Military chaplain shares stories

By Karl Mitchell

Military chaplaincy was the emphasis of the March 3 Seminary Ignite. Chaplain Col. Richard Swan, its Executive Director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Board, shared a message of importance.

"Everyone likes to see a chaplain before a life-threatening experience," said Swan. Since the Revolutionary War, chaplains have provided soldiers on the battlefield and in remote locations with the freedom of religion. The First Amendment is what allows the military to provide this service to its soldiers today.


"This is his week," he said. "He keeps the peace. As part of the posing: to keep the peace. As part of the-u

Behind the scenes with LUPD

By Jaimee Tong

The sun is shining bright, the birds are chirping with all the energy they can muster and the weather looks an usual mid of winter chill. What better day for Cpl. Aaron Tuttle to catch spenders and stop sign malcontents? At 4 a.m., Friday, March 3, Tuttle begins his patrol, his dark blue car a familiar sight for many students as they walk around campus.

Tuttle’s job holds one central purpose to keep the peace. As part of the shift at LUPD, which runs from 3:15 p.m. to 11 p.m., he drives around campus and the surrounding areas such as Wards Road and both 460 routes to ensure students are staying safe by obeying the speed limits and the traffic laws at all times. He also answers any calls put through by dispatch and will investigate if the is in the area.

Driving the “tailing bell,” Tuttle begins the first shift of the day by asking drivers who are getting to Sonic or down to Wards Road. It is equally key for drivers coming onto campus or going towards the baseball field. As Tuttle walks, a red Ruben's car flies through, ignoring the stop sign completely. The equal caper engine roams to life, and the red sedan doesn’t stand a chance.

Those lights come to life, and follow the call down the ramp. Putting over at the Sanford auto body workshop at the base of the steps, the driver was dealt with his registration and license when Tuttle got out.

"It’s great when they already know what they’re doing,” Tuttle said, with a laugh.

Heading back to his campus, Tuttle watches a group of pedestrians cross the road from the bottom of the hill, seemingly on their way to the dining hall for dinner.

"You know how they say pedestrians have the right of way?” Tuttle said.

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Steve Saint brings Amazon tribe to life

By Karl Mitchell

Steve Saint, at the time remember- ing his father fly into the jungles of the Amazon every day, he remembers one day in particular. The day his father did not come back. His mother had told him that his father had made contact with an Amazonian tribe, the Waodani Indians.

Saint’s father never returned to simply. His father, Steve Stahl, was “my whole universe,” he remembers one day. His aunt, his two brothers and his wife moved to Quito, Ecuador, where they would visit Rachel and the Amazonian tribe during the summer.

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**Creationist leaves legacy**

By Angela Franklin


By age 35, Morris had already established the foundation of the library that bears his name, the A. Pierre Guillermin Library, named for a benefactor and contributor to the university.

"Throughout his life, he wrote more than many books and articles 'built' creation science ed by its adherents. He was also a gentleman. He was humble, gentle and kindest men you could ever meet," said Dr. Eugenie Scott, executive director of the Creation Research Society.

"Morris was a profound thinker, well argued and a bit aggressive, so you'd expect (him to be) a more aggressive salesman," she said. "But he was a more aggressive salesman because he lived in the moment."

As an example of Morris' ability to "sell" creation science, Scott mentioned that Morris wrote his doctoral dissertation on the development of Liberty Christian Academy.

"He was a very, very skilled salesman," Scott said. "People can find that even the dullest comments can become humorous, but Morris was skilled enough to do it."

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"Sometimes people can scceed around you, but in order to sustain their focus, try to get as close to their face as possible. Just because you're not in a crowd doesn't mean you should lower your voice," Scott said. "Remember? Bigger is better, people say. So try to get closer to the audience (and the people around you)."

"You have to be a funny person. It's a way to get the message across," Scott said. "You have to be funny person. It's a way to get the message across."

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**Guillermin library history**

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Art Expo: Films go on display

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"I love painting," said Cannon. The art expo was the first time Cannon ever had her artwork on display. Also on display were a variety of short films.

From Miz, the producer of the popular Coffee House film, "The World's Most Exciting University," entered two short films, "Point Shot" and "Music Video." Also on display in the short film category were three films by Jael Gusar, a student-filmmaker and video broadcast major. Gusar's interest in filmmaking stemmed from an unlikely beginning. "When I was a kid, my mom always made me tape birthday parties (and other events)." Gusar admits he never really liked it, but in the past three years took an interest in videos. Gusar's short films displayed at the expo included "Excuses," "Temptation," and "Expelled." Gusar sent a Web site for his films, www.homeinfotainment.com.

Southwestern hosts Art Expo

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Debbie Kumdo is very different from other students. Melton describes it as being "like chess with swords. It takes tremendous concentration. In order to turn a point, a player must strike one of the three targeted spots (the head, the body and the right vent), yell "The name of the spot they hit," and "The purpose of the exercise is to originate back to the days of the warriors who stumped them to the ground through the sword through the body. If they are not completed at once, then the point is not considered." "The key for practicing this is focus and concentration and body and head has to be on. The bit point, and yell the body. They all occur at once, the three should be one," said Melton.

Both Melton and Kumdo explained that honor and respect are key elements of Kumdo. "This sport starts with respect and ends with respect," said Kumdo. Each person bow to their opponent before beginning, and again when they finish.

They explained that honor is also a "gambhija," which is "kinship for thank you very much." "You say 'thank you' one another because of the risk the other person is taking while combating with swords. Without the respect, they would not join the Kumdo Club. During the first few months of practice, no armor is necessary, which allows people to not having to worry about losing a lot financially. Many students are also intramural or club sport. Melton said they are in the process of making everything official. The required equipment however, like shoes and uniforms they are accepting donations and also be hosting fundraisers.

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Hum: Spreading the gospel to soldiers in the field

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In 1943, their ship, the USAT Dorchester, was torpedoed. As part of the convoy, the four chapel cadets and a man and began passing out life jackets. When the life jackets ran out, each chaplain took off his own life jacket and gave it away. As the ship sank, they could be seen holding hands and praying.

"A lot of times, we forget what war is all about," said Hum. People feel it was wars and it can be difficult to deal with that reality. In those tough situations, Hum doesn't turn to theology to comfort those hurting. "What does all that theology do? Zippo," said Hum. He says prayers to God and depends on Him for the words to say. He said that sometimes, they went to God and depended on Him to cry with them.

When chaplains have the opportunity to stand on a stage and preach, Hum said it's about the most important place there are people who aren't churched and chaplains provide a way to the gospel to be presented in a softer way.

"You need to be in the field. Always be ready with your testimony," said Hum.

Also, that morning, testimony was given by Jeff Schlenz, a first-year seminary student. He has spent eight years in the Marines and a year and a half in the reserves. "God will go to extremes to bring them to His saints where he wants a witness," said Schlenz.

"God used her to breathe life back to those who no one else can touch. Instead of witnessing to those in difficult times and situations, "he said. God used His Word to comfort those hurt, Schlenz encourages people not to have the opportunity to witness to those in difficult times and situations," said God. "You think he needs us to do His bidding?" said Schlenz. "It's about giving people the message to Liberty University during convocation on March 1.

Saint: Embracing the Waodani

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Still only a young boy, Saint said, "I want to go meet these people."

"They were the people that killed his father, but also the family continued to love and share the gospel with him. He met the men who spared his father at the age of six and was baptized by the Waodani at the age of 13. The tribe that once killed his father now shares his Gospel message.

The movie "End of the Spear" depicts the events happened in his life. "The movie is all about what God did through a single person," Saint said. "You can see the power of God change people."

In his message, Saint emphasized the point he is to be obedient to God and follow His lead. "We must walk in obedience to Him," said Saint. "If we allow God to place us in difficult times and situations," said Saint. "You think he needs us to do His bidding? I don't think so," he said.

Saint's love for the Waodani Indians in the Amazon jungle started with a leave on his son. Even though they had murdered his father, Saint contributed to the love to his tribe. "My dad died for those hands," said Saint.

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This plan is important to both undergraduates and graduate students. Graduate students will see a graduate writing center come to fruition while they are here, and those undergraduates who are looking to enter Liberty master's programs will have this resource available to assist them in developing writing and critical thinking skills. It is likely that in later years of the plan's implementation, a version of the writing center will be extended to the undergraduate popula-
Rising Temperatures

Precautions needed to control global warming

Global temperatures have been rising steadily in the past two decades; we know this for a fact. The question at hand is with regard to the cause of this event. In this a trend induced by human activity, or just another cycle in temperature fluctuations? Unfortunately, we simply do not know, and yet an effective policy has been implemented to fight this potential hazard. Instead, we have demanded more research into a problem that could potentially be getting worse by the day. What you are about to read is not a case for global warming, but an apology for some type of preventative measure before it is too late.

Before I begin to argue for any resolute action, I'll quickly elaborate what global warming has been attributed to. The "greenhouse effect," as it is referred to, is the process by which the Earth's atmosphere absorbs and retains energy from the sun. Upon hitting the earth, some of this energy is absorbed by the planet's surface, and some is radiated back into the atmosphere. This is the point at which the essence of the greenhouse effect can be seen: some of the heat-energy passes through the atmosphere, but some is retained by the presence of greenhouse gases, namely carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. An increase in the amount of retained radiation leads to the obvious: a rise in temperatures.

What has disturbed me most was a recent claim by a NASA scientist that the Bush administration was attempting to gag a presentation of evidence that global warming has sped up and is becoming an imminent threat. Fox News reported that James E. Hansen, a NASA physicist and director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies said, "In my more than three decades in government, I have never seen anything as antithetical to the public's interest as what has happened to the scientific community." He went on to say that the administration only desires to hear evidence that corroborates the "pre-determined, inflexible positions" it currently holds. One can only hope this is not the case, but if it is, our presidential administration is failing us in that it refuses to use the potential hazards of global warming.

Recently, a group of prominent Christians signed what was termed the Evangelical Climate Initiative, the New York Times reported on Feb. 8. Among these leaders were James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family; Charles Colson, founder of the Prison Fellowship Ministries; Richard Land, president of the Ethics Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor Rick Warren. These individuals don't necessarily have a firm belief that global warming is a contemporary occurrence, but they recognize the possibility that, if this true, humanity could be on a track to permanently damage our environment. "Although I'm not a huge fan of Rick Warren, and I'd read Kierkegaard's 'Training in Christianity' years ago, 'The Purpose Driven Life' any day, I think Mr. Warren stated the case well when he said, "Indeed, many of us have required considerable convincing before becoming persuaded that climate change is a real problem and that it ought to matter to us as Christians. But now we have seen and heard enough." I couldn't agree more, and it is time to stop regarding stewardship of the Earth as a nebulous ideal in sentiment. While it is true that we do lack the long-term data necessary to come to any conclusive statement on the current state of our climate, it is time to act on the side of caution and take significant preventative measures to protect this planet with which we have been entrusted.

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SpeakUp: What do you think of global warming?

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"I don't know much about it, maybe a sign of the times. We need to take better care of the earth." - Holly Goff, Jr., Amelia, Va.

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Border tunnels pose great risk to our national security

On Wednesday, Mar. 29, authorities found the Mexican government had considered building a tunnel running into the United States along the Mexican border. The tunnel is about seven meters wide, two meters tall, and maintained 1-2 meters of tunnels. The tunnel was made from concrete and had electricity. Lighting, ventilation and a pump to drain water. If officials are aware of the fact that the tunnel is the handbook of a Mexican drug gang, but the idea of a tunnel such as this could be used for much more than just drugs, it would be enough to scare the U.S. government into an ongoing immigration and border patrol. If they could cross drugs before the border of our country, there could be a massive war. While our national security breaches the movement of terrorists through our nation’s forms of transportation, they forget that there are other ways. Officials know that they can run through our country across the Mexican border, but the idea that a tunnel can cause them harm while crossing. Nothing.

More than 200 million people cross our porous border each year, which includes Americans. The Mexican border is never noticed by those who cross from Mexico over to America. Security has been nothing short of lawlessness. In 2005, 450 immigrants crossed the border in 21 such tunnels have been found. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement were quick to admit the threat. Tunnels are known as a threat to our national security as they are widespread and could lead to illegal immigration across our southern border as well. In fact, it can be empirically proven, in the mid-1990s, a large smuggling ring that worked with Middle Easterners across the southern border was broken up, proving that this practice is not only a possibility, but a reality.

After the discovery of the tunnel in Mexico, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement would face the reality of the threat of these tunnels. U.S. authorities will have to face the facts and take action concerning our national security. Immigration tunnels can prove to be more dangerous than ever. If we do not take action, our national security could be at risk.

If you are wondering what you can do, your voice is very important. This is a serious issue, and we must all work together to ensure our country’s safety.

Letter to the Editor

I was taken aback by the recent article in the Champion. It is shocking that such a tunnel still existed and more were found. The article discussed the threat that the tunnels pose to national security.

The Champion encourages letters to the editor regarding any subject. Letters should not exceed 400 words and must be typed, signed, and meet the deadline of 6 p.m. on Monday. Send letters to: Champion, LBox 1000, Lynchburg, Va. 24506. E-mail: editor@liberty.edu. Drop off: DeMoss Hall 1035

John Wesley Redman Jr.

Free Movie Night!

When: Wednesday March 8th, 8:00 p.m. (after Campus Church)
When: Where: Pomos 1119 S 1114
What: Blockbuster hits "Batman Begins" and "Dennis the Menace"
Food and Drinks will be sold at the event and popcorn will be free, so don’t miss out!!

Any questions? Please call the Student Life office 592-9148

The Vertical eXceleration leadership seminar

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True, there are a few that do not care for all the pomp and fanfare, but the majority of the people that I have spoken to about this decision are not very happy. This tums graduation into an impersonal affair for whoever comes as the guest speaker.

Some of us had already made reservations for our families to come from out of state to see us walk that day. But our family is not too interested in coming in and not hearing my name in the main services. I have even been told by several family members that they will stay away.

Having smaller services with the dean of our individual school is not the same. I see my dean every other day and thank my teachers already for what they have done for me. Finding work in only two months to go to graduation is just short notice to me. If the administration would have said something in the fall or last year to give us a warning, that would have been fair.

If you ask the seniors of this class, I am sure that you will find that most want to walk this year. I could understand this form of ceremony if this was Virginia Tech or UVA, but this is Liberty, where things are supposed to be different. I am in the school of religion and my last name starts with an R, and I would be willing to sit for eight hours just to walk that walk.

This bombshell that has hit us will continue to gnaw at the senior class of 2006 and I hope that my fellow classmates will address their displeasure with the unilateral decision of the administration. We should be allowed to shake hands with Dr. Falwell so that we can say, "Thank you" to those who have worked every day of our years here in order to provide the best education possible. We should be allowed to receive our diplomas from people of different races, and that race is not a determining factor in our decision. We should be allowed to have the families to come in and not hearing my name in the main services.

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Most people this day and age, and especially on a college campus, have favorable views of interracial relationships among people of different races. Given the small number of members in the class, it is not uncommon for students to date or even marry someone from a different background. Some people say that there are two types of relationships: one between partners of different ethnicities, and the other between partners of different races. For those who might think differently, I would say that all people are created equal, and that race is not a determinant as to how they should be in a relationship.

Some people say that opposite is the color or a race, and Carlos is Hispanic and Latina. Monica offered, “It is a great experience to date a person from a different race. I do not see him as a color or a race, but I see him as the most loving and caring person I have ever met.”

Monica’s answer is very typical of students our age. In my two and a half years here at Liberty, I have not run across people who think otherwise, specifically when it comes to dating and marriage between races. These individuals are molded and simply taught.

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LUPD: Lawbreakers and speeders beware

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The Liberty Champion

Winthrop basketball squad was eliminated number 1 led 17-2 with 12 minutes totaling to the number one-seed remaining in the first half, twice held Liberty scoreless for several minutes.

“We played much better against (Liberty) tonight than last week,” Winthrop Coach Greg Marshall said liberyflames.com. “We were fatigued tonight but we fought through. We had a few turnovers compared to the (Liberty) tonight, and we will have to do better against them in the second half.”

The Flames have finished the 2005-06 season with a record of 7-23, and were 6-7 at home.

“After a close first half, the Lady Flames ignited and led by as much as 13 in the second. Radford made several attempts to come back, getting to within one point, but the Lady Flames held on and increased their lead for the win. We played hard in sports. We started the first half flat and had to figure out how to get the ball back. We dug ourselves in a hole that we had to get out of by the end of the game.”

The Lady Flames look to stay perfect at home in the upcoming Big South Tournament. They are the second seed and will host sixth seeded Birmingham Southern. Winthrop and Radford will host the third seed and will host fourth seeded Charleston Southern. Winthrop and Radford will host the third seed and will host fourth seeded Charleston Southern.

Baseball downs Hawks, 32-6 in three games

BY DAVID THOMPSON

Liberty’s pitching and defense shone in a three-game weekend series against the Hartford Hawks. The Flames outscored Hartford 24-6 and 12-0 during the series.

Saturday began well for Liberty, with a run in the first inning. It only got better, as the Flames exploded for four runs in the bottom of the second and Ryan Page held a shutout through six innings.

Head Coach Matt Roper went to the bullpen after six innings, and Liberty allowed a run in each of the seventh and eighth innings. However, the Flames retained a comfortable lead at 7-2 heading into the bottom of the eighth. Then, in an inspiring show of strength, Liberty pounded the Hawks for four runs before shutting them down in the final inning of play, finishing 14-3.

Page was his fourth decision of the season, though two of his previous victories had actually been in relief. Not knowing much about the opposing team, Page said his main strategy was to "establish a fast ball early on, and get ahead of the batters. Then I could just pick at the corners, and make them swing at my pitches. (The) experience worked well, and I had to try playing to inning by inning pitch by pitch.

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Men fall to number 1 Winthrop

BY JOE WATSON

On Feb. 18, the men’s bas­ ketball squad was eliminat­ed from the Big South Conference playoffs by los­ing to the number one-seed­ed Winthrop Eagles 85-75 in Rock Hill, S.C.

Winthrop, who had lost to Liberty seven days earlier, led 14-0 in 12 minutes, ending in the first half, and twice held Liberty scoreless for several min­utes.

“We played much better against (Liberty) tonight than last week,” Winthrop Coach Greg Marshall said liberyflames.com. “We were not flat or uninterested.

“They took full advantage of our fatigue and lack of depth,” said Liberty Head Coach Randy Dustin.

The Flames had turned over two times to the Eagles’ five*. Seven Eagles scored double-digit points, and Winthrop blocked four baskets, because Marshall put in reserves early in the second half. The Eagles also shot 50 percent on field goals.

The Flames have finished the 2005-06 season with a record of 7-23, and were 6-7 at home.

Junior guard Larry Blaine, who scored as points in the winning game, was named to the first-team All-Big South squad with nine points.

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Hockey prepares for ACHA

The Flames improved their record against Delaware to 2-1 this week.

Jordan Wilson dominated the offense as he drove in a career-high five runs and added a record-tying 10 hits. He also added a stolen base which ended 45 points since the free throw broke the 4-0 record.

The Flames were tested in their first game by the Pirates, as the Pirates scored one run on a double by Barry, please leave

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Courtney Watkins: A life of basketball

By Amy Field

With the Big South Conference Championship a definite go for the Lady Flames, starter Courtney Watkins is prepared for whatever comes with it.

The 5'10" sophomore guard was there last April when the Lady Flames made their mark as the second No. 13 seed in women's basketball to make it to the NCAA Sweet 16. They traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., where they faced off against the Louisiana State University Tigers. Even with the game ending as a defeat for the Flames, there was an air of pride around Liberty's campus that many remember, for the young women who came so far and had the opportunity to play the 2004-2005 top seed in the United States.

This upcoming championship looks encouraging as well, and with a 12-1 Big South record, the Lady Flames head into this week's quarterfinals. Watkins has firm confidence in her team, especially with their experience last year at The McKenzie Arena in Lynchburg during basketball season.

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McDougal qualifies for NCAA Championships

By Evan Falat

In December, Josh McDougal missed an NCAA Indoor National automatic qualifying berth in the 800 meters by less than two seconds. After missing some time due to a knee injury, McDougal returned to the track on February 19, running the mile and again just missing an automatic berth, this time by less than two seconds.

At the Big South Championships last weekend McDougal went after another automatic berth and again fell just short in both the 3000 meters and the mile. Entering this past weekend's competition at the NCAA Championships in Boston, McDougal had provisionally qualified for three events — the mile, 3000 meters, and 5000 meters — but was not guaranteed a ticket to the NCAA Championships without an automatic time. Knowing that this was his last shot at qualifying, McDougal delivered as he ran a time of 3:53.16 in the 3000 meters and won that event this past Saturday. His time not only allowed him to capture the automatic time and advance to this coming weekend's NCAA Championships in Arkansas, but also set a new NCAA meet record, beating a 25 year old record that had been set by Villanova's Sidney Manees in 1981.

As of Sunday, McDougal is currently ranked 19th in the nation in the mile, fifth in the nation in the 3000, and 14th in the nation in the 5000. Currently McDougal has not yet decided what event or events he will run at the NCAA Championships.

Besides McDougal, the Flames also returned to some other top performances at this weekend's meet. Senior Ravana Ferguson finished sixth in the finals of the 50-meter dash in a time of 6.42 seconds. In the three rounds of racing, Ferguson was 20th in the preliminaries, sixth in the semi-finals, and sixth in the finals. Ferguson also placed 17th in the 400 meters in a time of 54.60.

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On the court, Monroe shot 52 percent from the field and 83 percent from the foul line. Against UNC-Liberty's first conference game, the Flames have no seniors on their team of Mynique Stutart, Kena Batts and Jamie Watson. Besides those Big South award winners, outstanding individual statistics were distance runners Jarvis Dolen and Jordan McElroy, who both placed 17th in the mile with a time of 4:02.58. Also scoring for the Flames was freshman Phil Jelen. Jelen placed fifth in the 5000 meters in a time of 14.44. Overall, the men took 19th place with 3630 points. The Lady Flames was freshman Phil Jelen. Jelen placed fifth in the 5000 meters in a time of 14.44. Overall, the men took 19th place with 3630 points.

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The Lady Flames finished tied for 27th place with a total of 3560 points in the five-event competition. Also scoring for the Lady Flames was the atomic team of Mykayla Baldwin, Tre'meres, Kenya Bates, and Jamie Watson. The team finished sixth in prelims and then ran a time of 54.72 in the finals, which also placed them sixth overall. Bates also placed 17th in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5.00.

Other Lady Flames that competed in the ECAC Championships were Andrea Beckles and Carey Jefferson. Beckles finished in 27th in the 3000 meters in a time of 11:35.55. Overall, the Lady Flames finished tied for 27th place with a total of eight points. The Flames will start their outdoor season this coming weekend as they travel down to Conway, S.C. to compete in the Coastal Carolina Invitational. The lone exception will be Josh McDougal, as he will be in Fayetteville, Ark., for the NCAA National Indoor Championships.

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The Feb. 27 airing of the show. Elmo was accompanied by the man behind his voice, Kevin Clash, who had never made an appearance on television with Elmo.

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The truth behind the 50,000 children missing from Uganda

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the way Jesus worked: prayer, worship and helping where they could be prayed for. "No work to do, no victory to be won, noCTex to use as soldiers. The LRA is a well known group in Uganda, and the Lord's Resistance Army, and medical care. They are asking people from all over the world to commute the attention of the American government and ask them to take action. The guy, for instance, is looking for a nice guy who is not going to school..." said Poole and Jason Russell, statute of Invisible Children. The documentary has set up an Invisible Children Web site, they felt "...our kids that sleep on the streets," the Lord’s Resistance Army. The mentors provide additional income.

Aaron Richards.

There are also very excited. There are about 25 people going. They are driving down and will be leaving on April 11. The team has already met every Thursday morning to pray for specific things on the trip. All the members of the team have lessons each week to go through and they have heard different things every week. They have always been very busy with extra-curricular activities, food, fast food, treats and cafeteria. Mindy Dickerson and Ashley Shuy are sophomore at Liberty and are going on the trip. Dickerson said that "I can’t wait to go to Israel, there is no other place in the world I would rather go for the same reason. I can just relax and go to the beach any other time, but Israel is special to me in a lifetime thing," said sophomore Aaron Caner. Light Ministry is going on three trips: Argentina, Germany and Southeast Asia. The Argentina group is going to be focused on children’s ministry, pastoral care, evangelism, and youth ministry. This trip cost $1,500 for each student.

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The Lord began to open my eyes to the reality of what a Christian life really means. Within a month I put my head in a pillow and said, "Thank you Jesus for doing this for me," and that was it, the end of my confusion. "The day after was like changeover; everything was different. I truly realize that something had definitely, definitely changed; I guess the start of being able to live as a Christian."

Following his salvation, McPherson went to a Bible school in England where he met his wife, Lita. After marrying in 1980, he spent time as a music making artist for Pinewood Studios and graduated from St. Andrews University in 1989, he spent time as a music making artist for Pinewood Studios and Bluefield College in West Virginia.

In 1994, he earned a B.A. from Moody Bible Institute.

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Later that day, Purrow removed the necklace pendant, removed the cord it had been strung on and disposed of the remains of the mourning and meditation. "I've experienced that you can't just lift the veil of darkness on your life and expect it to just stay away. You can't expect things like that to just go away. I felt like I was a part of something before. Alistair said that he also felt a burning sensation in his hands when he took the necklace away."

Over Christmas break, Purrow was signed as a missionary with an organization called ChriStar. He feels if he had not met with his mentor, he would not have been ready to commit to the organization. "I'm really glad that I thought of that during that time in my life. I found myself under an unusual amount of temptation, dealing with purity issues, issues that I thought I had conquered some time ago."

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Since becoming a Christian, McPherson has had a lot of "opportunities to serve outside of the church."

"Relationships are key," said McPherson. "We live in a very pluralistic society and we don't understand the world and the different religions. We need to be present in that world and we need to understand the world."