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Health master's offered

New program equips students to impact

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The aim for Liberty University's new master's program in public health is to train students to impact the world through their future careers, according to Richard Lane, the program's director of the new public health program.

Lane said the new degree prepares students for work in preventing disease, not just treating it.

"We saw... how we could utilize this degree to reach out to nations in need and use it as a platform to spread the Gospel," Lane said.

The new program began with 22 students taking an online environment course in fall 2011, according to Lane, but it has grown to 400 online students and 33 resident. Students are taught by 27 resident faculty as well as several residential professors.

Lane also said that he looks forward to graduating the first class of the year 2013. Those future students will receive their master's degree in public health from Liberty. According to Lane, he is excited to see what impact the program will have.

"We're embracing public health, and we're going full force on it," Lane said. "We're doing it so others can understand Liberty. That's the whole reason we're doing it."

In order to graduate, each student must complete a practicum, an internship, and public health students meet this requirement through various means across the world.

"It basically puts everything they have learned into practice," Lane said.

According to him, nine students are currently completing in Virginia as well as in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and even Maine.

Lane has done a variety of public health work that he hopes to implement into the program. He recently took a trip to Trinidad, where he corresponded with physicians from Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana and Haiti.

Lane is also developing a program in Guyana and may send students to the country to combat problems of malnutrition in the nation.

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Clips from the Histo-

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in the armed services, were also honored during the celebration. Friends and family members of Missouri Air National Guard personnel were invited to attend the celebration.

"It's the most exciting time of the year," Lane said. "It's a very special day for everyone."
Judah Smith ignites passion among crowd

Students filled the Vines Center Wednesday, March 20, to hear the “Jesus is...” author preach on self-worth

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“Be who you really are.” These five words rang through the Liberty University Vines Great Wednesday, March 20, as Pastor Judah Smith addressed a full crowd about what it seems to have meant and to experience life as a gift.

Smith, the lead pastor of The City Church in Seattle, Wash., described a conversation he had with his son, who told him that he was ready to fulfill his duties as a Smith.

“You aren’t born by birth — you just became a Smith,” he said in response to James. “It was a gift... accept it, enjoy it, but please do you offend me by trying to hurt the name. Be who you really are.”

Smith’s newest book, “Jesus Is...,” finds a new way to be a Christian, thanks to a shout-out from Justin Bieber, who Smith has known personally for about three years, according to Christian Post.

“So proud of my pastor,” Bieber wrote on Instagram, including a picture of Bieber’s book. “Judah is the best speaker of our generation. Read this book — you won’t regret it.”

In his new book, Smith considers the idea of defining what Jesus is.

“Jesus is grace and truth,” Smith said in an interview with the Christian Post. “Grace is always first in the biblical order, and obviously I’m one of those guys that believe that even the order of the wording in Scripture is completely inspired and divine. I think Jesus is grace, truth and love. Obviously, there’s so much in them to unpack, but grace is always first.”

During the Convocation service, Smith joked with the crowd, saying that he needed prayer, because he was one of only five Christians living in Seattle.

“The way I see it, Seattle is a very black-and-white culture, so why not be a missionary in your own backyard? It’s a place that is in need, too,” Smith said. “Being a missionary doesn’t mean you need a band or a puppet backing you up — just be who God’s called you to be and do what he’s gifted you to do.”

Smith also said that the purpose of his new book is to spread the name of Jesus to those who do not know him.

“As a community in Seattle, we want to make Jesus a big deal,” Smith said. “(The Jesus Is... theme listed on Luke 15) started out as a 30-day series at church, and then it evolved into billboards, bumper stickers and magnets. We started to see people’s lives change, and we put it in the local paper so that people knew what was happening in our community.”

According to Smith, human beings cannot find their worth in the world they live in, but in the image they were created in. “God loves you,” Smith said. “He doesn’t need you, but he wants you and he loves you, not the only thing that improves God is you and that’s who it’s impossible to please God without faith. All of us who trust Jesus are planning to God.”

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DATE: Sunday, April 14, 2013
LOCATION: St. John’s Episcopal Church off Rivermont Ave
REGISTRATION: 1:00 p.m. | Walk starts at 2:00 p.m.
The Walk will go from the church down Bedford to the end and back up Rivermont and then by Randolph light.
There will be rocking chairs provided for people to Rock the Walk who cannot walk.

To sign up online or join our team, visit the link below! www.crophungersonline.org/lynchburgva Sodexo at Liberty
March madness is a slam dunk

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I am a man of tradition. Every year around March, my daily routine is always the same. To some, the terms Selection Sunday and The Big Dance are synonymous. But to me, in all of March, none mean more than March Madness, which makes sense. To those confused to the rhythm of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

For sports fans, it is hard to find a sport more intriguing and rewarding than the 68-team, single elimination format that collegiate basketball's playoff system offers. We love the fact that you cannot have an "off" game. For your team to win the game, you do not have to have any stipulated requirements, no matter how minute or major. As long as you make it past the first round of this year, that does not stop the "Texas flooded" and "March Madness" about one that when we inquiring about what March Madness is the best playoff system in American sports. There's "One Winning Moment," the only year emotionally charged moment at the end of every tournament. There is the setting of the nets, the postgame handshake and the filling out of the brackets. Yes, those stirring, dream-bridging brackets. Every year, like we fill them out with the highest of expectations, only to cram them up just a little, making the tournament has begun. So, there are more than nine million - that is a nine with 18 behind it, for those with a curious - possibilities for a breakout to turn, but that does not stop us from dreaming. A little early about our prognostication process.

March Madness has its ups and downs like other playoff systems. Major League Baseball has the familiar home-field advantage rivalry. And so does the NCAA hoops. Top seeds like Duke, UCLA, Kansas State, and Missouri can come to a close with your brackets drawn, you better, do not get discouraged if your team loses or your bracket goes destroyed. Next year, another March is right around the corner and almost surely back in the system, as many more games have you predicted correctly.

Thus, lords and gentlemen, is true.

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Does electing a new pope give us hope?

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The world was shocked to learn that Pope Benedict XVI publicly announced his resignation last Wednesday, the first pope to retire in nearly 600 years, and the first to do so in his own lifetime since 1522.

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**Knives on planes, how times have changed**

David Van Dyk

What immediately comes to mind when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is mentioned? Hostile, conflict in the security lines, and a rol of the eyes at the strict policies are some characteristics associated with it. Perhaps, one might even think of the airport security system. TSA has become quite the household name, and not in a good way.

In a move to conform to the International Civil Aviation Organization's laws, Director of TSA John Pistole allowed knives to accompany passengers on the airplane. Needless to say, it has been met with harsh criticisms.

In a recent news conference held outside the Capitol, George Taylor, president for the federal air marshals service within the Federal Law Enforcement Office of the State, spoke out against the new rule. Speaking at a time when terrorists could get past the reinforced cockpit door with tools similar to those carried, he said:

"It's just absolutely naive," Taylor said to members of the House of Representatives. "I don't put my faith in it being enforced. If it could be made by man, it can be broken by man." Taylor is not the only one voicing his concern. Flight attendants have been freaked concerning the TSA's bold, yet dangerous, move. Along with Taylor and Bag.

Ed Markey, advocate for several flight attendant unions gathered at the news conference to denounce Pistoles's decision.

Pistole has been complicit as well. Liberty University alumni and airplane pilot Josh Studdard was critical of the alterations to the list of banned items.

"Since Sep. 2001, TSA has started banning all kinds of things like this, so it raises the question, Why do we really need that?" airplane pilot and Liberty University alumni Josh Studdard said. "We've been fine without it for 12 years, so why do they need to start bringing stuff like that back?"

Studdard flies on Embraer 145, a jet in the world's largest regional airliner. Engineered. Seating 20 people, only one flight attendant is needed for the cabin. Studdard expressed his understanding of the flight attendant's disappointment.

"She saw a definite safety threat. I sided with her opinion — it's simple," Studdard said. "Why do they need to have that?"

Granted, TSA has put regulations on the dimensions of the knives allowed. The official proportions measure 2.3 inches long and half an inch in width. In our opinion, it is an attempt to move on. It is an effort to bring back the leisure that we enjoyed before the Twin Towers fell. We see a nation that is slowly getting back on its feet and feeling less paranoid when they hear a plane flying overhead.

**Allowed:**
- Golf Clubs
- Hockey Skates
- Knives with non-molded grips or locking mechanisms.

**Not Allowed:**
- Box Cutters
- Razor Blades

I can only imagine the time it takes for TSA reviewing officials to whip out their rulers, only matching glasses in hand and measure if the blade fits within the 2.36-inch parameter. For those with 2.3-inch blades — sorry, nothing personal. It just does not quite make the cut.

Studdard also pointed out that other belongings TSA once banned — such as pool cues, golf clubs, hockey sticks and other sporting equipment — are now being given the green light.

Once a level of standard is lowered, people inevitably wonder how far it will go. Quentin Forrest, a writer for Mar-

ner these recent changes are the only ones that will be made in the next five years. Forrest believes a discussion about what liquids should be allowed on planes is on the horizon.

While passengers can once again carry small blades on flights, bringing aboard more than 3 cans of liquid is still a no.

"Experts say that for you to soon change," Forrest said. "So what's next?"

The TSA rewrites the rules of behavior. When we think of the TSA's moves, things like this happen. The TSA may even consider the banning of all knives. The TSA is responsible for the nation's air travel.

Knives will have a longer time bringing down an aircraft, whether a regional jet or a Boeing 747. However, they could certainly aid in the process. Box cutters and razor blades were used by terrorists to gain entry into the cockpit during the 9/11 attacks.

Some see it as a step in the right direction. Allowing these small knives to be carried on airplanes is a blessing, especially for frequent fliers. Though the threats still have to come off, the pocketknife can pass through the line.

For others, it is a foolish move that not only can put the flight attendant at risk, but can bring back haunting memories of times past.

Whether it is reckless or rational, the move is an illustration that this is a nation trying to move on. From the letters we received, they are ready to move forward.

**Van Dyk in a news reporter.**
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LUO adds certificate programs

New courses can be taken in areas of interest or to add specialized skills to a completed degree

By Cecilia Hines

Liberty University Online began classes for its new certificate programs Marthia, March 4.

These programs offer undergraduate certificates ranging from business to criminal justice as well as graduate certificates in various subjects from applied communication studies to executive leadership, according to the Liberty University Online website.

Executive Director of Admissions for Liberty University Online Steve Persson said that the certificate programs were just launched this spring and that there has been a great response so far. More than 100 people have enrolled in the 30 programs that went live for the spring, as well as in the five that are going live for the summer and fall.

According to Persson, the certificate programs are open to everyone regardless of college degree, as long as they have a high school graduate or have a general education diploma. The programs also allow students to transfer in their credit to finish a full-degree program if they desire.

"For a few years, the university has looked into developing certificate programs that would serve students that may not want to pursue a full degree, or maybe they've already earned a degree and are looking to add on an area of specialization that would help further their current employment," Persson said.

The certificate programs are degree that students may already have or give an edge to those already in the workforce, according to Persson. People are drawn to these programs because 15 hours is much more manageable and convenient for a quicker completion than a traditional degree.

"For instance, if someone had an undergraduate degree but was now in a position of leadership or management in their company, they may want to go back to school and not attempt a whole degree related to management, but take our graduate certificate courses that total 9 hours," Persson said. "The certificates try to fill the gap for students trying to gain employment or add on to a degree."

In some cases, a specific certificate can help someone get a job, even if they do not have a full degree.

"Thinking about what we do here at Liberty, if someone came to us and had specific training through a certificate program, we would consider hiring them, even though they do not have a full degree," Persson said.

Persson also said that the most popular programs so far include biblical studies and theology, but leadership and accounting have also seen some larger enrollment numbers.

"Liberty is very intentional with the degrees they offer. We want to make sure we are equip-ping students to go out and get the position that they want, and the jobs that they are seeking," Persson said. "We rely on a few outside agencies to help guide us in that process. One is the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, they publish findings of what they think will be areas of high employment in the years to come. We keep an eye on that, reporting to make sure our new programs match up with what the marketplace is hearing for."

Last year, Liberty Online had more than 57,000 students enrolled, and administration fully expect that these certificate programs will help that number grow.

"The great thing about online enrollment is the expansion of the mission of Liberty. We want to train men and women with the values, knowledge and skills to impact their world," Persson said. "This program has helped to reach so many people and help spread out our mission."

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Renowned broadcaster visits

James Brown, host of THE NFL Today on CBS, spoke in Convocation Monday, March 25

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Three-time Emmy winner and renowned sports broadcaster James Brown addressed students about the keys to success in the corporate world during Convocation service Monday, March 25.

Brown stressed that mastering the fundamentals of life was a lesson that made him the man he is.

A former basketball standout at Harvard University, Brown went from falling short of his childhood dream of playing professional basketball to working at the printing company Xerox before becoming the sports broadcaster that the country has come to know and love.

During his time at Xerox, a company executive gave a speech that Brown said had a huge impact on his outlook. The speech, entitled "The Objective and Subjective Criteria for Success in Corporate America," inspired Brown to create his own list of fundamentals, each of which he put his own spin on.

"I said fundamentals are a scriptural foundation he used to prove to his students that their understandings of ultimate success in life didn't necessarily align with his own spin on it," Brown said.

Brown's list of fundamentals ranged from dressing like a professional to being on time, a characteristic Brown really emphasized he still struggles with.

Between topics, Brown made sure to include comedic stories from his career, from showing up to an interview with a plaid blue suit and velvet boas to his first encounter with his former co-host and cultural opposite Jerry Bruckheimer.

For students reaching the end of their academic careers, Brown's speech was particularly encouraging and inspiring.

"I grew up watching him on television, both with FOX and CBS, so it was a real thrill to get to hear him in person, Liberty senior Kyle Harvey said. "I think he succeeded today in doing what he said he does with outstanding — that is, suggesting the education go.""
M. Lacrosse
Liberty 23
Davidson 4

Baseball
High Point 9
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Golf
Liberty finished 1st at 11th of 14th

W. Tennis
Liberty 4
Gardner Webb 3

M. Volleyball
Florida 2
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Flames fall in ‘First 4’
Liberty loses to N.C. A&T, 73-72

Coach Wetmore: everyone contributed in three-game series

Softball sweep

Track at top of the heap

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W. Tennis vs. Radford
March 27 @ 2 p.m.

M. Lacrosse vs. Tennessee Wesleyan
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M. Tennis vs. Presbyterian
March 28 @ 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Longwood
March 29 @ 6 p.m.

W. Lacrosse vs. Davidson
March 30 @ 3 p.m.
Men's and women's tennis take tumble

The Flames winning streak ends at six as the Lady Flames suffer a defeat against No. 72 East Carolina

Steven Sullivan

Sports Writer

Liberty University men's tennis team played three matches over spring break. The first match was against the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Spencer, 7-1, and the Flames dropped in straight sets to the Spartans.

Liberty's double pairing of Sam Thompson and Espy Samual defeated BYU's pairing of Zezha ZBullet and Hamz Chusho. The duo of Sam Torres and Sam Vanhauen were the second doubles match for the Flames, defeating the Spartans 6-2, 6-2.

After winning two points from the double match, the Flames dropped in straight sets to the majority of single pairings, 7-1.

The second match for Liberty's men's tennis team was against No. 66 Missouri State University, 5-2. The Flames lost in doubles, 6-2, 6-2. Madison Naiman and Joe Truchek defeated Thomas and Samual, 6-3. Ford Thomas and Borus Stajich won their first doubles title in seven matches. Liberty also lost 6-2 in men's singles competition. Jonathan Sarno suffered his first defeat this season when he lost 6-3, 6-4 to Sean Rokid, 6-3, 6-4.

Liberty lost in third match, 4-3, against Hawaii. The loss was its second in a row. The Flames dropped in the doubles competition, 1-3. Hawaii's Jonathan Brookfield and James Smiley teamed up to make it 8-7, 6-2.

"We had a great spring break in Hawaii," Head Coach Christopher Johnson said. "We fought hard in all three matches. While we have several players with many singles wins, we need to get our doubles点击 to perform better.

After losing two of its three matches in Hawaii, the Flames dropped in a series in their home return. Two of those were against the South conference for Win- dups and Gardner-Webb.

"The game against the Lady Flames was out the Western Kentucky Hillocks," Gardner-Webb's competition. Windups won every doubles and singles matches against the Hillocks to extend its winning streak.

"Winning four matches in a row has certainly improved our confidence," Head Coach Jeff Maren said after the victory. "Our goal has always been to peak in April for the conference tournament, and I believe that our recent wins have made us another step closer in achieving our Lady Flames' next match against No. 72 East Carolina University, where they fell, 4-3. While they won in doubles competition 6-0, Liberty lost the singles portion, 4-2.

With the loss against East Carolina, the Lady Flames fell to 6-4 on the year. After the team lost a close match against the Pirates, they are still confident in their ability to play against the top teams.

"That was great to see because it means that they're beginning to believe that they are good enough to compete with and beat the top teams," Maren said.

The remainder of the weekend is crucial in determining Liberty's ranking in the Big South Tournament. The Lady Flames next match is a home game against Rad- ford, March 27.

SELCUTAN is a sports reporter.

ON HIS GAME — Junior Shea Thomas has posted a 1-1 record in singles competition this season.

"When you come to , these, as a media person or as a fan, you don't know what these guys' hearts are like." — LAYER

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and go on to B1, fast you're sort of in scramble mode on defense."

Only averaging 37 rebounds a game, Purdue held the Lady Flames to zero second-chance points and under 40 rebounds.

Center Jasmine Gardner, who averaged 7.6 rebounds during the season, was missed in the Lady Flames front-court due to injury.

"They came out physical," Omorosa said. "They put most of the bodies inside. We came out, and we're only one deep, so there was a lot on us.

After going scoreless for nearly three minutes, the Lady Flames pulled ahead to 16-10 on guard Reagan Miller's three point shot with 15:00 minutes left in the first half.

This would be their only lead of the game. Miller's three was one of two made for the entire game as the Lady Flames shot 2-11 from the 3pt. Low turnovers made its field goals and that 18 percent in the first half 18-32.

Brown and Omorosa were unable to find their stride and scored only 20 points combined by halftime.

"This is what it's all about, getting it under way, and we didn't," Omorosa said. "We felt like on the defensive end, we needed to stop them and really take away the points, especially the rebounding.

"I thought we played as well as they could and we didn't play as well as we could have, so we lost to a very good Purdue team," Green said. "They played up to their potential."
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Although she finished only 2.9 seconds behind first place, Liberty’s Tess Reinhardt finished 6th with a time of 44.74 and placed above only four other competitors. Reinhardt’s finishing time was 1.5 second off her season-best time. She was the lone female swimmer invited to the NCAA Women’s Swimming & Diving Championships. Reinhardt became the second Female Tigers gymnast in as many seasons to make the annual championship with her teammate Brye Rainey being the first.

**Season review**

The Liberty Flames women’s swimming team had a successful season, but it was finally over as a team. They finished 9th in the confidence with an overall record of 1-2. They are ranked 18th by Ken G. Prime’s pool radar, and they just completed swimming and finished second in the CCSA season and Diving Championships this season for the second consecutive time.

During the tournament in Athens, Ga., Emily Kaufman, Emily Duff, Hannah Waddell and Rebecca Bubier made the pre- 

**According to the Liberty Flames website, the Lady Flames have finished their regular season and will advance to the national championships in the pool, better June 25.**

**Sweep continued**

Lady Flames secured a victory for the Flames with a distance of 2:39.2, while his brother Gaston Johnson claimed the win in triple jump with a distance of 47.10.

On the track, Roderick Speno, coach Washington, Taylor Williams and Leon 

**T.E.A.M.B.U.M.**

Liberty won the race in second place, crossing the finish line at 3:15:18.

In addition to their relay win, Spedu and Washington each squared individual first place finishes. Spedu won the 1500-meter run in 15:19.02 to secure the victory. Washington finished the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.85 seconds for a new personal record.

On the women’s side, the Lady Flames also finished on the team, wrapping up competition with a 4-2 record on the day and a 2-1 meet. The Flames women beat their competitors by an average of about 48 points.

To be able to come out on top in that situation, you’ve got to compete as a team, and I’m pleased with the way (they) competed,” Duke said. “They kind of rallied to the end. We didn’t think we were going to win the race, but we ended up doing it.”

lications that allow them to perform in three different ways. Fast distance runners will compete in the San Francisco marathon, middle distance runners will represent Liberty at the Terriers Relay and Raleighs Relay, and Brown in a sports reporter.

**FOOTY, TYRE AND WILLIAMS are sports reporters.**

**CUP continued**

Liberty’s Swimmers have finished 46th among the nations best at the national swim and diving championships.

Sophomore Jerny Nicholas became the third different Lady Flame to claim an individual win in an NCAA Championships women’s swimming and diving championship.

Shelby Bicker added an individual victory for the Flames on the plate, with the Flames earning a 6-5 victory.

On the track, freshman Brittany Weisley won two events. Weisley crossed the finish line first in both the 110-meter hurdles (14.84) and 400-meter hurdles (1:06.30).

Senior Reece York also added a victory in a double with the Liberty sweepers. York placed first in both the 1500-meter run (4:32.04) and the 800-meter run (2:08.40).
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PRSSA’s ‘Catchy Communications’

Lynchburg Hillcats employee Erik Wilson shared his public relations experiences with Liberty students Thursday.

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Communication students were invited to attend a workshop Thursday, March 21 that was hosted by Liberty University’s Public Relations Society of America PRSSA. During the event, Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations at Lynchburg Hillcats Minor League Baseball Club Erik Wilson spoke to students about his duties as well as about how important it is to begin networking as an freshman.

“limitingprominent speakers to our PRSSA events allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the communications field,” Kristen Gorsuch, the president of Liberty’s chapter of PRSSA, said.

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“design simple because the simplest design can be the best design.

“The first thing was weeding out all the first things that come to mind, because everything that hit me right at first was stuff I’ve seen, like flashing lights,” Sier said. “That typically happens with design. Everything you know comes back first, and you’ve got to weed through that and try to do something a little new.”

Sier said that he did not know what to expect beforehand because he did not know what the competition would be like. Upon arrival, however, Sier also said that he knew he was good company with his fellow entries. “I sit down and design all the time,” Sier said. “It’s just how I spent most of my time and most of my life. The hard part really was just stringing and waiting for the judging in the end. The whole thing was just great fun, being here with everybody. It didn’t feel like a difficult atmosphere. It was a good way to create.”

Awaiting with the judging was instructor of Studio and Digital Arts Morgan Maloney, who said that she agreed to be the judge because she wanted to be able to cheer her students on as they go through the competition and beyond school assignments.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect,” Maloney said. “I was expecting good things, but our expectations were exceeded. Overall, the show of work was great. There was a lot of content, a lot of ideas. I was impressed especially because they were on the spot. They had no time, it was really good.”

“One of the reasons I enjoy and value being a part of PRSSA is because it gives you the opportunity to network with experienced professionals and gain advice for when you enter into life after Liberty.”

Wilson explained that when he was in college, he studied business economics and accounting. However, after graduation, he realized that he would rather pursue an alternate career choice in public relations.

“Public relations and handson experience are important,” Wilson said. “If you can participate in activities in your field or middle make that you look valuable and that you know what you are doing, that is incredibly important for getting a career for a job that will interest you for the rest of your life.”

According to Wilson, he eventually took an internship in the sports broadcasting field, which caused him to realize that he wanted to work in that area. When he landed his job with the Hillcats, he had to move from California to Lynchburg.

Wilson stressed the need to willing to relocate and emphasized the importance of networking while in college.

“When you have the chance to attend events where you can meet future employers, you should not take the opportunity for granted,” Wilson said.

His primary focus during the presentation was toward communication students wanting to enter the sports industry.

“If you are going into sports, you will have to do more than public relations,” Wilson said. “You will have to communicate people you can sell things and be competitive. Begin new looking into job websites and get your resume out to the right people early.”

Members of PRSSA believe that this is very important for communication students to attend these events.

“This is a unique opportunity to hear about the important role of communications in the sports industry. Whether you are into sports or not, challenge yourself to learn about these communications and the different ways it can be used,” Ballie Porter, director of communications for PRSSA, said.

For more information about future PRSSA events, visit liberyuniversity/PRSSA.

SKINNER is a feature reporter.
Connecting through worship

Gospel Community Church Praise Band and Gavin Davis visit Waldon Pond Apartments clubhouse

According to the Liberty University Community Services Facebook page, students are currently involved in a Bible study called Transform, which gives students the chance to connect with the Liberty community, while being transformed into God's image.

In the weeks, an Transform party will be held in order to discuss what was learned and for students to connect with one another. A commuter orientation is also usually held for students planning to leave campus for the upcoming semester and is generally held on Reading Day.

Community Services is an office on campus offering support for off-campus students in academics, social and spiritual matters, according to Mosely.

Any student who is contemplating moving off-campus or is currently off-campus can contact Community Services about upcoming events and the programs provided for commuters.

For more information about Community Services, email community@ liberty.edu or call 434-582-9087.

JORDAN is a feature reporter.

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The first 50 commuter students to arrive at the event were entered into a drawing to win a free copy of "You Are the Minister" and 15 other available titles where Christian music can be purchased.

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Journalism class experiences media at work on a field trip to the nation's capital

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Have you ever wondered what America's first newspapers looked like? If you are curious, find out one of the 30 students who joined Liberty University communications professor Deborah Huff on her trip to Washington, D.C., March 19 — they could tell you all about it.

The students, most of whom are upperclassmen in Huff's investigative reporting class, made a visit to the Newseum, the Fox News Washington bureau and the Capitol Records Building for a tour and gave with several Liberty alumna alumnow working in various capacities in the D.C. area now.

The Newseum, which is located on Pennsylvania Avenue with a view of the Capitol Building, is a news Junkie's dream. The coronary building featured a variety of exhibits highlighting everything from old newspapers, famous radio and television broadcasts to artifacts from some of the biggest historical events — both in America and abroad.

"I've been enjoying learning how newspapers began and have always been interested in journalism," senior Derrick Nathanson said.

"It was fun seeing how things have changed over time — especially since 9/11," Liberty junior Derrick Battle said.

One of the exhibits was a giant wall of headlines and photos published around the world Sept. 12, 2001. "It just takes me back to my childhood," Battle said. "Reliving those pictures and reliving the memories from that day.

From the Newseum, students headed over to the Fox News building, five blocks away, where they get a prime view of all the audio and workspaces of America's No.1 rated cable news network.

Shannon Brown, a Liberty alumna who later worked as a reporter to pursue television, afforded worlds of wisdom about media business as she conducted a tour of the entire bureau. Brown currently resides in New York City.

Some students were able to meet and greet Piers Morgan, a full-time reporter for Fox News. Morgan was on hand for the students to ask questions about the media business.

"It was great that he decided to come down and talk to us about how journalism and politics are made," Woolstk said. "It was cool to get a different perspective on our careers."

Also in attendance was Liberty alumna Kristin Way, the office of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor. In addition to Alex- andra Pashkevitz, Caroline Riggs and Alex- ander Howard of the Concerned Women of America, several other alumni appeared who are working in congress- ional offices.

The entire event was orchestrated and planned by Liberty alumna and Communications Director for the House Com- mitttee on Small Business, Denise "DJ" Jordan. "She put together an incredible networking opportunity for our students," Huff said.

HUFF is the sports editor.

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"I still enjoy going to theaters, so now I can at least act like I'm a really good moti- vator," Doughty said with a laugh.

According to Doughty, he and tenth Avenue North drummer Jeff Johnson met and started playing music together during Doughty's freshman year. The next year, Doughty and Johnson held one room apart from each other in tenth Avenue North, the street for which they eventually named their band.

The last thing that Doughty would be doing is singing, and making music for a living," Doughty said. "But ought me how to play guitar in the dorm room, and I started writing songs."

As the band began gaining popularity, the strategy continued for Doughty and the rest of tenth Avenue North. According to him, constantly being on the road and working with the rest of the band took some work. He even compared be- ing in a band to being married to four other people.

The band's current tour will come to an end in April, but according to Doughty, they are planning to spend their summer playing at festivals, vacationing and working on a new Motorcycle-themed album.

According to Doughty, experiencing London in one of his favorite things to do when tenth Avenue North comes to town.

"You know what I really dig there? I like going to downtown London and hitting up the White Hart. That's great place."

Even though the White Hart's owner wasn't aware of that it was the March 30, Doughty was still enthusiastic about the prospect of playing to a packed Vines Center.

"It's exciting to play in a room of lib- erty students in the middle of the spring semester," Doughty said. "Everyone knows how to party," Doughty said.

"Everyone knows about tenth Avenue North's upcoming concert, so let's make the best of it," Doughty said.

LEASURE is the feature editor.

Champion corrections
In the March 3 edition, in the article titled "World of Social Media," the Champion reported that Josh Brown, a political science major, is still in the process of completing it.

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**The Struggle**

Tenth Avenue North introduces album

**Greg Lessure**

Christian band Tenth Avenue North will return to Liberty University for the fourth time Friday, April 12 for a concert held by Student Activities in the Vines Center as part of their "The Struggle" tour. Named after the band's most recent album, the title holds a deeper meaning for a group of musicians who have experienced their share of struggle.

"Tenth Avenue North lead singer and front man Matthew Hinson has experienced his share of tough storms. During his senior year in high school, he was in a car accident that left him broken back and multiple other injuries. According to Hinson, it was during this time that he realized that forgiveness is the only way to move on and that you cannot blame others for your own mistakes.

"I'm learning to forgive and I'm learning to keep moving forward," Hinson said. "That's the way my life has been ever since that accident, looking back I realize that it taught me a lot about life, and that I couldn't have done anything better if it wasn't for that accident.

Looking back, Hinson said that he would not be who he is today if it hadn't been for the accident."

The Struggle is a fitting name for us in view of everything we've been through," Donly said. "That isn't fun to think of, but you have to be able to think of the hard times, those are the best times.

According to Donly, the band spent the better part of eight years driving to concerts in a van, forcing them to sometimes get creative with things like food choices.

"If we were eating Taco Bell, that was like a funny night," Donly said. "It reminded us of our first summer tour, when I was acting as the tour manager and the band would eat at Taco Bell because God gave free food to people struggling to be free from their sin, and also because grace means that Chris-"