Healthcare bill on precipice

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The ultimate fate of President Barack Obama's 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) now lies in the hands of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices. In late March, the case was brought before the Supreme Court after 26 states—including Virginia—challenged the constitutionality of the law and its individual health care mandate, requiring every American to purchase health care or pay a yearly fine of the greater of $695 or 2.5 percent of income when fully phased in, according to CNN. Supporters of PPACA argue that the law makes the nation's health care system more efficient by simplifying the process of health care, which in turn saves the nation billions of dollars. Opponents of the law argue that the mandate is unconstitutional and will actually add billions of dollars to the nation's budget deficit.

"To uphold ObamaCare, you would have to rewrite the Constitution," said Justice Anthony Kennedy during day two of the Supreme Court arguments. Kennedy said during day two of the Supreme Court arguments that the Federal Government has a duty to tell the individual citizen that it must act, and that is different from what we have in previous cases and that changes the relationship of the Federal Government to the individual in a very fundamental way," Justice Ken- nedy noted during day two of the Supreme Court arguments.

If the court makes down the law's indi- vidual mandate, there is much speculation as to whether the PPACA health care law can survive without it. But during the ar- guments, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg indi- cated that even without the individual man- date some of the law might be salvageable.

"Why should we say it's a choice between a working operation, which is what you are requiring or a sabotage job? And the more conservatist approach would be sabotage rather than giving up everything," Justice Ginsburg said in response to questions made by Justice Paul Clement during the hearings. Despite the mixed feelings expressed by the justices during the Supreme Court hearings, there are some people in government who strongly support the law and are.

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Congressman Robert Hurt urged Liberty students to take action with economic crisis, 2012 presidential election

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Congressman Robert Hurt came to Liberty University on Thursday, April 3, to speak to the College Republicans about their responsibility to be leaders in the community and making a difference for the upcoming presidential election.

"The number one thing that we can do is to go out and vote," Hurt said. "We have got to address our spending and the national debt crisis." According to the Director of Debate Michael Hall was very impressed with the team's season. Hurt introduced poet Dominique McKney at Liberty University's debate team concluded successful season at National Debate Tournament, set Liberty University records

"The key to our season was senior Shelby Addington," Hurt said. "He actually said to me this week when I was leaving, 'When the team comes last year strong against all of its participants. The team competed with three separate organizations at once, which included the American Association of Academic De-bate (AAD), ADA, and National Debate Tournament." The team has its first practice center prior to the election, but I think our grandparents, it's the future of our children and grandchildren," Hurt said. This new presidential election is absolutely critical," Hurt said. After his address Hurt answered questions from the audience. One student asked if there is any piece of legislation being passed that the congressmen is particularly excited about passing. “Things are brewing in Washington, D.C. as far as legislation and policy is concerned -- we don’t have anything that’s totally cut out," Hurt said. Hurt said that the single thing that has influenced him as a politician would be the problem of the national debt crisis.

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Chancellor’s Awards honor faculty

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Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching

AWARDS – Liberty awarded 11 faculty for excellence in teaching

Cherie Jamison

The Liberty University faculty members who were honored this year were the latest recipients of the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching. This marks the second year for the awards, which were initiated by the Center for Teaching Excellence.

According to Center for Teaching Excellence Director James Wheeler, the awards are given based on criteria, allowing for teachers at all levels to be recognized – whether they are graduate or undergraduate, resident or online.

"Many times, voices of faculty success don’t get out beyond their department," Wheeler said. "We want to get the word out to the students.

This year, Wheeler’s vote for the award came personal because his daughter, Psychology Professor Trillis Cox, was recognized for her work as an undergraduate online faculty member.

"I am very humbled to have received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, especially to know there are a great many professors doing an outstanding job for the school," Cox said.

Because the award winners are selected by a committee, Wheeler won’t announce who her daughter was being honored until the recommendation came out of the committee.

Some award winners – such as Mark Herba, who teaches in the undergraduate online School of Religion –uggle other roles while completing their teaching. According to his website, Herba currently serves as Senior Pastor for Hilltop Baptist Church and serves as a Fulbright Scholar.

In addition to his work as a professor, Herba said he makes a point to connect with his students in a personal and professional capacity, and words of encouragement are the first thing that Herba takes by surprise, but he found out about the Chancellor’s Award through his relationship with the Lord.

"When I read the notification informing me that I had been chosen to receive the Chancellor’s Award, I was immediately moved to tears," Herba said.

Wheeler said the opportunity to connect with his students is something that the Chancellor’s Award is designed to do.

"I can let you know for sure, we do plan to open in Lynchburg,” Calfee said. “With the opportunity to open it in the doors in their community, according to a survey by Michael Gruppa, creator of the “Get Chipotle in Lynchburg” petition. According to Chipotle representatives, they are planning to open one of their “soft-premiere” stores in the area.

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Chipotle coming?

This year has proven itself a growing year for Lynchburg with the opening of new local restaurants including B Kimberly, Yogurt Venture and Cookout – but it does not stop there.

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Judge orders removal of prayer

Complaints by student force Rhode Island high school to tear a banner from auditorium's wall

Jason Bailey
Province of Rhode Island

CRONIN, R.I. has been ignored by a court, rendering the religious expression of the school's prayer banner a legal violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects the right to freedom of religion and expression from government interference.

Cronin reports that the school's prayer banner began with the phrase, "Our Hearts: Father, Son, and Spirit." The banner is 4 feet wide by 8 feet high, and it argues that the school is not challenging its students to write a speech, but rather is asking them to pray before they begin their day.

"I do not feel included in the message of the prayer banner," said one student who asked not to be named. "I don't feel like my beliefs are being represented."

Cronin also reports that Akron United States District Judge Paul Herbert has ordered the school district to remove the banner from the auditorium wall.

Finally, UN negotiates ceasefire in Syria

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Local budget analysis

Local residents are in an upward spiral of increased expenditures, specifically a 6% increase in the real estate tax, which already rises at $0.03 per $100 of assessed property values. While the rate is believed to be adequate for Lynchburg’s proposed budget in order to maintain services, major spending increases from all levels of government have been dumping on the city of Mayor Kenneth Price with the request that he balance everything without offering too many sources. According to the 2013 budget proposal, Price eliminated 31 personnel positions and found it necessary to spend more than $1 million from the budget.

Four million dollars is hardly enough to cover the increased $1.7 million in operating costs for local schools, however, and the school board has requested an extra $427 million in funding. As someone who grew up in a public school system and still received a good education — I may be able to find excess in a $926 million local education budget that a public school superintendent cannot see, but that is another issue.

As a remaining proposed tax increase the 3.10 increase in real estate taxes is expected to generate an additional $3 million in revenue to the city, according to the budget. Property taxes are non-dedicated revenue, which means they support the city, in this general fund, purely and simply.

Put in perspective, the property tax increase is expected to increase the current $1.03 rate only has existed since 2007, when Price proposed the tax increase and lowered the rate from $1.11. An increase to $1.13 does not seem that high, especially considering state and federally mandated expenses like the new stormwater and infrastructure regulations.

The one consideration is to keep in mind is that, while the property tax rate has remained stationary for several years, assessed property values have increased. In addition to taxes paid by landowners without changing rates, according to data from the City Assessor’s Office. Nevertheless, that increase can be applied across the country because of the pre-recession of low-budget housing.

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One major point of contention to the budget is the proposed tax increase for $65.8 million. Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) projects are so tightly lumped together with plans to revitalize the historic downtown area.

Many local apartment owners, such as Bradley Apartments, have new owners. Jodi Jones, owner, reported major spending increases, owing them to a rise in the cost of living. Landlords like Jodi will face the rent fees to make up for the increased taxes, which cost tens of thousands of dollars for a

"Town meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to citizens — they bring it within the people's reach, they teach how to use and how to enjoy it. A nation without them — liberty, even if it is granted, is another idea of their own advantage and 1000 benefactors. Without the spirit of this government, they will not have the spirit of liberty."

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Cinematic arts program takes flight

Melissa Gibby McGraw Star

The late Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr., also known as the founder of Liberty University, should be better, and the school board here at Liberty University has to realize that.

In May 2011, Liberty announced plans for adding a film school to the Communication Studies department, giving students interested in storytelling and cinema an accelerated learning experience. Almost three years have passed since announcing the new School of Film and Media, and 180 students are enrolled in the first three core classes, and the application process is underway for acceptance into the intensive program. Schultze is the former founding director of the Zahi Gordon Institute, a film school based in Sedona, Arizona.

Liberty decided to use the Zahi Gordon Institute as a model for the new program, according to the Liberty University News Service.

Schultze is thrilled about the program’s progress.

“I can’t tell you how excited we are about the process, the enthusiasm of the students, the amount of students who are interested in engaging cinema. The thrill is that we have the intention of getting their B.S. in Cinematic Arts is amazing,” Schultze said.

The three core classes, Introduction to Screenwriting, Introduction to Motion Picture Directing and Introduction to Cinematography, will be offered as full-time courses throughout the summer.

All students, major or minor in Cinematic Arts are required to take the three core courses in addition to finding all general studies requirements.

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confident it will not be knocked down. Winters added that Democrats will do if the court strikes down the law. Vice President Joe Biden said, “You the Nation” host Bob Schieffer on April 1.

We think the mandate and the law is constitutional and we think the court will rule that way.

President Obama’s most recent comments and the number of people who have caused a stir between the Court and the White House. “You can imagine how many of us in the press corps will not take what is being interpreted as a Supreme Court’s overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority in both a democratically elected Congress,” Obama said during a press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Felipe Calderon on April 1.

Former President Obama’s comments, some people, including U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jeffery Smith, claimed the President’s remarks could be read as a challenge to the authority of federal courts, according to CBS News.

In a recent press release, Starr agreed with Bennett’s assertions saying, “Our Constitution separates the branches of government. President Obama shaded his desire to defeat the Defense of Marriage Act but seems to believe he has final authority on Obamacare. The only thing unprecedented about this situation is the President’s misunderstanding of the Constitution.”

The debate comes out in support of what the President said including Attorney General Eric Holder, who said that the President recognizes the Court authority but that the Executive Branch has often ignored courts to “exercise its own judgment of the court’s judgments of Congress,” according to the New York Times.

On Friday, March 30, the Justices cast preliminary votes and walked through three days of initial arguments, but the public will likely not know the final outcome of the healthcare debate until June. Meanwhile, Justice will spend the next three months deliberating and drafting their opinions and dissent.

Full audio and transcript of the health care hearings can be found on the U.S. Supreme Court website www.supremecour.

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Alpha Lambda Delta initiates new students

ALD honor society holds spring initiation April 13 to induct 345 new members, including 80 online students

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The Towns Auditorium was nearly filled to capacity Friday night as the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Honor Society held its spring initiation and reception event April 13. A total of 345 students were initiated during the ceremony. Eighty of those students are enrolled online.

ALD is a local chapter of a national interdisciplinary honor society that provides Christian, intellectual and social enrichment, along with leadership experience, for the officers and students who may become eligible for the honor societies of their majors. The purpose of the initiation ceremony is to reward students for their first year of academic achievements, which includes a 3.5 GPA, no failing grades, and at least 12 recorded credits per semester.

During the ceremony, students had the opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers. Sarah Boderck, a freshman special education major, is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of ALD and is excited for the experiences to come.

"My drive for academic excellence will not only increase but will also remain a key part though my college years with my goals and self-expectations growing," Boderck said.

Boderck spoke of the importance of gaining everything possible from the professors and deans at Liberty. "No matter what you do, it is always necessary to strive to do your best in all that you do. I plan on learning from my academic excellence and applying those dedicated skills to further myself," Boderck said.

Jennifer Tari, a freshman nursing major, is also excited for the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious society.

"It's quite an honor to be in Alpha Lambda Delta. I plan on getting involved with the service opportunities presented as a member of this honor society. I hope this group can truly make a difference in the lives of those around us for the Lord's glory," Tari said.

Dean of the Center for Academic Support and Advising Services Dr. Brian Yates was the keynote speaker for the evening. He encouraged students to put their trust in God, to chase opportunities that have been given to them and to honor Christ first.

"I learned that no matter what I think that I can or cannot do, God is the sole controller of my life and has blessed me with gifts that I plan to use for His purpose," Boderck said.

"Dr. Yates urged us to 'never say never' and to follow our dreams in hopes of changing the world around us for the glory of the Lord. His inspiring life story of never giving up served as a symbol of perseverance and an example for us to follow as new Alpha Lambda Delta members," Tari said.

Once students are initiated into the society, they will remain members for life. For those who were not able to attend the ceremony Friday night, there will be a makeup initiation ceremony for them to attend. All honor society members must be officially initiated.

ALD emphasizes that educated persons have a responsibility to practice tolerance in dealing with all people, generosity in giving to those in need and insight into the feelings of others. Members are challenged to make a meaningful contribution to society and, through their chapters, engage in community service projects as well as campus service activities.

Today, ALD has more than 235 chapters throughout the nation and offers almost $100,000 in scholarships to its members.

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FASHION SHOW RAISES HIV AWARENESS

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The annual fashion show, "Strike a Pose, Africa!" hosted their Association of Students of African Descent and a national necessity. The show was granted in a way so that students could be informed and inspired to support the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The fashion show included traditional clothing from various African countries and attempted to raise awareness for HIV/AIDS victims.

The evening closed with an opportunity for students to experience some of the different types of African food. Jones is pleased with the turnout and is looking forward to next year's show.”

The show was successful in raising awareness for HIV/AIDS, and students could be inspired to continue their support for the fight against the disease.

Tax increase rejected

City Council looks at new stormwater management fee

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For Jess Sanders, the 6’3”, 200-pound point guard who just completed his senior season at Liberty University, the journey that competitive sports played at a high level can provide has just begun.

Following the Flames’ exit in the Big South conference tournament, Sanders took two weeks off to rest his body and mind. Then he got back to work, lifting weights and hitting the gym two days a week, playing one-on-one shooting around and participating in the team workouts.

It didn’t take long for Sanders to realize that he had been invited to play in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament at Portsmouth, Va. The tournament, which is in its 49th year of existence, provides an opportunity for 60 of the nation’s best senior Division I men’s and women’s basketball players to showcase their talents in front of NBA teams and professional team scouts.

“It’s an honor to be invited to play in the Portsmouth Invitational and it has given me a wonderful opportunity to show NBA scouts what I am capable of doing,” Sanders said.

The tournament is set up with eight teams consisting of right players, one NBA coach and two local high school coaches. Each team, named for local sponsors, is given the opportunity to play in three games over a four day period. Sanders’ team, Burns Systems/LED played in its first game on Thursday, losing 79-71 in overtime. In 16 minutes of play, he finished with six points and five assists.

“The first game was not my best showing,” Sanders said. “The team was still feeling each other out and I didn’t get the chance to have the ball in my hands very often.”

In the team’s second game, an 85-78 win, Sanders played two more minutes that he played in the first game, and his statistics improved greatly.

He finished the game with 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

The Flames were defeated 5-2 in their second game. The Flames had the lead in men’s doubles in the first game, losing 6-3 to Radford. The men’s doubles loss was the Flames’ fourth loss of the season.

Junior Sim Tuus and sophomore Mark Meyers took a doubles loss against No. 105 in the country, junior Igor Ogrizek in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. Ogrizek is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation in singles.

The Flames had lost in all three doubles matches in the tournament to Radford.

“We just lost momentum,” said Cam Fear, the Flames’ coach. “We had several chances to go up and we kept allowing them to hang around and we didn’t do that against good teams. We had a problem with getting the ball out of the zone today.”

The Flames’ doubles team of Nicholas Sawyer 6-4, 6-4 Sawyer was ranked No. 105 in the country heading into the match and is the original Big South Freshman of the Year. Winning a match against a ranked opponent was a big boost of confidence for Tuus.

“It was a good win against a ranked player,” said Tuus. “I need to stay focused, though, and not get comfortable with my game. I need to keep improving.”

Throughout the match Tuus could be heard telling himself to focus on closing each game. Tuus finished the regular season with a singles record of 16-6 and is looking to take that success into the post season.

BATTLE TESTED — The Flames were unable to pull off a win on Radford’s conference record.
Freshman standout up 'Close'

Alex Close has provided a reliable bat in the No. 5 slot, as well as a solid glove at first base.

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The Liberty Flames baseball team has taken another huge step offensively this season and has been helped by some largely unexpected players. Those players have been primarily freshmen.

A freshman who opened the season playing around the first base area but has since moved to the outfield, Close has become the team’s everyday first baseman, thanks in part to his hitting skills. He leads the team in batting.

"He’s been working with Coach Sanders a lot on seeing more pitches and getting power in my swing," Close said. "Close has been hitting almost all year long but recently had an extended slump. He has bounced back recently and has been putting the ball in play."

Close, who is batting .327, has been a vocal leader on and off the field for his teammates.

"Our team is really close," Close said. "Everybody helps each other and we support each other."

Close is hoping to continue to hit as well as he has this season. He leads the team in batting average and is second in runs batted in.

"I’m looking forward to playing in more games and getting more at-bats," Close said. "I’m hoping to continue to hit as well as I have this season."
Spring Game begins football season

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The Liberty Flames football season will be here in no time, as the spring game approaches. This game will give Gill and his staff a chance to assess players in a different environment than the usual practice.

"We're still going to treat this as an evaluation for us. It's a good chance for us to see how our team will react," Gill said.

For the players and coaches in attendance, it will be an exciting opportunity to see how the team will look and how they will react to each other.

The game will begin off the ball, with the first team on the field for warm-ups. The second team will enter the field for the next 12 minutes, period, while the second half will be a single 25-minute running clock. If there are any plays made during this time, they will be reviewed by the officials.

The game will begin with the first team on the field, with the second team entering for the second half. The game will be played as a regular game, with two 25-minute halves, each timed individually.

The first half will consist of OFF THE BLOCKS — The Liberty Flames look to showcase their abilities for the first time in public.

For fans looking to attend the game, gates will open at noon. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. and the game will be played on the Home Field of Lynchburg, Va.

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Lynchburg fishing season starts

Smith Mountain Lake and Lake Kerr are one of many places to fish during the spring.

Outdoor report: hiking and fishing

Within two hours of Lynchburg, five locations are must-fish spots for the outdoor enthusiast. McAfee’s Knob (1) is the most photographed location on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia, according to HikingUpward.com. Its 4,447-foot elevation makes it one of the most popular circuit hikes, and it rewards the enthusiast with a scenic waterfall to play in at the end of the trip.

Old Rag (3) is a hike for more experienced adventurers, with a formidable rock scramble to reach the peak. HikingUpward.com gives Old Rag four stars for difficulty. The view from the top is well worth the effort. Getting there is a challenge, starting with a two-hour drive from a dirt road turn-off. Old Rag’s name is derived from an old mining town nearby that disappeared around 1930.

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NEW WEBSITE CONNECTS RUNNERS IN CENTRAL VA

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Looking to share his love of running, local resident Josh Isaacson offers encouragement through the World Wide Web.

Austin, founder of Central Virginia’s newest resource for local runners, has designed a website that connects runners with upcoming events. This past March, while Austin and a few of his friends were talking on a Friday night, he concluded that there should be a website specifically for runners that would connect them to races, race results and information about running tailored to their location. By Monday morning, CVA Running was a functional part of the Internet.

“My idea was to create one place to find out what’s going on with runners in the area,” Austin said. “I’ve been overwhelmed by the overwhelming desire to connect runners and keep them plugged into community resources and events.”

For Austin, running has been a life-altering experience since he decided to start. “Why did I start running?” Josh Austin said. “I was seventy-one overweight and I had to do something.”

Austin’s passion for running its contagious, as he explains that Lynchburg has actually been termed the most “runner friendly” community in America. While many localities in the Central Virginia area have been taking pride in healthy pastime, Austin saw an opportunity to meet a need.

“Running is cheap,” Austin said. “You really only need a pair of shoes, and even that’s question- able.”

Austin feels that running is an economical way to lose weight and achieve a healthy lifestyle while helping residents connect with their community. Austin has spent so much time entering races in Lynchburg, Va. with surrounding areas like Richmond and Charlottesville and Voluntary residents in the community have taken part in the overnight relay for years.

“Austin encourages runners to visit CVA Runners before facing up to challenges with like-minded runners and enhance the Lynchburg community.”

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STANDING TOGETHER — A student run committee organized the overnight Relay for Life, open to anyone in the community.

VICTORY PAGE — Liberty student Josh Isaacson (far left) participates in the Relay for Life Survivor Lap, where cancer survivors and their caregivers celebrated their victory over the disease to the applause and cheers of other relay participants.

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Local blog popularizes modesty

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Who said girls can’t be fashionable and modest at the same time? According to the blog Fearlessly Chique, girls can keep up with the latest trends without giving into the media’s lies that midriff should show and necklines should plunge.

Senior Sarah Joyner said she felt a passion to reach young girls for Christ by showing the importance of modesty after she gave her life to Christ. According to her, she talked with her professor, Ruth Gomez, about the idea to start a modesty blog, and Gomez agreed to help her with the project.

“Having been in college, God revealed to me during my quiet time that he wanted me to reach young girls for him,” Joyner said. “Before I knew Christ I lived immodestly, but now I know that how I dress is a reflection of my character, and I want other girls to take hold of that truth.”

Fearlessly Chique provides fresh ideas for making current and work for girls who desire to be modest in their everyday look, such as pairing a cropped top with a high-waisted skirt, turning a revealing midriff piece into a workable, modest outfit.

While fashion is important and fun, I feel it is more important to have a healthy balance of knowing who they are in Christ first, and living in fear of the Lord, yet fearlessly before men,” Joyner said. “That idea is actually where we got the idea for the name of the blog.”

Several Liberty University students have utilized the blog as a resource for fashion, and sophomore Lindsey Lewis is one of them.

“Some girls say they can’t find anything modest to wear,” Lewis said. “This blog gives some simple and practical tips on dressing modestly and fashionably as well. I especially like the section on guys’ thoughts about the issue because so many girls are nervous about how guys think.”

According to Joyner, a panel of guys was recently asked what modesty means to them, and their responses were posted on the blog.

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For more information, visit Fearlessly Chique’s blog at fearlesslychique.blogspot.com.

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Liberty senior Sarah Joyner advocates for the adoption of holy dressing through fashion website
Art brightens up ILRC

Desiree Wheeler
Liberty Champion/B7

Creativity and freedom of expression reign supreme at Liberty University’s 15th annual Juried Art Show which began on Friday, April 13. The exhibit was hosted by the Studio and Digital Arts Department and showcased 43 students’ work in the Integrated Learning Resource Center (ILRC).

The art pieces were chosen by a designated judge prior to their inclusion in the exhibit. This year’s judge was the President and Founder of B2B Studio, Brad Blackburn. B2B studio is a digital arts organization that has aided countless clients with design work for Thomas Road Baptist Church’s Charles Billingsley.

A total of 70 pieces of student work were submitted in categories including photography, drawing, painting, graphic design and mixed media. The art will remain available for viewing in the ILRC through the end of the semester. “We had a lot of work entered this year. Our judge was really impressed with the breadth of work as well,” Ward said. “We really praised the paper and resultant work that was submitted to the show.”

Awards were given each year for the art submitted. Awards include: Best of the Studio, First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention in each category. Students of all majors were able to submit their work.

“The growth and influence of the visual art at Liberty University is truly remarkable in my opinion,” Smith said. “The engine that helps propel this, in part, is the Studio and Digital Arts department. The department helps provide a context for creativity and artistic expression through its curriculum, student clubs and competitions,” Smith said.

The Juried Art Show is one of several exhibits the Studio and Digital Arts department puts on every year. Other events include Full Guest Artist Exhibits, Senior Art Shows, Lagrange Life exhibit, Professor of the Year and so on,” Smith said.

“Our students are continuously encouraged to design for the glory of God and to reflect his creativity in all they do,” Wheeler said. “Given these incentives, students rise to the occasion. I constantly hear from students who see their artistic activity as an act of worship. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students to take the approach into the field of art as designers, art educators, art critics, curators, and so on,” Smith said.

For more information about future events, visit the Studio and Digital Arts Studio Department on Liberty’s website.

ON DISPLAY - Students can currently view the best of their classmates work throughout the ILRC.

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Peter Pan unleashes imagination

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"I think the word I would use to describe the show is 'magi-
cal,'" Liberty junior Carson Ber-
nett, who played John Darling, said as he interacted with
the crowd after Peter Pan's opening.
The musical Peter Pan, which is a
Alhambra Stage Company's premier
production, took flight Friday, April 13. The show, which is based on the original
play by Sir James M. Barrie, opened on
stage to act alongside the adults, and the kids still find it beautiful
and hysterical and love it.
Alhambra Stage Company, a not-for-profit professional the-
ater company that operates in conjunction with Liberty Uni-
viersity, hosted open auditions for alumni to return to the Tower
Theater stage to act alongside current underclassmen.
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