Goodlatte, Perrow battle EPA
Va. representatives initiate new legislation

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Instead of spending spring break relaxing and recharging, some Liberty University students spent their time off completing service projects and going on mission trips around the world to try to make a difference.

According to Liberty University’s student president Jennifer Mosley, the Center for Global Engagement had a large amount of students go to East Asia, the Bahamas and South America on mission trips this spring break.

Pastoral leadership major Jake Lynch, along with some other Liberty students, went to Guatemala, Ecuador, through latin Ministries and Crossworld. The students worked with the local church and youth group in the area, doing construction on the church and teaching English in the local schools.

Grants is not new to mission trips and has been on six in the past, according to Lynch. He especially enjoyed working in Guatemala this year.

“Using language and learning a Spanish speaking country in the future as an interpreter, the experience was outstanding,” said Lynch. “I wanted to go to Ecuador to get a little taste of what culture is all about so that I could learn more about my future.”

Sophomore Hannah White also went on the Ecuador mission trip. One of her favorite parts of the trip was teaching English and forming friendships between the students.

“We got to build friendships with the students and provide a way for them to hear about a church where they can get plugged in and to learn about the love of Christ,” White said.

Senior Deborah White also went on the Ecuador mission trip. The trip was important for her in the servant leader role that she hopes to take when she enters the workforce. Her favorite part of the trip was teaching English and forming friendships between the students.

“God has put us on put our heart in what He wants us to be a missionary to a Spanish speaking country and teach English.”

White said, “I love the Hispanic culture and people and I want to bring the gospel to these people.”

On the other side of the world, sophomore Greg Garcia, and sophomore Daniel Garcia, along with other Liberty students, ministered in Chennai, India, as they shared their ministries and encouraged believers in the area. The group visited different communities and learned a relationship with a large church in the area called New Life Assembly.

Garcia was surprised to learn that the life was in Chennai was so different compared to America. Garcia said that the people in the area were “unnecessarily loving and spiritual.”

“Spiritually and mentally it was so relaxing and fulfilling,” Vincent said. “But I’m physically stirred, and I’m still trying to catch up on sleep. But it’s so worth it, and I’m just glad that God gave me the opportunity to be a part of this trip.”

Even though measuring during spring break can get exhausting, it was an excellent opportunity to give immense blessings. Garcia said, “God is tickled, and strengthened in my relationship with Christ and have put my life in what He has done in my life.”

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Gas prices increase dramatically

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With gas prices on the rise, many Americans wonder why. One factor is the location in which you live. For those living in the Mid-Atlantic, it is common for gas prices to be higher than in other regions of the country.

According to an article from the Associated Press, oil prices have been rising due to a combination of factors, including increased demand and supply issues.

"The demand for oil is increasing around the world, and this is putting upward pressure on prices," said Robert Ramsey, chief economist at JPMorgan Chase. "At the same time, the supply of oil is being reduced due to disruptions in production.

"This is causing a imbalance in the market, and this is driving gas prices higher," said Ramsey.

In addition to geopolitical factors, gas prices are also influenced by the weather. When temperatures rise, demand for cooling increases, which leads to higher prices.

"The increased demand for cooling during the summer months drives up the price of gas," said Ramsey.

The effects of rising gas prices can be felt in various ways, such as increased transportation costs and higher expenses for businesses.

"Gas prices have a direct impact on the cost of goods and services," said Ramsey. "This includes the cost of transportation, which can affect the cost of goods being shipped, as well as the cost of delivery services.

"This can have a ripple effect throughout the economy," said Ramsey.

The impact of gas prices on the economy can be seen in various sectors, including transportation and trade.

"The increased cost of transportation and trade can affect the cost of goods and services, as well as the cost of shipping," said Ramsey.

Despite the challenges, there are ways to reduce the impact of rising gas prices. For example, consumers can consider alternative modes of transportation, such as public transit or carpooling.

"There are ways to reduce the impact of rising gas prices, but it requires a collective effort," said Ramsey.

The rising gas prices are a reminder of the importance of energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

"We need to find ways to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and develop alternative energy sources," said Ramsey.

While the rising gas prices are a cause for concern, there are also opportunities to learn and grow from these challenges.

"This is a time to reflect on our energy habits and consider ways to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels," said Ramsey.

The changing gas prices are a reminder of the importance of being prepared and adaptable.

"We need to be prepared to adapt to changing circumstances," said Ramsey.

The rising gas prices are a reminder of the interconnectedness of the global economy and the need for cooperation and collaboration to address these challenges.

"We need to work together to address the challenges of rising gas prices," said Ramsey.
Realism and idealism: Kony 2012 in perspective

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According to the Kony2012 website, the pledge for supporters to sign reached 2 million in the first week of the website alone. Some are calling it a "study in war criminals and I support the international community deeming the LRA and the child soldiers home." The political stunt in 2005 was the accusations in an article in The Independent. According to the article, Kony took a prominent position after a handful of civil uprisings in Uganda.

Becoming a media force, Kony gathered destroyed ex-soldiers to his cause. And with his growing army, he has since recruited over 30,000 child soldiers into the Lord’s Resistance Army.

The brutish indoctrination process that Kony uses on his child-soldiers—forcing each boy to motor his own parents— is of a different kind. In the case of the Ugandan warlord, Kony’s hand of guiltless fighters held him as a Messianic figure, giving him power and control over a band of zulubian and psychically-affected fighters.

Kony considers himself to be the “spokesman of God,” according to a piece in The Independent.

Gula is the opinion editor.

Another option for despondent GOP voters

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can't help but associate the former with this era of pandering and the latter with our current president. The former seems ingenuous and plastic; the latter seems angry and irrational.

I think that of the four GOP candidates and President Obama, Paul is the only one who genuinely stands by his convictions. The only problem is, he right where he is already. The responsibilities of one who genuinely stands by his convictions and President Obama, Paul is the only resident. The former seem can't help but appeal to the interest of the of the armed forces, determine the military policy and sign treaties, not to say an eco- nomic agenda. That responsibility is given to Congress. Paul has not demonstrated the leadership or the willingness to make significant, military decisions required of a president. However, Ron Paul's economic policies are a breath of fresh air in a reek- ing Congress Hall. Therefore, Congress is the best place for him to be. I think there's something to be said about which can you bring your home. I cannot, in good faith, put any of these candidates at the head of any balanced country. None have proven that they are ready to assume the top job of leadership. For that reason, I refuse to attach my name to any of the candidates. 

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**US struggles to fix energy crisis**

Jason Bailey

There is a massive push brewing in the nation's capital, right under the noses of America's politicians. According to FoxNews.com, President Obama's Energy Secretary Chu has stated that if energy costs in higher European-level prices would help wean Americans off of the foreign oil and compel them to use more renewables.

The continuing use of foreign oil is not without consequences. The Wall Street Journal's recent story states that prices in Europe are now as much as 15 percent higher than the U.S. dependency on imported oil can have dire consequences for the American people.

To be fair, the concept most Americans have is that of rising gas prices is not a new phenomenon. The administration's decision to jack gas prices up to $2.50 a gallon. However, Ron Paul's economic analysts have this mindset and are not alarmed. In fact, it is an outlandish gas price.

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**Jury finds negligence in delayed response**

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For many students, graduation marks the end of their formal education. But Lt. Dan McCready, his graduation from Liberty University began three out of four years of intense training—a journey as an Air Force pilot.

McCready graduated with Liberty’s first Air Force ROTC commissioning class in May 2008. The California native ran through a series of training courses including introductory flight-screening IPS. “This is a weed-out program of sorts,” McCready said. “They get a first look at whether or not they feel you will be able to complete pilot training. If you don’t make the cut, they will find you another career.”

Following IPS and the other programs, he jumped straight into pilot training—a three-phase program crammed into one year. Students transition through academic courses, flight courses in the T-6 Texan II and finally into one of three specialized aircraft based on the three scores in the first two phases.

Students selected for the T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainer go on to fly fighters or bombers. T-44 Pegasus students train to fly multi-engine turboprop aircraft, and students chosen for the T-1 Jakheart III trainer or utility role.

“I went to ENPIT, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, so the rules are a little bit different because we follow a different syllabus than the other bases—the program is designed for training fighter/bomber pilots,” McCready said.

ENPIT is a training program reserved for the top pilot trainees from the U.S. Air Force and its NATO allies. Course instructors are also selected from the officer ranks of NATO and NATO air forces, according to the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) fact sheet. “The year of pilot training was hands-down the most difficult year of my life,” McCready said. “Imagine trying to cram a four-year degree plus a master’s into one year. It’s very much a sink or swim program.”

After pilot training, McCready attended several other training schools, including Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) training at the U.S. Air Force Survival School, Fairchild AFB, Wash. “SERE students are taught skills necessary to survive in any environment and return with honor,” the AETC fact sheet states.

Finally, McCready was able to conduct his eight-month Initial Qualification in the B-1B Lancer supersonic heavy bomber. He said B-1s have been flying non-stop missions in the Middle East since Sept. 11, 2001.

“We bring a massive hammer to the fight and take pride in performing a role in protecting America’s military overseas through our superior close-air-support role,” McCready said. “...The jet is amazing—flying supersonic, 500 feet above the ground is absolutely incredible. The jet is a great platform that the Air Force utilizes to ensure our men and women on the ground make it home to their families.”

McCready was able to pass his final Mission Qualification in only three months to participate in Red Flag—a multi-national, advanced air combat training exercise against mock-enemy “Aggressor” squadrons—with his new squadron.

Now a full-fledged Air Force pilot, McCready is stationed at Ellsworth AFB, S.D. with the 37th Bomb Squadron. He arrived too late to take part in the Libya campaign in spring 2011, but he said he is proud to be a part of a unit with a rich history dating back through both World Wars.

“My squadron flew the Doolittle Raid,” he said. “We are even after completing all of his training, McCready has a busy schedule as he and his wife Meagan had their first baby, Daniel Colt McCready, in February. The military is willing to work with him and his family, however, including allowing two weeks off for the new baby. “As far as flight time and family, it’s like almost anything—it just requires balance,” Dan McCready said. “You have to prioritize things in your life. My family comes before work, and my squadron has been awesome about prioritizing families first.”

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Government students visit D.C.

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Dr. Charles Murphy took students from Liberty University to visit the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, D.C. to help better their education.

The NDU is the premier center for Joint Professional Military Education and is under the direction of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Murphy, a Marine and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) veteran, teaches Strategic & Intelligence Studies and International Relations for the Helms School of Government.

Murphy has been trying to make extracurricular activities a staple in his students’ learning experience. He has taken his classes to visit and participate in many intelligence agencies, including the CIA, the National Security Agency, the Pentagon, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and others. According to Murphy, his classes have been the only undergraduate classes on site on the majority of these trips.

The class time was spent sharing in a symposium exploring the complex food crisis in the Horn of Africa. The day-long session consisted of in-depth discussion about the political, social and economic factors of the 2011 famine in Eastern Africa.

“The students have the opportunity to mix and mingle and network with very influential and powerful leaders,” Murphy said.

During the symposium, students heard from prominent figures, including NDU President Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, and had the opportunity to interact with several key government leaders. A few of those in attendance included ambassadors, general grade officers, field grade officers, academicians and more, according to Murphy.

Murphy said after years of establishing connections with people in the Intelligence Community, his students can now directly benefit.

“I have been able to build those relationships into a quality, hands-on experience for undergraduates,” he said.

Not only are Murphy’s students able to network with government leaders, but interacting with them in person allows them to garner insight into their future careers.

“I learned a lot from the different speakers, and it only emphasized what I wanted to do and why,” Intelligence Studies major Prescilia Elielie-Ndjana said.

Elielie-Ndjana believes events like these are important for students in the Intelligence Studies program as they seek to familiarize themselves in the trade.

“Even if it’s only for a day or two, just participating in these conferences with intellectual minds makes you feel better about yourself and what you want to do,” she said. “I know a career in Intelligence will not be easy, but at least meeting some of the people in that field, I know it’s not impossible.”

Murphy knows involvement is crucial to growing our next medical leaders who will stand on biblical truths to make a difference in their fields, particularly government.

“I am trying to develop students who understand that ‘truth never fears a challenge,’ and who can become the thinking and creative Christian statesmen and leaders that this world so desperately needs,” Murphy said.

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Comic book club hosts speaker

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Liberty University's Comic Book Club hosted local business owner Dave Garbee at its meeting Thursday, March 22. Garbee is the owner of Fantasm Comics, a gaming and comic book shop in Lynchburg.

Garbee spoke about the state of the industry and about pursuing a career in comics.

According to Tyre Flynn, president of Liberty's Comic Book Club, this was the first time Garbee came to speak to the club.

"The first time Chris spoke was in 2016, and the club members responded very enthusiastically to his discussion about the business of running a comic book shop, so we're very happy to have him back once again," Flynn said.

Garbee began selling comic books for profit at the age of 14. Along with owning his own comic book shop, Garbee runs his online business and the Roanoke Comic Con.

The economy greatly affects the industry, Garbee said, and it directly impacts his sales.

"The industry is just one sale at a time. If there is a recession, they may have to have him back once again," Flynn said.

According to Garbee, a future best-seller will be based on his focus on the business of comics.

Flynn said Garbee has been a long-time supporter of the Comic Book Club. Members of the club are familiar with Chris, as we shop at his shop regularly for graphic novels, the Comic Book Club began in spring 2010 and meets bi-weekly, "Garbee said. During the meetings, they have group discussions and present new items in the superhero and comic book world.

"I do this because I love it," Garbee said. "I want to continue to pursue my interest in comic books and start related subjects to discuss and be educated on the industry. I think the club can help educate the Liberty student body by offering events and talks on topics in the industry that are of interest to them."

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**FLAMES**

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**Flames Sports Network recognized**

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Liberty University became officially recognized by the secular sports entertainment industry as a major player in collegiate athletic coverage when the Flames Sports Network was recently awarded two bronze Telly Awards.

The awards, which were earned the FSN coverage of the Big South Championship football game against Stony Brook University and the weekly “Flames Sports Desk” program, are the first such awards for FSN.

“I’ve submitted games over the last seven years that we’ve done — broadcasts that I thought were very good but we hadn’t received an award for whatever reason,” Athletic TV Producer Greg Lanese told us. “So this year to submit two, the football game and the sports desk show, and win in both of those categories was pretty amazing.”

The Telly Awards are not like the Academy Awards, which recognize creators producing a handmade, handcrafted product, but rather an affiliation that brings authority and credibility to an organization.

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**ROLLING ALONG — Patrick Eckelbarger has a perfect 5-0 record this season. The Flames are 23-4 (5-1) in their first 27 games.**

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**Liberty holds CFAW camp**

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For every college sport, changes in the roster are inevitable. Players graduate, they move to another school and some even decide to put another career. At the same time, the team is strengthened again with fresh recruits, each bringing in depth and a different dimension for their team. The Liberty Men’s Hockey team held a CFAW recruitment camp over this weekend in a search around 75 potential recruits participating. The recruits were trying out for the men’s ACHA Division III teams and the ladies Flames hockey teams.

“Our hope is to provide for them plenty of ice time and opportunities to showcase their abilities in the game of hockey, while participating at a level we believe they would be,” Ice Center Assistant Director Jeff Boettinger said. “Many of the players are still in high school and looking to graduate in one, two or three years, though many also are looking at attending Liberty in the fall and are striving to make a statement and hear they fit on one of our three men’s teams.”

The recruit come from a wide variety of locations from Florida to Canada and even California, but the majority of the recruits were from northern states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York. Similar to the normal CFAW program that Liberty hosts, the recruitment camp has a vital role for recruiting future players.

“We were in the locker room and he (coach) asked us if we were considering Liberty through the camp and almost everyone in the room raised their hands,” Division 1 player Luke Aikden said. “He said since it is obviously works, we should show them a good time.”

And the Hockey team seems to have done that during this weekend.

“The program overtook my expectations. The way they treat their players here is unbelievable,” said recruit Jesse Paul. “It’s definitely a great confidence booster, and I’m definitely helps with having all this feedback from the coaches, so you get to work on your skills.”

The program has also seen some familiar faces come to CFAW recruitment camp.

“I was excited to come here. I’ve been coming here since I was a 3-year-old, because of my brothers and sisters,” recruit Steve Bolle said. “It’s good to finally be in a position that I am old enough to play with them instead of watching, I wasn’t even nervous being here, and they just made you feel like you belong here. It’s been a good experience.”

It seemed like every recruit that was interviewed had a similar thing to say.

“Every experience with the guys has been really good and they’re really nice. They even gave us a tab of bubble gum and that’s great in my opinion,” recruit Kyle Garvin said. “I would definitely recommend this camp to a lot of people. I wasn’t really sure about this school before I came here but now I Like it a lot.”

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MEN'S TENNIS PREPARES TO FACE WINTRHP

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Editorial: Peyton was the prize, but who won?

Andrew Woolfolk

It's official. Peyton Manning announced his intentions Thursday afternoon, signing their newest member, signing him to a five-year, $90 million contract.

As Denver's former halfback holder took the stage, it was just like old times. With white and yellow jerseys and the national spotlight, Manning would never have been so hard for people to believe he couldn't dominate. This time, it wasn't. But had you suggested Manning would be scaring any other color than white, it would seem as though you wouldn't have been met with an immediate acceptance. After all..."Yeah right, that's never happen.

But now, has it. In the off-season, Manning has changed the image of a player that could not be bigger to those still in the shadows of his former occupation. Now, he is revered as a leader and a star that can lead a franchise to success. He is no longer a parade in the end zone, but a quarterback on the field. No longer is he the man who could not be summed up in one sentence, but a quarterback who can do it all.

In the playoffs, Manning's play was crucial to the Broncos' success. He led the team to a 12-4 record, including a win in Super Bowl LI. In the game, Manning threw for 415 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Broncos to victory.

TOM SAYS... ORLANDO, FL - February 5, 2012 - Peyton Manning is the greatest football player of all time. He is the reason why the Super Bowl is the most watched sport in the world. He is the reason why the NFL is the most popular sport in America. He is the reason why the Denver Broncos are the most successful team in the NFL.

This past season, Manning set the NFL record for most passing yards in a season. He also set the NFL record for most touchdowns in a season. He led the Broncos to a Super Bowl victory.

The Broncos are not the only team that has benefited from Manning's success. The Indianapolis Colts have also enjoyed a resurgence since Manning took over as their starting quarterback. In 2012, the Colts went 11-5 and made it to the AFC Championship Game.

There are many reasons why Manning is so successful. One reason is his ability to read defenses. He is able to see the weaknesses in the defense and exploit them. Another reason is his ability to pass the ball accurately. Manning has a strong arm and is able to throw deep passes when necessary.

Manning has also been a leader on the field. He has helped to develop young players and has been a mentor to them. His work ethic and dedication to the game have been an inspiration to others.

For all of these reasons, Manning is the greatest football player of all time. He has set new records and has helped to lead his teams to success. He is a true legend in the game of football.
Kentucky’s chances are hard not to love, with two of the top NBA prospects in college basketball.”

Wall and Brandon Knight. Florida was a bit of an enigma this year, but had an outstanding three-point shooting attack. They showed when they beat a talent-laden North Carolina squad in the Elite Eight.

All of these teams had their chances of winning the national champs. With Florida and Syracuse ousted from the tournament, it is hard to see them make a run.

Freshman Tyshawn Taylor and Bill Self has himself a national championship coach. The leadership of Robinson and Taylor will be key when they beat a talented North Carolina squad in the Elite Eight.

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Liberty Champion
Downtown restaurant: Taste of the past

Market at Main offers visitors an extensive menu in a classic venue that dates back to the 1900s.

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Since its opening in 2010, Market at Main has thrived in downtown Lynchburg by offering its visitors a unique dining experience.

“Market at Main is a downtown establishment by offering its visitors a unique dining experience,” said Rodney Taylor, the manager of Market at Main, said the restaurant used to be a Woolworth’s in the 1900s era, and that is where Taylor said the vision to have a lunch counter in the restaurant came from.

“When working on the design of the restaurant and the lunch counter, I found a photo of a lunch counter in Philadelphia, which featured paddle fans about the counter,” Taylor said. “I decided I wanted to install the same type of paddle fans to give the desired effect.”

The restaurant’s floors and tables were also inspired by the old lunch counters from decades past and, according to Taylor, all the wood used was purchased from an old tobacco shop.

“I think Market at Main is the indicator for a brilliant comeback for downtown Lynchburg,” Taylor said. “I still have not heard anyone say that downtown Lynchburg is not a place that can be visited, no matter what the weather is.”

According to Taylor, he takes great pride in the success of the restaurant and its 11 employees, all of whom are Liberty University students and graduates, who help to make it run smoothly.

Resident Kim Bulter is an example of the type of customer service that Market at Main’s employees strive to offer, and Taylor.

“When a customer complained that she did not have her shoes on to go walking downtown, Butler gave her a pair of her own shoes,” Taylor said. “She later found out the customer she helped was with a tourist scout group and was honored by her generosity.”

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Student designs take the stage

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Heavy rain and a tornado watch could not stop Liberty’s own version of Project Runway as senior student designers and models took to the runway. Saturday, March 24, for the sixth annual FACS Fashion Show.

“The theme this year’s show was ‘Lights. Camera. Action.’ Student designers each picked a prominent designer such as Michael Kors or Georgio Armani, to fashion their work after. Senior Gina Detelich said Betsy Johnson was her inspiration, seeing that she loved Johnson’s unique sense of style. “She’s very different. She’s very bold and out there.” Picht said. “I needed lots of ruffles and hand stamped my own fabric and used bright colors and ruffles. It’s a lot more different and not as elegant. It’s a little more wild and out there.”

Despite the looming storm, Howard said her team worked to encourage the other models to fit Versace’s demands to keep the show going. She waited in the first part of the doors up to audience seating. Despite the setback, Bibby said that despite the challenges that came into 20 minutes before the show, she was excited with the end result.

“There’s been road bumps from the beginning right up to the actual show. But as we went in 30 minutes before the show, I knew everyone had everything together and the whole show went off without a hitch,” Bibby said. “I was extremely happy with how everything turned out.”

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Stylistic poses and pictures were taken of each model as they walked the runway, analyzing the designs on aspects such as color. All the models walked the runway, Bibby and Johnson talked about the charity Threads of Hope. Bibby said that despite the final dress that they knew the show was going to be over even with the bad weather,” Howard said.

“Tfhe kids were so pumped up and had worked so hard, and we kept saying that we were here to do this job and the show was going to go on even with the bad weather,”

Planning for the show began in early June, when Howard chose the two directors. A panel of four local judges sat in front of the Schilling Center, assessing the designs in terms of styling full length evening gowns, casual dresses, blazers, pants and dresses in a variety of fabrics, colors and prints.

“By sponsoring Threads of Hope and selling scarves, a fashion accessory, at this event, we are helping people on the other side of the world,” Bibby said. Christine Pinter said that she enjoyed the opportunity to work with the organization and the whole fun aspect of it.

“This is a show that’s tangibles presented and to know that half of the proceeds are going toward helping women in prostitution can be wonderful,” Pinter said.

After a short break where judges deliberated the models walked the runway in designs produced by students in the sixth annual FACS Fashion Show (center and left).
Student's story urges others to give

Liberty senior Jessica Grigg's life was saved after a skiing accident by the generosity of blood donors

Justin Berry

The human body contains 10 pints of blood. After receiving nine of those 10 pints through a blood transfusion after a skiing accident, Liberty senior Jessica Grigg understands how precious those 10 pints can be.

Only nine years ago, Jan. 20, 2003, Grigg went skiing with a few of her friends. However, what started off as a normal day soon became a day that would impact Grigg forever.

“That evening, just as we were about to leave, we made a decision to make one last run down one of the slopes,” Grigg said. “I remember feeling somewhat apprehensive but going anyway.”

That is the last memory Grigg has of the near fatal accident. The next memory she had was waking up in a hospital bed and talking to her father.

“My dad proceeded to tell me that I had skied into a snow groomer that was being brought up the slope,” Grigg said. “I was in a state of disbelief and shock.”

Grigg remembers the throb of pain coming from her head and the request she made to her father to remove the braids she had the day of the accident.

“That was the only thing I remember,” Grigg said. “I said ‘I want my braids and that is it.’”

Grigg suffered a frontal lobe injury of the brain, 13 broken bones and a collapsed lung. Grigg lost nine pints of blood over the course of the event. She would have died without the nine pints she received through blood donation.

Over the last nine years, Grigg has undergone more than 1,000 physical, occupational and speech therapies.

“I am thankful for all of the doctors and nurses at the hospital who took care of me,” Grigg said.

According to the Virginia Blood Services, more than 4.5 million people need a blood transfusion in the United States and Canada annually.

Patients need blood every two seconds. Without the help of blood donors none of this could be possible. According to America’s Blood Centers, one pint of blood could potentially save up to three lives.

“At 17, my life was forever changed,” Grigg said. “Without the donations of others, I might not be here today and be able to receive the second chance at life that I have been given.”

Currently, Grigg is looking forward to graduating with her undergraduate degree in Communication Studies from Liberty University on May 12, as well as continuing her life as if the accident never happened.

Liberty University offers students the opportunity to donate blood on campus. The next blood drive will take place at the TriStar Indoor Track Complex at Green Hall on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Jonathan Falwell explores the 1000 Days

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Three years of ministry is the equivalent of 1000 days—a small period of time and yet, powerful enough to be documented in four gospels, scrutinizing the parables, gospels and ministry of Jesus as earth from the view of four of his disciples.

For Thomas Road Baptist Church’s (TRBC) Senior Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Jesus’ 1000 days of ministry reveal essential principles for every facet of life, which he shares in his new book “1000 Days: The Ministry of Christ.”

“The main thing behind the book was Jesus could have come and died on the cross. He could have been buried and rose again in three days without ever having said a word, without ever performing a miracle, without ever sharing one parable, and without ever healing one person,” Falwell said. “He could’ve clone none of that and still give us salvation, but he didn’t.”

Falwell originally taught on Jesus’ 1000 Days of ministry in a sermon series at TRBC. Taking principles from those series and his own personal insights, Falwell has released the “1000 Days” book with the purpose of sharing what he has gleaned from scripture.

“Jesus’ ministry’ was to teach us some very important life lessons,” Falwell said. “I thought it was important that we study those life lessons in the Bible unless you see it for yourself. There is study after study. For every parable, every miracle, every prayer and every sermon, we’ve gone beyond even what the book has to say, into every little element of Christ’s life, and present an in-depth study.”

“1000 Days” will go toward funding TRBC’s church planting efforts.

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All proceeds from “1000 Days” will go toward TRBC’s church planting efforts.

Falwell said, “For everyone, no matter if they have a personal relationship with God or not, to dig into the scriptures and become ‘self-feeders’ in their Bible study time.”

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For more information about the “1000 Days” study, visit 1000days.trip.org.
Michael Tait returns to Liberty

Alumnus reflects on memories before performing with the Newsboys

Shelane Jennings

For alumni Michael Tait, who has left his stamp on Liberty’s campus and an even greater imprint on Christian hip-hop and rock sounds, returning to his alma mater still causes him to smile and rock sounds, returning to his alma mater still causes him to laugh.

“For Tait, current lead singer of the Newsboys, returning to Liberty University, his alma mater was summed up in one word: emotional. "It feels so good to be in the nation's greatest university,” Tait said. “And that's a brother speaking from experience.”

“Tait took time to walk around and remember old times, noting his old dorms with the help of Director of Alumni Relations Tyler Falwell.

“My one dorm was dorm D, suite 108, but I think it was 107 back in the day,” Tait said. “My very first dorm back in 1986 was up dorm D where I met Toby Mac.”

According to Tait's longtime friend and Liberty alumnus Mary Donovan, they actually knocked and visited the current room occupants.

“They think they were really caught off-guard,” Donovan said, laughing.

After seeing the new features of campus, including the Newsboys Center and upcoming Vines Center, Tait took time to remember the man who held an instrumental role in his life by visiting the Carter Glen Mansion and Dr. Furler’s memorial.

“Mike was very close to Dr. Furler,” Donovan said. “For him to see Dr. Furler's office was important for Mike. And there was some time that we just left him alone. And then we went out to the gravel. There was a sense of sadness, a sense of joy and a sense of pride, being an alumnus from Liberty.”

“I'll never forget it,” Tait said. “Dr. Furler: it was a big part of how I live my life now.”

Looking back, Tait sees Dr. Furler as a father figure to him.

“I always would joke with him, calling him my white daddy,” Tait said. “I had such a heartful love for Jerry and Mary and the kids. I was just overwhelming.

Tait's career with Toby Mac and Kevin Max is in the hands DC, first performed for band Furler and he thought that Dr. Furler was a big part of his life, and he always thought about that when he was in Dorm D. He wrote a song called Heaven Bound.”

The band shared the stage with City Harbor, Abandon, and Liberty alumni, Anthem Lights. Joking and smiling with each other, Tait and the rest of the Newsboys showed the crowd just how natural the band's transition could be.

“I couldn't be any more different from the Newsboys. I'm a brother speaking from experience. I think they were really surprised, but I'm a white daddy,” Tait said, joking about the Newsboys making a joke.

“We gave [Newsboys] a makeover,” Tait said. “Make sure the DNA mixes but remake it a bit.”

Companion International sponsored the God's Not Dead Tour. It also partnered with Bob, Lure and Life Promotions in an evangelistic promotion and included several video segments from I Am Second media.

For more information about the God's Not Dead Tour and the band involved, visit www.newsboys.com.

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Comedy and mystery collide at the 39 Steps

Betsy Abraham

Epigonion, murder and eccentric Scottish people all come together in the Tower Theater this past weekend for the sold out production of The 39 Steps.

“The 39 Steps”

The play tells the story of Richard Hannay, played by Kyle Rodgers, who is estranged with his marriage life. One night, he meets a suspicious German woman named Annabella Schmidt, played by Lindsey Register, who comes back to his apartment to him. She reveals that she is actually a secret agent being chased by a secret organization known as the 39 Steps.

In the middle of the night, Annabella is murdered, which is the beginning of a hilarious journey for Richard, played by Keegan Miller, who is basically a conductor, hotel manager, villain and old man. Though “The 39 Steps” is a minimalistic play, it’s also very fast-paced.

According to Director Neal Breather, the play was originally a novel written by John Buchan in 1913 and was then adapted to a play by Alfred Hitchcock in the 1950s. Breather notes that Liberty chose a comedic adaptation, which spoofed a movie adaptation made by Hitchcock.

WHOS WHO — The five person cast of The 39 Steps adopt multiple characters throughout the play.

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