Inside the creation of a crisis

Before the sun had risen on the Hill City dozens of people were moving into position. Plans that had been meticulously designed for over a year were finally going to see the light of day.

By Jennifer Schmidt

Students use spring break for charity

While many Liberty students took spring break as an opportunity to go home or to visit the beach, several students gained valuable experience. The Bonnita, the Czech Republic, placed three North America and Southeast Asia missions teams.

Partnership with missions organizations such as CampusWorld, Christ in Mission, the International Mission Board (IMB), and the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), Liberty's Lights Marines gave students and staff the chance to share their faith all over the world. I have done several mission trips before," experiences. Audley McClure said, "but going to the otherside of the world — in another country — is something I never thought I would get the chance to do.

Students who went on the trip included: Nick McLean and Luke Kelly. The trip cost about $2,000 per person. The team went to Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand.

The trip, which was organized by the International Mission Board, was designed to give students the opportunity to share their faith with people who had never heard the gospel before. The team worked with local churches and schools, conducting evangelistic meetings and distributing literature.

By Dominique McKay

100% Earth-friendly

Lauren Boyd is an artist and graphic designer. She has been working on a project called "100% Earth-friendly" for over a year. The project is designed to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage people to make changes in their daily lives.

Lauren has created posters, flyers, and other materials that promote environmentally friendly behaviors. She has also given presentations to schools and community groups, sharing information about the impact of human activities on the planet.

Lauren believes that every small change can make a difference. "Every little bit helps," she said. "If we all do our part, we can make a significant impact on the environment."
Unicorns to John Milton: English honor society hosts night of literary indulgence

By Jennifer Schmidt

With subtle mood lighting and a fair amount of unusual items scattered around the floor of the event, the spring semester’s Evening of Per-
formance in Literature both “entertained and enlightened” as the theme of Thursday night.

Sponsored by Liberty’s Sigma Tau Delta chapter, the event was student-run but included professors from students and faculty mem-
bers alike. Featuring were rare and modern pieces of literature, some
lighter than others.

“Unicorns” by Eugenie Monnerot was acted out by two students who
laughed with their fans and the spectators of the character. The
actor, Dr. Carl Curtis dressed a special costume and became acharacter for the night. Along with his daughter, Katie Curtis, he and student Ben Lesley presented “Wielding plastic light sabers and dressed in modern clothes, the student actors enjoyed a great reception when Hamilton was chastised for taking longer to die than everyone else.”

Robert Frost and Ogden Nash were also included.

In between acts, a wandering gui-
ter place, singing songs from various
songbooks, the audience gladdening lauging throughout the night.

Haily Williams and Melissa Madison read a scene from “William Congreve’s “The Way of the World,” where their respective characters discus-
ssed necessary conditions for marriage. The absence of Disneyland’s touch

Carolyn Towles responded with “Lit-
time” by Billy Collins.

“Forget the Unicorns in the Gar-
den,” the piece ended with an ironic
and modern pieces of literature, some

James Thurber’s story, was allowed

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The Civil War Seminar will focus on movies that have been made about the Civil War. The Civil War Seminar will take place on Friday night, beginning at 7 p.m.

Live and in color: A Summit on Civil War Seminars, entertainments

By Natalie Locarno

Hymn books from both sides of the Mason-Dixon line met in DeHarl Hall last weekend for the Civil War at seminar called, “Blazing the Whirlwind: The Battle of Gettysburg” from March 15.

In addition to the center-

The speakers included Civil War

By Richard Butterfield

The Civil War-era food that Ayers

In contrast to the dead.”

For Rowlette, the co-founder of the Civil War Seminars, doing first-person interpretation is the best way to get people to meet with a history person and learn about the war. But now the war actually happened and the “I wouldn’t otherwise hear,“ Agocs said.

“It was the second time and enjoyed “speakers that you wouldn’t otherwise hear,” Agocs said.

The battle continued with stu-

To be or not to be — that is the

“The ancient vs. modern theme culminated in a grand finale where one speaker challenged another with a rewriting of the end of Maman, who stated, “Odious men — I hate your odious provisos.”

Across the narration of Professor Kristina Dargon acted out a scene from the book, Herodotus. The piece ended with an ironic quote from ancient writers “battled” on the floor until the climax of the battle for Lynchburg, which hardly be more appropriate.

The Ancient Prayer Chapel. Rev. Alan Farley preached a Civil War chaplain’s ser-

In addition to the educational ses-

The 2009 Civil War Seminar will

Bronte Ames discarded the (Grand Lodge) by you wouldn’t believe, but there’s a website (www.GSCapts.com) where you can preview what (which) was prepared by Rodews, Rodews said.

The tables were decorated with maps depicting battles, sketches of proponents and opponents of the Gettys-

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TRAYLESS: Dining hall removed trays to curb waste and promote healthy eating

Waste. The money saved will go back to the dining program, and has allowed them on what it costs to dispose of it.

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My voice gave out for good. BloodWulf gave up, partly because I only have two hands, and partly because of what it costs to dispose of it. We were losing fans anyway. They always came in and I had grown distant. We were arguing a lot.

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About the writer: Brandon Gallagher is a senior communication sciences major at Liberty University, where he serves as the editor-in-chief of The Rocker (www.libertyrocker.com) and is the author of the humor column “I (literally) want to rock and roll all night.” Gallagher also is a fan of the video game “Rock Band” and has been playing it for several years. He recently interviewed Rock Band player Trent Skora for his column.

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The most important thing in life is never to lose heart.

Nikolai Lenin

By John Davis

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Remembering Mo: A personal tribute to a friend

Moises Martins, a biblical studies major at Liberty University from Portugal, via the Word of Life Bible Institute, died at 22 in the cool hours of March 13. I was driving through the sturdy mountain roads of Virginia on my way home for vacation when I heard. Although I had learned to contemplate the simple duties of life, I reached only a few minutes once I started back on the road, hands shaking, before I knew what I wanted to say about this man.

In retrospect, I know Mo so clearly for what he was. He was a servant, an encourager, a friend; he was a Christ-like picture of kindness. This is not to say that Moises was an exalted being, perfect in any way, for no one is. But he did reflect Christ very well in many ways.

When I met Mo at the Bible Institute, I had chips all over my shoulders from who knows what, spurring me to be a rather nasty person in many regards — indifferent to me at the time. No matter how I treated him, however, he always showed kindness in return. Long before I had apologized or even known that I had wronged him, he was kind.

I ran into him so many times this semester — a rare feat at Liberty, where occurring masses during class time usually keep you from crossing paths with friends unless on plan. He was always willing to give a smile in return to any greeting, and I too began to make a point to him at breakfast in the cafeteria, where he always took the time to talk. I would do the same for him during the evenings when he met with the office. He knew me by name. Moises could be found tutoring in word and deed, I remember him telling me how he was just trying to get through his general courses — especially American history — so he could do what he loved.

For about the past year, I have been working on a senior thesis about Christian leadership. A leader himself — a rare feat at Liberty, where soft friends are rare, give kindness, encouragement, a fresh spring — even though I deserved none, I always ran into him then. Sometimes he would take a peek inside the office or grab a copy of the paper, but I would see him and I would just make mental talk. He had no reason to be kind to me, that was — and I know I was not the only one. He lived as a loyal friend to many.

When Jesus Christ came to earth, he gave us love we do not deserve. It is through his power that we can gain a compassion in return with others, giving them kindness they may not deserve, thus showing them a true, earthly picture of Christ.

My favorite, however, was Monday evenings, when I would stand outside of the school newspaper office after stepping through multiple drafts of our illustrious publication. For some reason, I always ran into him there. Sometimes he would take a peak inside the office or grab a copy of the paper, but usually he and I would just make small talk. He had no reason to be kind to me, that was — and I know I was not the only one. He lived as a loyal friend to many.

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MISSIONS: Students sent Easter in foreign countries

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"The most important part of our trip was to have the opportunity to meet with their students and get to know them," said one of the students. "We were able to see what their school was like and how their lives were different from ours."

In other parts of the world, the students found themselves in situations they never could have imagined. For example, some students were sent to Lebanon to teach English to children in refugee camps. Others went to Guatemala to help build schools for children in rural areas.

"We were able to see firsthand how much people in these countries need our help," said one of the students. "It was an eye-opening experience for us."
I the weekend and was helped out by numerous members of the Lady Flames Softball team.

Three-time USA Olympic gold medalist softball player Leah O'Brien-Amico and the Lady Flames softball team sponsored the first annual Liberty spring softball clinic on March 29. O'Brien-Amico, who shared her testimony in convocation on Friday, is the coach of the Olympic women's softball team, Mike Candrea, from 1993-1997. Helping the Wildcats win three NCAA Championships, O'Brien-Amico holds the Women's College World Series record for batting average in one tournament for batting .750 in 1994. O'Brien-Amico has played softball since she was 7. She now coaches a high school team in California and is the mother to three children. The Liberty spring softball clinic consisted of 15 girls aged 8-16. Campers traveled from Tennessee to Pennsylvania to attend the clinic. The Lady Flames were introduced and placed onto softball teams for the girls to walk around and meet. Student-athletes Williams were among those providing tips at the batting station, while coaches Courtney, Johnson, gave lessons on fielding and throwing of the defensive stations. Coaching sessions consisted of hitting and soft toss, T-drills and bunting drills. Also, the girls learned about the ball and strategy. Each girl was able to receive one-on-one time with a Lady Flames softball player at each station.

Liberty spring softball clinic

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS— Liberty and Coastal Carolina squared off on Friday night under the brand new lighting fixtures that were erected last week at Williams Stadium after a five game losing streak of the season. A night game and a return to Williams Stadium after a five game hia­ternation was just what the team needed in a roller coaster season.

But that was it for Liberty, which could not cling to its lead despite stellar pitching performances by senior David Stokes and junior Tommy Baldridge. Stokes earned giving up two earned runs while striking out five batters in the first inning as Senior Tomola scored after doubling and reaching third on an error when Tommy Baldridge took a Stokes pitch. But that was it for Liberty, which could not cling to its lead.

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Despite the crowd, Coastal Carolina was on the job and scored two runs in the first frame of the contest which entered the contest ranked No.18 in the country — had other plans as they held on in extra innings to hand the Flames a 5-3 loss. Coastal Carolina scored its first run over the right field wall. Two innings later, junior outfielder Tim Rotola scored after doubling and reaching third on an error when Tommy Baldridge took a Stokes pitch over the fence. An error and a wild pitch allowed Coastal to creep closer in the following inning without the benefit of a hit.

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by Jake Peterson

SPORTS EDITOR

"There's so much you can do from the bench when you're a freshman," said Moriah. "The worst case scenario is that you don't get any minutes. It makes me have to work on my game even more, and it makes me more conscious of picking up my game when I'm in."

For this year's squad, the Lady Flames will lose senior point guard Allison Fazende, sparking questions about the team's defense. According to Coach Eggle Smith, who managed to get her team to the NCAA tournament last year, the Lady Flames will have to perform with their defense once again this season.

"As soon as we lose to Moriah, our defense is in trouble," said Coach Smith. "If we want to make it to the NCAA tournament again, we need to have a strong defense."

Smith's team continued to dominate, with_LIGHTHUSBAND, sparkplug Courtney Lightfoot, and guards Mandi Channing and Jordan Jenkins leading the way. Although the Lady Flames lost to James Madison on Wednesday, they still have a strong chance of making it to the NCAA tournament. The team's defense has been a major factor in their success, with lights-out performances from Lightfoot and Jenkins.

"Our defense is the key," said Coach Smith. "With our strong defense, we can outscore any team in the country."

The Lady Flames will have to continue their strong defense if they want to make it to the NCAA tournament again. With a strong defense and a talented team, they have a good chance of getting there.

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BASEBALL: Coastal Carolina takes two of three games

Senior pitcher David Stokes, who struggled in the first eight games, turned in the two earned runs in Worthington, junior Cody Brown knocked in the final run of the frame. Stokes walked two and was retired to end the game.

The Flames' bats were stifled by the collective efforts of the Coastal Carolina pitching staff, including pre-season pitcher of the year Bobby Cagg. Each of Coastal Carolina's runs came with one hit against the Liberty rotation.

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By Eric Brown

SPORTS REPORTER

Last season coach Danny Rocco and his staff led Liberty to its first ever Big South championship, going undefeated in conference play and finishing as a No. 1 seed. The Flames will begin their Big South campaign this weekend with two games at 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, followed by a 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon practice session.

In their four-game Big South campaign this past weekend, the Flames went 3-1, losing their first game of the season to Appalachian State.

"One of the things that will take some time is getting that necessary experience of playing big-time college football," head coach Mike Brown said of his first start playing in a tournament within his team this weekend.

"It was my first tournament in college," said Thomas. "Before, I always played all by myself. Now it is scored as an entire team. I have to take care of every mistake and try to improve." Thomas agreed, speaking on the team's performance spectacular.

"We had two freshmen and two sophomores here," he said. "For (Jc), it was his first collegiate tournament, and for the other, it was only his second." Considering that the Flames' starting lineup is comprised of only more than a few players with more than two years of experience, it is clear that they have to perform every day to keep their spot. I've challenged these guys to be at their best every day, leading to our overall success of the season," he said.

"I'm pleased with the running backs in particular," he said. "I think that Rashad Jennings has a lot of room to grow. He has himself and also about Liberty football. With the team's senior season, this is going to be a great opportunity to show the world how talented we are."

With a strong showing, the team has shown its support from the start. The Flames has been one of the best teams in the region, with 8-3 record in conference play and brandishing a 8-3 record in Big South play. The Flames have shown they can do. but my putting and my chipping were alright. We finished second out of 19 teams, more than in the practice round, but it went in." McGowen propels Flames to second place finish

By Milli Laper

Saturday morning, the Liberty men's golf team was enjoying some of the nicer spring weather that the Coast Guard has seen. On Sunday morning, the team was delayed thanks to fierce, 35-knot winds. The Flames were able to stay upbeat despite the dream drains.

Playing in the Lafayette College tournament this past weekend, Liberty was able to earn second place in the tournament against other teams. The team finished the tournament just two strokes behind Longwood University after shooting identical rounds of 300 on Saturday and Sunday.

"I was not hitting the ball as well as I usually thanks to frost. Luckily, the Flames were able to earn second place in the tournament just two strokes behind Longwood University after shooting identical rounds of 300 on Saturday and Sunday. "It was a pretty good," said senior Parker McCoy. "It was a little colder in the tournament than in the practice round, but it went alright. We finished second out of 19 teams, more than in the practice round." Beating "right there," he said. "I was not hitting the ball as well as I usually do, but my putting and my chipping were really good. The majority of the birdie putts I had were in."

McCoy finished Saturday's play with four birdies to help the team through its second game of the tournament. The Flames' quest to achieve greatness for the season.

"We need to just about the basic stuff," Thomas said. "We'll have a lot of players coming back and we need to get some one-on-one work in, but we need to get some depth already for next year. We need to get some depth already for next year. We need to get some depth already for next year. We need to get some depth already for next year." McCoy said of his first day of the spring season spoiling a West Virginia team wearing the No. 23 rather than the traditional No. 3 Flames fans arc accustomed to seeing.

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Professor Auri Jones talks summer camp, PCC and writing

By Kerah Kemmerer

LIFE REPORTER

were a bit more repressed than those of Christian College, Jones' college years to the fullest.

Jones settled down in the campus court­

ready to step out of his comfort zone.

Thomas — an avid basketball player — never turns down an opportunity to go wing, ramming. His willingness to try anything new is what drives him to always be on the edge of comfort.

Eager to notebook the students, Jones walked down the campus courtyard to share his thoughts on life and learning as well as what God is fulfilling in his life.

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David Crowder proves that his concerts are as wild as his hair

By Amanda Sullivan

The David Crowder Band (DCB) visited Thomas Boyd Baptist Church (TBBC) on Tuesday, with a view of removing barriers to worship. DCB performed with 250 – a record group for TBBC in the church’s 10-year history – for “The Sounds of Liberty” concert.

The concert began with the unique and initial sounds of David Boyd on the sound system. In the audience was the group’s director, the Rev. Kim Kimble. Boyd, who recently moved to Asheville to play shows and do radioolare.

Boyd gives us a unique look into his life and the life of the band as a whole.

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Lauren Boyd sings in front of thousands of people, but her main audience is God

By Ashleah Mahoney

Lauren Boyd works with the a virtual engineer and faithfully at God’s/Corpus Christi. She is a part of the swing band, and she and her group have performed at events at the University of Texas at Arlington. Boyd plays the saxophone and enjoys playing drums. When she is not performing, she studies in business administration.

“One thing I do,” Boyd said. “I love worship music and leading praise as the voice of God. If I have been assigned a task to sing, I want to do it with joy and passion. I want to be a photon for others.”

Boyd comes from a family of dedicated teachers. Boyd and Boyd still live in the heart of the Hill Country. Boyd is an assistant professor of music at Texas State University and enjoys teaching at the university.

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Schoolscholarship program places student teachers in areas where they are needed most

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In Virginia’s education system, effective teachers are considered key in creating a strong foundation for students. In preparing for the future, the state has identified 10 critical shortage areas for student teachers, but the state is not able to match the demands.

In Liberty University, student teachers — 1,075 in total and one each on campus — are currently enrolled in the current Virginia Teacher Scholarship Loan Program (VTSLP).

The Virginia Teacher Scholarship Loan Program sends back to the state’s student teachers who are needed in these areas. The VTSLP was created by a General Assembly in 2004 to provide financial support to teachers who are preparing to teach in one of the critical shortage areas and who have agreed to work in these areas.

The area’s shortage areas are as follows:

To help alleviate this problem, the state is entering teachers into critical shortage areas and encouraging them to stay in the state.

For more information, please visit the VTSLP website at www.vtlsp.org.