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Student killed in Afghanistan

By Angela Franulovich
NEWS REPORTER

PERFECT SMILE—Army reservist Chrystal Stout died in a helicopter crash April 6.

Another Liberty University student has paid the ultimate price in the fight against terrorism.

South Carolina Army National Guard reservist and Distance Learning Program student Chrystal Gaye Stout, 23, was killed on April 6, 2005.

According to military news releases, Stout was one of 38 people, 15 military and 23 civilians, who died during a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crash while returning from a rescue mission in southern Afghanistan.

CNS reported that the Pentagon immediately believed severe weather had caused the crash.

According to Ashland Heath Powell, an extended family member, Stout joined the Army National Guard to earn extra money to attend Liberty as a full-time residential student.

Her suicide over being deployed last September, Powell said, was because she would have to delay residential enrollment for another year of school.

“She was really looking forward to coming to Liberty but she had already signed up (with the National Guard) and she was determined to do her time,” Powell said.

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A few weeks ago, a good friend of mine from Tennessee called to say, "I'm coming to visit you." That exciting news was quickly replaced by devastation as he finished his sentence with "in Lynchburg." I was crestfallen. Visit? Great! In Lynchburg? Why? Why not when I'm at home in North Carolina? Why not call and say, "I'll meet up with you in Chicago" or "Let's go to New York." Instead, they got you in Lynchburg. It wouldn't be so bad if there were things to do in this college town. But today I was spending my weekend being filled going from one restaurant to the next followed by coffee with friends at the local cafe and a journey over to the craft-a-palooza theater to view that nothing worth $6.50 is playing. There had to be more in Lynchburg. There had to be. If there wasn't, then this was going to be one boring weekend.

So, I began to strategize. We would begin with lunch at some commendable fast food joint with several of my other friends. We would have a big burger that said, "Welcome to Newhams," and the mayor of Lynchburg would be present to offer him the key of the city. Next, we would take bus tour: "Landscape of Lynchburg." It would be a quick summary of all the city's highlights like the Goodwill and Texas Inn. We would walk by the biomedical staircase downtown, passing at each statue and plaque, reading meticulously about its history. Then, so as not to part from each other in one day, we would turn in early for the "big day." Ahead which would be a fun-filled eight hours at Barnes and Noble reading books, life and love, etc. In English majors, we are the only ones who can truly appreciate the delicate balance of coffee and Kipling. It was perfect, a flawless plan.

He arrived. My itinerary burst into flames and said, "We have three Chick-fil-A's, all within two minutes of each other." He was five on his campus. I retorted by suggesting we visit GivensPrinter. What followed was two hours of silence often interrupted by me holding a book and saying, "No, I have read that..." He was good at maintaining the silence often interrupted by me holding a book and saying, "No, I have read that..."

It's not that I was setting out to showcase Lynchburg or compete with its intellect. There is a sick belief of irony in really close friends being able to dribble facts and quotes each other by boasting their personal knowledge. He left my birthday afternoon. He was one last thing to "visit Lynchburg." It wasn't the Goodwill and Texas Inn, but "We have the Grand Ole Opry." I could only think of one song together. His was, "Is there any love left in the state of Tennessee, the state of Lynchburg, was needed.

"Her whole life turned around dramatically," said Powell. "It was a noticeable change," he said. Powell said her visit had vaulted her to a career in Liberty's "Christian atmosphere" that attracted Stuart. Powell said he visited the downtown campus and was open by short this month. His platform attracted junior and senior students like those in the University's Boy's Choir,. It's surprising he was so quiet.

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Two LU musicians release albums

Meredith Andrews: “Far and Few Between”

By Annamarie McCoy

According to Flames of Hope, the CEC’s special education majors in the Council for Exceptional Children discuss ways to reach disabled kids in the Lynchburg area.

Meredith Andrews, an award-winning singer-songwriter and the first Campus Ministry student to receive a refuge, has released her fourth album, “Far and Few Between.” The album is a collection of heartfelt songs that showcase Andrews’ unique gift for storytelling and her unwavering commitment to sharing her faith with others.

Andrews’ Album

The album opens with “Morgan’s Song,” a powerful ballad that speaks to the struggles and joys of life with special needs. The song features a powerful duet with Matt Redman, who has been a close friend of Andrews and a supportive presence in her life. The collaboration is a testament to the power of music to bring people together and to lift the spirits of those who might feel forgotten.

Andrews’ personal journey is also reflected in the album’s title track, “Far and Few Between.” This song is a personal reflection on her struggle to balance her faith and music career, and it speaks to the challenges of living a life of purpose in the face of adversity.

In “My Father’s Dance,” Andrews shares a story of family and forgiveness, drawing on her own experiences with loss and redemption. The song is a powerful reminder of the healing power of love and the importance of finding grace in the midst of pain.

Andrews’ album also features a collaboration with Billingsley, the father of her dear friend and bandmate Dustin Pead. The track “And Fatherhood” is a touching tribute to Billingsley’s commitment to his daughter and his passion for music, and it speaks to the beauty of finding purpose in the most unexpected places.

“Far and Few Between” is not just an album of music, but a journey of faith and personal growth. Andrews’ music is a beacon of hope for those who feel lost or alone, and it offers a message of love and compassion to all who listen.

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Meredith Andrews’ new album, “Far and Few Between,” is now available for purchase. For more information, visit meredithandrews.com or contact Annamarie McCoy at umccoy@liberty.edu
Opinion

Mutiny on the CD
Music theft is inexcusable

Sharing music or bootleg videos online, downloading pirated tracks, and posting links for your friends to download copies are not unique to the Christian community. In fact, most people involved in those acts use terms like sharing and downloading which suggest that if you haven't paid for it, it isn't yours. It is a fallacy that the people who share music do not profit from it.

Argument 1: These artists make millions so why should I have to pay for their music?

First of all, not all musicians and management or record companies make millions. In fact, few do. Second, while stealing from the rich to benefit anyone seems like a harmless romantic notion, most of us do not hate Robin Hood for ripping off Prince John to give to the poor, although that is a poor analogy to make because people who steal benefit only themselves. Those who typically steal music can hardly be considered poor since a college kid who steals music from other college kids to save money and that artists are still getting rich, these impressions are mere fallacies.

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Argument 2: Record companies make most of their money and they deserve to keep it as much as some selfish of people who say they cannot afford to buy the music to just steal it from them.

Arguments 3: Most people who commit these acts use terms like sharing and downloading which suggest that if you haven't paid for it, it isn't yours. It is a fallacy that the people who share music do not profit from it. Furthermore, the people who steal music benefit only themselves. Those who typically steal music can hardly be considered poor since a college kid who slaves at a fast food joint. The people who steal music benefit only themselves. Those who typically steal music can hardly be considered poor since a college kid who steals music from other college kids to save money and that artists are still getting rich, these impressions are mere fallacies.

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Argument 4: I'm just trying out the music so I can buy the CD after I like it.

This is perhaps the most convincing rationalization for stealing music, but it is still bogus. Practically everyone I've ever talked to who downloads illegally says this is what they are doing, but they never throw away the music they downloaded if they decide not to purchase it, and I have a sneaking suspicion that they also rarely buy any of the music they downloaded once they actually like it. Even a person who honestly starts out with this motivation, is doing something wrong and in the end will abandon this habit instead of finding lame excuses to steal.

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Argument 5: I'm just sharing music. Sharing is not stealing.

Not only are many types of sharing illegal, since when is it your right to settle some artists score and downloading should indicate that there is something morally wrong. And stealing by any other name might sound sweet but when you haven't paid for and are using a friend's CD we all the same thing: stealing. And stealing by any other name might sound better but once your conscience, but it is still stealing. So please, start paying for your music habit instead of finding lame excuses to steal.

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Wallet woes: The cost of dependence on foreign oil

The 2007 new a quick spate in gasoline prices, historically have historically haven't risen for the past few years, but this time, the prices are spiking. The latest report from the Department of Energy shows that the price of gasoline has reached $4.00 per gallon, a price that hasn't been seen in over a decade.

Many have shrugged off this report as simply another price spike. Most analysts agree that the price of gasoline is not a sign of significant supply disruption. However, the U.S. government is losing faith in OPEC and this might not be a problem. Our government is currently importing significantly less oil from foreign nations, a trend that could continue as the price of oil increases.

For so long we have relied on automobile transportation, but a few things must be done immediately to facilitate a move away from gasoline. The current state we find ourselves in is a problem that could have been foreseen, and we must act now to prevent a greater degree of government involvement. The cost of oil is not something that can be easily ignored. We must begin to consider alternative fuel sources.

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Gov. Sonny Perdue testifies to God's power

By Sara Lesley

Gov. Sonny Perdue spoke to the student body at last Wednesday's convocation about finding joy through obedience to God's will. Perdue, the first Republican governor to the state of Georgia in 135 years, is a member and Sunday school teacher of Pastor Johnny Hunt's Woodstock Baptist Church. "I never imagined I would stand here at Liberty University. I have admired you so much. "It takes an integrative discipline across the gamut of education. God values education and education is valued here," he said, adding that God calls people into all walks of life, not just to the pulpit. "Also, God values quality. I think that's what Liberty represents — educating kids with a quality education, not just with a diploma, but with a literal quality education that they can go out into the workplace of the world and compete at any level." Perdue described his childhood working on his father's farm and his salvation experience at 11 years old. "I remember even then, at the age of 11, the burden of sin lifted off of my life," he said. Perdue went on to graduate from the University of Georgia in veterinary medicine, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, and later began raising his family in Raleigh, N.C. However, at age 29, Perdue said he had a life-changing experience. "You can be anything you want but you will never be successful as a child of God without taking him with you," he told the student body. Perdue moved his family back to Georgia and started an agriculture business. He later served on the Georgia state Senate and in 2001, he said God called him to run for governor. "It was not comfortable to run for a state-wide office," Perdue said. "I was fighting the Gaetities of the politics of Georgia, but God was true to honor my obedience."

Perdue credits God for giving him the election victory in November 2002. Just two years before that, Perdue said he had no ambition to be governor. "This was not my call — it was his call," he said. Perdue credits his obedience to God for the level of enjoyment he has for his daily tasks as governor. "I've had some tough days, but no bad days at governor, he said after he spoke in convocation. "There have been very few dark times. I find that when I'm obedient to God... I don't have to worry about the things that may happen. If he tells me, he's going to make the way and pave the way to get things done."

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Graduation:
Sean Hannity to give address
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However, the plans have changed again. The administration formulated a plan that will allow Falwell to continue to be a significant part of commencement without the necessity of a reunion. Falwell will confer all of the degrees and each graduate will walk and shake the hand of Dr. Boyd Rist, the provost of the University and the dean of the graduate school. "As they pass across the front of the Vines Center, graduates will stop to have their pictures taken with Dr. Falwell while he seated just below the platform," Rist said.

Rist assured that the baccalaureate ceremony on Friday, May 13 at Thomas Road Baptist Church will follow a format virtually identical to that of past years. The baccalaureate speaker is Pastor Lon Solomon of McLean Bible Church in Washington, D.C., who is the founder and publisher of Frontline, a ministry to young adults. Sean Hannity, the outspoken conservative talk show host, will be the 2005 commencement speaker at the May 14 ceremony. "We chose Sean Hannity because America's rising star among young and articulate voices speaking out for moral and social conservatism," said Dr. Jerry Falwell. "Christian conservatives do not have a greater ally in the public square."

Hannity is the co-host of "Hannity and Colmes" on Fox News, the host of WABC-AM's top-rated "The Sean Hannity Show" which is the second largest radio program with over 13 million listeners a week. In addition to his broadcasting work, Hannity is the author of two best-selling books. He has spoken at Liberty University twice.

Every year, the University aims to bring to the campus a commencement speaker who will inspire the graduating class, and deliver a message consistent with the core values of the University," Rist said. "He is articulate and speaks on subjects central to the cultural divide evident in our modern society. We are confident that he will bring a message that is both relevant and rooted in those truths that are the center of the University's purpose and mission."

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**By Andrew Stevens**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Flames red-shirt pitcher Michael Solbach and the Flames defense stopped the UNCG Spartans at Worthington Stadium. The leadoff hitter for UNCG, Michael Just, drew a walk. The next batter, red-shirt freshman Aaron Grijalva, bunted to the pitcher's plate. "I just got out there and I have a lot of confidence. Confidence is a big thing in baseball. If you aren't there playing with confidence then you aren't going to be doing pretty well. Playing every day helps you get into a groove, and right now I am in one," said Grijalva. "I have changed my swing a little bit so that has helped me see the ball well. I am hitting the ball pretty well right now."

The two-run lead would prove to be more than enough for pitching sensation Solbach, as he pitched a two-hit gem. The shutout was the first of his young college career as he struck out three and walked one, while improving his record to 6-1 on the season. "Michael has good movement on his pitches," said Grijalva. "His fastball moves in and out, and his slider has gotten a lot better. He just throws a lot well. He has his slider, he is tough to hit when he has his slider. He got a lot of ground balls today from keeping the ball down. When he is on with his slider, he is tough to hit."

The Flames will be back in action on Wednesday as they travel to Richmond for a non-conference contest. The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. For scores, schedule and more information about Flames baseball, go to www.LibertyFlames.com.
I've observed in my two years here that many people at Liberty are looking for a way to release aggression and bitterness towards life. This is a serious problem that must be solved. Enter in the solution: intramural and bitterness towards life. This is a serious problem that must be solved. Enter in the solution: intramural basketball. Really, I'm not lying. Let me explain.

I don't know what is funnier, the overly serious people on the intramural basketball floor, or those that actually come to the games and watch intently. For that exciting moment that might just change the course of their recreational future. You know there is a problem when the crowds are bigger at these games than at the Liberty women's team's games.

The funniest people in the crowd are the hecklers. Seriously, if you have nothing better to do than to try and put into the head of the 5 foot, 9 inch kid that played JV his entire high school career, it's time to take a good long look in the mirror.

In the first week of the playoffs, my team played a group that had one of these types in attendance. Only, this was much different than anything I've ever experienced. The over-zealous, Milton Bradley/Mark Cuban-esque fan was the wife of one of the players on the other team. So joke here, she was screaming at her husband's teammates (re-read that) about their lack of quality passing, turnovers and, my favorite, threatening to take away their playing time if they didn't improve. It was a freebie of advice to all the devout intramural players out there. If one of your teammate's wives is criticizing you, take one of the following actions, A) Get better at basketball. I mean, think about it. Someone's wife is giving you pointers. Or, B) Begin a mutiny against the guy on the team that brought her to the games. I'm sure he's a nice guy (at least he has to be to put up with that), but he needs to learn his lesson somehow. When a girl that can't play the game (trust me she didn't) begin to coach me, I quickly became uncoachable.

Speaking of coaches, what's with the new fad of having a coach on the sidelines during these games? But of course, you can't just have a guy giving advice, looking like a member of the team. Oh no, these guys wear ties, bring along etch-e-sketch's for drawing game plans, and genuinely look like they're going to cry after a loss. I feel like they think that Steve Lavin is the way to go on a Saturday afternoon when he's not coaching the Hawks.

What we all need to remember is that the winner of this tournament gets a T-shirt. That's it. It's not worth selling your first-born child to win the championship. It's not worth yelling at your teammate about his lack of experience. It's not worth playing to the crowd's expectation. It's not worth winning your last game. It's not worth getting into the head of the 5 foot, 9 inch kid that played JV his entire high school career.

GO ahead and brush your teeth every once in a while because intramural sports isn't going to get you anywhere in life, and that's the bottom line.

Tennis finishes season

Liberty's women's tennis team also fell on Thursday losing 4-0 to eventual women's champion Winthrop. Winthrop moved on to defeat Coastal Carolina in the women's finals to cap their fourth consecutive conference title.

The Lady Flames ended their season with a 2-15 overall record.

By Andrew Stevens

Liberty University's men's and women's tennis teams had their seasons come to an end Thursday at the Big South Tennis Championships at Winthrop's Memorial Courts. The men's team was blanked by Birmingham Southern 4-0, to put its record for the season at 9-10. The Panthers would eventually be upset by Charleston Southern in the semifinals. Winthrop would eventually defeat Charleston Southern in the finals of the men's championships. The conference title was the second straight for the Eagles.
Track finishes first and second and seniors accept awards

By Evan Falat

For three days last week the Liberty University Flames track team competed at the Big South Outdoor Championships in Lynchburg, Va., as the meet was hosted by the Virginia Military Institute.

For the 26th time in 13 years the Liberty men's team won the championships as they accumulated a total of 230 points from the 27 total events, while the women's team finished in second place for the second consecutive year with a total of 99 points.

In addition to the high team finishes, many Liberty athletes also achieved All-Conference recognition, as well as established personal and conference marks.

In looking at the final results Liberty scored a total of 230 points and beat runner-up Coastal Carolina by 42 points. Host VMI was third with a score of 116 points, while Charleston Southern finished fourth with 111 points.

Arlene Zelinskas finished fourth in the women's 10,000 and fifth in the women's 5,000 meters, placing third in the 10,000 and fourth in the 5,000. Zelinskas was named to the conference All-Academic team for performance in the classroom.

Other individual event winners for the Flames were set during the three-day meet and for his efforts was the Most Outstanding Track Performer of the meet. On Thursday night, McDougal executed an impressive victory in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 9:39.75. He then came back on Saturday to win the 5,000 meters, setting a new school and conference record as he ran it as a time of 14:39.75. Junior Vau Patel also ran the 10,000 and 5,000-meter races, placing third in the 10,000 at 32:34.34 and fourth in the 5,000. Patel was named to the conference All-Academic team for performance in the classroom.

Freshman Brandon Hoskins ran a time of 40:15.00 in the men's 10,000-meter race.

In the men's long jump, junior James Hahn had the qualifying mark for the NCAA East Regional meet. Senior Chris Lyons used a very impressive kick to come from behind and win the 800 meters in a time of 1:54.45, while junior Travis Campbell finished third, sixth, and 12th behind.

Freshman Brandon Hoskins ran a time of 40:17.00 to win the 5,000-meter race, while he was also on the winning 4x1000 meter relay team that scored 1,472 points.

Senior Chris Lyons was the top scorer on the men's team with a total of 230 points. Lyons also finished out his conference career on a strong note as he won the Big South Outdoor Championship 800-meter race.

Asheville finished seventh and Georgia Southern finished eighth.

For the 12th time in 13 years the Liberty men's team won both the shot put and discus events, many Liberty athletes also achieved All-Conference recognition, as well as established personal and conference marks.

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Metallo coaches for now

By Jesse Houk
SPORTS REPORTER

Now that Liberty University's men's lacrosse team was at a crossroad, they had been recovering from the van accident that had brought them so close to tragedy and were contemplating on whether or not to ever finish the season. One thing was certain, that they had lost the confidence of their former coach, John Westfall, they would surely need a new coach. That's where Metallo stepped in.

Tom Metallo is in his first year of working for Liberty, also in his first year of being at Liberty University as an associate professor of Government. The story of how he became a part of Liberty lacrosse is that of perfect timing.

Metallo had been teaching at schools in the Midwest and also in the Virginia-Maryland area. He was not that strong of a sport in any of the areas where he taught. When he began looking at Liberty, Metallo began to get excited to be in an area that valued lacrosse. He knew that the Virginia-Maryland area was big into lacrosse and that he would have an opportunity to make some games.

Upon arriving at Liberty Metallo didn't even know there was a lacrosse team existed. "A guy came into his class with a stick and a lacrosse team existed. "A guy didn't officially decide to start a team, "Metallo said, "I was interested in coaching, but later proved to be the reason why he is the current head coach. "I introduced myself to the coach, but that was it. I didn't but I had been interested in coaching, but later proved to be the reason why I wasn't going to try and do with."

As said before, the accident was something that made the players question whether they would have had time to play. They began to look for the man that they remembered being around them in the previous semester. "I had heard that after the accident that they rationalized the team. Then I found out that some of the members of the lacrosse team were looking for me and I am not sure if they found me. We had a meeting that afternoon and they asked me to coach and help finish out the season and they go from there."

Metallo was searched because he could see the potential on the team. "I am excited to be in an area that values lacrosse," Metallo said, "I don't have to worry about anything."

Since taking over at the head coach position, there are things that Metallo is forced to do with. "The first and most important step was to get the players if they would ever want to talk about the accident. Metalo was forced to see some of the personnel for the team to overcome the pain as easy as starting to play again. "It's a problem and getting back on the field has actually been good therapy for them," Metalo said.

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Coach Green: Back with Lady Flames

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The decision to stay or to go was obviously a hard one for several reasons. Green didn't officially decide to stay at Liberty until the morning of the press conference, which also happened to be Mrs. Green's birthday.

Liberty University has always been a nice place for Green and his family. "I have been very fortunate. It's a very special place."

Green was named Lady Flames to Big South Championships and NCAA tour- nament appearances in all six years of his tenure. Feenstra was the 2004-2005 season with a 14-10 (.569) record and has earned two Virginia Sports Information Directors Association Coach of the Year honors.

Liberty understands the importance of holding on to a coach who has produced players that others have shown interest in during Liberty Green is the key to building a dynasty here at Liberty University.

"When you have good coaches, you have to keep them," Park said, "and they want to be there."

With a key returning player, the team had decided to focus on the team. "I think that the team had a desire to become better. We had a meeting that afternoon and they asked me to coach and help finish out the season and they go from there."

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Feenstra: Selected as the eight pick in the WNBA draft

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She was the Big South Player of the Year for the third consecutive year. Pintorza also received the VaSID Division I Women's Player of the Year award this season for the second consecutive year and was the only player in the nation to be ranked in the top 25 for field goal percentage (1st, .671), rebounds (23d, 9.8), and blocks (22d, 2.5).

Pintorza becomes the highest ranking Liberty player ever drafted, and just the second Liberty player drafted in the first round.

Some other former Liberty basketball players Eric Green was drafted just overall in the 1997 WNBL draft by the Pittsburgh Panthers.

The Lady Flames finished the season ranked just the USA/ESPN coaches poll just behind DePaul (20th) and Kansas State (24th), both of which the Lady Flames beat earlier this year.

This year's ranking marks the highest that any Liberty team has been ranked in a national poll, and the highest that any Liberty team has fin- ished in a post-season poll.

Shortstop: Gaillard making most opportunities and chances

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I took a lot of ground balls, and I am now more confident in my hitting to improve that part of my game. With his starting positions basically secured for this season, Gaillard is not content playing the way he has now. I am now confident in my hitting to improve that part of my game. With his starting positions basically

I don't want to make as many errors as I did last season," Gaillard said. "I always want to be able to improve on my batting average because when I am batting, there are runners on base, I have to be able to get them in. I would like to hit as high as 300 this year. I hope to keep batting average above .300." Gaillard said.

The beginning of next season marks that there will be more competition for Gaillard as he tries to maintain his starting spot.

"Next year there may be players that challenge me for my spot," Gaillard said. "I don't want to weight room longer and work on my batting average because when I am batting, there are runners on base, I have to be able to get them in. I would like to hit as high as 300 this year. I hope to keep batting average above .300." Gaillard said.

Regardless of who starts and who doesn't start, we are a team and I feel that we have shown that this season.

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By Katelyn Fletcher

Walking on Holy Ground

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ART EXHIBITION — Many Liberty University students submitted their original work in the contest held in the ILRC.

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Oughton, Cam Davis and Todd Smith.

By MarLiesa Johnson

The first biblical place we visited was Jerusalem. This is located in the middle of modern Jerusalem. It is where Paul reasoned about God with the highly educated men of the city. The population in Athens is currently about 4 million. The Liberty group also dipped their feet in the Aegean Sea where Paul resided and most of Ephesus stayed in there for three years. We spent time in Corinth, which prevented us from seeing the city. During the Greece trip over spring break, Dr. Ettor Towns, his right hand man Gabe Etzel, five freshmen who went on the trip, and other students, their families and I visited many biblically historical and archaeological sites.

As the group drove in the car, I thought about the words Jesus Christ uttered inside the cave. During the Greece trip over spring break, Dr. Ettor Towns, his right hand man Gabe Etzel, five freshmen who went on the trip, and other students, their families and I visited many biblically historical and archaeological sites.

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Unfortunately, there was a worker's strike while we were in Corinth which prevented us from seeing some of the city, but we got to see where Paul worked with Aquila an Apollos as a tent maker. The group also saw the stadium entrance. A Greek carving in a stone slab on the ground that disciples walked on in the New Testament Survey class went to an island called Patmos. This is where John was banished after God saved him from boiling to death. He was sent there to labor at the mines because he was supposed to be dead. Christ appeared to him in a cave on Patmos, and that is where he received the book of Revelation. An amazing feeling covered me being in the cave and I had to sit down for a minute and take it all in. I was there where Christ had been talking to John. After coming out of the cave on a beautiful Sunday morning, the group joined with another church group on the trip for a time of worship and a short service by Towns.

Throughout the entire trip Towns would stop the tour sometimes and tell the class something significant about the place we were at. The value we have as students who went to Greece is incomparable to the value of the regular class. Even when Dr. Towns fell asleep on the bus and we had to tap him to get him to stop snoring, it was still interesting. On a more serious note, one group of people had to stop on a tour and we couldn’t understand the actual experience traveling to Greece for this class. Currently Liberty is planning on going again next spring.

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MATT TRUNT

The artwork had to be turned in properly matted or framed and had to fit into one of the categories that were going to be judged. The categories were pencil, painting, photography and computer art. The judges chose the top three pieces from each category and then narrowed it down to first, second and third place for each. The piece was given a certificate of achievement.

The top winners for each category were Jason Mignet, pencil; Jon O'Neal, computer art; Huong Ngyen, photography, and Kelly Campbell, painting.

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Looking at Dr. Viner, Picasso and Van Gogh, there are a few artists on the scene. Liberty held its sixth annual Juried Student Art Show on Friday, April 8, in the ILRC computer. The event was organized by Professors Shasta Oughton, Cam Davis and Todd Smith and was hosted by the A.P. Guillermin library. From a caricature of Dr. Jerry Fawley, to a colorful abstract piece, the artwork varied in subject, medium and skill.

"We had a really great turnout and their (students) are increasing in skill and presentation," said Oughton.

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"Every year the overall quality gets greater," said Davis. According to Davis there were just under 160 entries this year, which is larger than last year.

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The cast of Aida perform as Nubians taken captive by Egyptian soldiers. Aida will be performed through April 30.

“The light show was so good...and the dancing was choreographed, and they are beautiful singers. It’s a really nice play.”
—Rochael Smell, First Senior

“(Aida’s) phenomenal. It’s amazing.”
—Eric Menko, Senior

“It might be the best one I’ve ever seen, at least the best musical.”
—Cecily Houstein, from Lynchburg

“I had no idea what Aida was going to be, but it’s just powerful. The staging and the lighting effects are just so creative.”
—Linda Russell, from Lynchburg

“It’s very interesting, the lighting is amazing, and I just love supporting the fellow students in the theater here.”
—Dustin Muncy, Sophomore