Lynchburg representatives have entered a battle against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that could directly impact taxpayers, locally and throughout the commonwealth.

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-6th), whose district includes Lynchburg, has initiated legislation to counter the EPA's proposal for stormwater treatment. The EPA's proposal comes by way of an Executive Order, not a bill that must pass through Congress.

"The executive order attempts to give the EPA authority to run roughshod over local communities, farmers and small businesses," Goodlatte said. "My legislation presents a positive alternative."

Supporting Goodlatte's plan is Lynchburg city council member Turner Perrow. Last November, Perrow spoke before a Congressional committee on what he called intrusiveness by the EPA into local affairs. Perrow faults supporting Goodlatte's legislation critical to saving local citizens money down the road.

"The state needs to meet the requirements and enforce it at a local level," Perrow said. "It needs to be the state. Then, the EPA should work with the state for implementation on these plans.

"Perrow fears if the program does come into effect, the monetary cost could become overwhelming.

"For the city of Lynchburg, we're looking somewhere: between $100 to $180 million right now. That would increase between $100 million and $180 million over the next 20 years," he said.

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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 students and campus missionaries, the Center for Global Engagement had a large amount of students go to East Asia, the Middle East and South America on mission trips this spring break.

Pastoral leadership major Jarrick Graves along with nine other Liberty students went to Guangxi, China to serve in the local church and English classes. "My favorite part of the trip was teaching English and forming friendships between the students, We got to build relationships with the students and provide a way for them to hear about a church where they can get plugged in and grow and learn about the love of Christ," White said.

Seminarian Hannah White also went on the Ecuador mission trip. Her favorite part of the trip was teaching English and forming friendships between the students. "God has put us on this planet to be a missionary to a Spanish speaking country in the future. As a Christian, I wanted to go to Ecuador and get a little taste of what that culture is all about so that I could learn more about my future." White said.

Seminarian国际机场 also went on the trip. White was interested in the mission trip and despite not being able to travel to the service that week to hear to hear the church, she said, "I have put a vision for what that culture is all about so that I could learn more about my future." White said.

On the other side of the world, students from Victory Church, where Pastor Garcia was a member, and the Lynchburg Community, where Pastor Garcia is now, traveled to Chennai, India to share their testimonies and encourage believers in the area. The group visited different communities and learned a relationship with a large church in the area called New Life Assemblies of God.

Garcia was surprised to learn the life in Chennai was so different compared to America. "Garcia said, "I wasn't sure how honest that we say that we were not close but the people who liked compared to them." Garcia said.

"Spiritually and mentally it was so relaxing and fulfilling," Venkata said. "But I'm physically and spiritually and I'm really learning something. 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 be exhausting,White was happy with her time in India. "The incredible blessings are that I have done in my life," White said.

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Bringing in another win
Liberty University Law School secured another victory at court

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LAW - Liberty's most court team qualified for national tournament.

University Director at the Center for Law and Social Policy, Karla Martinson and Dean Lindley traveled with the team to the Washington, D.C. competition.

"Due to Lindley and I were extremely pleased with the performance of our team and conducted themselves throughout the tournament," Thompson said. "Each of the competitors represented the Lord and the school with dedication and dignity. They also extended our tradition of excellence at this tournament specifically."

Thompson said this tournament marks four years in a row that at least one of the teams from Liberty has qualified for the national tournament.

"I will not view life in America or to watch Mark, Jeremy and Dustin argue at the tournament," Sanchez said. "Our argument skills were unquestionably second to none at the event." Sanchez said.

The topics that were presented involved a complicated case of statutory interpretation involving Federal Medicaid laws and state regulations that govern the treatment and insurance coverage for those suffering from autism.

Thompson will be traveling to Chicago with Hicks, White and Martinez for the National Mock Trial Championship on April 12-14.

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Gas prices increase dramatically

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With gas prices on the rise, many Americans wonder if refiners are gouging consumers when they raise prices in different regions throughout the country.

Associate Professor of Finance and Economics and Chair of the Finance Department at Liberty University Robert Reacher spoke about the basic principles of supply and demand and their effect on the price of gasoline.

"The demand for oil is in- creasing as people are going out to spend more money in places that cost a lot of money to get to, such as gas stations," Reacher said.

"The price of oil is high because the demand is high. People are driving more, so the price of gasoline is high."

In addition to geopolitics, gas prices are only going up because of the high demand for oil.

"If the government wants to lower gas prices, they need to reduce the demand," Reacher said.

"They have to reduce demand by taxing gasoline, which is currently at about 18 cents per gallon, but they could also do it by taxing the oil that is being transported to the refineries.

"If they reduce the demand, the price of gasoline will decrease," Reacher said.

Students have to choose the answers to the questions that the professors ask, and sometimes it can be difficult to decide what the best answer is.

"I think people need to think before they put their money into the gas pumps," Reacher said.

"They need to think about the long-term effects of their decisions."
OPINION

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Realism and idealism: Kony 2012 in perspective

Irene Euler

If you've logged on to Facebook or Twitter in the past week, you've almost certainly seen a link to the Invisible Children's "Kony 2012" video that the group uploaded to YouTube two weeks ago. The video depicts and details the atrocities committed by Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda.

The video is a cold-blooded call to hyper-emotional feeling and unfiltered appeals to action. The response to "Kony 2012" has been all over the chart, with many enthusiasm-laden reports coming every corner of the Internet with links to the video and dressing themselves in Invisible Children's T-shirts and various other paraphernalia. On the other side, this film has its detractors who have criticized Invisible Children on issues ranging from the very grim reality that Kony's forces mainly consist of child soldiers. "As a result," Richard points out, "an abject failure to pay serious attention to the plight of every group is one that could only be the result of the ideals being ignored in them. While not the most prominent of Invisible Children's detractors, Richard caught my eye in his piece written for National Geographic's NewsWatch.

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cann’t help but associate the former with this cut of candied almonds and the latter with our current president. The former seems invasive and plastic; the latter seems airy and atmospheric.

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, I like him right now, and I can’t help but associate the latter with the former, with that air of a sentimental country. None have proven that they are anything more than a collection of leaders. For that reason, I refuse to attach my name to any of the candidates. For the reasons listed above, I think Paul is the only American right to not vote in this year’s election.

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US struggles to fix energy crisis

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There is a massive push brewing in the nation’s capital, right under the noses of America’s citizens. According to FoxNews.com, President Obama’s Energy Secretary Steven Chu said, “Our dependence on foreign oil has been crippling.” Analyst Benjamin Knopp said, “Our benefit, and advantage that the president’s energy analyst has this mindset and will have that President Obama has supreme control over the prices at the pump.”

To be fair, the concept most Americans have that President Obama has supreme control over the prices at the pump lacks any merit — there is a million other things that could have prevented the remaining 47 victims from being shot. The jury found the school negligent and awarded $1 million to two victims’ families. According to the Las Vegas Sun, a previous settlement of $11 million was split between 24 families, excluding other damages of $10 million set aside in a hardship fund. The state argued that the university did all it could with the information provided at the time. Steger, along with other university officials, said they initially believed the first two shootings were an act of domestic violence, based on what police investigators told them.

According to The New York Times, the Prvdes and the Petersons were the only families of the shootings that were eligible to sue. Both families turned down their portion of the $11 million settlement with the state. “When you know that something is right you’re not denied from your victory,” Petrdoun said in the New York Times. “We wanted the truth from the very beginning and we got it. I know today we got what we wanted.”

Steger responded to the outcome in a letter, stating, “TheInstitute.com came under an unprecedented act of violence that no one could have foreseen.”

In hindsight, waiting over two hours to alert the campus of a shooting that killed two people in a dormitory was not the most effective way of handling this situation. Of course, we must learn more for understanding that it’s probably not as simple as strictly analyzing the situation, much less react less, as we might imagine.

However, there are consequences for everyone. Virginia Tech is still suffering five years later.

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

Following RPS and the other programs, he jumped straight into pilot training—a three-phase program comprised 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 their scores in the first two phases.

Students selected for the F-35A supersonic jet trainer go to flight fighters or bombers. T-38s Pegasus students train to fly undervisible turboprop aircraft, and students chosen for the T-4 Buckeye III trainer are initial pilots.

I went to ENPT, Enroute 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.

ENPT is a training program reserved for the top pilot trainees from the U.S. Air Force and in NATO allies.'Course instructors are also selected from the officer ranks of U.S. and NATO air forces, according to the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) factsheet.

"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 factsheet states.

Finally, McCready was able to conduct his eighth-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 see 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 one of a few squadrons in the Air Force who have participated in every conflict since its inception."

Even after completing all of his training, McCready has a busy schedule as he and his wife Megan had their first baby, Daniel Cib McCready, in February. The military is selling them work with him and his family, however, including allowing them 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 … partaking [in] 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 in growing successful 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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**Toxins in makeup**

Additives in cosmetics, hygiene products possibly linked to harmful effects including breast cancer

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Showering on cosmetics, toothpaste and face wash might be placing harmful ingredients on your body.

According to Liberty University Professor Linda Kitchel, some preservatives and additives in food, such as parabens, are used on cosmetics.

Parabens are used in products as preservatives and can be recognized on labels as methy paraben, propyl paraben, butyl paraben or benzyl paraben.

According to the FDA, the parabens act to protect microbial growth, and certain claims have been made about their use in products.

In 2007, when scientists published a study finding a relationship between oral cancer and the fluoridation of U.S. water, they cited the use of parabens as one of the factors, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) Skin Deep Cosmetics database, a consumer guide to speak to truth behind chemicals parabens were found on a skin cancer study researchers questioned if deodorant was the cause.

But parabens are not the only thing found in products that has researchers concerned.

The EWG says thinck tar, a common ingredient in hand soap, toothpaste and face wash, is linked to liver and kidney illness.

EWG is a website database devoted to researching products and provides an app that allows users to search more than 15,000 products.

Laura Brewer, a graduate student of ProcurerGoodness blog Rachel Brewer, something that the student found out her daughter had an allergy to toothpaste, a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Liberty University and hopes to continue her education in nutrition.

"I want people to be aware of what they're putting on their body. The skin absorption of toxins in your body, so I really want what you're putting on your body to be something that is good for you," Brewer said.

According to the EWG, the website, the Food and Drug Administration is poised to approve of sodium laureth sulfate and trast manufactorers may raise prices to cover the production costs accurately.

Brewer's sister, Kristen Diana, is also concerned about toxins and other harmful chemicals being used on the body and insists to have a healthy and well being of our kids.

"I don't typically buy my products, and if I do I make sure they're 100 percent organic or recommended by my doctor," Brewer said.

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**SELAH goes online**

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SELAH, Liberty University's yearbook, recently received the Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, according to Jeff White from Promotional Publications at Liberty. It is the first time Liberty has received the prestigious award.

The award is given to publications in the academic excellence in writing/editing, design, concept, composition, photography, art and graphics.

In addition to this achievement, the yearbook has also found a creative solution to the growing discontinuation of yearbook programs in universities nationwide with making the SELAH yearbook available online. A print version will still be available on demand.

The university partnered with Key Color Inc. to produce an online version of the yearbook that will be for sale as an adventure to the student at the website: silverpills.com. It will also be available to Liberty University alumni, according to Director of Marketing for University Publications in Promotional Publications, Laura Sippy.

Because of the recent decline in yearbook programs, Liberty decided to conduct research to find out how other colleges kept their yearbook programs alive.

"The fall semester was spent evaluating what current universities and colleges are doing regarding their yearbook programs," Sippy said. "After looking at the printed format of the past few years, we found that many yearbooks are just completely eliminating their yearbook programs," Sippy said.

The solution was simple. Liberty decided to create an interactive online yearbook with a wide range of features including extra stories, videos, student portraits and even year projects.

Another distinguishing feature of the online version is the ability to view yearbooks from 1974 to the present.

"We can incorporate videos, so if there are special plays from the football game, the basketball game, coffee cups, you name it, we can incorporate this into this online yearbook," Sippy said. "And there's also this social feature where you can sign up for the same pages. You can also comment on pages and photos," Sippy said.

The online yearbook is a convergence of traditional yearbook media in addition to the new capabilities of video and social media tools. "It's not exactly like the original, but it is a different medium with a different media aspect," SELAH staff member Jacob Ansche said.

For those who still like a print version of the SELAH yearbook, Liberty will still have yearbooks available for purchase on demand.

"What Liberty decided to do was create 75 pages of core content that are actually in the yearbook. Also included will be headlines, pull quotes around the university, articles, some relevant content," Ansche said.

The core content will be both online and in the print-on-demand yearbook.

"Everyone's first 75 pages will look alike, then you have the option of printing an additional 10, 20, 30 or however many pages you wish to print after. You can upload your photos from Facebook or any photo on your hard drive. You can have your personalized yearbook to add in the additional content," Ansche said.

While the online version is free for all students, the print version price will vary based on the student's customization but is an option for those who want a print book.

"We're really trying to offer the students both a traditional alternative with the printed book and an online version that is breaking into new technology with videos and social media aspect," Sippy said. "We feel that by combining both of them, we're giving students a great resource for the yearbook," Sippy said.

For more information, check out the Facebook page at Liberty.ULibertyYearbook or libertyuniversityprograms.com. SELAH includes a print version in each yearbook that includes a Year in Review tab to see content from each graduating class.

SELAH is a news reporter.
Liberty University continued its quest to get inside the national Top 25, winning a three-game series with visiting Gardner-Webb.

The Flames took both Friday night games, 4-3 and 8-0, respectively, but fell Saturday in the first game of the weekend, 5-4.

In the first game of the evening, the Flames bats were quiet but the defense was solid. Liberty scored first at the bottom of the second with Alex Clark coming in on a double by Trey Winterton, but the Bulldogs answered in the third with a three-run home run by John Harris that scored two RBIs and took the lead away from the Flames, making the score 3-1.

The Flames doubled for another run in the seventh with Michael Robertson up to the plate and crank out his first homerun of the season directly over the 390 sign. "I've never known when I hit a home-run, because I don't hit a lot of them," Anderud said. "I thought it was a little drive and I knew that they were playing me a little bit shallow, so I thought that I just kept a double out of it." John Night pitched for the Flames and finished all nine innings with two strikeouts, only allowing five hits.

Game Two of the evening was more energetic than the previous game and as the sun went down, the stands filled up. Twelve-hundred fans watched Liberty score its first run in the second as the sun went down, the stands filled up. Twelve-hundred fans watched Liberty score its first run in the second.

"Every experience with the guys has been really good and they're really nice. They even gave us a tub of bubble gum and that's great in my opinion," recruit Kyle Garcia said. "I was excited to come here. I've been coming here since I was 8-years-old because of my brothers and sisters."
Winning a Super Bowl, throwing all the greats such as Joe Montana nine consecutive 10-win seasons. Importantly, leading the Colts to for over 6,500 yards and, most importantly, leading the Colts to the playoffs and a chance to win it all.

The number one seed always has a great influence on the team and the market as it is priced. Johnson "really believes that and does a great job of helping lead our team every year."

BASEBALL continued from B1

The big event of the night happened in the 10th inning. The Flames stranded seven people on base. Although it was a close game, the Flames found themselves down to 4.

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When the entire field was out, we scored runs. When the entire field was in, we scored runs. We finally got it back to 4-4. We just didn't get the big hit. We just didn't get the big run.

Freshman relief pitcher Jake Hurrion gave up two singles and a walk in the eighth inning before getting the win. Those runners would later score, giving the Rams breathing room for the lead.

Senior starting pitcher Jake Kocan and freshman reliever John Baker got the Flames out of the eighth inning. Although it was a close game, the Rams outscored the Flames 11-8.

The Flames will get their chance to win in Game Four on Tuesday at 6 p.m. against the Virginia Commonwealth Rams.

LEASURE AND PEARSON are sports reporters.

FSN continued from B1

People that have won the Silver Slippers award, such as Joe Montana, are a little bit different, from the judge. It has companies like ESPN and ABC. The awards are a testament to hard work put in by the large staff of professionals in the broadcasting programming. You have the right people, it makes it very difficult to pull off one of those games.

Themostimportantthingisnottosetyourgoalstoomuchsinceitwillmakethemappearimpossible. Those who have the most potential will try to set a goal to try to make it happen. Those who win the most are the ones that had the most potential and the most ability.

The most important thing is not to worry. No team can be too perfect. If a team goes on a 19-0 run, they will not be perfect. The most important thing is not to worry about losing.

Sportswriter Anthony Gonzalez has already been on the television broadcast team.

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SPORTS

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Waved goodbye to Missouri and it was the first time ever it happened. This was the first time in my perfect final four in round one with my friends. Later on that day, I went to bed. Omens are alive and well, over a basketball getting out of the day when I woke up and tripped over a basketball this past week. I had a dream about the game.

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**CAPTAIN KELLY** — Senior Kelly hit the day and guided their team to their second win of the season (6-5). The success over the weekend comes after a disappointing Texas road trip (0-0), but forgettable series against Cornell (2-0). Its a long season yet, and its all about conference, so this week is big for us," head coach Paul Winmer said.

The Lady Big Red blanked the Lady Flames in the first leg, 7-0, and added in the second leg to notch the 7-4 win.

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Apparreled, John Calipari and the ancient Mayans were not to be out of step with their description of the world’s predicted apocalyptic end in 2012. This is the only logical explanation I can come up with to explain what has happened to the world of college basketball this past week.

To say this has been unpredictable would be a massive understatement. I knew it was going to be an interesting season, but no one could have predicted the one day when I wake up and tripped over a basketball getting out of bed. Dream about my basketball, my friends. Later on that day, I wasn’t able to go to Minnesota my perfect final four in round one. The score was 11-5. In 11 years a Fifteenth seeded team beat a second seeded team, and it was the first time ever it happened twice in one tournament. Duke would later have the same fate when they fell to Lehigh. This tournament has left college basketball fans in a fog of confusion.

Through the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, Florida was a bit of an enigma. This team had every prediction of failure and yet has shown that there is much more scoring talent on their team than previously realized. Jim Boeheim’s famed 2-3 zone defensive system is almost run to perfection on a night-to-night basis by the Orange. But, Phil Martelli’s lineup was a mystery on this squad it is hard to tell who has the best chance to win the championship. If I could scratch my head once again, this was by far the most talented squad from Florida State has ever faced since their previous repeat national champion status in 2006 and 2007. Through the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, Florida State beat both matchups by 20 plus points. However, their loss came in a huge lost to Louisville squad lined with scoring my head once again.

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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.

"The restaurant, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, was designed to look like an old drugstore lunch counter from the 1900s century and has become known for its lunch counter," said Robbery Taylor, the manager of Market at Main, and said the restaurant used to be a Woolworth 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 that Market at Main is the indicator for a brilliant comeback for downtown Lynchburg," Taylor said. "Since I've been here, I have seen more and more. I am looking up downtown, and more tourists as well."

According to Taylor, he takes great pride in the success of the restaurant and its 9I employees, some of which are Liberty University students and graduates, who help to make it run smoothly.

"When a customer comes, I want every employee to give great customer service, so when that actually happens, you know you have the right team of people," Taylor said.

Several Liberty University students have visited the restaurant and have had consistently good experiences. Senior Joy Koger is one of them.

"One time I went to Market at Main for some public relations work and I noticed immediately how relaxing and inviting the atmosphere was," Koger said. "The food is also is very reasonable."

The restaurant recently expanded its menu to include dinner and has also started serving breakfast items on Sundays until 5 p.m., which Taylor said really seems to draw in the after church crowd and the Sunday "breakfast.""We want people in the community to be aware that we serve dinner now, and we are in the process of bringing more and more lunch specialties over to the dinner menu for our customers to enjoy," Taylor said.

The restaurant also has a unique convenience store section. Half of the restaurant is dedicated to selling products such as chips, drinks, souvenirs and gift items. There is also a variety of handmade goods like jewelry and art made by local renters, available.

Market at Main is located on 904 Main St. and is open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 1 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Carry out options are also available. For more information about the restaurant, call (434) 847-9040 or visit Market at Main on Facebook.

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A panel of four local judges sat in front of the runway and evaluated the designs on aspects such as use of color. After all the models walked the runway, Bibby and Johnson talked about the charity Threads of Hope. Bibby shared the event went to the charity, which works to keep girls in the Philippines out of sex trafficking by providing anti-risk families the ability to earn a steady income by making bracelets. Fashion show attendees could purchase bracelets and learn more about the organization at a table that was set up in the back of the Schilling Center.

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Christine Pierce said knowing that you are partnering with Threads of Hope gives her favorite aspect of it. "This is a show that's tangibles present and to know that half of the proceeds are going toward helping women and children, is truly wonderful," Pierce said.

After a short break where judges deliberated, the show ended with models enjoying music and desert catered by Sodexo, the Italian designer's love of color, fashion and fabric. One of her pieces was a mustard yellow jacket, something that incorporated not only her unique style, but her own. "I think I share a lot of similarities with him as it was really easy to make it my own. The jacket was something I had come up with on my own before hand, and then I tailored it to fit Versace's demands with the color and tailoring so it really was an easy transition," Lynch said. Planning for the show began in early June, when Howard chose the two directors. A launch party of Hope was her favorite part of the show. "I've just been so grateful to have everthing come together and the whole show went off without a hitch," Bibby said. "I was extremely happy with how everything turned out." ABRAHAM is the assistant feature editor.

**Student designs take the stage**

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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, 2005, 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 anyw...”

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.

“This is when he told me the worst of it,” Grigg said. “He told me I had staples.”

Grigg also suffered a brain lobe injury, 11 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.

“At a result of all that I have been through, last year I decided to give blood for the first time and have done so multiple times since,” Grigg said. “It is rewarding to know I can give back to those who helped to save my life.”

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

The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-15 minutes. That is the time it takes from the time you arrive to the time you leave. 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.

“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 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 Batten Indoor Track Complex at Green Hall on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood:

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Jonathan Falwell explores the 1000 Days

The TRBC pastor’s new book seeks to help readers better understand Jesus’ ministry and the Bible

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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, reorienting 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 come 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 done 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 these 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 gospels and see how we can use them in our life and develop a relationship with the person of Jesus.”

Falwell’s travels to Israel shaped the story he shares Christ’s teaching, he said, and without a doubt, had an impact on “1000 Days.”

Falwell made his first trip to Israel when he was six years old with his father, the late Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr.

“Standing on the shores of Galilee, realizing that this is the place that Jesus walked on water, going to Jerusalem, and to be on the temple mount, and to see the spot that they believe Christ was crucified—it definitely has an impact on you that you can’t describe unless you see it for yourself,” Falwell said.

The TRBC website promotes the book, claiming that “1000 Days” gives readers “an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ like never before.” For Falwell, this opportunity is provided through the equivalent of 1000 days—video after video. We brought in some of the great theologians to reach on some of these things and filmed them doing little vignettes about a specific situation in the life of Christ,” Falwell said. “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 it in depth study.”

For Falwell, this offers readers clarification on what is often overlooked.

“There are scores of things that are overlooked in the gospels, not that they are necessarily ignored but in the sense of truly taking the time to understand what it means,” Falwell said. “When Jesus said ‘blessed are the poor,’ people wonder whether it means they need to be poor to be blessed by God. That’s not it. It means that blessed are those who realize that without God we are nothing.”

Falwell’s hope, he said, is 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.

“All proceeds for “1000 Days” go to funding TRBC’s church planting efforts and, as Falwell said, furthering the Kingdom, as Christ told us—‘going into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature.’ The book was officially released March 12 and is in stores across the United States and available online.

For more information about the “1000 Days” study, visit 1000days.trbc.org

JENNINGS is the feature editor.
A GREAT RETURN — The Newsboys took stage, March 24, for the God's Not Dead Tour, featuring bands City Harmonic, Abandon and Liberty alumni Anthem Lights.

Michael Tait returns to Liberty
Alumnus reflects on memories before performing with the Newsboys

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For alum 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 often causes him to choke up.

For Tait, current lead singer of the Newsboys, returning to Liberty University for the God's Not Dead Tour 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.”

“It’s overwhelming,” Tait said. “To see it grow, to see what this school has evolved into, is mind-blowing. It is the largest private university in the country, and that’s what we wanted.”

Tait took time to walk around and reminisce about old times, seeing his old dorms with the help of Director of Alumni Relations Tyler Falwell.

“My one dorm was dorm D, room 101, but I think I was in 110 back in the day,” Tait said. “My very first dorm back in 1996 was up dorm D where I met Toby Brasher.”

According to Tait’s longtime friend and Liberty alumni 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 Vincent’s Center, Tait took time to remember the man who held an instrumental role in his life by visiting the Carter Glen Mansion and Dr. Falwell’s memorial.

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

“I’ll never forget it,” Tait said. “Dr. Falwell was a big part of how my life now is.”

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

“Always would joke with him, calling him my white daddy,” Tait said. “I had such a heartfelt love for Jerry and Mary and the kick. It was just overwhelming.”

Tait’s career with Toby Brasher and Kevin Max is in the band DC Talk, first performed for Liberty and Falwell.

“We started writing songs when we were in Dorm D. We wrote a song called Heaven Bound,” Tait said. “The first time I ever performed that song was in Jerry Falwell’s backyard for the pool. It was for Jonathan Falwell’s party.”

“At first song then led to a career with DC Talk that was fast into the 2000s. In 2009, Tait took on another musical challenge, joining the successful rock-pop band, the Newsboys.

“Toby and I knew the Newsboys asked if I could kick it with the band. I got there, and they said, ‘so you tell the truth, we want you to join the band,’” Tait said. “It’s overwhelming. It was not something I ever thought I’d do.”

“We knew he would do a great gig and that he would be a great mate,” Newsboys longtime band member Duncan Phillips said.

The band shared the stage with City Harmonic, 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 Peter Furler. I look nothing like him. He’s a white guy with a bald head,” Tait said, joking about the Newsboys reuniting.

“We gave [Newsboys a make-over],” Tait said. “Make sure the Newsboys tour DNA mix, but remake it a bit.”

Companion International sponsored the God’s Not Dead Tour. It also partnered with Bob Lef 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 bands involved, visit www.

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Comedy and mystery collide at the 39 Steps

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Epionage, murder and economic Scottish people all come together in the Tower Theater this past weekend for the sold out run of the Theatre Department production, “The 39 Steps.”

“The 39 Steps”

The play tells the story of Richard Hannay, played by Kyle Rodgers, who is frustrated with his mundane 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 secretive organization known as the 39 Steps. In the middle of the night, Annabella is murdered, which is the beginning of a hilarious journey as Rodger’s character’s ordinary life is turned upside-down as he is searched for answers and tries to clear his name of the murder, trekking to Scotland, evading the police and dodging bullets throughout the play.

According to Director Neal Brasher, the play was originally a novel written by John Buchan in 1915 and was then adapted to a movie by Alfred Hitchcock in the 1930s. Brasher notes that Liberty chose a comedic adaption, which sparked a movie adaptation made by Hitchcock.

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

Elizabeth Wallace, into doing her role rules were broken. The cast also adopted numerous accent roles throughout the play, several of them working with a voice coach to perfect a Scottish, Dubliner and drawing on skills learned in their setting.

Patti Sherman and her daughter were using Liberty for College for a Weekend and though the small cast was the most enjoyable part of the show.

It was phenomenal. They were fabulous actors and actresses, especially with only five of them. It made the play even more fun,” Sherman said.

The play’s minimalism also carries into the set design and props. Instead of a elaborate set to depict the various places the characters travel to, the play draws heavily on audio and visual effects. The sparse set allows for more focus on the actors’ talent and leaves the audience free to imagine. In one scene that takes place on a train, the actors simply sit on crates in front of each other, allowing audio elements and body movements to indicate their setting.

“The way that they’re able to play with things that you know are not happening but the audience accepts it,” senior Adam Parker said. “It’s so minimalist and it allows the audience to imagine with them.”

Alex Miller played numerous different roles throughout the production, including a train conductor, hotel manager, villain alarm and lead singer. “The 39 Steps” is only at the Tower Theater until Tuesday, March 27, because another cue to come out to future shows for a fun, lead singer.

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