BROTHERS — Marines Bradford (Right) and Jonathan Garrigues were called to active duty last May. When fighting in Baghdad, a grenade exploded, injuring Jonathan. Bradford, who had already completed his combat training, and they left for Camp Pendleton, Calif. Bradford, who was studying to be a history teacher, has been stationed near Fallujah for almost two weeks before their arrival. Fallujah, a city almost 40 miles from Baghdad, has been a stronghold for insurgents throughout the war. Two other American soldiers were killed in Fallujah in April when insurgents exploded a car bomb near the city's main square. Bradford had not even been in Iraq for a week when seven Marines were killed by a car bomb.

In late May, the boys were called to active duty. Jonathan Garrigues was stationed just south of Jacksonville, Fla., for nine weeks of combat training this past June. Bradford received his orders in June, and then trained one weekend a month. "The weekend warrior" role was not bad, and they were getting money for school. They competed togeth­her this past June.

Jonathan Garrigues were insepa­rable on the Salisbury High School cross country team in Salisbury, N.C. Mathew Staver, the vice president and chief operating officer of Liberty Counsel, said. "I would rather have (marriage) defined by the people of the United States instead of the judiciary."

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LUPD receives $5,000 grant

By Jeanne Tang

"A fake brief walk to the road behind the分歧 where the railroad meets the walkway, and one will see that the long string of cars is the norm. Not only are there a lot of cars, often they pile up because the gates lower and tristate pass by and occasionally stop completely. Recently, the Railroad Police Department has been working with a number of students about rail-road safety and importance of safety.

"The railroad runs along the length of the campus, we've actually seen people running when they shouldn't have, "said LUPD Detective Joseph Vega. "Because of the presence of a railroad, we're dealing with a lot of random acts. We can be taking care that we are seeing enough education going on, enough presentations being made to take this message to the students."

The money will be used for railroad safety, for Operation Lifesaver, and items like T-shirts, key chains and pamphlets in order to spread the word about Operation Lifesaver and the importance of safety. LUPD, in conjunction with the Dean's Office, is holding presentations on railroad safety next semester during hall meetings. These presentations, hosted by Vega and Cpl. Kent Allen, will shed a more realistic view of railroad safety.

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Staver noted, "there are 49 states against gay mar­riage.

根據 Constitution, two-thirds of the state legislatures have the authority to ban marriage, and the legislatures that have ratified a bill passed by the House and the Senate can act to ban marriage."

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Court: Denied marriage case

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After high school, David Houck, 25, and Jonathan Houck, 22, both joined the Marine Corps. Jonathan is still serving, but for the people over there, the war is over, and I want people here to know what they have done, that they are doing, but trust me, it’s gonna be a time we won’t soon forget.

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When hearing that news, and then later that day, the Houcks’ whole world came crashing down. “We’re here, we’re with each other, we’re reaching out with open hands to anybody, for anyone, who wants to listen to us talk about our son,” said Debbie Houck.

Bob Houck, the father of David, said his son “was a great young man and a true military gentleman.”

As for Jonathan, his injury is healing nicely. As for Jonathan, his injury is healing nicely. "I'm proud of them — as proud as I can be — and when it's all over, I'll still be proud of them," said David.

Because of that conversation with his father, and with others with various family members, the Houcks believe that David was where he was to do what he needed to do. “My brother wanted to be there,” Micah said.

"Whatever they've done, whatever they're trying to do, I hope that they're doing it right because it is the will of my God to have him doing his life for it, and he did it.

According to Micah, this was in line with his brother’s personality and character.

"Knowing David, he died the way he wanted to."

According to Bob Houck, the couple in the area have reached out with support in various ways. Some have sent them flowers, others have called, written letters, visited, or sent money.

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Several Liberty University students who listened to the "Evolution vs. Creationism" debate on Dec. 3 were students who listened to the worst Christmas apparel.

DeWitt, and Sweet Briar LU creation scientist debates Sweet Briar evolutionist

The featured opponents

Coffeehouse hyped up packed Schilling

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NIGHT was set aside by the popular networking dance group who has yet to come up with a name and fin­ished off with a team of LIGHT dancers named "Santa Baby." Most of the students were clapping for them, "Why is he so the most attended and most tal­ented of the year," said a student in the audience. "I think this Coffeehouse was amazing. Definitely the most attended and most tal­ented we’ve had," said Morris. "I’m looking for­ward to the event April I."

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LU creation scientist debates Sweet Briar evolutionist

Dr. MATT TRENT, a second-year graduate student in physics, got into a heated argument

But when he presented to pro­pose a theory for the origin of life and evolution, he added, "I am a creationist. I believe that the origin of life was a question of chemistry, not biology.""
Finals are fast approaching and many students are stressing out. It seems as if many burned out, high on caffeine, low on energy, ready to crawl into a corner and stare at the wall for a few days. So, if you recently found a grey hair, or if the people at the supermarket look you in the face, ask for help from one of the computer lab assistants, then you are probably stressed out.

We live in a society that is running with stress—work, paint, broken heart and worry. Our fast-paced, caffeine addicted, drive-through culture honors those who have the most responsibilities, the fullest schedule and the endurance to handle everything. Growing up in this environment has made us into young multi-taskers who are under a great amount of pressure and not much room for error. This situation is also true of Christians. Despite the fact that we are forgiven of sin through grace and that God gives peace that passes all understanding, it seems that most Christians have an innate desire to constantly be doing. We put on pedestals those who are constantly involved in ministry, who do the most service and appear to be the most spiritual.

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This should not give us fear for the future, because God knows what we will face and he has promised to give us endurance. However, perspective over a more stressful future should give us a desire to enjoy the opportunities of being young. Many times I have been concerned that the pressures of life have made me feel as old as I really am. We need to remember that we are not going to be young forever, and that we should enjoy the opportunities and experiencies that God designed for the young while we still can.

As Americans, we spend more money than just about any other nation on entertaining ourselves. Sports heroes get ridiculous amounts of money to "play." And in our demand for entertainment has grown, I feel that the line between right and wrong has become more blurred. My argument lies in the way in which these shows are affected by relativity and just having fun. One day we will look back and realize that the time and we would have better memories if we would have really actually take advantage of the relative freedom that we have to enjoy. We are able to take advantage of the fact that we lead the time we desire a wise and great experience, that we learn important lesson, and that we get great relationships.

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The protesters originally gathered to protest the election results, which had given the victory to Viktor Yanukovych. The first event was to get the Ukrainian government to hold a new election on Dec. 26, according to CNN.com. "Doctors in the Netherlands have admitted that they just graduated, have told me that life gets more difficult after the diplomas are handed out. Although stress levels seem high now, they will get more intense for many of us after school."

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When they are being made the butt of a joke or are unaware of the real premise of the show, we must keep in mind that these shows are pre-recorded and not the real situation. We need to remember that these shows are pre-recorded and not the real situation. One might also guess that the parent company would most likely be in a pressure-filled world. Life should not be only about success, but about really living. Perhaps those who are not able to be more drawn to Christ if they know that a show puts them in a hard circumstance, but actually it is through living what they are and just having fun. One day we will look back and realize that the time and we would have better memories if we would have really actually take advantage of the relative freedom that we have to enjoy. We are able to take advantage of the fact that we lead the time we desire a wise and great experience, that we learn important lesson, and that we get great relationships.

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The date was Nov. 22, 1963, and it was a beautiful day. The Dallas Morning News had published the headline: "Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy three times in the head." The world was shocked. The American people were devastated. The Warren Commission was formed to investigate the assassination and concluded that Oswald acted alone.

However, some people have questioned the official narrative and have sought to explore the events of that day in a more graphic manner. One such game is "Reloaded," which allows players to assume the role of Lee Harvey Oswald and recreate the assassination of President Kennedy.

"Reloaded" is a video game that allows players to experience the events of November 22, 1963, from the perspective of Lee Harvey Oswald. Players can choose to participate in the assassination of President Kennedy, either alone or with the help of other conspirators.

The game has received mixed reviews. Some players have praised it for offering a unique perspective on a historic event, while others have criticized it for glorifying violence and trivializing the tragedy of Kennedy's death.

The game has sparked controversy and has been accused of exploiting a tragic event for entertainment purposes. Some people have called for a ban on the game, while others have defended it as a form of artistic expression.

The debate continues, with some arguing that games like "Reloaded" should be allowed, while others believe they should be banned. The controversy has raised questions about the role of games in society and the responsibilities of game developers.

Despite the controversy, "Reloaded" remains available for purchase, and players continue to download it and play it. The game serves as a reminder of the enduring fascination with the assassination of President Kennedy and the ongoing debate about its significance.

"With a little help from my friends, the Peacocks and their truths about the assassination of JFK, I was able to recreate this tragic event in a new light."

-Jason Pope, Game Developer
McDougal finishes successful season
By Andrew Thomas
Sports Writer

After completing his freshman season as a member of Liberty University’s cross-country team, Josh McDougal knows a lot or two about success.

McDougal, a native of Perry, N.Y., finished his impressive season with a first place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Ind.

“I’m always disappointed when I do not win,” said McDougal of his performance at nationals. “It was the first NCAA Nationals and most of the guys up front were juniors and seniors, so they had a little bit of experience. I went out a little more conservatively, I would have been about spot seven or eight at least.”

Along with competing in the NCAA Nationals, Josh accomplished quite a feat this season, as well. He finished first at Liberty’s first ever Liberty Fall Classic and Big South Cross Country Championships, and he was also named Big South Freshman of the Year.

McDougal also managed to break four course records this season and was named Big South Runner of the Week numerous times. “My accomplishments this season meant a lot to me,” said McDougal. “I really did not expect to compete at all and to perform to the level that I have. The Liberty fans have been great. I just try to keep it in perspective because I know it is hard to come by for McDougal.”

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The Lady Flames dominate Top 25 team
By Susan Bank
Sports Writer

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Much like Friday night's game, a team effort and balanced scoring led to the victory. Providence All-American Katie Feenstra not only led the scoring, but also contributed as the team scored 67 points and shot 50% from the floor. Feenstra did not disappoint as she scored 22 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Preseason All-American Katie Feenstra is an All-American candidate. Why would I want to go away from her? I don't want to go away from my God. "I want to go away from her? I don't want to go away from me." Feenstra (thinking) "I have had a lot of friends who went to other schools. After being the top scorer of all colleges and going undefeated for most of the season, I haven't heard from any of those critics in a while."

More important than any of his accomplishments this season is what McDougal's success has done for his walk with Christ. "I always knew that God blessed people but sometimes it's hard to see that in your everyday life," said McDougal. "Since I have signed with Liberty, I can really feel God's hand of blessing has been upon me and that I am in the center of this will. That has been just a real testament to me."

Against the St. Louis Rams last Monday night, Brett Favre was solidified as one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever put on a uniform in the National Football League. It wasn’t his three touchdowns or 215 passing yards that propelled him into that category, it was what happened as soon as he stepped on the frigid turf of Lambeau Field that cemented his greatness. Favre made his 200th straight regular season start as the quarterback for the Green Bay Packers—something that can only be described as remarkable.

Throughout his 14-year NFL career, Favre has given fans plenty to cheer about. He is the only player in NFL history to win three straight league MVP’s, a feat that has only been done once before. He has started more games than he has, and has made throws that can only be described by most as “superhuman.”

To put this achievement into perspective, you simply have to look at one statistic during Favre’s streak. Since Favre started a game in the NFL, 178 other quarterbacks have started a game during that time frame. Brett Favre is the NFL. He has battled back from adversity on more than one occasion. Last year Favre’s father, Irvin, passed away and 24 hours later he played one of his best games, lifting his team to a victory over the Oakland Raiders. Earlier this year bad news about his son Rashad Robinson came up. The team’s corner to tie the game 71–71 and send it into extra time. Purnell hit a three-pointer from the corner to tie the game 79–79 and send it into extra time. Liberty scored seven of the first eight points in overtime including two three point shots, one by each Blair and freshman Brian Rodgers. The Flames get within two points, but could not catch the Flames. The win was Liberty’s first of the year and moved the Flames to 1–3 on the season. The Flames have won more than one Super Bowl which should rank them higher. I wouldn’t disagree with this statement, but of those quarterbacks who have won more than one Super Bowl how many were the face of the NFL for a 5-10 year period? Brett Favre is the NFL. He epitomizes everything the league is. His toughness speaks for itself. His play has been at the highest level since he started in 1992, and he continues to get better with age. The throws that he makes seem defy logic, whether it is a 20-yard laser right through the defense or an innovative play that brings back memories of the sand lot, Favre continues to give fans reason to cheer.

The legend of Brett Favre will continue to grow, how much, only time will tell. First Win: Flames get first victory at home
The Nutters: Their life, love and service at Liberty

The Nutters went to Texas when they were married in 1985. In 1985 the newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Nutter moved to Lynchburg where Mrs. Nutter started working in advertising and I called a teaching position at Texas. Then quite unexpectedly she got a phone call. "Jim was already working here" Dr. Gebelin called me and offered me a job. I had never considered teaching.

Mrs. Nutter agreed to teach some classes as an aid to them growing and being able to learn. Their marriage, in the summer of 1985, was God who worked it out that way, because I was 24, and I would go to help with the student. I was not done with him...it's just one of those things. I never thought I was in that<br/>

As Nutter's undergraduate years at Tennessee Temple came to a close, she had to decide what she would want to do, and she went on a field trip. Though those things are not what really matters. The significance, we should probably just get the Christmas season over with. Whatever the case, I'm going to do what I'm going to do, and that's<br/>

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Taking some of the stress out of finals

By Emily Scheck

Even intense stress to maintain a realistic celebration, final exams bring a roller coaster of emotions for the average college student. Many times the uncertainty that precedes an exam lingers afterward, as students have class seating each other. "What answers did you put down for the question about ___?" For students who can relate, do not get discouraged. With some helpful tips and preparations, the hand of finals will be much less traumatic.

At the semester draws to a close, many students panic at the thought of a comprehensive semester exam. "It gets overwhelming, trying to recall information from September for five different classes," said Laura Rhodes, a senior at Liberty. Keep in mind that finals are only one component of the final grade. By determining the weight each final carries, students may align their efforts on their overall grade. While it is unnecessary to panic, displaying a lackadaisical attitude is not the answer. Students should do as well as they can, rather than aiming for the minimal points required to pass their courses.

Take a break

Many times students will forego their study routine during exam week, claiming there is nothing left to do. It is critical to continue each study routine, including eating or socializing, as studying sessions are more effective with intentional breaks. However, a 15-minute study session followed by a two-hour video game break is not the answer.

"Ultimately, every student must find his or her own way of preparing for different types of examinations," said Dr. Dena Tamborini, professor of religious studies at Siena College. When it comes time to sit down and study, students have a number of effective study methods to choose from. The key to any method of effective retention is repetition—and not overloading the brain. Long cramming sessions are generally ineffective, as the brain can only retain so much within an hour.

Prepare during the semester

Preparation begins during the semester by taking exam notes and thoroughly reading the course text. Begin studying at least three days in advance, reading over notes and text the first day, then creating a master outline of important material on the second day. When provided with a study guide, focus on the review questions. The night before the exam, go over the master outline, focusing on the weakest areas of retained knowledge.

The University of California at Riverside stresses the importance of studying in an out of the way place. "Avoid the stress factors that at the last minute you have not studied," UC Riverside said. By studying alone, students will be able to concentrate on the information most difficult for them.

Get some sleep

Prior to pulling all-nighters before an exam, students must keep in mind that sleep is essential for good exam performance. Continuing the night before leads to a superficial or continued knowledge of the material covered. Study in advance in order to get a good night's rest before a final. As finals week stretches on, it is critical for students to take the day off. It is much less traumatic when students can get to a head start on any upcoming finals.

Avoid early

Arriving late to an exam can increase anxiety and cause embarrassment; students must remember to allow enough time the night before, considering they may need every minute of the period to finish the exam. Carefully read all the directions rather than moving immediately to the first question. As many times teachers want a selectivity of questions answered. Read each question carefully, until it is clear what the teacher is asking. If something seems unclear, ask the teacher what they are looking for. Remember to maintain a steady pace throughout the exam, leaving more time for essay questions and less for multiple-choice questions. Remember to maintain a steady pace throughout the exam, leaving more time for essay questions and less for multiple-choice questions. Keep in mind that sleep is critical for good exam performance. Cramming the night before, contrary to what many people have different test-taking abilities, and many add to a distraction," said Massey.

Stay focused

While taking the exam is critical to shut out distractions in the classroom. It does not matter who finishes first, as many people have different test-taking abilities, and many add to a distraction," said Massey.

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