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Dr. Borek bids farewell
By Les Schofer

Dr. John Borek announced his resignation as President of Liberty University last Wednesday. His departure marks a great loss for the university.

"He was a gold mine," Dr. Jerry Falweli said, telling Borek's contribution to the university. "Dr. Borek has laid the foundation for academic excellence and Board planning at this university."

Falweli made the announcement with obvious regret. He said that news of Borek's leaving came as a shock. He even joked that he had prayed God would change Borek's mind and allow him to stay.

Borek was truly in tears when he stepped to the podium to say goodbye to the Liberty family. "The Lord has worked in such great ways in my life but mostly, he's allowed me to be with you," Borek said. "This isn't really goodbye, I'm just going on another journey."

The announcement comes at a time when the university is undergoing dramatic, positive changes. There is no question that the school has improved under Borek's guidance.

"We owe a tremendous debt to our president of the last seven years," Falweli said.

Including the seven years Borek spent at Liberty University, he has almost an experience of higher education. From his position as a business professor, Borek worked his way up to president of the university. "He came to Liberty with a purpose."

"My goal was to assist Dr. Falweli and his team with the accreditation and financial growth of the university," Borek said.

Borek's tenure at Liberty was alliances. Despite a host of new programs and projects to support the burgeoning student population, the school maintained a surprisingly manageable budget, according to Dr. Jerry Falweli Jr., general counsel to the university.

"This was no surprise because one checklist of Liberty's revenue was being used to provide students with scholarships and grants. As a result, the university was able to stay a modest amount of Borek's financial knowledge.

"Dr. Borek has done an excellent job of maintaining and collecting Liberty's debt level through strategic planning and management," Borek said.

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Spring Break sends students to Guatemala
By Richard Gretsky

The team of students that traveled to Guatemala over Spring Break has returned, but their ministry still continues. While in the Central American country, the group provided four specific types of ministry to various groups of people.

Orphanage
The most prominent ministry that the team provided while in Guatemala was that of love and care to orphans in Llano Verde, a small village three hours from the capital city. The team slept at the orphanage and spent virtually all of its time ministering to the orphans. One day, the team had to leave the children in the park to play.

"Most of the orphans had done, traumatising pasts, and before coming in contact with Hope of Life Ministers, they had little hope for the future."

"One whole purpose was to show the love of Christ, and they haven't seen love all their lives," junior Micah Matone said. "The love that I showed them was love that they've never had before, even if it was in a small way," junior Jamie Parsons said.

Humanitarian Aid
A three and a half hour ride into the jungle brought a culture light years away from that of cell phones and Internet access. Indian descendants of the Maya live in relative anonymity with their quiet homes and simple lives.

"We have the chance to make a difference in someone's life," junior Mike Matone said. "We have the chance to make a difference in someone's life."

Through the website, students interested in missions can find a variety of opportunities. Including the opportunity to serve at the orphanage, other volunteer opportunities are available.

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"After bonding with the orphans, we were able to show them the love we're able to show anyone love," Ashley said.

The team worked with Immoral Ministries which is a ministry that builds and plants churches, is in control of many orphanages, orphan's homes and trains Bible students.

Ashley also saw how helpful the people of India were. "We were almost compelled to give them what they've never had before, even if it was in a small way," Ashley said.

"I was able to see people who had absolutely nothing and live as though they had absolutely everything," Ashley said." Ashley lived in a life where they hope and their faith really gave them the key to life. They told me that nothing that these people didn't have in India...they were full, they were happy," Ashley said.

"These people were happy because it's nothing that different from the American culture. A culture that is "indescribable." But what gives me confidence to that is the fact that we have the chance to make a difference in someone's life," Ashley said. Please see GUIATEMALA, page 3

LU staff witness Christian martyr's oath in India
By Brandon Bryant

A group of Liberty University staff members arrived in India. They were there to teach and encourage students at a Bible school. Those ministering were able to teach through translators. Sometimes more than one translator was used during a single teaching session due to the great number of languages spoken in India.

Those traveling in the trip were campus pastors Dr. Bob Jackson, Dr. Steve Carson and Dr. Jerry Falweli along with Light Ministry's Campaign Coordinator Jacob Ashley.

The pastors were also able to take part in something that was unique in their own country. They went to boarding schools to speak to the Bible school students and at night they would show a faith-based film.

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My fitness level was best summed up by the term "Fatality." I was almost daily, "You remind me of Chris Farley," to some of those who are skinny, never tell someone that they look like Farley. But then I hit a breaking point and started dieting and exercising because I didn't want to die at 35. I dropped from an XXXL to a medium shirt, and from 480 pounds to 340. I am clean as the doctor has said and have 30 pounds for my body type and continue to diet and exercise. The point of this is not to brag on myself. It is actually embarrassing to talk about your struggles with weight in front of someone's face. The actual point is to tell you that if you want to lose weight or get healthier, unless you have some medical condition that you can't help, the responsibility is up to you.

It is a shame that we are making decisions as young people to get into businesses in such large quantities that we are killing ourselves. I am one of those people who think everyone needs to be ripped like Vin Diesel, or have a body like Britney. But if you sleep with a box of Twinkies instead of a turkey, you may have problems. Get out and take a walk this week, or eat salads for a week, or whatever. I will leave this with some advice from someone who has been in this battle before me. And just put in the bag of chips.

When it comes to being a little more healthy Richard Simmons, the Price is Right.

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GUATEMALA: Reaching hearts in an ancient culture

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The team was able to go into the village and attend church. It was not a traditional church; Catholic precepts mingled with Mayan gods, but the villagers allowed the team to take part in the service as Guatemalan evangelist Carlos Vargas preached the message of Christ in Spanish, which was then translated into the villagers' native language. The team also sang and performed a skit which showed the sacrifice of Christ.

"I was just praying the whole time," Anderson said. "I just felt like we really got to show our hearts." Huhle said.

While the team took part in many different ministries, they fought through fatigue and sickness to complete their mission. "Ultimately, we were there to glorify God through our sacrifice and our service," Murphy said.

"Nothing that we did was of any significance," Spelizzio said. "It was His Holy Spirit working in us that made it significant."
Borek, 68, said he will not run for governor in 2004. He said he wants to return to his alma mater to help reduce the university’s debt load.

Borek said that the university must do a better job of managing its finances. He also emphasized the importance of academic excellence and the need for stronger financial support from the state and the federal government.

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La Rumba brings Latin culture to LU students

By Carrie Frast

Liberty is becoming known for its cultural diversity with opportunities to observe Latin culture on campus. Last Friday, food, music, games and "Spanishish" dominated the agenda for Hands on a David's Place as students from all different backgrounds met to participate in La Rumba, a fusion for Latin culture.

La Rumba focuses on Latin food, music, and games, but it also serves as a fellowship for students interested in the culture. The Minority and International Student Organization and the Spanish Club sponsored the event.

"I think that's a good understanding of the Latin American culture and we like to know that Latin America is a," senior Alyssa Jefferson said during the event. Jefferson is the International Affairs Coordinator in the MSD office.

La Rumba is the third MSD event specifically focus on Latin culture, the first being Bienvenidos, which hosted last weekend, and the second, Noche de Delirio, which was held last semester.

A salsa performance had been scheduled for the event, but was cancelled shortly beforehand. Jefferson said that the event was expected to take up a significant portion of the evening, and while the salsa performance was cancelled, it was still successful.

"I feel it's important that the students understand that the great number of people that involve themselves in this. The MSD office is the core of the American culture, the greater our ability to voice our concerns will be," Jefferson said. "In order to make a difference, there's no way to get involved," Fraser said. "Thus we are involved in the role, the involved with the MSAs email address... students, the evening was still a success.

Students and community members gathered to enjoy the event and to network with the students who were involved.

"I love anything culture," senior Meg Hendricks said as she attended the event. "I love this kind of thing for different cultures... where everybody comes together and the atmosphere, the language—" all community members. Hendricks said that she found it interesting because it shows a different culture. "I wasn't born in America, there's other places to be; there's a part of the world," Hendricks said. "I hope that everyone is in a little more open to other cultures and the different traditions, realizing the purpose and reason for doing things is really important."
Where are the jobs? 

Americans wait for creation of new jobs

Andrew Martin

A question many Americans find themselves asking, given the recent economic surge: Is why aren't new jobs being created? A blog on e-g.com reported that consumer spending is up 4.3 percent for the first three months of 2004, compared with the 2.7 percent increase from the previous three-month span, ranging from October to December of 2003. The gross domestic product has followed suit as well. The GDP is the value of all goods and services produced. The recent fourth quarter growth was 4.1 percent, which followed the third quarter increase of over eight percent. This is a good sign for the American economy. After all, it is usually consumer spending that drives the job market, but this recent spending hasn't generated the anticipated amount of new jobs quite yet.

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Since the start of the recession in early 2001, 2.7 million jobs have been lost. Only 342,000 new positions have been created since last September. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in February, 11.3 million of 2004 jobs were created. This seems to be a good number on the surface, but when looked at in light of the forecasted gains of 132,000, it is quite a let down. Another thing that dampens the number is that all 21,000 were "accounted for by government hiring." President Bush has promised to create over 5 million new jobs, while his opponent, John Kerry, has promised to create 10 million new jobs for the American people.

While everyone is looking for new ways to generate jobs, one must first look at the reasons why we are in the midst of our current jobless recovery and what it will take to push it to our all-time recovery. Some people are blaming the lack of jobs on different perceptions of outsourcing U.S. jobs to cost-saving places such as China and India. Paul Craig Roberts, former assistant secretary of the Treasury during the Reagan administration, is one of the most outspoken opponents of outsourcing.

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Of often associated with the innocence of girls selling Samoas, Thin Mints, and other cookies, the Girl Scouts of America (GSA) is a recent example of an organization that has fallen victim to political correctness. The decision of the voters in Spain were made amidst deep sadness and confusion over the tragic bombings that had just occurred. An arti­cle in USA Today by Joel Loeb published three days after the bombings detailed the harry outpouring of events follow­ing the tragic attack. The representa­tive for Spain’s Popular Party, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, had worked to build a good relationship with President Bush and the United States. This caused Spain to be a close ally during the war in Iraq. By supporting Bush, Aznar ignored the domestic Spanish opinion that Spain should not have gone to war.

Despite Aznar’s disregard for the peo­ple’s pacifist perspective, the election for Spain’s new prime minister showed that the people had a different agenda. After the consultation with the voters, all the parties had a result. A few elections, four trains were blown up in Madrid causing great devastation and anger. Surprisingly, the voters in Spain elected the socialist candidate, Jos Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, the new prime minister of Spain. There are multiple problems with and consequences for this decision.

First, it is obvious that the people of Spain were shocked. As Americans, we remember when the Twin Towers were attacked in 2001. The people in Spain were deeply affected by the attacks of 11 September in Madrid, which is understandable. There were only a few days between the attacks and the voting, so the National Organization for Women, served as a politically correct, pro-abortion, radical feminist author and founder of the National Organization for Women, was already a target in the Iraq war. This means that Spain’s former prime minister Aznar was an emotional leader who was blamed Prime Minister Aznar for his alliance with the United States and the subsequent train bombings. Despite the emotional and somewhat unfounded decisions of the Spanish voters, sensing can change the fact that the Socialist Zapatero is now the prime mini­ster and the world must suffer the conse­quences. Zapatero has stated his intention in which the elections were naturally ceased showed that Spanish troops would not be militarily changed the leading political power of Spain. This also showed that Spain was not going to give the perpetrators great power in securing the outcome of the war. The Spanish people have allowed a small band of terrorists to dictate the outcome of their national elections. This is not how democracies are supposed to work.

The actions of the voters could open the door to situations in which the future who want to impose other decisions or any decisions regarding public policy. Many of the Spanish people were made sure that they did not have much time to process all that was going on. These emotions helped to sway some to totally change their political deci­sion in a matter of days while the horror and shock was still fresh.

The GSA was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, who envisioned an organization that would serve to liberate women, who were confined to the roles of housewives and homemakers. The GSA was a recognized institution in America through its strong leadership, book and constitution. Despite being established with the goal of helping young girls, the GSA has now embraced a political correctness that has turned it into a political party. The GSA has an organization that incorporates Christian principles that it is not an appropriate organization for their daughters.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has been attacked by the left because of its non-inclusive policy toward gays and women. The Boy Scouts represent a movement for men and women who are not expected to come out. The BSA has faced criticism for its stance on sexual orientation. It would be remiss to not point out that the GSA has a positive practice that will help develop self-confidence and self-discipline. Lisa Neugaberg and Barbara Bush have indicated that they benefitted from their time in the BSA. The BSA and the GSA are the opposite directions of our nation’s future.

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By Emily Scheck
LIFE

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Try a taste of Thailand

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I believe that romance is always a wonderful thing. I genuinely make me happy to see all the newly developing springtime romances. Even when I was single, couples in the spring belt a special place in my heart. If you go to the spring and fall, and for some of you who aren't currently in the midst of springtime romance, I strongly encourage you to open up the season in something to this new season of new beginnings. Days take advantage of the season and follow up with the girl you’ve been admiring the entire semester.

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SPECS OF THISTEAS—Experience the spicy taste and friendly atmosphere of Asia

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LIFE

OPEN MONDAY – SUNDAY for lunch, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and dinner, 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. They are closed on Sundays. Thai ‘99 offers their whole menu as take-out as well, stop in or call ahead. However you get it, try Thai ‘99.

Take a glimpse into the past

By Gami Poppalki LITE/SPORTS

Springletime distractions

The world is a beautiful place right now. As I write this column, the sun is shining, there’s a light breeze blowing, and my heart is light. The weather is in a relationship, and I simply make no content with the world. I’m not in the mood to focus on the assignments yet to be completed.

Spring has a way of distracting me, and making me focused on everything except what I should be paying attention to. I’m sitting in class, trying to focus on materials that I’ve studied and I’m thinking of my upcoming trip to Italy. When I’m bound and determined to get that research paper written, my mind will start wandering to a concert appearance with a friend, or even simply to the diet vanilla coke calling out my name from across town. I really want to be focused on the novel I’m supposed to be reading, or my grammar homework, but I just can’t help but think about the new romantic movie I’m graduating in only a few short weeks.

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Danielle McNaney: Women's track star and leader

By Megan Fatkin
SPORT REPORTER

"Maybe it is the flying through the air part," Danielle (Dani) McNaney a 5'6 junior from Germster, Kansas explains as to why the high jump was her favorite event in the heptathlon.

"Every year you put just as much effort and every year you work just as hard for it. If you never get old because there is always that chance that you are going to lose."

McNaney has learned what it means to work hard on the track, but there are many things that she has been able to apply to life. According to McNaney, she grew as an individual comes a lot through track. "Track brought me all the way to Virginia when my home is in Kansas. I had to grow up and mature and deal with responsibilities that come with being so far away." As many dream figure out, the first time they leave home, "I became more independent and more outgoing. Through track I had to develop leadership skills that I haven't needed before."

Last year, unfortunately, McNaney was hit with an injury that eventually killed her entire season but she was open enough to recover. She was given a chance to grow spiritually. "I learned a lot about dependence on God and not on my natural ability because it was taken away from me. Then I learned to depend on God, which is when He blessed me." 

"I am a firm believer that God has given me the talent that I have...it is my responsibility to develop it." In terms of the team, McNaney has some more goals. "I'd really like to see the team win Big South, Indoor and Outdoor." However, she realizes that this team relies on her as an individual. As an opportunity, I have to be able to encourage those girls that are underneath me. When you are on a team like this you are responsible for each other's training, keeping each other on top of it. Somebody might have a bad day and you have to be able to see to it and motivate them."

Many might think of an individual sport and not as much of a team sport. McNaney said that even she did in high school. "I never thought I would have a bad day that was their problem. I was there to take care of them. After arriving at Liberty as a freshman, the seniors soon taught McNaney that there was more to it. "I remember the first time I was going to a meet. It was a big meet, the seniors told me 'Come on, you can get through this.' They were a constant encouragement."

"I have had opportunities to play a quality that has become a key ingredient on the women's track team. "Especially when the season is so long, when you start in August and September and go through the season, you learn how important encouragement is and how important your teammates are."

With even such a long season, McNaney has been able to keep herself motivated. This includes ponies the drivers to physically push herself everyday. "To me these are people who enjoy doing what I do," McNaney said. "There are days when I don't feel like coming out. But I am a firm believer that God has given me the talent that I have, and it is my responsibility to develop it." Therefore, she will take it.

McNaney will have two more opportunities to compete before the end of the season. "I have to be ready for both the Indoor and the Outdoor."

"I can either sign up to run with a club or you can only sign up to run as an individual," she said. "I was not as well as I had hoped. I have had the experience, now it is time to perform."
The Lady Flames continued to produce and hold them scoreless until the end of the first half. Katie Feenstra led the Lady Flames in scoring with 17 in only 27 minutes because of foul trouble. She also pulled down 12 rebounds. "The Lord has blessed me in so many different ways," she said. "They're great teammates," she said. "They're great friends that really understand me in so many different ways.

The Lady Flames battled the seventh-seeded Birmingham-Southern Lady Panthers in the all important final game. Liberty played well the rest of the game, and grabbing seven rebounds. "I mined to spend their week off for Liberty beating them, 78 - 53. The Lady Panthers defeated UNC-Asheville and Coastal Carolina before being stopped by the Lady Flames. "The Lady Panthers defeated Winthrop and Radford to reach the championship game," Feenstra said. "The Lady Flames left Lynchburg with a ticket to the big dance. Their first round dance partner was Georgia.

The Lady Flames struggled to spark the favored Lady Bulldogs. "They're great players in Dawson, Leonard, Palaimaite and Crystal Peace, all of whom are graduating seniors that have really established themselves," Dr. Mark Hine (235) and junior Paul Carey (236) were the other Liberty golfers to score a 3-over par score of 151 and a top 20 slot.

In their second tournament of the year, the Flames picked an eight over par score of 152, good enough for a 16th place finish overall. The total team score for the two-day tournament was 61 strokes. That put them 26 strokes behind tournament winner Georgetown University. In their first competition since last October, the Lady Flames finished in a tie for seventh place at the College of Charleston Direct Invitational, in Savannah, Ga., with a three-day team total of 298 above par. "The Lady Flames season, one that saw them reach their eighth straight conference championship. A "I'm so thankful for these girls," Coach Green said after that game, "All three of them have really established themselves.

The Lady Flames on the board. The Lady Panthers battled the seventh-seeded Birmingham-Southern, and over 20 strokes ahead of Radford University. Other scores that Liberty golfers posted came from sophomores Andrew Turner (235), junior Paul Carey (236), and junior Jonathan Dickenson (236). In their second tournament of the year, the Flames picked an eighth place finish behind the efforts of Dickinson at the Kingsmill/Williams & Mary Invitational, held in Williamsburg, Va. Dickinson shot an eight over par score of 150, good enough for a 16th place finish overall. Casey followed right behind with a score of 151 and a top 20 slot. The total team score for the two-day tournament was 61 strokes. That put them 26 strokes behind tournament winner...
David Dees scores 27 points in a loss to top-ranked Hawks

By Ken Green

The Liberty men’s basketball team ended its season in a blaze with Saint Joseph University in the first round of the NCAA tournament on March 18. The Flames would go on to lose 82-63 in front of the cavernous arena in St. Joe’s, and showed the NCAA selection committee that included Dees, Sneed and Arizona.

But in the second half, the Flames were a different team. Although they never got closer than an 18-point margin, they played tough. At the outset of the half, the Hawks attempted to increase their lead ever so slightly, up to 19. But Liberty shot 50 percent for the half, held St. Joe’s to 37 percent and outscored them 36-35.

"Experience is the best teacher," Coach Randy Dunton said. "We have to live with the fact that we don’t play that way. I’m celebrating the fact that we can be because we didn’t play that way.

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And what a thrilling experience it was to see some real roots. You’ve seen this before. It is a team that eventually made it to the Elite Eight before finally being beaten.

The team has absolutely nothing to be proud of. They have accomplished nothing. They have accomplished nothing. They have accomplished nothing. They have accomplished nothing.

"Thanks to Coach Randy Dunton and his staff, it is a team that will never back down from a challenge," he said. "They had to learn to fight with resolve against a high level of competition."

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After a rough start, the season begins to round into a fine shape

Flames post a 5-3 record over spring break, giving them an overall record of 11-12 heading into this week.

Three new coaches highlight start of spring season

By Megan Jones

The Flames baseball team finally added some soles to the win column, including a five-game winning streak over break.

Liberty defeated three game series against the Marshall Thundering Herd last weekend with a record of 3-4-0, and stand at 10-11-0 at the end of spring break.

After dropping the first game to Marshall, 8-7, the Flames found their groove and settled to win the next two games of the series.

After getting down by four runs in the second game against the Thundering Herd, the Flames battled back, clinching the game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth and adding some insurance with two more runs in the eighth, ending the game 9-5.

Chris Zachr was the top, allowing a strong performance in six innings of relief, giving up only two hits while striking out seven.

Liberty cruised to a second win in Monday's game, leading the entire game and finishing with a score of 1-5. Senior Jones won the pick, pitching seven innings, allowing only one run on three hits, and striking out six.

Inclement weather postponed Tuesday's game against the Fordham Rams, but the Flames swept the double-header on Wednesday.

Matt Brooks led the Flames to an easy 9-5 win in the first game, pitching six innings, allowing no runs on four hits, and striking out six. Junior leads the Flames with this year in the season with three victories.

In game two, the bottom of the second led to Fordham's demise as the Flames reached in for three runs. Liberty added more and in the bottom of the sixth when Ryan Ritchie and Philip Laurien were both walked with the bases loaded.

The Flames stayed the game with a score of 9-5.

David Redfield put another win under his belt, going nine innings, striking out four, and allowing no runs on five hits.

Liberty took the first game of three against Ball State in domatic fashion.

Softball wins two, loses three

Wins come over UTEP and Gardner-Webb

Staff Contribution

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On Friday, the Lady Flames picked up another win against UTEP with 10-6 victory pitched by fresh­man pitcher. Heidi Tyndall picked up her first collegiate victory.

All of the runs for Liberty came in the bottom of the second inning, capped off by a two-run homer by Tiffany Johnson. It was Johnson's first homer of the season.

Two of the three losses during the week for the Lady Flames were on shutouts, including a no-hit 1-0 shutout against with 2-3 loss. Tennessee. The other shutout pitched against the Flames was by Tennessee Tech, in a 1-0 vic­tory for the Golden Eagles.

Tennessee Tech scored zero runs in the fourth and fifth innings to pull away from the Flames.

LU returns to action today against Longwood College at 2 p.m.

Three new coaches to his staff in Frank Hickson, Bill Pavon, and Marshall Roberts. Hickson will coach the quarterbacks, and Roberts will coach the defensive backs. When recently interviewed in Liberty University's Website, Karcher stated, "We are truly excited about the three new members that we have added to our staff. Although, I am thrilled with the level of experience and knowledge that these individuals bring to our program as coaches, I am more impor­tantly excited about the influence that each per­son's character and their commitment to Christ."

New coaches weren't the only new faces on the practice field last week. The Flames welcomed three new players to the team.

Three new coaches highlight start of spring season