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Serious?—Members of the gay rights organization, Soulforce, walk to the Vines Center.

John Reitan’s jaw was set the moment he stepped into the Vines Center. It was just before noon, on April 25 and the small army of gay and lesbian supporters were prepared for anything—well, almost anything.

“I hope that this can be a day of understanding for all of us,” said Reitan, who is the student leader for Soulforce, a gay rights group headquartered in Lynchburg. “We’ve got to be willing to get to know each other as people, not as issues, and that’s what we’re trying to do today.”

The group of students and faculty members from across the state of Virginia (with the notable exception of Liberty University), gathered around Dr. Matt White, the founder of Soulforce. He advised them to not cause a scene in the corridor, to not stand up to protest and to just talk about the Bible with the Liberty students.

“The Bible debunks gender roles,” White said. “Right now, we’re only asking that we be treated as human beings.”

While further explaining that he holds a Doctorate in Theology and considers himself a Christian, “I love the Bible, and I think the biblical authors know nothing about homosexuality as we know it today.”

Dr. Jake Falwell told the people to abandon his jersey and helmet to take part in a new physical challenge that would ultimately test his courage and his faith.

As Army recruiter, whom Anderson rose to refer to as “a smooth talker,” guided him through the enlistment process for the U.S. Army. Before long, Anderson traded his dorm room for the barracks of the bomb disposal camp at Ft. Drum.

N.J.

Anderson enjoyed the physically demanding cadre training that comes standard with military training, but he couldn’t forget his loved ones back at home—especially one in particular. Her name is Susan. After falling in love during their days at Liberty University in Chesterfield, Va., Anderson proposed to be his wife during the Vines Center event. Susan was one of the first people Anderson thought of when he received word of his impending deployment.

Initially, Anderson was 100% that he would be enrolling in Afghanistan. However, that was not the case. He confessed himself and his family by saying, “at least it’s not Iran.” Perhaps Anderson spoke too soon because a few weeks later, the specifications of the mission would place Anderson in the midst of the war in Iraq.

Anderson liked his job in Iraq because of the major strategic role he played in protecting his fellow soldiers. According to Anderson, one of the most critical missions he performed along the routes was to disguise bombs.

As the Soulforce group stood at the entrance to the Vines Center, dozens of Liberty students greeted them with open arms and friendly conversation.

White said that although he loves Liberty students, he believes they needed to hear his views on homosexuality.

Their minds are awash with anti-gay propaganda,” White said of LU students. “Most of the students here are in the process of making up their minds.”

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By Sara Lesley

Soulforce visits Liberty

By Matt Morning

Commencement

After years of dedication and struggle, the goal of the 2005 graduating class will finally come to fruition: Commencement. Liberty University will host its 32nd Commencement ceremony on May 14 at 9 a.m. in the Vines Center.

FOX News’ Sean Hannity will give the Commencement address. The speaker for the baccalaureate service, Elijah said the people to pour water on the altar during a thought in a Kham.

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Aside from the traditional baccalaureate Commencement service the university holds, many schools and departments have their own special ceremonies for their graduating class.

The departmental ceremonies will have a cake and punch reception immediately following the Commencement in the Communications Student Department.

Dr. Faith Mullin, who helped organize the reception, was modest as she thought of her seniors. Her advice to these seniors was, “The only thing that matters in life is that we stay close to God.”

Though the School of Business does not have a separate reception, Sharon Chelick, the administrative assistant, wished good-byes to the students in both the schools of business and government.

“I’m very proud of them,” Chelick said. The School of Education is also holding a reception for their seniors on May 22 at 3:45 p.m. in the VES.

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Network disaster: Keeping the World Wide Web safe for Liberty

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Prayer: National day of prayer

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This gives Americans an opportunity to experience God's work," Carson said. "This also gives government officials, which in so many ways exclude God, a chance to pray and put focus on him." Carson also said that the government was important in our lives, and that we should pray for God's will to be seen in it. "Our lives are like a tripod; the legs are church, home, and government. We need all three to support us," Carson said.

The National Day of Prayer organization is a group that helps distribute materials and organize events surrounding the day. Americans should focus on praying for the national government, as well as the local government. The organization states that Americans should encourage their government officials to represent them. They also instruct us to pray for the Supreme Court; Carson added that we should also pray for the new judicial appointments, and that the judges will be God-fearing.

Many students support the day of prayer and look forward to gathering with their classmates. "I think it is a good time to focus on prayer as a nation," senior Wade Wittkelt said.

The National Day of Prayer was founded in 1952 by congress and Ronald Reagan made the first Thursday of May the official day of prayer. The prayer gathering will be led by members of the campus pastor's office, as well as members of the faculty. The meeting is estimated to last approximately one hour. Please direct any questions to the campus pastor's office, or your SLD.

Soldier: Returns home to fiance, gets married

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Anderson and his team worked to locate and diffuse or neutralize these bombs. On Dec. 21, 2004, Anderson was scheduled to travel with some of his friends to Mosul. Everyone was supposed to meet at 11:30 a.m. and ride in Anderson's truck. Everyone was supposed to miss the tire fixed and missed the 12:30 meeting time.

Finally, after the tire was patched, Anderson and his friends began making their way up the hill to the chow hall. Before they arrived, Anderson heard a large explosion coming from that direction. He would later discover that the explosion was caused by enemy fire. The blast, which prompted international headlines, claimed the lives of at least 40 people and wounded 80. Anderson simply acknowledges his timing by saying, "I should have been there."

In a series of recent circumstances, Anderson found ways to remember his faith. One evening while on a particularly dull stint on guard duty, Anderson began engaging in a conversation with a U.S.-trained Iraqi soldier. While admittedly he had never really shared the gospel before, Anderson sensed the need to tell the Iraqi about Christianity.

At first, the language barrier between the two soldiers inhibited the conversation. However, over the course of an hour and a half, using broken English and lots of sign language, Anderson feels he successfully communicated his belief. "I feel in my heart he was able to understand, and I believe he is definitely a man who has placed himself as an instrument in the enemy's hands," he said.

Emerick, who often counsels students dealing with homosexuality, said that White was guilty of manipulating the young people in Soulforce, some of whom are still in high school. "He's brainwashing these kids and kids are struggling with something in their lives," Emerick said. "I believe he is definitely a man who has placed himself as an instrument in the enemy's hands." He wants to distribute gay literature to the students, but Falwell did not permit it. "I had refused him that privilege," White said. "I would not allow any homosexual writer access to our students," Falwell said. "As God's shepherd, I am charged by God to protect his flock."

The purpose of the Soulforce visit, White said, was to create a safe environment for Liberty students who have questions about their sexual identity. Emerick said that his office is always open to students who need someone to talk with. "We've had a number of students through the years that have come to my office, they find it is a safe place to talk and say that they're struggling with their sexual identity," Emerick said.

While estimates that there are between 300 to 400 gay students on Liberty's campus.

However, he was only able to confirm one student who planned to participate in Monday's demonstration. "For Mel, it is about policies, or about Jerry's wrong," Falwell said. "We're not here to change them. We're here to show genuine love. "My heart aches for these little children who need someone to talk with," Emerick said. "I feel in my heart he was able to understand, and I believe he is definitely a man who has placed himself as an instrument in the enemy's hands."

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Dorms get 'facelift'

By Charles Franklin

On a clear spring day, the residents of Dorms 29, 30, 31 and 32 breathed in the freshness of the new air they were about to get. As they looked over their dorms, they thought of the days they would spend there, where they would grow and learn. Sometimes, they would even think about the past, the memories they shared with their friends.

One of the roommates, John, said, "We have known each other for a long time, and we share a lot of the same interests. We look forward to spending more time together in our new dorms."

The decision to update the dorms was made by the Residence Life department, who saw the need for a renovation. The dorms were old and in need of repairs, but the administration knew that they were worth the investment.

According to Residence Life Director, Ms. Baker, "We want to provide our students with a comfortable and safe environment to live in. The renovation of the dorms will not only make them more appealing, but also safer for our students."

The renovation will include new furniture, fresh paint, and improved lighting. The bathrooms will also be upgraded, with new sinks and showerheads. The halls will be painted with new colors, and the rooms will be equipped with new beds and desks.

For some students, it was a long time coming. They had been waiting for this opportunity for a while, and they were excited to finally see the changes take place.

"I am so excited about this," said Sarah, a resident of Dorm 30. "I have been living here for two years, and I am ready for a change."

The renovations are scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer. The residents are looking forward to the new space and the improved facilities.

"I can't wait to see the final product," said John. "I am sure it will be even better than we expected."

The residents are also looking forward to the new opportunities that the renovation will bring. They are excited to have more space and privacy, and to be able to enjoy their new dorms with their friends.

"I think it will be a great improvement," said Mary, another resident of Dorm 30. "I am looking forward to living in a better environment."

The Residence Life department is grateful for the support of the administration in making this happen. They are confident that the students will be happy with the new dorms, and that they will provide a better living environment for them.

"We are excited to see the results," said Ms. Baker. "We believe that this renovation will make a positive impact on the lives of our students."

The residents are also looking forward to the opportunity to make their dorms their own. They are planning on decorating their rooms and adding personal touches to make them feel more comfortable.

"I am excited to decorate my room," said Sarah. "I want it to be a place where I can relax and feel at home."

The renovation is a big undertaking, but the Residence Life department is confident that it will be worth it. They believe that the students will appreciate the effort and the results.

"We are committed to providing the best possible living environment for our students," said Ms. Baker. "We believe that this renovation is a step in the right direction."
When I came to Liberty as a backward farm kid from the slopes of North Carolina, I was completely awestruck by the magnitude of the Liberty world. When Dr. Falwell's voice boomed during convocation about finding my freshman kid from the sticks of North Carolina, I was spellbound. I still visit all about the brothers and sisters that have died on their way to class. I am one of those people that are guilty of walking straight out in traffic, but that joke is worn out.

The day I hark to the school where many are killed in accidents. I have decided that the crosswalk at the religion hall needs to be a monument commemorating all the pedestrians that have died on their way to class. I am one of those people that are guilty of walking straight out in traffic, but that joke is worn out.

Liberty is the only college where a fourth-year student used to live. In the last College for a Weekend, I decided to be a good student and help some lost Christians find their classroom in DeMoss. After moving around aimlessly for half an hour, I admitted my defeat. The DeMoss Dungeon had swallowed us up like ants in a mound. I'm still looking for the DeMoss fountain I've been seeing in all of LU's brochures.

I thought by now I had experienced everything Liberty had to offer. After all, I am a jaded senior - I've been through the system, I've served my time. My Math 110 skills have calculated that I have been through 374 lectures, 126 hall meetings and paid $378 in parking tickets.

That morning, I talked with 55 gay and lesbian students who wanted to make a statement on this campus. They marched up to the Vice's office, ready to flaccid their showdown in the face of our Christian beliefs. They were wearing a fully-fledged frontal assault, but I saw Liberty kids welcome them with open arms. They were helping us, not fighting back. That was the biggest change I have seen in Liberty, even after five years.

It has been my pleasure to warn my nation about such health hazards on the stupid people epidemic, the separation of the state and disease prevention and the ministerial harassment. I have also organized the Episcopalian Church in America as a reputable institution and Union Theological Seminary President J.J. Young's need for salvation. Without a goal, a divine medium and your letters and your stories, I would have no had the opportunity to do what I have done. Thank you.

Unfortunately, it is not every day that you find someone who cares enough to recognize your full potential and then demand nothing less. Fortunately, Linda Nell Cooper of LU Theology department did that. It has been an honor to work with these things I am passionate about such thinking before you make a decision, standing your ground and teaching me that you have to lead to get somewhere to like in or near college.

The saving of every one for an education for the Champion was my heart and my purpose. I have drawn many students to the university. Some readers may recall my support for your Taylor Swift concerts and his right to draw stick figures at war and University of Kentucky.
Layon Johnson

May 3, 2005

The Liberty Champion

I was watching the car of a young woman. She was crossing the street. Then I grabbed the wrist of a little boy who looked to be three or four years old. A woman said, "That’s my son." Usually, a mother holds her child’s hand when crossing the street. I could hear the little boy weeping, as chil-
dren do from time to time, to get back into the stroller for a trip on the street. He had his arm around a woman’s neck.

The young mother’s face transformed as she saw me. Having been accosted from behind, she turned around, her eyes turned into stone as she began1

...abuse has the potential to scar an innocent child for life.

1.0 did not call the police. I did not confront the woman, my eyes as wide as the child’s. I had never witnessed such a disgusting scene.

I wonder how many other people are aware of the ways that we scar our children. There are so many things, but do not know what to do. It is scary to think of all the events that are occurring about child abuse. They need to find out what it is.

The adult male parent often 

Seeking a healthy same-gender friendship or relationship. Many homosexuals, having experienced deep 

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True compassion for sinners requires

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In 2002, the National Child Abuse Coordinating Council (NCACC) estimated an 1,400 child fatalities annually. In 2003, 1,435 children were killed by child abuse. Children long for same-sex 

...are not padded, at times hotter than the sun. If a child is not being taken

There is emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. All of which are equally harmful and dangerous to a child. It is necessary to recognize the signs of adult male contact on a child.

Neglect is fairly obvious. When a child is not being taken care of properly, then it is almost certain that

Recently I received the 

For one positive test and 30 for the second offense.

...to answer the way they want you to, not support them.

Some of you 15 dollars to help record 36 questions? Charging

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Curtain call

Julia shares a few thoughts as she bows out

"Resolve to take fate by the throat and shake a living out of her."

Julia Seymour

"Hearing my car stall on the freeway is the least of the day (105 degrees in the summertime)!"

Jeff Lacalle, Sr.

"Last Summer, I worked for the Salvation Army. We had to put in 16-18 hours every day."

Josh McGraw, Jr.

"When I was 8 years old, I went to Mexico to visit friends and got the chicken pox."

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Dr. Rebecca Carwile, who spoke on behalf of the School of Education, said that the faculty challenge the students to serve God's children as teachers and educational leaders by following God's commandment to love children.

"We challenge them to show God's love to those whom are hard to love and hard to reach and to teach following Christ's example with the confidence that they are well prepared and able," Carwile said.

Other schools have held awards ceremonies to honor their students. The School of Communications held its awards ceremony Friday, April 22. The School of Government held its awards ceremony yesterday, May 2.

The College of Arts and Sciences had its awards ceremony April 26.

"We would like to congratulate all of our award winners and wish the best to all of the 2005 graduates," said Jennifer Washburn on behalf of the college.

More than 1,200 students will participate in the graduation ceremonies, according to the Registrar's Web page. For those participating in the Commencement weekend, the following are important dates and times to remember:

- The graduation rehearsal will be on May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Vines Center. Here, students will receive readers cards and honors cords if applicable, according to the Registrar's Web site.
- That evening at 5:30, students in their regalia meet in the LCA gym at Thomas Road Baptist Church for the baccalaureate service. Faculty are to arrive at 6 p.m. in Pate Chapel. The student procession will begin at 6:30 and the grand procession at 7.
- On Saturday at 8 a.m., students are to meet in their designated location in DeMoss Hall. Religion students meet in DH 1090, graduate program/seminary students meet in DH 1101, students of the Institute of Biblical Studies, the Liberty Bible Institute or the Liberty Home Bible Institute meet in DH 1104 and students from the Center for Academic Support and Advising Services meet in DH 1105.
- The doors to the Vines Center open at 8 a.m., the procession will start around 9:15 and the Commencement address will begin at 10 a.m. and will last approximately two and a half hours.
- Contact Alicia Wottring at awottring@liberty.edu

FINALLY—Former graduate celebrates.
Ground broken for ice center.

By Daily Scoop

After years of long late night drives and little recognition, it seems as if the Liberty hockey team might finally receive their long awaited rink.

With prospects of a rink during the last four years, the ground-breaking on Monday, April 25, provided the team with something tangible to hold on to—more than a rink situated in the far corner of the Liberty Student Center parking lot, for the construction of the rink is anticipated to begin in mid-May.

"When I became a hockey fan four years ago," said senior defender Jon Baller, "I was told we would have a rink on campus by the next year. Now that I am graduating, it seems as though that may finally be true."

With a portion of the funds for the NHL-style rink used to position the team, Don Timm and Security Lally, who contributed $4 million with Liberty Student Center, the hockey team is seeing the dream become a reality.

"We enjoyed playing hockey at LU," said Justin Johnson, ESOP. "It has been a long time since we have been able to play hockey, but we totally don't get that until after 1 A.M."

With the Liberty Student Center on campus, the team will be able to have early-morning practices, with games scheduled at more reasonable hours than the typical 9 to 11 p.m. start time at the Ron developer Ice Station.

"The students love coming to our games," said freshman Kevin Dykstra. "But because the rink is so far and the drive takes a long time, we know we are going to come back."

"The rink will allow us to get in more practice, which is the biggest test comes as to how quickly I can adapt," said Baller. "I am not even sure if we have enough players on the team yet, but we will need to make sure that we have enough players to be competitive and that I am second-rate."

"We have seen our opportunities with the Chobes as a stepping stone to the next level and competition."

"Liberty's hockey program could easily become a stepping stone," said Timm. "Liberty's hockey program could easily become the beginning of new ministry opportunities."

"Liberty hockey's program could easily become a stepping stone," said freshman Kevin Dykstra. "We will be able to play better hockey while being equipped to go out into the hockey world and share the gospel."

Future Home of LAHAYE ICE

BUILDING THE PROGRAM—Dr. Jerry Falwell breaks ground for the new ice center with Liberty board members and hockey players. Construction is expected to begin in mid-May.

Gado signs with Kansas City

By Andrew Stevens

Liberty University senior running back Sam Gado became the 21st player from Liberty to be sign free agent contracts. Gado says that outside of his family Liberty has played an integral role in helping him prepare for the draft and in the NFL.

"Aside from my parents, Coach Karcher has been the most influential person in helping me prepare and get ready for what I want to know how to handle different situations," said Gado. "I am not going to tell you how to help me in this position and all he has done to help me prepare to do it."
ocean breezes), what has really surprised
me is the overall increase in interest for
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Student LifeOffice, next to laHaye
Payment of *20 per team due by
when it really matters. But a legend?
received numerous emails from Indiana
deeply bitter at this time in their lives. I
might just be the same person, minus a
star.

The Lady Flames softball team closed out the regular season by splitting two dou-
ble-headers. The first doubleheader took place last Wednesday as Liberty hosted the
Highlanders of Radford. The Lady Flames split their second double-header and final
regular season match-up on Saturday against Birmingham-Southern.

Last Wednesday was Senior Day. It was the final home series that Cassie Campbell
(Madison Heights, Va.) and Triffy Johnston (Port Deposit, Md.) would take part in. Campbell
and Johnston were the only seniors among a line up of mostly
The intramural basketball champion
has been crowned. Enjoy your T-shirt.
Team, had a two-run homerun that gave

Wanna play under the lights?
questions. In a game that has been running
in, the game 5-3. The Panthers of Birmingham-
Southern quickly responded in the bottom
of the fifth inning with a run of their own.
Neither team scored beyond the fifth
inning. The third game was just out of reach.
Liberty beat Radford 10-8. It was a
pitching and defensive battle. There were
only five hits between the two teams.
Although the Flames would finally get on the scoreboard.
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with more offensive inconsistency than
there. The Lady Flames have a few days to
prepare for the tournament.

The Big South tournament goes from May 12-14 and takes place at Wakefield in Wake Forest, N.C. Check out the latest schedule, and stay on Lady Flames softball check out our
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After Nate Maddox entered the game as pinch hitter for Phillip Thompson on Friday, the Flames turned in a strong showing for the remainder of the game.

"I think we just have to have fun and play with confidence," said Gado. "We've just got to continue to get better and we're going to do that."

With the win, the Flames move to 8-8 in the Big South and 22-22 overall, while VMI falls to 9-11 in the Big South and 20-23 overall.

"I'm happy with the way the guys are hitting," said Gado. "I think we can keep getting better and better."
As another year of school passes by, so does another year of intramural sports. With the 2004-2005 season coming to an end, some people are listed with the disappointing fact that all that is left from this point on is church league sports.

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Regardless of whether your team came on top or whether you came up short at the end, what things were learned and discovered this intramural season? Your goal may have been to meet new people and have fun doing it. If so, did you accomplish that?

This intramural season should, if things went according to plan, be over by now. Ed Barnhouse and the rest of the intramural sports staff had originally planned for everything to be done before this final week of classes, but there are still things that intramural sports still have not been decided.

"The weather has really controlled the 'wheel of intramural sports,'" said assistant intramural sports director Jim Watkinson. "Softball, volleyball, and flag football have all been pushed back due to the rain. We wish there was something we could do about it, but the weather is something you cannot control."

So up to this point there have only been two intramural sports decided. The champions of volleyball and basketball have been determined. Dig 'em Up took the coed volleyball championship and the Vanilla Thrillas capped off a perfect 10-0 season and won an intramural t-shirt for the men's basketball championship.

The volleyball championship came down to a match-up of the Banditos and Dig 'em Up. The Banditos, although in the middle of the standings for games won, made a strong tournament run. The Banditos won both of the five games in the first series and forced Dig 'em Up to play a final series that would decide the championship.

"We've been playing for three semesters and this is the first time that we've won," said Kari Kazan of the Dig 'em Up. "This year, out of all the years I played, definitely had the most competition. It was a great time. I think everyone should play intramural sports."

The Volleyball Thrillas faced Squash in the championship game. It was a close game all the way through, but in character, the Volleyball Thrillas made a second half run that put the opposition away. A crowd consisting of an even amount of fans for each team came out to watch the game. "I knew the Volleyball Threllas were going to win," Mike Johnson, an impartial fan said. "They play team basketball and it seems like that always wins championships in intramural basketball."

The thrill of winning an intramural championship is something no one may get to experience.

"I guess you could compare this feeling to the feeling Michael Jordan had when he won his first championship with the Chicago Bulls," Tyler Williams of the Vanilla Thrillas said. "It might be on a smaller scale, but that's what it feels like.

First time winners were also excited about the win.

"I have an understanding of how my older brother Jeff (Brett) felt when he won the Big South Championship here at Liberty back in the day," Tyler Williams said. "I will cherish this one for a long time."

The 2004-2005 intramural season has come to a close. Congratulations to all who have made it to the championship rounds whether you won or lost.

The opportunity to compete and enjoy the camaraderie of being a member of an intramural championship team is something to be cherished. Look forward to the next season!

The ever growing popularity of intramural programs in the Mid-Atlantic area see significant growth year by year. The popularity of intramural sports has increased due to the success of this year's programs. The overall enjoyment of the program is evident when you see the number of students who signed up for Intramural sports.

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McNaney wins heptathlon at historic Penn Relays

By Evan Falat

Dani McNaney continues to write her name into the record books of Liberty University and the Big South Conference. In a senior season that has already seen McNaney set new school and conference records in the pentathlon and heptathlon, McNaney was at perhaps her best this past week at the Penn Relays Carnival in Philadelphia. Competing in the 100th running of the Penn Relays, America's oldest track and field event, McNaney dominated her competition from the beginning, en route to winning the two-day heptathlon.

In doing so McNaney became the first champion of the 2005 Penn Relays and heptathlon, McNaney etched her name into the record books as the score not only eclipsed the 50th best overall total in the history of the Penn Relays, but also became the new standard for the heptathlon in both the Big South and Liberty University, surpassing the old marks (also set by McNaney) by 150 points. The point total also qualified McNaney automatically for the NCAA Outdoor Championships as well as the USA Track and Field Championships.

After the meet McNaney, who was competing in her first Penn Relays heptathlon, said "This is awesome. During the past few weeks of practice I knew that my hard work and God's grace had been paying off so I really knew that I was ready for a big score. I just went into the meet deciding to compete and God decided to bless me at a big level!"

McNaney also commented on her season saying that "This was not from me, but from God, and hopefully this will bring good exposure for the team and Liberty track and field as a whole."

McNaney's marks for the seven events were as follows:
- 100 Meter Hurdles: 14.20 seconds (1st)
- High Jump: 5'7" (1st; Shot Put: 39'7" (2nd)
- 200 Meters: 22.81 seconds (1st; Long Jump: 18'0" (2nd; Javelin Throw: 139'0" (1st)
- 800 Meters: 2:21.46 (3rd)
- 1,500 Meters: 5:04.61 (2nd)
- 1,000 Meter Hurdles: 14.20 seconds (2nd)
- 800 Meter Hurdles: 2:24.27 (3rd)

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Lacrosse awarded despite difficulties of season

By Andrew Stevens

After a season filled with a roller coaster of emotions and teammates losing their ability to play lacrosse, members of Liberty University's lacrosse team have finally been rewarded for their perseverance and hard work.

After leading the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference Division B with 49 goals and 22 assists, Flames attacker Corey Noseworthy was named the league's MVP as well as the Long Horn offensive player of the year.

Also receiving recognition for their efforts on the field were midfielders John Westfall and Kyle McQuillan who were each named to the SELC Division B Second Team. Other Flames named to the second team were defenseman Andrew Whitley and Adam Woodmansee.

Several Flames received honorable mentions from the SELC including attacker Andrew Demarco, midfielder Ryan Patrie and goalie Chad Gurney who due to injuries was unable to finish the season after the team's week off spring break.

Coach John Westfall who was the Flames Head Coach until the spring break accident received the Division B Coach of the Year Award from the SELC. Westfall's two sons who were also involved in the accident have recovered almost completely. Westfall plans to retire early from his job at US Airways and relocate with his family to New Mexico.

With Liberty Government Professor Dr. Tom Mattel taking over as head coach after the accident, the Flames saw their season come to an end with a loss to Davidson in the semifinals of the SELC Division B Conference Championships.

However, after finishing the season with a 7-4 record and only one graduating senior off this year's team, the Flames have high expectations heading into next season.

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Birds are singing, trees are changing color, and professors are plugging in the home. May is near, which means finals, graduation, and finally putting away those winter coats. Despite the slightly confused Virginia weather last week, the calendar doesn't lie. May is here and summer is just around the corner. As simmer months quickly draw nearer, stores, magazines, and TV are advertising a plethora of short sleeves, mini skirts, and barely-there tops. As you leave Liberty and ease your way back into mainstream, current fashion trends may be cause for slight culture shock.

The look this summer is flowing and feminine. While spaghetti straps, tubes and halters are always a surefire fashion win, they alone aren't the best options for modest. Don't give up hope, though.

Layering is in, so buy a few cardigans so you can layer your favorite light weight jean jacket and throw it over top. According to about.com, satin and shiny fabrics online.com, bright colors and softer materials dominate current fashion trends this season.

There are a few necessary things to own this summer in order to achieve that cool look.

• Linen, satin and shiny fabrics
• Flats, ballet shoes
• Three-quarter length sleeves
• Shorts

Tips are a must have and great for layering over less modest pieces.

About.com has a number of great tips on how to color in your fashion. They say the mini skirts of last season have been replaced with a more retro looking full skirt. Lace detail is very popular this year. Invest in a few full skirts for the upcoming season so you can wear them into the fall when you return to school.

Short shorts have also been deceased this season and are being replaced with long shorts, pedal pushers (knee length shorts) and cropped pants.

Wash the hard edges of spring and break out your prettiest looks. Skirts, brights like coral and turquoise, bold prints, calico pants, metallic bags and shoes and wedges are a few of the best looks for spring, advises Cynthia Nellis, the fashion guru for About.com.

About.com also has some suggest on foot wear.

• Espadrilles, canvas and flats
• Ballet shoes and sandals are popular this year. High heels are a great for a night on the town, but do wear more comfortable shoes for shorter periods.

The good news this summer is that fashion has taken a trip back in time. Fashion is cyclical and old ideas are always being reused. Fashion is such a fun way to be a " chimney" time in life and clothes with classic retro looks.

As long as the clothes fit, it is flattering, does not slow down skin, almost anything goes. Style is unique to each person.

As the temperature continues to climb, it is infuriating that men choose uncomfortable fabrics such as cotton, linen and other natural fibers that aren't ideal for the summer heat.

When headed to work it is advisable to wear a T-shirt beneath your dress, as a study by the U.S. Army reported that a T-shirt worn beneath another keeps one cooler for longer. Work shoes should be worn with coats, considering there are 15,000 sweat glands in fact people should be up to a quarter cup of moisture pooling in the feet.

Coming in a variety of styles and colors, shorts are one of the most comfortable, no hassle, cool looks directly with the fashion-phe­ nomena. So pull out those shorts, throw out the long pants, and let your feet breath.

"David's Ego" is partly about the summer months. "For summer, and you'll be able to wear linen, sandals and white."

"David's Ego" centers partly to speak about what clothes do fit, and what clothes do not wear clothes that do not fit, have visible undergarments. "I prefer wearing T-shirts in the summer," senior Laura Rhodes says, "because not only are they comfortable, they also fit freely without having to breathe better."

Falling between Memorial Day and Labor Day, summer months are the time to wear jeans, sandals and white.

From the classroom.

Emily Scheck
LIFE! REPORTER

Two Seniors

Almost every year, a Lib­erty senior has the option of being directed by David Zimmerman. This year, two seniors will direct two different plays in the same production. The senior play will be "Yesterday's Retraction," while the group show will be "David's Ego.""Yesterday's Retraction" was written by A.J. cooker, and directed by A.J. Bauer. Following the intermission will be the first act of a three-act play written and directed by David Zimmerman, "David's Ego."

"David's Ego."

The opening night for this production is Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. The show will run all weekend, but it is uncertain how many performances there will be. It only cost $3 and will be in the theater in the Fine Arts building.

"Yesterday's Retraction" is a complete work. It will run for about an hour and fifteen minutes, with four scenes. The theme is communication. There is an editor named Katharine, played by Sarah Callard, who is being replaced by Editha, played by Justin Petroshk. The story focuses mainly on these two characters and their emotions and interactions.

"David's Ego" is completely different. "David's Ego" is to do with David Zimmerman's life, but it is a little do to with life in general. The director views all his actions and actresses as equal to each other. This part of the production should only last around forty minutes. David Zimmerman didn't want to convey the story line of his play with his future audi­ence. He would like to see the audience with the idea how to be up to the audience's style, instead of the first act in a three act play, which should be directed by David Zimmerman. "David's Ego" is partly to speak about what people have something to talk about, but the general truth they seek is right in front of them.

This relates to many things, but most profoundly to God. Both of those writers were inspired to become directors because of their writing skills. "Yesterday's Retraction" is about the subject of visual media class, ENGL 401, and the Communications depart­ment offers a playwriting course. Besides the gender barrier, there are other problems to speak of, and it's a great learning experi­ence for both.

Aaron Bauer is in "Aida," and has been in 12 other shows before. He thinks the audience should drive and, directors should act. He says, "It's a great learning experience, once for both."

Alan Cumming — Cool, dark and laid back is a great look for men on the classroom.

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By Kentie Fisher
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"Put it in a cup of water and wait for something to happen. When the next time you want to go shopping, you'll have to take some time to think about your purchase while you wait."

"If you had a cash-only system you couldn't overspend," Lape said. "But when you're on a system where you have credit, you can just go out and buy whatever you want."

While credit cards can help build credit, many college students who target status according to this financial aid organization for students, says that their students should be more concerned than they are about how they use credit cards. Because these companies earn money from fees and interest, as well as any finance charges associated with cards, the deeper in debt a student goes, the better off these companies are. In many situations, the card actually reduces the credit limits and compromised card instead of building it.

"It is important that you obtain a college credit card, you handle it responsibly," an article posted on the PR Newswire said. "After graduation you will need a job and may consider purchasing a new home. To do so you will need good credit history."

For those who do choose to use credit cards, it adds up big time.

"Credit cards give loans but leave them empty," Lape said, "and caught in the credit card trap."

"I think credit cards are good for emergencies only," an article on the PR Newswire said. "Credit cards give you the opportunity to overspend, but they also give you the opportunity to overspend, and catch you that you're overspending."

"You can use them for the free money," Lape said. "But that's the only way they get you hooked in and catch the card trap."

And once you get caught in the trap you have to really change your spending behavior in order to live within your means and pay off your debt.

"Many experts recommend that a credit card limit be no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of your monthly household take-home pay be committed to credit card minimum payments and other loan payments, excluding rent or mortgage," an article on studentcredit.com said. "Credit cards don't give you more money. They just change the way you pay. Credit card terms are confusing and require responsible payment practices. This is why there are factors that you can control within your means and pay off your debt."
SEPTEMBER 2004
University growth is evident in the number of bulldozers and dump trucks seen all over the Liberty campus.

OCTOBER
Top former senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina visits as Liberty dedicates School of Government in his name.

NOVEMBER
The nation votes President George W. Bush into office for a second term. Liberty students become political activists, promoting voter registration drives.

FEBRUARY
Democratic senator Zell Miller of Georgia speaks in convocation. Miller created controversy within the Democratic party during the 2004 elections by supporting President Bush.

JANUARY 2005
(Top) Liberty students travel to Washington D.C. to witness the presidential inauguration.

MARCH
(Top) Former senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina visits as Liberty dedicates School of Government in his name.

(April)
(Top) Christan musician TobyMac visits Liberty with Audio Adrenaline for the Diverse City Tour.

(Bottom) The University Theater program performs the musical love story "Aida" under the direction of Linda Nell Cooper. Liberty's performance of "Aida" is the first in Virginia.

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