Information Table
DeVosia Rotunda
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Information Session
DeVosia Building
Room 1105
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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The image of the "perfect wedding" plays through girls' dreams over and over again, to the point where young women know exactly what they want for their wedding before even meeting a potential husband. But what's wrong with daydreaming? I cannot lie and say I never thought about what my own dream wedding would be like. But in the United States, many of these dreams have turned into nightmares, as divorce rates have reached new high levels.

Staggering statistics found that in 2009, 3.5 out of 7.1 marriages ended in divorce, according to CBS — a marital failure rate of 49 percent. Also it was found that 43 percent of first marriages end in divorce within the first 15 years, according to Online Divorce Tips.

There are many factors behind these divorce figures haunting marriages within the United States. First, and most obvious, is the current economy. In today's slumping society, money is tight and couples fight. Young marriages are key points in this issue. The average age for a married couple is 23.8 years old, according to the National Census Bureau. If one goes through a four-year program at college, one can assume that by this age, the person has only been out of college for a few years when they get married. This means that many newlyweds are at the point in their careers where they will be making the least amount of money.

The average income for students graduating from college is only $34,100, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. But that is only if one can secure a job in today's troubled economy. To add additional financial stress, the majority of college students have outstanding loans looming.

But it is not only financial burdens that are contributing to the overwhelming divorce statistics in the United States. When couples are young and married, issues arise and due to the lack of maturity and selfishness, couples fight and end it barely after starting. This is particularly prominent in young adults, and some older teens, who often feel compelled to marry, before even realizing the basic lack of maturity one has in their early twenties.

With this in mind, the solution is simple. Christians believe marriage to be a bond that cannot be broken, so why rush the issue? There are many options for young couples to consider before tying the know such as pre-marital counseling for both their relationship and finances. This will ensure that couples at least know what they are getting themselves into before charging the altar.

The fact of marriage should not be forced — it should be treated with extreme care. Let us change the pace of society and make marriage what it should be someday the words "Until death do us part" are taken literally, instead of figuratively.

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Liberty students protest abortion in D.C.

March for Life — Over 100 Liberty students and 500,000 others participated in the March for Life Friday on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973. Student Government President Matt Mihelic marched in the parade (below).

Life at the National Mall, where several congressmen spoke, according to the Washington Post. In addition to speeches from the congressman and political leaders of Liberty, the prayer leaders organized and took part in a conference hosted by Students for Life, a pro-life organization that encourages students to participate in the pro-life movement.

Prayer leaders are a weekly dorm tradition. Starting last semester, some students have attended to off-campus prayer leaders who meet every Sunday at 1:15 p.m. in a local apartment complex, according to Provost Larry Provost.

The idea came about when the (Commencement Affairs) office decided to do a spiritual dimension of Liberty," Provost said. Commencement Affairs, which began in August 2008, has been meeting on Thursday mornings to discuss the needs of off-campus groups.

The goal of the groups was simple, according to Provost. "Either we're in a minority as we spoke up for the defense," Maguire said. "Or we're in a majority as we spoke up for the defense, too." Maguire and two other LSL members attended a conference hosted by Students for Life of America at the Catholic University of America.

Graduate students Kasey Horvath and senior Katie Jennings said that the off-campus opportunity is helping them in their respective fields of study, Patrolman Leadership and Women's Ministry.

"I would recommend (that) anybody who lives off-campus find one near them and engage in it," Wilber said. "It's really important for us to meet up with each other and fellowship together." The Office of Student Leadership (OSL) is always accepting applications for off-campus prayer leaders, according to Provost. A meeting will be held for prospective off-campus leaders in the OSL meeting room at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26. E-mail offcampusprayergroups@liberty.edu for more information.

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Taking on-campus traditions off-campus

Off-campus ministry prepares the off-campus prayer leaders to be "a light to the world," according to Provost.

"The idea is that if you're an off-campus student and you feel like you're in a minority, the prayer leaders help you to know that you're not the only one," Horvath said. "It's a great way to encourage us to love one another and to help students see that they are part of the Christian community here at Liberty University."
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snapped up and started sharing prayer re-
quests," Emerald said. "To surround the stu-
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Moore said that the administration has
been working "aggressively" to assist the stu-
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Ritz helped in distributing two-tone emer-
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Moore, who met with Haitian students
throughout the week.

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DEVASTATED— The 7.0 earthquake and over 52 aftershocks have left thousands in Haiti without homes and destroyed the country's capital building (below).
The Lady Flames and Stony Brook end the weekend series with a dominant 60-55 win. It was the closest the Buccaneers got, down to the 100th consecutive game the Flames have kept unbroken.

**Hockey sweeps Stony Brook, remains perfect in 2010**

Evan Walker • SPORTS REPORTER

2010 continues to be a great year for the Liberty Flames hockey team. The club managed to win two hard-fought games against the Stony Brook University Sea Wolves over the weekend, extending its winning streak to six games in the New York.

"The Flames came out winning, looking to build on their recent success. It looked like they would do just that as we scoring three first period goals to put the puck house of pretty good New York to sleep."

"We came out flying," offensively Lake Atkinson said, "but they were nowhere to be found. We were prepared.""}

Stephen Moller led the way in the first period, starting the puck back to the side of the goal. It just put my head down, shot the puck and put it on. Moller said, "It opened the flood gates." Another goal in the first period, this one by center Nick Reynolds and Mark Baurman kept the Sea Wolves on their heels.

"We thought we played really well in the first period," head coach Kirk Harsh said. "The first period was the best all game." Liberty built on its many goals to make it a 60-55 game. However, thanks to solid goal tending by Brad Whitman and an empty net tally by Adam Dekker, the Flames were able to escape the Saturday night game with a 6-5 victory.

"We just wanted to be sharp," Atkinson said. "But we battled a little adversity, and came out with a win.""}

The loss brings the Bulldogs to 5-13 overall and 12-10 in the Big South. The Lady Flames sought to continue their winning ways on Saturday as Big South matchup at Charleston Southern (CSU).

Walter was the catalyst for the Lady Flames, leading conference with 18 points, adding rebounds, assists, and free throws. The win marked the 26th consecutive victory, Liberty has seen the last five.

"We hit the ground running, scoring 11, 11, and 11 in the first period, scoring 26 points, which was the closest the Buccaneers got. The Lady Flames pushed the lead back to double digits with a 12-2 run, and away with the game. CSU got down to 5-13, but the coaches were happy with their performance.

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The Flames went into the second period with rough and tough play. "Coach Baurman's players were doing their best to get under the Liberty's skin, but the Flames were able to battle through it, matching two more goals to give them a commanding 3-2 lead.

The third period proved to be a tougher challenge for the Flames. "We dominated to start," forward Brent Boschman said. "But we let that 3-2 lead go."

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"You try to do the things the same way no matter what the time, Mark Baurman said. "Next week, let's go through getting the first two wins and find a way to be ready."

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"The coaches thought they were having a little adversity, and came out with a win."
Men's basketball wins big over Radford

David Martinez
Sports Reporter

A big 15-point game that could not have been won at the beginning of a long season.

The Lady Flames dropped their match on Sunday to Old Dominion by a score of 7-0. Jordan Dukes on Sunday. The Lady Flames head to White Sulphur Springs, Va., at the Folkes-Stein Tennis Center on Feb. 6 against Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va.

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Sam Chelanga was back in action this past weekend as Liberty's men's cross country team competed against top NCAA teams at the Hokie Invitational. The level of competition at the Hokie Invitational was very high. Teams from major NCAA conferences such as the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference competed against Liberty including Florida State, South Carolina and Tennessee.
SCAVANGER HUNT — Students follow clues to local businesses and hot spots around Lynchburg to win the Hill City Scavenger Hunt.

Students search city for prizes

Camille Smith
FEATURE REPORTER

Students huddled in groups of six across the Tilley Student Center, poised to race out and into Lynchburg. At the shout of "go" from the Student Activities announcer, they flooded the exits and poured into the parking lots. "This was the scene on Saturday Jan. 23 at the beginning of the first Hill City Scavenger Hunt," Associate Director of Student Activities Alese Chandler explained the event during a phone interview Wednesday afternoon.

"This is something we have always talked about, trying to have a giant mass campus hunt," Chandler said. "This is the first time we have ever had, and it is going to be across the city.

Chandler and the full-time staff of Student Activities shared the idea of the hunt when they returned from Christmas break, and the idea was well received. "When we presented the idea to our student workers, we had them pick it apart," Chandler said. "We had them tell us some problems and what could make it better, and at that point everyone was flying all over the office. It was great.

"We were given the information and we were all really excited about it," Sarah Turner, a Student Activities student worker and junior at Liberty, said.

"We were in contact with businesses in the area," Turner said. "They were pretty excited about the idea and getting involved.

Businesses such as Lil Cucci's Pizzeria, Little Dickens and Givens Books served as checkpoints during the hunt. Other stops included a mile marker on the Black Water Creek Mountain Bike trail and the Percivals Island sign.

One of the many teams that competed, Team W, consisted of Jenny Foster, Dominic Davis, Ciji Prosser, James Smith, Tucker Hill and Austin Hagan. Although they did not win, they were grateful for the event. "We didn't expect it to attract so many students, maybe 100 or so," Turner said. "Throughout registration it exploded in here and we had more than 400 students show up."

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I think that students were able to see a lot of Lynchburg," Turner said. "I think freshmen came out and participated. They got to see more of the city that they go to school in."

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Upcoming Events

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Clean Water from Causelife

Emily DeFosse
FEATURE EDITOR

Water brings life to the planet.

Water quenches thirst, entertains and cleanses. Seventy-one percent of the earth's surface (97 percent of the liquid) is water, of which less than 1 percent is fresh, according to the book "Causelife." Water can also end life on the planet.

Six thousand children die daily from water-related health problems. Each year, two million children die of water-related causes, according to the book "Causelife." Seventy-one percent of the earth, 60 percent of the atmosphere, 90 percent of the lungs and 90 percent of the brain are made up of water, according to the book "Causelife." Water is their lives.

Life without water is hard to fathom. In America, clean water flows from faucets, showerheads and fountains in abundance. Vending machines filled with the clean, clear liquid are conveniently located in most public places. An International BioResources Plasma Center offers "Donating plasma is safe and healthy."

Bashira lives in an African village of about 400 people, according to Goodwin. Another Liberty alumna, Vernon Brewer, started Causelife to combat the issue and involve others in the Causelife mission.

"Because of the dirty water, there is so much bacteria and pathogens it presents (Antiretroviral (ARV) medicine, vitamins and foods) we are sending over from doing any good," Goodwin said.

Causelife aims to help people in these villages utilize water that is not only closer, but clean and fresh that will not harm them."

"(Causelife) changes peoples lives because it speaks to every level of their lives," Goodwin said. "If you give somebody a Bible, that's important, but they may not understand the need for it. There isn't anybody in the world who does not understand that they need water!" So, the World Help has dug about 65 wells, according to Goodwin. Twenty of those are from the new Causelife project.

Many Liberty students are indirectly involved by going on a spring break trip to Uganda with World Help.

"(Causelife) is amazing," Richard said. "I can't wait to see the kids on (children's) faces when they get to experience something clean and fresh that they have never had before." Goodwin believes this is a great cause for students to get involved in.

"I'm around the students enough to know they like being a part of something where they feel like they are significant," Goodwin said. "It's not like the old days when the pastors would say, 'Please write a check.' We would do it blindly, they want to know what they are doing matters — the matter." To donate to Causelife visit their Web site, causelife.org, join their cause on Facebook or follow them on Twitter.

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Figaro's Wedding

A soon-to-be-married man harassed by a lovesick coworker and a mafia kingpin, a skirt-chasing Italian restaurant owner and a flirtatious boy who dresses as a woman to escape being shipped off to military school, this is the plot of the Liberty version of Mozart's opera "Figaro's Wedding." A rewrite of "The Marriage of Figaro," "Figaro's Wedding" was written in 2002 by music professors Drs. Wayne Kompelien and John Hugo.

The original opera is an "opera buffa," which is Italian for comedic opera. Kompelien and Hugo reversed the setting to modern-day New York City instead of 18th century Italy.

"We set it in New York in an Italian restaurant called All Mavivas. The basic structure of the original Marriage is there, but with a modern setting," Kompelien said. "Count Almaviva is the main character in The Barber of Seville, so we just called him Al Maviva."

The opera focuses on the plight of Tony Figaro, the restaurant's manager, played by Joel Taylor, and his beloved Susanna Fiori, a waitress at the restaurant, played by Eliza Buckley. With their wedding only a day away, Figaro needs the money to pay back the loan he took from his coworker Marcy to pay for Fiori's engagement ring. Marcy sells his loan to vengeful mob boss Don Bartolo, and Figaro has three choices: pay the loan by that evening, marry Marcy or have his right arm cut off at the elbow. Bartolo, played by John East, routinely torments Figaro in the play.

In the meantime, Figaro's fiancée has her own problems with Figaro's boss, Maviva, who offers them a free apartment next to his own. Maviva is ferociously pursuing Fiori, though he is already married. Maviva is also trying to ship his nephew, Charlie, who is already married. Fiori must also keep her young friend Charlie, Maviva's nephew, from being shipped off to military school because of his habit of flirting.

The opera progresses with many hilarious mishaps as Figaro and Fiori stall time to fend off an angry mobster and simultaneously try to rekindle love between Maviva and his wife.

"The Marriage of Figaro is considered one of the great Mozart operas. The music itself is just terrific ... and the Marriage of Figaro has a lot of characters," Kompelien said. "We reverse the women so it would be cruelly appealing for what we are trying to do. It just seemed to be a really good fit."

Kompelien and the cast of "Figaro's Wedding" began rehearsing the opera in September 2009 in an Opera Workshop class so that it would be ready in time for the spring performances. All cast members had to audition for the workshop before the rehearsals began.

"Figaro's Wedding" opened Jan. 21, and is scheduled for four more performances. For information about tickets and show times, contact the Liberty Theatre box office at (434) 582-2055. (Contact Tiffany Edwards at trewards2@liberty.edu.)
Free Community Courses from CASAS

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The Liberty University Center for Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), a department of CASAS, offers non-credit courses every semester for Liberty students and the community. These courses provide the opportunity to obtain a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) certificate in areas ranging from German and Fire Safety to Creative Writing and CPR. The goal is "to create within the community goodwill of service," Sherman said.

The CPCE provides remedial language, defensive training, special interest and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) classes. The certificate given to each participant at the completion of a course represents 10 hours of training, Sherman said.

The language courses offered this spring — Hebrew, French and Russian I and II — are primarily for students and will take place on campus throughout the semester. According to Sherman, many Liberty students are international, and these courses will enable them to communicate with conversational language skills that help their ministry when they are in the field.

But even for students not traveling abroad, knowledge of another language is helpful on the professional scene. "I'm excited to learn the basics of Spanish because it will help me communicate with Hispanic patients in the hospital setting," senior nursing student Kelly Barks said.

Collaborating with the CPCE, Operations Security 3 (OPSEC3) owner Tim Hooper and Liberty's Chief of Police Richard Hinkley will instruct defensive training courses including Introductory Pistol, Unarmed Self Defense and Identity Theft Protection.

According to Hinkley, the purpose of these courses is to help people build confidence in themselves, so that when they are faced with a dangerous situation they can deal with the situation and keep themselves safe.

"I learned so much about firearms and techniques in shooting," junior Blakely Harris said of a Concealed Carry course he took last semester. "I would highly recommend this course to anyone interested in firearms."

Off Liberty's campus, the CPCE offers OSHA courses to businesses and employees needing certification in various techniques or skills. According to Frank Goodwin, Safety Coordinator at Delta Star and lead OSHA instructor, employees at almost every company, by law, must have safety training.

Offering OSHA safety courses is another way Liberty can reach people with a Christian influence. Liberty has issued hundreds of certificates within the past year in various OSHA classes. Liberty also offers 10- and 30-hour courses on industrial and construction safety. The Industrial Health courses include CPR, First Aid, Basic First Aid and Trauma. One of the most popular courses is an eight hour class on High-Voltage Electrical Safety.

For many people, these courses give them just a little touch of college education, Goodwin said. "I've dealt with a lot of men who couldn't read or write ... and when they saw a certificate from the university, it's prized."

The program is an "extra arm of outreach," Sherman said. "We need the Lynchburg community to know we care about them."

The CPCE courses begin in September and students can register on the CPCE Web site or through the CASAS office.

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1. GROUNDBREAKING — Dr. Jerry Falwell, Ron Godwin and Elmar Towsy at the groundbreaking for the Towns Alumni Center on April 25, 2007.

2. MILITARY CONVOY — Dr. Jerry Falwell speaks during the Military Appreciation Convocation on Nov. 8, 2006.

3. BEFORE EAST — An aerial shot of campus as of 2003.

4. JERRY’S KIDS — Students paint the spirit rock in remembrance of Dr. Jerry Falwell.

5. MONOGRAM — The monogram on Dec. 16, 2006 prior to completion.

6. SNOW DAY — Snow blanketed the campus at the close of the Fall 2002 semester.

7. TUNNEL — Jerry Falwell Jr., Dr. Jerry Falwell and Ron Godwin stand in the pedestrian tunnel that was under construction in April of 2004.

8. GROWTH — An aerial shot of campus as of September 2009 includes the building of East Campus dorms.

9. SUPREME COURT — The new courtroom was built as an exact replica of the Supreme Court in 2007.

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