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Making the Global Night Commute

Filmmakers reveal "Invisible Children"

By Joanna Tang

Most of our parents know exactly where they were or what they were doing when President Kennedy was assassinated. And most of us can recall where we were when the fatal attacks on 9/11 occurred. For many of you Liberty students and Lynchburg residents, April 29, 2006 will be remembered as the night they walked to downtown Lynchburg and slept on the steps of Monument Terrace. Insignificant as that may sound, this was a hopeful act of demonstration in response to one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world today.

On Saturday evening, nearly 60,000 people gathered in over 350 cities across the country for the Global Night Commute (GNC), a movement organized by the Invisible Children Inc. organization. The non-profit group formed in 2004 after three young filmmakers from California ventured to Africa in the spring of 2003. Upon their travels, the trio was exposed to a tragedy that, according to the organization's press release, "shocked and inspired" them.

"The film they produced, "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," is a documentary that depicts the efforts of a war that has been going on for 20 years, where children in northern Uganda are both the weapons and the victims." According to Invisible Children Inc.'s fact sheet, there are an estimated 20,000-50,000 children abducted to fight as soldiers, as well as 3.5 million people forcibly displaced. With the Lord's Resistance Army fighting against the Ugandan government with methods of anything other than peace, joining the rebel army is simply a voluntary choice. Abducting children and brainwashing them to be cold-hearted killers is the only way to keep thisinness army going. Mimicking the nightly commute that thousands of Ugandan children are forced to make in order to survive and hide from the rebel army, the GNC's tagline is "Americans walking to downtown Lynchburg and sleeping on the steps of Monument Terrace." Insignificant as that may sound, this was a hopeful act of demonstration in response to one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world today.

Sleeping on the streets of Lynchburg

By Huang Nguyen

The Liberty

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The students of the CRST 390: Origins class have decided to have two auction events to raise money. The second auction will be from a secret celebrity. "We are auctioning it off as a Halloween costume," said Robert Blanchard, a former member of the class. "If there are any suggestions or you would like to be involved, contact Francois at francil@liberty.edu."

Falwell's shoes to be put on eBay

By Robert Sisk

The students of the CRST 390: Origins class will "kick off" a fundraising campaign to open the Creation Studies Museum. Chancellor Jerry Falwell has donated his shoes to be auctioned off on eBay.

By Robert Blanchard

The students of the Origins of Western and Middle Eastern Civilization class, which is taught by Robert Blanchard, former member of the class, have decided to have two auction events to raise money. The second auction will feature items like Falwell's shoes to be put on eBay. The students hope to raise money. "The Gospel of Christ is ineffective and unnecessary if evolution is true and there was no fall in the garden. Liberty University's uniqueness begins with biblical-creationism."

Student injured in battle

By Joanna Tang

Private First Class Robert Blanchard, former Liberty student, is recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. after being injured in Afghanistan. His injuries consisted of amemal damage to his lower leg and nerve and bone dam­ age. According to a News and Advance article, a grenade exploded near the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Blanchard was taken to a medical center in Germany after leaving Afghanistan, and was transported to Walter Reed last week. The damage caused to his leg required three sur­ geries to clean and he is able to wiggle his toes, according to the News and Advance.

According to the same article, Blanchard, 21, attended Liberty for one year, then joined the army in 2003. A Lynchburg native, Blanchard graduate­ ed from Heritage High School and attended Heritage United Methodist Church, where he was the president of the youth group.

His mother, Lisa Blanchard, lives in Lynchburg, and his father, Gary Blanchard, lives in Appo­ mattox.

"In this situation, he is in very good spirits," said Whitney Blanchard, Blanch­ ard's stepmother, to the News and Advance.

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I'm not going to be — this is a difficult article to write. The current novel, and perhaps the last, is ending. It's a bittersweet way to wrap up a series that has seen its fair share of the limelight. There are years where there have been some hiccups, but overall it was a rewarding experience. The series has seen its share of ups and downs, with some exciting moments but also some challenging ones.

The spring of 2007 is undergoing some big changes. The University of Virginia, for example, has announced that the spring quarter will begin earlier than have an extra week for Christmas vacation. The new, transfer, and former undergraduates will register for returning and former students. The main reason for these changes is to provide more flexibility in the academic calendar. Because Lynchburg has so many colleges, it is crucial that the new calendar be implemented in a way that meets the needs of all students. The new schedule will begin sooner in the fall, which will allow students to register for returning and former students. The final exams will be on December 17. The University of Virginia, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech will be the first colleges to have their finals.

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Student puts his focus on film

By Tamra Whelan

At the University of Virginia, April is a time for filmmakers to put the final touches on their work and present their films in the annual FilmWorx Festival. In 2006, one student, Justin Rossbacher, completed a short film titled "The Ice," and entered it into the festival. Though Rossbacher's film didn't win an award, the festival was an interesting experience for the aspiring filmmaker.

Rossbacher got his film into the public arena. "I'm very interested in filmmaking and one day I'd like to direct feature films," said Rossbacher. With that dream in mind, he decided that he would have to start on a smaller level, producing and directing short films.

"People come up to me and start conversations with me and have no dialogue. Though the film is short, coming up with a unique idea was not necessarily easy."

Rabbi speaks in convocation

By Jennifer Maxfield

Rabbi Elie Yaffi became the first rabbi to speak at Wednesday's convocation. Yaffi, the executive director of Reform Rabbis International, is a self-proclaimed, "liberal religious gentleman." Though he is not a professor, he speaks frequently to students and faculty. Yaffi, who supports the peaceful coexistence of the two religions, believes that abortion is a woman's right to choose. The part of Yaffi's message was tolerance and the peaceful coexistence of the two religions. "I can't believe that without calling it a homosexual libel, you can do the same thing without calling it a hate," Yaffi told the audience. Chanler Jeffrey Felidash admonished that while people may disagree on many things, there is still room for common ground. "It is only through Christ and Jews who want to stop doing all the fighting," Felidash told an interviewer with Josh Farmer.

Initially, the openly-liberal speaker surprised many students. "I wasn't impressed with him," said freshman Tom Prosk.

Children: Helping through film

By Jennifer Maxfield

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"By talking to other people about this and by writing letters, the goal is to give this our government take action in northern Uganda," said Suphapree Ryan McIlhenny. McIlhenny, joined by a group of friends, walked from Liberty's campus to spend the night at Monument Terrace.

"I want to talk about the full experience, or as much of it as I could, of what children in Uganda have gone through." McIlhenny said she was part of a group of students who recently went to Uganda to see the children who are often depicted in the U.S. and to understand what they have been forced to endure in a world that has been created by brutality to put into villages, and attack countless missions.

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You know you are a senior if...

One week from graduation and senioritis has set in—big time. After four years and 20 parking tickets, you realize you have only one week to live! Everything seems unimportant compared to the real world. In fact, I was ready about two months ago.

1. You've never had so many parking tickets. (22 in my last 6 months of high school.)

2. Your grandpa now is in his 70s with failing health. But he is a faithful contributor.

3. You've received so many parking tickets you begin to feel like you're parking at a building once a building. Oh, well.

4. You still have nightmares of Danny Levitt's toupee attacking and consuming Jesus. In fact, you did not memorize your memory verse that day.

5. Instead of buying your homework, you begin to negotiate with your teacher which homework you are and are not going to. Because after all, you are a senior.

6. You cannot get through a day without saying, "I hate this class.

7. There is a pile of khakis sitting in your room left over from the days when jeans were not allowed. (Yeah, so the next guy I hear complain about having to cut his hair again, I need somewhere to sit during CMIS.

8. Eight weeks into the semester, you still don't know where your classes begin. You just show up and pray that there was no homework for that day.

9. You have received so many parking tickets you begin to look for those yellow notes of doom on your car when you leave Wal-Mart.

10. Lastly you have nominated Dr. Falwell's "BHAG" and "I walked every foot of this mountain" testimonials backwards.

OK. That is my last responsibility as Liberty Champion editor. I hope you enjoyed it. If not, oh well, I am a senior.

But all joking aside, I would like to thank a couple of people. Dr. Lupton, thank you for showing me that writing is more than just something that teachers do to punish you. Mrs. Huff, thank you for the guidance you have given me over the last two years and showing me that a Christian journalist is not an oxymoron.

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OPINION

Senior Reflections

Remembrances and a message for the future

Here at The Champion, we have been discussing what we would write in our senior "goodbyes" column this week. A senior goodbye column now there’s an interesting concept. I have never been the kind to look to the past with the feeling that I am leaving something behind. On the contrary, I believe we take our experiences and gain with us wherever we go. With that in mind, I will now set out to write, what I will instead call, my senior reflection column.

Many of you share my fate as five-year college students. I think there is nothing wrong with that. In fact, I think I recommend the five-year plan as long as you are an active and ambitious student and not merely putting off entrance into the real world. But in spending five years here, I have had the opportunity to see many things and meet many people. Although the number of these individuals is too vast to quantify, there are a few I would like to personally recognize.

Rev. Jerry Fain- Although we certainly have our share of pious, tree-huggers, you cleared the air of creativity Liberty University and through that dream I have earned my bachelor's degree. I recognize that, and I thank you for following your dreams as I now go to follow mine. Although I have no idea, but in God's timing, 1 will know.

Dr. Brett O'Donnell- for the opportunity to debate for the LU College Republicans- we have had a good several years and have made a deep impact in our region. Thanks to Mr. Stephen Witham for his devotion to our group, with which we would not exist. Theresa, you've been a huge asset to the group. So, four, but five years later. It's been a blast, Felix.

Dean Buzzy- for being the professor who goes into teaching us how to act, think, and argue like attorneys. We may not have won all the hard cases, but hey, we sure were the most ethical and fair team, right?

David and Nancy Ernest, my parents- none of my achievements have been possible apart from what my parents have done on my behalf. I will always remember my dad working Saturday nights so that I could play hockey and my mom who always slipped that extra $20 into my account to get me through the month. Thanks, both for all you've given.

Rodney, and Jeff Foor- I find it wonderfully ironic that the three random roommates who we laughingly stuck together in 2001, graduate still the best of friends, not four, but five years later. It's been a blast, Felix.

The Champion staff and for her hard work on our behalf. Your endless hours devoted to our school's paper do not go unnoticed.

My final message to all who read this article is actually quite simple. It's not conservative, not liberal, not angry or not non-compassive. It is one that I hope we all can relate to. In everything that we do, whether in school or work, remember that we are all part of a much greater scheme that continues to unfold. The United States remains the single greatest country in the world, and by some design, those of us who live here have the privilege of calling ourselves "Americans." On May 13, many of tomorrow's future leaders, pastors, businessman, and politicians will be stepping up of this bubble that is Liberty University. Remember that as we take our place in history, we must live with integrity and define the present, they also chart the course for the future of this great country we call America.

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SpeakUp: Where do you think you will be in ten years?

"Working at a non-profit agency, helping raise money for missionaries and married with three or four kids." - Jessica Wright, Sr. Cedar Rapids, Iowa

"In a full-time teaching position or getting a graduate degree or teaching students privately." - Daniel Ernst, So. Fairfax, Virginia

"I have no idea, but in God's timing, I will know." - Paul Webel, Sr. Martinsville, Indiana

"Hopefully working in a church with the youth ministry. I really want to impact young people's lives." - Amy Shields, Jr. Huntsville, Alabama

"Back in Brazil, doing ministry through media, married and with at least one child." - Felipe Santos, Sr. Sao Paulo, Brazil


"Pilgrimage to Israel, Greece, and Brazil." - Leslie Paramythinos

"Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with a diploma for a sail and lots of nerve for ours." - Richard Wallington
The semester is drawing to a close and Liberty Athletics did not miss the chance to generate enthusiasm for one of its sports before all the students go home for the summer. The Liberty Flames officially ended their spring practice schedule by showing off their spring, young, and newly acquired talent on Danny Rooce’s football squad. “Rooce Kid” has become a catchphrase among students, signifying the great shift in attitude from one of disappointment about last season to anticipation of the upcoming one.

Anticipation could have been the key word as more than 4,000 students showed up to watch the Flames offense and defense face off against each other in a series of scripted plays designed to give the fans a taste of things to expect from the team in the upcoming season. This was no “game” in the general sense of the word, as there was no clock, no tackling, and no on-field sense of the word, as there was no time to salvage one game of the series. Nonetheless, the fans enjoyed watching their players perform.

“I thought the atmosphere was really shaky the energy was really good,” said Head Coach Danny Rooce. “It’s obvious that the administration, the student body, and the community are behind us right now.”

“They were very excited to have this opportunity to see how good we are this year, to see how much energy,” said Defensive Coordinator Tom Clark. He also added, “this is probably as efficient as the players have been. I didn’t expect it, but it was exciting to see,” said Liberty’s Offensive Coordinator Scott Wachter.

The defense shown through most of the game, stopping several touch downs as the sophomore Brian Gissler showed promise with an interception, the only turnover of the game. “We moved over from offense this spring and we’re really excited about the game,” said Clark.

“It was all assigned, so they knew what was coming,” said Brock Smith, one of Liberty’s two male quarterbacks during the game. He was, however, quick to credit the defense with being one of the most difficult defenses to read. “I think this defense that we’re going to have here, seeing it over and over again is going to be able to help us read other defenses.”

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### Baseball avoids sweep at home

**By Nick Porcz**

This weekend marks the baseball season before the Big South Tournament kicks off at Coastal Carolina University.

This year, the Liberty baseball team is starting to be decided for the opponents, with concern moving to how they will go to Conway, S.C. However, this year that is not the case at all.

Coming into the weekend, the top four teams in the conference standings (Winthrop-Hannibal North, Winthrop, High Point and Liberty) were all within 1 1/2 games of each other.

This weekend’s three-game series with the foothills team was scheduled against the backdrop of the Flames being the hottest on offense this spring and we’re really excited about the game,” said Clark.

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### Football team solid as a Rock-o

**By David Thompson**

The team is solid as a rock.

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### Life At Liberty

**Baseball**

vs. William and Mary, Sat. 2 p.m.

**Softball**

Coastal Carolina, Sat. 1 p.m.

**Track**

Liberty Twilight Meet, Fri., 3 p.m.
Football: Flames’ spring tune-up game a success

FOOTBALL, continued from B1

The offense put up a respectable show as well, with anticipation running high for players such as Rashad Jennings and Smith. A key problem for the offense was that the defense was unable to tackle, which may have led to a greater feeling of security for the offense, hence more relaxed play.

“I think we were all pretty much disappointed that we weren’t able to go live,” said Smith.

“We run the football well most of the day, and when we pass-protected we throw the ball well,” said Wachenheim.

Zack Tressel, Smith’s chief competitor for the starting QB position, put up a good showing, improving several times when plays were broken up. “Tressel” did a good job of avoiding hits without hurting the football team,” Wachenheim said.

“They had both run timing-making some plays and shining at times,” said Rocco.

Forward Liberty running back Samkon Gado addressed the crowd during halftime. Rocco then followed up with the presentation of preseason awards. He began by presenting gifts to the graduating seniors from the football team. He then presented the “Samkon Gado Award” — for the most improved player — to Chris Fiskus.

The “Luke A. Woodson Award” — recognizing the verse “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” — was presented to Brock Farrel.

Rocco then announced the offensive and defensive captains for the upcoming season.

Defensively, linebacker Manny Rojas and linebacker Jason Horn were named, as were running back Jennings and offensive linemen Jarrett Winfrey on offense.

The coaches agreed that this was a satisfactory culmination of the spring practices up to this point. “We’ve had very high energy in all spring long and the kids have really responded to what we’ve asked of them,” said Wachenheim. “I think the whole spring has been a steady progress,” added Clark. Rocco summed it up well, admitting “There’s a lot to work on, but I hope we made a lot of progress out here today, and I have a good feeling about where we are right now.”

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Let’s just play the game

Matthew Baer

The question of why Brett Favre made the decision to return to the Green Bay Packers for the 2006 NFL season is one that many people ponder. The Packers had a solid year, and when we pass-protected we threw the ball well,” said Wachenheim.

Favre — who announced on Tuesday, April 24, that he will return to the gridiron for another year — made the right choice, I believe.

When you are a future Hall of Famer — as Favre is — it is the logical choice to stick around for another season after you put up the worst season in your career during the previous year.

When you take a glance back at the Packers’ 2005 campaign, Favre lost his top three running backs and top two receivers to injuries, plus countless others. Is it really in question why he didn’t put up great numbers?

The season Liberty and Samkon Gado received a dream-come-true last season was because the Packers were riddled with injuries. If you look over the list of players that spent at least two weeks injured during the 2005 season, it is staggering.

Favre will turn 37 this season, but I believe that age is just a word to him as he still runs and throws at a high level and will still perform as a solid quarterback and will have a much better year this season — given the numbers from last year, it really will not be that hard.

Favre tossed a career high 49 interceptions in 2005, which was 12 ahead of the second highest interception total from last year.

Although he struggled in that department last year, he was still third in the NFL in total yards passing and was tied for 10th in touchdown passes.

Obviously he still hooked his receivers, which brings up the question of accuracy. If Favre had the receivers to throw to three or four 4,000 yard yards to his behemoths running crow, then why was his arm so far off that he threw almost 50 interceptions to opposing defenses?

I believe the answer to that lies in his offensive line and tight ends.

Although his sack numbers are not that high, we have to remember who we are talking about here. Favre is the king of scrambling. He is about as hard to catch as a chicken running loose from the henhouse.

In the few games that I got to see this past season, the green and yellow, Favre was rolling out more than the normal 200 or so times per game, and I do not believe that was drawn into the playbook.

It seemed to me that his offensive line was keener than the Titanic was moments before it sank, which is why Favre was able to avoid his defense linemen and linebackers most of the time.

This breakdown of the line would force “Number Four” outside the pocket to make throws on the run.

If you think about it, even the most accurate scrambling quarterback is going to toss a bucket-load of interceptions if he has to run on 90 percent of his passes.

Like the Titanic, the Packers’ season sank to depths of despair.

I believe, though, that if the Packers’ line can perform a miracle better than in 2006, and the receivers and running backs that protect his neck can stay off the injured list, Favre cannot help but put up his normal stellar numbers.

After Favre’s announcement to return, the Pack went out and got Charles Woodson, and they were able to grab some quality players in the draft, including former Ohio State standout linebacker A.J. Hawk.

Green Bay is not going to compete for the Super Bowl this year, and that’s not Favre’s fault. He really does not have outstanding talent surrounding him, but there is enough talent to at least compete — unlike last year, when the University of Southern California had a better chance of winning the Super Bowl, I am saying Favre is going to have career numbers this year. He could, but even an average year will suffice.

I am telling you now, watch out for the Packers than the Titans was moments before it sank, which will surprise most everyone who engages the NFL.

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The Lady Flames softball team started the week out cold, falling 5-0 and 3-1 at Radford on Wednesday and Friday finishing red hot by beating the Birmingham-Southern Panthers 2-1 and 9-5 on Saturday.

On Wednesday, the bats of the Lady Flames were as cold as the temperature. No Liberty player had gotten a hit off Radford pitcher Ashley Taylor and the trend continued as junior second baseman Dawn Jeffs came up to the plate. She kept her eyes on the ball and swung. The bat clanked as it smacked the ball and was on the ground before Taylor could react as junior started the final two innings. Roderick's error, the only one of the game, was good enough for the Lady Flames their first conference loss.

Unfortunately for the Lady Flames, almost perfect was good enough for the Highlanders. Radford won 5-0 and handed the Lady Flames their first conference loss. In the second game, Terra Lowe appeared to be Liberty's response to Taylor. Both teams struggled offensively, as neither one could get a base hit until Jeffs hit a solo home run in the top of the third inning, giving the Highlanders a 1-0 lead.

In the second inning, Birmingham-Southern catcher Ashley Williams reached on an error by Lowe, but Jeffs was able to steal home for the second run. Jeffs then drove the ball to right, plating Williams. Lowe attempted to get a base hit until Jeffs hit a solo home run to give the Lady Flames a 1-0 lead. Lowe then got the ball to junior pinch runner Erica Swor. However, the Panthers had one out and a player on first. Jennifer Wellborn made the throw to second, but McKain was able to steal home for the third run. Lowe walked and freshman outfielder Jessica Leary put down a sacrifice bunt to advance McKain to second. Beth Hensley then doubled to center, advancing McKain to third, respectively. Jeffs then drilled the ball to right, cutting the score to 3-1.

Then in the bottom of the seventh inning, McKain singled and Steadman walked to lead things off, but the last run the Panthers would score.

The Lady Flames answered in the bottom of the third. Birmingham-Southern hitter Brooke Redd reached home to tie things up at one.

In the top of the third, Birmingham-Southern's Heather Fox homered to center field giving the Highlanders a 3-1 win over the Lady Flames.

The Lady Flames started the season off in cold field for Liberty. That position of late has been patrolled by Phil Lohse. Before seeing limited action for the last month, Lohse had a perfect game. That run up and down the line for the Lady Flames starting pitcher D亚太a Umberger was not stellar, but he got the job done. The freshman pitched 6 2/3 innings Sunday allowing five earned runs while scattering nine hits.

"He's been really big for us the last couple of weeks," said Girard of Umberger's performance. "When he hits his spots, he's a really good pitcher." Off the mound, Umberger ups his record to 2-1 on the season.

Liberty now sits at 33-13 overall, 11-7 in Big South action, with nine games remaining until the Big South Tournament in Conway.

This week the Flames will hit the road to take on Virginia Tech in a non-conference game in Blacksburg on Wednesday. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. Liberty returns home on Saturday for one game with Liberty and William and Mary scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Both games can be heard on 90.9 FM, "The Light," WWBC Lynchburg.

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SPORTS REPORTER

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Lady Flames doused, yet re-ignite at home

By Adam Trent

"I am definitely ready to go play Coastal (Carolina) and Winthrop," said McKin. "I am going to be a doubleheader and you feel like you can beat anyone. It was a total team effort today. I am proud of my teammates." Before Coastal Carolina and Winthrop, McKin and the Lady Flames will battle with the number two Virginia Tech Hokies on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in a non-conference doubleheader.

"That was big today. We are now in a tie for first place. More importantly, though was the fact that we played well," said Warren.

Baseball: The Flames avoid a sweep, but drop two of three

BASEBALL, continued from B1

Bennion started off the season in right field for Liberty. That position of late has been patrolled by Phil Lohse. Before seeing limited action for the last month, Lohse had a perfect game. That run up and down the line for the Lady Flames starting pitcher Dustin Umberger was not stellar, but he got the job done. The freshman pitched 6 2/3 innings Sunday allowing five earned runs while scattering nine hits.

"He's been really big for us the last couple of weeks," said Girard of Umberger's performance. "When he hits his spots, he's a really good pitcher."
Blair: Blair hopes to be selected in the June 28 NBA entry draft

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say that there was a whole lot of competition between us. Sometimes Sarah would be out there, and one played, we would always help each other," she said. Sarah and Rachel played softball year-round in their own backyards and with the Pony Express, a local travel team. Occasionally, they would graduate from the backyards to the park - Pendle Hill Public School in Parker, Colo.

The two sisters took to coming to Liberty was an interesting decision. "We were a college for her junior year and found out that Liberty played 3-D sports and they were Christians," and I said, 'No way!'" Sarah recalled. "I didn't believe it. Even when it was, for the coach, and we said, 'Do you really think she's cut out?" She said yes, they did."I get a video together and went and saw the game and then I came on a visit." She says that they are both well-built and that they are both well-liked when it comes to give it a shot." After she was drafted by the Chicago White Sox, she compiled Rachel to fall in her old softball and other places, and then she said, "It was, like, 'You have to come.' I did the same thing and ended up signing, Rachel said.

New that they were at Liberty, the girls find that they don't have time for much else besides softball, track, and music education major who has been playing piano for more than 10 years, finds that the worst part about being a student-athlete..."It's kind of nice, because you have the opportunity to do a lot of the things you want, something, you can," Sarah said.

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All in the Family: sisters and teammates

Matthew Regret

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Professor James Schoffstall, an instructor here at Liberty University, teaches Karate, Taekwondo, Combat Hapkido and Kickboxing. He has just been nominated for induction into the Budo International Hall of Fame - his nomination is for Achievement in Martial Arts. The ceremony will be held in New York on June 17.

Budo International is the leading martial arts magazine in the world. It is published in seven languages and distributed throughout 60 countries, making Schoffstall's recognition by the prominent Hall of Fame a great treat of respect. Individuals are nominated by the head of each of the styles of martial arts, such as Taekwondo or Karate or Hapkido. Those who are chosen are recognized for having made great progress and accomplishments in that style of martial arts. The head of the Budo system, John Negro, nominated Schoffstall for Achievement in Martial Arts.

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One-year anniversary of LU student's death in Afghanistan War

By Marcelo Quarantotto

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SISTERS — Kayla, right, and her adopted sister Chrystal were close friends, having a rough childhood, she does, it really hits you hard."

Hillis says her final tips are as follows:

1. Budget your time to give yourself adequate study time. Start studying a few days before the exam. The bigger the test, the more time you need to spend studying. Prioritize what topics are more important and spend the same amount of time on each so you have a visual record.

2. Don’t procrastinate! Study early. The quarter you love most, give yourself the most information, and don’t skimp on the fundamentals. Practice makes permanent.

3. Ask a study group with other students to discuss the information. Be open to any type of feedback or advice other people may find useful. "Hang" the information on. Ask different group members to explain harder concepts in different ways.

4. Take breaks to maintain your energy level and make sure you are getting enough sleep before the exam.

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Meet Felicia Mongeon, one of Liberty University's high-flying female aviation majors

By Joy Abbott
LIFE! REPORTER

Felicia Mongeon, above, is one of LU's few female aviation majors. In her high school speech class, she gave a persuasive speech in support of women flying in the military. Though this was a rather unpopular stance at her conservative Christian high school, Mongeon refused to give up her dream. "I wasn't really acceptable in my family, so I was going to be a 'FACS major," said Mongeon. "I fought with my parents over the issue all through high school." Mrs. Mongeon finally gave her blessing when they spent time together. "There were a few guys who were like, 'You are a girl. You can't do this, but you will get that from any­where." For the most part, she says, the makes in the program were very respectful. Anthony Rogers-Beddies Jr. is a senior in the aviation department as well as a flight instructor. He would like to have the support of the aviation staff. Ernie Rogers is the Chairman of the Department of Aviation Chief Flight Instructor. He would like to see the percentage of females in the field of aviation go up. "The industry seems to be discouraged. "Female pilots are go get­ters. They are risk takers and they seem to be well liked," said Rogers. He did emphasize, however, that just as a male student, the female students must go through intensive training. Mongeon agreed that young avi­ation students have to prove them­selves. "It's not necessarily a girl thing, but as a pilot you have to show you know what you are doing. It's not a guy, girl thing. We all started from the same point, we all have to prove ourselves," she said.

"The aviation field seems to be greeting female pilots with open arms, and society seems to be welcoming them up to as well. There are still challenges, however, Mongeon originally wanted to fly in the military, but she has given up that dream to pursue either commer­cial or law enforcement flying, and although she wanted to fly on rescue missions rather than a fighter pilot, she still knew that being in the military would put strain on her family.

Rogers admits that any kind of flying can present difficulties. "The challenge is fairly rigorous physically," he said. "You are on the move. You have a family, that can present challenges. The unique challenge is the schedule— it's not a sine to five.

Despite the misconceptions, the challenges, and the intense training involved, the female aviation stu­dents at Liberty University do not seem to be discouraged. Sophomore Monica Paladini, an aviation major from Modesto, Calif., seemed to sum her major up fairly well. "They are risk takers and they seem to be well liked, driving fast, and don't mind getting dirty. But other than that, we're just normal girls doing what we love."

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