29 MINERS FOUND DEAD IN W. VA. Four more miners were found dead from the West Virginia mine explosion Saturday, April 3, bringing the death toll to 29. The incident is the worst mining disaster in the U.S. in nearly four decades, according to CNN.

The mine contained bituminous coal, a type of coal that burns more cleanly than other coals, according to the Associated Press. The mine was one of the largest in the region and is located near the town of Pineville, West Virginia.

POLISH PRESIDENT DIES IN PLANE CRASH

A plane carrying the Polish President Lech Kaczyński, along with his wife, the head of the national team, and several top military officials crashed into a Russian airport on April 10, according to CNN. The plane was carrying 97 passengers and crew members, according to CNN.

The president was traveling to Russia to mark the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, which was fought by Polish prisoners of war in the Baltic states. Some 25,000 Polish officers were killed in the battle during World War II, according to CNN.

EARTHQUAKE HITS SOLOMON ISLANDS REGION

A 7.5 magnitude earthquake hit the Solomon Islands region Sunday, April 11, at 5:40 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The earthquake was felt in the Solomon Islands region, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Woman's body is found in West Virginia mine

A woman's body was found in a West Virginia mine Saturday, April 10, according to CNN. The body was found near the site of the mine explosion that killed 29 miners.

Lech Kaczyński's wife also killed in plane crash

The Polish President's wife, Maria Kaczyńska, was also killed in the plane crash that killed her husband, according to CNN. The couple were traveling to Russia to mark the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

Pack of dogs freed from FAA kennel in West Virginia

A pack of dogs was freed from a federal aviation agency kennel in West Virginia on April 10, according to CNN. The dogs were rescued from the kennel after being found living in poor conditions.

Survivors of Japan's Tsunami speak out

Survivors of Japan's tsunami have spoken out about their experiences in the aftermath of the disaster, according to CNN. Many survivors are still struggling to rebuild their lives and recover from the loss of loved ones.
Forensics Team Wins Award
Liberty University's first forensics team won the second place Team Sprints trophy at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational. The invitational, which focuses on advanced oratory skills, was hosted by Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

VCAR Students Receive National Recognition
Jual Shultz, Lee Ann Cull, Dylan Jan and Kathleen Ostrom received honors at the ADDY Awards Western Virginia Competition hosted by the American Advertising Federation on April 3. This competition is the largest advertising competition in the world according to the Splash page.

LU Praise Holds Auditions
LU Praise is looking to add to its roster. The gospel choir group will be holding auditions on Saturday, April 17 at David's Place. Auditions begin at 1:30 p.m. Sign-ups for the auditions will begin April 15 in David's Place for all current Liberty students that are interested. Contact the Center for Worship or visit liberty.edu/praise for more information.

Show Off Your Crib
The Office of Student Housing is sponsoring a dorm decorating competition on campus. Students may enter individually or in pairs and have the opportunity to win a Nintendo Wii, iPod, gift cards or Liberty University merchandise. All submissions are due April 16 to the Office of Student Housing by 4:30 p.m. The Office of Student Housing is located in Dorm 17. For more information, visit liberty.edu/studenthousing.

Flames Pass pilot fires off
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"I am a totally average, normal person," Kiriakou said. "I am a totally average, normal person, but like everyone else, I would really appreciate being treated as a human being." Haug said.

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Rough road ahead for Tiger

Mitchell Maleff
Columnist

The prance have begun and the red carpet has again been rolled out for Tiger Woods. For the past few months, these prances were missing, and that red carpet was replaced with a slippery slope littered with Woods' indiscretions, to put it mildly. Now, Woods has returned to what at first was a chorus of questions now drowned out by thunderous applause every time a noticeably muscular Woods gets up a club or turns down a putt. These months he was missing in action were filled with speculation of what he was and where he would go again with amongst the masses.

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There are still questions, and perhaps the biggest one has been possibly an unlikely oracle, Woods's own father, Earl, who speaks as in an exasperated Tiger in a new Nike ad, asking him the last hymn amongst his transmissions. Perhaps he has, but what about the rest of us? When will we stop being shocked when those whom we crown as heroes reveal themselves to be human? Maybe this is what we need — a reminder that our heroes aren't built perfectly. A reminder that we are high enough that those below will fall to reveal the tattered pants and worn T-shirt that hide the person underneath who is subject to the same weaknesses, desires and failings that plague the rest of the world.

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The secret is that despite our outrage this is what we want — a story to pass and a punch to point at and say, 'I'm better than that.' The question that Tiger can't answer is if we really are.

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If I were a rich girl...

Jenna Shofner
Columnist

Hello to Trace Jackson. She may not be the world's best mom, but maybe some parents can take a cue from her.

In our materialistic culture, where many parents tend to feed their children luxuries without teaching them an attitude of gratitude, what has been given, Jackson took admirable action to undo the damage done to her daughter's attitude of entitlement.

Jackson is the screenwriter of "Confessions of a Shopaholic" and wealthy mother of two girls, one of whom, until recently, was spoiled, according to the poll. Jackson took action by sending her daughter to India.

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Amanda Sullivan
Columnist

Everyday people commit right insecurities, some of which are caused by the individual's fear or bias on their face. For the most part, such luck only happens occasionally — typically on what could be called a 'bad day.' However, it's a skill few the模具 each on a daily bias, making them either incredibly unlucky or just plain clumsy.

Unfortunately for me, I am one of the few who spends more time on flat on her back, staring at the sky than standing upright. My plight tends to make life more interesting for the people who surround me, which is just great for my self-esteem. Normally, I do not mind being peoples' source of amusement if only because I'm used to being embarrassed, I have accepted my fate to forever be a klutz.

When I get to this point in the story, most people think that I'm exaggerating and seeking attention. I assure you, I am not. For those of you that need proof, just wait.

It was January right after Hurricane Ike would've had a few, I had just returned from my grandmother's funeral at Bunt's Range. The day consisted of a mix of cloudy weather, typically Texas school is closed on days with cloudy weather, I like an obedient student, was on my way to convocation. I'm pretty sure it was a mix of cloudy, rainy conditions — typical Lynchburg weather. I, like an obedient student, was on my way to convocation. I'm pretty sure it was a mix of cloudy, rainy conditions — typical Lynchburg weather. She rushed up to me with genuine concern that I'm better than that.' The question that Tiger can't answer is if we really are.

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‘It is a pathetic truth. We struggle, we rise, we tower in the zenith a brief and gorgeous moment, with the adoring eyes of the nations upon us, then the lights go out, oblivion closes over us, our glory fades and vanishes, a few generations drift by, and naught remains but a mystery and a name.” — The Secret History of Fiddler on the Roof

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In America, where having one’s own cell phone, laptop and car by the age of 16 is considered normal, it is crucially important to keep in mind that this lifestyle is unheard of by the majority of the world. Though America is no doubt facing a huge economic downturn, the country is still enormous near a level of prosperity to many other countries in the world.

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In an unprecedented move, President Barack Obama declared war on fish.

"Today we are announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration," Obama said in his speech on March 31. Prior to Obama's announcement, the United States was already engaged in a war the White House has dubbed the "Overseas Contingency Plan." Going under the sea was simply the next logical step. Obama's tatical oil strikes will take place off the Atlantic and Alaskan coastline, as well as the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Huffington Post.

However, some critics are questioning the president's motives, hoping he adheres to his campaign promise of transparency in the new war against fish. But Obama neither planned to keep his oceanic objective secret, nor did he attempt to sugarcoat it.

"The bottom line is this — given our energy needs, in order to sustain economic growth and produce jobs and keep our businesses competitive, we will have to harness traditional sources of fuel," Obama said.

The president's response came as a smack across the face of skeptics and supporters alike. In this moment, Obama took on the title of an oil-traumatizing, militant leader — an honor usually reserved for Republican rulers.

As a result, many are already comparing coastal-America to Iraq, saying it is just another "government oil grab." The main concern is that America is going guns-blazing into the ocean, unnecessarily endangering under-sea civilian life.

"Expanding offshore drilling in areas that have been protected for decades threatens our oceans and the coastal communities," Executive Director of Greenpeace Phil Radford said, according to the Huffington Post.

Through recent actions, Obama made it clear he is willing to sacrifice Little Nemo, Poseidon... the whole lot, if need be, in order to secure some "black gold." However, some conspiracy theorists are concerned the president's decision is the result of a behind-the-scenes Republican power grab.

"Is this President Obama's clean energy plan or Palin's drill-baby-drill campaign?" Radford asked, according to the Huffington Post.

But the chances of the "Alaskan Avenger" being involved are rather slim. And in reality, southing the ocean is slightly beneficial for America's economy and energy self-sufficiency. America has a long and expensive history of oil addiction. In 2008, the United States alone consumed 25 percent of the petroleum produced in the world, averaging 19.5 million barrels per day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The argument boils down to whether we want to protect the environment or help our economy — whether we heed the tears of the Little Mermaid or gain a little more energy independence.

One thing is certain, Ariel better watch her back, because America is getting a spear gun.
Warner, according to the Washington Post.

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McDonnell’s omission has drawn fire from many US. media outlets as well as the Virginia chapter of the NAACP. The governor quickly issued a statement saying that his omission was a mistake and formally apologizing to anyone offended by his error. McDonnell also added a passage to his proclamation, calling slavery “a sin and inherent practice,” according to his official press release.

Although some Virginians are quick to forgive their new governor, others such as Virginia State Sen. Henry Marsh III are not.

“He has a right to apologize, but I don’t accept that as a good answer because this is a pattern of this governor,” Marsh told CNN. “This has happened many, many times so I think it’s a question of whether or not he’s sincere or not.”

Security aside, this must begs the question of whether McDonnell’s actions or lack thereof warrant this level of criticism. Despite the controversy that has arisen over McDonnell’s “mistake,” the governor’s original intention was to promote tourism in Virginia and to draw attention to the history of the state, according to ABC News.

Though the debate that has been sparked by McDonnell’s proclamation is an important one, it should not have any bearing on his ability to lead or on his character. It takes a man of integrity to say that he was wrong and a man of strength to stand behind his beliefs despite what others may think.

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The Governor’s Proclamation

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the people of Virginia joined the Confederate States of America in a four year war between the states for independence that concluded at Appomattox Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has long recognized her Confederate history, the numerous civil-war battles fought in every region of the state; the leaders and individuals in the Army, Navy and at home who fought for their homes and communities and Commonwealth in a time very different than our today; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Virginians to reflect upon our Commonwealth’s shared history to understand the sacrifices of the Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens during the period of the Civil War and to recognize how our history has led to our present; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Virginians to understand that the institution of slavery led to this war and was an evil and inhumane practice that deprived people of their God-given inalienable rights and all Virginians are thankful for its permanent eradication from our borders; and

WHEREAS, Confederate historical sites such as the White House of the Confederacy are open for people to visit in Richmond today; and

WHEREAS, all Virginians can appreciate the fact that when ultimately overwhelmed by the innumerable numbers and resources of the Union Army, the suffering, imprisoned and injured Confederate soldiers gave their word and allegiance to the United States of America, and returned to their homes and families to rebuild their communities in peace, following the instruction of General Robert E. Lee, who wrote that, “...all should unite in honest efforts to accelerate the effects of war and to restore the blessings of peace”, and

WHEREAS, this defining chapter in Virginia’s history should not be forgotten, but instead should be studied, understood and remembered by all Virginians, both in the context of the time in which it took place, but also in the context of the time in which we live, and this study and remembrance takes on particular importance as the Commonwealth prepares to welcome the nation and the world to visit Virginia for the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Civil War, a four-year period in which the exploration of our history can benefit all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert McDonnell, do hereby recognize April 2010 as CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

The Governor's Proclamation for the 2010 Confederate History Month

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A new movement I see happening in

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Students invest in Assessment Day

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The annual Assessment Day for all students began last year and lasting for senior students began in 2008. Information about location and time schedules during Assessment Day will be sent to students by each department.

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AWAKENING (continued from Al) The Liberty and Justice Rally will include praise and worship, celebration, and challenging messages by Louis Engel of The Call to Conservatives and others. A compre- hensive list of events is available on the Freedom Federation Web site: "I think it’s important to have a conference like this because there is a new movement happening in America today,” Staver said. “People who are concerned with the threats to liberty and to freedom. People are coming together in a way that I have never seen before. It’s important to have the face of Christians come together to have all obstacles and generations come together to celebrate our faith and celebrate our freedom.”

This event will also be the debut of the Freedom Federation’s new social networking utility, which will allow affiliated organizations as well as individual members to create their own blogs, Web sites and events, as well as to find any conservative events that may be happening in their area or anywhere in the Nation.

Liberty students are also involved with the organization of the event. SGA president Matthew Mihelic will be involved in a panel on the Millennial generation as well as speaking about the pre-life move-
ment during the Friday night rally. "In recent years most American Christians have missed the cultural shift taking place because they have neglected to get involved, or have been told it is not their place,” Mihelic said.

The Freedom Federation currently represents more than 30 million Americans. Organizations involved with the federation include Liberty University, Liberty Counsel, Concerned Women for America, Freedom International, Morning Star Ministries, the Concerned Women for America, the Traditional Values Coalition, and others.

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Melinda Zosh
writing edition

Thirty years after the first class graduated at Lynchburg Baptist College, six people will be walking across the stage of Liberty University with Master’s Degrees in history. They will be the first graduating class in the program since it started in 2008.

One of those six, Rachel Love, will be the first history graduate student from Liberty to pursue her doctoral degree. After three offers, she chose the University of South Carolina. She is one of a small percentage of 240 applicants accepted into the program with funding, according to Director of the Graduate History Program, Samuel Smith.

While the faculty is committed to serving each, it is also passionate about preparing Christian graduates to compete in the larger secular realm of academia. Love said, “Many students who pursue their master’s degree in history here at Lebanon Liberty University as undergraduate students. The department requires a minimum of 18 hours of undergraduate classes before entering the program, according to Smith.

Jennifer Bolan was an exception. She did not attend Liberty University as an undergraduate, and she started her master’s degree at the University of North Florida (UNF). There is a lot of philosophy that goes into history such as how you approach human nature,” Bolan said. “At a secular university, it was very postmodern. I felt alone in the classroom.”

One day the reached Liberty. With her and learned more about the program. She prayed about her decision and transferred, she said. She has not regretted her decision.

“The professors are personally invested in your progress and your research, which is different from a secular university where you are one of 100 students,” Bolan said. “With a Christian education, your professors see that jobs as a ministry and they personally invest in you.”

The program allows students to transfer credits from different universities. Students can choose to specialize in European or American History with an emphasis in a thesis or non-thesis track, Smith said.

Josh Owens chose to study American history with a thesis track, which requires writing a 120-page paper in the second year of the program. The thesis track is helpful to most students who wish to pursue their doctorates, according to Smith.

“If you can understand colonial history, you can understand what is going on today,” Owens said. “Most of us (in the program) are thesis students, and in the end we have probably written closer to 1,000 pages about different books.”

Writing research papers is not an option for students. It is a requirement, but one that most students see as a benefit, according to Bolan. Students have already published their work in academic journals, she said.

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TobyMac (TM): I really try to write from my life and hopefully my life is staying current and relevant. I try to write the things I am living, whether I am struggling with social things or my own insecurities or my friends are going through things. I love friends who are going through a desire — I write, 'You get back up.' For here. So, if I write about things that are happening in my life, then they are current. As far as sounds, I'm kind of a listener. I love listening to music. I love listening to current music. I love things or my own insecurities or my friends are going through things. I love writing from my life and hopefully my music reflects that.

At the time, the school wasn't known for being very contemporary. People thought it was old school and stuff, but DC Talk did come out of this school. We cut our sound out of here. I think this school played an encouraging role to me wanting to share my music. One of the things I did here was I had a dorm representative, and I gave each of them a box with 30 cassettes. They got to keep one, and they had to sell the other 29. I sold a ton of tapes here, and we took that money and put back into recording more music. There are so many things that I learned here about how to advance my music and ultimately advance God using my music.

TC: Obviously Michael (Tait) and Kevin (Max) played a crucial role in my life along with a lot of other friends. Most of my deeper friendships came from going to college here. Beyond that, just a foundational Bible knowledge — Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey. I mean, I've drawn out of that well all my life, not that I'm not still having an ongoing Bible study and opening up God's word. These were things that I had to memorize and learn, and I think that knowledge has gone well with me.

TM: I remember once that Jonathan had a party at the Falwells home, and we went over. We brought a sound system, so DC Talk actually performed in Dr. Jerry Falwell's backyard. I just remember him coming over to me, and he would hit you pretty hard — it wasn't like a light tap. He kind of slapped us on the head and said, 'You boys are pretty good, doing your thing.' It was funny. I tell people often that when we first graduated and went on the road, people were like, 'You came from Liberty?' Did people know what you were doing?' I said, 'We played in Jerry Falwell's backyard, man.'

LG: What is your fondest memory of Dr. Falwell?

TM: It is difficult, but I make every effort. When you write a line, like 'I wanna be daddy who's in the mix,' you put yourself out there for accountability. I would have to look up 10 years from now and be that dad that was never there. That's a nightmare for me, so I really worked hard to be there. I actually changed the way I record. Most people record from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. a day, but I record from 1 in the afternoon to 3 in the morning because that's the most creative, but I started recording from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. a long time ago. So I'm home at the dinner table with my wife and kids every night.

To read the rest of the interview, visit Liberty.edu/Champion.

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Making strides with Chloe McIntosh

The players climbed down the slippery hill and onto the field. It was one of those days where the team was warming up for throwing practice. According to Denham, it wasn't certain if they would do because there was still snow and the forecast for the day was for snow showers. The team was taking the precaution of the snowy conditions in the field. The team was practicing various drills and techniques for the upcoming season.

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Semenyna leaves mark on Liberty hockey

Ryan Walter
SPORTS REPORTER

At first 4 and 390 pounds, three-time All American Dave Semenyna has been the face of Liberty Hockey for the past four years. However, after talking to him you would never know it. Always with a wide smile ready to crack a joke at any moment, one would never guess he was the Liberty Flames leading scorer three years out of four years.

"I just love playing hockey," Semenyna said. "There's nothing about it.

The graduating senior's four of the game has always been his focus. This past season had his biggest moments of scoring on his backyard rink made by his father in the small town of Lumsby, Alberta, Canada. His fond memories as a child were going to the rink with his parents, Denis and Louise, and getting a backyard hockey.

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As senior this year graduating in May Semenyna will truly have to test his conclusion. One thing is for sure — the impact he left on the Liberty Hockey program will be a lasting one. "Nothing hard and working hard for the team was always my goal," Semenyna said. "Everything else was a bonus." Contact Ryan Walter at rmwalter@liberty.edu

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SENSATIONAL SEMENYINA — Dave Semenyna scored 69 points, 26 goals and 43 assists in his final season for the Liberty Flames hockey team.

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Track steals show at Classic

The Liberty Flames track and field team and the sun had one thing in common this past Saturday afternoon—they both shone bright. On a beautiful sunny day in Lynchburg, Va., both the men’s and women’s teams performed in stellar fashion, breaking records and building first-place honors in numerous events at the Merrill Lynch Track and Field Classic held at Shellenberger Field on an unseasoned running track.

On the women’s side, senior Jamie Peters had something no one has been able to do in almost two decades. She broke the 800-meter record in a time of 2:12.00, formerly held by Gina Turner who clocked a 2:12.40 back on April 11, 1992.

The Flames improved to 3-1 in the running for first place. "This was the biggest win Liberty men’s tennis has ever had," Flames coach Chris Johnson said. "This catapulted us into the No. 3 match against Zagk Watson and Louis Steyn defeated Marcus Alabanza in the No. 2 match against Erica Opnea. Carol Lobel defeated Rita Gouveia in the No. 3 match. "It gives you a lot of confidence," Liberty’s last two in the game. Crowley sophomore Chris Johnson shot and three Titans recorded hat tricks in the contest. Hornick each scored one apiece for the visitors. While they turned up the defense (allowing just one more goal) and scored four consecutive goals in a three-minute span, the Flames could not recover from the steep first half deficit, dropping by a final score of 19-5.

Tennis rallies for win over Gardner-Webb

Pete Sawyer
SPORTS REPORTER

The women’s tennis team extended their current win streak to five games when they handed Radford their first conference loss in three years on Saturday, 4-3.

The Lady Flames improved to 5-4 after a strong showing at the Merrill Lynch Track and Field Classic over the weekend.

SPASH LANDING — The Lady Flames are looking to secure their first outdoor championship since 2007 after a strong showing at the Merrill Lynch Track and Field Classic over the weekend.

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Lacrosse loses in Detroit

Seeing their first on field action in two weeks, the Liberty University Lady Flames lacrosse team was determined early in a tough loss Saturday afternoon at the hands of University of Detroit Titans. The Titans used their home field advantage to easily take the contest by a final score of 19-5.

The Lady Flames entered the game with a record of 8-4, playing their first game since March 28, but they may have been a little rusty. The Titans put the ball on the line with a mid-field faceoff. Faceoffs resulted in goals scoring just over two minutes into the contest, and the rest of the first half followed suit. The Titans controlled the tempo and scored a goal per minute for the first 15 minutes, running the score to 11-0 until Lady Flames captain Kristen Cosleay scored one point the Detroit goals with 12 minutes left in the half. The Lady Flames closed with Liberty being outscored 14-3 in the first half.

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Weekend track action

By SOFIA FLORES

The Flames and Lady Flames are now three weeks into the season and the men are 3-2 on the year. The women are 2-4 but have been competitive in close losses. The Flames and Lady Flames travel to Charleston this weekend to compete in the 2010 Big South Track & Field Championships. The meet will be held at the Stuart C. Siegel Center on Saturday and Sunday. Previews and updates on the meet can be found at the Flames Athletics’ official website libertyflames.com.

**Men’s Results**

The men are 3-2 on the season with wins over Virginia Tech and Old Dominion and losses against Liberty and Radford. Liberty is ranked 4th in the Big South and 15th in the nation and Old Dominion is ranked 18th in the Big South and 31st in the nation.

**Women’s Results**

The women are 2-4 on the season with losses against Liberty, Radford, Liberty and Old Dominion. The Flames and Lady Flames are ranked 46th in the nation.

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**Baseball batters Radford**

BY ANDREW CERNY

SPORTS REPORTER

Senior pitcher Shawn Teufel continued his solid season for the Flames on Sunday, striking out a career-high 10 batters in his start against the Big South’s leading batters.

Teufel pitched a complete game, allowing only three runs on eight hits in the Flames’ 10-3 win over Radford. Liberty improved to 22-9 overall and 7-0 in the Big South.

Teufel improved to 6-1 on the season and the Flames improved to 8-2 in conference play.

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After personnel consideration, McIntosh spent several months including her summer training and preparing for basketball tryouts. She entered playing in high school as well as intramurals here at Liberty. It didn't hurt her chances that she is a kinesiology major and a "natural athlete" according to fellow teammate Kristin Crowley.

Shortly after the basketball tryouts, she is used two calls. The first was a decline from the lacrosse coach. She recalled her thoughts after the short conversation on the phone.

"Okay Lord, what does this mean? I know you wanted me to pursue this and to train," said Mitchell.

Later that same day the second call came. It was an return from the lacrosse coach, Doebner, who observed the basketball tryouts. He later to scout potential players.

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"Shooting people," he laughs. "Relax, it's just paintball."

Saechao's favorite part of paintball? "Enemy fire isn't all Saechao has to watch."

"They cross the line before you do something," Saechao said.

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Tyson Long has been bringing the stage to life through sets, lighting and technical effects as the Technical Director for the Liberty University Theatre Department since 2007. Long is currently working on "The Scarlet Pimpernel," which will open on April 16. The most stressful part is making sure that everything gets done and that all of the details are covered," Long said. From the basic idea of the set to the moment it is completed, Long works many hours each week to be ready for every show. He also oversees students in everything from carpentry to painting as the set is assembled. "I have learned how much work it really is to create a set for a show. It takes all kinds of strength and abilities," senior Jodi Orndorff said. "(Long) has shown me that being a hard worker and putting in the time really does pay off in creating a rewarding experience." Long's job requires him to work creatively and quickly under pressure. "On the Sunday night before the final week of rehearsal for 'An Inspector Calls,' Professor Neal Brasher and I decided that the current set would not work for the show. I went home that night and completely re-designed the set, getting it approved by noon the next day and re-building the basic set by 5 p.m. — just in time for rehearsal," Long said. Long began his theater career in fifth grade at the small private school he attended. Each year, the principal of the school would involve all of the students in the spring play. Long painted sets and helped out wherever he could. Later on, he and his family moved to Ohio, where Long was put in charge of his school's drama productions in eighth grade. Long later attended Pensacola Christian College and then Bob Jones University, where he received his master's degree in cinema and video production. "He is very dedicated to his job, by making sure that everything is exact and paying attention to all of the details," Theater Manager Amanda Peck said. Long draws his inspiration from research and books on set design. For "The Scarlet Pimpernel," he has studied material on castles, the Kremlin and even Versailles. Long's favorite part of each show is the opening week when he finally gets to step back and enjoy the fruits of his labor. "During the shows I turn it over almost entirely to the students," Long said. "The best part is when the actors get it, and their entire world comes together. Actors may rehearse and do their homework but they often don't get it until they are under the lights, in their costumes and the set is there," Long said. According to Long, his job is also a learning process which will only grow as the department moves to the new Tower Theatre, which is currently in the final stages of construction with plans to open in the fall.

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Meet Your Candidates

Hunsdon "H" Cary III
- Retired CEO of a $1.23 Billion organization
- Served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Medical Service Corps
- Boil member of Southwest Virginia Health System Planning Agency
- Enjoy's sailing and attending high school football and basketball games
- "H" resides in Lynchburg with his wife, Sue, of 31 years, together they have three grandchildren and two grandchildren.

Ted Hannon
- Over 25 years as President of family owned businesses covering 20 municipalities
- Owns and managed multimillion dollar real estate projects
- Member of the Lynchburg Planning Commission
- Rides the Lynchburg Historic District with his high school sweet heart, Jan, of 34 years, together they have two daughters.

Don Good
- Graduated Liberty University
- Over 20 years of sales, retail, construction, and business experience in the Lynchburg area
- Worked his way through college as a retail associate in the construction industry
- Rides the Lynchburg with his wife, Sylvia. Together they have three children.

Three Votes. Three Candidates.
Vote Cary, Hannon, Good on May 4th

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On The Issues:
- Stop burdensome regulations and start encouraging local businesses and organizations to grow.
- Pedestrian improvements should be made to Wards Rd to ensure the safety of students and patrons.
- Stop raising taxes and start eliminating wasteful spending. Meal tax is 11.5%.

Real Property Tax increased by 33% over the past 4 years and the city still does not have enough money.
- Stop the tax and spend policies of the current City Council.

- Strengthen Public Safety
- Improve Education
- Eliminate Wasteful Spending
Sapip Singh said that Powers' ability to use a variety of materials made her collection stand out. "I saw a lot of hand-worked details. She used a lot of different materials to make an art piece, and I thought it was very interesting," Singh said.

While Powers chose a variety of media to work with, some artists, like Amanda Atkins, focused on more traditional mediums such as charcoal and oil pastel. Her collection consisted of three black and white portraits, which combined a different style and three colorful landscapes. "The three landscapes are about hope and light. I like colors and capturing happiness," Atkins said.

Carrie Voss also used a lot of color in her works, which consisted of not only paintings but photographs as well. "I'm a photographer and a painter and a graphic design student," so I wanted to show that I'm versatile and can do more than just one thing," Voss said.

Fowler, who is a double major in graphic design and studio art, said it feels wonderful to be done and that despite the stress and work of preparing, the beers showing off the finished products which focus on women and are marked by vibrant colors. "I wanted to do a whole bunch of portraits of women, and what's individual about each woman," Fowler said.

Carrie Voss, a sophomore fashion major, found Fowler's paintings inspiring. "She has a lot of color, and it's very different," Voss said. "The clothing and the colors she uses are staff really like."

Similarly, Sarah Veak centered many of her portraits around significant women in her life. One interesting trademark of her paintings was her decision to paint a picture frame. Veak said she puts these two seemingly mismatched subjects together to show the tension between the natural and idealistic worlds.

"I wanted the people I've painted to be realistic and then mixed with the natural elements draw a little bit of tension," Veak said that tension in what I look for and strive for in my photos." Veak said. "The birds are framed in a picture frame. Veak said she puts these two seemingly mismatched subjects together to show the tension between the natural and idealistic worlds.

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With graduation quickly approaching, many seniors are thinking about summer plans and life after college. But for the seniors in the studio art concentration of the Visual Communication Arts (VCAR) program, April 1 marked the culmination of four years of hard work at the grand opening of the Exhibit 492 Senior Art Show.

Students filled the Liberty University Art Gallery in the Helms School of Government hallway to see the work of the five seniors in the VCAR 492 portfolio class. With refreshments in a small room next to the gallery, students, family and friends viewing the work of the artists had a real museum experience.

Senior Jaimy Jensen focused her collection on God's creation. "The reason I did the white lilies with the black background is from Song of Songs, where it says that 'the lily among the thorns is my darling among the maidens' and I thought that was really cool," Jensen said.

She described her work as simplistic and unique, saying that she did not like having to do the same thing all the time. She hopes that when people view her paintings, they take it for more than face value.

"I would like for them to think more about what's really out there as far as God and not just say 'nice painting' and move on," Jensen said.

Senior Rebekuh Powers' artwork centered on femininity, innocence and the things that define a woman.

"I did four pieces for my show of the child/innocence," Powers said. "Seeing the way that she's developed into her own person has really influenced my artwork and how I look at the world. It's about the intricate details and growing up from innocence into adulthood."

One of her pieces was a portrait of the 2-year-old child staring out with big eyes and circles all around her.

"I have all these circles emblematic of the universe. Her universe is expanding, but it's very tiny, and I think there's a delicateness to that," Powers said.

Powers used unique items such as lace, doilies and fabric to put together her collection, making it a personal goal to use materials she already owned.

"I actually literally started ripping up books to use as backgrounds," Powers said.

UTITLED PORTRAIT — Rebekuh Powers.

Egyptian Vase — Sarah Veak.

Lights, camera, catwalk

Unlike Giselle, in Enchanted, Liberty students do not need curtains to make beautiful clothing. This time around, they needed cotton. The fourth annual Fashion and Consumer Sciences (FACS) fashion show entitled Timeless: The Cotton Collection, was held Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Schilling Center.

Student designers showcased single and multi-piece collections that they created themselves. Designers were required to use 60 to 100 percent cotton fiber content in their modeled clothing designs.

"With support of Cotton Inc. and the Cotton Student Sponsorship Program, events leading up to and including the show will make our participants and show attendees more aware of the timeless benefits of durability, sustainability, versatility and wearability that cotton contributes to the fashion industry," FACS professor Matalie Howard said.

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