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Record growth reached in spring

Dr. Melani Williams, news editor

Library University admitted a record number of new students this semester. For the first time in the school’s history, the student body is not expected to shrink in the spring semester.

According to Chris Johnson, executive director of recruitment, an average of 750 students usually graduate or withdraw at the end of the fall semester. The number of new students in the spring is generally considerably smaller. For example, in Spring 2002, the school admitted 298 new students. Though they will not know the exact number of new freshmen and transfers until the end of the add/drop period, the school expects it will be above 500, or at least 125 more.

The final number of students leaving will not be known until the end of the add/drop period, but if the trend of past years holds true, the number of students attending LU will not drop.

Freshman Jessica Burnside said she has been impressed with both the students and the teachers that she has met. “The teachers are a good example as Christians,” Burnside said. Junior Victoria Matthews attended LU a couple of years ago, but withdrew for a few semesters and returned this spring. There have been a lot of changes made to the school since Matthews left. The refurbished auditorium, T. Jack Lewis Learning Center was the first alteration she noted. “It’s so huge,” Matthews said. “It’s actually looks like a college now.”

Housing plans changed

By Johnny O’Toole, editor in chief

Plans for Liberty’s new apartments have changed since Thomas Road Baptist Church’s purchase of the Erisen property last semester.

In Fall 2002, Liberty University announced plans for the construction of apartments for on-campus students. Administration had hoped that additional housing for about 1,000 students would be ready by this semester, but for various reasons that plan has changed.

“We believe that everyone wins with the changes that have occurred,” Jerry Falwell Jr., general counsel for the university, said. By everyone, he means the university, the contractor and the city of Lynchburg.

The current plan is for 19 units to be ready by this fall, according to Falwell Jr. Each unit will have three bedrooms, three baths, a living room, kitchen and laundry room. The three-story apartments will have 12 units each, therefore there should be around 13 units and room for nearly 1,000 students.

The process leading to the new dorms began more than a year ago when TRBC Ministries sold the site on top of Candler’s Mountain near Lynchburg to Liberty University. Liberty University’s two largest class-rooms will have 125 more.

The Liberty

Schedule changes for DH 1113/1114

By Laura Redden, reporter

Some of you may be wondering why your classes in Delecoke Hall rooms 1113 and 1114 start at odd times. This change was made in hopes that it will make the lunch lines shorter.

Since not everyone is on the same schedule, during the hours when the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall is open for lunch, students in Delecoke 1113 and 1114 will still be in class while other students are headed for the dining hall. Twenty minutes after the normal end-of-period lunch rub, the students in the university’s two largest class-rooms.

Last semester the lunch line just after class let out sometimes extended all the way to the stairs that lead up to the dorms on the hill. The administration noticed the problem and decided to make some changes in class-time beginning this semester.

Sarah Smith, a sophomore and a commuter student, was excited about the new change. “I think it is a good thing because I can sleep a little later,” said Sarah Smith.

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Surprising snow day

The event, organized by Mike Martinez, Ga. Liberty alumnus Paul Martinez, Ga. Liberty alumnus Paul Perkins brought 96 youth to Lynchburg from the church.

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WinterFest rocks the mountain

Stuart of Creative Activities, Programs and Services, was the first of its kind to be held at LU. More than 300 church groups from 22 states, some coming from as far away as Wisconsin, Idaho and even California, attended the event that included praise and worship, youth rallies and various contemporary Christian music acts. The largest group attending the event was from Abilene Baptist Church in Martine, Ga. Liberty alumnus Paul Perkins brought 96 youth to Lynchburg from the church.

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By Rachel Coleman, reporter

The Information Learning Resource Center has purchased new furniture this year in order to office students more conveni- ence and comfort in their studies. The ILRC’s new furniture, which includes stuffed chairs, table-and-chair study areas and sofas, is distributed throughout the library and computer lab on the first and second floors.

One advantage of the new furniture is that students no longer have to stand in line waiting for a computer in the lab. Along line of cushioned benches has been placed beside the computer area, so students can sit while they wait for a computer to be free.

“We noticed that people were sitting on the floors in the hallways or just standing around,” Distance Learning Program Librarian Diane Garber said. “A lot of people come in the ILRC because they didn’t know where to go. Now, students can sit.”

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Martial Arts class offered

By Christian Fernandez, reporter

Students now have the opportunity to touch upon their self-defense skills. A martial arts self-defense class is being offered Monday and Wednesday evenings this semester.

The Renaissance Academy of Martial Arts (a.k.a. “Team RAM”) is organizing the class. Eugene Yoon, a junior exercise major at Central Virginia Community College will teach the class. Those who attend the class will learn a variety of techniques from different schools of martial arts. The instruction received by students here is similar to what they would receive at Team RAM.

Jamie Ridgeway, an instructor for Team RAM who teaches Yoon, said, “We offer a unique mixture of today’s cutting-edge martial arts, we take what works from different styles and combine them for an effective technique that has proven itself in competitions and in real life situations.” They blend Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai Kick Boxing and Fan Kick Boxing, to teach the most effective means of defense in a fight.

The blending of different martial arts is a tradition that Bruce Lee began. The combination of styles allows the student to learn how to best react in various conflict situations.

“The class covers all possible means of defense. It teaches you how to defend yourself standing, in the cine position and if you’re on the ground,” junior Michael Troxel said. He has studied mixed martial arts for about seven years, since he was in California as a teenager under Bruce Lee’s people. “This technique works the best and if you’re strong enough that anyone can learn it,” Yoon said.

So far, about 20 students have expressed an interest in the class. “We’re going to pass out about a hundred flyers this weekend to promote the class. We just want to make the campus a safer place,” Yoon said. Out of the 20 students that have expressed interest, three have made firm commitments to attend. Yoon hopes to have about 20 students.

Team RAM is not about promoting violence but rather giving individuals the means to defend themselves if the need arises. “Avoiding fights is the best policy, but if you must fight, you have to know how to defend yourself and those that are with you,” Troxel said.

Yoon expressed excitement about the class. “We’ve been wanting to do something like this for years,” he said. Troxel said it was a lot of fun and recommended the class for anyone who wants to learn defensive skills and get into shape.

The class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6-7 p.m., in the wrestling room on the second floor of the Schilling Center. Students will be put on a special three-month contract at $45. Team RAM classes are usually $80. There will also be a strictly Brazilian Jiu Jitsu class taught on Mondays and Wednesdays for an additional $10 a month.

The class is geared towards those interested in cultivating their ground defensive ability as a part of their RAM arts training. Both classes are offered to males and females. Students can join the classes at any time during the semester. For information regarding the class, students should call either Yoon at (434) 426-0705 or both Yoon and Gautier at (434) 699-5331.

Christmas food drive helps 350 families, crisis center

By Martial Williams, news editor

SGA, working with Campus Crusade for Christ and Touch of God Ministries, collected 2,700 cans of food for underprivileged local families in a special Christmas food drive last semester.

SGA President Zach Gautier, Campus Pastor Charles Hughes, Campus Crusade administrator and Rev. Pastor Paul Atkinson, and Vice President of Student Government Affairs Jamie Ridgeway, an instructor for Team RAM, organized the project. The team was able to fill a special storage area in 350 households to put together a Christmas dinner.

Food collected in the drive was distributed primarily to families in College Hill Apartments, James River Crossing Apartments, and Shadon Apartments. Famous food was donated in large amounts.

“Everyone was pleased to note that some of the students that are with you, saw the need and donated to a food bank and it wasn’t a big deal, it was more of an afterthought,” senior Daveta Saunders said. Gautier wanted the SGA to be more involved and to be of assistance to student ministries like Campus Crusade and Touch of God Ministries. “It’s part of SGA’s mission to help out campus organizations,” he said.

“The project distributed 350 large boxes of canned goods, a gift basket to buy meat products at Food Lion, and some literature. “One of the assessment things about the project is that we also gave them Bibles and literature,” Atkinson, a sophomore who regularly visits College Hill, said. Soon after the distribution Atkinson had people come to thank him specifically for the Bibles, he said, and children attending the Saturday morning play group talked about things they had learned from the gift literature.

The bags also included information about nearby churches that the families might be interested in attending. Gautier was pleased to note that some of those people came to visit.Thush Baptist church, where Hughes is pastor, soon after the food was distributed. The food drive project was successful enough that the group was able to send the money to another ministry to use for the next several months.

“We were also able to fully stock the winter coat/care center with basic items,” Gautier said.

Both Gautier and Atkinson were impressed with the response to the call for donations. Most residences fully helped, Gautier said.

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L.O.V.E. Women’s Fellowship meets for teaching, praise

By Marilla Meeks, reporter

This Friday night, Ladies of Virtue and Excellence (L.O.V.E.) Women’s Fellowship will be hosting a kick-off in David’s Place. The event, which will start at 10 p.m., and go to 6 a.m., features speakers, musicians and other entertainment.

Regina McFarland Robinson is the guest speaker. She will be followed by Praise in Motion, a presentation from the Dean of Women’s Office, UC Fellowship Gospel Ensemble, a beauty and fashion segment, breakfast and other activities. The theme for the event is “I Am Something Special.”

“[L.O.V.E.] enhances MISO in that it is a multi-cultural activity—all types of women come. I’m interested in reaching across color lines,” Pearl said.

Saunders concurs. “Even though it’s sponsored by MISO, it’s for everyone. I want everybody to come out, because everybody has a word from God,” she said. The Dean of Women’s Office also has been actively involved in this ministry, lending their support by attending a majority of the meetings.

L.O.V.E. meets the fourth Saturday of every month at David’s Place for breakfast and fellowship. Saunders has assembled a group of ladies that meet every Friday to help plan each month’s meeting. The group is composed of a variety of speakers, praise and worship and women on campus who come to share words of encouragement. “It’s usually a small group. There’s so much intimacy—it encourages you,” Saunders said.

The experience of starting a ministry has been life-changing, Saunders said. “Basically, it’s let me realize it’s not about man, it’s about what God wants. Harboring the voice of God, being Holy Spirit led. I am following God. To walk in what God has for me—this is where my heart is,” Saunders said.
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Champion Policies
The Champion encourages community members to submit letters to the editor on any subject. Letters should not exceed 400 words and must be typed and signed. The deadline is 6 p.m. Monday.

Last week President George Bush's administration filed an amicus brief, supporting the case of Michigan alum, all races. Though I live north of here in Dela-wore (not an artistic error, it's only five hours away), I am no expert on snow driving. Bush attacks reverse racism. But he's passing the buck to the states. "The administration has shown as clearly as by its actions as anyone can, that they will continue to side with those opposed to civil rights and opposed to diversity," said Daschle. Opposed to civil rights? It always surprises me how little the greatest advocates for racial equality that mostly find themselves stuck up on the color of a person's skin. If we are all equal, why are minorities being offered additional points for college admissions? Preferential treatment based on a person's skin color does not exemplify what I consider to be equality. And while Tom Daschle beat the war path of civil rights and claims that the President has sided with those who would neglect this ideal, I wonder where he places the rights of those who would be University students, who were turned away not because of their academics, but because another individual with lower test scores was accepted in his place, because of his race. Diversity will come naturally to a institute that dedicates itself to academic excellence, just as surely as individuals from each race can. Either we have wasted their time and energy on a foolish notion, or we must continue to lower the hurdles across the board. That is what affirmative action programs do. It lowers the first hurdle, and in so doing, keeps those who have sided from being disappointed, we continue to lower the minorities. The result, recipients may not even develop the skills they need for the long haul, because they are bombarded. But let us not lower the standards for the races, lest we develop with in that race a greater susceptibility to academic complacency.

Bush attacks reverse racism

A souped up Kia so I could cruise Ward Road.

When we serve, we rule; when we give, we have; when we surrender ourselves, we are the victors.

—John Henry Newman
To many young men today consider the selective service as something that existed only in the past. Oh, maybe it does exist today but only in theory, right? Surely the government would never really go back to the military draft. The consensus among the young men of our nation need to know what their individual has certain responsibilities.

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Want something good to eat?

The Texas Inn
By Jamie Paschall, reporter

When you're heading north on I-81, stop off at the Texas Inn, Mt. Airy, Maryland, but only if you don't want to empty your bank account eating here, because almost everything on the menu is less than $3, but you also have to choose between the variety of things to buy from the most popular menu item, the ice cream sandwich, with chocolate, vanilla, or coffee ice cream and wafer cookies. The Cheesy Western is a cheddar cheese and bacon with a fried egg on top with relish. Cheesy Western, to spaghetti, pie, and the most popular menu item, the Texas Inn open for business. You haven't heard, The Neighbor's Place is a small restaurant, and an interesting menu. The Hurricane Grill is a diner-like atmosphere, and an Area college students love the Texas Inn. It's the结束。
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Ice hockey ranked fourth in region

By Becca Smith, hockey correspondent

The Flames hit the road last weekend to start the last two months of the hockey season. LU traveled up to central Ohio to play what may have been the most important weekend in Liberty history. With the fourth of five national rankings coming out next week, LU was standing at fourth in the Southeast region, and had to have a good showing and hold onto the important final spot to the National tournament in Alt-heim. In addition, the Flames, for the first time, had a completely healthy roster and added three new players to the roster for the final playoff push. The first game of the trip saw the Flames taking on the top team in the Southeast, Miami of Ohio. The Red-Flames taking on the top team in the roster for the final playoff push.

The game was a close one against MU. Early in the game, Liberty was able to hold it 0-0, even though two of the players were injured. Miami drew first blood as it scored at the 10:23 mark, to take a 1-0 lead. The Flames were able to tie the score right before the first intermission on a power play goal from Jonathan Zappalorti, his 13th of the year. Unfortunately, the rest of the game turned into a dominated game by Miami, from Jeff Smale into the back of the net. Liberty then woke up and for the next twenty minutes controlled the play and scored a couple of goals of theirs. LU tied the score against Miami the night before and were hungry for a win. The Flames came out with a point to prove that they were still a top team in the region and took the physical game to UM and took control of the game early. The game was scoreless until back-to-back penalties on the Flames put Day-ton on a 5-2 power play, which they scored on to take a 1-0 lead. Liberty then woke up and for the next twenty minutes controlled the play and scored a couple of goals of theirs. LU tied the score against Miami the night before and were hungry for a win.

The score stayed at 2-1 until freshman Paul McDonald lit the lamp at the 13:57 mark of the second. His goal turned out to be the game winner. Dayton was able to score on another power play to make it 0-2, but that was as close as the Flames got. The Flames tightened up the defense and put a late goal to make the final score 5-2.

The Flames (11-3-1, #4 in Southeast Region) wait to see how their weekend performance against the other teams in the region when the next rankings are released. The plan is to continue to the Mid-Summer Classic that has fallen in line with the move. The Mid-Summer Classic that has fallen in line with the move is meant to bring back some mean-ness and excitement to Liberty when it comes out Friday. They will also be preparing for the first of three remaining home weekends on the schedule as they welcome the University of Pittsburgh to Lynchburg for a two-game set. Friday’s game will be at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday’s will be at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the Marriott.

By Jeff DeOld, sports correspondent

University of Connecticut Lady Huskies win national title

The University of Connecticut Lady Huskies set a new NCAA mark with their 39th consecutive win on Saturday night by defeating Georgetown 72-49. The old record was held by Louisiana Tech which set the record in 1991 and is now up to 40 straight. The Lady Huskies last loss came on March 30, 2001 to Notre Dame, 90-75 in semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. The men’s record for consecutive victories is 88 games which was set UCLA set from 1971-74.

Philadelphia’s Vet closes

Veterans Stadium which has been the Philadelphia Eagles home since 1971 hosted its last football game this past weekend. The Eagles hosted the Carolina Panthers in a football only, stadium next season. Veterans stadium famous for its raucous fans that cheered Michael Iron’s career-ending injury in 1991 and hosting of everyone, even Santa Claus. Veterans Stadium even had a courtroom, known as Eagle Court, in the lower level of the stadium to prosecute some of the more fervent fans on the spot for any malfeasance committed during games.

MLB owners reach agreement

Major League Baseball owners unanimously approved a plan that gives home-field advantage in the World Series to the league that won the All-Star game. The move is meant to bring back some mean-ness to the Mid-Summer Classic that has fallen in popularity amongst fans in recent years in part due to some uninspired play that culminated in last year’s All-Star game that ended in a tie. The plan must still be approved by the player union.

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Lady Flames: Liberty regroups in second half

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Don’t Miss the Action

Preview: Young team faces a tough schedule

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Flames incinerate Radford in the Furnace

By Andrew Martin, reporter

Having notched a 61-54 victory over Winthrop the previous Saturday, the Flames were determined to make a statement against Radford University in their matchup on Tuesday, January 21, 2003. Led by their senior guard, John Sarchet, the Flames dominated the game, securing a 15-point victory with a final score of 81-66.

Sarchet led all scorers during the game, scoring a total of 25 points, which included a career-high three-point shot. He also added nine rebounds, helping to secure his team's victory.

Junior transfer Ryan Mantlo contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds, showcasing his all-around performance. Two more players, Jason Sarchet and Jeremy Monceaux, added 10 points each, with the latter hitting a crucial three-pointer late in the game.

On the other hand, Radford's field goal percentage was more than 10 points lower than the Flames' 50.0% and their shooting percentage was reduced to 31.1%. The Flames' defense held Radford to only 18 points in the final three minutes of the game.

Radford started the game well, but Liberty's aggressive defense and Sarchet's powerful play quickly turned the tide of the game. The Flames held the advantage at the free-throw line, taking their percentage for the season to 82 percent.

With under eight minutes to play, Radford coach Randy Dunton called a media timeout, but it was too late. The Flames continued their intensity and emerged victorious.

The game was marked by a series of glowing performances, and the Flames' victory was a testament to their preparation and teamwork. After the game, Sarchet said, "I wanted to go out tonight and play hard." He praised his teammates' effort, stating, "I was just able to get good position and then finish on the put-backs."
Flames tame Panthers to stay perfect in Big South

By Robbie Adams, sports editor

It takes more than one player to win a game in most instances, but it takes a team to win six consecutive championships. The Flames proved last Saturday night that this is a team of depth and other players can step up when needed. The Flames did not play Katie Fenestra, the 6-6 center, because she rolled an ankle in a road victory over UNC Asheville earlier last week. Coach Carey Green said, "We would rather see Katie now and sacrifice a game now, rather than two of three later." The Flames opened the game against the Birmingham Southern Panthers red hot scoring the first 11 points of the game over the first five minutes. Agne Jasinskaite had six of those 11 as she once again showed off her standing jump. Jasinskaite has a history of hitting early threes in the first and second halves of games. She has hit a three in the first half of every game since Christmas yet, she is still finding ways to get free for the open shot. With both teams using small lineups, they were running like sprinters up and down the court for the first 10 minutes. The Panthers only shot 6-20 from the field with five of the six shots from beyond the arc. The Flames had to sub in a whole new fresh profile. Jasinskaite has a historical memory that any team has outscored the Lady Flames by going on a 13-5 run of their own hitting three threes in a three-minute span. So at the 10 minute media timeout the Flames only held and 18-13 lead. The Lady Flames then when back to what put them on top and inserted all five starters back in. However, the Panthers were just hitting on all cylinders and continued to close the lead and finally took it over going into the half 30-28. This is one of the first times in recent memory that any team has outscored the Flames bench, which the Panthers did in the first half 15-4. Amy Woods and Sherry Anthony combined for 10 points in the final seven minutes of the first half to send the Flames into the locker room with some confidence.

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New faces characterize LU baseball

By Dan Colino, reporter

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