Snow covers East Coast

By Julia Oatlen, editor in chief

Just when the East Coast thought it had received all the snow it could handle for one season, the snowstorm struck in early February. On Sunday officials in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia announced states of emergency as snow, heavy snow and freezing rains caused travel hazards and impacted businesses. The storms were reportedly the worst to hit the mid-Atlantic region in seven years.

Liberty University took six second snow days of the semester on Monday and did not open until the third class day at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. "I was a little surprised on some days when school was not canceled," freshman Philip Soria said. "It’s more time to have around in the room or do schoolwork."

Rain began on Friday night, turned into freezing rain and continued throughout most of the next day turning into snow on Saturday night. Gov. Mark Warner declared the entire commonwealth a state of emergency due to concerns over loss of power, heat, telephone service and a shortage of supplies. The News & Advance said.

Though some areas, specifically western Mary-land, received more than four feet of snow, Lynchburg area snow and ice measured about two-three inches. Still, most classes were canceled on Sunday and schools and businesses on Mon-day, some on into Tuesday as well.

According to WSET, the Virginia Department of Transportation's budget for snow removal was pushed over its limit with the recent storms. The $6 million remaining from the $48 million...
Debate reaches top in two rankings

By Julles Outten, editor in chief

The Liberty Debate Team moved to the top of the National Debate Tournament rankings by finishing in the top three in two and half years after their performances at the last two tournaments. During the weekend of Feb. 6-9, the team split up to attend debates in Virginia.

The highest bid for men came a little over $60. The men on stage did the best they could to impress the girls in the audience. Three hockey players, Kevin Rainey, Jeremy Lowry, and Joe Blevin, came up on stage in full uniforms and danced. As they performed the girls cheered and clapped with delight. But once the dance started and the bidding started, there was absolute silence. They went for $42. Not even two basketball players, Jeremy Monroe and Jeff Riber, fresh from their victory over Elon, could muster over $60.

The SGA raised over $550 on bids. Josh Gardener—the nervous contestant—along with his partner Rich Day, managed to raise $80, the highest bid for men. Would he do it again? “It depends on how the date goes,” Gardener said.

The only money that SGA actually raised was what the students decided to bid. The $50 entrance fee all went to the University. Each bid started at just $10, and there were no bids for just one person. Groups of two or three persons of the same sex were auctioned together, allowing the students a chance to share the cost of a child.

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**New businesses open near campus**

By Kenechuk, reporter

If you’ve been wondering what the construction is on University Avenue between Old Forest Road and Nebraska Avenue, you’re not alone. The new businesses opening near campus are slowing down the usual commute. Although you might have missed the new construction, there is a new business coming to campus.

**Comparison of SGA proposals**

**SGA Mission:** To serve the students and community for the furthering of God’s Kingdom.

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- Cabinet
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- Student Senate
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**New options for students:**

- A new hotel, *Extended Stay America,* will open in July, according to Heather Penson, chairman of the hotel’s lumpic committee. The hotel is scheduled to open in July, and it will offer a number of amenities, including a studio-style room, a fitness center, and a business center. The hotel will also offer a variety of dining options, including a restaurant, a cafe, and a lounge. The hotel will be located on University Avenue, near the campus of Liberty University.

- *Pizza, Subs, Wings & More,* a new restaurant, will open soon. The restaurant will offer a variety of pizza, subs, and wings, as well as a full bar. The restaurant will be located on University Avenue, near the campus of Liberty University.

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On Feb. 15 Adrian Michael Scecy (from home) proposed to Jullianne O’Donnell on the campus of Liberty University, and she said yes. "You May 2004 wedding plans are being discussed."
Shakespeare's MACBETH

Linda Nell Cooper directs a cast of 41 in stunningly acted three-hour performances of Macbeth on Feb. 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1.

EDITOR'S CORRECTION: The Macbeth article on page 3 of the Feb. 4 issue of the Champion had several errors. The lead quote, "To be or not to be?" is from Hamlet, not Macbeth. Cooper was quoted as saying "faulty ambition," but it should have been "vaulting ambition." The name of the actor playing the title character should be spelled Jonathan Robertson, while Jonathan Erdman, not Derdman, played Prince Malcolm. - Julles Outten

Storm: Closes main transports

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an annual budget for snow removal was breached over the weekend. VDOT said that people should not drive unless an emergency because of the poor road conditions on Sunday and Monday.

Throughout the East Coast major airports, train stations and other transportation centers were closed on Monday.

"Quite frankly, the roads in Delaware are horrible," Sonya Chisenhall, a Delaware resident, said. "It's frustrating. I can't go home because our roads aren't plowed because we're in a state of emergency until 6 a.m. on Tuesday." Chisenhall was trapped at a friend's house only a few miles from her home.

Chisenhall said that there was over a foot of snow in her area with a layer of ice on top. At one point there was a ban on driving with a $1000 fine for anyone caught on the road, she said; still 450 vehicles had to be pulled out of ditches.

A couple of Liberty students could not leave Mississippi because they had no place to fly into, while another could not get from Richmond to Lynchburg.

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Campus Calendar

February

2/19/03 - Informational meeting for Hawaiian Workshop 4:30 pm @ David’s Place. No charge. Please attend to get more info about Hula workshop classes. For more info call MISO x2688.

2/20/03 - Iron 2 Iron. 5:00 pm @ Executive Dining Hall. All male students and faculty are invited to share in this time of fellowship over dinner. Dr. Harvey Hartman will be guest speaker. Free with meal plan; $7.50 without meal plan; 43.25 for faculty.

2/22/03 - L.O.V.E. Women’s Morning Fellowship 9:00 am - 11:00 am @ David’s Place. Come out for a time of godly women fellowship. Continental breakfast will be served.

2/22/03 - Trip to downtown Lynchburg Anne Spencer Home 1:30 pm @ Prayer Chapel parking lot. Cost for the trip is $3. Trip will be from 3-5 pm. We will meet in the parking lot to carpool. If you are willing to drive, please call MISO at x2688.

2/25/03 - Meetings for Summer and Fall Internships 4:00 pm @ DH2052. Meetings every Tues. until March 11. $5 application packet fee. Deadline to submit applications for summer and fall internships is April 15. For more info contact the Career Center at x2352 or careers@liberty.edu.

Got an announcement?

Let everyone know about your event! The Campus Calendar is the place students look to find out what’s going on. All you need to do is drop by the Champion office and fill out a form with the details of your event. So don’t delay - come by DH 1035 to let us know about your announcement. Or email your information to edpecore@liberty.edu. Be sure to include the issue you want your announcement to appear in, the date, time, cost and how to get more information about the event.
LU celebrates Black History
By Niafoke Onafowokan
February marks a special time for black Americans nationwide as well as here at LU. The Minority and International Students Office is once again sponsoring events throughout the month in celebration of Black History Month.

According to Danny O'Shanahan, cultural affairs coordinator for MSIO, “the office’s goal is to inform and educate the student body about the accomplishments of African American people.”

“By learning about the past, we can better equip ourselves as a generation for the future,” Onafowokan said.

Participation has been high so far with weekly online trivia contests. Soul Food Night in the dining hall and Trust Worship, a forum that focused on black males, was held Feb. 13. According to O’Shanahan, this event was sponsored by the Dean’s Men, office of students and professors, and men from the community were brought to LU for the forum.

The schedule for the remainder of the month includes a tour of the Anne Spencer house on Feb. 22. Spencer was famous writer and poet from Lynchburg.

The trivia contests will continue throughout February as well as Black History Month facts given out on the “Gospel Traxx” and “The Takeover” shows which air on WSUI. O’Shanahan pointed out that these events are not targeted at just black students but are for everyone on campus. This goes for all of the activities MSIO plans.

Student Life offers weekly ski trips
By Amanda Smith, reporter
Snow, snow, snow more and more. While many students have mixed feelings about the current weather, snow can be a very beautiful thing.

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Letters and columns that appear in the opinion section of the Champion are opinions of the author solely, and the Champion reserves the right to edit these columns. To allow for acceptance, reject or edit any letter received — according to the Champion's discretion — the Champion reserves the right to designate a certain month just to celebrate African-Americans, instead of celebrating each heroic individual regardless of the time of year.

A little sports example, Jackie Robinson was a pioneer when he broke baseball's color barrier. But that stuff is inconsequential to me; he'd never get a job with a name such as "Babe Ruth." And, as much as I am proud of Italian ancestry, he probably valued things like eating, and enjoying life, more. So, it was good centuries of lineage. Stells, Mr. Richards.

I, the United States didn't exactly get along with open arms when we enigmatically. But, you rarely see episodes of Italian prejudice anymore. Italians are certainly assimilated themselves into society without asking for a handout, or to be placed on the list of favored minorities that Democrats use to pandent to.

I tend to stay away from race, because I feel that race is the touchiest of all issues. I'm not going to lie; I've been named a racist before in my life. After all, my high school mainly consisted of liberal kids and I believed that C.S. Shinnampion murdered two people, and 2.) The cops on trial for the Rodney King case could have faced a high-speed chase after committing a murder, or they could have been eventually bloody shot after being the offenders and resisting arrest, not voluntarily acquitting. With that, I didn't expected the racist "label" to be tossed away. But, you know, a world as a person who believes that he or she has an inherent, genetic superiority over a race of people.

I'm Italian, or at least, 75 percent of me is Italian. The other 25 percent is Irish blood. Aside that contains the world-class runner, professional hockey player, and curator on the anatomy of U.S. Colonel John Paul Jones. But that staff is inessential to me; it would be hypocritical for me to discriminate.

So what's at issue here? There is obviously a prob- lem with racism today, but I find it intriguing to stop, and why are these people? We can be both racist and have an inherent, genetic superiority over a race of people. After all, I was an avid supporter of Alan Keyes, who evenly, in his effort to win the U.S. Senate seat in California, per- haps this isn't the action becoming of a racist. Besides, considering that my last name is a throwback to the days when my people were discriminated against, it would be hypocritical for me to discriminate.

Tales from the Nov. 10, 1998 Liberty Champion

Champion Rejected coffee house acts

I've always been fascinated with the culture and beauty of Italy. I've often been fascinated with the culture and beauty of Italy's capital, Rome. The atmosphere and personali- ties of the people are awesome.

—Misty Maynard wrote "Romantic Gift Ideas for Her," while Deb Stillman wrote "What a Waste of Time."
As we all know, the Columbia space shuttle was recently lost on reentry to the earth when some unknown cause caused it to burn up over Texas. The media then had to begin a media coverage process and widespread, non-stop media coverage of the event and aftermath. This leads me to the main purpose of this article. We have to agree that the loss of any human life at any time is a shock to all human life is valued to a greater extent. However, there are those losses that are extremely difficult to comprehend and come to understand. Why did they get the recognition that they did? Why did some of those who were killed not receive the recognition that they were? Why did some of those who were government employees, all were brave and all are dead. So how do we explain away a loss of life in the public eye when we have a helicopter crew over in Afghanistan or a soldier in Sarajevo? This is what I am trying to understand.

The media covers the space agency's explosion for obvious reasons like the fact that it doesn't happen often and it has such great meaning and even better camera footage. But then we have the government officials as well, almost take cue from the media and assume the best news story, at least the one that is more tragic and needs a national mourning more so than any other American death. We cover airline crashes, but we don't put our flags at half-mast, despite the fact, that in airplane crashes we lose more than five Americans almost every time, and lose closer to 100 a large percentage of the time. So it didn't add up.

I discussed this with a few classes of mine and found no real answer as to why they didn't put the flags at half-mast when we lost a crew that was on a space mission and finding the "national mourning" that we know.

My solution to the problem is that we should just shut it on the news that day, and stop thinking of it as a tragedy because of who it was, even if it was the loss of the Columbia, the "national mourning." It is arrogant to say that we are responsible for these things and it's just plain wrong to think we are. We are not God, we are not responsible for anything. This is a way of thinking that was stimulated by the Columbia catastrophe. It is because of these circumstances that we need to think about and change our thinking before we begin to understand what it is that we are responsible for.

There is a great deal that we need to understand from the way in which the government deals with its citizens. It is because of these circumstances that we need to think about and change our thinking before we begin to understand what it is that we are responsible for.

In love and freedom,
Seth Shostak, senior astronomer
at SETI Institute.

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"It is disingenuous I think, and even counterintuitive, to mini- mize the lure - and more impor- tently, the value - of simply push- ing the envelope of human experi- ence; of savaging the adventure that allows you to bounce around in zero gravity...knowledge may be the goal, but adventure is usually the motivation. We go to the moon largely because it's there."

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Heeding the Call to Ministry

By Camie Poplaski, reporter

Being a Christian in America is probably the easiest country in which to hold these beliefs. Although it is a great blessing, we have to be careful not to let some of our greatest faults be as世人所知的使命。She marveled at her new found belief in Jesus. She didn't develop a personal relationship with Jesus until Meggie was in her 40s that she decided to become a full-time missionary after she retired. God had opened doors to ministry for her long before then.

On Christmas Eve everything was just the way you would have imagined it to be. The snow was falling thickly outside and the air was cold. We were preparing for bed the night before Christmas Day. We had just started counting the days until Christmas and we were already excited. We had been looking forward to this day for months on end. The idea of seeing our loved ones again was enough to keep us going forward. We were determined to make the most of the holiday and spend as much time with family as possible.

The next morning we all checked our computers and found an e-mail that contained clues for each of us that would lead to the next clue. My own clue was the anticipation that God would reveal to me the next clue. I was eager to receive the next clue and see what God had in store for me.

The next part of our mission trip was to go to a woman's Bible study. I was happy to be a part of this study and be able to share my experiences while in Poland. It was the time that she grew the most in her walk with Christ. She and her roommate started a women's bible study. She also began to study the Bible in a more in-depth way so that she could better understand the message of God. She began to share her findings with others and help them to grow in their own faith.

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Global Missions Fellowship

By Laura Bailey, reporter

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MFW answers questions on Missionary Safety

By Alyssa Young, reporter

A n especially pertinent issue addressed in this year’s MFW dealt with the concerns that potential missionary students face in today’s threatening climate. Questions were asked about what students can do to maintain their safety and what evacuation measures they should take. Missionaries who have experienced the mission field talk about the dangers they face in today’s threatening climate. Questions By Alexandra Harper, reporter

By Ashley Haygood, reporter

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A closer look at the Crowder/Muckel Fieldhouse

The generosity of Dave Crowder and John Muckel helped complete the baseball facility in 2002. The 13,000-square-foot fieldhouse provide an area for the players to practice or relax, and offices for the staff.

LUXURY BOX — Members of the Home Plate Club can watch the game live from the fieldhouse, or hopefully soon, on closed-circuit television.

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REC ROOM — After practice or a game, the players can kick their spikes up and relax in the team room, complete with a foosball table and big screen TV.

THE LEGEND LIVES — The fieldhouse itself is named for after Crowder and Muckel, but the stadium is named for Al Worthington, LU’s first coach, and still the one with the most career wins.

CAGE MATCH — Two batting cages and pitching tunnels allow the players to practice when the weather is rather bad. The windows above lets the coaches take a peek at their athletes without fear of getting hit by a wayward ball.

SUIT UP — The new, spacious locker room gives each athlete a place to toss their dirty clothes before and after a game.

STAY IN SHAPE — Trainers can take a look at the players in the training room, and those players can try to beef up in a small weight room located on the first floor of the facility.

STAY A LITTLE — Even the opposition gets to benefit from the fieldhouse, as a special visitors locker room was built just for them.

The Big South announced that GMAC Financial Services will be a Corporate Partner with the Conference for the 2002-03 basketball season. With the goal of raising awareness of the College Grad Rebate Program to college students, GMAC will sponsor the “GMAC Hoops Shoot,” on every member institutions’ campus. Students can win prizes by showcasing their basketball skills at halftime of regular season basketball games. A winner from each campus will advance to the finals during the Big South Basketball Championship. In addition, GMAC is a presenting sponsor of the Pontiac-GMC 3-ON-3 Basketball Challenge.

GMAC’s involvement also will include radio advertisements and public address announcements during conference regular season basketball games. GMAC will have a banner advertisement on BigSouthSports.com that will appear on every page of the League’s Web Site as well.

“Being part of Big South basketball gives us an exciting chance to reach a great target market and be able to support excellent athletic programs,” said Charles Sevier, Director of Sales and Marketing of GMAC.

“We are excited to be partnered with GMAC,” said Kyle B. Kallander, Commissioner of the Big South Conference. “Their commitment will be a tremendous enhancement to the student-athlete’s collegiate experience.”

GMAC is a family of companies ready to help customers with crucial decisions that affect their lifestyles and wallets— financing a vehicle, selling a house, getting a mortgage, insurance for many needs and— for its business customers— commercial lending for a multitude of business pursuits. Established in 1919 to provide financial support to General Motors dealers, GMAC now operates in 40 countries and employs 29,000 people.
By Wes Richards, managing editor

When he first took the job as head football coach in February 2000, Ken Karcher said that it was going to take these recruiting classes to take the program back to its days of prominence.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the wait is over. In an open press conference on Feb. 6, the 11 members of Karcher's third recruiting class were announced.

“We’re very excited,” he said. “We’ve upgraded our team with a solid class.”

However, Karcher did say that most of the new recruits should not be expected to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting most of the incoming class in order to have an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season, as the program intends on redshirting all but a few to make an impact next season.

Additionally, Brook Emelio should help the team “immediately.” Emelio, a 6-2, 275 defensive tackle, signed with Louisville out of high school in 2000, but opted to go to a junior college before making the decision to come to Liberty. His decision came as a surprise to those in attendance, as his name wasn’t on the official press releases that were originally handed out. Instead, Emelio informed the staff of his intentions midway through the conference by placing a call to recruiting coordinator Pete Sundheim’s cell phone.

While those three will top the depth charts next season, the rest of the 2003 recruiting class will hide their time, but should help the team in the near future. Among some of those players are receiver Vincent Jackson (whose father played for the Houston Oilers), an individual whom Sundheim described as having “a lot of upside,” and QB Travis Johnson, who was heavily recruited by UVA and has been rated in some publications as the best quarter- back in the state of Virginia.

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MEN'S BOX SCORE FOR FEB. 15

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Steals: H. Williams 5. Riber 3-16, 12.5% (Okotie 0-5, Martin 0-3, TOTALS 13-12, 60.0%). Harrison 4-13, 30.8% (Coastal Carolina 4-13, 30.8%). White 3-8, 37.5% (Coastal Carolina 3-8, 37.5%).

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Although there would be four more ties, the Flames would mostly lead from that point. Both teams were deadlocked at 37-37 with 5:17 left, and again at 74-74. Liberty’s largest second-half lead was six, but it was unable to successfully ward off a Bulldog run with 1:22 remaining.

Alex Krapol, the Bulldog’s high scorer with 18, hit a 3-pointer to bring his team within three, with little more than a minute left. At that point the game was still far from over. Asheville’s Andre Smith made a layup and was fouled by Sarchet on the shot with 44 seconds remaining. After his successful three free throw attempt, the score was tied at 69-69. As Sarchet made the free throw to give the Bulldogs the lead, the clock wound down. Monroe was trapped and unable to get free from his defender, so Williams pump-flied, drove past his man, and permanently put the Flames in the lead as he buried a 15-footer from the right wing.

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By Becca Smith, reporter

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The first of the final two home games of the season was played on Feb. 8. As the Flames were victorious in former-MAC Duke University, Liberty was at last seeing some success in the game, and the final, against N.C. State to allow some playing time for players that had not seen as much in previous games. As the Flames took the ice for warm-ups, it looked like it was going to be a long night for the Blue Devils as they had only made the trip with eight players, seven skaters and one goalie. In fact, as the pack dropped the question was not if LU was going to win, but how many goals.

Duke, undaunted and out-numbered, put in their best effort. Duke peppered the net with shots and by the second period the Flames had put it away. On the other side, the Flames were able to make the trip to the Ice Station to finish their regular seasons.

NCU came in red-hot, winners of nine straight games, and were looking to make the trip to the Flames back in September. As the Flames looked flat and while they grabbed a quick 1-0 lead from Joe Bellows, first of three for the defenseman, the Wolfpack pulled hungrier early. They would be able to go for the score at 1-0. That would continue to be a theme for the Flames throughout the year, but they were able to score by the end of the first and take a 3-1 lead.

The few fans that braved the elements for the final game were in for a long final 40 minutes as the中心城区's arm was in the air most of the time. Both teams had numerous penalties, most of which resulted in N.C. State power plays.

After the Flames scored to make it 4-1, the Wolfpack power play saw them push it back to a two goal game and put the momentum on the NCUS side. However, freshmen Paul McDonald scored a shorthanded goal, his 24th of the season, and put the Flames up for good. Liberty continued to steadily push their lead out with goals from Josh Pearce, Ben Wilson, and Ryan Dabbing. The score stood at 8-2 before North Carolina State went up on the board. By the end of it, the Flames cruised to a 9-4 win and a perfect home record.

“We played well today, but we need to play with more intensity for the entire game,” McDonald said.

The Flames (16-4-1) are now head bound for the Americans Collegiate Hockey Association National Tournament, being hosted by USC in Anaheim, Calif. from Feb.-25-March 1. Sixteen teams will make the trip out west, with four pools, and the winner of each pool moving on. The Flames have drawn in their pool Florida State, Michigan, Pitt, and Weber St.

Freshman Matt Brady is excited about drawing Michigan for the first round. This game will give us opportunity to play that we are definitely open to a change of plans.

All the Liberty games will be broadcast on FanArtist.com. Due to the time difference please go to the website on the day of the game when the broadcast will be.

The Big South hold a press conference on Saturday to officially introduce the new tournament format they have adopted for the men’s hockey seasc...
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16 and oh, so sweet: Winning streak continues

By Bobbi Adams, sports editor

The Lady Flames break the hearts of the High Point Panthers on Valentine’s day and now have won 16 straight games, which is the third longest winning streak in the nation.

The Flames battled on the boards early after going on a 1-0 lead from the field to start the game. It was a nip-and-tuck affair, as Katie Svernitz scored four early points for the Flames down low. But High Point’s Keanna Vinsen matched her with two early jumpers to tie the score at eight all.

The Flames then broke open the flood gates, as they so often do, by going on a 10-0 run, capped by a 35-foot bronzer pass from Daina Stagliano to Kristal Tharp for an easy lay-up. The Panthers called a timeout to try settle down, but the Flames were on a roll and pushed the run out to 18-0. Susan For- oid, who has really started to shine, had an early six points as she was able to slash through the lane for some tough lay-ups.

At the 6:15 mark, the Flames led 26-11 and the Panthers really looked shocked as the fans were going nuts and Liberty looked unstoppable. However, coming out of the media timeout, the Panthers started to battle back with an 8-4 run of their own and led 44-25.

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The Flames now find themselves stop of the extremely competitive Big South. Although the air outside was frigid, the Flames heated up the Vines Center and came away with their fifth straight conference win against Coastal Carolina on Monday in a game in which the lead changed several times, and each team at one time held a ten point advantage. It came down to the end. The Flames had four out of five starters in double figures to give them the edge. Vincent Okotie had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Flames. Turner Butler got his all for the Flames with 30 points and six boards, but in the end he felt just short.

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The victory capped a seven day period in which the Flames played three home games, winning them all in thrilling fashion.

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