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IN A RINK FAR FAR AWAY – The Flames Men’s Hockey team hosted a Star Wars night, which featured Star Wars-inspired uniforms. Coverage on B4.

Hine speaks

VP responds to legislation

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As controversial legislation floats around Liberty’s Student Government Association, many debates have arisen, but Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Hine is confident in the firm foundation of Liberty University.

Recently, SGA has proposed resolutions to the Liberty Way that would allow off-campus responsible drinking, foul language in moderation and usage of tobacco products. Hine, who believes any of these changes would have a negative effect on the core of the university, said these changes will never happen.

“For me, for students to think that they can show up here and propose that some of the core of Liberty is not for them, and therefore want to change it, I say, respectfully, there is no way that is ever going to happen as far as I’m concerned,” Hine said. “Leadership at Liberty has listened to students, and where we felt like we could make this a place that was inviting and didn’t hurt the academic mission of the university or the spiritual mission of the university, we’ve made change after change after change. What I think needs to be understood is that there are some changes that, if allowed to be made, would change the core of what Liberty is about and the special place that it is.”

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‘Commander’ of the cinema

Cinematic Arts Department takes on new feature project

The Liberty Champion Staff

It was officially announced Jan. 26 that the Liberty University Cinematic Arts department would be working on a feature film getting national theatrical release.

“Commander” comes after the program’s first feature film “Extraordinary,” and a series of short films. Commander is an ad-

aptation of the book “The Trump Prophecies.”

The film, which is slated to be released in October, is the true story of an ex-firefighter named Mark Taylor who in 2011, while recovering from PTSD, had a vision that Donald Trump would be President.

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LEADERSHIP IN FILM – Executive Director of the Cinematic Arts Department, Stephan Schultze (right), said he is excited for the production of the film.

Recycling for the future

Liberty University facilities management starts initiative to reduce waste by 2020

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Liberty University’s Facilities Management Division has started an initiative to increase recycling

on campus in order to bring the university from a 25 percent recycling rate to 40 percent rate by 2020.

Senior Vice President of Campus Facilities & Transportation

Charles Spence said while the university has recycled demolition materials from construction projects, cardboard and sorted materials since 2004, Facilities Management is currently researching ways to promote recycling across Liberty’s dorms, offices and dining areas.

“We’ve been working on it every chance we get for last couple of years (and) looking at ways to increase our recycling efforts,” Spence said.

Currently, Liberty’s 25 percent recycling rate is lower than the rate of universities like Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia. According to the Virginia Tech Facilities Department’s 2016-17 Office of Sustainability Annual Report, the university had a 38 percent recycling rate in 2016. The University of Vir-

ginias Office for Sustainability’s website reported that the school recycled 54 percent of their total waste in 2014.

As Liberty continues to construct new buildings, the Facilities Management Division has added recycling bins to areas such as The Residential Commons, the Montview Student Union and office spaces across campus.

Tracey Norvelle, the director of grounds for Facilities Management, said for now the division is focused on adding recycling bins to future buildings like the School of Business. Currently, the division has no plans to add bins to established areas on campus like Green Hall and East Campus.

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NO WASTE – Facilities Management seeks to improve Liberty’s 25 percent recycling rate.

WHAT'S NEWS @ LIBERTY

Conservative political commentator **Ben Shapiro is slated to speak** on the importance and defense of firm and educated beliefs in Convocation April 25.

Liberty University’s football team welcomed **eight new recruits in its inaugural FBS signing** class Feb. 7, boosting the total number to 27 recruits.

Student Activities announced that the theme for this semester’s Coffeehouse April 14 is **“The Motion Picture.”** Coffeehouse tryouts will be held March 12-15.

ABC’s “20/20” featured the director of **Liberty’s forensic science program** and DNA expert, Dr. J. Thomas McClintock, Feb. 9 for his work on a 1985 Bedford, Virginia murder.

The Rawlings School of Divinity received a housewarming party at the **Freedom Tower’s grand opening** Feb. 5, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and speakers.

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The Liberty Law School is offering assistance with filing taxes through the VITA program. **A2**

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Corporate health care options could compete with rising costs of current choices. **A4**

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Liberty Flames football signed eight new recruits on National Signing Day Feb. 7. **B1**

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The Thomas Jefferson Poplar Forrest can be a great getaway for stressed students. **B6**

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