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By CREIG RAIKES

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"It basically says, 'You still have the choice whether you want to have an abortion or not,'" Martin said. "But you're going to choose that, make sure you're informed about every single risk that you're going to have.'"

Taylor and Veerkamp will not be allowed to directly present their resolution to the delegates.

"The way it functions in nationals is they don't get to read their resolutions," Raymond Zahrabek, the state president of the Virginia Student Nurses Association and member of the resolution committee, said. "Instead from the resolu-

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Resolution wins award for students

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"It is not an absolute that we can always argue from a scientific standpoint," Veerkamp said. "There's one good thing about science. It's more black and white than ethical issues."

Topic and Veerkamp, and perhaps several other students, will need to make their own money to cover traveling expenses.

"We don't know how we're going to do that," Veerkamp said. "It's going to cost us at least $150 each to get there."

Corporations for their registration fees, which cannot be paid by students, are available through the Virginia State Nurses Association (VSA). The fee is $200 per person.

In its entirety, the informed consent resolution that garnered the Virginia State Nurses Convention: (continues, call extension 2085).

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BY SUZANNE McDUFFIB
Champion Reporter

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LU Department and $5.50 at the door.

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 Apparently, the main topic of the document is about a Stoneman Contest where students are required to submit a page paper on a given topic by a specific deadline. Additionally, there is information about tickets for a performance and a book sale, along with details about various seminars and lectures. The document also mentions the availability of various food and drug items at a particular store, with prices listed for different products such as strawberries, vegetables, and more. There is also a mention of a community event related to abortion rights and a resolution from the Virginia Convention regarding informed consent. The document contains a list of mounted tires with their respective sizes and prices, as well as a mention of a book by McCullough, along with references to the Virginia Women's History, Sociology, and related topics. The text also includes a notice about the availability of a certain product at a store and the possibility of a shortage due to demand.

In summary, the document covers a range of topics, from academic contests and events to community issues and product availability, providing a diverse array of information for the reader.
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By Suzanne Montague

Champagnes Hipsters

Making it to any National Championship takes all the skill and perfection that a team can muster. It takes a season without hangovers to the competitors and a season relatively void of trial.

The Liberty University Debate Team had all the skill and perfection; however, they also endured not only the loss of valuable players, but also a walkout. It was a season with one of the most experienced seasons in the history of this debate team and possibly their last season. The team lost its captain, Jim Bennett, and a lead debater, Doug Johnson, at the turn of the semester. Freshman debater Robert Burns said, "It is always really tough when you lose a good varsity debater and we had to work a lot harder to compensate for his loss."

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Clauson bows out of race

Less than a month after announcing his candidacy for Lynchburg city council, Liberty University government professor Kevin Clauson has dropped out. Clauson cited family health needs as his motivation for giving up the race. Clauson, who had already secured the endorsement of his father's former state senator Tim Dirr, an independent who was disqualified earlier for lack of sufficient signatures on candidate petitions. The elections, which will seek candidates to take Clauson's place, will be held in May.

In a letter to his supporters, Clauson, who lost a previous race for the GOP nod by one vote, had held high hopes for this year's race in spite of the setbacks. "I want to express my appreciation for all of you who have supported me.

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-- Rick Deeg

If you have a friend, family member or loved one graduating this spring, let them know how proud you are of them in the Liberty Champion's special April 22 graduation issue.
The Feelings of Summer

As the sun secretly nestled its way into the city, it also melted its supper outdoor world. There it was three people out of rooms, classrooms, and other buildings with its rising temperature.

It came out of nowhere and blazed down, turning every pale of skin to a raw completion.

The surrounding seemed to be tipped on the shoulder by the everlasting warmth of summer as it seeped through windows and horizontal cracks in windows.

Looking around me, I see only school walls, I enter into the world of blue skies where people glance longingly towards juring light, and thinkers glance longingly towards the mountain for at least a literal day as sun worshippers secretly to let them stay up a little longer. Because the sun isn't around yet. Only students have lollipops, and to the after-hours in the middle of the night and change machines not working.

"It started out about the perfect world where all the children have bicycles, and in a way, it hurts me to think that that is a world people have to deal with," Gegner said. "The day I got back from school, the parents of two fifth-graders told me about the song once it happened to me," he laughed.

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Not your Ordinary Spring Break

Laboring in the Land of Reggae

By CHRISTY REMSBERG

The sound, sun and surf are the typical thoughts that constitute a description of the perfect spring break. Becks, bananas and barbeque, on the other hand, do not usually enter a description of spring break trips, perfect or otherwise. However, all of the things mentioned were definitely a part of a spring break I spent in Jamaica that was more than just perfect; it was life changing.

Tania Espinosa, class of '04, and Anita Lewis, class of '05, went with a team of 16 Liberty students on a mission trip to Jamaica over spring break. While in Jamaica we stayed in Mandeville at the Jamaican Deaf Village.

The village is just one outreach of the CrossWorld Christian Center for the Deaf and has already hosted three deaf schools in Jamaica, in Monterey Bay, Kingston and Rockingham.

Our team worked at the Jamaican Deaf Village not just to complete a task, but to provide a place where students who graduate from one of the deaf schools can go to live, work and raise a family.

Sunday morning our team went to the deaf school in Knollpark to visit with the deaf children and minister for a short time. The experience was both inspiring and intimidating as very few of us on the team knew sign language. It was amazing to see how God allowed us to communicate with each other despite the language barrier.

Monday morning found us on the work site again. After that first day away of us gaining a new insight into mission work mathematics are necessary for us to begin to understand the lives of the deaf.

Wednesday unfolded as a day of rest and relaxation for the team. Unfortunately, Friday did not require the crew to pack up and move out immediately. By 9 a.m., they began travel to a Baptist mission in the village of Cigga, where they arrived near midnight. This was my first trip and God showed me he has no plans for rest. However, I also found that even when faced with some of the hardest work you’ve done in your life you can still enjoy an awesome time when you’re doing it for the Lord.

Many of us have been made aware of the opportunity to witness to the Jamaicans that were working along side of us throughout the week. These opportunities to witness one-on-one were a real learning experience.

God taught me that I needed to stay put in the middle of the traffic and some tent city to people in the Lord,” said Ibrahim Awdeh Wolfen.

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Overall, I think we all learned that serving others is a huge part of the work of ministry.

Matthew 25:40 comes to mind.

This planet is not a rocky wilderness. Rocks, lumber and bamboo become a thing of the past. Of course, we have to put down the sand, sun and surf and start building.”

Life! Reporter

HEY MON, THE GANG’S ALL HERE — The Jamaica team took time to pose for a picture (above). PANDAS EAT THESE THINGS? — The team split up to make work teams and did jobs such as cutting bamboo to make houses for the community below.

Award Winning Play Comes Alive on LU Stage

By JENNIFER PILAFFE

Although it was only opening night, the metal shores of the Lloyd Auditorium were already beginning to vibrate with anticipation. A sellout crowd was seated in the theater, each pair of eyes as bright as a blazing headlight, ready to devour the glittering production of “Our Town.”

Although the performance was a resounding success, the real stars of the show were the audience themselves. For two hours, the audience joined the cast in their attempt to bring this Thorton Wilder play that has mesmerized audiences for almost a century, to life.

Tickets are available at extension 2085 for performances on March 31 and April 2-4.

By MARK ARMSTRONG II

What is it about short-term mission trips? During high school, I remember watching my friends prepare for their trips overseas, only to return thrilled about the Lord and the work we had done, whether that was our first or our second trip. Then, when I started to attend Liberty, the same thing continued to happen.

Previously, for those of you like me, who have never been involved with short-term missions in any shape, size or form, we finally have a chance to analyze one of these trips, specifically the Liberty trip that our spring break trip, step-by-step, just to see what happened.

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The next morning, the team performed skits and programs for the local church with Liberty professor Dr. David Thorton leading the service. Both team members agreed that the people’s humble and hungry hearts allowed the spirit to fill all of the church services during the vacation. Beck and Gauthier agreed that this is something that we hardly see in America.

After Sunday’s active schedule, the crew set out to visit both interested and saddened the crew because the harsh living conditions that they were exposed to, deep spiritual bonding to their hate gods.

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After a great week, Sunday, March 22, the last day of the trip, was travel day. No one wanted it to come; but after giving another presentation, the group packed up and returned home with their lives changed forever. The team stayed together and finally reached them by patiently waiting at a much smaller house for two days of travel.

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A TIGHT-KNOT COMMUNITY — The cast of “Our Town” mingle.
An open letter from the graduating seniors

This is for all the seniors who plan to graduate in May. On behalf of everyone who will be graduating this spring, I want to thank the LU administration for all their hard work in making commencement possible. When the decision was made to move commencement back to Saturday will allow this. Then Sunday

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Prayer should not be a selfish act

BY ALEHANIA KAMINSKI

Most Christians would certainly agree that prayer is a significant part of a believer’s way of life. But is it really? What does it mean to pray? Does prayer apply just to the student. He does not have plenty to say about the discipline prayer, and he is not subject to the districts of the current events at Liberty. What does it mean to worship the Lord in prayer? It certainly does not mean being there for worship. One Christian desires from the God of heaven and earth, and another does not. For instance, the worshipful basketball player may be constantly cheering for members of the team. The professional singer may be there for worship. While the article about the baseball team was not the first time that something like this has occurred, it is interesting that this same man meticulously planned everything about us is actually a product of Satan’s imagination, a dialogue with God.

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Kaczynski’s insanity argument is no excuse for murder

BY BRIAN FREEMAN

Worship should be more worshipful

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday, March 11, many of us for 20 seconds or more in connec-
tion but it did pause. Instead, we were so empa-
tional with the frustrations of John Flah-
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Kaczynski’s insanity argument is no excuse for murder

BY BRIAN FREEMAN

Worship should be more worshipful

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday, March 11, many of us for 20 seconds or more in connec-
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Last Blast Party on Saturday, May 2nd. Call 582-INFO for more information or visit our web site at www.liberty.edu/~studntlf.
DOMINANCE

Lady Vols’ 44-point win is no surprise in their season of perfection.

By LAUREL MILLER

The Lady Vols’ 44-point loss to Tennessee may sound like a huge margin — especially when it’s been so long since LU has lost any game — but the Volunteers just overcame their 3-peat title.

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In defense of good journalism

By MARK HOGSED
Champion Editorialist

It seems to be the opinion of some Champion Sports readers that yours truly tends to “belittle” Liberty’s sports teams and even certain players. I feel that a rebuttal of some sort is necessary.

Although athletic contests don’t always end up the way we would like, a fair account of the actual events must be printed. Failure to do so results in bad Journalism. Let me remind you of the chief goal of a Journalist: accuracy. We report news—in this case sports—in an objective, unbiased manner, as accurately as possible. If a certain player does not perform his task at the level he is capable of and it has an effect on the outcome of the game, then it is news and must be reported.

Our aim is not to single out any one individual, or belittle any team, but we cannot sacrifice quality to simply ensure that only “feel good” articles or statements go to print.

Besides, if any of LU’s athletes ever make it to a higher level, they’ll come face to face with a press that is much more scrutinizing than we Champion sports-writers are. When it comes to putting a positive spin on things, we’re the closest thing to Mary Poppins this side of Disney.

This is not a shot at the talent level of any individual. Any member of a Liberty University athletic team is obviously capable of competing at the NCAA Division I level. Also, the fact that we are a Christian-based newspaper does not mean that we are to print biased news toward the good side. Actually, we are to do it for the glory of God, which means in the best and most accurate manner possible.

If the truth is offensive, as it sometimes is, I am truly sorry. But, merely "fluffing" stories would be robbing us of a fair shot at a career, let alone our journalistic integrity.

I would encourage you to put yourself in the place of a sports Journalist and realize that news is to be reported as it happened, not as we wanted it to happen.

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Flames’ 7 home ties record; LU still undefeated in Big South

Flames pitcher Brian Jelenich threw six solid innings striking out eight Retrievers and giving up only one run. UMBC made a late burst in the top of the ninth scoring those runs, but the defense snuffed out the threat. UMBC catcher David Benham led the attack going three for five with three RBIs. Jason Benham went three for three with four RBIs. Without tallying a single out, Kojak pitched six solid Innings striking out eight Retrievers and giving up five runs by scoring In each of the six innings. McClellan fared well for three, while Jim Clinton and Ryan McClellan posted another solid outing at first base totaling eight put-outs.

Offensively, Liberty amazed 19 runs being scored In each of the six innings. McClellan had a total of five RBIs. Benham went three for four with three RBIs. Jason Benham went three for the first three RBIs as well. The offensive weighted series saw LU cruise 15-3 over UMBC in three games, which made for an exciting weekend for the Flames.

Liberty will continue play this week at home against William & Mary, on Wednesday before heading to Charleston South Carolina for a three game series this weekend.
Liberty's baseball team dominated its Big South Conference opponent improving the conference record to 6-0 with a much needed three-game sweep of UMBC this past weekend. LU scored 14 runs in four innings before the Flames dropped four of five games. UMBC. Lu scored 14 runs in four games including Connecticut and Northeastern University.

Tennessee fires fight with ladders

Sharon Wilkerson nets 26 pts. vs. bigger, taller, stronger Vols

By LAUREL NELSON

When the initial shot of Liberty's undefeated NCAA first round matchup with Tennessee had missed a bit, the Lady Flames reached to play the game of their lives. With the ball they had been dealt, and aimed the formidable task of figuring probably the best women's college basketball team in NCAA history.

So, in the second half, the Flames looked ready to go down to business, and in the first half, Sharon Wilkerson champions of that offensive powerhouse to Liberty's 30 points before elimination. The Flames returned with a tighter game plan to defend the Lady Vols.

The Lady Flames had slowed and slowed their 16-point halftime lead to 44 as the final buzzer stretched its 18-point halftime lead to 44 as the final buzzer

1:00 second half, scoring only 1 point, and the Lady Flames were at 17-12.

"Every time I tried to shoot, she was like a rainbow for me. I was very surprised at the way they handled the college, and their shooting game was not good.

With Tennessee guarding Sharon closer in the second half, Holsclaw managed to make the Flames' top scorer go 0-7 with 14 points contributing 15 and 14 points respectively.

Despite the Lady Flames efforts of chords, they were the better team and had a lot of people who knew they could score in some area.

The Lady Flames missed shots basket for basket.