Students protest mosque on 9/11

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As the names of the victims of 9/11 were ceremoniously read Saturday morning at Ground Zero, Liberty seniors Taylor Rose, Kyle O'Neill and Mark Williams stood by to join thousands of people protesting the mosque that is to be built in close proximity to ground zero.

The trio is a group of seniors who are involved with Liberty's unofficial club, Youth for Western Civilization, headed to New York City on the ninth anniversary of the attacks to protest the building of the mosque.

See Protest on A3

Liberty opens new Campus East entrance, eyes future expansion

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A $5 million project paved the way for Liberty University to open a new Campus East entrance on Wards Road.

The university partnered with Campbell County to install the new entrance, which runs behind Springhill Suites, across from Lynchburg Regional Airport.

Students entering Lynchburg can access the entrance by turning right at the airport stoplight and onto Liberty Mountain Drive. Liberty built a $4 million bridge over the railroad tracks last spring to allow students to enter Campus East from Wards Road, Director of Auxiliary Services Lee Beaumont said.

"If students want to use it to go to Bojangles on Wards Road or other businesses on U.S. 29 south, that's probably the best way to leave campus," Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said.

The mile-and-a-half road is paved from Wards Road to the new bridge and is graveled after the bridge. The road, which passes the intramural fields, is paved from Campus East to the Wingate Hotel.

As part of the project Liberty also installed turn lanes on Wards Road and running water, power and gas lines to 200 acres, making the property more valuable for retail development or future campus expansion.

See Entrance on A2

'The finest night in Liberty football'

Asa Chapman barrels into the Ball State quarterback, sacking him on fourth down, sealing the win for Liberty. Head coach Danny Rocco led the Flames to a resounding, historic win against Mid-American Ball State University Saturday. Rocco called it the "finest night in Liberty football" and said it does "an awful lot for our resume." Read the full story on B1.
Invisible Children Tour Returns
Two Ugandan women will be speaking on behalf of the Invisible Children's Face to Face Tour on Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m. in DeMoss Hall 311/114. The women will tell their story of war torn Uganda and the impact that students at Liberty had on their lives through their support. Students are invited to speak with them, take pictures in the Invisible Children photo booth and enjoy refreshments. The event is open to anyone. Merchandise will also be sold at the event.

Xtreme Impact Seeks Student Leaders
Xtreme Impact is looking for leaders to head school students on disciple-based missions trips taking place July 21. These leaders will mentor a group of high school students beginning months before by being online. Trips include Chicago, Bahamas, Costa Rica, Brazil, India, Fiji, Tanzania, Thailand and Papua New Guinea. The cost of these trips will range from $1,350 to $3,600, but there is a discount for leaders anywhere from 10 to 25 percent.

Documentary Film Night
Students will be able to watch theXTV documentary film night screening Calliope: Christopher Hitchens vs. Douglas Hitchens at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 in the Liberty University Student Union. The film tackles the question of: How will Liberty use the property closest to the high school parking lot? The women will also say Liberty does not construct parking garage near the Vines Center and DeMoss Hall. However, if a parking garage is large enough to make an impact near DeMoss Hall or Vines Center would create a traffic nightmare on campus. Hundreds, maybe thousands of cars would have to make their way through the narrow streets of campus each day to reach the traffic garages. We would have a traffic problem worse than we had a few years ago before we established GUESS this service on campus.

"We kind of hope the new parking lot there (for basketball)." Spence said.

The parking lot will likely be for faculty and commuters, allowing the space to open up for evening events at the Vines Center, Spence said.

"It's a great Vines Center logistics parking lot," Spence said. "The parking lot is restricted because residents, students and faculty members will provide the forms for parking. Liberty will give them a parking pass and they will only be able to park in their assigned spot. If you move your parking permit, you will be fined."

Man killed downtown

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George Baker III, 81, was hit and killed downtown on Main Street near the Hash & Main, a downtown restaurant, around 11 p.m. Sunday night, according to reports.

Several witnesses said that the teen boys told their friends that they would at­

tack the next person that came near them, and an all­

event said they were trying to impress girls who were with them. The 16-year-old will be tried as a child, accord­

ing to Virginia statutes. The trial is expected to take place next year.

Zosh is the editor in chief.

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"It's still probably the best bet on in 10 years for a new shopping center if one is built," Faber said. "The highest and best use for the property is construction of a retail and a civic center. Everybody that drives downtown looks at Liberty University on U.S. 460. It's so close to town so they go through that intersection." A developer planned to build a shopping center on the property until the economy turned south. University officials have also con­

sidered moving a school to the property. When the university ex­

pects Falken said Liberty would target health sciences, technology, engineering or mathematical skills, which are eligible for Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revital­

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PARK HERE — The area being cleared in front of DeMoss will create more parking.

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Stand with Israel — New President, Big Goals

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Liberty University President Dr. Jerry Falwell was a bold advocate for pro-Israel relations in the United States and the University has continued in his footsteps. The Stand with Israel club is a student group focused on bolstering the relationship between America and the State of Israel. This year, the club is led by a new president, Joel Krautter, with big plans in store to support the initiative to build the mosque. President championed the idea of building a mosque in New York City. The library's support for this effort is particularly significant as we look to the future of our relationship with Israel and its people.

Prior to the official start of the protest, Rose was interviewed by both American and Spanish reporters. "I was able to give an impassioned speech in my belief that it is our duty to support those who support us," Rose said.

Speakers for the protest included John Boehner, a former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Gen. Wilders, Mike Huckabee, Afghan-Iranian first responders and an American woman who lost her son on 9/11.

The group went to protest on their own time and by using their own funds. Rose is the president for Youth for Western Civilization. He is pursuing a double major in international relations with a concentration in politics and policy and in strategic intelligence with a focus on European and Middle Eastern affairs.

"I was motivated to protest the mosque because I sense a very clear and present danger. As blocks at the West after the fall of Taliban and communism, the threat to the American people is emerging and that is Al Qaeda," Rose said. "Taliban has been very violent since its founding.

The organization sponsoring the initiative to build the mosque is the Cordoba Group and it is being funded in part by individuals who have ties to terrorist organizations.

According to the National Review Online, $100 million is needed to build the mosque. A Fox New York investigator said that one of the donors is a man named Hashim Elzanaty, who previously funded the Pakistani terrorist organization Hamas.

"This is a victory mosque supported by people with connections to terrorists," Rose said. Rose said that building a mosque in the U.S. is a way to celebrate the diversity of the Muslim community.

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Aug. 21, according to the Associated Press. Billie Jean James’ house was so full of items that it was impossible to enter. Her family said she had been collecting stuff for years, and that her hoarding had made their lives unbearable. James’ death was ruled a suicide by hanging.

In 2003, the city of South Orange, New Jersey, declared a state of emergency due to the amount of trash and debris in the area. City officials estimated that the house held over 20,000 pounds of trash, including old clothing, furniture, and appliances. The city spent over $100,000 to clean the house.

Billie Jean James’ case is just one example of hoarding, a disorder that affects an estimated 3 million Americans. Hoarders often accumulate large amounts of clutter, making it difficult to live in their homes. In some cases, hoarding can lead to the death of the hoarder or others.

According to the National Institute on Aging, hoarding is a type of mental illness characterized by the accumulation of large amounts of clutter. Hoarders often have difficulty discarding items, even if they are no longer useful. This accumulation can lead to a number of problems, including fire hazards, health problems, and social isolation.

In some cases, hoarding can be a sign of a more serious underlying condition, such as depression or anxiety. It is important for people who are struggling with hoarding to seek help from a mental health professional.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has resources available for people who are struggling with hoarding or other mental health issues. NAMI offers support groups, education, and resources to help people who are struggling with these issues.

In conclusion, hoarding is a serious mental illness that affects many Americans. It is important for people to be aware of the signs and symptoms of hoarding and to seek help if they or someone they know is struggling with this condition. NAMI and other organizations offer support and resources for people who are struggling with hoarding and other mental health issues.

For more information, please visit https://nami.org.
YouTube partners deserve large salaries for charity work

YouTube partners making as much as the article hit the news two years ago. DeFranco has encouraged his viewers to donate money to many different charities. When the earthquake hit Haiti in January, DeFranco broadcast the tasting donation information to his viewers so they could also make a difference. As recently as Sept. 8, DeFranco wasiquests

YouTube provides a creative outlet for so many young adults that it would be hard to imagine a society without it. It is also true that the Internet personalities are really just narcissists with a tasteless sense of humor. YouTubers were making as much as $4 million when the 2008 article hit the news. Backlash from YouTube partners as making at least $2 million yearly. While some YouTubers are making a difference with their money, so one can deny the impact that YouTube has had on American society. All ‘real videos’ whether they be ‘Charlie Bit My Finger’ or the 20 Wedding Dress Dance, have been shown on different TV shows and have made their way into everyday language. Currently having over 34 million views, ‘IWedding Dress Dance’ was proofed on NBC’s ‘The Office’ last season. There are TV shows dedicated to showing funny clips on the Internet, such as Comedy Central’s Tosh.O and Get Web Soup.

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When some students think earning six figures is unjustified, just think what the world would be like without YouTube. Just as the article hit the news, DeFranco was discovered on YouTube. "Your favorite store in Lynchburg, and why?”

We asked: What is your favorite store in Lynchburg, and why?

"My favorite place to spend money would be Wal-Mart, only because I’m forced to spend money in Wal-Mart.”

Meredith Young
sophomore

"I like Starbucks, but I also like the Drowsy Poet a lot. We go there for open mic nights.”

Daniel Muddert
freshman

"Red Lobster. I really like seafood. They have good butter cheddar biscuits.”

Tyler Teschon
freshman

"Starbucks because I just like the atmosphere of coffee shops.”

Rachel Eby
junior

"I like to visit Best Buy the most, because I most recently bought The Office and I got season one there for $20.”

Thomas Madison
sophomore

QUESTIONS?
E-mail luchampion@liberty.edu with your questions. Check next week’s edition to see if your question is featured.
Parents of 258 students rallied into a somberly lit, stained-glass windowed Pate Chapel Friday night at the baccalaureate of five barrier's Bachelor studies. As the parents listened for scans, removed dinner plates and competed with other parents' stories of their children's success, the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Honor Society's annual initiation ceremony began.

The ALD boasts the top 20 percent of students based on academic performance at Liberty University. Students are required to have a 3.5 GPA upon completion of their freshman year of college at an accredited four-year institution.

Director of the Liberty Career Center Carrie Carbone was the guest speaker at the event.

"This is the launching pad for the next three years of their college career and their life after school," Carbone said.

An honorary recipient of ALD induction of Friday's ceremony, Carbone spoke about seeing God in all of his students' lives and stressed that achievement made necessary to success after the student's college career.

"It will be something they can talk about to a future employer to get them to understand they weren't just riveted in to their makeup, they were also involved (in ALD)," Carbone said. "It's a high benefit for them especially when they are preparing for their careers."

Community involvement has been the hallmark of ALD's contributions to Liberty according to faculty advisor Dr. Marilyn Gadomski. Recently ALD has been involved installing signs, paving and in Habitat projects.

The plans (ALD) every year are to enrich the members certainly in their Christian walk and their scholarly ability and maturity," Gadomski said. "So we try to do some amazing fun kinds of things. But that's our second role."

GROWING HONORS — Alpha Lambda Delta Honor society inducts new members.

"We believe that a university is more for learning what the questions are than for learning the answers to those questions. Until you know what question you want answered, you'll never even look for the answer," Gadomski said.

Brown is a sports staff writer.
Be Careful What You Post

What have you regretted posting on Facebook?

Honestly, I don't know. I mean when I think about an employer looking at my Facebook, I get a little bit chilled. In the past, you never had to think about an employer getting a personal peek into your social life. How am I to know what aspects of my profile will show well or poorly to a professional? I don't have any regrets at this point, because I haven't had an employer look into my Facebook account, but while working in the Senate I was informed of other interns in the past who had been fired for posting information about their positions or things they had in the Senator's office on their status.

Senior Mike Diamond Business Finance Major

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SPC Ryan Sweatt
Mission: Accomplished

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After completing a tour of duty in Iraq with the 1-116th Infantry Battalion, Specialist (SPC) Ryan Swe­att came home to a broken down car. He spent the first five days he was back stateside in the mechanics office.

"That first five days back and I didn't have a car and was stranded at the mechanics," Sweatt said. "It was just awful."

Despite the rocky beginning to his homecoming and the many flight delays getting back, Sweatt is en­joying being home.

"It's pretty awesome, coming back and trying to rejoin my friend groups and getting back into study mode, which is a completely different mode than being a gunner, going down the roads of Iraq," Sweatt said. "It's taking a little while to re-adjust, but I think I am do­ing fairly well."

During the 1-116th's convoy missions, Sweatt was a gunner for the Alpha company, 1st platoon — protect­ing both the cargo and the other men in the convoy.

"We have to be on high alerts all the time when we are out on the road," Sweatt said. "Our mission is to pro­tect what we are bringing up there. We have to main­tain our stations, keep our eyes and ears open, scan our lanes and protect our guys."

Comparing Operation Iraqi Freedom and the war in Afghanistan, Sweatt said the two military fronts are very differ­ent.

"The enemy is very persistent," Sweatt said. "You hear a lot more about the lights and soldiers dying in Afghanistan. It's a shocker as war Iraq was not real like that towards the end. They do a lot more of the road-side bombings or rocketing done by mortars. It's not like they are sneaky."

Sweatt said that one thing he misses from Iraq is the structure of the military life.

"When you have your missions days, you know what has to be done," Sweatt said. "When you have your off days, there is still stuff you have to do in order to pre­pare for the mission. Coming back home to the civilan world, there really isn't that much structure."

Military life also offered Sweatt as outlet for his adventurous and adventurous side.

"I like the challenges," Sweatt said. "I love the adrenaline. I love pushing my mind and body to its limits, just to see what I can do. I love the training. Not many other 21-year-olds shoot rocket launchers and grenade launchers and jump out of helicopters. That is what I love. I study and then I jump out of helicopters and go blow stuff up."

One of the hardest aspects of coming back home is planning out a schedule and figuring out what to do with free time, according to Sweatt.

"That is what I am trying to establish for myself, plan out my schedule, when I am going to do all this ridiculous reading that I have," Sweatt said. "My time is managed almost for me over there and then you have to figure out your life again."

Sweatt also said the military was a very big learning and growing experience.

"I have changed as a person," Sweatt said. "I have) grown up a little bit more. It is hard not to when you are deployed."

Sweatt plans on surfing with some of his Army buddies in the upcoming weeks, after they have all had time to readjust to civilian life. The friendships he had before shipping out are still there, but they have changed, Sweatt said.

"I have a lot of close friends from the unit, but it's cool coming back to some of the older friendships that I have," Sweatt said. "Usually you bond differently with people you fight with and people you have fun with. This is a lot more relaxed for me, coming back here."

Sweatt plans to continue in the Army, saying that the Army has given him many opportunities.

"I know God wants me in the Army," Sweatt said. "I am doing what I am supposed to do. I am trying to finish school, but I know I am supposed to be in the Army for now. Until I figure out where I am doing or He tells my time is done, I will probably stay in the military."

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Battle in the Midwest
Flames defense lasts in historic struggle

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Many analogies and metaphors can be employed or describing Saturday night's 27-23 victory over the Ball State Cardinals. It was a harbinger of a game. It was a foreshadowing of a season. It was a preview of the future.

This was a preview of a season where the Flames defense will be tested. This was a preview of a season where the Flames will have to work hard to keep their team afloat.

The Flames defense is a part of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) and is a member of the South Eastern Lacrosse Conference (SELC). There are 25 teams in the SELC, including Liberty.

McQuillan became the first coach of a MCLA program. "We're (We're) gonna give a lot of teams a run for their money" Liberty sophomore Mike Strapelli said.

It seemed vaguely similar to a certain 1985 film. It was a coach's story. It was a player's tale. It was a team's experience.

"I think we're going to make it," Strapelli said. "I think we're going to make it."
Men's soccer strong in weekend tourney

The Liberty Flames Men's Soccer Team stayed hot in their most recent tournament action this weekend at the Jay Scelzi Memorial Tournament.

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"We hold each guy on this team accountable and winning is a byproduct of what we do each day in practice," Alder said. "We don't talk about winning and losing but the process that precedes it all again." The Flames finished the tournament against St. Francis (Pa.) Sunday. Until Benrick and Thad Taylor both netted goals in the first half and Phillip Asweh chipped one past the keeper in the second half to defeat St. Francis, 3-1.

The Flames are strong for their fourth straight 10-win season.

"If we can control what we can out there on the field and just have fun. Don't think we can accomplish our goals we have set the year," Alder said. "That next game is against Appalachian State, Sept. 13."

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History: Men’s Lacrosse

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Liberty University introduced a men’s lacrosse team for the second time in the school’s history for the 2010 season. The first men’s lacrosse team was disbanded in 2007 after suffering a tragic accident in 2005.

According to a Liberty Champion article, two vans carrying the Liberty Flames men’s lacrosse team were involved in a traffic accident while traveling to Alabama in March of 2005. The first van made a sudden stop for a slowed cat. The second van hit them, pushing them into an intersection where it collided with a tractor-trailer. The van flipped several times before landing on its side. Several students were trapped under the van. Uninjured team members lifted the 15-passenger van off of their trapped teammates.

Ryan Leeworthy, who was sleeping in the first van when the collision occurred, was ejected and ended up under the tractor-trailer’s gas tank. He said in an interview with the Liberty Champion shortly after the accident that he and Chad Gurney, another seriously injured team member, grabbed each other’s hands in the helicopter on the way to the hospital. Gurney and the coach had to be cut out of the van. Gurney, who was sitting in the passenger seat of the first van, took the brunt of the impact. He suffered a broken back, a severed leg and a broken jaw.

According to the new men’s lacrosse coach Kyle McQuillan, the team was student-led for the two seasons after the accident with volunteer coaches until the 2007 season when the team stopped playing.

“We have the ability to be national champions at a non-NCAA level,” McQuillan said. “We can jump right in and have a shot at the title.”

According to McQuillan, the SELC has a six game minimum requirement for participating teams. He plans on playing at least six regular season games. Lacrosse is a spring sport, so McQuillan said they have plenty of time to prepare during the fall semester.

“We’re building for the future,” McQuillan said. “It’s top priority this year to get ready. Once spring comes around, (it’s) full speed.”

The team will have their first game during alumni weekend. On Oct. 9 the team will take on former Liberty lacrosse player and will play an exhibition game against SELC competitor Southern Virginia University Oct. 22. The games will be held at the East Campus intramural fields.

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Paintball hosts first 2010 tournament

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Liberty University’s paintball team hosted the Liberty Open tournament in its first of the year, Saturday.

Liberty, George Mason University, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Towson University and Virginia Commonwealth University competed in the National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) event. The University of North Carolina-Charlotte and three of Liberty’s four teams progressed to the finals.

Liberty’s four teams were the LU blue, red, white and black groups. The LU Black team is the newest team to the Liberty Flames paintball program.

In the finals, LU Blue competed against UNC Charlotte for the tournament title. LU Red and LU White competed against each other to decide third and fourth places. UNC-Charlotte defeated LU Blue for first place, LU Red finished third overall and LU White finished fourth.

Cody Leeworthy from LU Blue was an important asset to the team.

“Everyone played really great today. All the teams came out and played really solid,” Leeworthy said. “All four LU teams really represented Christ today in how they played. Overall it was a great tournament.”

The Liberty University paintball team has been active since 2005 and is currently an LU Club Sport. The team practices Sundays at 1 p.m. and conditions Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. at their two paintball fields on campus.

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More ‘Burg for Your Buck
Our picks for the best cuisine in Lynchburg

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With thousands of new students flocking to Lynchburg to embark upon their first semester at Liberty, the Champion Staff compiled a list of what they considered the best restaurants in town.

Best Coffee Spot: The Drowsy Poet
The Drowsy Poet, located in the Can- nel's Station shopping center, and the man who runs it, Smiley Lilis, are local legends. This coffee shop and lounge boasts an eclectic and unique atmosphere where students can study, relax and hang out. It also offers a variety of coffee drinks, pastries, and a cozy indoor seating area.

Best Dessert: Macado's Cinnamon Sensation and Best Unknown Date Spot: Neighbor's Place
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Must Eats: The Milton Milkshake and the Cheesy Western
The Milton Milkshake on tap at the Cheesy Western is a must-try for any Lynchburg food lover. The milkshake is a seasonal offering, and the flavors change every few weeks. The Cheesy Western is known for its unique pizza flavors, and the Milton is a fan favorite.

Best Fast Food: Chick-fil-A
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Best Ice Cream Joint: Sundae Grill
Sundae Grill's vintage soda shop feel makes it a hot spot for students seeking something sweet. The menu leaves no ice cream flavor to the imagination, and the prices are just about as sweet as the dessert itself.

Best Ice Cream Stand: Mister Goodies
Perfect for a group gathering or a date, the prices are great for a college student's budget. For $2 you get a small soft serve ice cream cone that is anything but small. Grab a seat at one of the outdoor tables or sit in your car and enjoy conversation with friends along with the flavor of your choice.

Honorotable Mention: Hess Gas Station Bathroom
While it may not be a stop for nourishment, the restrooms of the Hess Gas Station on Wards Road deserve an honorable mention in our best of Lynchburg. These single-stalled abodes boast floral vignettes, framed pictures, tiled floors and a pleasant atmosphere for all of one's needs.

Honorotable Mention: Community Market
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Buffalo Wild Wings, or Bdubs, is widely known, fun and has the infamous 50-cent wing Tuesdays. Bdubs is a great place to kick back, watch the game and stuff your face.

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Laughter and cheer ring out downtown as runners completed the last leg of their race. More than 120 participants and volunteers joined Lynchburg's downtown YMCA Saturday as they hosted their first annual "Fall Frenzy Fun Run."

A sea of blue Fun RunT-shirts spanned Church Street as the race was about to start. In that moment, the song "The Middle" by Jenny Fal­len Earth, school from the speakers. The song char­ted "Try your best. Try everything you can" — a theme characterizing the race and a motto for participants.

"The YAMCA is supporting the kids, the families, and the community," Lynchburg YMCA member Alicia Taylor said. Taylor, a local physical education teacher, ran the 5k race and crossed the fin­ish line giving high fives to students who were cheering her on at the finish. "YMCA is a good example to them."

"I like to promote healthi­ness in my kids," Taylor said. "I like to do races because it's a good experience." Sarantos emphasized the downtown YMC'A's three goals: healthy and social responsibility, family event, it was a new experience, Sarantos said. "We started working with the downtown YMC'A about a year ago, started the program which held about 14 train­ings, meet every Saturday to walk and run. Sarantos, who was a big fan of running, and I just love to see someone start from the beginning and finish. It's just a great experience," Sarantos said.

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FALL FRENZY — Proceeds from the YMCA's first annual Fall Frenzy Fun Run went to the YMCA Youth Scholar­ship Fund. The event included a 5k race and a kids fun run.
School of business offers opportunities to excel

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Business and accounting majors met faculty, learned more about their specializations and how about the program during the School of Business meet and greet event Sept. 7 at Deans Hall 113.

While professors and students have always been separated by specialization, this is the first year that the school of business has had one big event for all six specializations, plus the accounting major.

While many attendees were impressed fulfilling a freshman Garrett requirement, the event gave students the chance to learn more about a major they could possibly go into.

Dean of the School of Business Dr. Bruce B. Bell said that this meeting is a great opportunity for students to meet the different faculty that will be teaching them throughout their college years and to get to know their teachers as more than just a face at the front of a classroom.

"So often (students) come into college and don't have the opportunity to meet the more intimate and a little more informal it gives them from the chance to see what the faculty will be teaching them if they choose this as a major," Freshman Kristin Chandler said.

The Victorian Society takes students back in time

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This semester is packed with events hosted by Liberty’s Victorian Society to give students a feel for the Victorian era. Upcoming events include years of plantations, movie events and meetings of the society’s book club.

The Victorian Society is most notably known for dressing in costume of the era and for its unique taste for etiquette, something highly valued of the period. The society also helps out the community by dressing in costume for events including a historical ghost tour and opening of local trails.

The period is famed for its attention to high morals, modesty and proper decorum, as guided by the queen and her husband, Prince Albert. The era was also an optimistic time in which scientific and industrial invention thrived, according to Ayres.

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Lynchburg heads Downtown

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Main Street traffic signals went through their normal paces on the evening of Sept. 10, but the heart of downtown Lynchburg was devoid of typical traffic.

The second annual GetDowntown street festival sponsored by Lynch’s Landing brought people from all six area colleges as well as the surrounding community our for loud music, lots of food and entertainment spanning the streets.

The Ember Ellas Stilt Walkers loomed above passers-by, covered in glittering makeup, twirling capes and hula-hoops. The Blackwater Rollers, Lynchburg’s local women’s roller derby team, skated among the crowd in striped tights and team jerseys with names like “Beccanator,” “Eartha Hitt” and “Brawlin’ Chain” on their backs.

“We did this last year and as a roller derby team, we have to do all our promotion for our bouts ourselves,” Beccanator said. “We like the Ember Ellas stilt walkers and the sense of community. You can’t go a block without seeing someone you know.”

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“We are a ministry team on campus, a sisterhood,” Alpha Delta Omega member Courtney McCall said. “We are all about empowering women and teaching them that they can become women of God. What I like the most about GetDowntown is just the environment with a lot of people just having fun.”

Local businesses were represented at the festival in their own booths. Restaurants, tattoo parlors and dress boutiques all had free samples, coupons or information to offer festival goers.

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“STILT-WALKING THE STREET — Lynchburg’s second annual GetDowntown featured attractions from Liberty, Lynchburg College, Randolph College and other area schools, as well as local entertainment and vendors. The festival included the Ember Ellas stilt walkers (top), Lynchburg Tribal (left), and the Peacemakers Crew. Community members of all ages enjoyed the event Friday evening (right).”

Police presence was elevated at the festival due to the murder of George L. Baker on the previous Sunday. Baker, 81, was visiting Lynchburg from Arizona to attend his granddaughter’s wedding reception on Jefferson Street. When he left to walk the few short blocks back to the Craddock-Terry Hotel, Baker was attacked and beaten to death by three teenage boys. Mayor Joan Foster spoke to the crowd and held a moment of silence for Baker at the beginning of the event.

Despite concerns over downtown’s security, the event went off seamlessly with no disturbances or accidents occurring at the festival.