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Equestrian Center grows
Activities such as trail rides and riding lessons are available to students.

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According to the center’s director, the Equestrian Center offers over 30 annual events, ranging from fundraising events to trail rides for all Liberty students.

Trent Cole, the barn manager, has been involved with the center since the planning and development stage and continues to be involved with the barn’s day-to-day operations.

“Most riders are here because they enjoy horses and like to ride. They come to the center to develop their skills and learn more about horse care. We offer riding lessons, trail rides, and other activities that help them improve their horsemanship skills,” Cole said.

The Equestrian Center is home to over 30 horses, which includes a variety of breeds and sizes. The center is staffed by a team of experienced instructors who provide riding lessons for students of all levels of experience.

Activities offered at the center include:
- Trail rides
- English riding lessons
- Western riding lessons
- Horsemanship workshops
- Horse shows and competitions
- Horse care and management classes

The center also hosts special events such as the Liberty University Equestrian Cup, which is an annual event that attracts riders from across the region.

For more information about the Equestrian Center and its activities, please visit the Liberty University website or contact the center directly.

See EQUESTRIAN, A3
Soul Surfer mentor visits
Friend and youth leader of pro athlete Bethany Hamilton addresses students

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Through the Office of the Provost, Liberty University recently announced the recipients of the 2013-14 Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching in four categories. According to Dr. Bill Gill, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, the winners were chosen by the Selection Committees, consisting of dean from seven disciplines.

“The recipients are recognized for their dedication and devotion to teaching, impacting, inspiring, challenging, and encouraging Liberty University champions for Christ,” Godwin said.

Liberty University Online Graduate

1st place: Russell Clanton, School of Education
2nd place: Joshua Smith, Center for Counseling and Family Studies, Psychology, School of Health Sciences
3rd place: David Alexander, Church History, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary

Liberty University Online Undergraduate

1st place: Sheila Simpson, English and Modern Languages, College of Arts and Sciences
2nd place: Patricia Allison, College of Arts and Sciences
3rd place: Lawrence Young Smith, WilliamJn Institute of the Bible, School of Religion

Residential Graduate

1st place: Andrea Brum, School of Education
2nd place: Karen Stowell Price, English and Modern Languages, College of Arts and Sciences
3rd place: Russell Vucic, School of Education

Residential Undergraduate

1st place: Brant Kirb, Digital Media and Modern Communication
2nd place: Carolyn Temple, College of General Studies
3rd place: Sean Beary, Music and Performing Arts, School of Music

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Melanie Oelrich

Soul Surfer

The 13th floor of William Stadium was filled in capacity Thursday, April 4 as the Psychology Department hosted Soul Surfer, a motivational speaker and the youth leader of pro surfer Bethany Hamilton, whose experiences were recreated in the feature film “Soul Surfer.”

Addressing a crowd of more than 500 students, Hill spoke about her own dramatic experiences that brought her closer to Christ and motivated her to change lives.

According to Hill, she had lost her leg in a tragic shark attack, but found solace in Christ during her recovery.

“My friends and I went out for one last surf ‘normal,’ and I ended up bowing no wave and back; and was one of those ‘an inch away from paralysis,’ Hill said. “Everything I had was on the line, and there was no guarantee that I would live.”

After the accident, Hill decided to begin Kana’a Chai, a ministry focusing on the first hour of high school students on the island of Kana’a, part of the Hawaiian islands.

“I held bible studies, small groups, camps, adventure trips that help kids stay active and away from bad influences, Hill said. “All my work is to provide them the choice of Christ through prayer and ministry.”

According to Hill, she met Hamilton at one of her outreach events after moving from San Diego, Calif. to Kana’a. There, a relationship grew, which led to Hamilton’s ministry and close friend.

In 2006, Hollywood producers approached the Hamilton family in hopes of portraying the sister’s life—from her early surfing days through the attack and continuing into her career. According to Hill, the Hamilton family helped her with the script and other pertinent papers for the project.

“We were on set in Oahu every day which was key because the script ended up changing a lot and I started acting, Hill said of being the center of her life.”

Producers chose former American Idol turned country star Underwood to portray Hill’s character as Hamilton’s youth leader in the film “Soul Surfer,” also starring Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt and Anamaria Robb. The successful film brought in an estimated $44 million, according to the International Film Database.

Thursday evening’s event with the Psychology Department was Hill’s first visit to Liberty.

“Love—the stuff you have been missing, and the stuff we are tired of,” Hill said.

Hill focused her message, “Surviving Trauma,” on 1 Kings 10:19-20 and referred to the story of Elah and his mountainous experience.

“That moment you step out of a ‘mountainous experience’ the enemy wants to attack you, and I’ve had a lot of lessons that have gone through times like that,” Hill said.

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Liberty University invites students to attend “Soul Surfer” event

“Hopefully, you will prepare people to face tough situations with both Christ at the center and knowing how your faith can help them,” Hill said.

For those considering mission ministry, Hill encourages them to not be afraid to step up.

“When God’s calling us into ministry and the mission field—whether that be your workplace or somewhere else—the right step forward for you will be that faith out of your comfort zone and have faith in God’s plan for your life,” Hill said. “God will go with you. He will be with you. He will be doing what God is calling you to do.”

Hill is currently working on a book based on her past experiences and her role as a motivational speaker. Hill’s book, “Adventures of a Shrewd Surfer,” is available through Cyberbook, LLC.

OEILRICH is the news editor.

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced Friday, April 5, that it would delay the closure of 149 federal contract airport control towers around the country until June 13. The move gives Liberty University’s School of Aeronautics (SOA) more time to prepare for the loss of tower operations.

While the idea of an uncontrolled air port may concern people familiar with aircraft operations, it is not uncommon. According to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Air Safety Foundation, more than 12,000 non-towered airports operate daily around the United States.

“We operate airplanes out of uncontrol­led or non-towered airports all over the country... so even though it will have an impact on our operations, it’s not the end of the world,” SOA Dean and retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Dave Young said.

“The thing that is interesting about the Lynchburg airport towers closing is that it’s a very busy airport, and we... Liberty University and Freedom Aviation — are about 70 percent of the local aviation community. Because the tower is only open from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., aircraft, including the airlines, already fly in and out of the airport without tower guidance on a daily basis.

“As far as the School of Aeronautics is concerned, if we didn’t take any action, it would have a very significant impact — and there is still potential going to be one — but we’ve already designed procedures that we can put on top of what guidelines are provided by the FAA already.”

According to Young, SOA pilots already have to fly into airports as far away as Raleigh-Durham for training, but they may have to increase those flights to gain experience working with air traffic controllers. The school may also be forced to reduce the number of simultaneous local training flights.

With the current local climate in Wash­ington, D.C., Young said that the return of federal funding to maintain the tower is unlikely. According to a press release from the FAA, reimbursement is forcing them to cut $307 million from its bud­get, and tower closures are only part of the solution.

As a member of the Virginia Aviation Industry Council, however, the dean is working very closely with airport direc­tor Mark Courtney and other individuals who will have an interest in keeping the tower open. According to Young, it is important to look at opportunities available should the tower be closed.

“The SOA may be able to provide weather and advisory services to enhance safety and mitigate the fact that there is no tower,” Young said. “A further look would be, is there a possibility of even utilizing the tower for training?”

Young said, “An air traffic controller program here at the School of Aeronautics, utilizing the tower as a lab, I don’t know. But we’re looking at all op­portunities, so even though I would per­sonally prefer the tower may open, when things like this occur, you’ve got to look at how you can turn this situation around so it has a positive benefit, and I think we can do that.”

ADAMS is the advertising director.

The move gives Liberty University’s School of Aeronautics more time to figure out alternatives.
OPINION

Twitter celebrates #7 years

On the anniversary of the website's birth, the change it has brought to our world has been both good and bad

Andrew Woolfolk

April 9, 2013

At the end of March, social media superpower Twitter celebrated its seventh birthday. Throughout the day Thousands of March 21st, many posted congratulatory remarks on Twitter posts — in the allotted amount of characters, mind you.

Since its inception, the site has grown to host more than 300 million registered users and is worth more than an estimated $10 billion. In users, more than able to handle the 350

Twitter has been a major factor in the change of the American mindset considering the written word. In the first few decades, the shift from the consumption of longer, more elaborate articles to the demand for more condensed, readable headlines has become quite evident to even the most innocent of bystanders.

"I think, fast, it's a challenge. It's a challenge to say something meaningfully in 140 characters," communication professor, Ben Brecher said, referring to the allure of the site. "And then, the whole idea is that you want to speak in people and have them know that it's a whole different context. I think people like the fact that they can jump on and scroll through really quick and get headlines.

"It's the ability to read short lines of what people are thinking, brainstorming, and headlines of what's going on that has always been one of the main attractions.

You constantly hear the older generation remark of how the texting "yows just isn't what it used to be.

"Well, the overall reality of that argument may be dead to most people, so they might think it's easier to understand.

In 2006, some German professor from the University of Hamburg and one from the University of Munich Summer studied and found that our attention span has dropped from 12 seconds to eight seconds since 2006. The same study also concluded that goldfish can stay longer than an average attention span of nine seconds.

That same study also found that the average Web page of nearly 600 words, users only read an average of 20 percent of it. For every added 100 words, users were surprised, only 1.4 seconds on the page.

We most ignore how our mind members has already quit on us, but digress.

To amplify the class, we have become a generation of skimmers. Think about your friend over on Twitter or Facebook. How much of it do you swipe on the scroll button, mindlessly through the constant flow of superficial occurrences, such as what does your friend write or how's your neighbor's maid at his favorite fish restaurant is going?

This is the mindset we have, where these mundane accidental trumps escape into an escape to a beauteous new article. It is not necessarily wrong, but it is not necessarily something to be proud of, reflect.

It is also unclear information that those diagnosed with Obsessive-Compulsive Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) were less in attention span.

A 2011 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that the amount of children diagnosed with ADHD decreased 20 percent each year from 2003 to 2007. The same study found that, roughly 10 percent of children aged 12-17 will be diagnosed with ADHD in their lives with some form of the disorder.

A society where we value the popular debate of whether the disorder is often misunderstood and the facts will show that, yet again, statistics serve as the core issue of what is happening in our world.

The Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics concluded that children were more likely to interact with Internet activity during the age of 2-12, which was confirmed by being diagnosed with ADHD.

If we fully dedicate our time to social networks such as Twitter and Facebook, we must be ready to accept the reality that result from social media saturation.

Even people such as Ben- bright, who said that she loved Twitter, sees the drawbacks that the site has.

"It seems like it's been most hurtful in just how people write grammatically," Ben Brecher said. People think, 'Oh yeah, in my articles and my papers, I usually have a word that's out.' I think that has been a little more hurtful.

Sometimes, I can't even read the tweets."

Regardless of whether we agree with the effect Twitter has on us, it appears obvious that the site has come to stay for years to come. Recent changes in our news cycle — such as the long-running investigative journalism program, "Nightline," being moved to the more unpopular 11 P.M. time slot, to make room for the social media saturated Jimmy Kimmel Show — make clear the direction in which we are headed.

"Twitter defiantly has staying power," Ben Brecher said. "I think for Twitter the simplicity of in it is the strong force, and therefore, it doesn't need to change a lot.

But if by some miracle you managed to endure reading this article to the very end, then congratulations on being one of the few exceptional to the decreasing normality of technical thought.

Take this for what it is worth.

THE ECONOMIST

Woolfolk is the opinion editor.

"The shift from the consumption of longer, more elaborated articles to the desire for more condensed, sporadic headlines has become quite evident.

ANDREW WOOLFOLK

TWEET — Social media has not only seeped into our vocabulary, but our minds as well.

"I never signed up for these email alerts, so who gave them my address?" According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), privacy companies in America are tracking our movements online with money that they can and still tell that information to other companies who can then sell that data.

According to the ACLU, Microsoft, that said "There is no privacy in the home," has said that it is "likely" the actual data of its customers to the government and law enforcment.

On May 2, 2012, Microsoft made a bold move that angered many corporate workings within the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA), according to the ACLU.

"I am Explorer 10, Microsoft's most recent attempt to squash" of "The Not Track," which individuals want for searches via the Web. This is a relevant issue to Microsoft's decision, to grant individuals the right to choose who provides their information from the search engine, the AMJA-based council of directions, which includes CEOs from organizations such as General Mills, General Electric, The Pew Research Center, Johnson & Johnson, and Neiman Marcus.

"We believe that if Microsoft moves forward with this default setting, it will undermine the efforts of our members' advertising support," the letter read. "This result will harm consumers, hurt competition and undermine American innovation and leadership in the Internet economy."

According to the ACLU, Microsoft could "potentially destroy" the ability to collect Web-viewing data, a "tremendous percent" of the businesses said.

Microsoft's decision to force users to be tracked by corporations, which can then provide you those offers that "You Dear Your Name Here" means persuading you to buy their products, seems to be a smart move by the corporation founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

While I did not yet feel allowed to start using Internet Explorer and wait hours for a Web page to load, I did look further into Google's privacy policies to see what I signed up for.

According to one of the very first statements on Google's privacy policy, the site collects information from all of its users in order to improve its services.

So far, no thing, nothing shocks jumping off the page. Reading through the rest of the more technical side of the world, I came across one clause that is probably the most interesting in the policy.

"We provide personal information to our advertisers or other trusted businesses or partners to promote our site for us, based on our information and your information, in compliance with our Privacy Policy and any other applicable confidentiality and security measures," the policy read.

While the rest of the policy covers the users that Google will not use your personal information for outside sources, the above clause offers me a kick back, provided your information is used for a "trusted business" to "process the information for the corporation.

This may not seem too ridiculous, but if you feel that you are not given our provide our information for the whole world to see, having your Web browser and having your name was more tolerable entry once in a while.

"The Internet," it seems, is not just a possible tool we use in order to better our lives, it is a border, begun entry that uses as a means to better our lives.

CASSIDY is the editor in chief.
BACK AGAIN! — A hot start to Tiger Woods’ season has seemingly cooled tension toward his post-gambling transgressions.

Woods + Winning = Cure?

Nike's new advertisement featuring Woods hints that success creates forgiveness

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Nicely done. Though the words themselves may be nothing new, they hold an entirely different connotation given the recent context of Woods’ very public, very messy personal scandal. — a fact I believe Nike not only knew, but manipulated upon.

In its way, the marketing of Nike’s advertisement is a brilliant and strategic move. After all, controversy with the more people talk about and discuss the new ad, the more Nike stands to profit. For better or for worse, Nike’s name is going out.

How completely and shockingly true.

Since when does success equal moral and human indemnity? I would like to ask Tiger Woods how winning fixes his broken marriage, how it solves the fact that two children are left as products of an insignificant, faltering home.

But winning takes care of everything.

The cost of children, a marriage, a family — none of it is too high of a price to pay. All are irredeemable, just as long as Woods manages to hit that little white ball into a hole 350 yards away, right? Winning will take care of the rest.

The notion is ridiculous.

I may not be a professional athlete, and I may not understand the societal pressures placed upon athletes to perform, but what I do understand is a little message when I see one.

Great sports do have an incredible way of uniting sports and developing community. There is a beautiful passion and camaraderie in choosing a local teams or favorite athlete. But the moment that athlete is caught in personal or societal define winning in the ultimate form of forgiveness, athlete has gone too far.

I am not saying that Tiger Woods should never be forgiven. I am certainly not saying that the media should continue to bring up his personal life every time the man plays golf. However, if he is admitted in an athlete, his athletic ability. Do not mention personal stats only as an attempt to cover them up with professional accomplishments. And please, do not tell the lie that winning is the ultimate form of paramour, capable of hiding all wrongs.

One victory has not suddenly made Woods any better of a person, and adding a green jacket at the upcoming Masters Tournament will not erase his past sins.

Winning will never be able to take care of the fact that a day will come when even the great Tiger Woods will no longer be able to find his identity in the game of golf. Something tells me that on that day, Woods will be less concerned with the luxuries, and more concerned with his wake-up and pain left in the wake of his admissions.

What will take care of everything, Tiger?

FLLER is an opinion reporter.
Students in love with ‘LU Crushers’

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lems, Tim Patterson, the
owner of The White
Hart Café, closed the cof-
fee shop, effective May 31, after
two years of service. The pop-
ular Starbucks replacement
Liberty University students
did not last long and closed
Saturday, March 3.
According to Patterson,
he was a fertilizer business-
owner who bought The White
Hart Café two years ago,
along with two busi-
nesses.
"I got the business not so much "Vasina Pay-
ney very businessminded," Payn en said. "I liked the
space that the previous owner had created. I liked the impres-
sion of people downtown. It was a great place
did not come to live in town, and didn't want to see the place closed." Patterson
described The White Hart Café's en-
vironment of his living room, saying that he enjoyed the people met and the
cissions he had with them.
"We had worked pretty
hard to provide a good
experience here as well as
some good food and coffee.
We used a little more
than expensive ingredients be-
cause we wanted the food to
to get local staff as much as we could," Patterson
said. At times, it would be
hard to find a seat at The
White Hart Café, as numerous
students used the
café service, especially at
weekends, where they could
live on their studies while enjoying
good food and beer.
"I went there pretty of-
ten, usually when I finished
my end of the day and when I wanted to
relax a bit and have a beer," Library
secretary Jean Smith
said. "I would always get
there before closing and they had
for that day." Patterson
said that the closing was a matter
of simply not making
enough money as he was
putting into it.
"Income was less than
expenses, and it had become
that way for about a year or
so, and it was kind of a
to a point where I couldn't care
anymore. I didn't want to lose
money," Patterson
said. Patterson
said, "He had some debt when he
finally bought the
business, which made operation
somewhat difficult at times.
"When you do a busi-
ness like this, you need to
have some reserves and that kind of thing, and I was
working too close to the edge," Patterson
said.

ACCORDING to Patterson,
some individuals are look-
ing for the business,
as there is a possibil-
ity that The White
Hart Café is
ready to reopen.

According to Patterson,
people interested in taking
over the business,
are inquiring about the
possibility.

TELLERS in the news
reporter.

CUP continued from A1
According to Payne, the past
20 years has seen a steady growth
 across the genre such as
academic, religious and
other buildings, which were not
previously required to have a
CUP.

The process of issuing a
CUP similar to the ones
between those at the moment, depends on the circum-
sstances and how many
issues are involved, according to Payne.
Every time a building had a pro-
ject, the propaganda was necessary to come
to the city and ask for permission.
In the present situation, a
public process requiring public
hearing before both the plan-
ing commission and the city
council.
According to former Cen-
tral Council for Liberty
Bird McCrory, city planners wanted
more control over the develop-
ment of buildings, which is what
McCrory created CUP for in 1952.
However, McCrory re-
quired the building owner to completely sup-
port the city's requirements in order to move forward with a
project.
"While the appeal is usu-
ally granted, it was often subject to Liberty's spending millions on projects that benef-
t the community at the expense of taxpayers," Fellday
said.
A Chambers article from March 9, 2010, reported that the city had spent 425,000 to
liberate a多达 ifud to which under
the university at an estimated
million dollars worth of roads,
bridges and tunnels in order to
approve the project.
Payne said that there was
many not considering the impact of
building on areas that surround those campuses.
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Track wins 18 events at invite

Runners, throwers and jumpers enjoy banner day in renovated complex

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Liberty's men's and women's track and field teams picked up 18 event victories in the Liberty Collegiate Invitational, the inaugural meet of Liberty's newly renovated Mike & Kaye Hopkins Track Complex, April 5 and 6.

"It was really nice to have a beautiful day out here on our new track," Head Coach Russ Taylor said. "It was exciting for everybody to get to compete at home. It's a little bit more fun to be here and to have such a first-class facility."

In two days of competition at the new complex, the Liberty men combined right eight of the 18 event titles, including four on the track.

On the second day of competition, distance runners Calvin Edmonds and Isaac Wendland set the pace for the Flames. Edmonds finished the 3000-meter run in first place with a time of 8:23:89.

The Flames'sometimes the fastest in program and facility history Wendland's time of 8:36.64 was good for second place in the event. The senior runner also broke the previous facility record of 8:39.3.

Wendland also captured his third victory in the 100-meter dash. The senior edged out teammate Leonard Robbins, crossing the finish line at 10.60 seconds. Robbins also contributed an 800-meter victory, finishing the race in 2:03.43. Wendland won the Liberty Collegiate Invitational event title for the third time in his career. Wendland won combined with Kyle Gill, Tyler Wagner and Paul Arslain to notch a second-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay. The relay team finished in 8:32.71. The Flames captured a victory in the 4x100-meter relay as well. The quartet of Roger's Speed, Andre Washington, Carl Williams and Leonard Robbins continued to finish the race with a season-best time of 40.99 seconds.

Washington also anchored an individual event victory in the 400-meter dash. The senior edged out teammate Leonard Robbins, crossing the finish line at 48.63 seconds.

"I have some of my biggest competitors in the conference were there," Washington said. "I knew if I could just be in front of them, I could hold off at the finish line."

See TRACK, B2

Senior night celebration for lacrosse

Coach Denham: 16-10 victory over Presbyterian is an 'overall great win for team on senior day'

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The Liberty Lady Flames lacrosse team (16-7, 2-1 Big South) celebrated senior day by defeating the Presbyterian Blue Hose (21-1, 6-6 Big South) 16-10, Friday, April 5.

In front of a family and friends, the Lady Flames put on an impressive offensive display against the Blue Hose, with assists Chloe McDaniel, Cassie Fasano, Amber Nichols and Jen Feinstein all making an impact on the field.

"This is my best class where we have two seniors that have been here for four years, and the other two seniors are obviously very special in the program too," Lady Flames Head Coach Regan Denham said. "They definitely added some strength and helped us be an overall great win for the team on senior day."

Junior Nina Dunay, who led the Lady Flames with five goals against Presbyterian, said that she was very thankful for her experience and everything that they have accomplished to help bring the program to where it is today.

The senior definitely realized the way," Denham said. "If it wasn't for them, there wouldn't be a program at all, so we have a huge share to fill. I really appreciate them building tradition and passing the way here. Just the fact that we can sharpen each other on and off the field is a really unique aspect here at Liberty, and I look forward to continuing that on in the few years." The Lady Flames first blood when Dunay scored the first of her five goals just 1:33 into the game. See SENIORS, B4

We'll see you at the game

M. Tennis vs. James Madison
April 10 @ 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Gardner-Webb
April 12 @ 2 & 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. West Virginia
April 12 @ 7 p.m.

M. Lacrosse vs. Elon
April 12 @ 7 p.m.

Football Spring Game
April 13 @ 1 p.m.
Women's tennis winning streak snapped in 6-1 loss to visiting Thundering Herd, Saturday April 6

Steve Sullivan
sohms/liberty.edu

SPORTS
April 9, 2003

The Liberty University women's tennis team four-match winning streak snapped against Marshall-Thundering Herd, 6-1.

"Marshall is a team that has competed with the top 30 teams in the country and been within points of beating them," Head Coach Jeff Mairs said. "They're a very good team, no, for us to play, a much like it, was very beneficial."

With the loss, Liberty (7-8, 0-1 Big South) The Lady Flames have two games remaining against two
opponent Charlotte Southern and an
inter-conference opponent Richmond.

"Every match that Coach Mairs has prepared us for, " we're pretty happy,"

The Lady Flames lost the doubles portion of the match, falling behind 2-0. Marshall won the doubles portion of Liberty's springing to secure the two points. Marshall's No. 1 team of Deana Zucko and Kasie Kline defeated Libe-
rty's No. 1 team of Alexandra Sterner and Elena Kveton, 6-1, 6-0.

Marshall's No. 2 doubles team of Rebekah Jenkins and Nelly Copeland, 6-1, 6-2, won over the No. 3 team of Ellie Ball and Marea Viveskora also prevailed against Liberty's No. 2 team of Josie Boni and Brittany Yang, 6-4.

"We've played so many doubles so far," Kveton said.

In singles, Liberty's first and third singles losses were also the only two points Liberty's No. 3 doubles of Cameron Richard and Thong defeated Marshall's team of Dana Oppinger and Kip Brown, 6-3, 6-0.

Today, I feel we really have a team there and every single game, there are so many problems you don't see that don't go on the scoreboard," Jenkins said.

The Lady Flames lost seven singles match with the exception of one. The lone victory came from Thong, who defeated Liberty's No. 2 singles player, 6-4, 6-0.

Opposing the Flames in this afternoon's conference record in singles play.

Liberty added two more victory points in Liberty's No. 3 doubles with the exception of one. The lone victory came from Thong, who defeated Liberty's No. 2 singles player, 6-4, 6-0.

Thong is currently riding a five-match winning streak, Jenkins and Richard each took their matches to extra sets, but ultimately lost (6-3, 6-3, 6-4) and (6-4, 6-4, 6-6), respectively.

"The whole thing is we have to see it from not an emotional perspective," Jen-
sins said. "This is another match bringing to our goal."

Marshall's No. 3 players won their matches in straight sets. The point to seal the victory for Marshall stemmed from No. 5 Lucas beating Liberty's No. 6 An-
thelma Sesemori, 6-1, 6-0.

"Just like anybody, you want to win, but they are bigger picture," Mairs said.

["And what's that we want them to be the biggest picture, that in a small sense we have a win, never better because of this.

The Lady Flames have two games remaining on their schedule, which will con-
clude for the Lady Flames for the Big South Championship. The Big South Tournament is scheduled for April 11.

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Men's v-ball fifth in national journey

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The Liberty University men's volleyball team traveled to Dallas April 3 to compete in the 2003 National Collegiate Volleyball Feder-
ation (NCF) Tournament.

Liberty entered the tourna-
ment ranked 25th out of 24 teams, but emerged from it near the top, placing eighth.

The Flames started the year as the tournament competing against Penn State Harrisburg, claiming their wins from the tournament (25-11, 25-19).

The Flames were defeated by Central Michigan Uni-

In its first match of the season, Liberty played an evenly matched contest against the University of Wisconsin-Osh-
awa Point that resulted in a third set, the equivalent of overtime, in volleyball. The Flames were defeated by Wisconsin-Oshawa Point, 25-3, 25-16, 15-13.


"It was disappointing because we had Iowa State on the ropes when we had the lead three and a half times and had a chance to push them back when it was 23-21 in the second game," se-

ior Aaron Kronawelt said.

"We knew we could just put past them, but we could have won if we just kept pushing them back," Kronawelt said.

Iowa State went on to take the championship title at the NCF Tournament.

We know that if we beat Iowa State, we could win the whole thing. We were way in the first game, but they got re-
dly sticky, and our hits just couldn't hit the floor," Senior Alikson said.

"It's all going to be up next month," Derick Shelton said. The Flames started the month in the tournament ranked 25th out of 24 teams. Joss Williams collected 33 pins for the team, and Ashton contrib-
uted 25.

"Men's volleyball is still on the rise," Miles said.

The Flames defeated Charleston Southern University, 25-17, 25-11, 25-16.

"We played well together and had a lot of tough battles," Kronawelt said. "We had a better ranking than this team, but we need to keep building on our defense. Our de-

havior has a huge role in all aspects of the game, but we may have a little bit of a struggle to get back to that," Miles said.

Tyree is a sports reporter.

HINDRUNCE - Runners face obstacles on the track.

Bedell added a second relay race victory for the Lady Flames in the 4x400-meter relay. The quartet finished the race in 3:53.45.

"It was pretty improved with the race," Bedell said. "We really pushed out hard," Jones said.

The Lady Flames also added two victories in the distance events.

Senior Kristina Kanagy crossed the finish line more than 10 seconds ahead of the field to win the 1500-meter run. Her 4:41.81 race was a personal record.

Jocy Christiansen captured the 5000-meter title with a time of 16:25.19. The sophomore ran the race more than 10 seconds faster than the secondplace fin-

isher.

In the field, the Lady Flames tallied four individual event wins.

In addition to her 100-meter relay victory, Jones recorded a 10.62-10.25 in the triple jump, Jennifer Nicholson threw 135.25 feet for a personal best in the discus. The sophomore edged out team-

mate Jerys Williams (131-2) for first place.

Michelle Cameron added second-

place victory for the Lady Flames in the shot put. Her 51.12-50.75 in the shot put outdistanced the

field by no less than one foot. The sophomore captured her second straight shot put win at the national meet.

Sophomore Riley Brandon led the way for the Lady Flames in the heptathlon. Brandon post-

ed 4,140 points to lead, a person-

al best, to win the meet. Teammate Audrey Bartfield (3,935) placed third, and Erika Jackson (3,811) finished in the fourth position.

"We had some season-best perfor-

mances, which is what we're hoping for for you're coming into conference," Tolosa said. "I think for the most part, though, the team is coming into its own.

The men's and women's teams will have a weekend off from competition as they prepare for the Big South Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

"The athletes know what they're supposed to do," Tolosa said. "We're just trying to get the rolls ready at this point."

The championships meet will be held at Liberty's Martin's Track Complex April 16-20.

BROWN is a sports reporter.
If you haven’t noticed by now, the Liberty University Baseball Student is near completion. Overall, we’re quite impressed. It is a beautiful addition to campus and will give the baseball program an entirely new level of legitimacy. But, as an instant quasi-finished, there is still time for some last minute regressions. Here are a few of our thoughts about what could be some nice finishing touches to the park. They are in no particular order, other than that the food is first.

#1 Dip ’N Date — Who doesn’t love that stuff?

#2 Pronto — With the shifts, not without.

#3 Baseball bean — Big hoochin’ hot dogs with all the fixins’. You make these on the grill.

#4 Vendors who bring your munch at your seat — have them accept Panera Cash and Meal Points, and we’ll eat all of our meals at the ballpark.

#5 Frozen lemonade — It will be 90 degrees at some point, and we’ll be glad to have it.

#6 Bubble beads — We’ve all seen the Jerry Reuss Sr. move at Doc’s Drive.

#7 A Ster stem statue, or something — The most underappreciated baseball alumni, Brian played first base for 12 seasons in Major League Baseball. He appeared in two World Series and was the winner of the Hutch Award in 1990. Give the player to “best exemplifies the fighting spirit and competitive desire”.

#8 A unique song — Some Red Sox fans say the addition of the song “Sweet Caroline” to the eighth inning at Fenway Park was what helped end the Curse of the Bambino. While a World Series runs unlikely in Lynchburg, it sure would be fun to have a song unique to our ballpark.

#9 Spring training ball toss — At the end of each half inning, they press the ball over the dugout and into the stands. Sounds like a tradition that’s adaptable to the college game.

What can you not live without at a game? Go tell us on the Liberty Champion Facebook page. We’ll publish whenever you say you want in the next issue. Don’t be afraid to dream big.

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EDITORIAL: Rice abuse tactics unnecessary

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A recent film with passion is about players and fans alike. Legends such as John Wooden, Pat Summit, Gene Autry and Jim Brown are just a few figures who have been characterized by a distinctly positive aura. Former Rutgers University Scarlet Knights baseball Head Coach Mike Rice Jr. does not fit that mold.

April 3, Rice was fired after three seasons April 3 shortly after damaging video footage of practice was obtained by ESPN’s Outside the Lines. The tape showed Rice and Assistant Coach Jimmy Murrell physically and verbally abusing players. Both coaches throw basketball at players’ heads, backs and groins and kicked at them. They also hurled homophobic slurs and sharply waved players for performing drills inaccurately.

The tape even caught the eye of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, who rightly called for Rice to be fired immediately.

“This was a regrettable episode for the university, but I completely support the decision to remove Coach Rice,” Christie said in a press release. “I will not tolerate unnecessary action to take in light of the conduct displayed in the video.”

Before his three-year stint at Rutgers, Mike Rice had a 15-31 record at Robert Morris, two NCAA Tournament wins under Ben Howland and a NIT tournament showing.

“He never kicked anybody, never did something outside the lines, and I think, if he did, something really outside the lines, our players would have responded with words back to him or something back to him, but it never got to us,” Cody Wilson, a former Robert Morris basketball player, said to wsecn.com in Pittsburgh. “There was never much backtalk.”

Wilson played under Rice as a walk-on freshman at Robert Morris and also said that he would only ever throw balls at player’s feet.

This type of behavior is not acceptable for a leader in any situation. Eventually, Rice’s policies created a schism in the locker room that divided the coaching staff. Former Rutgers Assistant Coach Eric Murdock took footage to Athletic Director Tim Pernetti, who gave Rice a three-game suspension and a $50,000 fine in December. No disciplinary action was taken against Murrell.

After the media got a hold of the footage, Pernetti fired Rice, and two days later, Murrell and Pernetti resigned.

While Rice did not have success rival at Rutgers, Rice did not enjoy the same success he had in earlier jobs. The Scarlet Knights finished under .500 every year with this coach as coach.

While Rice did not have successful regime at Rutgers, he will hold a job coach career and may find a job elsewhere. However, what top recruit would want to play under him immediately? It is one thing to show charm and give constructive, if not favorable criticism during practice and games, but it becomes a different story when players are abuses.

Every coach we make has a conquence, and Rice’s consequences will be far reaching. Society has proven time and again that given time, we are willing to forgive behaviors that fail, but Rice’s flaws from genesis may take longer forever more than that say. Tiger Woods recent comeback. For the sake of college basketball’s good name and reputation, I hope it doesn’t last long.

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Men's lacrosse buries Charlotte, 25-1

Flames club team starts season 12-1, averaging 16 goals per game in DI play

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The Liberty University men's lacrosse team bounced back from a loss against the Richmond Spiders to defeat the University of North Carolina Charlotte 25-1. More than nine people scored goals for the Flames, with Kurt Tobias scoring six of the 25 in the second half of the game.

Freshman Ryan Miles and sophomore Chris Armstrong also led the Liberty offense with seven goals each. Tobias contributed to their highest-scoring game of the season.

"It was a good game before a really important upcoming game," Head Coach Kyle McQuillan said. "It was a good confidence booster heading into the game this Friday against the 2012 SLC Division Champions Elon University.

Grad student Ethan Kaschid had 11 saves and only allowed one goal. For the season, he leads the Division II with 191 saves and is fifth in saves percentage.

"Kambinis made a huge impact in the second half," junior Kiefer Sipe said. "He helps control the defense, and he has become a leader of the entire defense.

The Flames had little time to prepare throughout the course of the game. "We scored Liberty's goal streak, and the Flames defense later scored two counters that frustrated their lead. The Flames scored a total goal LOOKING AND HANDLED - 25 in the game, missing it 1-3 in the early minutes of the third period, but the Liberty offense replied with another 19 goals.

With his four-goal performance, Miles broke Division II with 32 for the season. He is also third in assists, totaling 30.

"Everyone was ready for the game after the loss," Sipe said. "We were ready to make sure it doesn't happen again. No one likes the taste of losing."
Fashion on display
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Students at Liberty University will showcase their talents through the Family and Consumer Science’s seventh annual fashion show starting at 8 p.m. April 13 in the New Schilling Center, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m.

Liberty students will take on their peers in the “Project Hollywood: A Glamorous Science’s seventh annual fashion show.”

According to the Liberty website, “All fashion garments are designed and constructed by Liberty University students.”

“The show is a great opportunity to show the community what the students are capable of,” Ruth Bibby, the fashion show’s director said.

According to Bibby, many Hollywood clients will be represented at the fashion show.

“I wanted the theme to be respectful to the audience, models and designers,” Bibby said. “I wanted something that would relate to everyone.”

Merry Young, one of Liberty’s fashion design students, chose to base her designs on the film “Alice in Wonderland” because she has always had an interest in films with a whimsical nature.

“I have lived all the emotions of this movie—the colors and the imagination that go into developing the characters,” Young said. “Many people want to explore more than just the aesthetic qualities of the characters, and I chose to represent the light and darkness within each of them.”

According to Young, this is her first fashion show, and she is excited to see the results of her hard work.

“This is my first time designing anything,” Young said. “For a first-time venture, designing is intense and nerve-wracking.”

According to Bibby, this year, the show supports the non-profit charity Threads of Hope. Based out of the Philippines, the charity supports free trade in local communities.

“It will be a night full of food, prizes and fashion,” White said. “Saturday will definitely be a time when fashion design students can get their name out there and begin to be recognized by their community for their talent.”

Tickets are sold at the Vins Center box office and are $5 in advance or $7 at the door.

TRIVETT is a feature reporter.

EXPERIENCE — Akins and Aube set up lighting and camera equipment for a broadcast.

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According to Miller, being able to network and build relationships is very important for people in the digital media field.

“From a business point of view, our business is about networking,” Miller said. “So this is a great opportunity, and that’s why we hope to have more Liberty kids going.”

Aube has done on-camera work with the “96 Seconds Around Liberty” broadcast in previous semesters, and she currently works as the office manager of the radio station on campus, 90.9. The Light. Akins works in the digital media lab and especially enjoys working on live broadcasts.

Neither Aube nor Akins had been to Las Vegas before hosting the conference.

Akins no experience to travel—his parents are missionaries in Romania, and he grew up in the Ukraine. However, Aube said that she has never traveled outside of the Eastern Standard Time Zone.

According to Miller, people in the Liberty Communications Studies Department hope that Aube and Akins will act as a stepping stone leading the way for future Liberty students to attend the conference.

“This year, Liberty gets to send two,” Miller said. “We are counting on the fact that we stay in the mix and get to send more every year, so it’s quite an honor for them to be the first ones to go, as well as it’s an honor for Liberty.”

After Aube and Akins return from their trip, Miller said that she expects the knowledge they gain will be significant.

“From what I have heard, it would be really exciting for them to come back and say, ‘I’d never been prepared like this,’” Miller said. “That would be huge. Second to that is an honest assessment of what they do need. To me, it’s so valuable for them to be able to say, ‘I just experienced a job I never want to do again in it to say, ‘I just experienced a job I want for the rest of my life.’ Both of those are valuable takeaways.”

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Junior and Senior Gala raises funds

Student Government Association kicks off Pro-Life Emphasis Week with "A Black and White Affair"

By Greg Leasner

GAL A UP — Chad Atkinson and Chelsea Paterson address the junior and seniors at Williams Stadium.

The Liberty University Jazz Ensemble set the mood as students arrived in their classiest suits and dresses for "A Black and White Affair" on the third floor of the Williams Stadium, April 6.

The Liberty Student Government Association NSA, hosted the event, also known as the Junior and Senior Gala, but having fun and getting dressed up was not the only purpose of the party. According to Chelsea Paterson, Liberty's senior class president, the approximately $20 ticket sold will help fund this year's senior class gift.

The event also served as a kickoff for Pro-Life Emphasis Week, which will include speakers, lectures and discussions about pro-life issues, Paterson said. Although the details of the senior gift are still in the works, Paterson said that NSA hopes to give a percentage of the money to a mother who shops for her unborn child, and the rest would be set aside for a $10,000 endowed scholarship to be split among multiple students in the future.

Paterson also led the planning of the event, which she said made her nervous about whether it would be successful. In the end, dozens in suits and the NSA had accomplished.

"I think we are happy with it," Paterson said. "I was afraid nobody would come, I think it looks pretty good, and I'm happy with how it turned out.

Prices were also awarded to several people in attendance, including an autographed football and gift cards to various restaurants and stores around the Lynchburg area.

Live music from the Liberty Jazz Ensemble was played throughout the event as students snapped pictures, talked among friends and enjoyed the chance to wear their best clothes.

"It's fun to come get dressed up," Liberty sophomore Jemila Brumard said. "This is the first legitimate formal event that I've been to at Liberty so far."

Paterson said that, in her opinion, part of the reason that the gala was so successful is because it gave students the chance to dress in style.

"I think it's not something that students get to do often," Paterson said.

Brumard did not initially plan to attend the gala, but he ended up going with his friend Jenna Raasch, who was part of a dance team that NSA had to secure for those in attendance.

Everyone gathered in the center of the room at 8 p.m. as members of D-Trees Dance Crew, a hip-hop team made up by Liberty students, performed in chef clothes. It was no easy feat, according to D-Trees member Jacob Wallace.

"It was hard, but we wanted to make it look as good as possible," Wallace said. "It was fun."

Wallace also said that D-Trees normally performs about once or twice each weekend, but this weekend was especially busy. In addition to two performances at the gala, the crew also performed at UNT in Denton earlier Saturday, April 6 and Coffeehouse, Fri. 11, April 4.

"We're such a tight family, since we're always together," Wallace said.

At the night drew to a close, music from the Jazz Ensemble brought the "Black and White Affair" to an end.

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literally as lost animals, and their owners either never make a note to return the animal or they are uncooperative." According to Critzer, there is little concrete communication between HSCC and anyone interested in fostering an animal, and that many owners feel that the group should be proactive when it comes to helping animals. "When you get a phone call and you're still in school, volunteering and training, that dog is left alone for a really long time with no supervision," Critzer said. "It's during these periods of time that they get bored and pick up bad habits. By one year old, the owners are just fed up, they don't want to work with the dog, and it ends up at an animal shelter."

According to Smith, all dogs saved from shelters end up in foster care because HSCC does not have a facility to house them. These foster homes are applicants who have done extensive through the website or through HSCC's Facebook page.

Once a foster family passes approval, Critzer said that they are able to see what the dog is like at home in the animal, Critzer said. "We have dogs and cats on all ends of the spectrum because what one person likes in an animal, another one might want that exact opposite. They have to see exactly what we do."

Lee Evans, a volunteer for HSCC, saw firsthand the necessity for foster homes and other volunteers to step up and take in the pets for adoption events at PetSmart. "I think for those care re-

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Up late at Coffeehouse

Student Activities play tribute to classic television shows through student variety acts

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Usually a BASE for Liberty’s campus, to wind down, 11 o’clock brought about a second wave as eager students gathered with anticipation outside the Vines Center to attend the Student Activities’ Late Night Coffeehouse. According to those who took their seats, the packed Vines Center played an important role in the success of the event. As 11:15 p.m. rolled around, the lights dimmed, and the loud chants of studentajas were silenced.

Fizzling on the screen, a video clip from the Vines and the student Activity’s staff emerged to transport the audience down memory lane. According to Ward, the student’s shows were encouraged to rework the best of great late-night talk show hosts such as Jimmy Fallon, Jay Leno, Jimmy Kimmel, Conan, etc. According to Ward, in the spring, the student’s staff pulled together and brainstormed an eclectic mixture of themes. They take into consideration what they have done in the past few years and what students would enjoy. Speculation was a variety of performances throughout the night, such as Randy and Bebe’s song ‘‘Lady Sunday Morning,” a mash-up between Marvin Gaye’s song ‘‘Sunday Morning” and Andy Samberg’s song ‘‘Lady Sunday.” Returning dancer Vivi Trex put on a show and performances that had the audience scene-setting and champing with the beat and the band. Talented boxer, a more punk version of ‘‘I Know You Were Trouble” as the band bobs portrayed the topless boy, led by the five singers who made a spoof of the popular 1990s band, N’Sync. ‘‘I thought the night was great,” junior student Ethan Howell said. ‘‘It was a good variety of acts, new videos and clips from the past.”

According to Ward, Student Activities takes a lot of time to make sure that the performances and videos submitted meet a certain criteria. ‘‘Each semester, we host tryouts for a certain amount of nights to the Vines Group sign up at the beginning of each fall and spring and that are judged on a variety of aspects: stage presence, relevance to theme, overall performance and more,” Ward said.

Holdfast brought Gabe Herle, a member of the Bangs and Bebe’s, back on stage to take part in a game of ‘‘Would You Rather?” and ask a few questions about his performance. Bangs and Bebe’s consists of lead singer Jason Manczuk and Herle, both having performed twice in Vines Coffeehouse and receiving a lot of attention during their debut song ‘‘Better In Cold Ono’’ during last semester’s Chill-Off. Coffeehouse. Herle said that the band was started because of a mutual friend of Gabe, Ryan Smith. ‘‘The crowd responded in a better view than we had anticipated, which was good,” Herle said. ‘‘It was a good variety of acts, new videos and clips from the past.”

According to Ward, Coffeehouse is a great experience for students because it is comprised of all student videos and performances. ‘‘We want students to come and enjoy themselves and support friends in the show. We believe that Coffeehouse is an awesome and interactive way to do that,” Ward said.

‘‘The magnitude of the university that we’re going up is offering us so many opportunities. Student Activities is going to post our videos on Facebook which is viewed by thousands of people,” Herle said. ‘‘They tell us students that is going to be able to come up and perform, and put out our own whole team so we can be the face of Liberty. We can represent. What we’re doing here is going to be heard around the world.”

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HSCC encourages pet ownership

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Depending on the day, a walk past Penbriar on Words Road could mean an invitation to get, hold and even adopt a puppy. It’s a known scene at the Humane Society in need of a home. The Humane Society for Campbell County HSCC is a nonprofit organization that, according to their activities, is sure to 3,000 animals a year. Some of the animals that have been abandoned are surrendered to the Campbell County Animal Control Facility.

Matt Smith, executive director of HSCC, said that animals are received primarily from animal control facilities as well as through rescue organizations that surrender animals that they no longer have the means to provide for care.

“We also have animals that are born into care,” Smith said. ‘‘For us to take animals in, it be through private surrender, or through animal control facilities that want to do it on their own, and then animal control facilities that want to do it on our own, and then animal control facilities that want to do it on our own.”

The animals that are taken in for care, check in with health and check in with transport.”

Smith said that the large number of abandoned or surrendered animals comes mostly from young children or young animal owners.

“Young animal pets, and animals don’t realize what is involved in animal care,” Smith said. ‘‘One of the big concepts of that is kids, people don’t get their animal up to speed on it. And then you have animal that is in care.”

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NAB hits Vegas

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What happens in Vegas may stay in Vegas, but a select few students experiencing coffeehouses from Liberty University are hoping to gain valuable job experience over their experience out West April 5-11. Junior Matt Akers and senior Courtney Aeber are currently attending Liberty School of Communications. After experiencing the ability to attend selected coffeehouses in the Las Vegas area, they hope to gain valuable work experience for their resumes.

"If you think about it, out of all the colleges in the whole world, they put us here, and then the students from them," said Matt Akers. "It’s fun." Indeed, Akers and 49 other students from universities across the county are spending three days learning about the entertainment, hospitality and technology from Sony representatives before representing the opportunity to people strolling on Las Vegas Boulevard during the massive NAB conference. According to conference officials, more than 30,000 media professionals from 300 countries and 1,500 companies will be in attendance.

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