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Interactive stream

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The Internet has opened doors to a new world, and Ashley Addington is one of thousands of people that face-to-face with someone thousands of miles away as if they are sitting across the table. Social media platforms available on smartphones make connections instantaneous.

A new door will be opened for the online students of Liberty University with the launching of a new website, dubbed "Online Community." At http://liberty-universitychurchonline.org/ on Sept. 17.

This website will provide interaction among the students as they participate and attend services, Campus Pastor Johnnie Moore said. "You not only get to view what's happening on campus, but you participate with what's happening off campus."

According to Moore, Liberty University has wanted to replicate the community experience provided to those on campus to the online side of the university.

"We've been thinking about it for a number of years, trying different things, starting different programs," Moore said.

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Babcock injured in crash

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A Liberty University professor is in critical condition after he was involved in a motorcycle crash Friday.

John Babcock, an adjunct professor in the College of General Studies, was traveling on his motorcycle around 8 a.m. when he was hit by a Chevrolet sedan.

According to a News and Advance press release, after crashing into Babcock's motorcycle, the sedan slid into a Lynchburg City school bus that was carrying six children. According to police, no one in the bus was injured.

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"His prior experience includes founding an osteopathic school of medicine in Oklahoma and serving in a leadership role with the body that accredits schools of osteopathic medicine. His qualifications make him uniquely suited to enroll our first class of students in our Pre-Medical and Pre-Osteopathic Medicine programs," Babcock said.

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INSIDE THE CHAMPION

The Flames played their home opener against the Norfolk State Spartans in front of a pumped up crowd of 15,826. It was the eighth largest crowd in Flames football history.

NEWS CONSTRUCTION — This is the proposed architectural drawing for the Liberty University Center for Medical and Health Sciences building.
**Dunkin’ Donuts to replace Keyhole**

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Dunkin’ Donuts will be joining the growing list of dining options on Liberty’s campus when it replaces the Keyhole Convenience Store later this semester.

A specific date for the addition of the popular doughnut shop has not been released, but the university did assure that it is coming this semester. According to Liberty Dining Director Larry Maddox, the construction of the new building involved providing students with easier access to attain more convenience items, lowering student interest in the options offered by the Keyhole.

This will be the first Dunkin Donuts location on Liberty’s campus, according to retail manager Kelly Wilson, who will manage the location. Wilson assures that the venue will be “up to the Dunkin Donuts standard” and will offer the full variety of menu items such as hot or cold beverages, breakfast sandwiches and fried chicken.

The Dunkin Donuts will give students an alternative dining option, providing greater convenience to students living on South Campus. According to Maddox, Liberty Dining takes the preference of the student body seriously, responding to demands for Dunkin Donuts by taking action and providing care.

“We want to create a space that’s not only a food venue, but provides students with an opportunity for fellowship and to network,” Maddox said.

Maddox hopes that Liberty Dining can enhance the student dining experience with the addition of the Dunkin Donuts. According to Liberty Dining, South’s mission is to create “exceptional student experiences.” Maddox said that they plan to offer on that goal through work.

**Tylend honors LU nursing student**

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For 23 consecutive years, the makers of Tylend have awarded over $8 million in scholarships to students studying health-care fields. This year, Tylend awarded 60 well- deserving nursing students scholarships worth $3,000.

Liberty University nursing student Katelyn Hamon was among those recognized for her outstanding academic success. Hamon returned to the nation-wide contest in the spring of 2012 and, at the end of August, she found her name in one of the 60 covered spaces. Among 5,000 eligible to cover the contest: medical, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary and nursing students.

“We are proud to support these dedicated students in fulfilling their career for others,” Tylend pointed out on their website.

According to Hamon, she wanted to be a nurse since she was nine years old—a desire that sparked when her baby brother was born. The father encouraged her to want to be a nurse and care for mothers and infants.

“Many of those people for whom I have cared have been at the end of their life or have dealt with cancer,” Hamon said.

The last couple of years have been full of opportunities for Hamon to put into practice the lessons she has learned over the years. This past summer, Hamon spent time at Mayo Clinic where she worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. This past summer, Hamon spent time at Duke University Hospital as a nurse intern. She worked in the neonatal intensive care unit, where she was able to practice her skills as a nurse.

It has been a true dream for Hamon. She balances classes, clinics, tutoring and juggling board exams, but not to mention her social life throughout the week.

“I had a lot of time during the summer and this past summer, I had the time to do that.”

According to Hamon, all the time spent on the program is worth it, and she cannot imagine doing anything else.

The funds from this scholarship will be helpful for the next four years and, just as importantly, the professional recognition from a name like Tylend will help her ease a job once she is out of college.

“I would like to get a job in a teaching hospital in maternal child critical care and pursue the vision the Lord has on my heart,” Hamon said.

**Schools of Nursing**

“Tylend is a news reporter.”

**Student Corrections**

In an article from the Sept. 4 issue titled “New CEST courses being offered,” the reporter should have noted in the story that the correct name for that facility is Farmington Commons.

In the Sept. 4 issue, the article titled “Children’s museum receives grant.” The correct name should be “The Greens Foundation.”

Also, the political graph on AM from the Sept. 4 issue was incorrect. The graph below is the current version.
I won't pretend the path I'm offering is quick or easy. Many of you didn't elect me to tell you what you wanted to hear.

You elected me to tell you the truth...

And the truth is, it will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over decades.

For my peers in Detroit and Toledo who feared they were on the brink of another American car. And today, they can't build them fast enough, because we reignited a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world...

And now you have a choice. We can gut education, or we can continue to build the United States of America. No child should have her dreams deferred because of a crowded classroom or a crumbling school. No family should have to ask a college acceptance letter because they don't have the money. No company should have to look for workers overseas because they couldn't find any with the right skills here at home. That's not our future. That is not our future.

I promised to refuse on the terns that we actually attacked on 9/11. And we have. We’ve blunted the Taliban’s momentum in Afghanistan, and in 2014, our longest war will be over.

A new tower rises above the New York skyline, al-Qaeda is on the path to defeat and Osama Bin Laden is dead.

America, I never said this journey would be easy, and it won’t lead to that perfect place. Yes, our road is longer, but we are traveling together. We don’t walk back. We leave no one behind. We inspire each other toward strength from our victories, and we learn from our mistakes, but we keep the faith, because at the end of the horizon, knowing that Prosperity is within us, and that is surely blessed to be citizens of the greatest nation on Earth.

To watch the entire speech, visit demconvention.com/photos/.

A transcribed version is available at libertychampion.com.

**FYI**

Rainy weather moved Obama's speech from the 74,000-seat Bank of America Stadium to the 20,000-seat Time Warner Arena.

Kerry Washington said Republicans are trying to take away women's rights.

Other keynote speakers included: Bill Clinton, Nancy Kerr, Harry Reid. A transcript is available at demconvention.com/photos/.

President Barack Obama addresses DNC attendees

President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney have accepted the nomination for the 2012 presidential election at the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention, respectively.

The following are excerpts from each presidential nominee’s acceptance speech.

**FYI**

Hurricane Isaac caused nearly at first night events for the DNC to be canceled.

Clint Eastwood’s address at the RNC included an “empty chair” where President Obama was supposedly sitting.

Other keynote speakers included: Condoleezza Rice, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum.

To watch the entire speech, visit gopconvention2012.com and click on “watch live.”

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**Convention Highlights**

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Controversial adoptions is a topic of heated debate. In recent years, controversy over adoption has centered around the question of whether children should be adopted by same-sex couples or not. Some argue that adoption by same-sex couples is not in the best interest of the child, while others believe that it is important to ensure that children have a loving and supportive family. This issue has gained attention due to the high number of children in foster care waiting for adoption and the growing acceptance of same-sex families. It remains a topic of ongoing debate and discussion.
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The anniversary of a catastrophe

Memorial and museum opened at the location of the Twin Towers, encouraging reflection and contribution

Melanie Oelrich

September 11, 2012 marks the 11th anniversary of the day that New York City placed itself in one of the greatest tragedies in U.S. history. Most undergraduate students were in elementary school at the time that this catastrophe struck our nation. In fact, I can remember what it was like for me, a fourth grader, to watch the news that morning and attempt to process what was happening on our television screen. I had just broken up to get ready for school, and the moment on screen told me what was happening. I thought it was just a terrible dream. At that moment, our world and our lives changed forever.

In New York City, it was a perfect, blue-sky morning. By 9:00 a.m., the first of a series of four hijacked planes had hit the first target – the North Tower of the World Trade Center Complex in Lower Manhattan. Little did the nation know that 19 terrorist hijackers would hijack four passenger jets and slam them toward four U.S. landmarks. All fourteen minutes, two planes had hit both the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center Complex, one flew into the Pentagon, and the last plane, designed to hit the U.S. Capitol, crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA.

According to Libya’s Al-Wattan, 189 people died in the attack on that ill-fated day. A total of 2,763 civilians and 19 hijackers were also aboard the four planes.

American Airlines Flight 11, en route to Los Angeles, was carrying 11 crew members, 76 passengers and five hijackers when it was maneuvered to hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center (WTC). American Airlines Flight 175, also en route to Los Angeles, carried a crew of nine members, 35 passengers and another five hijackers when it hit the South Tower of the WTC. United Airlines Flight 77 left Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC, with six crew members, 55 passengers and five additional hijackers when it hit the Pentagon. Lastly, United Airlines Flight 93 was headed to San Francisco with seven crew members, 33 passengers and the last four hijackers when it crashed into a field in Shanksville.Luckily, passengers were successful in the take down of the aeroship aboard the plane and kept them from reaching their target – the Capital Building in Washington, DC.

Since that fateful day, monuments and memorials now stand in place of the Twin Towers. The September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City offers valuable information and resources to those wanting to contribute. “On our website this year, there will be a page specifically dedicated to how individuals can commemorate the day,” Joe Daniels, President of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, said. “There will be resources that will be provided for teachers, principals and parents to help engage the younger generation and help explain and educate about such an important part of American History. There are several ways for people to get involved, such as contributing money to make sure the preservation of the artifacts continues. I just want to encourage people to do something in recognition of September 11th.”

Along with the option of monetary contribution, visitors and bystanders are able to sponsor a cobblestone, either individually or as a gift, to help finance the memorial’s annual upkeep cost of $360 million. Sponsored cobblestones serve in the entrance to the memorial.

The 9/11 Memorial has also set up a volunteer program where community members can offer support, participate in integrity and communication skills as part of the Visitor Services staff. These staff members are responsible for maintaining a safe and meaningful experience at the memorial.

On Sept. 11, we saw firsthand how terrorists wanted to shake our freedom and our liberty. However, the Lord tells us in Leviticus 19:8 to “not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.”

Because of this, we resolved to move on, but never forget that moment.

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Taekwondo now a club sport

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The world of martial arts will take a bigger step at Liberty University as Taekwondo officially becomes a club sport. It is the 30th club sport to be added to the list of athletic options and is also one of 15 sports available to both men and women.

Five-degree black belt John Wilson has been given the position of head coach for the Taekwondo team this year. He has studied Taekwondo since he was 12 years old and has competed in hundreds of competitions, including regional, national and worldwide tournaments.

Besides his experience in the sport of Taekwondo, Wilson has been featured in Kaine Illustrated for being raised as one of the top five martial artists in the southeast region of the U.S. This is Wilson’s first time teaching at a private college.

As a collegiate sport, Taekwondo athletes compete as a team instead of individually at tournaments.

“It’s a team effort, but it’s a very competitive environment,” Wilson said.

Liberty will be competing in the Eastern College Taekwondo Conference, which consists of over 25 schools including Harvard, Yale, Penn State and MIT. Wilson said that he has no idea what to expect for Purple through Blue belts, but he knows that members are returning students and some are beginners.

“This year, as far as the team is concerned, I want to make a learning experience and at the same time build the team up,” Wilson said. “In the past years, Taekwondo has been a student-led event—just a group of students getting together on their own time, working out and doing it for fun. Now that Liberty has taken an interest in making it a club sport, I’m trying to recruit new students from within the school.”

Because Taekwondo is a sport that primarily focuses on hand and foot techniques, the competitions are more rigorous.

Senior Christian Booth has been involved with the Taekwondo club since he was a freshman. Booth said that he is looking forward to getting to know his teammates, improving his skills and competing on a collegiate level.

Another new member of the team, freshman Brian Preiss, has been practicing Taekwondo since he was 7 years old.

“It’s a club that is currently small, but I think it is going to go a long way and grow and be something big one day,” Peier said. “The fact that we get to be part of the first true group, pioneers of the club, is really exciting. I’m really excited to see what the Lord has in store for us, and that coach Wilson has in store.”

Taekwondo practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the LaHaye Ice Center. Wilson welcomes students to join the new Taekwondo team, whether they have previous experience or not. He is taking new members all year long.

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MCALPIN is the graduate assistant.
Students interested in what lies above and beyond the earth's atmosphere will be able to get a closer look this spring when Liberty launches a new observatory.

According to Vice President of Auxiliary Services (and former Observatory Center Director) Brett Raszinski, the new Observatory Center is set to open in the spring of 2013 at Liberty University's Equestrian Center. Bosma said that Liberty has been working with the board of supervisors in Lynchburg on Oct. 2. Because the observatory will be built on campus, he said that former supervisors have to have a meeting concerning the educational outcomes of the classes.

Liberty astronomer Professor Van Eaton said that the observatory has the potential to be a unique resource and could even expand their astronomy programs.

Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. described the observatory as another academic enhancement for our educational system.

Falwell also said that the observatory will be located next to the Equestrian Center but will have no effect on the services of the center since the observatory will only be in use during the night.

Canfield Tillett, the barn manager at the Equestrian Center, expressed his hope for the observatory.

As a Native American, I hope that we will introduce a greater number of Liberty students and faculty to the Equestrian Center and its location, Tillett said. This awareness could translate to increased student usage of the largely still unknown Equestrian Observatory Center.

According to Bosma, the observatory is a made up of a classroom that fits up to 20 people, a dome with a 20-inch RC Optical Systems Truss Richey-Chrétien telescope and several Celestron CPC 800 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes that will be on pediments, with the ability to roll under a roof.

Falwell and Bosma both said that the 20-inch RC Optical Systems Truss Richey-Chrétien high-quality research telescope has such fantastic light gathering power and clarity imaging that no one will ever be able to look directly at the moon because their eyes could be damaged.

Bosma also said that a camera can be attached to the telescope in order to capture still images and video will give students the ability to view certain events, such as Mercury's transit over Venus.

Bosma and Falwell are looking to academics to set standards of academic research opportunities as well as to the different structures upon the 20-inch and 8-inch telescopes.

According to Van Eaton, these telescopes will only see the 12-inch telescope that the astronomy department currently works with. The new 20-inch telescope will have about three times the light-gathering power of the 12-inch 8-inch telescope. Van Eaton explained light-gathering power as how much light telescopes can capture. The more light that is captured, the better the results will be.

"We're the 12-inch telescope, the resolution will be better, the images clearer and brighter and the images will also capture more information," Van Eaton gaged.

"The observatory will be on its way to an academic and recreational proposal."

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"Naturally, we thought that this technological innovation provided a platform upon which we could deliver more of the curriculum to the students that make the spiritual atmosphere so strong."

According to Mark B. Hinch, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, the website will also provive spiritual support through chat rooms, locat chat, and prayer support.

"Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. was very much interested in our online stations and has them more closely with Liberty and with each other," Hinch said. "He also wanted an effective means to minister to this population spiritually in a manner similar to our relation campus minstry.

He cast the vision, supported the project and the project will complete with the Vice President for Student Affairs, Todd Whitney — along with Vic Gupta, the director from our IT department — put the station on the air.

I think it was a little too much to make something like this possible with ministry to our campus. It's always a little more complex and involved, but we will do the best we can."

Hinch said that he is looking forward to connecting with online students and to hearing their stories. He said that "it is part of the technology given to the campus and the ability of students to hear each other."

"Technology gives the students the ability to talk to each other and to extend the opportunity to enjoy more of the Liberty experience."

"I'd love to see our stations filled with students talking about what God is doing,

and how they are living out the purpose and the potential of the lab with friends."

"The students will be able to share their stories of what they are learning and their spiritual experiences and how God is working in their lives," Hinch said.

"It's a chance for students to be able to reach out to their friends, but also reach out to our campus community."

"The vision is not only to provide them the opportunity to experience the unique liberty experience, but also it's also a tangible ef­

fect on their lives," Moore said.

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He holds 41 world records and over 20 world champion titles. He is a former member of the Scott Shield's coaching staff, and now he works as the strength and conditioning coach at Liberty University. He is Bill Gillespie.

A 1983 graduate of Liberty, Gillespie said that he loves it here. He loves it when he went to school to Liberty and never complained about the shoe code, which included wearing ties for men, or the food from the cafeteria. Even after Gillespie graduated and moved on to a successful career, he was always cheer­ ing Liberty and hoping they would have a great football season.

Gillespie said that he trains insanely hard, about three to five times more a week than most of his competitors, and tries to train a great work ethic in his players.

According to Gillespie, I hate the football team to learn that being a man means that you have to work. He said that the most frustrating thing is trying to make athletes see that they are capable of.

"If I feel fulfilled when I am able to help other people. I want to build them stronger and faster," Gillespie said. "You see it as a gift to give all you have, and if you're going to call yourself a man, then you better know how to work. And if you don't work, then don't call yourself a man, and that's real I try to teach those guys.

You have a responsibility to your

Commitment — Prior to joining Flames, Gillespie trained the world's best and greatest athletes is never an issue.

When you work hard and work smart, those things happen.

Competition between Gillespie and the athletes is often an issue.

Another victory for Vball

The Lady Flames volleyball team arrived in Kent, Ohio, Sept. 1 looking to extend their win streak at the Sea State Classic.

The Flames started the tournament lost, falling to Saint Francis in three sets (25-18, 25-16, 25-16). Sophomore setter and team captain Gabby Gebben led the Flames with nine kills in the match. Freshman Haley Jenco and junior KeKelle Bohio were right behind with eight kills.

"Our outside hitters and middle did a really nice job of scoring against them. We were able to put the nice win there," head coach Shane Penter said.

Tournament host Kent State brought in the game and matched the win streak in Per for the Lady Flames was won the first match (28-26) and the second (28-26).

Kent State was ready for a come­back bunch, winning the next two (27-25, 25-17), but the Lady Flames were determined to take the fifth set.

The Lady Flames were leading the sixth and final set (24-23) when Kent team members won last comeback effort, scoring three straight points to pull within four. But the Lady Flames (25-23), winning the last set on a rally by Caroline Douglas (15-16).

Douglas posted a .491 high and led all scorers. Libero Jade Crawford had 9 assists and 12 digs on the night. Sophomore Gabrielle Shipi had a team-high 16 dig and junior Breana Hoard contributed 10 assists.

Penter was proud of the way his team performed in a tight situation.

"It was one of those matches where it was kind of point-for­point, and you had to execute to win," Penter said.

Rafael teamed out of the afternoon, winning the Lady Flames were ready to take on another.
Panthers 1-0

Title IX turns 40
An analysis of equality in the world of sports

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This year marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, passed by Congress in 1972, which outlaws sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding. Since Title IX’s passage, women’s sports participation has increased dramatically, but there is still much work to be done.

According to the Institute for Women’s Sports, women’s participation in sports has increased from 44 percent in 1972 to 48 percent in 2011. However, despite this progress, women still face challenges in accessing equal opportunities in sports.

In a recent study published in the Journal of Women’s Health and Gender-Based Medicine, researchers found that women are more likely to be injured in sports than men, and that they receive less medical care for their injuries.

The National Women’s Sports Foundation, a non-profit organization that advocates for women’s sports, has set a goal of achieving gender equality in sports by 2020. To reach this goal, the organization is working to increase funding for women’s sports programs and to ensure that women have equal access to opportunities in sports.

In conclusion, while Title IX has made significant progress in promoting women’s sports participation, there is still much work to be done to ensure that women have equal opportunities in sports. The National Women’s Sports Foundation and other organizations are working hard to achieve this goal.

BATTLE

Liberty Flames fire up game-winning streak as the Lady Flames were shut-out Friday.

Jake Merchant / Liberty Champion

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**Ref will not budge**

Olivecia Wilberite

**FL COmmisioner and the league want to drop.**

"The fact is, our officials did not make a mistake," John Gillepie said. "I can't think our officials did." And the league's decision to take the ball out of its hands and let the players handle it is an institutional lapse, Gillepie said. "We have a system in place to handle these situations, and we should have handled this one better." He also said that the NFL's handling of the issue was handled in a haphazard manner.

"The NFL spends a lot of time and effort on this issue," he added. "They're trying to do something about it, but so far it's not working.

"But if we want to keep things moving, we have to be more proactive," Gillepie said. "We can't just sit back and wait for things to happen. We have to be pro-active in our decisions."
Hudson's journey to field general

The Stafford, Va. native will continue to grow into new leadership role

Jonathan Pearson

Sports reporter

The Liberty Flames football team kicked off their home schedule Saturday, Sept. 11, when they came home to kick off the 2021 season at VMI. The Flames had been on the road for the first time this season, and have yet to see their starting quarterback Biz Bridges.

Hudson has already impressed many people this season, including assistant head coach Carl Tobias.

"I think he has the best arm of any player in the nation," Tobias said. "He made very few bad decisions. Overall, I thought that he did as outstanding job for his first at as a starter last Saturday." Senior wide receiver Pat Kelly is also impressed with Hudson, but says more so in his interactions with the team off the field.

"His relationship with Brian has come a long way," Kelly said. "It's hard to see that we wouldn't really, we each other a side even though we aren't the same team. He was kind of off to itself and kind of a quiet guy. He definitely has come a long way with the new leadership role as the starting quarterback. He has branched out - he has to. He's stepped up in his leadership and interacting with the other guys a lot too. It is cool to see him develop in that aspect.

"In the locker room, he comes in, he's the big man behind the helmet wearing the number 111. Hudson, a junior, says that he is already starting to come out of his shell.

"It's a lot different than being with a third-string quarterback," Hudson said. "It has its benefits, and also a lot more responsibility. I'm trying to control the game and if. So far, I had a great time last weekend. Even though I had a 1-0, I will look forward to a lot away from it, and so did my teammates.

"Academic achievement is just as important as accomplishments for student-athletes," Hudson a certificate that he handles that aspect well.

"I think massage being a student and an athlete pretty well. I think I use my time wisely. I should be graduating early in December. I should have most of my hardest classes out of the way, so I can hopefully use that time to focus on football a bit more," Hudson said.

"When I'm not playing football, I really like to hang out and lay low, play some video games and watch some movies like the typical college student."

Like many student-athletes, Hudson hopes to someday play at a professional level, but he does have other goals outside of football.

"After graduation, I'll see how football plays, but if that doesn't work out, that's also I will think about going to chiropractic school or physical therapy school," Hudson said.

Every athlete has someone who influences him or her, and Hudson is no different.

"My parents are my biggest influence, on and off the field. They have always provided encouragement and support in everything I do, even when I didn't believe in myself or my football career," Hudson said. "I don't play for a while because I red shaved my freshman year, and then I was third string again the next year. They have always been there for me and encouraging me. They are my support sys-

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Marshall hit the plus side of the roundabout.

"Hudson has a ton of energy and that's something we need on the court," Stein said. "He's a great kid with a great work ethic. He's a great player and a great leader for us." Stein added that Hudson's attitude has helped the Flames win their last two matches.

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Anime and voice artist Phil Vischer speaks about his experience with the show at convocation.

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The co-creator of the Christian children’s show “VeggieTales” and the familiar voice behind characters such as Bob the Tomato, Mr. Lunch and Pugsley guitar in Liberty University’s convocation for the second time Monday, Sept. 3.

Many Liberty students grew up watching stories from the Bible acted out on television by talking vegetables, and Phil Vischer was one of the creators of the program.

“I thought it was really cool,” Liberty senior Justin Lick said. “There aren’t too many Christian successes in the movie and TV industry. A lot of them he said as Liberty and not wild out or produced. So it’s really cool to see a big success story for him to be able to come talk to us.”

Vischer spoke to students about his personal struggles after his company, Big Idea Productions, went bankrupt and how God used those events to teach him something.

According to his website, PhilVischer.com, all of the company’s assets, including characters, film and songs, were sold through a public auction. Although he no longer owns the rights, he still makes numerous appearances for the company that now own “VeggieTales,” in addition to writing one episode per year and consulting on others.

“Hard to create characters and then lose connection with them,” Vischer said. “It’s kind of like raising children and having the state take them away. It has allowed me to go much deeper with my newer work, whereas ‘VeggieTales’ became complete- ly absorbing. I didn’t have time to think about anything else. No, it’s not fun, but it’s good for me.”

According to Vischer, learning to Edwin God and trust Him with what he should do next was the hardest part of the ordeal.

“It’s not that (God) wants me to worry,” Vischer said. “He just wants me to trust. It kind of feels like He’s leading me across a stream, raising stepping stones.”

“VeggieTales” was this bag, solid ground financially, and now I’m going out into the next to find what’s next.” Vischer said that being comfor- table with the unknown has been something that he has had to learn to adjust to, and with both of his appearances at Liberty’s convocations was devoted to that subject.

In spite of his struggles, the self-proclaimed animate and puppeteer has landed on his feet with a few new projects.

The “PhilVischerBlog” is a weekly ask show that can be found on Youtube, and it takes a look at current events and news from a Christian perspective.

According to Vischer, his other projects include “What’s in the Bible,” a box set of DVDs that take children even deeper in the Bible, and Jellyfish.com, a website with videos and games similar to a Christian “Nickelodeon.”

For many Liberty students, including Lick, Vischer will always be remembered for his Biblical lessons laying vegetables.

“I actually own a couple episodes of ‘VeggieTales,’ ” Lick said. “I watched them at va-
Festival showcases Downtown Lynchburg

The city of Lynchburg took to the streets Friday night, Sept. 7, as people flocked downtown for the fourth annual Get Downtown street fest.

The event began at 6 p.m., with live bustling people in from all around the city. Within moments, the streets filled with sights and sounds. Various vendors, including local businesses and boutiques, lined the streets to hand out samples and become face to face with businesses.

Even though the event was initially designed for college students, it now appeals to all different types of Lynchburg residents.

"Get Downtown was originally started with college students in mind," Stephanie Kerrey, the communications and events coordinator of Lynchburg's Downtown, said. "It's a great way to meet other students from all the other schools in the area."

Although this may have been the intended purpose, Get Downtown has become much more than an event for local college students. Kerrey said it has become a family-friendly event.

Some local arts and culture organizations took part to see what the event would be about, and others were there for a good cause, such as raising a bit of money or having the opportunity to sell local artists. Liberty University student Josh Webber, who was a part of the event, said that the event was for "we all of the local businesses and support the community."

Although it is far from an official event, Kerrey and others expect anywhere from 1,000 to 10,000 people to show up.

"This is a great chance for everyone to come together. Where else can you see break dancers, boba tea shops and all these other things in the same place," Kerrey said. The entertainment was not limited to dancing and food hopping, though. There were face painters, people on stilts, live music and more.

"It feels just like I'm leaving a fan," Liberty student Emily Becker said.

The White Hart, a coffee shop being right in the middle of the event, was overflowing with customers. Not only were they open for business, but they also had a table outside promoting new products. Employee Whitney Ochs said that the reason they participated in the event was for their own business and for the sake of other local businesses.

Liberty student Grecia Hines, the event gave her a new appreciation of the city. "I didn't know Lynchburg was this cool," Hines said.

Next year, Get Downtown will be celebrating its fifth anniversary, and Kerrey said that plans are already in the works.

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CITY LIFE: Lynchburg residents and college students alike took a night to experience what downtown has to offer Friday, Sept. 7.

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Video leads to Instagram adventure

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This summer, two Liberty University students set off on a voyage directed toward creating a YouTube channel for creative photos and their 9,000 Instagram followers throughout the United States. Known as the Pilgrims, Jody Johnson and Ryan Carl embarked on an intense adventure: 25 cities in 24 days after posting a funny video on YouTube entitled “Stuff Instagrammers Say.”

The fast-paced video includes multiple clips of Johnson and Carl acting out humorous ways that people sometimes use the photo-sharing application Instagram. A few short days after the video was created, their video was posted on Instagram’s official blog and was featured to the application’s massive network of followers.

“We decided to take Jody’s character, the funny character in the video, and bring him around the country,” Carl said.

Because of this idea, the two set a goal to spread community values by showing love wherever they went. They used Instagram to travel the country, capturing God’s beauty through creative pictures.

Due small world marked the beginning of a worldwide adventure for these guys.

“Hey, you wanna go posing?”

Floating in the back of their white Toyota Corolla, the pair were directed by their 9,000 followers through pictures posted with a hash tag that served as a location prompt.

“Our goal was to go into a city, post on our Instagram account that we would be meeting in a certain location and Instagram users would come out and stop by to take a photo together,” Carl said.

With the help of Thomas Fischer, who filmed the YouTube video, along with the boys, the four formed a relationship in many different corners of the country.

The meetings, referred to as beverages, took place all over the United States, ranged from 20 to 70 people to the largest meeting of 120 people on the Santa Monica pier in Los Angeles, Calif.

“Social media is kind of scary, but through everyone was happy getting to know each other and getting to know us,” Johnson said.

Road Trip — Liberty students Jody Johnson and Ryan Carl traveled the country this summer taking creative Instagram pictures.

Designing new ideas for their followers and cards them through Instagram hash tap, the Pilgrims created the photoshoot project, photoshoot, underneath sour and a project intended to raise up some. Carl asked the recent fabrics shooting. Those ideas came to life during the photo shoots and reenacted throughout the Instagram community after their departure.

Before this trip began on July 4, Johnson and Carl agreed that they would not miss the anticipated screenings of The Dark Knight Rises. They planned to watch the premiere with the Denver community and enjoy one night of relaxation.

“We would have been in Denver. The day before, we had been given four free tickets to How to Train Your Dragon, so we went there and drove through the mile. The shooting happened as we were driving,” Carl said.

The Pilgrims visited Denver the day after the shooting, following their original plan. Hectic streets and chaotic damps with teams greeted these Liberty travelers as they pulled their car to a stop in the heart of the community.

“We were able to talk to family members and friends who had just gone through that horrible tragedy,” Johnson said.

“Raise Up America” was a hash tag proj ect created to evenly all of Instagram to stand up against violence. Johnson and Carl originally invented of spreading community values was strengthened in an area that was completely shocked and shaken in our entire way.

Close to 1,200 photos were submitted by their followers the first few days following the shooting. Many of the individual photos Johnson and Carl visited would frequently ask them what made them different. These questions often gave the Pilgrims a chance to talk to people about God and, on occasion, have spontaneous dinner meetings or ministration rituals in the cities they visited.

“On our goal that God could use this little step in such a way so to build relationships with people,” Johnson said.

Now traveling to many cities marked by deep-seated nights of driving, the summer adventure was completed Aug 1 in Nashville. “Tom, Johnson, and Carl plan to tour again, possibly creating their own vision to reach a meaner people as they can reach.”

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Every new semester means another chance for the Liberty University Department of Theatre Arts to entertain audiences and take them off to a different world through their performances on stage. This semester, they have the chance to do that with four different shows, each providing their own type of flair. The theatre season will begin Sept. 21 with "Into the Woods," followed by "The Glass Menagerie," "Learning Iowa" and "She Loves Me." "I am looking forward to some shows that I’m not even involved in," Liberty theatre arts major Rachel Day said. "I think it’s really good chance for the audience in our department to see their hard at ats that are more different and deeper into the character of what we might have when we graduate. I think that the people in this department have strength to exist in their craft in those difficult roles."

The premiere show of the semester, Professor Linda Nelson Cooper’s "Into the Woods," has been performed at Liberty before, but Cooper plans to do things a little differently for a debut performance in Liberty’s Towe Theatre. "Into the Woods" is a really neat concept, a little different than most people are going to be thinking," Assistant Professor Claire Nelson said. "I think people are really going to enjoy the direction that the production and take, We’ve actually done this show a couple times in the past, but this will be a new twist on it, I think people really will enjoy it.

According to Nelson, "Into the Woods" will include, classic characters such as Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella, and it features challenging music written by Steven Sondheim for the actors to perform. We’ll be playing the role of the witch in "Into the Woods," and her role does come with its share of challenges. "It is hands-down the most challenging role I have ever been given," Day said. "So it is really exciting, but also a little daunting. Just the music alone is incredibly challenging. On top of that, this role is kind of a dual role in that I undergo an emotional, physical, and mental transformation halfway through the show. So I almost have to play two characters." Nelson, director of the year-end play "She Loves Me," will get the chance to see his version of a well-known story performed. The show will directly be based on a play that inspired movie such as "The Sleep Around the Cornet" and "You’ve Got Mail." "It’s about a conversation that we can’t understand but don’t know that they’re pet pairs and are secretly in love with each other," Nelson said. "It’s a musical, but nothing is expected. I think that people are excited to be involved in that." Assistant Professor Paul Brandt will direct Tennesse Wootton play "The Glass Menagerie," and Assistant Professor Andrew Gjeffkes will be directing this semester’s workshop show entitled "Learning Iowa."

"Alston Stage Company is another part of Liberty’s Department of Theatre Arts that has people looking toward the future. A professional wing of the department which allows us to treat it as a professional shoe," Nelson said. "The actors and those that work on the show in any capacity, get paid if they’re working a show. It gives them a professional credit for their resume, but it is also up to the crew to see how that is expected. Professional-level work is expected of those that are participating in different areas."

According to Nelson, Alston allows Liberty to bring shows to central Virginia that people in that area might not have been able to see. According to Nelson, "Tarzan," the next show to come to the Tower Theatre stage in the spring, might not have been offered within a 200- to 300-mile radius. Alston even played Captain Hook alongside some of his students in Alston’s debut spring 2012 production of "Peter Pan."

The timing of Alston’s first show turned out to be perfect for Day. "That was the only reason that I was able to return to school, having those kids," Day said. "So Alston kind of saved my education, he honestly, I think it’s a huge miracle. We have even miracle after miracle here, with Fairfax Tower Theatre and now Alston. God is just so good." Even though, Alston Stage Company will have to wait until the spring to put on another performance, the cast of "Into the Woods" is built on work rehearsing in the fall. For more information about the Liberty Department of Theatre Arts, visit the Theatre Arts page at liberty.edu.

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Liberty University Department of Theatre Arts kicks off its fall season of shows with "Into the Woods," opening Sept. 21.

Production schedule evokes excitement

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Whether it is waking up early to change a soiled diaper or finding out a small fortune to make sure our children have the best of the best, the word sacrifice hardly shows the love and compassion that parents here for their children. For Liberty University, it has become a great honor to welcome come parents and family out to Family Weekend each year. For the past three years, Liberty has also had the tradition of honoring a student’s parents for the sacrifices they have endured to send their child to school.

Director of the Family and Parent Connections office, Theresa Dunbar announced that they will be unveiling the Parent of the Year Award ceremony again this year. Over 200 families have registered to attend this year, with an expected attendance of over 1,000 family members.

"The purpose is for families to come and recognize with their student," Dunbar said. "We want Liberty to be a family school." The idea for the Parent of the Year Award, according to Dunbar, actually originated from studying parent weekend at other colleges, specifically Virginia Tech. Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Hix observed what Virginia Tech did for their parent weekend, and after seeing their parent award, he suggested ideas that helped form Liberty’s Parent of the Year contest. Dunbar refers to the parent contest and as a "warm fuzzy," giving students the opportunity to

The Parent of the Year essay contest will continue to accept applicants until midnight on Saturday, Sept. 14. For more information, including the form for submitting the essay, go to the Parent and Family Connections page at liberty.edu, or contact Theresa Dunbar at thadunbar@liberty.edu.

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