Daily sources at North Campus were interrupted Monday afternoon when a fire was reported in the library. Smoke was detected in the Liberty University Online (LUO) office. According to the LUO, Morton College President Pat Midkiff said employees were aware at their desks taking calls when they began to smell burnt rubber and smoke started entering the office.

According to Chief of Police for Liberty University Police Department (LUPD), Col. Richard D. Hinkle, there was little or smoke in the LUO office when 12:30 pm arrived on the scene so the building was evacuated. After the fire department arrived, it was determined that the burning was safe to reenter. Maintenance teams were required to work to determine the source of the problem in the LUO office.

Assistant Maintenance Manager Wanda L. Chrishfield said: "What we think happened is we had a ballast burn up in one of the light fixtures and that created the smoke. Children said we are all trying to locate it. We found that was bad, but that does not mean it is the only one. Maintenance workers had to check every light in the LUO office for the next two days to ensure that the problem was fixed and would not repeat itself."

Contact Family Defense at 434-845-1757

No fire at LU Online

A recent survey conducted by the Liberty Champion shows that Liberty students do not make a significant financial impact on the City of Lynchburg’s budget or revenue. The Champion questioned students on how much students contributed to the city’s overall financial revenue.

According to the Champion, the survey asked students a series of questions about their finances, and the results showed that students do not contribute significantly to the city’s financial revenue. The survey also asked students about their spending habits, and the results showed that students do not spend a lot of money on luxuries or expensive items. Overall, the survey results suggest that students do not make a significant financial impact on the City of Lynchburg’s budget or revenue.

Survey shows student taxes impact local economy

University may get property rights back

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HEALTH CARE v. CONSTITUTION

Liberty sues governor

Melinda Zosh

Liberty University is the first private institution to sue the federal government for passage of the health care reform bill. Liberty is fighting not to be able to change the overall political lay-

Editorial

The Champion received responses from 4,320 on-campus, commuter and on-line students. Of that number, 1,014 participants were on line students. A total of 865 on-campus students took the survey, and 300 commuter or on-line students comprised 371 total participants.

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Pedestrian plan precarious

Melinda Zosh

Wards Road is a case of controversy in the upcoming city council election. Approximately 4000 vehicles travel the road every day, according to Director of Auxiliary Services Lee Beaumont and a recent traffic study.

"We are asking for a reason, and an answer is an attack on pedestrianism," said Dr. Z. "It is a travesty and unnecessary, insidious and we need our right to be allowed to walk across the road without being threatened by other vehicles."
A new Web site founded by Liberty University's School of Law reached the final eight in the Law Student Division National Championship last month.

The site, TrueLife.org, launched this month, is the second year for Liberty's School of Law advancing to the first place team of Timothy Hegarty beat 21 other schools from March 13-18 to receive the top honor.

"We have seen the posters, the tables in the halls and the video. By now, it is clear what those things are all about—it makes our souls sick," said DeMoss Hall Professor Joel K. Krueger.

President of the College Republicans Caleb Mast agrees that voting is very important for Liberty students.

"I think it is always important to vote in local elections that you are involved in," President of the Democratic Student Association Joel K. Krueger said.

"We need to continue to make sure that students not only vote, but also understand the issues before them. By doing so, students can make informed decisions that will affect the university and the community," Provost said. "So it is heartening to see Liberty students leading the way amongst our students," Provost said. "So far this year, we have seen a record number of students returning to the polls, and it is encouraging to see the university and the community working together to support the process of change."
The survey showed that students pay sever-
al types of taxes, including meals tax, lodging tax, car tax, sales tax and gas tax, and a portion of those taxes go to the city with the rest going to the state.

The majority of the resident students who responded said that they frequent a non-for food, sit-down restaurant between one and five times a week. During their visits, 36 percent of students spend less than $5 per visit, 38 percent spend $6 - $10 per visit, 24 percent spend $11 - $15 per visit and 45 percent spend $16 - $20 per visit. If students only purchase a beverage worth of food, they would approximately 66 cents in taxes. If he go two times a week, that became $0.38. Over the course of a month that becomes $5 total. If 1,000 students do so, then taxes revenue increases to $5,000 for the month and over an amount of $50,000 per year (August to May) that becomes $500,000.

When students visit a drive-thru restaur-
tant or local coffee shop, 62 percent said they spend an average of $3 per visit with 56 cents going to meals tax. According to the survey, most students visit drive-through restaurants one to five times a week. If a student go to a drive-thru twice a week, he spends $1.16 on meals tax. In a month he would spend $44 in meals tax. If 1,000 students pay the tax, it becomes $440 for the month or $4,680 a year. "Just for having a Wendys both fruit and a drink each time."

Fifty-four percent of students reported that they fill their car with gas once per week at local gas stations. If the average car has a 15 gallon tank, and price for gas as of late, March 27, 27% of students were spending $41.10 every time they filled it up and paying $2.86 per gallon.

More than 100 on-campus and commuter students also said that they registered their car with the City of Lynchburg. The cost for registering a car in the state of Virginia ranges from $267.50 to $475.20, depending on the type of car and the age of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The registration price for a car weighing less than 4,000 lbs is $38.75.

This price multiplied by 83 percent equals $471.75 in taxes.

The survey also showed that 83.5 percent of commuter and resident students shop, one to four times per month for necessities. The largest block of on-campus residents, at 66 percent, spent that between $10 and $29 per month. They were also paying sales tax at a rate of 5 percent. Their average purchase cost between $10.80 and $14.55 in sales tax.

Seventy-eight percent of the commuter and residential students stated that they bought necessities or things they want to use one to five times per month with 32 percent of students spending between $10 and $29 per visit. If a student went to the store at least twice a month and spent $20 or each time or 440 per month, he would pay $2 per month in sales tax. Multiplying that by the expected number of students brings the total $2,200 to the city of Lynchburg to $2,000 or $22,000 per year in sales tax on the things students want.

If the spending stayed the same at $20, but the trips increased to two times a month, the amount per student in sales taxes would be $5 for each month, he

The survey showed that 70.9 percent of students spend less than $5 per visit, 38.9 percent spend $6 - $10 per visit, and 24.8 percent spend more than $10 per visit. The students may seem insignificant for one person, but multiplied by Liberty's student body, those numbers become increasingly important.
**Article 1: Pro health care**

**STUDENTS SPEAK**

Pro health care

Obama has got her back.

cause

That if she survives to 2014, President Barack Obama will also be extended to protect children will go into effect.

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Under America's new health care platform, "How can he have a pre existing condition when after his was born healthy insurance because he was born with a heart defect, according to CBS."

But hard-working families are not the only ones feeling the financial "pinch of the new health care reform," AT&T announced that as a direct tax on families who make over $250,000 a year, according to CBS.

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Student voices on voting:
City Council 2/23/10

MATT MIHELIC
We did not come here lightly, for we recognize the greatness of our land in a country that was designed for individual participation and freedom of speech.

We will vote because we believe in that freedom and this country. We believe that it was founded on those principles, and we believe that it is not in the best interest of our city that citizens have unsuitable places to vote on Election Day.

Liberty students are here tonight because, first of all, we believe in the ability and we believe in the right for American citizens to vote, and secondly we believe in the City of Lynchburg, and we want what is best for the city. And what is best for the city is equal rights and for us all to be able to vote.

AMANDA HAAS
Liberty University is not by any means trying to take over the city or rule the politics of the way Lynchburg operates now or trying to force any religious beliefs on them. That is not our intention, it has never been and it never will be.

My school and its administration merely wish to see students exercise their ability to vote, it's our right to vote, and we plan on doing so. Our school does not tell us how to vote, regardless of the fact that it is a Christian school and we are mostly conservative, our school does not tell us how to vote, we just promote the right to vote as Americans.

ZACH MARTIN
I am a student here at Liberty University, I have been here since 2006. I have roughly six more years of school left at liberty and I have no intention of leaving afterwards. So in relation to the statements that we will be leaving, and that we will only be here for four years maximum, I believe that's false, so I'd like to state for my fellow students who take more years to educate ourselves further.

I've lived in the City of Lynchburg since 2006, as previously mentioned. And I like it here, it's my home, and I'll love Lynchburg, and I do love the citizens here, and we have participated in community service acts.

We are not coming here to move your furniture around, we're coming here to participate with you, to grow with you.

CIJPROSSER
I was reading the notes from the city council meeting on Tuesday Feb. 16. I was somewhat taken aback by Councilman Johnson's reference to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and when he ended with "Not just Falwells people, or Liberty University.

In response I would like to state this question: What makes us as students any less important? All I'm trying to do is to convince you to allow this opportunity to the students of Liberty University.

We want to be equally represented. That's what we want. I know that many of us may lean to one side of the political spectrum and many of us may lean to another side of the political spectrum. But I think that we should be able to join together so that none of us here are being disfranchised.

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A personal reflection on Facebook

Steve Eakin
OPINION REPORTER

"Facebook free." Upon a couple of months ago that was one of my favorite phrases to use. I always had these words ready to hand whenever I heard someone mention of Facebook, though used by millions of people daily is not the best method of communication. While most people would agree with that statement, many many many millions are nowadays thankful that Facebook access is even more convenient via cell phone. Cell phones are not just replacements for landline yet another tool to communicate. While most people would agree that Facebook-free is better for many, I can attest to this thanks to my experience.

Facebook, I have learned, is a great way to reconnect with those whom I have not seen for some time. Like a phone call, Facebook allows me to find out who one's true friends are. Real friends do more than look at you and pitiful glances my way I even had a few comments about being Facebook-less. I have displayed a seemingly emotional trauma on my Facebook status that the world simply did not need to see. Thankfully, I had no more to post afterward, which means I could have spent my time more efficiently.

Secondly not having Facebook probably saved me from much potential embarrassment. Far too often there are instances that employ the "too much information" principle. I have been known to in my younger, less mature days, I would have posted some embarrassing comment on Facebook, blabbing to my friends. As a result of being Facebook-less, I have been able to track down at least one person in the 18 to 25 age group who does not use Facebook. She had only good things to say about being Facebook-free.

I was also able to track down at least one person in the 18 to 25 age group who does not use Facebook. She had only good things to say about being Facebook-free. I have been Facebook-free for about 7 months now. The first few weeks or so I was without Facebook, I found myself more accomplished and haven't regretted it over 50 years ago? The answer is that liberal politicians like Walter Fore and others were behind the scenes pushing for their interests. Their intentions is now their calling and instead of a capacity for growing along with a nation that changed, it is their claim to fame and their ex- ception of supporting non-government, non-tax and more regulations.

I checked the recent public hearing held by City Council regarding the evacuation of the old Liberty University campus. It was shared for Walter Free to begin the hearing by repeating his recalculation of comments made by the late Jerry Falwell Sr. in a conversation that he supposedly had with Dr. Falwell. As a result, many students who ignored his divisive comments and did not consider them as a threat to their lives. This is a balanced opinion if the pros of being on Facebook were not named as well.

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Anyone who stumbled upon the scene in the Suling Center Saturday, March 25, would have thought they had walked into a scene from the movie WALL-E.

Small, square robots scooted across the floor picking debris up as they went, but none of these robots left earth chasing their love EVE to eventually bring humans back to their sullying planet.

These robots were built by high school students and were competing in the first annual VEX robotics competition hosted by the Liberty University School of Engineering and Computational Sciences (SECS).

"The greatest part of this is just inspiring kids to get involved in areas of technology, engineering, math and science," Associate Dean of SECS Dr. John Vadnal said. "We like to think that we can get some engineering students out of this."

The winners received one $8,000 scholarship per team to whichever team member wants to attend Liberty University as an engineering or computer science major.

"(That) is a lot," Neapolitan Ice member Mark Boener said. "I was planning on going to Virginia Commonwealth, but I might change my mind."

The over 20 teams that competed were split into two alliances, the blue and the red, and competed as teams. The Mavens, Iron Eagles and Neapolitan Ice teams from the Red Alliance took home the big prize for the day in a 2-1 victory over the Technetics, Vex Techs and F.C. Glas High School teams from the Blue Alliance.

"This is actually our third robot this season, so to have one that finally works well and can get us to win a competition is probably one of the most gratifying things," Neapolitan Ice team member Braden Wright said.

The game was simple — contestants needed to get more points than the other teams. They did this by picking up orange footballs and green soccer balls and getting them over the wall separating the teams.

"I believe that VEX has the right mix of excitement in the competition, the right mix of complexity in the classroom, and I think they blend together to create something that makes students want to go learn in order to build better robots," VEX representative Brad Lauersaid.

Students were in charge of designing and building their own robots.

"It starts as an evolution. You start with an idea and you scrap that idea and keep working over and over," Starvation member Latifahmi said. "The main idea we kept and we just tweaked it bit by bit."

Qualification matches were held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and were followed by the elimination rounds. Several door prizes were given out, including two Dell laptop computers and two $100 Best Buy gift cards. The winning teams from this event qualified to attend the World Championships in Dallas, Texas, April 22-24.

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TUNNEL VISION — The graphics above show the potential plans for the Wards Road improvements which have yet to be funded.

"Tunnel vision" was the term used by Virginia Commonwealth University student government President Randy McRorie to describe Liberty University's focus on downtown Richmond at the expense of areas in the city. McRorie's comments in a March 2010 interview with the Richmond Times-Dispatch came in response to an article about the allocation of $500,000 in federal funds to the construction of a pedestrian tunnel on Wards Road near Vines Street. McRorie said the city would benefit more from spending the money on pedestrian improvements in less traveled areas of the city, such as near Lakeland and Manchester. "If you look at where Liberty has its money, it's downtown. It's not focused on downtown compared to Ward III."

"Go ask any business owner what happens to their business when Liberty is out of session," Beaumont said. "We pay tremendous amount of taxes," he added. "If Liberty students become apathetic, it's our problem, not theirs."

Beaumont expects the tunnel will be approved in the next few months and that it will be the first phase of a building a pedestrian tunnel near the railroad tracks. Beaumont said the city will work with the school to get the tunnel done as soon as possible. "We don't want to build it and then not use it," he said. "We want to get it done as soon as possible."

Some students are concerned that the tunnel will interfere with traffic. "We need to get them off the road tracks near Sonic, and it is a good idea to build a tunnel near there," Beaumont said. "It is dangerous for students to cross the railroad tracks near Sonic, and it is a good idea to build a pedestrian tunnel."

"People are trying to cost (Wards Road)," Walton said. "It is not a safe place for pedestrians." Martin said. "There is no way to stop traffic, and people are crossing wherever they want to." Walton said it is a concern to try to build the tunnel and the railroad at the same time, according to Beaumont. He added that students could start using pedestrian features before the tun- nel is complete.

"We need to coordinate with the city and look at the first phase of the pedestrian features so students get from Liberty to the other side of Wards Road," Beaumont said. Liberty University spent $100,000 to conduct a traffic study according to Beaumont. "We got the city interested in this study."

"It is not Liberty's job to take the heat on the city and in downtown," Beaumont said. "We are not设计ed for traffic."

"For city officials and residents often forget that Wards Road traffic is on Liberty University's campus," Beaumont said. Liberty students make up 65 percent of total city ridership on mass transit, and a school spends $17 million on mass transit for a 400-acre campus, which is more than what the city pays for 40 square miles of land, according to Beaumont. "We pay tremendous amount of taxes," Beaumont said. "If Liberty creates problems and congestion, but you don't hear the same thing said about Randolph College and Lynchburg College."

Liberty students have improved economic conditions for businesses on Wards Road, according to Beaumont. "Go ask any business owner what happens to sales when Liberty is out of sessions," Beaumont said. He suggested that students research city council candidates and ask them who they think it is important to Liberty in the upcoming election. "Look at where candidates stand on a variety of things," Beaumont said. "They are spending infrastructure money and are too focused on downtown compared to Wards Road."

"Wards Road brings in much more revenue than downtown," Beaumont added. "We keep hearing about how downtown creates, but you look closer and see the city has to incentivize businesses such as Miller's and the Crazy-Ivy Hotel," Beaumont said. "You do not have to incentivize people to move their business to Wards Road.

The only reason the city is paying attention to Wards Road is because it brings in more revenue than downtown, Beaumont said.
Students log in to Coffeehouse 2.0

Christopher Scott

MARCH 30, 2010

Students gathered in the Vines Center on Friday night for Student Activities Coffeehouse. Students were able to get on stage for a chance to win a prize by texting, tweeting or facebooking comments. Kati Overbey (top right) tweeted “I’m single and need a ring by spring, put me on stage.”

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CHANCELLOR MAKES CASE ON FOX NEWS

Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. appeared on FOX News on Saturday morning to discuss the health care bill’s implications for university students. He spoke on Neal Cavuto’s show “The Cost of Freedom.” The following are excerpts from the interview.

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Imagine driving onto Liberty University’s campus and seeing a newly constructed building overlooking the football field that is over 300 feet long and almost 100 feet tall. When the new press box is completed in Williams Stadium on Sept. 4 that is what will be seen by people entering the campus.

The construction on the new press box began in November with the demolition of the old press box. Contractors were able to break ground at the beginning of the spring semester. However, with the 50 inches of snow that Lynchburg received this winter, the construction is a little behind schedule.

"The contractor estimates that they were, as of last week, up to five weeks behind schedule," Director of Planning and Construction Charles Spence said.

Spence, the contractor and Liberty officials have had to make some changes in their plans in order to make up for lost time. One example of this, according to Spence, is the stair structure for the building. The original plan was that the stairs would be made of poured concrete. They have changed this to be laid brick, which took about two weeks off the deficit. The change also helps the economy in Lynchburg.

"I know our local brick masons are happy to get to work because there are a lot of them that are laid off," Spence said.

One of the major focuses that the construction team has now is preparing the stadium for the May 15 commencement. This year’s commencement festivities are expected to be the largest Liberty has seen with an estimated 28,000 people.

Four additional seating areas in the corners of the stadium are going to be added to accommodate the large crowds, as well as some temporary bleachers.

"There has been a lot of planning that has taken a lot of energy just to try to coordinate graduation and the construction, and make sure that one is ready for the other and doesn’t interfere with the other," Spence said. "Coordination is going to happen and we are going to do it in a classy way at Liberty."

"We anticipate this to be that really great open environment where people want to hang out, even when there is not a football game," Spence said. "We haven’t done something like this but it is going to be used a lot more than that. It is going to be a big asset to the university in a lot of ways."

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BASEBALL stumbles to 1-3 week

SPORTS REPORTER

It seemed that the Liberty Flames baseball team could do no wrong to start this year, but Dietrich's baseball is a Lady Eagles, and not team can go on a whole season without some beating in the head.

Strong teams are characterized by winning when the offense or defense does not live up to their potential and bouncing back into the win column as quickly as possible after suffering a loss.

Tennis picks up win over Asheville

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**AL Central - Tigers**

Detroit is an early season favorite to claim the AL Central crown, but isn’t he reminded of Minnesota’s peak three years ago? The Tigers really have that type of team like they did last year equipped with designated hitter Victor Martinez and fellow solid starters in Rick Porcello, Jeremy Bonderman and Armando Galarraga (who was acquired from Arizona). Detroit’s pitching staff is ready then in the Central.

The offense is somewhat of a question mark, but Magglio Ordonez and Miguel Cabrera is more than enough. However, other than those two they don’t really have much. Rookie Austin Jackson, who was brought in from New York in the Curtis Granderson trade has potential to be a star and has performed well in Spring Training thus far. It will take for sure a while for what he does during the regular season to count.

So I say before, signing AL MVP Joe Mauer and the Minnesota Twins will fail to claim the AL Central divisional title. The Indians are a much, much better team this year, better than the other team in the Central.

For sure, they are a better team overall than last year. They have lots of solid players and could always be a step further down in the NL Central St. Louis, Chicago, and Milwaukee have good players, but nothing solid as in the NL Central. Chicago and St. Louis, in particular, has some solid players who the Twins may need in a year to be a starting pitcher because their pitching rotation in quite weak.

**AL Central - Indians**

Chicago is a team that could shock mins in the Minnesota and Detroit, mainly because of the strong hitting line up of Paul Konerko. His stroke after his lackluster 2009 season has been well above 300. Francis Replica has been a consistent hitter from middle of the lineup. Brian鹚, Shane Victorino and you don’t expect them to have much in the hitting department. Their 2010 batting order is the following.

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Lady Flames split doubleheader with UVA, dominate Radford

The Liberty softball team traveled to Charlotteville Wednesday to face off against in-state rival Virginia in a doubleheader.

The Lady Flames dropped the first contest to the Cavaliers by a score of 6-0. Virginia pitcher Melanie Mitchell notched 11 strikeouts while holding the Lady Flames to only three hits all game. Junior infielder Cassie Hendrix picked up two of the Lady Flames hits with a double in the second inning and a single in the seventh.

Virginia got on the board in the second inning when Alexa Martinez walked with the bases loaded, scoring Alex Skinkis from third. The Cavaliers added another run in the fourth inning to take a 2-0 lead, capping off in the sixth inning with two more runs to put the score at 4-0 in favor of Virginia.

The Lady Flames came out determined in the second game and wasted little time getting on the board. In the second inning with two outs and two runners on base, Hendrix reached on a fielding error by the shortstop that allowed sophomore Kaylee West to score. Senior Janae Jefferson then doubled to score the second run of the inning and sophomore Jenny Law singled to put the score at 3-0.

Liberty added two more runs to its lead in the third inning with a single from junior Keely McMillon. McMillon drove in sophomore Kelly Strickland from third and junior Amber DePasquale to extend the lead to 5-0. The Cavaliers began a comeback in the bottom of the fifth inning with two runs on two hits. Virginia continued to threaten the Lady Flames in the following inning by picking up another two runs to pull within a run, 5-4.

With the Lady Flames holding a slim lead in the top of the seventh inning, Strickland went one over the fence to give Liberty another breathing room and a two-run lead. The Lady Flames held on and secured a 6-4 victory over the Cavaliers, moving to 15-9 on the year.

“Tiffany Smith pitched a very good game and I really liked the way we attacked the ball in the second game,” Head Coach Paul Wetmore said. “We were extremely well prepared and we were ready for Radford when they got here. We had a good game plan and we executed the game plan and that doesn’t happen all the time.”

Smith earned her eighth victory of the season with six strikeouts in six innings. The Lady Flames fanned nine batters after being held to three in the first game.

Liberty started off the weekend with a win on Sunday over defending Big South Conference champion Radford. After dropping two games to the Highlanders atRadford just five days earlier, the Lady Flames were eager to come up with a win in their first home game of the season.

With the Lady Flames trailing 1-0 in the second inning, Strickland smoked a two-run home run to take a 2-1 lead. DePasquale added a solo home run for the Lady Flames in the third inning and capped off the four-run inning with a three-run double to cap the scoring on the day.

Liberty’s offense exploded in the fifth inning to put ten runs on the board and take an overwhelming 9-0 lead over the Highlanders. Sophomore Priscilla Hesse started the scoring with a triple that scored junior Abby Kyzer. Sophomore Lindsey Howland then came around to score on a single from West to add to the lead. Hendrix drove in the sixth run of the day with a single.

“We were extremely well prepared and we were ready for Radford when they got here. We had a good game plan and we executed the game plan and that doesn’t happen all the time,” Wetmore said. Law finished off the struggling Highlanders with a three-run double to end the game after five innings. Liberty outscored Radford with 13 hits, while the Highlanders only managed two hits off of Smith.

The Lady Flames return home to Liberty Softball Field on April 7 for a non-conference game with conference rival Winthrop.

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They followed the up-and-down first Big South series, a three-game set against the Bulldogs from UNCA. They lost the first two games of the series to an each, but bounced back to take the final game. 3-2. Following the week's action, the Flames scored at 1:2 in the Big South and 14-4 overall.

On Wednesday, Liberty sent Dustin Urbane to the rubber in Blacksburg for his second start of the season. After Liberty came up empty with five bases loaded and two outs in the top of the second inning, the Hokies got on the board in a big way, plating five runs in the bottom of the third. Outside of Thompson's two-hit game, the Flames could not seem to figure out Virginia Tech starter Manny Martir, mustering only two other hits as a team and scoring five runs in total against the Hokies. The Hokies finished with 10 runs to Liberty's 1.

Martir picked up the win against Liberty with a complete game. His record on the season moved to 1-1. Shawn Teufel took the loss in a solid effort to fall to 4-1 on the season.

The first two games of the series between Liberty and Asheville were played in a doubleheader on Saturday. Steven Evans possibly tried to keep his hot streak going for the season, in game one, but UNCA starter Ryan Dull countered the effort with a gem of his own.

And in a 1-1 pitchers duel heading into the bottom of the ninth, Jason Schuman hit a walk-off home run off of Evans to give the Bulldogs a 2-1 win and a two games to one lead in the weekend series. Evans went eight plus innings, giving up two runs on four hits, while striking out five and walking three. He fell to 3-1 on the season.

That record fell to 3-0 on the year after tossing a complete game. The Flames salvaged the final game of the series, as the last of Liberty's weekend runners, Keegan Linza, tossed a complete game of his own.

Trailing by two in the top of the second, the Flames of Liberty finally came alive with four runs on four hits. Josh Richardson beat out an infield single to bring home the first run. Centerfielder Gar- ran Reid drew in another run on a sacrifice fly two batters later, and Matt Williams and Tyler Brum made run scoring singles to conclude the scoring outburst.

The Flames would bring in three more runs before the end of the third inning, thanks largely in part to left fielder Doug Bream's three-hit effort.

On Sunday, the Flames moved to 0-2-1 in conference play and 14-8 overall. The second series of the weekend fell to 2-4 in the Big South and 7-5-1 overall. Linza moved to a Big South-leading 3-0 with the loss, while UNCA starter Jason Schuman fell to 0-2.

Liberty will return home this afternoon to play the George Mason Patriots at 3 p.m. and will play Virginia Commonwealth on Wednesday. The Flames play a three-game home series this weekend against High Point.

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LU equestrian team finishes inaugural season

By Daniel Martinez

There are dozens of sports at Liberty University, whether indoor, outdoor, varsity club or intramural. For most, you have to hustle, look for your teammates or tear your eye out on the ball.

But on the equestrian team, you do all of those things.

Members of the equestrian team have to keep their shoulders back, keep forward, hold the reins in a controlled but relaxed grip, keep their heels down and keep their balance by squaring their horse with their legs.

The Liberty University Equestrian Team became a reality just days before the start of the fall 2008 semester. It became more substantial when Crystal Rivers, a member of Bismark Road Baptist Church and owner of the Serene Creek, a Rain Riding Center, horse training facility with a half, indoor, and outdoor arenas in Forest, offered her facility and equipment to the needs of the team.

"Did you ask me to be the coach?" Rivers said of her liberty.

Rivers, her family, and her horses have had a presence for the university since 2007, when she started holding weekly TRBC Community Groups on Wednesday nights. "I think the local establishment, the chance to learn about horses and practice riding them, was the response immediate.

"Usually there are 20 to 30 people," local resident Diane Rays said of the groups, which have been held ever since. "(Rivers) has given normally would."

But once the fall semester started, Rivers who had formed the Dallas Fort Worth area and has been training horses since 1977 - became a coach, and, soon, the 12-member team was freighting Serene Creek, learning from the ground up to how to ride them while they are moving at high speed.

"I was doing community service (at Serene Creek)," junior Jaynie Ingram said. "One day coach asked me if I wanted to be on the team. I had only been on a horse one time in my life and didn't have lessons on it. I said, I don't know how to ride and she said, I'll teach you."

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Twelve new team members are already signed up for the fall, and more could be on the way. Nine meets are anticipated for next season, starting in October. And the community groups are in season every Wednesday, cost free, with the chance for anyone interested to ride on one of the current team members.

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Intramural fields receive facelift

Betty Abraham, feature reporter

Intramural athletes will notice some changes have taken place on the East Campus fields. New lights and parking spaces are just the beginning of many improvements that have enhanced not only the fields, but the experience of spectators and players as well.

"More than $20,000 was spent on improvements made to the upper set of fields on East Campus," according to Director of Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports Ed Bradhouse. These fields, which are located closest to the dorms, received permanent lights in October. Bradhouse said the lights were the most pressing need for the fields. Prior to the lights being installed, games could only be played during the day, often causing conflict with class schedules. The lights allow players four extra hours of game time and allows students to play games as late as 10 p.m.

"Facilitating in the amount of sports we offer and the amount of teams we have signed up, the average team would get to play six games per semester," Bradhouse said. "With the lights, we have come close to doubling the amount of games scheduled, while offering more sports for students to choose from."

Sophomore Lisa Youngerman is a scorekeeper for intramural athletics and thinks the lights have had a big part in how the athletes play.

"The lights are a lot brighter and higher. We don't have as many shadows anymore, and I think that the players are playing a lot better," Youngerman said.

In addition to lights, a permanent backstop was installed for one of the softball fields. Fifty parking spots were also added to the fields. One of the more noticeable improvements is the addition of new fences around the fields. These new fences are much taller than the previous ones, which help prevent balls from flying into the roadway. Not only do the fences make the fields look more professional, but they also help to protect the fields from outside damage.

"It gives (the fields) a more official look, and I also like that now people can't drive onto the fields and destroy them," Youngerman said.

Students should also expect to see a new frisbee golf course in early April. In addition, there is talk of adding field turf, a product that will make it easier for athletes to play games even after bad weather.

"(The money and time) spent shows that the school cares about athletics. They want everyone to play and not just the people who are here on a scholarship," Youngerman said. According to Bradhouse that is exactly what Liberty aimed to do with these improvements.

"In my opinion, providing better venues and facilities adds to the experience for the student. We strive to provide a variety of sports for everyone," Bradhouse said.

Freshman John Ashton plays both intramural flag football and soccer and said that Liberty invested in enhancing the fields.

"I feel like the program is worth something to the school -- because they actually spent time to put an effort into the intramural fields," Ashton said.

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Web Features

Pingpong players pound the paddle: Liberty's little known intramural sport

Peter Sawyer, feature reporter

Liberty offers a variety of intramural sports in which students can participate. Most students choose to participate in sports like soccer or basketball, but each semester right to left students participate in intramural ping-pong, according to Associate Director for Intramural Sports Steve Chamberlin.

"We've offered (pingpong) for the last few years," Chamberlin said. "We offer five tournaments a semester."

The tournaments are played on the ping-pong tables in the Tibby Student Center.

"We have three tables and we have double elimination," pingpong player Kanghyun Jung said.

Pingpong is not as popular as some of the other intramural sports offered at Liberty because it appeals to a less competitive crowd.

"It's more recreation oriented," Jung said, "we can double the score but I'm not. So it's not very professional."

Pingpong is in full swing this semester. The third tournament of the current season was held last Friday.

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Students get a step ahead at Job Fair

Katissa Sedinat
FEATURE REPORTER

The Career Center held its annual job fair last month in Reber-Thomas Dining Hall. Roughly 30 agencies and organizations were represented, and students were given opportunities to meet face to face with potential employers.

"We have job fairs each year to help students who are either graduating or looking for a job or internship — to find that place where they are supposed to be," Career Center Director and Recruiting Coordinator Karissa LaFell said. "We have a wide variety of organizations represented from around Virginia. We have both secular and faith-based organizations here." LaFell, who has organized several job fairs, advises students to remember to put their best foot forward and look the part by dressing professionally.

Students were asked to sign in on computers as they entered the fair. Within the first hour more than 60 students came through. A wide variety of employment options were presented by professionals. To get the career center, they really do help you. They can also complete a mock interview there to help you prepare for the real thing," Special events intern Ashley Missethan said.

Meanwhile, a former Liberty student, based his internship at the job fair last year. She said the best part of her internship is having the opportunity to develop relationships with people and impact their lives for the better.

In addition to the companies represented at the fair, camps were also present because the camp fair was cancelled due to adverse weather earlier this year. While this year's job fair may be over, students can continue to visit the Career Center for help with getting their job search started, or as well as for help with determining what might be the best career path for them as individuals.

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Teddy bears give warm fuzzies to kids

Contact Casey Overview

The Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (ALD) held its second teddy bear drive March 22-25 for the child residents of Virginia Baptist Hospital. The drive was a great opportunity for ALD freshmen to encourage students to serve the Lynchburg community.

According to Bezer Girvan, the president of ALD, the teddy bear drive started in 2009. Last year the ALD officers went out to find a place for the drive.

One of the officers then called Virginia Baptist Hospital to see if it would be possible for members to donate new teddy bears to the children. Last year’s drive was promoted last minute, but Hartwell and ALD members collected 254 bears. The new staff have bears given to an individual child in their hospital room, to then take them home and help them laugh with family members. With the success of last year’s drive, ALD had high hopes for the year.

Senior student Jordan Moore wanted to help reach out to the community. After hearing about what the drive does with Moore’s help, the drive started. Moore has contributed to the year’s drive and hopes that more students will also contribute.

The total count of teddy bears that have been collected from the drive is around 700 so far. Hartwell said that she just wants to help make 100 children’s smiles more. "Last year’s Teddy Bear Drive was what first had me interested in Alpha Lambda Delta as a community group. I used to go to see the children who were passed away in the past, so it’s an honor to see how the event brings hope and encouragement to those in the local area. I hope that every child who needs a cuddly companion at the Virginia Baptist Hospital Children’s Ward will be able to get one," Hartwell said.

According to Selldy, ALD has a very positive response from students as well as students at a few states away in the online program. Several boxes around campuses are completely full. ALD hopes the drive will become a spring tradition, so that more hospitals can benefit.

The charity Harley Hartwell is doing to benefit children in hospitals is called Love 146. The charity was started when she was just 14 years old, and because the trauma that children have been through has not ended and had to be used to educate others.

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Teddy BEARS — Donated bears were collected in the Delta Musk grand lobby before being sent to sick children at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Liberty named activist of year by AIPAC

Sandra Hodges Overview

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Civil War Seminar takes students back in time

Melinda Zosh

Wearing his navy blue uniform and standing straight, he looked like he just marched from a battlefield or a scene from "Gone with the Wind."

But Liberty senior Cody Turner was not the only soldier in DeMoss Hall on Saturday afternoon. He was one of the few Union men in sight, until George Carter emerged to talk about his Cavalry career before his infamous last stand at Little Big Horn.

The discussions and exhibits were part of Liberty University’s 14th annual Civil War seminar. This year’s topic was “Jeb the Cavalry,” and more than 250 people attended, according to co-director Kenny Rowlette.

Several tables away, two middle-aged men dressed in gray stood out from the crowd, but it was not because of their Southern accents. Calvin Ashwell and Terry Wooldridge were running an exhibit of miniature models of submarines and ships, adding that the Confederacy did indeed have a Navy.

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But Liberty senior Cody Turner was not the only soldier in DeMoss Hall on Saturday afternoon. He was one of the few Union men in sight, until George Carter emerged to talk about his Cavalry career before his infamous last stand at Little Big Horn.

The discussions and exhibits were part of Liberty University’s 14th annual Civil War seminar. This year’s topic was “Jeb the Cavalry,” and more than 250 people attended, according to co-director Kenny Rowlette.

Several tables away, two middle-aged men dressed in gray stood out from the crowd, but it was not because of their Southern accents. Calvin Ashwell and Terry Wooldridge were running an exhibit of miniature models of submarines and ships, adding that the Confederacy did indeed have a Navy.

They point out that few people realize that the Confederacy had Naval forces. "We really want them to be there," Wooldridge said. "We need for our students to join our next generation of those who will remember and honor the men and women who gave the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice for their respective causes."
12,000 kids and counting

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When students go to the Reuter-Thomas Dining Hall, there's usually just one thing on their mind — food. For many students who regularly go to the dining hall for lunch, they look forward to hearing the Bible verse and joke of the day from cleaning lady Esther.

If you take a trip to the dining hall at Liberty any weekday and turn to the right, you will see a group of students laughing, smiling and engaging in lively conversation with a petite woman with short, silver, curly hair and glasses. She makes the talks funny and pushes a cleaning cart with a bright smile, and after talking with Esther, students leave with a contagious attitude.

"She is just smiling, cheerful and makes us glad to be here," junior Angela Dion said.

"Esther has almost everybody and even if she doesn't know them she will say hi to and smile anyways," sophomore Dan Bridges said.

At one time almost every student at Liberty knew Esther, before the dining hall was divided into brightly colored sections. Back then, Esther said, she would see almost all the students that came to the dining hall, but now only students that make a habit of sitting in her section or know someone that knows Esther have the pleasure of fellowshipping with her this lunch hour.

A student might see her cleaning cart with a manila folder securely taped to both sides in her section or know someone that knows Esther have the pleasure of fellowshipping with her during the lunch hours.

Esther admits that she can talk to just about everyone. "You know me ... It just simply amazes people I can go from table to table and find something to talk about," Esther said.

When asked about her favorite part of working at the dining hall, her answer would go into place. "I don't want them to think I am so spiritual, because I am the number one person who needs them, any verses are there for me first," Esther said.

She explained she excited Christ at camp at a young age, but after that she struggled with some doubts about her salvation. She thought when she became a follower of Christ she would become a perfect person. During this time of doubting, she went to a Bible conference and heard the speaker struggled with the same doubts. Esther still remembers the words he prayed, "Lord I don't want to have doubts anymore. I believe you died on the cross for my sins, and I accept you." She prayed the same thing besides her bed one day and since then she has grown, but she laughingly confessed she is not perfect and on a scale from one to one hundred, she believes she probably is a four.

She talked about her love for the Lord and how she trusts Him. "He's the main thing. I couldn't make it without him that's for sure," Esther said. "Get saved ... put God first and everything else will go on place."

She speaks from a vast life experience. Esther has moved 30 times and had many different jobs over the year from working with many Liberty students, Esther now has 12,000 kids and counting.

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