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Movie goes to Vegas

Professor's film premieres at festival
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8,000 cupcakes to celebrate

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Faith in action in the Senate

Liberty graduate brings conservative values to Colorado Senate

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A 1993 Liberty University graduate, Kevin Grantham, began imitating a hog time in November, Grantham rolls up his sleeves and works the same way — raising and selling hogs through the year's turnover.

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"Land of make believe"

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"Make My Day Law"

The Democratic controlled Senate shot down Grantham's bill aimed at extending the state's "Make My Day Law," which allows people to intentionally force to protect themselves at work.

"The 'Make My Day Law' named after Colorado popular Deputy Harry charac­

Grantham, gives citizens the benefit of the doubt when using deadly force to protect themselves at home. Grantham said, "The Democrats don't like the 'Make My Day Law.'"

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Exercise becoming extinct

Less than 2 percent workout enough

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University She said college students typically fall outside of the luxuries we have in the terms ot tech­ nology and lack of day-to-day activity Students are overlooking themselves and exercise is not a priority.

Stephanie DeCarre is a reporter who only makes it to the gym twice a week. Post­ secondary academic counseling, tutoring and being a peer leader she cannot find time.

"Mentally exercise helps people," Junior exercise science major Rohan Smith said.

Exercise can become a major thing in my life," Smith added.

STAYING ACTIVE — Deciding to get into shape is one that could change a one's life.

Through her exercise prescription course she is learning to work with individuals at different fitness levels. Smith sees the conse­ quences of not exercising.

"You can see it in everything," Smith said.

You know walking up stairs. You can tell about five times a week, she enjoys it for a vital part of her routine. Visiting the gym sometimes, but also in the class getting started is as simple as walking 10,000 steps a day. For freshman Alicia Kacinski, exercise is something that needs to be done most every day.

"You're going to have to sweat," Kilbourne said.

Getting active, and making the choice to be active, is active.

Kilbourne, who has picked up someone every day.

"I usually use the gym as a study break," Kilbourne said.

It is important to remember that you do not have to have facilities to exercise. It is about making the choice to be active.

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The 2012 Olympic outcry

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"If you have not seen the official logo of the 2012 Olympics, there are two behind the door in the post office, the little mini-bill has caused something of a stir up in the Middle East. The logo was a pretty simple affair and is nothing really worth of any kind of controversy. It is a jagged rendition of the numbers, "2," "0," "1 and "2." On the first "2" is the word "London," signifying the location of the Olympics. On the neighboring "0" is the traditional Olympics symbol, the interlocking circles.

But one of the neighbors of the symbol — the word "ion," signifying the location of the Olympics. On the neighboring "0" is the traditional Olympics symbol, the interlocking circles.

The logo has caused something of an uproar in the Middle East.

"There is no doubt that negligence of the issue from your side may affect the presence of some countries in the games," especially fear which arises because of commitment to the values and principles," Afsharzadeh said in the letter, according to a FoxNews.com article.

This letter is almost laughably serious and is certainly taking the interlocking circles.

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The London 2012 logo represents the figure 2012, nothing else. We are surprised that any complaint has been made into such a big deal. Is it a part of some grander scheme, perhaps, or just a country's leadership showing that it is tired of how events are going in the world and wanting to try and change something?

There is no real way to know, but it is blatantly obvious that the IOC is hearing none of it.

"Dear symbol of the 2012 Olympics, tear not. The IOC is your side.

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Losing a player to injury just a few weeks prior to a national tournament is a big deal, but it happens to most teams at some point in their history. But losing a player to an honor code violation is something that few schools have to face.

Brigham Young University (BYU), affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, was forced to suspend sophomore Brandon Davies, a key player on the basketball team, after he was suspended for the remainder of the season by the NCAA. This includes refraining from playing in any games or practices, and decisions about his future with the school and team are still undetermined.

BYU's honor code requires that students should "live a chaste and virtuous life," according to the Washington Post. This includes refraining from premarital sexual relations. Davies, who averaged 11.1 points per game, was suspended for the remainder of the season after he was suspended by the NCAA.

"Everybody who comes to BYU, no matter if they're an athlete or not, they make a commitment when they come," Rose said. "If it makes it too short or wrong, it's about commitment."

Colleges and universities with basketball teams play well enough to get into the big dance and garner a great deal of media attention from the event. BYU lost most likely not make it to the final four, but they gained plenty of media attention by upholding their principles. It would have been easier to score Davies and let another junior player who had been disciplined by the school and team is still undecided.

The 4-6-9 forward was instrumental in BYU's success the season. Davies' presence on the team was ranked No. 1 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and, according to FoxSports.com, was ranked No. 3 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and, according to FoxSports.com, was ranked No. 1 seed line for the West division in the latest bracketology.

The Cougars lost to unranked New Mexico in overtime, 63-61, but were eliminated from the tournament after they lost in the first round.

"I was told through two interviews and a sign up saying that we'll uphold the honor code," said a junior, who is president of basketball operations for the Dance Battles old Friends.

BYU made the correct ruling regarding Davies, honor code violation. Like Rose said, students who are an athlete or not, they make a commitment when they come.

"Not one professor has been terminated as part of the faculty teams they are reinforcing. And, as our dean of each school chose which professors to reassign faculty without negatively impacting any faculty members financially. One of the components of these positive changes is the "facultly teams" that are being reconfigured across the university.

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Upon graduating high school in 2000, Stephanie Gardner followed family tradition and joined the military. She signed up with the U.S. Marine Corps just in time to take action when the world changed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Gardner was two months into her Arabic course at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., when the 9/11 tragedy happened. Gardner and the other students were in formation that morning when the first plane hit, and none of their instructors showed up.

Gardner said it was "totally intense" because the teachers were all native to Iraq, Egypt or Lebanon.

"None of the teachers from our teaching group — showed up that day, and most of them, when they came back the next day, had reported being harassed in some way or another," she said. "By then everyone knew some Arabic terrorist group had done it."

Gardner deployed to Iraq in 2004 as part of the 2nd Radio Battalion, where she was the assistant team leader for a "Prophet Hammer" collection platform. Prophet Hammer is an intelligence-gathering system, and Gardner ran a shift of cryptologic linguists who translated both audio conversations and printed documents non-stop.

"I don't want to make it sound like I was constantly harassed because there were plenty of guys who worked well with me and accepted me, and we helped each other," she said. "But for every one of those there's another one waiting to point it out as a weakness and a reason you shouldn't be there."

Gardner said succeeding in the Marines was all about attitude.

"I would say that it takes a specific kind of female to join and be successful in the military, and most especially the Marines, but it's a mental effort more than a physical one," she said. "Anyone can learn to run three miles and do some sit-ups, but from the beginning the goal of the Marines is to break you down and build you into something better, and if you're not strong enough mentally to do that, that's where your trouble starts."

Gardner left the Marine Corps in 2005 to work with government contractors in Iraq. She worked as a team leader for MVM, a private security firm, and a site manager for L-3 Communications Titan Group. All together, Gardner stayed 14 months in Iraq after leaving the Marine Corps.

After finishing her contracting work, Gardner decided to return to school. Her Marine chaplain happened to be a graduate of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and directed her to Liberty University.

She started at Liberty in January 2008 and is studying music education with minors in linguistics and strategic intelligence.

"People always ask me what I'm going to do after graduation, and I give a different answer every time," she laughed.

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Stepson of C.S. Lewis speaks at convocation

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Clad in knee high boots and a large cross necklace, Douglas Gresham, stepson of British author C.S. Lewis, addressed students in Convocation Monday Feb. 28.

Gresham is the artistic director of the Narnia film series and recently wrote a personal biography of his stepfather, C.S. Lewis.

"It is amazingly thrilling for me to see it and I am extremely grateful to be part of documenting his history," Johnson said.

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Ending war one movie at a time

Invisible Children uses media to change the world

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Twenty five years ago, a war began in northern Uganda that has consequently robbed an entire generation of children and caused the lives of millions to be ruined by fear and violence. But it is time for the war to end.

The Liberty chapter of Invisible Children (IC) is working to end the war, which is taking place over 7,300 miles away through awareness and the power of the media.

At the group’s movie screenings, representatives (known as roadies) from IC are present to tell students about what is going on in Uganda and how they can get involved.

At the chapter’s latest screening, which took place at the Residential Commons, a group of 110 students gathered to hear the documentary, "Tony."

This film follows the story of Tony, a former night commuter in northern Uganda. Like thousands of other Ugandan children, Tony spent his childhood sleeping in abandoned buildings guarded by one or two guards outside of his village so that he would not be kidnapped and violently forced to join the Lord’s Resistance Army. In 2010, Tony was able to visit America as part of IC’s team and share his story with other students at Liberty University.

According to Carroll, though fun-raising is important, the organization needs more than money. "The thing they need most are supporters," Carroll said. "Throwing money at the problem isn’t going to cut it. Ultimately, it comes down to the dedication of the people raising awareness for it and talking about it."

IC’s upcoming 25-hour event, which will take place in April, will raise money for rehabilitation centers in Uganda. During the 25-hour event, which takes place in April, participants will take a vow of silence and raise money for the center by setting up their own personal page through the IC website. At the end of the 25-hour silent screening there will be a worship and prayer time, and donations go more than the opportunity to find out what they had seen and let them know the prayer needs of Uganda and IC. Movie attendees who signed two ratings quint covers donated by Edwards’ mother. One of these will be given to Tony and the other to the Henn family.

"We want both bodies to know that while you may have never heard of Liberty University, we are praying for you and thinking of you. We’re there for them," Carroll said.

For more information about Invisible Children, check out www.invisiblechildren.com.

To find out how to get involved with the Liberty chapter of Invisible Children, visit their Twitter account @ICLiberty, Facebook page (Invisible Children: Liberty University) or e-mail them at invisiblechildren@gmail.com.

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Sports

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 Lady Flames clinch No. 1 seed on senior night

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Senior night for Dyndom Morgan, Rachel McLeod and Kittery Maine ended with an exclamation point to usher out the trio's careers. The Lady Flames topped UNC Asheville 72-58 in the second to last home game of the season.

The Lady Flames played an explosive game, rowdy crowd, filled with posters and vuvuzela-blowing fans, the Lady Flames played an explosive game, ultimately finishing the game with a team-high 27 points. Head coach team and played better on the road this year.

After settling down, the Lady Flames answered with a 13-2 run, eventually taking a three-point lead late in the first half. Although the Lady Flames played consistent defense, holding the Bulldogs to 34 percent shooting from the field, turnovers plagued them on offense. The Lady Flames committed nine turnovers in the first half which helped the Bulldogs to close the double-digit lead to eight by halftime.

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Towards the end of the game, Devan Brown began to stretch Liberty's slim lead. Brown scored 13 consecutive points, ultimately finishing the game with a team-high 27 points. Head coach team and played better on the road this year.

Defensive Game — Junior captain Chloe McMackin intensity defended the Lady Flames goal in the first two home games of the season.
After a rough start to the season, the Liberty Flames baseball team managed to improve its hitting and work against the time constraints of two seven-inning games to win two of its three first home games against Binghamton this past weekend at Worthington Stadium.

“We had a pretty tough two weekends before this, so we had to work really hard at practice to make sure we didn’t have the same mishaps as we did before,” junior shortstop Matthew Williams said.

Senior pitcher Keegan Linza said he feels that the team’s slower start impacts the rest of the season.

“But every game is important, but especially now that we have started out slower than we expected,” Linza said.

Although the team managed to get nine runs in its last game of the series against North Florida, the rest of the games this season have brought in very few runs for the Flames. However, the games against Binghamton were different. The Flames scored 12 runs in their win on Friday night and nine runs in their Saturday win. Even the game that they lost was a high-scoring one.

“Our bats have really come alive this weekend,” Linza said. “We’re starting to score more runs than we have in the first two weekends, so that’s a positive sign. Also, it’s nice to be home and have the fan support.”

The Flames had their struggles during the series with a loss in the first game on Saturday but the explosion of the bats encouraged the team.

“We hit the ball pretty well,” Williams said. “A couple of mishaps right in the middle of the game caused the loss, but the second game we came out and swung the bats like we know we can.”

Coming into the series, the Flames knew that Binghamton could hit fairly well, and they saw that proven during Saturday’s loss, according to senior second baseman Austin Taylor.

“We gave up two really big hits to them,” Williams said. “One ball down the baseline brought in three runs, and they ended up hitting a grand slam...just two big hits for them were the only difference.”

Taylor said that they were all disappointed with the loss on Saturday, but felt like they were able to gather themselves together and come back for a high-scoring win in the second game of the doubleheader.

According to Linza, Williams and Taylor, working with only seven innings in both games on Saturday forced the team to take a strong lead early on.

“Obviously the seven inning games go by a lot faster,” Taylor said. “We know off the bat that we don’t have to take advantage of every opportunity because we wouldn’t have a chance late in the game to come back up to lost ground.”

According to Linza, they were able to do that in the second game with the team scoring seven runs on six hits in the fourth inning and an overall total of nine runs. Taylor put on a very solid performance, hitting his first home run of the season and scoring four more of the Flames total.

The Flames next game will be at home against the College of William and Mary on March 8 at 3 p.m.
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Wiley also contributed with 24 points and 10 rebounds; this was her third double-double this season. "I was able to finish a lot of shots, just taking advantage of the missed shots from others and putting them back in," Wiley said. Liberty boosted their record to 19-9 (13-2 KSC) with the win against UNC Asheville. "We came in as the No. 1 seed in the Big South Tournament," Green said. "One of our goals for the season was to win the regular season and go into the tournament seeded as number one," Green said. "We feel that there is an advantage to that."

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Women's tennis opens season on new courts

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The Lady Flames tennis team opened East Carolina on the Hampton Roads Tennis Court March 1 at 7 pm. In their first home match of the season, the Lady Flames tied with the Lady Pirates in singles points, 3-3. The Lady Pirates secured the doubles points, defeating Liberty overall, 4-3. Tuesday was the tennis match of the season, bringing in the conference.

"I was very proud of our girls as they played very hard," head coach Christopher Johnson said. "I give a lot of credit to East Carolina for their great effort.

"We have a very young team, and they are getting better every week."

I look forward to watching their progress as we move toward tournament time."

The match started off with the doubles games. Senior Jordan Jenkins and freshman Cameron Richard, playing at the No. 1 doubles position, had the only doubles win for Liberty. The duo defeated East Carolina's Josie Warden and Sydney Welfert, 8-1. In doubles, Jordan and Janelle played well in our doubles match and it was encouraging to get a win especially on our home court," Richard said.

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Playing at No. 3, doubles, freshman Herash Pick and freshman Rebecka Jenkins lost a close 8-6 game that was the deciding game for the doubles point.

"We got a good start in doubles, and our first career win," Janelle said.

"Being down one point, the Lady Flames turned to the singles games, hoping to take the No. 3 and No. 4 singles were won, straight set victories for East Carolina. Caroline Nadler,打了defeated Richard 2-1 and No. 3 singles and Natasha lost to Cardinal Welfert at No. 4 singles.

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Striving for victory was just inches away for Jordan Jenkins named the Women's Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet as a whole came in the distance events. Fore Liberty scored round in three key events, the mile, 3k, and triple jump."

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The Lady Flames were victorious at the things that are important," Tolsma said. "Dr. Falwell called that training of champions.

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This month will feature the Theatre Arts Department's third play of the semester, "Enchanted April." The play follows the lives of two London housewives who rent a villa in Italy along with two English women in the hopes of briefly escaping from their bleak marriages. Tickets can be purchased at the Vines Center box office, online or by calling 434-582-7012. For more information, visit the Theatre Arts Department's website, which can be found through the Splash page.

March 8
Enchanted April

The event will be directed by Dr. Stephen Kerr and will be held in the Towns Alumni Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Department of Music and Humanities at 434-582-2381 or musicandhumanities@liberty.edu.

March 10
Red Carpet Movie Premiere — The Potential Inside

Tower Theater will be hosting the premiere of the feature film "The Potential Inside" at 7 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to meet the actors, receive autographs and chat with cast and crew members. The film, which takes viewers into the world of Elite Bicycle Racing, was produced by Liberty alumnus Scotty Curlee. Tickets can be purchased until the day of the event (bring your student ID). For more information, e-mail the Commuter Affairs Office at commuter@liberty.edu. The event is $5 per couple, $12.50 for one person, and $15 for groups of three. For more information, visit thecpce website which can be found through the Splash page.

March 11
The National Hispanic Pastor's Summit

Liberty University will be hosting this year's National Hispanic Pastor's Summit at the Snowflex Lodge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rev. Sam Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), will be speaking. The event is free and the deadline to register is March 13. To register for the event visit luonline.com or call 866-504-7540. For more information, e-mail estudia@liberty.edu.

March 23
Wind Ensemble

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March 24
Sign-up for Married Students Dinner

The Office of Campus Affairs will hold a dinner for married commuter students from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall. The event is $5 per couple, with limited seating. Visit the Commuter Affairs Office, located on the second floor of the Schilling Annex, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To sign up for the event bring your student ID. For more information, e-mail the Commuter Affairs Office at commuter@liberty.edu.

March 25
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April 1
The Out and About Tour — Downhere with special guest Rush of Fools

Student Activities will be hosting a concert featuring Downhere and special guest Rush of Fools on Friday, April 1 in the Vines Center beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are now available at ITickets.com. For more information, visit the Splash page.

April 2
A Writer's Life

The Center for Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE) will be presenting this year's writer's panel in DH 1090 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The panel will include Dr. Harold Willmington, Dr. Ed Hindson, Professor Linda Neil Cooper and others. The cost is $15 for adults and $10 for college students and under. For more information, visit the CPCE website which can be found through the Splash page.

April 4
The Awakening — Raising Our Voices

The Freedom Federation will be sponsoring the second annual Awakening Conference. The conference will be held at Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC) and the Liberty University School of Law. The event will kick off Friday at 10 a.m. Speakers will include Hon. Ken Cuccinelli and Hon. Mark Kirk. Although the event is free, tickets are required and can be found at tickets.com. For more information or to register visit theawakening2011.com or call 877-816-1776.
GIVING GOD CONTROL — Xtreme Impact youth missions offers missions opportunities in the Bahamas, Brazil, Uganda, Thailand and many other countries. The organization is looking for college students to serve as small group leaders on upcoming summer missions trips. Group members work with children (left) as well as adults of all ages and backgrounds. In Italy, group members perform a skit explaining the Gospel (above).

Changing the world one high schooler at a time

SASHA BRAITHWAITE

Xtreme Impact (XI) works to combine youth ministry and missions. This ministry is fully devoted to sending high school students from all over the country into other parts of the world on mission trips where they are able to impact lives regardless of their age.

XI is looking for two to four Liberty University students to serve as small group leaders on some of their mission trips taking place this summer July 9-30. Separate groups will be heading to the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Brazil, Uganda, India and Thailand to do various types of ministry such as children’s ministry, teaching English, sports, prayer, preaching to locals, evangelism, drama, songs and a Bible club which is like a miniature vacation Bible school.

As a small group leader, it is the responsibility of the participant to attend regular meetings and keep contact with a small group of high school students who will be joining them on the mission trip. They prepare and disciple the group for ministry in that country.

Sophomore Jordan Swineford will be serving as a small group leader on the XI trip to Italy this summer. During her senior year of high school, she came to Liberty for College For A Weekend where she first heard about XI. Swineford decided to become a small group leader on a trip because of her interest in small groups, leading and investing in others.

“I don’t think anyone would ever look back on their time as a small group leader and say I really wish I wouldn’t have invested into those people so much,” Swineford said. “Overall, I think it is such an awesome way to serve others by being a small group leader, and you learn so much about yourself as an individual.”

This will be Swineford’s first time as a leader on an XI mission trip. Liberty alumna Liz Lundberg served as a small group leader on a trip to Jamaica two summers ago. She said that she would tell future XI small group leaders to relax, be flexible and be sure to pray a lot because it is easy to get caught up in the responsibility of being a leader and lose sight of the purpose of the trip.

“The positions to be a small group leader are on a first come, first serve basis. Leaders are especially needed for the Uganda and Bahamas trips. If interested, visit xtremeimpact.com/ for more information.

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Enchanted April

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Thunder crackles and booms throughout the first act of “Enchanted April,” as two London women search for meaning and happiness within their marriages and themselves. It started with a simple dream — a holiday far away from rainy post-World War I England. Housewives Lotty Wilson and Rose Arnott trudge through their daily lives, struggling with boredom and distant husbands. All is well and normal until Lotty decides to purchase a manor in the Italian countryside for the month of April. Ruth is convinced the plan will only lead to disaster, knowing all too well the power of the sun to temper one’s mood. It is why the play was set in the years following World War I, which can be found through the Splash page, online or by calling 434-582-SEAT (7328). For more information, visit the Theatre Arts department’s website www.liberty.edu/department/theatre.

Director Neal Brasher said that the play’s set was inspired by the sun and by the light and bright, like the sun is shining, as opposed to the empty stage. “The empty stage is supposed to be symbolic of what’s going on in the lives of the two women. They are feeling sort of abandoned, unwanted, and maybe even not expressed by the circumstances in their lives.”

Brasher said that the play, written as a novel in 1922 by Elizabeth von Arnim, focuses on hope and redemption, which is why the play is set in the ruins following World War I. A running joke throughout the first act implies that the two young housewives look like widows, most likely calling attention to their grim circumstances. The joke also points out the hardships from World War I and the following Spanish influenza epidemic, which killed millions and left millions more widowed or orphaned.

“When we reach the second act, you notice the stage is lighter and brighter, like the sun shining, as opposed to the gloominess of the first act,” Brasher said. The story progresses as the four very different women spend their holidays developing new relationships and re-purposing old ones.

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RMA winner promotes Buy Local campaign

Broadcast major wins graphics contest

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Jennifer Mellinger won a prize just for doing homework. Mellinger, who thought nothing of submitting a poster she designed to a contest held by Lynchburg’s Retail Merchants Association (RMA), was surprised when she was told over winter break that she had not only won but would receive a prize of $500. Mellinger had never even pictured herself pursuing a career in graphic design.

“At first I was shocked,” she said. Mellinger said. “I wasn’t sure if it was going to happen, but it did.” Mellinger is looking to make graphic design her career. “I want to do it for a career,” Mellinger said. While this accomplishment has been exciting, Mellinger is not looking to make graphic design her career. “I like doing it, but I don’t know if I want to do it for a career,” Mellinger said.

According to Mellinger, she believes the skill will come in handy as she searches for a job.

“We are helping hand in your community. Be a helping hand in your community. Local business. Shop local.”

Helping Hands — Sophomore Jennifer Mellinger won a $500 scholarship for entering her desktop publishing homework assignment into a local poster contest.

Along with the design of the poster, Mellinger needed to submit a Buy Local campaign. “One of the rules was that we had to find three facts about the topic we picked,” Mellinger said. Mellinger decided to research baby buying.

“I was a shock. It was quite a shock,” Mellinger said. “I wasn’t sure if it was going to happen, but it did.” Mellinger is looking to make graphic design her career. “I want to do it for a career,” Mellinger said.

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