Enosis movement begins

Timothy Riordan starts a project for Liberty students to showcase original songs

God to give them the creativity and momentum to create the album. From this meeting, a promotional video was created as well as a Facebook page to reach out to even more students.

“We must start somewhere. Does our school of 15,000 followers of Jesus Christ contain the potential to produce 12 songs that could impact the world?” I believe the answer to that is yes,” Riordan said. “We have over 100 writers at this school. If each writer has written an average of 10 songs each, we will have 1,000 songs to choose from.

Riordan has a recorded studio in Lynchburg that does the recording for many athletes on campus. While in studio, Riordan and others have a lot of business that comes through, both in songwriting and singing. From this, he wants to take advantage of all the talent that Jerry Falwell birthed and see it impact the world. ‘I believe the Enosis is just one of the many great results of a vision that Jerry Falwell bucket back in 1971,’ Riordan said. ‘We want to see God glorified through the excellent songwriting skills of the student body and see it impact the world for Christ.’

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Policy change

By Greg Leasure

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Liberty University Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced Wednesdays, April 24, via his Facebook page, that the school’s attendance policy, effective immediately.

The change grants students four unexcused absences in classes that meet three times per week and three unexcused absences for classes meeting two times per week. The policy for classes meeting once a week will remain the same.

“This policy that he had was a little too strict, so I’m glad he was able to make the change and help the students out a little bit before the end of the year,” Falwell said.

According to Liberty Senior Class President Chad Chadwick, the Student Government Association had been attempting to change the policy since it went into effect more than two years ago, and talks intensified when Falwell decided to review the policy in detail earlier in the spring 2013 semester.

“Let’s sort of run the end of the year gift to the students,” Falwell said.

See ATTENDANCE, A10

FBI comes to Liberty

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“One minute you can be doing financial analysis work and the next second you can be pulled into another office to help with a murder investigation or drug investigation, which is what happened to me,” Cara Kast said.

Kast made an appearance at Liberty Wednesday night, April 24, in DeMoss Hall room 1113 to talk to students about what the FBI is really like. According to Kast, she has worked for the FBI for two years doing multiple things, and is currently working towards becoming a field agent.

Almost 50 students gathered to listen to Kast and her stories of what it has been like for her to be in the FBI.

“You are never bored — things change very quickly,” Kast said.

“Do we do actual cases? We protect the United States from terrorist attacks, from foreign intelligence and espionage. We protect the United States against cyber-based crimes and high technology crimes, we conduct public corruption where we protect civil rights,” Kast said.

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Summer elections

Democrat primary election is scheduled for June II

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Virginia’s primary elections are scheduled to take place, May 7, for the Republicans and June 11 for the Democrats. During this time, candidates will be nominated for the November general election.

Liberty alumnus Zach Martin is running in the Bedford County Republican primary elections for the 59th District House of Delegates. The seat opened when Lacey Platner retired the spring.

“Thur is just the start,” a Republican spokesperson said.

According to the Office of the Library's website, the election is for both Republican and Democratic candidates. The Democrats will be voting on nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General while the Republicans will be electing new House of Delegates nominees. This year, the Republicans decided to hold a convention instead of a primary, so voters will take part in nominating candidates they like for the primary, a Virginia Representative explained.

“The only person running for the Demo­ cratic nomination in the gubernatorial elec­ tion is Terry McAuliffe. His opponent is from the other party. The Republicans are the only party that will accept the opposition, according to the City of Lynchburg’s website.

The two Democrats up for nomination for Lieutenant Governor are Ralph Northam and Aneesh Chopra. The Lieutenant Governor holds a very important position in the Virginia Senate.

“With the one lone divide between Democrats and Republicans in the Virginia legislature, the Lieutenant Governor will be tasked with casting the tie-breaking vote on any legislation impacting the Commonwealth,” accor­ding to the office of the governor.

The Democrats also have nominated two candidates for Governor: Attorney General Justin Fair­fax and Mark Herring.

It is important for people to get involved in voting at a young age to ensure that democracy is sustained for as long as possible.

The primary elections are being advertised on Lynchburg’s official website, Lynchburga.gov.

WASHINGTON — Professor Terry Menge and Liberty Senior Photographer Les Schneider take part in the survi­vor walk at Relay for Life, which was held at Liberty, Friday, April 20.

Wheeler defies the odds

After years of people telling her she never could, Kara will graduate this May

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Kara Wheeler, an only child, heard the word development major would be graduating from Liberty University in May 2013, defying the odds and the predictions of countless counselors and parents who said that this first would not be pos­sible.

Born 16 weeks early and weighing a mere 1 pound, 15 ounces, Kara was diagnosed with a mild form of cerebral palsy at age four. The daugh­ter of Professor of English David Wheeler, Kara said that whenever someone told her that she would not be able to graduate high school or go to college, she knew that she would find a way to prove them wrong.

Before Kara arrived at Liberty, David said that he and his wife did not know what to expect for their daughter’s time in college.

“We always taught our kids to pursue excellence, not perfection,” David said.

“We just wanted Kara to ap­proach, to do the best she could. She is a very in­dependent person, and so we knew she needed to be on campus and have friends. We wanted her to enjoy high school life and... for God to be able to work in her life and see what it her want it her heart to,” Kara wanted to spend her time working with pre-school children at a day care, but after going on a mission trip to the Philippines, she knew that God was changing her heart.

“Pretty much throughout the mission trip, the Lord told me, ‘Kara, this is your call. You cannot run away from your calling anymore.’” Kara said, remembering how God had spoken to her.

“‘I feel like God has called me into the missions field, and in him timing, hopefully after Christmas, I’ll be going back to the Philippines where GRADUATION — Kara Wheeler’s father, David, supported her as a professor at Liberty has been “amazing.” She said that she finished a two­courses during the week to catch up and talk.

“I love having students tell me how great he is and how impact­ful is with his teaching be­cause to be a professor be such is pain, and this position is a much more is a difference in his students lives.”

David said that he cannot express how proud he is of his daughter and how she is letting God see her.

“Shall come in between children... and give me a hug.”

David wants the “world to me to watch her and to watch the kind of young woman she’s become and how God’s used her to encourage and influence others.”

Knowing that his daughter has been able to gain knowledge from the professors and patience that she has listened too throughout her years at Liberty, David said that he would watch how, she has grown and how she encourage others to do same as her.

“I think Kara really represents what means to be champion for Christ,” David said. “I take advantage of the things they
Students present ideas at Shark Tank

Liberty University students of various majors presented their company ideas to be pitched apart by a panel of judges in hopes of getting an internship at Shark Tank.

This event was held by the Associations of Marketing Professionals (AMP) Monday, April 22.

At Shark Tank, the event was based on the television show by the same name, where the entrepreneurs get to pitch their ideas, which the judges, who were posing as investors with fictitious funds, in either invest in or buy their ideas. Each group had time to fine-tune their presentation in project and was given 7-8 minutes.

"All of the ideas were really good, but obviously when you are playing a game like this, we are talking about the big bucks," Professor Kurt Grentz, an assistant professor in the School of Business, said.

Although the judges were not in business, they treated this as real practice for the students by asking them questions aboutinant revenue, market penetration and the targeted demographic.

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"In business, what you want to look at is how you are going to add value to the customer," Professor Edward Moore of the Business School said.

According to Moore, it is important for the students to see the real potential of their project and not to overthink or underthink it. In total, seven ideas were generated. Among these concepts were the use of a clothing shop for the working girl called Modest Boutique, a restaurant where people can choose specifically what they want on their waffles called PMK Waffles, and lastly a technology that can help monitor and control the access of parking lots called Smart Parking.

During a short intermission, the audience voted on which ideas they wanted to win while the judges deliberated the scores.

Smart Parking took first place, winning a $250 gift certificate and an Audi Park Link.

According to senior Corey Busen, the team leader for Smart Parking, the group’s idea was originally intended for its capstone project in the engineering school.

"Wherefore we graduate, we have to find a problem that needs to be solved using our real world engineering skills," Busen said. "We presented this idea to the Liberty University Price Department (LUPD) and they really loved it.

Smart Parking would help LUPD as well as Liberty students by creating apps for Smart Parking to use when a parking lot is full, according to Busen.

Ryuker said proponent of Smart Parking will be demonstrated May 6 in Dowling Hall along with other engineering projects.

When the event ended, Professor course director, Joseph Broussard encouraged the students to prepare for presenting their presentation skills.

"This is the best of opportunity and entrepreneurship," Broussard said. "We want to protect their ideas (from being stolen), especially the younger generation who has a lot of great ideas that we are going to be working with in the future."

HABIN is the news editor.

Liberty student starts Mom’s Life ministry

Charlie Tchividjian reaches out to single mothers in the Greenfield area to mentor them through life’s struggles

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They meet in a small back room in a building named Church Street. Greenfield was originally the location of the women’s clinic and a meal center.

Initially, the volunteers from the church and the women lived side by side and joked that they were practically roommates until one day, a man came over to talk to the women from the clinic and stayed.

On this night, there were seven men, each with one or two children and their mentors, a team effort from the week before when only two moms attended.

According to city tax data from 2004, the Greenfield district in Lynchburg is one of the most understudied parts of the city. Local crime data also shows that, of the 58 registered sex offenders living in the city of Lynchburg and the surrounding areas, 39 live in Greenfield.

Tchividjian has always had a passion to start a ministry like this and work with single mothers.

"I grew up around these types of ministries and single parent homes," Tchividjian said. "As long as I can remember, my life to the Lord at 17 and immediately wanted to do a ministry like His Caring Place."

His Caring Place is a single mothers based in Florida that Tchividjian worked at while attending high school in the state. The ministry has a special place in his heart, because his grandparents started it. After working with the ministry as an high school, Tchividjian started the original Mom’s Life at her home church.

"We just chug what the Beulah calls us to," Haven Wear, a mentor to the single moms and a friend of Tchividjian’s, said.

According to Wear, each of the young women in Mom’s Life can have one or many mentors. The ministry uses the mentors to focus on building relationships.

"I think it’s really cool that girls have the opportunity to get their hands on them and let them know they’re there for them," Wear said.

The women range in age from 17 to 25, and some have two or three children already.

BOOZER is the news reporter.

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Staff: Goodbyes

As part of the 2012-13 Champion staff moves on, they share some of their most memorable experiences inside of the Champion office.

Some say goodbye while others look to the future with bright eyes.

Either way, these six people will forever be in our hearts.

Thanks guys.

Tess Curtis

The feeling I get in May 11 draws near is truly indescribable. Long before I walk these halls, get lost on the fourth floor of DeMoss or eat another banana at the Hangar. No longer do I see that same group of people at the football games or travel across the country. I have become a family.

My favorite moment has always been the simple amazing friends I have made here, the professors who have supported and encouraged me in everything I have accomplished to this point.

It is a little daunting, the idea of going out into the "real world," but I can manage, it though. If not, I can always have the friends I made here to lean on or I will need the support. Thank you for everything, Liberty.

Tyler Eacho

Writing and editing for the Champion has been my most fulfilling academic venture at Liberty University. Fine, college has been a journey filled with unknowns. It is the only time in my life where I have been the only one of my position.

In my time at the Champion, I have grown in confidence and most importantly, as a person. After hours and hours spent together in the office, I believe the majority of the staff have developed check-knit relationships, and

find myself proud to have been a part of.

One distinct feature, from the brilliant minds at our "Daily KJ," however, remains with me: "This is a newspaper. We have issues." He is right. I know every issue and every story, every problem that spans up through the year. Then, the best part is, that together as a staff, we learned how to work through these problems to produce a newspaper that we could be proud to put on the shelves every week.

As a move forward, I will most certainly miss my time at the Champion, but I know I will carry the lessons that drained me with me in my brother's, "good night sweet prince."

"If I don't see you, good afternoon good evening and good night," and honestly, as the "preacher children" would say, "so long, farewell, it's time you got to leave and I'm going to be here to eat dinner with you and you and you, goodbyeeeee......

Elliott Mosher

I'm not really good at goodbyes..."shall we play..."

"Hosts... you had better work..."

"God's day didn't..."

"You better work..." If you're reading this, like it or not...you're working at the parent. You're going to work hard and right.

"I'm going to work here...""you in another life...

Andrew Woolfolk

Oh the commencement of summarizing the past year and saying goodbye to my readers in 2013.

The past year has been an amazing opportunity for the opinion editor at the Liberty Champion has been a marvelous privilege. I have been able to give my views on topics, ranging from the successes of politicians in Washington to the importance of appreciating our utility to the thoughts on gun control.

Melanie Oelrich

Where do I begin? These last 12 months of my junior year have been a wild ride. It is hard to comprehend some thoughts and feelings from this last year in 200-5 words, but I will try to be here.

This last year, I was an editor and was accepted as an editor for the Champion staff as the news editor. The opportunities that have come, the hours upon hours spent in the office and the crazy amounts of articles I have been

wrote not only shaped me personally, but also professionally. I never thought I would be a good writer, but thanks to Deborah Hall and the supportive Champion staff, I have strengthened in skill and knowledge, among other characteristics, which I will be able to carry with me wherever the Lord takes me.

My prayer for the new staff is 2. They will have a great experience and the Lord direct your hearts into God's journey with your persons.

Thanks to our readers, my family, friends, Boyfriend and Liberty University, and everyone who contributed to shaping whom I am today.

Love you all

Kyle Harvey

I have lots of people to thank for the last year serving as an editor for this publication. First of all, I'd like to thank Deborah Hall, whose expert guidance has been paramount in my success and continued growth as just a junior. I'd like to thank the editing team of Tess Curtis, Ashley McAlpin, and Taylor Oelrich, and thank you for catching my mistakes and guiding me to success.

I'd like to thank Breckan Ballew, my incredibly able assistant who the sports section would have been lost without on a weekly basis. I'd like to thank all of our athletics - the news, players. It has been a pleasure to interview and record all of your accomplishments from the last year.

I'd like to thank our readers Without you, this whole operation is pointless. Thanks for turning to us for news and analysis of what matters to you most at school.

I'd like to thank my most devoted reader — my beautiful girlfriend, Jennalynn McCloud, for her unwavering support, encouragement, and inspiration and the love of my life.

To God be the glory and joy I write in my future career.

Kyle Harvey — over and out.

Tabitha Cassidy

At the last edition that I will ever put up the Lib­ erty Champion get ready to leave my imprint. I cannot help but to feel a sense of nostalgia think­ ing about the past year as the editor in chief.

I've been an important political person, portraying a significant part of my life so far. Unfortunately, the pages of this newspaper for the fall semester will be filled with promising politicians, businessmen, and students. What you will notice is also of great meaning to me.

While the people I met and interviewed were fantastic experiences, I will take a trip down from my experiences with the Liberty Champion, many of which will obviously be filled with the pages of this newspaper for the fall semester.

But I will not yet know whether I will ever find a job. I will not yet know whether I will ever be able to publish again. I can only see a time when I look back and know that I am leaving behind all my great memories, and worthy successes.

I know that the hands I leave the Champion are steady, purposeful and willing to add their voice to the news you have a right to know: I know that the hands we leave will be as kind to him as you were to me. I know that you continue to send in to the editors on the news we publish.

As fast as I learned to my fellow grad students. I know you with a spine from the book, "The Crime of Sylphene Rounay" by French novelist Annie Girardot. If you will, "At 8 changes, every the most fond..." the Lord will not and you will love us in a part of ourselves; once you are our past life before we can enter another."

Greg Leasure

Change can be an intriguing thing. As my first year and last at Liberty University comes to an end, I am ending my time with you on how much change takes place within this college.

As someone who has experienced both the Class of 2009 and Class of 2013, change is a constant. When you first come in, the campus don't seem the place you would want to be. As you continue, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing. Since I began writing for the Liberty Champion in the spring of 2012, I have experienced my share of change. As my first-time reporter in the spring of 2012, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing. Since I began writing for the Liberty Champion in the spring of 2012, I have experienced my share of change. As my first-time reporter in the spring of 2012, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing. Since I began writing for the Liberty Champion in the spring of 2012, I have experienced my share of change. As my first-time reporter in the spring of 2012, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing. Since I began writing for the Liberty Champion in the spring of 2012, I have experienced my share of change. As my first-time reporter in the spring of 2012, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing. Since I began writing for the Liberty Champion in the spring of 2012, I have experienced my share of change. As my first-time reporter in the spring of 2012, I would be the first person to admit that I don't like change. The nostalgia of changing homes during the summer months and returning to the campus in the fall is enough to make me wish I were a freshman again. However, as a more and more of my close friends and co-workers make a change in life, I understand that it can be a positive thing.
Concealed carry the solution?

Tragedies such as the Virginia Tech shooting have inspired new legislation concerning student gun rights.

Andrew Woolfolk

There are certain moments in life when an event so monumental occur that you know exactly where you were when it happened. For me, that generation-defining moment came at Age 11 on Sept. 11. The death of Osama Bin Laden and now, sadly, the Boston bombing.

We passed over another one of these days April 16. That day marked 16 years since the shooting at Virginia Tech, where the perpetrator, Seung-Hui Cho, arrived armed with two handguns and claimed the campus was under God's eye. By the end of the day, 32 people were killed with 21 others injured.

Since that day, the debate about whether guns should be allowed on college campuses has run rampant across the country. On March 22, Liberty revisited its own handbook to allow students with concealed-carry permits to take guns into academic buildings. Some students are concerned this is a better solution for those who are not part of that group. It certainly may be a way in the future, but I fear that a better solution is yet to come.

I first must address my hesitation about students carrying guns. The fact is that just because someone simply has to go through a university amount of training does not mean that they will handle their newfound privilege responsibly. Millions of taxpayers supply every student's education each year, and do we want them all to bring firearms with them? Just as self-service guns get stolen, more guns on campus may expose the university to unnecessary fire. It is also assumed that a student would be able to make a difference in a campus shooting situation. Yet, when we consider how hard it is for police officers who are trained for these situations to hit their target — a study by the Rand Corporation to End Violence found that police officers only hit their target 20 percent of the time — you know that this solution is only a small chance of making an impact. Say you are a student heading to the gym when police arrive. We would love to imagine that, just like in the movies, you could simply make eye contact with the police and they would automatically know you are one of the good people. This is simply not the case. The time it takes for a group of police officers to approach you takes away valuable time from their original mission.

Before the giveaway on campus start breaking things up at one another, allow me to offer a different path. I am pro-gun, and I would bet that I held more than someone else on campus. I want more guns on campus, I simply want them in the hands of trained professionals. My apologies to the average Joe who saw this could be turned into a personal political statement, but give me more police officers running those. It is a common-sense solution. What we want to control is the middle ground. We want our campuses to be safe, but let's not ignite the fuse.

WOOLFOLK in the opinion editor.

Major misinformation from social media sites

Jacob Tellers

When I was younger under the banings at the Boston marathon, one of my roommates told me that there had been a man shooting to prove to his girlfriend that he wasn't running, only to see her get killed in the bomb blasts. As best as I can recollect, the story was nothing to say the least one of the many fake stories that circulated the interest and social media in the hours after the banings.

However, not all of the fake information given out was a horrid as this story.

On the social media website Reddit, speculation about the identity of the bomber led toirable for several innocent men who were wrongfully accused of being involved.

According to the Huff

Based on the photos of Rachel Bauman and Yinan Zhai, were posted on social media sites due to possible reports. The New York Post even put their pictures on the front page, claiming they were suspects in the bombing. Speculations were also made concerning the involvement of Sunil Tripathi, a former Boston University student, but this was only one of many early reporting mistakes.

Peter Bergen, a CNN an

METAKEN MEDIA - Social sites spiral out of control with frequent fake reports.

But is the media really to blame? The reality is that when a tragedy like this strikes, we all want to know exactly what happened. We are responsible for this. The media theory that follows is a result of news organizations and social media sites give us what we want. This is not the case, according to a study on social media.

TELLERS in the opinion editor.

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Violence across the country prompts revisions in Hollywood

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In a wave of nostalgia, I am brought back to five years ago when I took a trip to the theater with my friend on a rainy Saturday. We decided to watch WALL-E, not realiz- ing the oversized ants served on a red planet.

Eating my popcorn and repining the day, I noticed that I was in the middle of an instant movie trailer about, essentially, nature. Though it was only 30 seconds, it blurred vision in my head.

Now, with the recent, horri- ble attacks, including the Boston bombing and the New York school shooting, the Movie Picture Association of America (MPA) is decid- ing to crack down on movie ratings. In a recent proposed by the CEO of the MPA, former 80's Sensation Chad Dono added new restric- tions to take place within the movie industry.

In order to first possible new proposal is a decision to increase the fear of the country, decreased, as well as the decrease of the rating box. That's right kids. You read it correctly.

According to the Association, a new campaign will involve these sweeping changes.

"The new system, spotted by the Check the Box campaign, will involve prominent descrip- tion explaining why a movie revision is required. Films that might pre- viously have been rapped PG-13, with a warning beneath the star rating that would feature those same descriptions in large type next to the ratings box. No doubt, those changes will keep rebellious kids out of the theaters and make those parents smarter on their kids. But with all substantively

violent content makes its presence known in the minds of the innocent long before they realize it."

— DAVID VAN DYK

Six summer tips

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In a matter of only a few short days, final exams will be over, and the most anticipated time of the year will finally arrive — summer.

Soon, textbooks and classrooms will become distant, distant memories as students gladly say goodbye to boring lectures, nerve-wracking projects and tedious homework assignments. As preparations are made to leave Liberty behind and en- dure the summer season, here are a few tips and words of advice that I hope will enrich your vacation.

1. Rejuvenate and renew! Take three upcoming months to rest from the views and the chaos of the long school year. Summer is the perfect opportunity to catch up on sleep and to spend time visiting in future attractions. If you are anything like me, that means finally taking a timeout from a whirlwind of ac- tivities and paying attention to those movies and books that have been sitting on the bookshelf.

2. Get re-acquainted! There is nothing I dislike more about college than the amount of miles it puts be- tween me and my family. Cherish the memories spent at home with loved ones and catch up on the reading times that were missed while being away.

3. Build your resume! Whether it is in the form of that coveted internship you have managed to secure or a summer job at a local hometown favorite, work- ing is a great way to gain real-world experience and expand opportunities for the future. Doing something interesting will make the summer both enjoyable and productive — win-win situations.

4. Go outdoors! Do not waste the warmest months of the year sitting inside all day. Find the nearest beach and under the sun and swim. If the season is out of reach, I suggest reading a realistic summer, picnic, parks and cooking pot. Make sure your suitcases will thank you.

5. Listen to Dorothy! You may not own a pair of ruby red slippers, but I think we can all agree that there is no place like home — especially when it comes to food. In an effort to inspired cook inside, I have been forced back into a creamy noodle basket.

6. Be adventurous! Make a list of activities you have not put on your to-do list and begin checking off one by one. There is no better time to explore and to make a great trip or fly across the seas. It would be an absolute shame to waste all of that free time — begin making plans to create a summer that will be unforgotten.

All too soon, din calendars will read August, and the days of our collegiate careers will begin again. But until then, have fun, be safe and make the most of every moment. It has been a wonderful year filled with broken dreams and livelihood — now it is time for a restful summer!

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Flipping the energy 'Switch'

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Liberty students recently had the opportunity to learn about various energy resources by attending a showing of the energy documentary "Switch" and hearing from experts in the energy field in DeMoss Hall, April 22.

Mark Ross, who developed the event, said about 250 students were present to view the film, which examined the current energy situation and discussed the viability of alternative energy resources.

In "Switch," graphic and ren- der expert Scott Taylor traveled the world and talked with professionals representing several energy resources. He discussed the economic and environmental impacts of oil, coal, hydro, and renewable energy.

According to Ross, Scott Hicks, the dean of Liberty's School of Business, played a key role in giving students the opportunity to hear from a panel of energy specialists after the film.

"It was really good," Ross said. "The panelists were chosen and contacted through the School of Business. Hicks has had extensive experience in the petroleum industry before he came to Liberty University, and still works with the oil company as a consultant."

The panel included Daryl Gordon of Areva, the world's largest nuclear corporation; Brandon Martin of Dominion Resources, a company providing energy throughout the east coast, and Hicks.

"I really have to thank Dr. Hicks for helping to set up a panel of folks representing petroleum, natural gas, electricity and nuclear, and that's a lot of expertise right there," Ross said. "They are not just somebody local, who is interested in energy issues but has an agenda. These are guys who work for these companies.

They brought a really big level of knowledge to talk about. I think, to make some of the issues that the more could actually understand at the taller." Ross said he reached out to departments in any area of study that could be related to the film. Students in science, business and engineering were among the event attendees.

According to Ross, Liberty's chapter of Eta Kappa was also heavily involved in the film showing. The organization consists of students and professors studying how business can create economic development in third-world countries.

Ross also noted that his specialty as a professor is philosophy, particularly in business and politics. He discussed the ways in which business and politics intersect in the energy arena.

According to Ross, the film is a result of his research and efforts to educate students about the energy resources in the United States.

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Bridge develops Cedar's Mtn. Road will open soon

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After two years of having one lane on the bridge of Cedar's Mountain Road by Mayflower Drive, the bridge is finally complete, as thousands of family members and friends of students that graduated in Lebanon for Liberty University's commencement ceremony.

According to Paula Jones, the media contact for Virginia Department of Transportation for Central Virginia, the reconstruction project has been ongoing since April 2011. Although it will not be completely done by commencement, it will be very close.

"The expectation is the project will be substantially complete and open to two lanes of traffic by graduation," Ross said.

The contract was essentially reopen to pour the concrete for the deck and setting of the bridge, according to Jones. The remainder has already cut off one of the lanes of the bridge and the right-hand lane was the River Bridge side.

There were significant political problems that were met during this work. However, Jones said, "It is important to remember that this work is being done to extend the useful life of this structure."

The cost of the bridge is approximately $2.5 million. According to Jones, it is being funded by a combination of state and federal funds. Although the bridge was being worked on during last year's graduation, Jones said that the traffic was not affected much.

The bridge needed repairs because of the condition of the road, but Jones said the renovation is taking longer because additional repairs were needed. The work, which is being funded for, had to be repaired before anything else could be done.

"Once the concrete was removed from the left lane of the bridge, additional de-trussing was discovered on the right," Jones said.

According to Jones, another reason is it is taking longer because the Virginia Department of Transportation closed down the construction and reopened the road closures during the holiday season.

"I am afraid that even as much as possible," Liberty University President Paul Jones said. "It causes such bad traffic.""King returned to Liberty for its junior year and said that he had never experienced that kind of traffic before. He returned to Liberty's Hanceau Welcome Center, there will be buses transporting people back and forth from the Journal to Liberty during graduation. Students, friends and family are supposed to walk on campus, but you overtime can park just out of the way.

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FACS majors unveil cooking skills

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The Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Department hosted a Food Science Fair, Wednesday, April 24, where students cooked and showcased a variety of dishes.

"The students have been working on this for three weeks, and it was a success because the students enjoyed telling other people what they learned," Professor Linda Kitchel, who led the event, said.

According to Kitchel, she has been teaching at Liberty University for nine years. Kitchel teaches cooking classes and FACS advisor. She does supervises current FACS current teachers.

The event was a walkthrough where five food that students prepared was put on display. Guests had the opportunity to visit four different stations where students introduced their foods and discussed the ingredients.

Another station called "Can You Taste a Difference?" by Ashley Rutherford and Bailey Furman held a variety of cookies. Instead of using granulated sugar, the cookies were made with honey and maple syrup.

"There are healthy benefits in maple syrup and honey, such as vitamins and minerals, that you don't get, obviously, with a chemically manufactured sugar," Palter said.

The third station was called "Do You Know The Muffin Man... and his SECRETS!" and included three variations of muffins made by Alysa Oliver. "I'm trying to give people options if they don't have a certain learning aptitude that their muffin recipe is calling for," Oliver said. "Most muffin recipes called for baking powder, so instead I have also used yeast and baking soda as a replacement."

Last but not least, there was a "Grilled-Fruit" station that included chocolate cake, cornbread and cheddar cheese ravioli. Biscuits by Charles Furman.

"For my project, I have decided to go with a photo-free menu for people who have...educational issues," Furman said. All who came to the fair were welcomed to take recipes so they could make the foods themselves.

"I think it's great, and I hope that they had recipes to give out," junior Amanda Perkins said. Kitchel, who earned her Bachelor's of Science from Randolph-Macon woman's college, explained why she became a part of FACS.

"Because it was family based and that's where it all came from," Kitchel said. "Everything revolves around the family. The family is the core, it is the institution God created, and it is the core of everything we do."

According to Kitchel, all students doing in order to learn about the culinary arts are welcome to sign up for the basic cooking class, FACS 130.

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Flames paintball team competes at nationals

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The masked men wore colored paintball paintball over triangular inflatable barriers, searching for opponents. Their pants were black, and their camo strapped onto their backs were magazines of paintball ammunition.

According to the National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA), Liberty's program was ranked second this year in the Southeast region of the Class A Division.

The first match was played in Lakeland, Fla. Flames started off slow with a 3-5 loss to Florida Gulf Coast University, according to Liberty's website. "It's all kind of a cool deal and decided that we hadn't played Liberty paintball that first match," team member Nathan Hawkins said. "Now, we're discussing what had worked and what hadn't we could come up with a game plan.

Opening with a decisive 2 for5 this Flames from winning their next two matches against Northwestern and Temple before conceding defeat to the University of Connecticut Huskies, 4-3, in overtime, April 29. "Our goal is always to win a national title, so I think we all went a little disappointed," Hawkins said.

"We had been doing drills, running and scrimmaging amongst ourselves," Hawkins said. The national championship is the biggest event in which the paintball team competes, according to Hawkins. According to Flames Head Coach Todd Holcomb, this year was a rebuilding year for the Flames.

"We're just doing what we can with what we get," Holcomb said. "It was an review for Liberty's club sports outside." The success of these guys, it definitely was a learning experience for their first time playing and starting on the Class A level.

According to Holcomb, the NCPA championship was an opportunity for the Flames to show themselves as champions for Christ. "It was a fun experience,

Play - Liberty's was placed second in the conference, but a very different atmosphere than at Liberty, which is one of the main reasons we go - so that we may show how we are different because we have Jesus," Hawkins said.

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The album will include 12 tracks that were written and performed by Liberty students, and Riodan hopes to make a new album every year. The goal is to bring in different artists to collaborate on a common artistic theme.

"We want to carry the name of Jesus in a fresh way and promote a lifestyle that worships Jesus through these songs," Riodan said.

Riodan will be engineering and producing the album, and Trey Rose will mix and master it, according to Riodan. The band is set to work with Christian artists such as Triple日, Casting Crowns and Kristian Stanfill.

"This album, with a big vise," Riodan said. "The vision must be accompanied with a fervent passion that drives us to take action. Action accompanied by excellence leads to powerful movements. A powerful movement founded on, and strengthened by, the gospel brings both life change."

Riodan said students have until April 10 to submit their songs, and the final album will be released in the upcoming months.

HINES is a news reporter.

ATTENDANCE continued from AI

According to Faithful, the change was met with an overwhelmingly positive response from students.

The Student Government Association recently proposed a system in which students with higher grade point averages would be allowed more attendance absences, Arbon said, but they were happy with the compromise.

Although some students, such as sophomore Joseph Pearson, preferred solutions like a system that allows students to attend classes whenever they want as long as they fulfill their credit requirements, students who were assigned attendance absences, Arbon said, but they were happy with the compromise.

"There's always going to be structure, because the administration does care about providing students the education that they're paying for," Arbon said.

LEASURE is the editor in chief.

FBI continued from AI

"A really cool thing about the FBI, if you are interested, is that you can basically work overseas all your career if you want to move around to different countries," Kast said.

According to Kast, applicants go through to be considered at the FBI are extensive and difficult. Applicants must be in front of a panel of judges before being approved to complete a four-hour test.

Lie detector tests, as well as other mental tests, must be taken during the training process. Applicants are also required to take a physical fitness test, which is very difficult, according to Kast.

Kast offered some insight into exactly how she went about the final her interview.

"My family feels it's important that I work for the FBI, because they care about me being blond," Kast said. "My brother made the picture for me saying I prepared to work for the FBI, when I am really just a gift more worker."

Kast enjoyed joking about her job, but she also noted that her role in the FBI is a serious one.

"I work for the financial resources unit at the training academy. My responsibilities include financial strategy planning, which means, basically, I am not going to tell you what I do," Kast said.

Kast told students that she knew she wanted to go into the FBI even before choosing her major.

"I have wanted to be an FBI special agent since I was four or five years old," Kast said. "The first book that my mom gave me was called "The Spy Who Hired Me", so I was always very interested in that kind of world, but what really drew me into the FBI is the fact that it is an agency where people really try to help other people. In addition to sharing her position for the FBI, Kast also talked about Liberty.

"I love Liberty students, and I really believe there are students... that could help the agency one day," Kast said.

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EchoLight Studios partners with Liberty

Deal between Liberty, established film company at come unique moment in Christian film history

Kyle Harvey

It is approximately 11 a.m. on Easter morning, March 31, on the campus of Liberty University. Most of the student body is away — skipping, in some cases, hundreds of miles to be home for Resurrection Sunday.

But there is still plenty of activity on the Central Virginia campus, even in the middle of the night. The cast and crew of the film "Easter Go" are hard at work and trying to turn a heck of an idea into a feature film during an overnight session. It is daylight but the sun is still up. The setting is a fairly large, professional production company based in Texas. The studio's primary focus is on producing films that are "Christian oriented," and the film company, which is owned and operated by Andrew Cheney (Behind the Camera), is one such company. Cheney is a passionate believer in the power of film to reach and impact the world for Christ. He has been involved in the film industry for several years, and he has a vision for what film can do to inspire and encourage people to follow Christ. Cheney's goal is to create films that are both entertaining and spiritually enriching, and he believes that film has the power to reach people in a way that no other medium can.

The students at Liberty University are also excited about the project. They are working with the film crew and learning the ropes of the film industry, and they are gaining valuable experience and skills that will be useful in their future careers. The students are also excited about the opportunity to be part of a project that is making a difference for the kingdom of Christ.

The team is hard at work, and everyone is focused on getting the film done. The schedule is tight, and everyone is working extra hours to make sure the film is completed on time. The students are being mentored by the film crew, and they are learning from some of the best in the business. The film crew is also impressing the students with their work ethic and professionalism. The students are learning the importance of teamwork and collaboration, and they are gaining a deeper understanding of the film industry.

The students are also gaining a deeper understanding of their own passions and interests. Some of them are discovering a new love for acting, and others are finding a new passion for directing or producing. The students are also learning about the importance of storytelling and how to effectively communicate messages through film. The students are also learning about the importance of faith and how to integrate that into their work.

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Highlights: Top 10 trending topics
From courts to concerts and politics to playoffs, 2012-2013 at Liberty has been a banner year for all of us.

A Year in Photos
Photos by Ruth Bibby

2. The Lady Flames basketball team won their second straight Big South title and made it to the Big Dance.
3. In a Cinderella story, the men's basketball team won the Big South Conference Tournament and made it to March Madness as well.
4. Liberty's D-Trex dance team wowed spectators at Coffeehouse.
5. After Convocation, Le­rae held a press confer­ence before his sold out concert.
6. Liberty men’s lacrosse heads into nationals with a 16-1 record.
7. Former Jets quarterback Tim Tebow addressed students during Convo­cation, March 8.
8. Republican presidential candi­date Mitt Romney rallied in Roanoke and Lynchburg.
9. Vice President Biden campaigned in downtown Lynchburg.
10. Students trudged through numerous snow storms during the winter and spring.
Track solid in invite

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Despite a number of athletes taking the weekend off from competition, Liberty's men's and women's track and field teams brought home 19 top-three finishes at the Highlander Invitational April 26 and 27. We were trying to kind of take a rest week after conference championships last weekend, and, yet, we still had a couple of good performances," Head Coach Brant Tolton said.

On the men's side of the event, the Flames needed to put together a career tournament to win the Big South championship, leading the Flames in three top-three finishes, including three on the track.

Sophomore John Sheeran took the second spot in the 100-meter run, finishing in 10.28. In the 400-meter relay, senior Paul Foote and Liberty seniors Derrick Battle and David Lay took the second spot in a season-best 48.85. While attackers Ryan Miller and senior Joe Gargiulo helped anchor the offense throughout the season, the Flames notched six top-three finishes, including three on the track.

On the women's side of the event, the Flames finished with their highest win total in team history and were fourth overall, finishing in 12:21. "I'm proud of my team for the weekend, we won the event, Liberty took the weekend off, but we still had a couple of good performances," Head Coach Brant Tolton said.

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LU sweeps VMI, eyes playoffs

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After sweeping a weekend series with Virginia Military Institute (VMI) April 26-28, the Liberty Flames baseball team clinched the regular season title of the season, and with only seven regular season games left to play, the Flames find themselves fighting for a spot in the Big South Tournament.

Last season, the Flames finished second to the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers for the Big South Championship. This year, the newly completed Liberty Baseball Stadium will play host to a tournament May 21-25 that might not include the Flames.

Even though Liberty has dominated opposition in home games this year — the team boasts a 17-6 record at the new stadium — there is still some work to be done if they want to show that home-field advantage to good use in the tournament.

As of now, the Flames overall record stands at 26-20, and they are in third place in the Big South Conference with an 11-11 record. Only the teams ranked in the top eight in the conference at the end of the regular season will qualify for the tournament, and although the team’s chances of making the tournament significantly improved after their offensive outbursts against VMI, the Flames final regular season games will be crucial to making the playoffs.

As the Flames scored out a series by taking two out of three games from the Winthrop Eagles April 26-28, even if they continued the home-streak in attendance had some playoff baseball opportunities.

Seth Bearam played at Liberty University before being drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981, according to Baseball Reference. Bearam played 11 years of Major League Baseball and is most recently remembered for scoring the winning run in the 1992 All-Star Game.

Bearam, whose son Austin is a freshman on the Liberty baseball team, said that the Flames key to success is the home-stretch in their mental approach to the game.

“I think they need just a little more rest,” Bearam said. “I think that they need to get to the place where they just start to treat themselves, be comfortable with themselves, and go out and have fun with the game of baseball like they know how.”

Coastal sweeps Liberty

The Lady Flames honored outfielder Jill Stephens on Senior Day during game three

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In their final three-game home series of the season, the Liberty Lady Flames (15-13, 8-16 Big South) softball team was swept by rival Coastal Carolina Chanticleers (34-20, 19-5 Big South), April 26-27, extending its losing streak to 11 games.

Coastal Carolina 3, LU 0

In the first game of a doubleheader Friday, April 26, the Lady Flames fell to the Chanticleers, 3-1.

Freshman Cassidy McCoy brought home the Lady Flames only run in the bottom of the fifth inning where she doubled to center-field. Liberty was hit hard by the top of the fifth inning with the Chanticleers scoring four runs off of two hits. One of those hits came from starting pitcher Kiana Quinta, who sent a three-run home run to center-field.

Starting pitcher Chandler Ball threw a complete game, striking out four, while allowing three earned runs on four hits. Her record fell to 8-8-1 on the season.

Quinta struck out four and allowed only one run on five hits, improving her record to 26-8 on the year. Liberty out-hit the Chanticleers 5-4, but most of their runs were left stranded on base. Sophomore Kelli Allen went 1-1 with a single and a stolen base.

Coastal Carolina 9, LU 0

In the second game of the doubleheader against Coastal Carolina, the Chanticleers scored seven runs over a six-inning span to beat the Lady Flames 5-0.

Coastal Carolina’s starting pitcher Ashley Bagwell shutout the Lady Flames, recording nine strikeouts in the process. Her no-hitter bid was broken up in the bottom of the third by Liberty second baseman Morgan Robinson. However, Bagwell improved her record to 11-8.

Coastal Carolina third baseman Korry Hardin led her offense with a home run and 4 RBI’s. Center fielder Brook Downing also drove in two runs in two at-bats to help lead the Chanticleers to victory.

Lady Flames starting pitcher Annaliese Brittingham took the loss, dropping her record to 8-11 on the season. Brittingham gave up four runs through 4 1/3 innings. Relief pitcher Kristen Freewen was called to take over the remainder of the fifth inning, surrendering three hits and four runs in her appearance.

In the final inning, relief pitcher Alyssa DiMartino for the Lady Flames gave up one hit. The Lady Flames only managed two hits from Jill Stephens and Robinson during the game.

Coastal Carolina 9, LU 5

Despite a five-run rally on Senior Day, the Lady Flames fell to the Chanticleers 9-5, Saturday, April 27.

With family and friends in attendance, Liberty seniors Stephens and manager Abbie Seale were honored before the game. Ball was in the circle again for Liberty. However, she ran into a disastrous first inning, as the Chanticleers knocked in five runs off of three hits.

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Including a grand slam by Coastal Carolina freshman Morgan Noel, Liberty answered back in the second inning, scoring five runs of its own to tie the game 5-5.

Allen then began the frame with a solo home run to center-field. With the bases loaded, Stephens was walked by Bagwell, which brought a names home. Sammie Shives eventually cleared the bases with a three-RBI double to left-field. Brittingham replaced Ball in the second inning. After allowing those three runs in the third, she walked down and went on to pitch in its innings, throwing three strikeouts and allowing three earned runs.

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DUFFY — A Lady Flames softball player slides head-first into first base against the Chanticleers.

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MADE OF IRON — Liberty University alumnuus Ben Lesley is training to run the Louisville Ironman on August 25. With the support of his wife Kelly, he has been training since last spring for the 140.6-mile triathlon.

“LESLEY IS RUNNING FOR TEAM SAMARITAN’S PURSE, WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING $3,000 TO HELP PROVIDE CLEAN WATER” — JAMES EBRAHIM

For good reason. The 26.2-mile standard marathon is a lofty goal for the average person. And then there is the Ironman Triathlon.

Pled on top of the 2.4-mile run is 2.4 miles of swimming and a 112-mile bike ride. This adds up to 140.6 miles. Alumni and former Liberty Champion advertising director Ben Lesley has been training since 2012 to go the distance.

This year marks the 35th year of the Ironman race, heralded on its website as “the world’s most challenging endurance event.” The race will be held in Louisville this August.

After the swimming and biking portions of the race, the runners will pass by the famous annual home of the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs.

Lesley is hardly a physical specimen. He is not what one thinks of when one hears the word “athlete.” He is shorter than average, with light brown hair and a slightly receding goatee. His eyes are light blue, and behind them is a light that shines when he talks about something he is passionate about. He speaks rapidly, stopping only when planning to take the time to formulate his thought.

As can be expected of a 140.6-mile event, training is arduous. Over the months of practicing, one of Lesley’s biggest struggles was the swimming. Last year, Lesley could not swim a lap in the swimming pool. He laughed as he recounted his own experience of learning to swim as a child.

“I grew up at a lake, and my parents kind of taught me how to swim. They basically throw us off the dock and we either sink or swim,” Lesley said.

Lesley overcame problems with his form and taught himself how to swim properly, starting out at barely a pool length until he could swim the full 2.4 miles. One of his favorite moments was when the lifeguard was shocked to see him, the boy who could barely keep his head out of the water, swimming lap after lap easily.

The Iron Man challenge is much more than a race for Lesley. He is running for Team Samaritan’s Purse with the goal of raising $3,000 to help provide clean water for those who have little or no access to it. Lesley’s brother, who recently began missions work in sub-Saharan Africa, helped Lesley narrow down his choice of a sponsor.

“One of the reasons why I chose Samaritan’s Purse is that they do a lot in that region,” Lesley said. “They want the people to receive not only physical water, but spiritual water too.”

“There are a lot of good clean water programs out there, but I chose Samaritan’s Purse because they always share the Gospel,” Lesley said. “To me, they have the clearest Gospel-message.”

His faith plays a big part in his training, and for Lesley, the Ironman competition represents every Christian’s spiritual journey through life. “It knows it sounds corny, but my biggest influence is probably Jesus Christ,” Lesley said.

He said that he could not do the Ironman challenge without the faithful love and support of his wife Kelly. He describes her help on the hardest day of his training so far.

Part of his training included a half-marathon, and he chose to run on a day when the forecast predicted sunny weather and temperatures in the 50s. It did not, instead, and the temperature never got above 40 degrees. He went bike-shorts because he thought he would get hot in pants, and when he finished riding and his legs were blue, his wife was waiting with her Ducatil soup that he described as the best soup he ever had.

Lesley said anyone can do the exact same thing he is doing in raise funds for Samaritan’s Purse.

“They can help by also raising awareness,” he said. “Samaritan’s Purse has a group called Team Samaritan’s Purse, and you can choose any race. I chose the Ironman, but if they wanted to run a 5K, it can be any 5K they want to do. They can get online and set up a page just like I have and choose any ministry to raise money for.”

To follow Lesley’s program or cheer him on this August, you can link up on Facebook.

EBRAHIM is a feature reporter.
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Liberty alumni take first place

Beach volleyball team opens inaugural season with tournament

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The new Liberty University men's and women's beach volleyball teams held their first tournament Saturday, April 27.

Liberty entered seven of their women's doubles teams and nine of their men's doubles teams into the tournament. The teams competed in a pool play format, where they played nearly every team. The teams were then ranked in the pools before the round pool play. The women's tournament was comprised of three Liberty teams, two alumni teams, one team from Randolph College and one team from Shepherd University in West Virginia.

The men's side of the tournament consisted of six Liberty teams, two teams from Nasy and one alumni team. Four women's teams made it to the playoffs, while six of the men's teams advanced to the playoff round.

The Female alumni team took first place in the women's tournament.

Liberty's Sarah Gagerty and Tindley Zemmer took second place, and a Liberty alumni team took third place.

"It was a perfect day for volleyball," Gagerty said. "We had lots of fans come out and we were all Dualshock at the support we received. It was awesome." Liberty's men's teams dominated the tournament as well, with Kevin Smoak and Edson Chau taking first place on the men's side. Flames Joel Mascha and David Hogg placed second, while Mike Morrison and Ryan Callan finished third.

"Seeing all the guys and the girls from the club team really step it up in the tournament, and to see how much they have improved was really nice," men's tournament player Spencer Rabe said. "The Flames will compete Saturday May 18, in Virginia Beach, as they compete in the Virginia Beach Open.

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Derek Ratto
The Liberty Champion

During their sophomore year, they dominate the high school landscape, and make themselves household names in basketball, football and baseball. They take college basketball to a national level and earn national exposure. For their senior season, they lead the push to national prominence. However, they may be more of a negative than a positive.

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These things social media have affected recruiting even further. Even for freshmen Head Coach Bill Carney said to me.

Some high school athletes are even being recruited the same year they graduate high school. Athletes are often0 quoted as saying they committed to a college without even visiting the campus. While there are rules in the NCAA that prohibit high school athletes from verbally committing, the time they are committed, sometimes they can use these recent alums with patches of all sorts. Texas recruits attacked

Although Denarius Zus and Daniel Gadeham committed to our school early, in the class of 2015, they must still take official visits to other universities. This is where social media can come into play. College students and fans alike must at

tack these 15-16-year-old alums as if their lives their "commitment.

University of Texas recruited Zus and Gadeham faced criticism after the two took unofficial visits to another university.

"Great stuff like scouting them is not an issue," Zus said to me last fall or spring.

"I have to assume from recruiting something back to that person. Everybody feels threatened that they're going to have another home run deal

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Texas, along with the University of Oregon, University of Michigan and Georgia Tech have closed their doors for recruiting enrollments, as Head Coach Bill Carney told me.

College Park recruiters

After committing to the University of Maryland for the 2011 season, current Virginia Cavaliers freshman Beamer Carney faced criticism after decommitting from the program as well, Virginia guard Justin Carney's decision to transfer to Duke. The entire Carney family, boys said that set the

program back years and that he was also the reason why McKay left.

Journey to Duke

Liberty freshman Steven Thomas was a highly recruited

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Kirk awarded for teaching excellence

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Dr. Jerry Fabello is not only believed to be "teaching champions for Christ" but is also desired to train leaders in all disciplines across student faith, thought, and character.

Thus, the Chancellor's Award for Teaching was created. This award recognizes teachers who have demonstrated their excellence in the field of education. The recipient of this year's award is Kirk, a Communications Professor, who was the first person to place his name on the residential undergraduate area for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award, which is given by the Chancellor and sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), recognizes Kirk's dedication and devotion to teaching, inspiring, encouraging, and challenging Liberty University champions for Christ.

"This award is a real honor," Kirk said. "First of all, to be considered alongside so many amazing professors is a true honor. I came to academia late in life—losing three decades in the media. I believe in experiential learning, cultivating theory with hands-on opportunities to reveal what my students' real experience is, and so I've been recognized by fellow educators, especially among the alumni at Liberty University, as exciting.

Every year, the award winners are categorized into four different areas—Liberty University Online/University, Online Undergraduate, Residential Graduate, and Residential Undergraduate. In order to be considered, applicants must submit examples of faculty and student work, which showcases that students and makes their applications stand out, according to the CTE website. What every applicant submits is up to them, but some options include brown papers, videos or presentations, email communications, grants or outcomes, and awards.

In short, through the award, Kirk's achievement of the award is the result of his commitment to teaching, and his approach is based on his deep understanding of his students' needs and interests.

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with her sister and mother made me experience even more enjoyable.

"My sister is really big into running, and she decided to try up my folks," Schreiber said. "I would run 5Ks. This is my first 10K, so I decided to give it a shot. I really liked it. It was a different change of pace from the normal 5K, so I was nice."

Schreiber said that she ran cross-country in high school, but that her major in Liberty was sociology, and that completing her social work often prevents her from running as much as she would like.

"I didn't really train for this one," Schreiber said.

"Just kind of ran the normal three to four times a week and then just decided to give this one a shot," she continued. "I do not have that much time to train. It was more in the in order to do something good for me."

According to Student Activities, senior Rick Serne, the race's sponsor, Riverside Business and Health Associates of Central Virginia and Downtown, helped in many ways, such as planning out the course, keeping track of numbers, and making sure the course was perfect.

"The course was kept a secret by Rick, and was presented by the course coordinator, who would call out the course after the run. The course was set up on a course map, and the runners would follow the course. Our team also had a time clock, which kept track of the runners' times, and the race officer made sure that the runners were on the correct course."

According to Serne, results will be posted online following the race. For more information about the Liberty Mountain Trail Series, go to Liberty.edu.

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**Students prepare for commencement**

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Many events mark each student's journey on the dirt trail that is the life of the typical college in Liberty University. One such event is the day when a student arrives as a freshman with the uncertainity of meeting new people, seeing new places, and being part of new experiences.

Too often, sitting in class or late nights in the computer lab, finding that much-needed escape or project that should have been done days earlier, marks the only memory for students. Memories abound.

After all these experiences, students finally come to what some may call a "defining moment". This moment will be memorable for students and family alike.

**TURNING TUNNELS** - Students at last year's commencement are recognized for their success.

According to Liberty University's Registrar website, a Residency Commitment Form will be held on the concourse at Williams Stadium from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, May 10. All faculty and residence students in the residential community are invited to attend, which allows them to have the chance to mingle with the graduates and their families.

According to Shackleton, this event provides an opportunity for students and their families to say goodbye to friends and teachers before leaving Liberty; this is a wonderful opportunity many may not get once all the hustle and bustle begins on Saturday.

"I always enjoy meeting and talking with graduates and their families, Shackleton said. "They all have a story to tell and enjoy sharing it."

As graduates begin the job search, Shackleton encourages them to put their trust in God and honor him. Shackleton added that if that job, or the one they really want, does not come immediately, he does not believe that is a part of God's plan.

"Be passionate about what you are doing, but also ask, 'What is God saying about this?'" Shackleton said. "You don't want God's help but don't want to go against his will."

"As the end draws near, students have taken the time to reminisce on experiences they have had and how Liberty has prepared them for what they are going to do. It's very late afternoon so close to the chapter of one's life," Shackleton. "I'm definitely excited for the future and what we've contributed.

"It's important to have fun with your friends, to form a relationship, but it's also important to make it memorable and enjoyable experience," Bartlett said.

Larry Shackleton, who works with Administrative Information Management, offers help to the many graduating students that pass through his office and is always willing to offer his advice and experience to students who are preparing to leave Liberty.

According to Shackleton, students may not realize it now, but "College days" are the best days. He says it is important to keep in contact and maintain relationships with the people that are met at Liberty.

"When you leave, don't forget you were once friends. You don't have to always talk to them; Shackleton said, "You have to work hard to keep those friendships, and make sure you do." Shackleton explained how the transition of leaving the shelter of Liberty is a big deal, and after experiencing the graduation planning processes for the past six years, she enjoys being a part of the team that plans commencement. As the end draws near for graduating students, many have taken the time to reminisce on experiences they have had and how Liberty has prepared them for what they are going to do.

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Many of the women filled the gym while instructors taught the moves that increase their core strength. Two LIVESTRONG classes were taught. The instructors alternated slowing moves, each teaching the whole class as well as in a unique teaching style. There were only a few minutes in the gym as well, and live water bottles were present.

"I came because I know the biscuits and wasim wanted to support such a great cause," senior Kelly McHaffie said. "I am leaving future and being active, and this event has such a great atmosphere.

Although this particular event was only open to women, Vivian Collins, member of Med. Serv. said she would like to see events for pays in the future as well.

"This is the first event an actually looking for students to attend," Collins said. "Usually, we are connecting people to the medical needs in the community by going to various nursing homes and clinics. We have never hosted an event just for students. We decided to make the Zumbathon because only that there were less people on the gym and that they could really just get active without worrying about the opposite gender watching them."

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"Med Serv is dedicated to connecting students to one another and to the medical needs of our community," Collins said. For more information on Med Serv, email Vivian Collins at vivian.collins@buffaloe.edu or visit the MDA program section at Liberty.University/medserv.

**Zumbathon raises awareness with MDA**

Liberty University's women support the Muscular Dystrophy Association while getting active, April 26

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Ladies at Liberty University had the chance to get active in a fun way while donating to the Muscular Dystrophy Association MDA at the Zumbathon hosted by Med Serv, a new club held on campus. The event was held April 26 in the Dilling Center from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and was open to everyone.

The event was held in order to raise awareness and funds for MDA. The women who attended the event were excited about MDA and green tickets to find more information on the cause. In order to raise funds for MDA, participants paid $5 at the door.

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June Goodlow, located on Timbuckalo Road, Simmons also mentors MDA's many different activities on campus in their efforts to becoming families. CrossFit, yoga, and Zumba. "I probably will go to the bike, that's the best thing."

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Lock receives CSER award

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Senior Kristin Lock was presented the Christian Service (CSER) Volunteer of the Year Award Wednesday, April 24, for bus-

Lock received the award for her contributions to the Lynchburg community. The award recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in community service.

“Ms. Lock has been a tremendous asset to the Liberty community,” said Professor Dan Keith, chair of the CSER committee. “She has consistently gone above and beyond to make a positive impact on the lives of others.”

Lock has been involved in various community service initiatives, including volunteering at the local food bank, tutoring children, and participating in a neighborhood clean-up event. She has also been a member of the Liberty University Student Athlete Advisory Committee, where she has worked to promote academic excellence and community involvement among student athletes.

Lock is a senior psychology major and plans to pursue a career in social work after graduation. She is currently interning at a local mental health agency and hopes to continue her community service work in her future career.

Runner-ups

Other student runners who received recognition include:

1. Megan Anderson
2. John Smith
3. Sarah Johnson

The CSER Volunteer of the Year Award is presented annually to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of Christian service and commitment to community involvement.

SA hosts Bald Mountain 10K

Runners competed in the race at Camp Hydayaw Saturday morning

Greg Lemarre

Bald Mountain 10K

Runners ran early in the morning and raced through the woods and trails at Liberty Mountain in pursuit of first place Saturday morning.

The Liberty University Student Activities Bald Mountain 10K invited everyone from Liberty students and staff to Lynchburg residents to run, challenging participants with a course full of steep hills waiting to be conquered. The Bald Mountain 10K also marked the longest of three Liberty Mountain Trail Series races that Student Activities sponsored during the spring semester. The course started which began near the lake at Camp Hydayaw and led runners through the woods to the Liberty Mountain Squirrel Creek and back — proving tough for even the fastest participants.

“Great event,” said Greg Coverly, the race’s first-place overall finisher. “It’s not too difficult. You’ve got a couple hills. The first one here is a good one to test the heart.”

Coverly, a Lynchburg resident and a second-time Bald Mountain participant, said that prior to entering the rest of the field behind and earning a first-place plaque Saturday morning, he had never before won a competitive race.

“I do a lot of running and mountain biking out here during the week,” Coverly said. “I just like to do some trail running but I don’t like to do anything too long and cross. (10K is a nice distance).”

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