CVCC considers property sale

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Liberty University has approached the Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) as a possible buyer for the 102-acre site off West End Road. Following the announcement that the college is considering selling the property.

According to Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., Liberty has reinvigorated interest in the land given current conditions.

Up to this point, Falwell and CVCC President John Capps had multiple discussions, but everything is still hypothetical.

"There have been several discussions and inspections to determine if it would be feasible to purchase," Liberty Executive Vice President Ned Askew said. "The purchase price has not been determined yet, which will be a major determining factor." Liberty's board of trustees discussed the possibility of a potential land swap and purchase of the CVCC campus during their March 29 meeting.

"The board was generally positive about it," Falwell said in an article by the News and Advance. "This is more a reorganization than it is a plan," Liberty Director of Planning and Construction Charles Stroud said. "It might be something that works for all parties, but again, it might not work for neither of us. We will need a lot more time to study and evaluate the potential uses of the land and the value of the purchase before a final determination can be reached."

The composition of Liberty and CVCC are located across West End Road from each other. According to Askew, Liberty is in the process of building a "vibrant" center under the railway tracks. When completed, the tunnel is intended to be CVCC-A2

Zoning approved

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After more than two years of discussion, Liberty University and the Lynchburg City Council finally came to an agreement on a new institutional zoning district that will allow Liberty's property requests of 1995 and 1996 totaling.

Lynchburg City Manager Kimball Faulkner said that Liberty and the Lynchburg City Council reached a point in 2010 where they wanted to think that there was a better way to handle the issue of property rights. During that time, there was much frustration from the community over the council's need to establish every time it wished to build.

"The city is Burner, the Liberty property was originally annexed by the county in 1976 before going through a zoning process that changed it from a residential district to a mixture of industrial and commercial, making Liberty a B-5 District General Business District."

"The initial change was triggered back in 1991, when school would no longer considered in-site development within a B-5 zoning district. Mayor Michael Gillesie said, that means that schools tendered to secure CUP in order to build certain types of buildings," Faulkner said.

Prior to 1991, Liberty was still required to secure CUPs for projects such as football stadium and the Visitors Center.

See CUP, A7

Martin seeks delegation

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Liberty University alumnus Zach Martin recently announced his candidacy for the 19th District Republican nomination for the House of Delegates.

Martin, who graduated from Liberty in 2010 with a degree in government and public policy, is holding to replace Delegate Jerry Patney after Patney's decision to not seek re-election after nine years of service.

According to Martin's press release, he is currently running against Jason Gilkey, Jerry Johnson and Jim McKeeby for the Republican nomination and is focusing on creation, limited government, and educational freedom.

"We are ready to go government out of the way and let small businesses operate more efficiently, the result is more jobs," Martin said. "The more regulatory red tape the less productive "

See MARTIN, A3
The Liberty University Online Undergraduate department announced the recipients of the 2013-2014 Academic Awards for Excellence in Teaching in four categories. According to Tabitha Cassidy, Academic Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, the addresses were chosen by the Selection Committee consisting of dean from seven disciplines.

"The recipients are recognized for their dedication and devotion to teaching, inspiring, motivating, and uplifting students," Cassidy said.

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Liberty University will host its first female keynote speaker for commencement in 2011, according to Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr.

Shannon Beaman, who is also the first female commencement student speaker, will share the platform with this year's graduation speaker, Zacharias, at Liberty University's 19th commencement on April 27. Beaman and Zacharias addressed students, faculty, and staff during the ceremony.

"Shannon and Zacharias have worked together to create a great experience for everyone," said Falwell. "Liberty University is very excited to host the first female commencement speaker and to welcome an international student leader as our commencement speaker."

"As a student of The King's College in New York, Zacharias has had the opportunity to attend commencement ceremonies all over the country and at many universities. "I am very excited to be a part of Liberty University's commencement," Zacharias said. "I am very happy to be here to serve this university and its students."

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to address the students of Liberty University and to share my experiences with them," Beaman said. "I am also very thankful to have been selected for this honor and I look forward to the opportunity to come back to the university to celebrate with all of you."
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced Friday, April 5 that it would delay the closure of 149 federal contract airport control towers until the end of June. This move gives Liberty University’s School of Aeronautics (SOA) more time to prepare for the loss of tower operation.

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

“Our operators fly 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 tower 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. However, Young does not anticipate any impact on Liberty or Lynchburg residents who are not members of the local aviation community. Because the tower is only open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, aircraft, including the airlines, already fly by and from the airport without tower guidance on a daily basis.

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At the end of March, social media superpower Twitter pillaged its seventh birthday. Throughout the day Thursday, March 21, many posted con- gratulatory remarks on Twitter pages — in the allotted amount of characters, minus one.

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 alone, more than 500 million tweets were sent per day.

Not bad for a site that in its first year had only 140 characters or less. My second paragraph doubled that amount. Oh how geekdom has grown.

Twitter has been a major factor in the change of the American mindset considering the written word. In less than five years, the shift from the consumption of longer, more elaborated articles to the desire for more condensed, sporadic headlines has become quite evident to even the most innocent of bystanders.

"I think, first of all, it's a challenge. It's a challenge to say something meaningful in 140 characters," communication professor Barry Burdette said, referring to the allure of the site. "And then, the whole idea is that you want to speak to people in short, quick bursts. It's a whole different, different time.

I think like the take that they may jump on and scrawl through really quick, just to get headlines, like a whole different. You're thinking, in the 140 words and headlines of what's going on in the world that has been one of the main attractions.

You constantly hear the older generation remark about how the daily newspaper just isn't what it used to be. Well, the overall reactivity of that argument may be quite a bit different. Where else is the amount of people there. You are right on point with that.

In 2008, two German professors from the University of Hamburg and one from the University of Munich compiled a study and found that our attention spans have dropped from 12 seconds to eight seconds since 2008. The same study also concluded that goldfish have an average attention span of nine seconds.

That same study also found that on an average Web page of nearly 600 words, users only read an average of 27 percent. For every additional 100 words, users were spread only 1.4 seconds on the page.

You can only imagine how much of my audience members has already quit on me, but digress. To amplify the class, we have become a generation of skin- dippers. Think about your friend on your Twitter or Facebook. How much of it is with just one eye on the screen, mind- lessly. I though to myself, are we really concerned with life-altering occurrences, such as what does your friend wear or how your neighbor's meat is at his favorite fast-food restaurant is going to?

That is the mindset we have where these monumental incidents trump an escape into a lengthy news article. It is not necessarily wrong, but it is not necessarily something to be proud of, either.

As an earlier cited article that those that diagnosed a New York Times Hyperactiv- ity Disorder (AHD) were subject to more conditions.

A 2011 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that the amount of children diagnosed with ADHD had risen by 40 percent each year from 2003 to 2007. The study found that nearly 1 in 10 children between the ages of 4 and 17 will be diagnosed with some form of the disorder. It is a society where we validate, a society where we celebrate, and headlines of what's going on in the world that has been one of the main attractions.

Regardless of whether our agree with the effect Twitter has on us, it appears obvious that the site has been here 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 un- desired Tuesday slot, time slot to make room for the social media saturated Jimmy Kimmel Show — make clear the direction in which we are headed.

"Twitter definitely has staying power," Burdette said. "I think for Twitter, the sim- plification of it is the driving force, and therefore, it doesn't need to change a whole 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 exceptions to the ever- increasing normality of neurotic thought. Take a bow for combating that curse.

Twitter celebrates #7 years

By ANNE WOOLFOLK

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

"It's a wonderful day, but a complicated day," said Cassidy, the editor in chief.
Woods + Winning = Cure?  

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

In the wake of Tiger Woods' charged upstanding status, his ongoing Rehab and his growth as a person, it is fitting to remember that he has been a consistent force in the world of sports.

In 2014, Nike signed Tiger Woods to a new contract, following his career waterfalls and personal struggles. The move was seen as a bold and strategic decision, with Nike betting on Woods' potential to bounce back and lead them back to glory in the world of sports.

The advertisement highlights Woods' vulnerabilities and imperfections, while also showcasing his resilience and strength. By doing so, Nike is able to create a narrative of redemption and forgiveness, emphasizing the idea that success can heal past mistakes and lead to a brighter future.

This approach is not only a testament to Woods' character but also a powerful message to the public, urging them to embrace forgiveness and second chances. Nike's decision to support Woods is a clear indication that success and forgiveness can go hand in hand, creating a narrative of hope and inspiration.

In conclusion, Nike's decision to re-sign Tiger Woods is a strategic move that highlights the power of forgiveness and the ability to learn from past mistakes. It serves as a reminder that success and redemption are possible, even in the face of adversity. Nike's support of Woods is not just about sports, but about creating a narrative that can inspire and encourage others to do the same.

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Higher education in America has reached a tumultuous crossroad. Our state colleges have long been considered the cornerstone in America's educational system, but with the rise of online education and declining enrollment, the future of higher education is in question. How can we ensure that our state colleges remain relevant and competitive in the 21st century?

The state of higher education in America is a complex issue. There are numerous factors that contribute to the challenges facing our state colleges. One of the most significant is the decline in enrollment. This has led to budget cuts, increased tuition costs, and a decrease in state funding, putting the financial stability of many state colleges in question.

In order to address these challenges, we must consider a range of strategies. One approach is to focus on innovation and adaptation. This includes investing in technology and online learning, expanding partnerships with industry, and diversifying our offerings to meet the needs of a changing workforce.

Another important strategy is to strengthen our relationships with other institutions. This could involve forming alliances with other colleges and universities, or collaborating with businesses and industries to create new learning opportunities. By working together, we can pool resources and create a more vibrant and dynamic educational landscape.

In conclusion, the state of higher education in America is a critical issue that requires urgent attention. By focusing on innovation, adaptation, and collaboration, we can ensure that our state colleges remain a vital and valuable part of our educational system.

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Students in love with ‘LU Crushes’

Yet is anonymously posting your fondness for a fellow student on a Web page really the best way to handle the situation?

Sara Warrender

For many of us, elementary school marked a time of fondness, crushed hopes and whispered notes passing between lovers. Love letters would be scribbled on messy lined paper, crumpled up and sent flying into the lap of lighthearted grade mates.

Now in college, we have grown up and initiated the breathtaking power of technology to work out our crushes.

On a Facebook page called “LU Crushes,” students can privately exchange love notes that will be posted on the page’s wall for the rest of Liberty University to guess your crush’s identity.

The page was created in early February and has gained more than 2,000 likes on Facebook.

“I would say that this page is most ‘an entertainment,’” the page’s creator, who wished to remain anonymous, said. “It seemed like something fun and entertaining that Liberty students would possibly take part in, and hopefully they did.”

Although Liberty students are participating, many controversies are forming around the creator’s lead and leaving their pure anonymity.

“Then’s the guy that sits next to me in Chemistry,” an anonymous post said. “I have heard his friends refer to him as ‘Superhot.’ I actually followed him back to where he live. Does anyone know what his name may be? I would love to get to know him better.”

Comments under this post range from referring to the crush as “preppy” to “a lost puppy.”

Instead of following our crushes by the first two methods and then mailing dainty notes through their chimney doors, how about displaying a

little boldness? Do we not know that God will direct our futures, including our future relationships?

“Liberty students, how are we going to be champions for Christ when we can’t even face God’s children face to face?” Liberty student Chris Moore said in a post on the site. “The worst thing that might happen is they aren’t interested. Not the end of the world.”

Many students commented on the page’s anonymous posts, telling their fellow classmates to ask their crush out on a date, or if the very least to contact them in some way.

Joshua 1:9 says, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Oftentimes, after the alleged crush is tapped in to, the person mentioned will comment, telling the anonymous admirer to approach them the next time the two see each other.

“They could be thinking the same way about you, but be cause neither of you is willing to take the risk of saying hello or casually taking about going out for a meal, you’ll never know,” Liberty student Trevor Clabach said in a post on the page.

As Liberty students, we pray that God will bless our upcoming weeks, lengthy papers and guilty grins across University Roads, and when it comes to relationships, we curb behind technology. The past and present messaging on our websites seems to have replaced face-to-face interactions.

“I am hoping this page will help people get rid of their crushes and actually approach the people that they are crushing,” the page’s creator said. “We are constantly coming up with ideas, and we see that in the near future, we will be able to find a way for admirers to actually get the chance to meet and maybe even tear out their crushes.

The process of meeting and speaking to your crush has been over-complicated by the ‘LU Crushes’ page. After all, the entire campus is required to go to Converse three times a week. Change the days of your affection is there with as many weeks as you.

The difference between fifth grade and college is that in fifth grade, we would sign our name at the bottom of our love notes. Now down our crush we let them make the decision. Now, we are not our own computers. "When you submit those love letters, do not say ‘I Am Not Close Enough’ or ‘I’m Not Ready’ because that is a lie," a page .

A Final Thought:

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In the same way that brown bar and blue bars… just want to tell you that you are beautiful. These beautiful brown bars are a symbolizing you open yourself where you are, clothes fall apart everywhere. I see you, I get weak in the knees. 411 crushes.”

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The thing that caused the stress is sometimes not scary. I would love to be your coffee weekend.”

DIGITAL DATING? – While the cleverness of the site’s offerings is impressive, the allure of scrolling down the poster on Facebook is undeniable.

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Citing financial problems, Tim Patterson, the former of The White Cafe, closed the coffee shop two years ago, two years of service. The popular 50-seat bus stop at Liberty University University served its last customer Saturday, March 9.

According to Patterson, he was a flanteur business owner who operated The White Cafe two years ago, along with two bus­

seasonal reporter.

services. It was an inviting place that I had grown to love, and didn’t want to see the place closed,” Patterson said.

Patterson described The White Cafe as an escape from his living room, saying that he enjoyed the people he met and the

conversations he had with them.

“People had worked so hard to provide a good experience here as well as some good food and coffee. We used a little bit more expensive ingredients because we wanted the food to be good and to get local staff as much as we could,” Patterson said.

At times, it would be hard to find a seat at The White Cafe. A short menu included two area restaurants on their studies while enjoying

good food and good coffee, said Patterson.

“If you went their pretty early, usually when I opened the door and when I wanted to get seated,” Liberty senior Justin Paynt said. “I would always get there early because there were people for that day."

Patterson found that the closing was a matter of simply not making as much money as he was putting into it.

“Because it was less then expected and it had been that way for almost a year or so, and it was kind of a pain to where I wasn’t cared on anymore. I didn’t want to lose more money,” Patterson said.

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Track wins 18 events at invite

Runners, throwers and jumpers enjoy banner day in renovated complex

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The Liberty Lady Flames cross country team (5-7, 2-1 Big South) celebrated senior day by defeating the Presbyterian Blue Hose (2-11) on Friday, April 5.

"It was really nice to have a beautiful day out here on our new track," Head Coach Brandy Telford 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 and women's track team won 18 events.

Including four on the track.

On the second day of competition, distance runner Cody Edmonds and Isaac Wendland set the pace for the Flames. Edmonds finished the 3000-meter run in first place with a time of 8:23.81. Wendland also captured the 800-meter victory, finishing the race in 1:53.43. Wendland won the Liberty Collegiate Invitational event title for the third time in his career.

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The Flames captured a victory in the 4x100-meter relay as well. The quartet of Tyler Weigandt, Andre Washington, Tad Williams and Leonard Robbins combined to finish the race with a season-best time of 40.99 seconds.

Washington also notched an individual event victory in the 100-meter dash. The senior edged out teammate Leonard Robbins, crossing the finish line at 8.82 seconds.

"I think some of my biggest competitors in the conference were there," Washington said. "I knew if I could just get 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'

The Liberty Lady Flames lacrosse team (1-7, 0-1 Big South) celebrated senior day by defeating the Presbyterian Blue Hose (2-11-3, 0-2 Big South) on Friday, April 5.

In honor of family and friends, the Lady Flames put up an impressive offensive display against the Blue Hose, with seniors Chloe Midlarsky, Candice Parsons, Amber Nicholls and Jen Poyronec leading the way.

"This is my first class where we have two seniors that have been here for four years, and the other two seniors are obviously very special to the program too," Lady Flames Head Coach Regan Denham said. "They absolutely paved the way for us. We are an overall great win for the team on senior day."

Junior Nina Danay, who led the Lady Flames with three goals against Presbyterian, said that she was very thankful for her senior moment and everything that they have accomplished by helping the program in where it is today.

The seniors definitely relish the way," Danay said. "If it wasn't for them, there would be no program at all, so we have each other to fill in our shoes and 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 drew first blood when Danay scored the first of two goals just 1:33 into the game."

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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.

Flames RB suspended

Allen had 1,000 yards, 10 TDs in 2012

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Liberty University football, coach Turner Gill announced Tuesday, April 2, that running back Deatrick Ally has been suspended from the football team for violating a team policy. The suspension is expected to continue for the remainder of the spring season.

The suspension followed Allen's March 29 arrest and arraignment in the Lynchburg General District Court on one count each of attempted robbery of a residence and malicious wounding. Court documents state that the offences allegedly occurred March 3, and a preliminary hearing has been set for May 13.

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Men's v-ball fifth in national tourney

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The Liberty University Men's volleyball team clinched a share of fifth place in the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament.

The Flames entered the tournament ranked 23rd out of 24 teams, but emerged from it near the top, placing fifth.

The Flames started the day one of the tournament competing against Penn State Harrisburg clinching their fifth win in six matches (25-13, 25-19). The Flames completed the day with a win over Central Michigan University (25-10, 25-15). In its third match of the day, Liberty played an evenly matched contest against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Team that resulted in a third win, the equivalent of earning a victory in volleyball. The Flames won the match 25-20, 25-19, 3-0.

The Flames started the day two and took on Valdosta University in the first match. The Commodores scored the first four points before the Flames put their name on the scoreboard with three straight points (25-20, 25-23, 25-19). The Flames finished day two of the tournament against Liberty Christian State University, capturing the match from the Eagles (25-20, 25-17, 25-19).

The Flames won their last game against Liberty Christian State University with a sweep in the first three sets, winning the first game 25-10, 25-13, 25-20.

The Flames are currently riding a five-match winning streak, setting up a potential NCAA Tournament berth.

BROWN is a sports reporter.
From the
BOX

If you haven’t noticed by now, the Liberty University Baseball Student is near-
ing completion. Overall, we’re quite impressed. It is a beautiful addition to com-
pass and join the baseball program on a whole new level of legitimacy. But, after all is said and done, there is still time for some last minute suggestions. 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. Premium — With the shifts, not

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

4. Vendors who bring your munch-
age to your seat — have them accept
Flame’s Cash and Meal Points, and we’ll eat all of our meals at the ball-
park.

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 Sheehan Sr. ones at Doc’s
Diner.

7. A Sit-Down strategy, or some-
things — The one-assemble Liberty
baseball alumni, Beaux played first
base for 12 seasons in Major League

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

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Rice abuse
tactics unnecessary

Derrick Battle

A review with fire and passion ig-
nites players and fans alike. Legends
such as Jim Woodson, Pat Summit, Geno Auriemma and Jim Boeheim
are just a few fe-
ry. But, the real story is the coaches who have been characters by a distinctly posi-
tive aura.

Former Rutgers University Scarlet Knights basketball head coach Mike
Rice Jr. does not fit that mold.

April 5, Rice was fired after three
seasons April 5 shortly after damag-
ing video footage of practice was ob-
tained by ESPN’s Outside the Lines.

The tape showed Rice and Assis-
tant Coach Jimmy Murrel physically, and verbally abusing players. Both
coaches threw basketballs at players’
heads, backs and groin and kicked at
them. They also hurled homophobic
diges and scolded players for performing skills inaccurately.

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

“This was a regrettable episode for
the university, but I completely sup-
port the decision to remove Coach Rice,” Christie said in a press release.

“We will not tolerate inappropriate
behavior on the part of our coaches,
and we will take to heart the training
provided.”

Before his three-year stint at Rut-
gers, coach Rice had a 13-31 record at Robert Morris, two NCAA Tournament appearances and a NIT tournament showing.

“He never kicked anybody, never
did anything outside the lines, and I
think he’d did something really out-
side the lines, our players would have
responded with week back to him or
something back to him, but it never
got to that,” Cody Wilson, a former
Robert Morris basketball player, said to wqas.com in Pittsburgh. “There
was never much backhand.”

Wilson played under Rice as a walk-on freshman at Robert Morris and also said that he would never
even throw balls at player’s feet.

This type of behavior is not ac-
ceptable for a leader in any situation.

Eventually, Rice’s policies created a
within the locker room that divided
the coaching staff. Former Rutgers As-
sistant Coach Eric Murdock took foot-
age to Athletic Director Tim Pernetti,
who gave Rice a three-game suspens-
nion and a $50,000 fine in Decem-
ber. No disciplinary action was taken
against Murdock.

After the media got a hold of the
footage, Paterno fired Rice, and two
days later, Murrel and Pernetti re-
nounced his departure.

While Rice did not have success-
ful regime at Rutgers, he will hold
his job as an assistant coach and may find a job elsewhere. However, what top res-
ults would want to play under him?

It is one thing to show charisma and
give constructive, if not favorable,
criticism during practice and games, but it becomes a different story when players
are abused.

Every coach we have had a con-
sequence, and Rice’s consequences will
be far reaching. Society has proven
again and again that given time, we
will not be willing to tolerate abusive figures who fail, but Rice’s fail from great
may take longer to reverse than say,
Tiger Woods’ recent downfall. For
the sake of college basketball’s good name and reputation, I hope it does not happen.

BATTLE is the asst. sports
editor.
Men's lacrosse buries Charlotte, 25-1
Flames club team starts season 12-1, averaging 16 goals per game in DI play

The University of Liberty's men's lacrosse team bounced back from a 1-2 start to beat the Richmond Spiders at a victory over the University of South Carolina on Saturday, Feb. 25. More than nine people scored goals for the Flames, with Kent Tobias scoring six of the 12 in the second game of the season.

Paton said, "It's a good confidence booster heading into the game this Friday against the 2014 NCAA Division I Tournament Champions Elon University. Our team didn't have a lot of time to prepare for this game, but we were able to come out on top.

"It's a good sign for us and our ability to compete with the best teams in the country."

The Flames scored five goals in the first quarter, led by Tobias, who scored three goals in the game. Tobias ended the game with six goals, setting a new school record for goals in a game.

"It's great to play (lacrosse) with people who do it all for the Lord. The Lord has used us to help others and teach them what we've learned."

The Flames have now won 12 games in a row, including a 1-0 win over the University of South Carolina on Saturday. The Flames are currently ranked 12th in the nation.

"We're really excited to see how we do in the upcoming games. We're just getting started and we're looking forward to the challenges ahead."
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: Glamorous Encore" 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 relevant to the audience, models and designers," Bibby said. "I wanted something that would relate to everyone.'

Mercy Weston, one of Liberty University’s senior fashion designer students chose to base her designs on the film "Alice in Wonderland" because she has always had an interest in film with a whimsical nature.

I have loved all the elements of this movie — the colors and the imagination that goes into developing the characters," Weston said. "Many years, I wanted to explore more than just the aesthetic qualities of the character, and I also was the light and darkness within each of them.”

According to Weston, 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," Weston said. "For a true creative venture, designing is fun and exciting 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," Bibby said. "Saturday will definitely be a time when fashion design students can get their come out there and begin to be recognized by their community for their talent.”

Tickets are sold at the Vince 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 a camera equipment for a broadcast.

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According to Mills, 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," Mills 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 is no stranger 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 Mills, problems 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 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.

"For me, it would be really exciting for them to come back and say, I’m ready. I’ve been prepared well,” Miller said. "That would be huge. Second to that is an honest assessment of what they do need. To me, it’s so valuable to be able to say, ‘I just experienced a job I never want to do again’ in it is to say, ‘I just experienced a job I want for the rest of my life.”

Both of these are valuable takeaway.”

LEASURE is the feature editor.

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

DRESSED UP - Chad Atkinson and Chelsea Paterson address the juniors and seniors at Williams Stadium.

By Faith Brown | Liberty Champion

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

The Liberty Student Government Association NGA 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 250 tickets 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 NGA hopes to give a percentage of the money to a mother who stops life for her unborn child, and the rest would be set aside for a $100,000 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, the event was a success and the NGA had accomplished, "This is the happiest walk in," Paterson said. "I was afraid nobody would come (we think) look pretty good, and I'm happy with how it turned out."

Prizes were also awarded to several people in attendance, including an Apple iPad, as well as 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 and get dressed up," Liberty sophomore Jeff Beards 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. Beards did not initially plan to attend the gala, but he ended up going with his friend Jenna Ragnos, who was part of a surprise that NGA had to store for those in attendance.

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

"It was hard, but we wanted to make it like a chess match," Wallace said. "It was fun."

Wallace also said that D-Tres 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 Liberty's basketball games Saturday, April 6 and Coffeehouse, Fri., Apr. 5 at 8 p.m.

"We are such a tight family since we're always together," Wallace said. As the night drew to a close, music from the Jazz Ensemble brought the "Black and White Affair" to an end.

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PASSION — Archulet used her cosmetology license to start a business.

“Archulet’s passion stemmed from Liberty, where she followed her dreams through the opening of her personal business.”

“Her love for music is evident in her personal business.”

“What she’s doing is really nice, she’s doing something.”

“According to Archulet, her passion for cosmetology began during her freshman year when she attended Liberty University. She realized that she wanted to pursue a career in cosmetology and decided to open her own business.”

“Archulet plans to continue her personal passion for hair styling and make-up into a business.”

“Archulet’s passion for cosmetology started when she was a freshman at Liberty University.”

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A walk on campus that, indeed, has been described by one as "just a big thing." The program is run by the Humane Society of the United States, which is headquartered in the nation's capital, and is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world. The program is designed to help students understand the importance of animal welfare and to encourage them to take action to improve the lives of animals. It is open to all students, regardless of their major or background, and is offered during the fall and spring semesters.

The program consists of a series of lectures, workshops, and service-learning projects, all of which are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding animal welfare. Students are also encouraged to participate in community service projects, such as volunteering at local animal shelters or participating in animal rights protests. In addition, the program provides opportunities for students to become involved in research and advocacy work, and to network with other animal rights activists and organizations.

Up late at Coffeehouse
Student Activities takes pride in classic television shows through student virtual reality acts

NAB hits Vegas
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What happens when you bring together a group of university students and a group of high school students from Liberty University? You get a unique and exciting collaboration that is sure to impress. This summer, Liberty University and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) partnered to create a special summer opportunity for student journalists. The program, NAB Hits Vegas, brought together students from both universities to work on a variety of projects, including news reports, feature stories, and social media campaigns.

The students spent the summer months working on projects for NAB's Las Vegas offices, as well as creating their own content for the university's own news outlets. They worked on a range of topics, from news stories to feature packages, and were challenged to think creatively and think outside the box.

The students were given the opportunity to work with professional journalists and learn from their experiences. They were also able to gain valuable hands-on experience in the world of broadcast journalism.

The program was very successful, and the students were able to produce a variety of content that was both informative and entertaining. The students learned a lot about the industry, and were able to develop important career skills.

I would like to thank Liberty University and the National Association of Broadcasters for this opportunity. I learned a lot, and I hope that others will have the chance to participate in the future.