Growing pains

A Barnes & Noble bookstore is just one of many construction projects in the works.

Academic rankings:

Main Campus students live better than East; CASAS helps those struggling

By Stan Brunnegar & Jennifer Schmidt

The percentage of East Campus students on academic warning or probation is more than twice that of Main Campus. CASAS helps those struggling on academic warning or probation.

By Emma Lee

One in five East Campus students is on academic probation.

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Quick stats

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Mansion renovations: A tribute to Virginia’s past

By Dominique McLinck

The Corner Glass Mansion — the office location of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell — has received a new look and a new purpose on campus this spring.

In the past few years, the mansion has served as a welcoming center, a visitor’s center and the office of Liberty President A. Pierre Guillermin, according to Provost Boyd Rist. This spring, however, the mansion will be administered by faculty from each of the school’s academic departments.

In addition to the standardized assessments, there are also non-standardized assessments. The groups will also provide an opportunity to offer more general feedback on the Liberty educational experience.

“They want to be able to have a degree that matters and is recognized in the professional world,” Lapore said. “If taking a few hours out of the day means there’s a difference, then it’s better for them.

Senior Kaylen Focht is planning on attending the assessment but suggested that the school should remodel it to make it more user-friendly.

“I think that if they are going to require you to take a test, they should put it online, and then everyone would take it,” Focht said.

As an incentive for taking part in the assessment, each student will be given an appearance gift and entered into a drawing for larger prizes, including Ipods, T-shirts and a graduation photo shoot with Chuck Norris.

Although the test is not graded, the results will have an affect on future students. The more students that take the survey, the more seriously the results will be considered in the decision-making process.

A number of factors could contribute to the decision between main campus and East Campus. According to Dr. Michelle Schenck, assistant professor of history and director of the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, students who transfer to East Campus are primarily students who are transfer students.

“We need students who are transfer students to help him or her become successful,” Schenck said.

Academic probation is the second of four levels of academic accountability. Students who fail to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 are required to have an assigned academic accountability partner. If students are not able to improve their GPA to 2.0, they are required to have an assigned academic accountability partner. If students are not able to improve their GPA to 2.0, they are required to have an assigned academic accountability partner. If students are not able to improve their GPA to 2.0, they are required to have an assigned academic accountability partner. If students are not able to improve their GPA to 2.0, they are required to have an assigned academic accountability partner.

To finish off the major renovation, the house will be fully furnished and open to the public. The mansion will be open to the public from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Over 50 Liberty students will appear in the film 'Billy: The Early Years'

By Natalie Lozano

Two Liberty students will soon be appearing on the silver screen after being cast in leading roles in a major motion picture.

Sophomores Cody Carwile and Josh DeVries will be acting in the upcoming film "Billy: The Early Years." The movie is about the life of famous evangelist Billy Graham.

The two actors have been selected as extras for the movie. The two brothers who were close to Graham during his ministry. (Carwile, to play two brothers who were close to Graham, and will be a close associate of Graham, and will help get the best out of each actor.

Currently being filmed on location in Nashville, Tenn., the movie is directed by Robby Benson. In addition to Carwile and DeVries, Cooper helped get the film going. "For extras, there is a lot of waiting around acting," said Carwile. "I hope they don’t cast one of us, but we’ll keep working on it until I hear anything." DeVries is scheduled to be present for the duration of the semester and wants us to succeed. "I want to do something to show my family our support and love," Carwile said.

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Carwile and DeVries will be filming until May. Since they will not be present for the duration of the semester, Liberty has made arrangements for them to continue their schooling this time to send in head shots and film credits included in the phrase "Billy: God has a plan." (Carwile's Facebook profile and more at Liberty whose family is close to the (uensch family, whose son was born 52 days after the last Kansas championship and who died 50 days after the last Kansas championship.

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By Will Mayer

I recently read "The Moon is a Hard Mistress" by Robert A. Heinlein, one of the pioneers of science fiction. In this, the 20th century.

Sci-fi aficionados will know Heinlein as the author of "Starship Troopers," a book that was turned into an awful movie by hack screenwriter from the science fiction of the 10th century.

People less versed in the works of Heinlein might know him as the author of "Stranger in a Strange Land," one of the premiere works in science fiction literature. He is also the author of films such as "Robocop," "Robocop 2," and "Robocop 3," released later this year.

To explain what the expression means, let's use a straightforward example. Candidate A. will call him Ben. Candidate B. will call him Barack. You know which candidates I am talking about — "Tanstaafl." That's not Russian or any future space language, but that's what Heinlein called Ben.

To make it a little clearer, if you are a Russian translator, you might be tempted to say — "Tanstaafl." That's not Russian. It is from a space language, probably not even invented by Heinlein, who also was involved in remote control devices such as "Robocop." "Robocop 2." "Robocop 3" — the TV show.

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There are other costs as well. Should a person choose to eat at a griller that is designated as a government cafeteria, not only will he or she have already paid for an in-kind government lunch, but he or she will have the price of the meal at a chosen eatery. Even when the person is not prevented from eating elsewhere, he or she is penalized. A griller might become a fast lunch.

In the same vein, a person who would rather have an outcome that is an attempt to save the USA is penalized. When the price of the unemployment benefit is factored in, spending some lunch money on the same outcome it is just as true a sentiment as "Tanstaafl."
Olympic games launch human rights concerns:

Athletes from around the world face the choice of a lifetime

By Jen Slot ho wer
COPY EDITOR

Some runners train underwater or with weights attached to their legs in hopes that when their big day for racing comes, they can race even faster unencumbered.

Some pray for winds to push them from behind, and some hope that the Olympics will be held in a country conducive to running during the years when they are at their peak.

This year, most are just hoping that running for 10 seconds for their country will not leave them with long-term health effects.

This year, some athletes are training in the most polluted areas they can find, hoping that this will help their bodies adapt to pollution far worse — at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

Athletes from across the world are finalizing their travel agendas for a summer trip that looks like all the worst summer vacations in history rolled into one.

"Say the words 'Beijing Olympics,' and people think of protests, crackdowns, censorship, death — anything but sports," USA Today columnist Christine Brennan wrote in her March 27 piece.

The world has been given a slow but dour look at the real communist China in the past months as the Summer Olympics approach at a frantic pace.

National pride, athletic ambitions and global diplomacy have all taken a backseat to the Pandora's box that the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing opens.

A few weeks ago, protesters pressed so close in Paris that the Olympic torch had to be extinguished twice as citizens of the world cried out against a China that continues to kill, imprison and deprive its citizens.

"For nearly seven years, (the International Olympic Committee (IOC)) has had the opportunity to demand, behind the scenes, that communist China change its repressive ways," Brennan wrote. "Making China a more open society was one of the major reasons for giving the Olympics to Beijing — that, and selling billions of Cokes and Big Macs. But sadly, as far as anyone can tell...the IOC has done nothing to force change in China."

The human rights issue in China is just the largest factor among the many problems for this year's Olympics. For athletes, political unrest is the least of the problems.

The pollution is pretty bad over there," Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre said in a Time interview, referring to an exhibition game his team played in Beijing in March.

"I think athletes really have an effect on the Chinese. You could cut it with a knife," he said.

Top multinational corporations and the world have either pulled out of their races or cancelled dropouts, and some have toned down their coverage events, fearing the long-term effects of pollution or their logos being seen in runningathletics.

While most runners have to put their bodies into conditions that would cause harm, they now have to face the difficult choice of protecting themselves — or standing up for their countries.

The burden of the dilemma has been placed upon individual athletes and individual countries, all trying to figure out why they should be the ones who have to answer for China's political and social problems.

The next few months will be telling as different countries and leading athletes take different stances on the issues.

Some problems may not fully come out until this summer, though, as key events of the world step into Asia and try to breathe the air for the first time.

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Liberty increases security measures following Virginia Tech tragedy

By Matthew Brooks

Since the Virginia Tech shootings on April 16, 2007, Liberty University has taken several security improvements as a safeguard against similar situations. The building of a modern campus like DeMoss Hall also made the school more of an attractive target.

One of the main improvements was the installation of security cameras around campus. The new cameras have a variety of uses, and will greatly enhance the school's security, according to Campus Housing and Auxiliary Services Director Charles Spence.

The new cameras are in both indoor and outdoor locations, strategically placed to cover the most remote or remote areas of the campus. A representative of the school's security department said that the cameras are being monitored 24/7.

Despite the challenges of ensuring the safety of students, the installation of these cameras has been well received by the campus community. Students have expressed gratitude for the added security measures, and the university has received praise for their proactive approach to safety.

Construction: No spike in tuition costs: emphasis on quality

By Sarah Kemmerer

Liberty University has announced that there will be no increase in tuition costs for the upcoming academic year. The university, which is known for its affordable tuition rates, has maintained this commitment in order to make higher education more accessible to students.

The decision to maintain the same tuition rates was made based on careful consideration of the university's financial situation and its commitment to affordability.

Liberty University President Jerry Falwell, Jr., said in a statement, "We are committed to providing accessibility to higher education for all students, regardless of their financial background. We believe that this decision will make a significant difference in the lives of our students and their families."
SPORTS

By Thomas Lourdeau
SPORTS EDITOR

BRINGING IT IN — Redshirt freshman Chris Summers hauls in a catch just past the outstretched arms of KaJuan Lee during Saturday's annual blue/white scrimmage at Williams Stadium.

By Eric Brown
SPORTS REPORTER

The Flames were anchored by junior wideout Dominic Bolden, who scored a touchdown, just like a regular game, and two touchdowns on the day. Both touchdowns came in the second quarter on two long touchdown passes from senior quarterback CC Hiles. Bolden also added a rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

In a three-team scrimmage featuring the Flames' spring practice lineup, the offense dominated the defense, scoring four touchdowns to one. The defense looked rusty, as the offense struggled to score.

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He's a philosophy major — a philosopher, even — and his friends try to figure out the deeper meanings in life by watching Teaching Company courses on DVD. But he is also a football player, and the questions that arise are more straightforward. "A lot of the stuff we learn in class is more abstract, while football is more concrete," he says. "I can tap into that and feel more alive on the field."

"This is the team's overall performance."

"It was kind of exciting to see. For the most part, we accomplished what we set out to accomplish," Rocco said. "We could appreciate the support of the fans. There were a lot of people here today, and they were very enthusiastic."
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

By Jake Petersen

While most Liberty students will be spending their summer months working on tan lines and

management professor Dr. Eric Cohu, this sum­

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something that emulates the NFL, and that

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THE CHOSEN ONE:

By Miranda Fielder

SPORTS REPORTER

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The CHosen ONE: Sport management professor to speakhead summer football camp in Israel

CAPTOR COHU — Dr. Eric Cohu and his coaching staff will head to Israel a July to teach players of the Israeli Football League the fundamentals of the game. Cohu is an assistant football coach at Liberty Christian Academy.

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Under normal circumstances, baseball will cease-play if the weather takes a turn for the worse. However, when the game between the Liberty Flames and the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) started on Friday, the skies were clear and the wind was mild.

The Flames baseball team won two of three games this past weekend, beating out the first-place VMI Keydets on Friday and Sunday, 8-0 and 4-0, respectively. The only highlight on an otherwise perfect weekend was a 6-3 loss to Coastal Carolina.

Tennis All-Academic Team member in senior class Allen Wilson. "The game ended up being very close, but we just played better overall," he said. That was the first-place team, and he did not give them a chance. "It was a good game, Allen, and I thought we deserved..." but didn't finish the sentence. 'We came back to the second and third doubles..." but didn't finish the sentence. This was the first-place team, and he did not give them a chance. "It was a good game, Allen, and I thought we deserved..."

The Chanticleers stormed into singles action and rolled through three consecutive matches to take the doubles out of the tournament. Ernesto Ramos beat Simpson in straight sets 6-4, 6-3. Withers wrapped up the day with a 6-1, 6-1 drubbing of sophomore Errol Hollingcr and senior David Gi-

Liberty ignited again on Sunday behind the solid pitching of senior Ryan Page. He pitched his second straight complete game, allowing only one run while facing 33 batters for the 6-1 victory. "I'm so proud of the guys for bringing their best game to this tournament," coach Jim Toman said. "That type of humility is what I've seen from the guys," Toman said. "I'm so proud of the guys for bringing their best game to this tournament." He added, "I'm so proud of the guys for bringing their best game to this tournament. They have been playing so well lately, and it definitely showed here."

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Johnson remained humble when asked about the Flames' success this season. "We are a team," she said. "I'm so proud of the guys for bringing their best game to this tournament. They have been playing so well lately, and it definitely showed here."

In doubles, Coastal Carolina expended the day by taking control of three doubles matches. In No. 3 doubles action, Coastal's John Harrold and Joseph Wolf defeated the duo of sophomore Joel Upole and freshman Ryan Page. In No. 2 doubles, Liberty lost a tough match to Coastal's Kuznetsova and Brown.

The Flames came back to the second and third doubles..." but didn't finish the sentence. This was the first-place team, and he did not give them a chance. "It was a good game, Allen, and I thought we deserved..."
Switchfoot to play show in Charlottesville
An exclusive interview with band member Jeremy Fontanillas

By Jen Starhовer

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Switchfoot---which played at Liberty University's Vines Center this past fall---will perform in the Charlottesville Pavilion on April 27 as part of the "Up in Arms" tour.

"Special guests Apostle and Skyline's Flash will be partnering with Switchfoot on the tour which will be titled 'The Bot Love a Heart' organization---a non-profit project focused on helping those who are struggling with depression, anxiety and addictions."

For more information on tickets and upcoming shows, visit Switchfoot.com. Liberty University Students get a discounted price on tickets. No advance purchase is required and tickets are located on the balcony and floor level.

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On when Switchfoot will be releasing more music:

"We have a compilation of about 60 new songs that, after this tour, we're going to sort through and see what the best ones are. We have quite a bit of music to sift through. We're hoping to have the end of the year out."

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On his favorite song:

"On a personal level, now it's one of my favorite songs to play because it's such a really cool rock band. We hope to be a really cool rock band."

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On his favorite song on the latest album, "Oh Glory!"

"I think it's a song that is going to be in your face for a lot of the time and its within your guitar and your face and your hair and your ear. I think it's one of our more challenging songs. We didn't know how it would come out and now it's one of my favorite songs to play in the livemix."

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On the band having a personal touch with the fans:

"I was thinking about Brooks and the idea---the idea that they have the fans. All of us is going to get together and we all love the song and we're going to make it come true."

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On creating an album:

"Creating an album has been the most challenging experience of my life."

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On his calling:

"I encourage them to seek out what their calling is. It says in the Bible that he who is called to do, do it 100 percent. It's just a big job."

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Juried Art Show is currently displaying 55 pieces of artwork

Liberty senior ministered to Tech students through song

By Karal Kummervol

The familiar notes of John Lennon's hit song, "Imagine," filled the air in a familiar way. The song played again and again, each time accompanied by a different person singing along.

The song was performed by the Liberty University choir, known as the"Belphagor Band," as part of the Liberty University Choir's annual Spring Tour. The tour is designed to bring together students from different campuses and backgrounds to perform together.

"Imagine" is a beloved song that has been performed around the world. Its message of peace and unity resonates with people of all ages and backgrounds.

During the concert, students from different campuses and backgrounds sang together, creating a sense of unity and togetherness.

The performance was a reminder of the power of music to bring people together and to inspire change. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of working towards a better world.

For more information about the Liberty University Choir and their Spring Tour, visit their website at libertychoir.org. 

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Casting Crowns: Philanthropists by day, top Christian band by night

By Agnieszka Sullivan

Students and clergy for a weekend-West Georgia, the South, and the Midwest gathered in Atlanta last month to launch Casting Crowns permit in concert. Many of the people coming to the event were excitement about the James and his brothers, and the concept of Casting Crowns is based on the idea that music is a powerful tool for spreading the message of God's love.

Casting Crowns helps to spread the message of God's love through their music. The band is known for their powerful and inspiring songs, and their message of hope and encouragement resonates with people of all ages.

During the concert, the band performed some of their popular songs, including "Overcomer," "Manage to Survive," and "He Will." The crowd was energized by the music and the message of the band.

For more information about Casting Crowns and their music, visit castingcrowns.com. More information on John Waller and Leland can be found at John Waller Music and LelandIn.Action.com.

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"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work." 

- John Singer Sargent