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The man in orange

Student perseveres to graduate

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Every Wednesday, eyes catch a sight of a man in a nice, free-flowing orange buttoned shirt, sitting and smiling from his seat at the right of Liberty University's consecration stage. Often referenced from stage or seen as a contributing host on Around Liberty in 50 Brookmarch, students both past and present have grown to love and miss the man in the orange shirt.

Patrick Andrews, whose laugh echoes down hallways and hugs wrap around fellow students and university staff, will bear cap and gown this year as he walks across the graduation stage. "Just to think, there is a degree with my actual name on it," Patrick said. His laugh punctuated his statement.

As one of Liberty's longest-term students, Patrick will receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication on May 12, 2012. He celebrated his 40th birthday on April 28, 2012. "After all, 40 is the new 30," Patrick said.

Upon graduation, Patrick will have been at Liberty for nearly two decades, since he first arrived in January 1994 — the year of the car accident that changed Patrick's life forever.

Patrick and two of his friends were traveling down Candlers Mountain Road when the car's front axle presumably snapped, flipping the car and causing it to skid. "Liberty University students should be proud that this construction will take place during the time of graduation," Bolling said. "The left-hand turn lane onto 460 Westbound will not be there into the mall. Those wanting to use 460 may want to find other routes.

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INSIDE THE CHAMPION

Student musician releases disc of original music

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NFL Draft report

Derrick Battle breaks down NFL draft highlights.

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Career beginning

Student musician releases top 10 song on music site NoiseTrade.

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The completion date of the Jeffersonian-style building was originally scheduled for October, but the deadline was extended to allow for more details to the interior. According to the university's website, designers wanted to be insured that the newest technologies and amenities could be incorporated into the new building.

"Students and faculty are no stranger to construction across the campus of Liberty University. In less than a year, there have been five major construction projects completed either on or nearby the campus.

The Woods Road pedestrian bridge opened in November 2011. Shortly after, the 200-foot-long pedestrian tunnel, which connects campus to Woods Road, was completed. Regents Pedestrian, the perimeter road that borders the west side of campus, was also extended from浓度 to the circle domes on south campus.

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The university decided that this building truly needed to be special and a flagship unlike any-thing else we had ever construct- ed," Miss Ashwood, construction coordinator for the university, said. "It's exciting to continue to new the bar with each new structure at Liberty. After Hancock, the community will continue that trend," said Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. "The Hancock Center will be a silent statement to prospective students and their families that Liberty is a warm and welcoming Christian university and that providing a quality Christian education to students is top priority."


Faith-based movie filming in Lynchburg

Melanie Oelrich

Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC) recently hosted a press conference filled with media from local news stations, as well as multiple leaders from the area. "Finding Faith," a Christian-themed film, targets the issue of Internet child predators and sets to cast Erik Estrada, formerly known as the law enforcement officer from the 1970s and 1980s "Chips." Estrada, who is the international face of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, is a staunch supporter of the Safe Schools' Foundation and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

Estrada, a fan of Liberty, mentioned how he and the production team in charge of shooting the movie plan to utilize parts of TRBC and Liberty's campus for the film. "Liberty, a terrific place. I think it's wonderful that there is a place where Christians can come and continue their education," Estrada said. "It's a terrific place. It's great here, and the people are totally professional." According to his website, Estrada is a professing Christian and starred in "The Cross and the Switchblade," the first faith-based movie ever made. Delegate Scott Garrett and Delegate Steveye neon were also in attendance at the press conference and are supportive of the efforts of the movie. "Because of the work that Sheriff Mike Brown is doing, we have put in place a 25-year mandatory minimum sentence for crimes against children," Newman said. "This project is not about one man, and it's not about one problem — it's about our society and what we take. This film will strike a chord of harmony for our families, for our faith, for our fundamental freedoms and for the future of our greatest assets, our children," Garrett said.

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The new board room in the Hancock Welcome Center is ready for use. Seating over 30 people, it will offer a state-of-the-art location for meetings.

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stunning welcome center has continued to undergo changes and developments.

According to Askew, while the initial October goal was a stretch, the six-month redesign of the entire interior of the facility halted basically all of the interior construction during that time.

Askew says that construction crews are currently finishing a few items on the upper two floors and are about halfway done with the terrace, or lower level.

"We will be completely done with the top two floors by the time graduation weekend arrives, and we hope to have the terrace level and the remainder of the exterior landscaping completed by the first half of June," Askew said.

At that point, the building will be ready for use, and the visitor center staff will begin to occupy the building, moving from their current location in the grand lobby of the Arthur S. DeMoss Learning Center.

"It truly is a remarkable building," Askew said. "It was interesting to watch the contractors begin to take ownership of and pride in their work as the project progressed."

**FINISHING TOUCHES** — Worker Dave Mayberry makes some finishing touches on side panels. Right, the sun shines through the full windows in the new atrium.

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Immigration bill heats up

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Proponents of the Arizona Immigration Bill SB 1070 got a lift this past weekend. The measure, which has been bruised in its attempts to make its way through the courts since it was first bottled up in April of 2010, has finally entered the Supreme Court. After preliminary discussions of the bill, the eight justices still have the unanimous decision to make that the state case was in the driver’s seat.

Arizona’s Governor Jan Brewer felt her time in court arguing the case was a success for her state and what’s at stake in the SB 1070 passage.

"Today was a great day. I believe, for freedom and for his people’s rights," said Brewer, who feels this is the first time in the history of our country to make the case that illegal racial profiling is illegal.

"For two years, we’ve heard nothing other than Arizona is not really ready, nor is it needed, and it is all about racial profiling and nothing else," Brewer said.

Phoenix police and those in ice cream cone, you’re going to find me in SB 1070 ready to keep proper order. Brewer said.

The Senate debate was a glad as a crack in illegal immigration’s thick wall.

Nothing more than nothing more than racial profiling has been debated for nearly two years. Brewer continued, the only thing that is finally being revealed is a closing door.

Opponents argue that passing their bills in the Supreme Court for immigration bill SB 1070 to pass their final classes and leave Lynchburg for unknown possibilities, the rest

"As you were to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationship between the U.S. and Al-

I am looking forward to hearing from people who fight to protect us on a daily basis. Is that an excuse for violence? No. But does it serve an explana-

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Ashley Bollinger

"All lovely things will have an end- ing and a destruction, and you and I, that’s now set so balefully in the course of events, live in the time of the end and the last day, and by," Conrad Aiken wrote in his poem "All Lovely Things."

At this end of the road, I may, if I can see the reality and truth of Alters’s words.

Setting in this office has been a distinct point that the visions of what will take it to a success. But does it serve as an explanation of the Liberty Champion, or even just as staff for that matter, with college and a country wide. Through prose, joy, past and pride of a decade’s work in progress, and may it have been that of the first time in the past seven years.

It is still with great relief and gratitude that I am holding that you are so worthy a success.

You will be well disposed of as you are to me in this world. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past number of years, thoughts, prayers, dreams and opinions, and wish

the best as she does the same.

For my last farewell from this old desk, goodbye my friends — until we meet again.

Tabitha Cassidy is the Op-Ed editor at the Liberty Champion.

The Pentagon issued a statement that the bill doesn’t have to accept that these 47,000 illegal immigrants a day, actions by the Arizona Daily-Star reported that the state was allowing nearly 475,000 immigrants a day in Arizona illegally. Illegal immigrants reap the benefits of school, health care and welfare systems that they haven’t funded through taxes, police reported to us.

That’s where common sense need to step in, to those who disagree with the bill. The number of illegal immigrants in Arizona is in the millions, they need to, over time, be removed. The only way to keep our law enforcement in place.

It’s safe to say that this summer is going to be the only hot topic in Arizona.

WOOLFOLK is an opinion writer.

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PHOTOS lead to trouble for troops

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Over time, traumatic stress affects everyone, particular for those in the military and their families, for individuals, for war and military personnel.

So when the LA Times reported the number of U.S. Army troops, the Pentagon is now releasing the number of dead Afghan troops, di-

govan was a common reaction to the photos. And as the senator is involved or if they were the photographs were be-

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I believe that what those men expected to have their thoughts, photos that were found, pictures of a soldier holding a dead man’s hand with the middle finger raised.

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Journalism is all about people. When writing about anything, be it a predawn bridge opening, a football team winning their conference title, or a story about how a localdefinedhero, reporters are encouraged to get the details and the lines, but when truly tells a story apart from the others in the human fabric, because people are what make a story important.

I think the same can be said for me: for four years at Liberty. Of course I won't forget the details and the stats, the guys
cal skills my parents paid thousands for me to learn, the campus life or the great opportunities that I had while I was here. I'll never forget getting baptized at TRBC during Campus Church, or going on a mission trip the day after my fresh-
man year. I'll hold in the memories of staying up late and taking day trips to the beach in the morning.

But what made me insane at Liberty as significant was the people. From teach-
ers who have always pushed me to do my best, reaching your life as well as me, to roammates who become like family as we shared life to-
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Dominique McKay

Every life is marked by moments — peri-
ods that grow and shape you into the in-
dividual that you are today.

This time of the Liberty Champion marks a defining moment in my life. It marks the last Liberty Champion that I will contribute to as an undergradu-
ate. It's the last time I'll see the school in the Edit and my last day of classes before I

Amanda Sullivan

One hundred issues — that’s how many issues of the Liberty Champion I’ve edited over the last four years. I am glad I got to meet so many great people and interesting stories. One of the ways that I have learned the art of the牺牲 made by so many of their peers. Working with my old instructors and friends is something that I will truly miss.

I am not without my misgivings. But my heart is still with the aviation department, I will always have a replacement between our offices. The 2012-13 staff is great, and I visit them all the best for the coming year.

I cannot wait for May 12. Throughout my entire life, I have always looked forward to being an adult. It seems obvious, but I know that the future might look: at least until I started four years at Liberty.

Earl on my fourth year in college, my mindset changed drastically. Childhood became like a dream. I knew that I should eventually be focused upon you have no getting through life. I know to your friends and you are left with the responsibility of the right doors will open when the time is right.

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y satisfied with a life of mindless bliss—of safety and security. That’s where I was three
years now. And I’ll be going with them,

Mr. Huckabee. My favorite inter-
view, though, was with TobyMac, and it’s still stuck with me as a record.

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My best moments at Liberty came from the ones that you are today.

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Liberty ROTC cadets commission

Seven Air Force ROTC cadets from Liberty will become commissioned officers at a special ceremony May II

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Liberty University will witness eight brand-new second lieutenants commissioning into the U.S. Air Force at 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, in a special ceremony at the Tower Theatre.

Jared Abramowicz, Nate Cromer, Arjie Adams, Molly Mortimer, Jose Moreno, Jovana Vaughan, Jason Warren and Luke Williams will be the latest Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets to commission out of Liberty since the university’s first class in 2007.

Williams will be transitioning into pilot training with the goal of flying fighter jets. It will be a challenging training regimen after passing initial flight screening, where the Air Force weeds out initial pilot candidates.

“I would love to fly fighter jets, but I’m open to anything,” Williams said. “I’m open to wherever the Air Force takes me, and I’m excited to see what kind of training I like.”

According to Williams, pilots often intend to fly fighters but find they enjoy the flight and life-style of other types of aircrafts instead. Larger aircrafts like transports nicknamed “heavy-weights” offer more opportunities for travel and overseas stations. Rather, Williams is looking forward to flying for the military.

“I’m kind of excited for pilot training — nervous excitement — because it’s going to be a lot of studying, a lot of long hours,” Williams said. “It’s also going to be what I love, so that’ll make me amped up to do well.”

Another cadet will be stationed with her husband at Columbus AFB, Miss. Mortimer married her husband, an Air Force Reserve officer, March 26, and will commission May II. “I will also be travelling to Kansas for eight weeks for the second summer in a row through a Department of Defense program called Project GO,” Mortimer said. “Project GO is a program that enables ROTC students to study critical languages for the Air Force.”

Mortimer said it has been tough being away from her husband, but she is “extremely proud” of him and his accomplishments.

“When you marry someone in the military, you have to expect to spend some time apart, but, like I said, I am so very proud of him and support him in every way,” Mortimer said. “He is always so supportive of me as well. I am really excited because he is able to come to commissioning and will be administering my oath of office.”

Williams was also looking forward to having his family members attend commissioning.

“That’s the best part of our commissioning, I would say having our friends there and having them pin our second lieutenant rank back on our brand-new uniforms,” Williams said.

Of the eight who commissioning cadets, Abramowicz will be a Financial Management Office, Cromer will be an Air Battle Manager, Mortimer will be a Space and Missile Officer, Moreno and Vaughan will enter Security Forces and Warren will be an Intelligence Officer.

“I cannot think of a more honorable thing to do than to have the ability to serve my God and the country,” Mortimer said. “Through ROTC, I have grown in the skills such as discipline and leadership but have developed some great friendships. In a lot of ways, we are like a big family. I am proud to have the seven other Liberty cadets by my side to commission on May 11, and wish them the best of luck as we go off into the ‘wild blue yonder’.”

FUTURE OFFICERS — Air Force ROTC cadets pose at Detachment 906's 2011 Dining Out ceremony. From front (left), Luke Williams, Nate Cromer, Jared Abramowicz, Jovana Vaughan, Molly Mortimer and Arjie Adams, along with Jose Moreno back right, will commission May II.

Photo courtesy
ALD hosts annual teddy bear drive
ALD hosts its annual teddy bear drive to provide warmth and love to children in the hospital

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The Alpha Lamba Delta Honor Society presented its Annual Teddy Bear Drive as part of its community service to give love and comfort to a child in need.

The event went from April 22-25, but, according to the Administrators of the ALD Bear Drive, the event is going to be extended into a week, due to still wanting to donate.

"Our drive is not only beneficial to you, but when you buy one for a child, you are helping them to feel better," said Internal Seonora Moran.

Meran bought four little bears for herself and is excited for future service opportunities from the society. Moran was recently introduced to the ALD society and hopes to be a big part of it.

"It's a good opportunity to help others in life," Moran said. "It's just a fun, organized way to help our campus and community and broaden your horizons," Moran said.

Teddy bears and other stuffed animals were collected from students, staff, faculty and students by several tables put together so students could drop off the stuffed animals Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. According to the ALD website, the event benefits the Children's Health Pediatric Center, which is located at the Lynchburg General Hospital.

The most popular location was the DeWitt's Grand Ledge, by where several tables put together so students could drop off the stuffed animals Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Military family fun day a success

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Liberty University Military
Tally's fostered in se-
cond annual Military Fam-
ily Fun Day on Saturday, April 21.

A total of 190 guests at-
tended the event, which featured a Snowflex
Mountain Snowflex Cen-
tre Tours. The Mountain Outpost Coaches

Kyle Edinger

Every military base in Virginia was invited to participate on the day free for the military. Several military bases in D.C. and Mary-
land were invited to attend as well. Military families were able to enjoy free skating and tubing and were also provided a catered lunch.

Edinger directed the events, and his goal was to show how to appreciate for Virginia military.

"It is important to show appreciation for all that they sacrifice to secure our freedom," Edinger said.

Edinger said it was day of relaxation for the military families as they joined the Snowflex activities and free skating at Liberty Center.

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Remember His Presence

The God of creation is the God of comfort. He is sovereign, yet He is sympathetic. He manifests His power, but He also ministers His pity. Our God of greatness is a God of grace.

Our Lord said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5b.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
Matthew 28:20b.

Remember Who You Are

Remember, you are His possession.

God’s man/woman is indestructible until He has finished the work He has called him to do. Therefore, we have no reason to fear anyone or anything.

"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."

Remember What He Said

Remember His Promises

God is faithful. He is never surprised. He is never perplexed. He is never out of control. Remember what He said.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee, for I am the LORD thy God...."
Isaiah 43:2-3a.

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**Swimmer from down under**

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Liberty University has long arms when it comes to recruiting athletes. Upon examina-
tion of the current men’s roster one can find Estonian, India, Brazil and New
Zealand among the locations members hail from.

Liberty stretched its arms once again to Australia, where it was received by Jon
Reinhardt, who will be competing for the
Liberty women’s swimming team starting next semester. Reinhardt comes to Liberty
with a wealth of experience in swimming, as well as some notable achievements dur-
ing her high school career as a swimmer.

According to the Liberty Flames websi-
e, she has set the
Australian school record for the 50-
meter fly and has com-
peted in the Australian Olympic Trials or two
occasions. Also, the
local coach for the
women’s team, Jake
Shellenberger, men-
tions that Reinhardt’s recruitment will add more credibility to the
swimming program because of her experi-
ence in swimming at a national level.

Reinhardt will attend Liberty in the fall
semester of 2012 and intends to be a busi-
ness major. She will be part of the third class
of the recently formed NCAA Division I
women’s swimming and diving program. As
a part of the team that coach Shellenberger describes as “the most talented of the three classes we
have brought in thus far.” Unfortunately, Reinhardt was unavailable for an interview
due to school compliances for new students,
but she was quoted saying that she is look-

**Riders take flight**

Timothy Steltzer, Ryan Paul sweep ski, snowboard events

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One word to accurately describe Dew Games 2012 was “epic.”

Double-cocks, double-backflips and double-side-flips were all shown down Saturday night as nearly 20 of the best-skiers and 50 of the best
snowboarders the East Coast had to offer came out for a chance at part of the $10,000 purse.

The games were broadcast live over the Internet and Liberty’s local television station, WTLU. Kevin Pearce and Brent Blakeney hosted the games live.

Nearly 200 competitors converged on the Liberty Mountain Resort for some of the best overall impressions on the
bar quite high. Other high-
lights were a snap trip 900 and a cork 1260. The most impressive trick of the evening was Steltzer’s double-cork 1260, which scored a 96 and earned him $1500 for first place in big air. This was the first double-cork 1260.

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They added three tricks to make their best overall impression on the
judges in the rail jam and big air
competitions.

In the rail jam finals, both ski-
ers and snowboarders familiarized
themselves with the new features, and many flip variations were thrown off the five-foot drop of the
The progression of the athletes in the area since the first Dew Games two
years ago has been drastic, and this was quite apparent on the very technical
set-back feature.

Big air finals were the last event of the evening. Skier Timothy
Steltzer came out on his first run and stomped a double-side-flip 180, set-
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**Flames baseball falls to rival Coastal**

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As baseball season begins to heat up around the league, the
Liberty Flames’ season contin-
ues to cool down. The Flame put out two sidearm pitch-
ers, two that are pretty effective,” Sype said. “They’re not the same Coastal
Chanticleers that we’ve had before. They’re not even the Coastal
Chanticleers that we’ve had five years ago. But, we’re not just going to throw it up there. They’re pretty effective.”

Sype said. “I had a feeling he was going to throw a scoreless inning for the Flames.”

The Flames took a 5-2 loss to the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers on the 3rd of March, which scored a 96 and earned him $1500 for first place in big air. This was the first double-cork 1260.

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**FLIPS — In this year’s Dew Games, snowboarders and skiers nailed various trick combinations.**

**RESULTS**

**Men’s Skiing**

1st — Colorado Steltzer
2nd — Luke Ireland
3rd — Matt Ross

**Snowboard Rail Jam**

1st — Beau Paul
2nd — Ryan Leasure
3rd — Alex Close

**Ski Big Air**

1st — Jon Steltzer
2nd — Jon Steltzer
3rd — Brian Creeme

**Snowboard Big Air**

1st — Beau Paul
2nd — Luke Ireland
3rd — Mike Stuck

**Overall Girl’s Snowboarding**

1st — Jessa Woody
2nd — Shianne Schumacher
3rd — Amanda Steltzer

**Journey 2 the jump**

1st — Jared Gosselin
2nd — Kevin Creeme
3rd — David Bastian

**SWEET — Tyler Cox bean a play at the plate.**
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In just their third year of existence, the Liberty Flames men's lacrosse team finished in the Division II ECAC, losing to Hofstra in the semifinals. The Flames, who participated in the NCAA DI, DIIC, and Division II North Women's Conference, finished with a record of 7-5 before heading into the playoffs.

Head coach Kelly McQuillan said he was pleased with the outcome of the season. "We've had a great year, and guys like Will Leverkus and Will Vertsick back and Wonderlic least second, going to the Indiana University as a team."

"I'm pleased with the improvements from last year for the Wisconsin quarterback Russell Wissman outside linebacker Bruce Parmely, but the Flames batters were ashamed of their draft picks. Although there were better quarterbacks in the third round of the NFL draft, there were better quarterbacks in the fourth round by the Redskins."

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Men. Youth and talent is what got Luck, but the two best tight ends have been his ability to want to win."

"I don't know what happened to Will Vertsick. He was on a little bit of a roll, but our defense really was hampered when Liberty's to this point," Sizemore said."

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Nate Brown: I was media when...

That's when Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. walked over to talk to the small Danny Rosso. I turned to my media liaison, Todd Weisman, and asked, “Am I allowed to talk to Jerry?”

“Sure, if he’ll talk to you.”

I made over to the chancellor and cleared my throat.

“Ahem, Mr., Dr., Chancellor Jerry Falwell Sr.?” He didn’t turn around.

I strode over to the chancellor and cleared my throat again.

“I interviewed Orlando Magic CEO Pat Williams while we were walking from Thomas Road Baptist Church to his car and chatted with Ray Lewis while he was walking from Maryland Stadium to the chancellor’s place of business. It was a light moment in a split-second. The first was that Chancellor Falwell showed me what it really means to be a second. He didn’t even get the picture to prove it. You can’t even see the tramplin I had to jump on to accomplish it. Ed Goss and Ben Shipp showed me what it really means to be first.”

Chris Lang talks to me now. Sometimes, I’m very happy to introduce myself to Mr. Danny in Pride and Prejudice and cleared my throat again.

“I was media when Tebowmania happened. I was media when...”

Nate Brown: All media at Liberty.edu

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Liberty Champion/B3

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The Liberty University men’s and women’s track team are in the midst of a very hectic stretch of their seasons, as they try to prepare for the Championship portion of their schedules.

The Flames still have a few tuneup meets left to compete in, as well as the all-important finals week, before they get to the Championship portion of the season, which starts May 11 at the IC4A Championships in Princeton, NJ.

On top of the these circumstances, coach Bo Tolsma says it’s biggest challenge will be getting his teams to come back together and round back into form after these next few weeks.

"The big thing right now is we need our team to come back together," Tolsma said. "We need to get the team spirit going where you’re not out there just competing for yourself, but as a team. When you see a teammate do well, you want to do well too.”

"That task is harder than it sounds. What makes this part of the season "tough" is how unprecedented it is. For instance, this past weekend, April 26 and 28, the Flames had some of the team competing in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., others at the Duke Twilight Meet, and I think our men could compete Friday and Saturday. So there’s quite a disconnect that happens at this point in the season." Tolsma went on to say that one thing that helps overcome this, is that once the athletes are finished with the season, they can throw their full time and mind on the track and surging ready for the Championship season.

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"At the moment we are kind of disjointed," Tolsma said. "We had some distance runners go up and compete Thursday, April 26, and then come back on their own, and we had sprinters go up and stay and compete Friday and Saturday. So there’s quite a disconnect that happens at this point in the season." Tolsma went on to say that one thing that helps overcome this is that once the athletes are finished with the season, they can throw their full time and mind on the track and surging ready for the Championship season.

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"Heading into the IC4A event, I think we have more people qualified that we ever have before," Tolsma said. "Our women could potentially finish higher than they ever have, and I think our men could be in the heat. We have a good chance of being on the Podium if we can fire on all cylinders and pull together.”

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2011/2012: Big South Champion Showcase

Volleyball

The Lady Flames volleyball team posted a stellar 12-1 home record last season at the Vines Center. Shane Finder’s team won their fourth straight regular season Big South title on their way to the program’s ninth Big South Tournament Championship, a season sweep over Radford University. The team then represented Liberty in the national tournament, losing a hard-fought match to Big Ten heavyweight Pennsylvania State University.

Coach Shane Finder won VaSID Coach of the Year, and Loren Thomas earned two COBRA magazine awards, including All-Region team and honorable mention All-National team.

Men’s Track

Track excelled across the board this season, with the men winning their sixth straight Big South Championship.

In the field, the men’s pole vault team finished with a complete sweep. Kelle Shepherd cleared 16 feet, 0.75 inches for the individual title.

The discus team finished first, second and fourth. Ryan Smith won the title with a throw of 169 feet, 11 inches.

Kile Wheeler broke a Liberty record in the high jump, winning with a height of seven feet, one inch.

Ryan Smith won the shot put with a throw of 64 feet, 2.2 inches. Jacob DeWolfe won the decathlon, the ninth Liberty athlete to win the event in the last six years.

Leading Liberty’s scoring on the track were both of Liberty’s relay teams (4x100, 4x400), which placed second.

Among the top individual efforts, Leonard Robins won the 400-meter dash, running it in a blazing 47.27 seconds.

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Ruthie Rose | Liberty Champion
Men’s Cross Country

The men’s cross country team won their seventh consecutive team championship in October 2011. Zac Edwards claimed the individual title, running the eight-kilometer course in a record time of 21:36. Edwards was one of five Liberty runners to finish in the top 11.

Men’s Golf

The golf team won the program’s second straight Big South Title in April of 2012. Liberty won the tournament with a record setting score at the Patriot Golf Club in South Carolina. The 29-under par score of 844 broke a championship record set by Coastal Carolina University in 1999. Sophomore Chase Marfell, sophomore Niklas Lindstrom and senior Robert Kallsten each earned Big South all-conference honors for their top finishes.

Men’s Soccer

The no. 4-seeded men’s soccer team defeated no. 2-seeded Gardner-Webb in the Big South Championship, 3-1. Kyle Breitmeyer, Phillip Asseh and Darren Amoo scored goals in the game, with Amoo’s goal placing him at the top of Liberty’s all-time scoring list. The Flames then moved on to the national NCAA tournament, where they lost a tight match to Old Dominion University in a penalty kick shootout.

Asseh and Amoo were both selected in the Major League Soccer supplemental draft following the season. Asseh was taken by the Houston Dynamo, while Amoo landed with the Columbus Crew.

Women’s Basketball

The Lady Flames basketball squad won the program’s 13th Big South Championship, defeating High Point University on the Panthers own court, 80-73. The Flames then advanced to the national tournament, losing to third-seeded national runner-up Notre Dame University.

As a team, Liberty led the nation with a 13.6 rebound margin. It was the tenth consecutive season the team has appeared in the top 10 in that category. Redshirt senior Merry Walley finished seventh in the nation individually, rebounding 11.5 rebounds per game. Walley also ranked no. 19 in the country with 13 double-doubles.

Newcomer Reagan Miller earned the Virginia Sports Information Directors Rookie of the Year Award.
Runners compete in Bald Mountain 10K

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5k to raise autism awareness
Father hosts race in honor of autistic son

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The Coleman's Run 5K race for autism awareness will be held May 3 at 9 a.m., and nobody is happier about it than Dr. Clark Clark.

For Zealand, an assistant professor of sport management and race director for FCA, a passion for running and his love for his 8-year-old autistic son Coleman led to his idea to do the Coleman's Run in order to support the many families that autism affects and to make the community aware of the options for help that are available to them.

The race will benefit the Ad-Astrea at 1905 Atlantic Drive in Forest, and the proceeds will benefit Educational Solutions of Central Virginia, a local nonprofit organization that provides resources to families who have autistic children or loved ones, according to a press release sent out earlier this month.

"When Coleman was diagnosed with autism, my wife and I saw how difficult it was," said Zealand. "Through this event, families who were in our exact situation can find resources they need to help their own children who are affected by autism, and also support us by talking with other families, such as mine."

According to Zealand, the cost to run in the race is $30, and he encourages even those who are not runners to at least donate because all proceeds go to help the cause in whatever way they can do it.

"Educational Solutions of Central Virginia is a local nonprofit and family resource for support," Zealand said. "Also, the race will help us to bring awareness to other families who don't know how to react or what to do.

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One of these resources, in addition to Educational Solutions of Central Virginia, is the Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center located in Blue Ridge, Va. The center's executive director, Angela Leonard, has a brother with autism, and she agrees that getting these resources to help children with autism makes all the difference in the world.

"I always tell parents that no one will fight harder for their child than they will," Leonard said. "It takes a lot to run. It takes a lot of time, and they can't do it alone. It's about giving families hope, and it's about giving them the tools that they need to support their child."

One of these tools is the Coleman's Run 5K race, which brings together families who have autistic children and those who want to support them. The race is held in May, and it is open to runners of all ages, whether they are strong or weak. It is a family-friendly event that encourages everyone to participate, and it is a great way to raise awareness and funds for autism research.

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Alumni media company excels
Award-winning Innovative Faith Resources gains recognition

Amanda Sullivan

Although the company has only been in existence for a little more than a year, Innovative Faith Resources (IFR) already has several awards under its belt. The nonprofit media company has claimed 11 awards so far this year.

IFR earned seven from the Telly Awards, two from the Roanoke Communicators Association and two Adly awards.

The newly constituted company is comprised mostly of Liberty University alumni with SBC of Virginia (SBC) Director of Ministry Services Doyle Chauncey as president of the group. Vice President Brandon Pickett, Media Specialist Islandia La-Biosa, Marketing Director Chris Keldeick and Videographer/Editor Brian Wood make up the rest of the IFR lineup. The team itself is just one aspect of IFR that helps the company produce award-winning products.

“We have a team, we are really blessed with people who love the Lord, excel in just about every aspect of work and want to create award-winning material,” Chauncey said. “The positive environment allows us to be more creative and gives us the space and freedom to do more. I also like the fast-paced environment. Sure, deadlines can be frustrating, but that keeps me coming back every day.”

Despite IFR’s recent success, the company struggled in the beginning with only Pickett, one of the founders and La-Biosa at the start.

“You have a new business that you start, it’s not having enough of anything. You know, not having enough people, not having enough work,” Pickett said. “The one thing we did have plenty of, which was great, was potential clients that really wanted to see if we could help them.”

Like any media conglomerate, IFR had more work than the small two-man team could handle upon incorporation.

“It was like I walked onto the football field in a trail game with only seconds left on the clock. I had no idea how busy I would be within the first few days on the job,” La-Biosa said. “That held true for me until our leadership team decided that we were getting too much work that we need to hire additional video, web and marketing professionals to help carry the load. Adding three more staff members allowed me to focus on my forte, video production. Even today, we are working as fast as we can to keep up with the workload. All of that said, we are extremely grateful God is blessing us with work to do.”

The concept for IFR couldn’t be more simple. We’re going to assist our clients in helping them fulfill the great commission.

“We found our very quickly that there is a need out in the Christian, or the ministry nonprofit, world for people who know how to market and brand, and do media,” Pickett said. “They always thinking in non-profit or ministry that they can do great, cool, cutting-edge things because they don’t have the money. But what if they could have access to top-notch marketing and branding and media and not have to pay top-notch prices? That’s where IFR comes in.”

Unlike many businesses, where money is the driving force, IFR is a ministry first.

“At the heart of IFR, it’s missions — the desire that we all have to use the gifts and tools through media that God’s given us to help promote missions,” Pickett said. “The heart of IFR is to help ministry agencies and churches and those trying to fulfill the great commission.”

Chauncey said, “We’re trying to assist churches in helping them fulfill the great commission.”

IFR’s devotion to missions is the identifying factor for establishing the company as innovative. “Innovative Faith Resources is not just innovative because of what we do, but how we do it,” Pickett said. “God’s given us tools to use. Instead of just using it for our own promotions, what if we open the doors and say, ‘Hee we can help.’”

For more information about IFR, visit www.innovativefaith.org.

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INNOVATIVE FAITH—IFR Vice-President Brandon Pickett interviews Mark Koch, manager for Nationwide Series NASCAR driver Blake Koch.
Dave Campbell, museum host and tour guide, met Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is a relatively furnished chair just behind those double doors of the Jerry Falwell Museum.

The museum tells the story of Liberty University's great founder, Jerry Falwell Sr. The gallery is just inside the dimly lit corner of the museum's entrance. Dave Campbell is yet another hidden icon of Liberty.

"I will be here every morning," Campbell said. "Unless it's raining. I don't come in when it's raining."

Generally, a coffee cup rests sedulously on the table between the two chairs while a small table lamp illuminates his corner of the room. The empty chair beside him beckons company from students, faculty, and visitors as they take the time to reap his previous wisdom.

Campbell, who is a former bank manager and retired banker for the City of Lynchburg, has been a member of the Liberty University staff family for eight years. Campbell generously appears to have enjoyed his time at the university and looks forward to many more years on staff.

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Campbell asked how he obtained the position of museum curator. Campbell smiled as he reached into the dimly lit corner of the museum's entrance. "He is a man who has always been about his family and considered it to be a great place to live. Before Campbell began working in the banking industry, he was offered an opportunity to work as a secret service agent for the United States government. However, he realized that working for the secret service would have taken him from his family and out of the Lynchburg area, so he declined.

"He is a very patriotic person," Campbell said.

When you ask students and faculty around Liberty what the most outstanding thing about Campbell is, the most common response tends to be his impressive ability to strike up a conversation with anyone about anything. "I'm in ROTC, so it's interesting to hear all about World War II stories," said Gracie. "Even if I have heard the story a couple of times, I still learn something I didn't know before.

In the rush between classes or after joining up the stairs leading into the grand lobby of DeMoss, each student would benefit from taking the time to sit with Campbell. He has seen a lot of things in his career. "One of the greatest stories he has taken for granted is that of which he has taken for granted.

Campbell is a distant relative of many people in a variety of fascinating ways. The common thread remains that Dave Campbell is a man who has always been about his family, but loves listening even more.

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Christian driver loses sponsorship

NASCAR driver Blake Koch faces funding issues due to ad with ‘religious overtones’

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ESPN rejected NASCAR Nationwide Series racer Blake Koch’s advertisement for Rise up and Register, causing his sponsorship to fall through. The previous advertisement was not aired because of Koch’s outspoken Christian beliefs, according to ESPN.

“The spot was denied for political and religious overtones, which we avoid by all of our standards. We looked at the website...you know...as well...at Blake’s website and do see the religious aspects of this. So those are the reasons,” ESPN’s Senior Vice President of Corporate Outreach Rosa Gam said on a Koch’s voicemail, according to ESPN.

Because the Koch’s commercial for Rise up and Register was denied, he lost his sponsorship—a reality that has caused him to question other potential endorsements.

“When I first found out when my sponsor couldn’t air a commercial because of my religious consent on my website, I initially thought, ‘hey, that’s crazy,’” Koch said. “What happened if I get a Hitler on the screen, and they can’t air it because I’m a Christian?” That could really affect me big time, and then actually turned into like, that’s not what this is about, that can’t be the real reason why this commercial isn’t being I knew that Koch’s ‘religious overtones’ could really affect him as a Christian driver.

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“Somehow the commercial isn’t airing so I knew that the real reason why this commercial isn’t being aired because of my religious aspects of this. So those are the reasons,” Koch said.

“Koch faces funding issues due to ad with ‘religious overtones.’” Koch said. “And the answer to all that stuff is just bring in prayer and learning to what God is trying to tell you to do. Everything you do make sure it glorifies Christ.”

For more information about Blake Koch, visit his website www.BlakeKoch.com.

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Student musician pursues dream

Marczewski has high hopes for her future.

"I have come to the realization that there is a calling for my life," Marczewski said. "I don’t know where I will go with it, but I have decided to be a good steward of the gifts that God has given me."

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