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

By Drew Menard

With the release of a globe, the Race of the Minuteman Socks Mark Graham Memorial Fund Run began Southern Road last Sat­urd­ay evening. The race was held in memory of Mark Guensch, a freshman who died in a car accident while at home in Pennsylvania on February 15. The participants were a mix of Mark’s fam­ily, friends, relatives and other stu­dents.

Mark’s habit of wearing mis­matched socks led to the title of the run. "He just didn’t care about match­ing," said Rachel Holland, a sopho­more at Liberty whose family is close to the Guenschhs. Holland organized the race and spread the word through Face­book. "We wanted to do something to show his family our support and love," Holland said.

Mark’s parents and brothers drove from Pennsylvania to participate in the race and were joined by other family members who lived in Virginia. "It’s really near to see people do things like this," said Elizabeth Guensch, Mark’s mother.

One of Mark’s Roommate Assistants over East, Matthew Pearson, ran and also expressed his apprecia­tion for what had taken place in his friend’s honoring.

"We had several (guys) come out, even though they had a late night," Pearson said. Participants who paid the entry fee of $20 received T-shirts and a chance to be extras.

"For extras, there is a lot of waiting for hours while the crew worked with the actors filming various angles of scenes," Anwyll said.

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Friends, family honor Mark Guensch at memorial run

By Natalie Lozano

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"Liberty has made arrangements for them to continue their sch<x)ling this summer," Carwile said. "Liberty has been really, really help­ful through all of this," Carwile said.
"Free lunch, anyone?"

By Will Mayer

Editor's note: I recently read "The Misan" by Robert A. Heinlein, one of the premiere science-fiction writers of the 20th century. So, I decided to look up Heinlein as a politically and sociologically minded author of "Strange in a Strange Land." People less versed in science-fiction writers of the 10th century, such as Robert A. Heinlein, one of the premier politically and sociologically minded author of "Starship Troopers" — a book that was later turned into an animated movie, and more recently released on television series such as "Robocat." I'm pretty sure Robert A. Heinlein's book is not to insult terrible book-to-sercen economic woes.

By Adam Privett

The stock market is slipping, the stock market. It has pushed many to the beginning stages of a recession, according to a Washington Post article. "It shows that we're right behind the curve." McCain has attacked Iran for its "inappropriate" policies, like banks who loaned money to high-risk individuals, for the economic downturn.

Jenni Thurman, Jen Slothower, Natalie Thurman, Eric Brown, Joynnna Gilmour, Will Mayer, Jesse Perry and Nick Poole

The following students on the Liberty Champions staff will be leaving. Thank you for all your hard work.

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Commentary.

"Human rights rest on human dignity. The dignity of man is an ideal worth fighting for and worth dying for."

Robert Maynard Olympic games launch
human rights concerns:

Athletes from around the world face the choice of a lifetime

By Jen Slothower
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 without their adversaries.

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

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

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 March 27-29.

"I think it could really have an effect unless they clean it up. You could cut it with a knife," he said.

The burden of this dilemma has been placed upon individual athletes and individual countries, all trying to figure out why they should be the ones 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, with the nation's capital and its more than 20 million residents literally breathing the air for the first time.

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"Redskin" team leaders have an effect as they stand in. You could cut it with a knife," he said.

Top athletes from across the world have either pulled out of their races or canceled dropping out, and some have issued human rights events, fearing the long-term effects of pollution on their lungs and running health.
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 measures to safeguard its students. The installation of a new 24-hour security system, along with increased staffing and surveillance equipment, has greatly enhanced the school's security.

One of the main improvements was the installation of security cameras around campus. The new cameras are color and high definition, allowing for better surveillance. They have been placed in high-traffic areas, such as the library, student center, and dormitories.

In the event of an emergency, a phone-based system is available to alert the Liberty Police Department. The system can be accessed by calling the 24-hour security office, and it is designed to be simple and easy to use.

Supporting Virginia Tech at Liberty

"We were deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech," said Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims, and with the community of Virginia Tech."
SPORTS

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Check out Big South update results on B1

See B4 for highlights from weekend baseball.

Still all Hokies one year after tragedy
Liberty baseball and softball square off against Virginia Tech teams on anniversary of campus shootings.

By Thomas Lourdeau
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball has fallen under the winning "America Pastime" for as long as anyone can remember. Fans worldwide have followed their favorite teams with uneq
uual passion and excitement. For many, it is a memory that spans a lifetime. For on

Saturday, April 5, however, the game took a back seat to its own searching for meaning.

Perhaps it was coincidence that brought the Virginia Tech baseball team to Liberty University. Perhaps it was the season opener, the matter of a game where every single hit would count. Perhaps it was the shade and quiet of the Sunday morning that the Softball Field on Tom Fullen's campus needed to rekindle the unity that had been a part of this team's journey. For however it happened, the game played that morning

"We're going to come out of each game with a personal sense of empowerment," softball head coach Pam Wessner said. "And after the game, we invited our team to the office, and we see that they're together.

wore medals of sorts to the softball stadium, noting that it was the least she heard for her team as they started to support the softball community in the classroom and in their spiritual life.

The softball community is a close-knit one. "We compete together, but we don't go to class with those girls," Wessner said.

The decision to wear a sash was a decision made by the girls. "I was feeling a lot of pressure to do something," Wessner said. "I like to help kids feel better about themselves, so I said, "Let's do this.""

The decision was not unidirec
tional, however. "I was joking around that four of my friends on the field," sophomore Jake Reed said. "We have a lot of leadership on the team, whether it's players who are captains.

Unlike a regular season contest, the spring game was a unique spring system. The offense picked up points in categories such as first downs and fourth quarter conversions, while the defense got points in scoring touchdowns and field goals. Both sides competed against each other in a series of games.

Senior quarterback Brown Smith scored two touchdowns in the second half, giving the offensives and defense players who performed exceptionally well during the spring season.

Wessner included the brooches among the prizes for the players. "We have a lot of leadership on the team, whether it's players who are captains. Some were going for the championship, so we didn't want to give them to the seniors. We gave them to the juniors and seniors."

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**TECH:** Festivities outshine game performances on Wednesday

**Continued from B1**

Tongan and his baseball team left an impression on the visiting Hokies.

"They really did it up," Tongan says. "The fans were appreciative as well," said Toman.

"I remember being 'friends forever.' That was a touching moment that really made the whole team feel good," Tongan said.

With Liberty's 15-day spring practice ses- 

sion officially over, the team will return to a three-month rest before gearing up for 

training camp. Roocco and the Flames kick 

off the 2008 campaign under the lights of 

Williams Stadium as they host the Crusad­ 

ers of the Liberty Twilight, where most top perform­ 

ers will return.

"Conference is where it all comes down to it," 

said Coach Hughes. "It's a great opportunity to 

prove ourselves against some tough competi­ 

tion.

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**SPPRING FOOTBALL:**

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Approximately 1,200 fans filled the stands 

during the scrimmage, which featured five 

playoffs. After the game Roocco expressed his team's overall performance.

"It was kind of exciting to see. For the most part, we accomplished what we went 

to accomplish," Roocco said. "We really 

appreciate the support of the fans. There 

were a lot of people here today, and they 

were very excited and energetic."
By Jake Petersen

While most Liberty students will be spending their summer months working on tan lines and spending the weeks of July 3-18 at the Yarkon Sports Complex near Tel Aviv coaching and mentoring Blue.


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ing football.

One member of Cohu’s staff is a person who has never picked up a football, and that will cer­

The IFL will be led by former Regents University, strength and conditioning coach Eric Ackley, whose current commissioner.

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Flames take two of three from VMI

By Will Kydcts
SPORTS REPORTER

Under normal circumstances, baseball will cease play if the weather turns inclement. However, when the game between the Liberty Flames and VMI is postponed due to inclement weather, the teams are forced to compete later in the season. The Flames baseball team won two of three games this past weekend, beating out the first-place Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in their longest game in 18 years.

Liberty got on the board early, leading 4-0 by the third inning. After Saturday’s stellar outing by Stokes, Tuesday saw the Flames senior pitcher through eight shutout innings before being relieved by junior Andrew Year in Jordan Jenkins.

"Every time you throw, you want to throw your best game," Stokes said. When asked how he did it, Stokes laughed and said, "I just put it right to throw it right and the middle." Head coach Tom Toman had nothing but praise for Stokes.

"He really has only had one or two outings where he did not perform to his ability," Toman said. That was the fireballer, and he did not give them a chance. That was a fastball, slider and throwing strikes.

VMI came into the weekend as the No. 1 team in the Big South with a 9-1 record in conference play. They fell Lynchburg 3-4 while the Flames improved their conference record to 3-1. "It shows us we can compete with anyone in the league," Toman said. "I just tried not to lose, we didn’t have a better at bat." The same was that normal win in the Lynchburg 3-1 match prior to Friday evening in Manchester that scored more than a record team of Lynchburg. Afternoon, however, those who did won our game for history.

Before Saturday, the Flames longest game had occurred against Virginia Tech in 1990. Once the game reached the 10th inning VM I came storming back to tie it with a single run. That marathon ended in the top of the 10th frame though, when VMI scored the lone VMI run being scored in top of the 10th.

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For others, Cummings' performance was their first look at the classic stage production. "I had West Side Story last year, and it was a huge production," said Richard Shuler, who was in the audience. "I was impressed by the cast's energy and commitment to the story."

Cummings' performance as Maria was well received by the audience. "I thought she did a great job as Maria," said Shuler. "She really brought the character to life."
Juried Art Show is currently displaying 55 pieces of artwork

By Carol Weil

The photographs are on display at Studio B in the Gladney Center for Children. The center displays artworks created by children, youth and parents around the world. The Gladney Center is located at 4700 N. Central Expressway.

The Gladney Center has been creating art shows for several years. The art was created by children around the world and is currently on display. The art includes paintings, drawings and photographs. The art is on display from now until March 31.

The Gladney Center is a non-profit organization that helps children and youth in need. The center provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to heal and grow. The center also offers programs to help children and youth develop skills and build confidence.

The Gladney Center is open to the public and welcomes visitors to come and view the art. The art can be viewed during regular business hours. For more information, please visit the Gladney Center's website at gladneycenter.org.