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SBCV representatives meet with Chancellor Falwell



Liberty University Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. met with several leaders of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia on Thursday, including the new executive director,.

The SBCV was founded in 1996 and currently has about 500 churches in its membership. The organization's main goal is to reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ.

“Liberty and the SBCV are linked together in ministry in many ways,” Ginn said. “Liberty has a heart to raise champions for Christ and we are kind of a seed bed in which Liberty graduates can find places to serve and impact the world through our network.”

The meeting strengthened the many ties LU has to the SBCV. These ties include \$1,000 scholarships which LU provides to undergraduate students who are members of SBCV churches, and free tuition for SBCV senior pastors and youth ministers pursuing a master's or doctorate's degree through Liberty University Online. SBCV supports Liberty interns and provides guest speakers and lecturers for Liberty and the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary among many other shows of support.

Students, faculty, alumni attend CPAC in D.C.

Liberty University rolled out the welcome mat at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 26-28 as it hosted a special reception for LU students, alumni and friends during the conference.

CPAC is the largest annual gathering of conservative students, activists and policymakers in the United States. This year's conference drew numerous high-profile conservatives, such as recent vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Past events have attracted leaders such as John McCain, George W. Bush, Mike Huckabee and Dick Cheney.

The university organized a caravan and excused students from their classes to attend CPAC.

Moldovan ambassador talks to government students



Moldovan Ambassador Nicolae Chirtoaca traveled to Liberty University on Feb. 17 to speak to two Helms School of Government classes and a group of Liberty and Lynchburg area executives.

Before becoming an ambassador in September 2006, Chirtoaca had a 13-year military career with the Soviet Union's armed forces. He joined the Moldavian movement for democracy, which eventually led to the Republic of Moldova becoming an independent state in 1991. He is one of the founders of the Liberal Party of Moldova and has held many esteemed posts in the Moldova government and the private business sector.

Moldova is a landlocked nation located in Eastern Europe, between Ukraine and Romania.

The ambassador told the government classes he visited that Moldova is still working toward a completely democratic government.

"We are survivors," Chirtoaca said of the Moldovan people. "We are still in the middle of a transition."

Chirtoaca also toured the campus during his visit and received gifts from Liberty Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. and the Helms School of Government.

Trail Race Series begins with Candler's Mtn. 5K



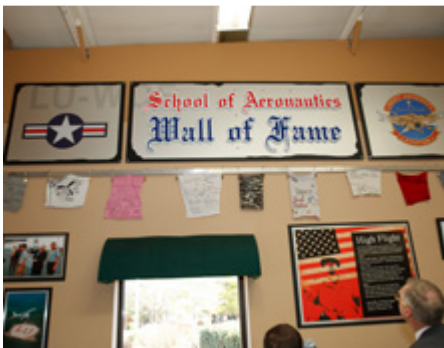
The Liberty Mountain Trail series is comprised of four races, with the first being a 5K that took place Saturday, Feb. 21 at Camp Hydaway on Candler's Mountain. About 130 runners — Liberty students, alumni and members of the Lynchburg area community — took part in the event, which was sponsored by the Liberty University Student Activities office.

About 20 minutes after the start of the race Jordan Whitlock came powering across the finish line, with runner-up Andrew Rigler about 43 seconds behind. The first female runner, Rachel Valliere, crossed the line in 23:47 and placed fourth overall in the race. ?

The next race in the Liberty Mountain Trail Race Series will be held in May and will further test the endurance of participants, as it will include a 10K course.

All races are open to the public. To register online for the upcoming races go to www.raceit.com

The Hangar food court gets a new 'Wall of Fame'



The School of Aeronautics unveiled its new "Wall of Fame" in The Hangar food court on Feb. 4.

It features a photo of Liberty University's helicopter flying past the LU monogram and other photographs depicting aviation at Liberty, as well as a row of students' shirrtails.

The shirrtails are a symbol from the early days of tandem cockpits when students would fly with an instructor sitting behind them, and they didn't have earphones or intercoms to communicate

so the instructor would yank on a student's shirttail. (The significance of cutting off the shirttail meant they could now fly solo).

In support of flight at LU, several distinguished university leaders came to the ceremony, including co-founder Dr. Elmer Towns and Vice Chancellor Ron Godwin. Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. spoke to the crowd, and his brother, the Rev. Jonathan Falwell, led a prayer.

Lynchburg City Council returns property to Liberty

Due in part to Liberty University's tremendous growth in recent years, Lynchburg City Council conveyed several acres of land to the university earlier this year. The acquisition is the undeveloped portion at the end of Ericsson Drive, the 90-foot-wide right-of-way in front of the LaHaye Ice Center now owned by the city. The acquired property runs from there to the railroad tracks behind the home run fence at Worthington Field.

Despite previous plans to connect U.S. 460 with Wards Road, council members voted 6-1 in favor of returning the property to the university, permitting future on-campus construction and building opportunities. The council will decide upon awarding the existing portion of Ericsson Drive to Liberty at a later meeting.

The undeveloped property will give LU an additional four acres of land.

"This land is centrally located and will be a prime site for future academic buildings," Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. said.

Lee Beaumont, LU's director of auxiliary services, said the acquisition of the easement will help stabilize the on-campus traffic flow and prevent division between Campus North and Main Campus.

"It just makes it more of a pedestrian- and mass transit-friendly campus," he stated. "Anytime you can avoid having those main public roads going through the campus, it just makes it so much better."

University sponsors events promoting creationism



Throughout the month of February, Liberty University hosted events promoting the biblical view of creationism to counteract the 200th anniversary celebration of Charles Darwin's birthday (Feb. 12).

Liberty University School of Law held its 2009 Symposium, “Intelligent Design and Public School,” features nationally-recognized legal scholars, and showed film on creation in the Supreme Courtroom.

A lecture, “Whatever Happened to Darwin’s Tree of Life?,” was presented by Dr. Paul Nelson, of the Discovery Institute, in DeMoss Hall.

Liberty faculty also took part in Thomas Road Baptist Church’s Answers for Darwin Conference. Dr. Marcus Ross, assistant director of LU’s Center for Creation Studies, spoke on the evidence in fossils that support a creation view. Dr. David DeWitt, the center’s director, spoke on how evolution is based on an interpretive framework and why a creation model of life makes sense.

Liberty Live radio program broadcasts from LU campus



Liberty Live, a weekday, hour-long call-in radio show on political and cultural news, debuted Jan. 19 on hundreds of American Family Radio’s Talk network stations.

Mathew Staver, Dean of Liberty University School of Law and founder of Liberty Counsel, co-hosts the show with Matt Barber, Associate Dean for Career and Professional Development at the law school.

Liberty Live features political and religious leaders and is sponsored by Liberty Counsel, Liberty University and the Liberty Alliance Action. Sarah Seitz, Legal Director for the Liberty Center for Law & Policy in Washington, D.C., provides a weekly Liberty Live update on public policy from the capital. To watch an interactive video webcast of the program every weekday starting at 4 p.m., or to use the Liberty Live interactive blog, go to www.lc.org.