Michelle Han waits in line.

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President Ronald Reagan, is well-known based on a bestselling book by the president's life.

Obama's Rage,

"2016."

"Obama's early life."

"D'Souza's anti-Obama film, "Obama's Rage," went to see him once."

"He decided to follow the footsteps of his late father, a Kenyan academic who was largely absent from the president's life."

"The film was featured at Lynchburg's Royal River Ridge Stadium 14, which opened in 2016."

"Leaving to America On a boat, he's taking the role of a writer because he is a writer of young people."

"I thought it was a really good growing up in a missionary family and having found what she can offer for Liberty's Inter­national Students from over 90 countries outside the United States are currently attending Liberty and had the opportunity to attend the welcome back event."

"This center is about expressing the name of Jesus Christ. We will annually bring glory to the creator of the world in the field of cinematic arts,"

"I have tension between the Americanism and his African background."

"D'Souza argues such theories have been reflected in decisions such as not taking a successful "agreement" against Iran's nuclear ambitions and letting Argentina reclaim the Falkland Islands from the British."

"The slogan of the film, "Live, love, hate him, you don't know him,"

"President Reagan said that having the opportunity to hear the stories of the international students was amazing."

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School of Business advances programs

One of the fastest growing schools, the School of Business currently enrolls 20,000 students

Tracie Heenee
Assistant News Editor

The School of Business has undergone many changes this semester in an effort to encourage what it offers to students interested in the business world. According to Scott Hicks, Dean of the School of Business, they are approaching 20,000 registered students, per year, individually and online. The business school comprises approximately 28 percent of the students enrolled at Liberty University.

"We're one of the fastest growing schools on campus," Hicks said.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, the School of Business held a meet and greet at Williams Stadium. Several student groups, professors and interested parties attended the event to welcome back and introduce new students to the new and improved School of Business.

One of the newest additions to the School of Business is the financial planning concentration. "This new concentration has been in the making for two years and is now part of the degree completion plan," Kent Campbell, a professor of finance, said. "We're very excited to see where it will go. It has the potential to grow exponentially.

The financial planning concentration helps students become "Certified Financial Planners," or CFP. Undergraduates will continue their business and accounting classes in order to become eligible to take the 10-hour, two-day CFP exam.

According to the Liberty University website, last summer businesswoman Pamela Geren, a professional who has held executive positions in globally recognized organizations such as Hewlett Packard and the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, provided over the Backpack to Business event. Her presentation helped students better understand the gap between exiting college and entering the workforce.

The School of Business has recently highlighted its "ambassador program," which includes six separate student groups. Students who are a part of the program said that they have three main factors they want to achieve. "The big concentration, student outreach, involves bringing business out to non-members through contacts such as job fairs and finance classes," Hicks said. "This helps provide public interaction and direct attention to business-related topics.

The second focus on professional development, which helps students acquire jobs after graduating from college and allows them the unique opportunity to have professional mentors guide them in their future careers.

The final concentration of the ambassador program is community outreach. "Business majors try to use their skills to help better their local communities and to motivate the popular," Hicks said.

"The new center for entrepreneurship is on the leading edge of business education," Hicks said. According to Liberty University's website, the center is an "initiative focused on developing students to gain a mindset in leadership and innovation through entrepreneurial endeavors on behalf of for-profit and non-profit organizations."

The new Center comprises three phases. According to Hicks, the first experimental phase was a "pilot program" that began last semester. The next two phases will begin in the upcoming semester, according to instructors for undergraduates in business and other majors. These phases will be available to both residential and online students in fall 2013. The third phase, with a pilot starting in spring 2014, will expand services beyond residential programs to the online programs.

For more information about the School of Business, visit Liberty.edu/academics/business. HEARNE is a news reporter.

INTERNATIONAL continued from Al

"But now [that] I have moved off campus, it's harder for me to say it now and to be like the 'I used to.'"

The International Students Services have been supportive of non-American students attending Liberty, according to Stephanie Bissair, a native from Tunisia. Bissair has had many events to help bring the students together and provide them with pieces of their homeland.

"I have enjoyed my Liberty experience from day one," Bissair said. "I have had people that have been here for me and that have helped me in every time of need.

Being immersed with the international students and getting involved is something that Bissair wants to continue to do. "I know a lot of people who have a common feeling about going out and meeting people," she said. "Getting involved can look scary and intimidating, but it has done nothing but help me and take me on a fun edge career so much more.

The next international event will be a Backyard Bowl, according to the International Student Center's website. Those who are interested should visit the International Student Center in DeMoss 11057 for more information.

CASSIDY is the editor-in-chief. TRIVETT is a feature reporter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Champion encourages community members to submit letters to the editor on any subject. Letters should not exceed 400 words and must be typed and signed. The deadline is 3 p.m. Friday unless and columns that appear on the opinion of the editor alone, not the Champion staff's views is always timely.

All material submitted becomes property of the Champion. The Champion reserves the right to reject any editorial or letter that it views as inappropriate. The Champion reserves the right to make any changes to a letter's grammar, spelling, punctuation, or content. Submissions do not guarantee publication. Letters that do not include a phone number and address will not be published. Letters are subject to publication online and in print at the Editor's discretion.
News Briefs
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Isaac Scoots Gulf Coast
Hurricane Isaac made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane in Louisiana Tuesday, Aug. 28. It flew northward through the state, dropped several inches of rain and caused flooding. Isaac could have also caused more than $500 million in damages to offshore energy production, according to CNN. Isaac continued to work its way up the Mississippi River, bringing heavy rain and the threat of flash floods. It was downgraded to a tropical depression at this writing, but the National Hurricane Center stopped issuing updates on the storm.

According to CNN, more than 4 million people were left without power following the storm, while some 120 residents had to be rescued from flooded homes and rooftops in coastal Plaquemines Parish. CNN reported that the storm could have also caused more than $500 million in damages to offshore energy production.

The Move Is Now in Town, Not Los Angeles or Arkansas

The documentary film from The Gatehouse is now among the 10 states in the country.

Miscellaneous

Mr. President, how do you use your powers?

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Swing state scraper
Virginia is one of the keys to the upcoming presidential election

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - With the presidential election quickly approaching, PolitiFact.com states that Virginia has become one of the most critical states for the candidates to visit in an attempt to garner enough votes to win the state's 13 electoral votes.

According to The Washington Post, President Barack Obama had nine events in the state last month, more than any other state. The Obama campaign will be in Newport News today.

Before the presidential election of 2008, Virginia had spent roughly 40 years as a politically Republican state. According to The New Republic, Virginia is now known as the "people's state."

A new poll by the Virginia Citizens Foundation found that Virginia citizens believe that Barack Obama is the candidate most likely to be a bulwark against the Republican Party. Virginia is one of the keys to the upcoming presidential election.
TRUMP IN CONVOSATION

By doing so, you might remain unappreciated by some foreign philosophers. Liberty always has many misunderstandings for Trump to speak in conversation, but the most important reason is probably due to his profound business experience. Arguments against Trump speaking at Liberty disrupted the purpose of the university and assume an unenviable standard of moral perfection in human beings. It does not take a perfect man to teach, but one who knows what he is talking about.

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Admittedly, Trump has never had a hot scout image. He is occasionally given a few options to fly on his hit show “The Apprentice.” Radio publicity with the likes of Don O’Donnell, Arizona Hittigton, Rubin, Hansen, Rubin and others have also contributed to shaping Trump’s reputation in the eyes of others. However, the news outlets, which choose to air “major controversy,” seem to be off the rails. “Actually, I have not received a single complaint about Trump.”

Past controversial speakers at Liberty University

Many big name speakers that made history at Liberty cause the debate in the past.

Donald Trump invited to speak

Real estate mogul and reality television star’s upcoming appearance in conversation has students talking

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BABA budget hurt us all

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Once forty years ago, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, eared a permanent mark in the history books when he tossed the American flag onto Apollo 11’s lunar module and created an indelible footprint on the moon. An estimated 600 million people were watching the historic landing via television and many of them were children with their parents, absorbing the events of that fateful night on July 20, 1969. Unfortunately, a large majority of these viewers were inspired from that moment on to become a scientist, an astronaut or the next great explorer.

In a 2004 National Geographic article on the matter, renowned astronaut Jeffrey Bemint talked about how the event changed the way we look at the moon. "Many, many ways to show people the great possibilities the future," he argued. "I don’t think that the ability of the moon is the more potential that we ever saw another possible source of inspiration, Bennett.

And now, we have reached another important milestone. A new generation never landed on Mars, but it is out there in the millions, even in millions.

At last, the rover has started roaming images of the surface of our red planet. A remarkable set that is obviously out of this world. We are witnessing moments that were never witnessed by millions of people.

Many child-reared people now realize a different place around the world. Moreover, it is not the biggest problem we face. And the best cut cuts from the current administration threaten to limit the program’s future, and the consequences could cost them — and us — a lot. According to President Obama’s 2013 budget proposal, NASA’s budget would decrease from the $18.6 billion it was allotted in 2011 to $17.5 billion in 2013. And though numbers of the same size seem to make very little difference to the casual bystander, a cut of that magnitude holds drastic effects. The perspective: consider, according to the same budget proposal, the Air Force alone is allotted nearly $170 billion.

“Budget cuts are having an unfortunate impact on these contracting companies, and many contractors are losing their jobs. If the budget cuts continue, a lot of bright people may lose their jobs,” NASA employee Andrew Davis, who works with the launch control systems at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, said in an interview.

Davis pointed out that NASA hires contractors such as Boeing and the United States Alliance to work along­ side these employees. These contractors are critical for a pre-emptive strike. Israel is not the biggest hit the U.S. suffers from, but it is unlikel y that the SNC (Science and Technology) is concerned about Iran, which does not have direct support from the USA for a pre-emptive strike. It is doubtful that they will carry out an attack on the Syrian military, which could have an immediate effect on the syrian nuclear program. Any attack such as result in retaliation from Iran. In the Virginia Post, May 22, 2011, Israeli Security Service director Yuval Diskin said that the worst scenario is possible. Iran’s rocket launches could be seen as a successful strike on a military target. The specified target is not one that would be able to disrupt the project.”

The Economist, a successful strike on Israel’s nuclear facility, would happen in a variety of ways. How will it happen? It is very difficult to figure out how this target could be impacted on the one hand, and is not able to disrupt the project. In a mountainous complex surrounded by anti-missile batteries, which place at the top of the scientific community among youths is failing for NASA, but they are being hit hard.

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Drastic weather patterns cause grief

A Midwest drought has led to food shortages, with a Midwest drought causing food shortages.

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Blood Shortage

In the wake of a summer storm that left many residents of southern Virginia without power for up to a week, the American Red Cross has declared a state of emergency regarding the current supply of blood.

University President Ty Bell said, "Due to the summer storm, the Red Cross is working with our local colleges and universities. He expressed his pleasure with the results that the storm has brought.

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"Though an emergency appeal for don-

ors is still ongoing, I encourage all residents to contribute," said Linda Johnson, Red Cross account representative.

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Textbooks: Buy or rent?

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Buying textbooks is a huge expense for many students. According to the College Board, textbooks cost anywhere from $250 to $1,500 per year at a four-year college, depending on the field of study. Depending on the length of the semester, this can add up to several thousand dollars over the course of your education. For a typical student, this means that one book may cost more than a month's rent, with the average used book costing $60, compared to $200 for a new book. The average student buys or rents two textbooks per semester, which means that over the course of a four-year undergraduate degree, he or she may spend almost $6,000 on textbooks.

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The decision to buy or rent textbooks is personal and influences a variety of factors, including the student's comfort level with the option, the cost of the books, and how much time it will take to learn the material.
**The Voice of the Flames’**

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"It gets to my core, what I do, and how much I enjoy play-by-play announc­ing," says York, the Flames broadcast director. Entering his third season as the play­by-play radio broadcaster for Liberty Athletics, York has become known to many as "The Voice of the Flames." He leads the broadcast and serves as a director of the Flames Sports Network. Liberty Flames official television and radio network. York kick­ed off the regular foot­ball season Saturday, Sept. 1. When the Flames headed to his home state of North Carolina to face Wake Forest.

York has helped grow both the Flames Sports Network and support for Liberty Flames Athletics, as his broadcast program thrived under the direction of Jeff Barber, Liberty’s athletic director.

"I have great appreciation for Allen," Barber said. "He’s the year-round voice, but he has a tremendous pas­sion for Liberty University, a passion for Liberty Athletics, for Flames Sports Network, the radio program.

"He is a proactive thinker. He’s always thinking of ways to be better," Barber said.

York’s thinking and innovative ways can be seen through different tech­niques implemented at football games. This adds value to the Flames Sports Network radio broadcasts—a more authentic feel and game experience, one where you can hear the quarterback make calls and the "shush" of the crowd.

One of the goals I had coming in was to bring as much of the game between the lines to our fans tuning in," York said. "One thing we’ve kind of lashed onto.

From video"•sometimes used to pick up"opposing"•side during the coin toss, or "microphones placed on the goal post"•to have players talking into the end zone. York said the broadcast team had started to enhance this experience.

"I’m just one person," York said. "We have a great athletic department. Jeff Barber is phenomenal. Our radio crew is made up of Liberty students. We try to bring out a professional feel, but the key is to be an excellent shot at a student," York said. "If you can hear the"•flies away the middle of the field. I think that there’s a"•thing we’re doing is more authentic feel and game experience, one

Especially with the Flames Sports Network. Liberty has become known for the quality of athletics, but number one from a Christian standpoint," York said. "Being Christian, it’s great being around other Christians.

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The first week of college football is in the books. Losing in their season opener to Wake Forest, the Liberty Flames look to win their first home game against the Norfolk State Spartans.

Losing to a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent by only three points, the Flames have given to take away from their game against Wake Forest.

**Quarterback Focus**

Head coach Turner Gill waited until both of his quarterbacks had two series in the Wake Forest game to name his starting quarterback. Redshirt junior Brian Hudson was named quarterback on Monday, the ball movement down the field throughout the onset of the game, leading the Flames to three scoring drives. Hudson finished the game by throwing 22-37 for 266 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. With his performance, Hudson predicted he would start the season against Norfolk State.

Redshirt freshman Josh Woodrum was also in the mix to win the starting quarterback position. Toward the end of the first quarter with poor field position, Woodrum was unable to move the ball down the field and only completed one pass during his three drives at the helm.

**Spartans march into town**

Coming off of the first shutout victory in over a decade defeating the Virginia State Trojans 24-16, the defending MAC-champions will travel to Lynchburg bringing a pointed and ground attack. The Spartans attack gashed the Trojans for 225 yards. Brandon Reddick led the way, only carrying the ball six times and gained 87 yards with a touchdown.

The Spartans also brought an experienced receiving corps led by Xavier Boyce. Last season, Boyce broke the Spartans single season record with 71 receptions.

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scoring on a 3-yard drive to claim a 147th-quarter lead. Staunton Holloway (18-19) completed the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, which tied the game. The Flames posted nine points in the second half to tie the game, 21-21.

The Flames started the third quarter with a 14-yard field goal, cutting the lead to 21-24. The Flames led 21-24 at halftime.

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1. Team Captain Kevin Fogg evades an oncoming Wake Forest tackler.

2. Head Coach Turner Gill communicates over his headset during the 4th quarter.

3. Freshman running back D.J. Abnar attempts his first collegiate carry as a Flame. It went for six yards.

4. Cheerleaders join in with Flames fans during the first football game of the season.

5. Dorm 76 cheers for the Liberty Flames despite rain during the first quarter.


Photos by Ruth Bibby
Local organization mentors children

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James Bourdon is one man who wants to make a difference in his community, and he is using his passion and creativity to do it.

Bourdon, the founder and operator of Urban Mountain Adventures (UMA) has created the opportunity to help mentor inner-city kids through the experience of the great outdoors.

Although volunteer-based, the dedicated staff at UMA all share the same goal: to care for the youth of the community in a way that is fun and exciting for kids and to make part in the great commission of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"It's about Him [God], not us," Bourdon said.

Bourdon also emphasized the community's need for youth-focused mentors and what it means to these kids to have someone to look up to.

"We see the gifts we have and the passions we have to reach out to the kids," Bourdon said. "The outdoors give you easy opportunities to share Christ."

Founded in 2000 and based in Downey, California, UMA has made great strides in community outreach and is one of the many ways the Liberty students can get involved in the local community.

Doing anything from rafting and kayaking to hiking and repelling, these kids have a chance exploring the physical and spiritual benefits of being outside.

Alongside Bourdon is Chris Mabes, a Liberty University student and dedicated volunteer for UMA, who has spent the last 10 months working with the youth.

Bourdon and Mabes both enjoy sharing what goes into this ministry and how it has shaped not only these kids' lives, but their's as well.

"Patience and grace are probably the two greatest lessons I've learned," Bourdon said.

Bourdon especially emphasized that this ministry is focused on building long-term relationships with the youth instead of only being involved for a short time.

These willing to volunteer should dedicate more than just one night a week because UMA attempts to take an active part in these kids' lives.

"It's a really humbling thing, and I've learned to deal with certain things in a lot better manner along with being more patient," Mabes said.

Although the organization does strive to share the gospel with the kids they mentor, Mabes and Bourdon have realized that they don't have to do all the work themselves.

"You don't need to throw the gospel at them to reach them," Mabes said.

"We're available and available and we do our part," Bourdon said. "God is doing his part."

For more information, visit urbanmountainadventures.org, call 381-400-2604 or visit their Facebook page.

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Furniture studio finds success

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Nestled in a small Jefferson Street suite in Downtown Lynchburg, Studio Eleven is a furniture store filled to the brim with unique furniture pieces and accessories, proving that one man’s trash can become another man’s treasure.

"Studio Eleven is the midpoint between a thrift store and a high-end furniture store," owner Elisa Allen said.

In fact, most of the furniture found at Studio Eleven was at one time headed to the trash. Some pieces are in need of a little attention, while others just simply need to be cleaned off. Restoring them is the work of the time needed to make a piece presentable, the results are all the same vintage resale furniture at an affordable price.

The name "Studio Eleven" comes from Hebrews 1:1, a Bible verse that defines what the word faith means to Christians, and the owners have certainly fed up to the name.

"Getting the doors open was a real big leap of faith for us," said Allen. "We realized Precious Keys have taken that leap even further by committing to give 50 percent of all their profits to either the Liberty Gospel Home or Dub Bread, both local nonprofit organizations. It is the consumer who decides which organization the profits will go to, so Studio Eleven, giving back to the community was the obvious choice," "It began out of love," Allen said.

In six short months, business has taken off. Allen and Precious Keys started the store in March 2012 and already have numerous plans for expansion.

"We grew from a $1,000 to $2,500 business to $10,000 a month in June," Allen said.

Eleven furniture apart is the topic of paint used on many of the pieces. Chalk paint, not to be confused with chalkboard paint, can be used to create numerous looks, depending on what technique is used. Named for its chalky feel when applied to a surface, it is a user-friendly paint that saves time by eliminating much of the preparation process, such as sanding and priming. Studio Eleven also serves as a vendor for Annie Sloan’s Chalk Paint, the brand they use on their own projects.

"We are excited to offer this option," Allen said.

"These are some new additions to the street festival this year," Bonham said. "Get Downtown features restaurants and vendors in Downtown Lynchburg that will host for music happening at 3 p.m. Visit Dish, Boll Beagle, Robin Alexander, White Hart and Speakeasy to take part in the events."

"Our downtown has so much to offer, whether it is biking or walking along the James River or the beautiful Black Water Creek Trail," McCullar said. "It is absolutely stunning and relaxing. There are many local music shows and venues where people can get together and support local musicians as well as have a great time with friends."

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GOOD AS NEW — Studio Eleven owners Elisa Allen and Bel Precious-Keys put their style and their faith on display while repurposing vintage furniture at affordable prices.

Lynchburg prepares to ‘Get!Downtown’

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Downtown Lynchburg is celebrating its fourth annual Get!Downtown Festival, an opportunity for college students to come gather and find out what downtown has to offer.

The free event starts Friday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Main Street in Downtown Lynchburg. Main Streets will be closed to all traffic, college students and area residents will be able to view the variety of vendors, restaurants and vendors that line the street. People will be able to watch the performances by local musicians, dancers and street performers.

"We estimate 10,000 to 15,000 people attend each year," said Susan Bonham, co-director of Get!Downtown. "Five Gorgeous Grapevine Transit systems will be available for college campuses throughout the evening. Get!Downtown is a great opportunity to explore Downtown Lynchburg and meet students from all six local colleges. Buses will run to college campuses from downtown until 11 p.m."

The festival attempts to provide an exciting opportunity for students to meet from other local colleges while seeing everything that Downtown Lynchburg offers to the community. Take advantage of the various street vendors from downtown stores and restaurants, participate in some friendly competitions and games or just walk around with your friends and enjoy the festivities.

"This event is an incredible way to get the community together and build relationships while also learning about local businesses and organizations that people can support," Liberty student Charles McCullar said. "I love the community as the strongest attribute of Downtown Lynchburg. A majority of the people that live here know each other and we each other duties. The community markets on Saturday days also brings people together to support the local economy as well as build relationships. I have attended the Get!Downtown festival.

LOCKED away in the back of the store is a large workspace that serves multiple purposes, but perhaps its primary purpose is to function as a classroom. With approximately three classes a month, consumers are given the chance to learn about remaking their own furniture.

"We take what's on HGTV and make it real," Allen said.

The classes also teach 12 different techniques for using Chalk Paint. Robin Turner, who occasionally helps at the store, pointed out that Studio Eleven is "more than just furniture. It's home improvement."

For those interested in home improvements or just having a look around, Studio Eleven is located at 301 Jefferson Street in Downtown Lynchburg.
IN STEP — The Liberty University Marching Band will be revealed for all its preparation Saturday night during the Flames home opener football game.

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From concessions to cleaning, it takes a substantial amount of planning to put on a Liberty Flames football game, but few things require more planning and practice than a Liberty University Marching Band halftime show.

Weeks before thoughts of tailgating and red T-shirts enter the minds of Flames fans, the Spirit of the Mountains has begun work to make every aspect of their show perfect. It’s Saturday, and the marching band comes out playing a variety of songs, all synchronized perfectly. The crowd is amazed at how good it looks.

The flawless performance and marching of the crew makes all the practices and hot days in the sun well worth it.

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According to Kurr, the band council meets with around 10 ideas for show themes, and after selecting four in advance, the theme that fans will experience during games is chosen. Liberty University junior and marching band member Emily Chastain thinks that audiences will be especially interested in this year’s creation.

“I think the show this year can be classified as a pleasant surprise,” Chastain said. “A lot of people will hear the title and get an expectation, but the music will be the opposite of what they think. We have a lot of great missions that get me chills when they play. I think people should be looking out for a more simple beginning, but a really big finish.”

Even though the themes may change from year to year, Liberty University junior and band member Brandon Osgood always looks forward to the part of the performance that never changes.

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Spotlight on God — Clayton King spoke, and the Campus Praise Band performed, as students focused on God during Liberty’s annual Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Spiritual Emphasis Week inspires students

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Spiritual Emphasis Week at Liberty is a time when many students focus on God and make decisions that will impact the rest of their life.

“I have the best seat out of the house,” Justin Hinton, worship pastor at Liberty University said. “I can look at the top choir and see hands lifted up. To see everyone really engaged.”

Clayton King was this year’s main speaker. He leads the band reaching from the stage into the student body, where the students were received by many open hearts. A frequent transfer, King was ex- cited to walk the halls of Liberty once again.

“This is my favorite place in the world to preach. Every time I leave, I start looking forward to the next time I preach,” King said. This year, King covered many topics. He taught that God’s followers are loved, saved, secure and rest. They are more than conquerors with the love of Christ. The one challenge, however, was finding one’s identity in God and His abounding love.

“If the stuttering can find their identity and their security in the love of God, it would change the rest of their lives,” King said. With these lessons, the students at Liberty can adequately prepare to bring others to Christ through the firm foundation of God in their lives.

“Love starts where you are. My mission field is whoever I am,” King said in one of his sermons.

He declared that students do not need to travel overseas to minister. The mission field is everywhere God allows you to be.

“If people don’t know that the gospel makes us love them, they will not believe the gospel has anything to offer them,” King said.

The heartbeat of Liberty is fostered by a love for Christ.

“Liberty puts an emphasis on love because there are so many people you can go to,” Liberty student Tyler Hany said. When learning to be disciples, Liberty students do not need to look far. Liberty is blessed to be led by Christ-centered prayer leaders, pastors, worship leaders and professors.

“I like knowing that I always have security in the love of Christ and [that] He is always there for me,” Liberty sophomore Sherry Matthews said.

Evangelism professor Daniel Wheeler was thrilled to see God working in the lives of students.

“There is more of an openness to share in my classes,” Wheeler said. He got the chance to fellowship with several students who were

Preaching Truth: King said or made the choice to redeem their hearts for Christ after the message presented by King.

“The purpose of Spiritual Emphasis Week is surrendering to God, realizing you can’t do it on your own,” Wheeler said.

Through humor and the occasional pavement anthems, King opened his heart to the students.

“The power lies in the spirit of

Children’s museum receives grant

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Few organizations will ever need to decide what they should do with $132,000. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Liberty University’s Office of Public Relations, the opportunity to make that decision, making them one of only three Virginia museums to receive an NEH grant this year. Dedicated to attractively educating and entertaining children, Amusement Square will use the $132,994 grant to further their "Balanced, Healthy Mind and Body" initiative. They plan to tear out the third floor of their 4-floor, Downtown Lynchburg museum in order to create a health-focused educational exhibit.

“We’re working on having a positive spin on making healthy choices, and the whole idea is about balance,” Amusement Square Director of Marketing Ashleigh Karel said. “It’s just about making the right choices and having a balanced, healthy lifestyle.”

The exhibit will be 2,700 square feet and will open in 2014 after the health-based exhibit closes in the summer of 2013. The exhibit will handle a health-based, but the new exhibit will provide a new focus on the subject.

“The exhibit focuses on three components: nutrition, exercise and making sure you take care of your body,” Karel said. “It will really show how to make healthy choices and have balance in their life.”

IMLS awarded 132 grants this year, including six museum grants within the state of Vir- ginia, which totaled just under $500,000.

According to Karel, the new exhibit at Amusement Square is based on what they could do with the money. However, this type of grant mandates that the organization match the amount of money they are given. That means Amusement Square has the task of raising another $132,000 on their own.

“We depend widely on corporate and individual donations. They are what will help us meet the one-to-one requirement,” Karel said. "Donors are extremely important, and we’re very fortunate to live in a community that gives wholeheartedly."

According to Karel, the grant helps Amusement Square ac-

A new, $25,000 grant toward the project.

LEASURE is the feature reporter.

FUN AND FIT — Lynchburg’s Amusement Square has educated and entertained children since 2001.

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