Visitor Center to prepare for first major CFAW

Nicole Steenbergh

Hard work, dozens of activities and fresh ideas are all coming together to ensure that Liberty University can host a Firstever Center for Academic Affairs (CFAW) for the first time ever. Liberty provided the news for the CFAW center.

"Whatever our work has emphasized or is currently prizing in the near future, CFAW preparation is a vocational activity," Morris said. "We are especially thinking ahead to tomorrow, knowing that the student body must be prepared to see this thing through.

Bonnie Grogan, former chief of the Student Life Program, will oversee new activities along with the traditional events. Activities include the annual spring Mardi Gras celebration, which will be held in the Student Life Program's new home in the Student Life Center.

Students in the program may not be aware of the Student Life Program, but they are a part of it. The Student Life Program is responsible for organizing and coordinating events for the Student Life Center, such as the annual spring Mardi Gras celebration. This event is important because it provides an opportunity for students to come together and enjoy each other's company. It also helps to build a sense of community among the students.

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**Students network with PRSSA**

**CEFW continued from A1**

“College for a Weekend” is not a new idea. According to Joe Redford, the ghost emergency coordinator, CEFW at Liberty has been around for more than 20 years. Those years attract large numbers. The number of current students at Liberty who experienced a CEFW makes up about 30 percent of the population, according to Redford.

Kimberly Higgins, a sophomore at Liberty, is one of the many students who were welcomed to Liberty for a CEFW. She said that after her CEFW experience, she went on to visit other colleges, but her thoughts kept coming back to how comfortable she felt at Liberty and how much she really enjoyed it.

“If I didn’t go to CEFW, I wouldn’t be at Liberty,” Higgins said.

For more information, visit libertycefw.com.

**STEELEBURG is a news reporter.**

**Champion corrections**

In an article about the observatory coming to campus in the spring semester, published in the Sept. 11 issue, there were a couple of additions to the article that were not made.

In regards to the meeting with the board of directors, the information was incorrect. Ormond County requires special use permits which require supervisor approval.

Lee Brentnall, vice president of Auxiliary Services, would also like to stress that the nature center will be open to all Liberty students.

The Champion strives to publish the most accurate information. If there are any errors, please contact us.

**Since PRSSA offers several professional development activities, we are seeking to attract students who want to prepare for life after college**

**Innovations, the student-run firm of PRSSA, gives students great hands-on experience. Firm director for Innovations Olivia Willette described Innovations as “the nationally-affiliated, student-run firm under PRSSA.”**

“Perhaps professional public relations work, expanding both liberty University and the greater Lynchburg community,” Willette said.

“The firm is split up into various accounts, including special Olympic Virginia and His Vision, which is a local campaign that works to provide eye care to underprivileged children.”

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AVIATION continued from A1

aviation training opportunities around the world,” Young said. According to Johnson, missionary pilots often speak to students who hope to enter the mission field and learn to pilot in rougher areas as a type of “back country flying.”

“My concentration is missions,” aviation major Elijah Burton said. “The curriculum is great. It challenges and pushes us to reach a higher standard. The professors have designed it so that when we graduate, there will not be any surprises in the real world.”

Not only does the SIA train pilots, but they also train students as different types of aircraft personnel.

“We have expanded from training pilots to training aircraft mechanics, unmanned aerial systems operators and flight attendants,” Young said.

“We offer an online degree completion plan for already FAA certified pilots,” Young said.

To foster a hands-on learning atmosphere, Young stated that the SIA will have “state-of-the-art simulators” added to include a jet simulator.

According to Young, SIA programs not only ensure that students have a working knowledge of aircraft operation, but also an opportunity to enter into the aviation industry after graduation by partnering with companies such as ExpressJet and Dynamic Aviation.

“We will continue to add courses and curriculums to meet the demands in the aviation industry,” Young said.

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Voting: a right, research: a choice

Andrew Noftolk

While the Wall Street Journal, actually formed his own party in 1912, four years after his term as presi- dent ended. Running for the Democratic and Republican nominations, Roosevelt managed to finish second and showed the world that for however brief a time - that third-party candidacy matter and should be re-
spected.

This growing election could hinge on how much attention independent voters pay to those similarly candidates. Independ- ents are a critical factor as they have ever been. Recent polls can put both Gallup and Indepen- dentVoting found that nearly 40 percent of registered voters are independent, which is the highest total recorded in history.

This growing group of voters will soon be faced with a chal-
ging dilemma. Should the independent candidate deserve their vote, will they come to a joint and join the small minority? That alternative is to accept the fact of al-
ternative parties and vote third-party in order to give the better of the two high-profile candidates a shot.

Right now, Obama holds a nine-point advantage Romney among independent voters. Obama has a lot to lose. Independent voters pay more attention to third-party candi-
dates than first. Does that benefit to those who want an equal voice of the two major parties. Unfortunately, it seems most Americans only care about their own party's candidate, ignoring a two-party system that our forefathers warned against. John Adams, our second president, told his fellow country-
men in his book The Works of John Adams, which is a collec-
tion of letters he wrote:

“There is nothing I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great par-

ties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other."

This, in my humble opinion, is to be dreaded as the greatest evil political end our Constitution.

It does not get much more di-

ter than that. George Wash-

ington also served as a harbinger for the dangers of a two-
party dominated vote. In his time the country was in a state of war and the nation was at the point of total collapse. Then came the end of the war and the nation was struggling to become a peaceful nation.

“Voting is a privilege, and we must realize that, like with all privileges, it must not be taken advantage of or used carelessly.”

Woolf

1976 Inverness speech, he advised his fellow citizens to vote carefully, for voting is a privilege, not a right.

In the same vein, that vote must be the result of reason and informed opinion, for to be made a citizen it must be the result of careful reflection and informed judgment.

“Barring theTwilight - The book hits stores on the mainstays of the majority’s view of lib-

tery. Breaking Dawn: Part 2, the third

tales in the Twilight series, now

afraid, it lives in a world where a child of the sun is afraid of the light of the sun. But the sun is not afraid of the light of the sun. It will be with her.

Yet, if what holds them of forests worry, because humans transmute into vampires, how can love flourish unless the love of the vampire will die with her.

So, what if what holds them of forests worry, because humans transmute into vampires, how can love flourish unless the love of the vampire will die with her.

And were readers could be drawn the idea that every moment of your life is redeemable, because how can love occur.

L.J. Smith does not make the mistake of depicting the life and the death of these creatures as a happy ever after - they cannot. The sun is dead, and it is not until the love of the vampire will die with her.

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With 65.6 percent of four-year undergraduate students leaving college with some form of debt, both presidential candidates, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, have addressed financial aid to their recent campaigns. Exceptions from their ideas on how to battle student debt are below.

Student debt plays an important role in 2012 election

### Obama's vision for affordable learning

Under the terms of this program, anyone who makes his monthly payments for 20 years after leaving college is eligible to have his remaining balance forgiven.

> - Obama

### Romney’s vision for affordable learning

America’s traditional community and four-year colleges are the heart of our nation’s higher education system. However, a flood of dollars is driving up tuition and hurting too many young Americans with substantial debt and too few opportunities. Meanwhile, other models of advanced skills training are becoming ever more important to success in the American economy, and new educational institutions will be required to fill those roles.

> - Romney

### Addressing educational cost

> “...anyone who makes his monthly payments for 20 years after leaving college is eligible to have his remaining balance forgiven.” - Obama

> “...reverse-nationalization of the student loan market...welcome private sector participation in providing information, financing, and the education itself...” - Romney

### Registration prioritized on campus

“Debt, A7”

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Voter registration is in progress all over Liberty University campus as student body life on their terms to preparation of Nov. 6. Librarians are facilitating the event by putting up a voter registration table in the library to help students register to vote. Students are encouraged to register in person or by sending in a registration form on their own. It is important to vote for the right candidates who will stand up for the student’s rights and protect students' rights. It is also crucial to vote for the right candidates who will stand up for the student’s rights and protect students' rights.
**Student loan debt nears $1 trillion**

**FEDERAL LOAN DEBT** — This map shows the average amount of debt for a student in each individual state.

### REGISTRATION EVENTS

**Sept. 11 - Oct. 10**
- Voter Registration Table (Green Hall, Tilley, DeMoss Hall, Reber-Thomas)
- VR forms distributed at SGA tailgate and Commuter tailgate

**Sept. 22**
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Xtreme Impact: Summer missions in review

Missions organization takes teams of high school and college students on overseas missions trips

Joie Hocevar

Last summer, Xtreme Impact took 10 teams of high school and college students on an overseas missions trip that impacted thousands of people from all around the world.

Xtreme Impact, a well-established missions organization, has been seeking to spread the gospel through missions trips around the world for years. This past summer, Xtreme Impact had a total of 272 participants, 210 of which were high school or college transfer students from across the western Kentucky. Among them were 34 current Liberty University students who served as team leaders and 17 adults who served as team leaders.

"Xtreme Impact trips are designed to give young people a chance to see what God is doing in the world and how they can play a part in that work," said Joie Hocevar, Xtreme Impact Supervisor. "Students have the opportunity to build relationships with other fellow team members and to share the gospel whenever they are. In fact, teams complete training in-country to cultivate the cause of Christ among themselves and their families in order to assist local missions.

"In addition to working through missionaries and translators, teams share the gospel and serve through drama ministry, prayer, evangelism, cross-cultural missions, humanitarian aid, children's ministry, youth ministry, sports ministry, teaching English and camp ministry," Hocevar said. Many traveled to English-speaking countries, while others traveled to countries where individuals seek to learn English, such as Thailand. It was awesome, especially serving as a group leader in Thailand. I would highly recommend it," senior Jonathan Lowery said.

"Our team partners with local ministry organizations and translators in order to assist local missions in their country. These individuals speak the local language and help to bridge thisgap," Hocevar said. "Travel to Guatemala in March, Italy in June and the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Italy, Uganda, South Africa, Thailand and India in July.

Psychology major Diana Nelson called the trip's "life-changer experience." She was able to go to Costa Rica as a small group leader in charge of all kinds of English camps.

"This is an incredible and unique experience for college students who not only want to go on missions, but also want to work with youth. According to Hocevar, the trips have also made an impact in the high school students who were part of the team. "Nearly 60 percent of the high school and transfer students who went on trips are attending Liberty University fall of 2012, and many more were invited to return," Hocevar said. Xtreme Impact believes that it is vital to show teenagers the spiritual and physical needs in the world prior to their college education. "The Great Commission has no age limit," is the group's motto. "No one is disqualified from the responsibility to formerly Jesus Christ with others," Hocevar said. "This life-changing experience not only changes their perspective of the world, but also allows students to be aware of the need, regardless of their future careers."

In addition, many students who participate in a missions trip prior to attending Liberty University build solid friendships that last throughout their college education.

"We've met many friends, made lifelong marriages, poured into the mission teams. Years later, alumni still share the impact that God had on their life through this mission experience," Hocevar said.

Xtreme Impact will continue to step out of its comfort zone to let others experience the love of God. Remembering, as Hocevar quoted, "that if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Remember the HUERTAS is a news reporter.
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July 14, 2012

Boffard named key member of Big South women's tennis team

The Lady Flames' Maren Wellman, Emma Steiniger, Jamie Bouffard and Casey Norris were all named key members of the Big South women's tennis team. The four are among the most talented players on the team and have been instrumental in the team's success this year.

The Lady Flames finished the season with a record of 11-9, which is a significant improvement over last year's 5-15 record. The team's success can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of its members, particularly Bouffard, Steiniger, Wellman and Norris.

Bouffard, who has been a key player for the team, said, "We've come a long way this year. We've learned a lot from each other and have become a stronger team because of it."

Steiniger added, "It's been a great season, and I'm excited to see where we can go from here."

Wellman said, "We've been working really hard to improve our game, and we've made some really good strides. I'm looking forward to the future.

Norris said, "We've been a really close-knit group, and I think that's been a big part of our success."

The Lady Flames will continue to work hard to improve their game and look forward to a bright future.

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**Grizzlies run over Liberty**

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Liberty University's soccer team continued its hot streak Tuesday night, beating Coastal Carolina 6-1 to remain unbeaten in the Big South Conference. The Grizzlies have won all seven games of the season to date, outscoring their opponents 18 goals to just one. The victory over Coastal Carolina was the team's seventh shutout of the season.

**Flames score 12 goals in weekend series**

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The Liberty men's ice hockey team took on the Atlantic Jr. Knights in the Liberty Warfare Center this past weekend, with both games ending in Liberty victories. The Flames scored 12 goals on the weekend, with the Flames' Chris Reed scoring a hat trick in both games. The Flames' win in the Friday night game was the first shutout of the season for the Flames. The Flames' win in the Saturday afternoon game was the second shutout of the season for the Flames.

A missed opportunity during a power play allowed the Knights to score another penalty shot goal, bringing their season to just 2-2. The Flames scored their third goal on a breakaway goal, scoring three goals in the first period. The Flames' win in the Friday night game was the first shutout of the season for the Flames. The Flames' win in the Saturday afternoon game was the second shutout of the season for the Flames.

**Lady Flames falter vs. Tech, UVA**

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The Lady Flames volleyball team traveled to Charlotteville, Va., Sept. 15, to continue their season with a pair of matches against high-powered opponents. The Lady Flames dropped both matches, falling to Virginia Tech and later to the University of Virginia. The Lady Flames were outscored 25-21 in the first set, and 25-17 in the second.

**Flames up next on Saturday**

Rex Bus  
Liberty Flames

The Flames' next game is set for Saturday, Sept. 22, against the University of Virginia. The Flames are currently 5-0 on the season and are looking to continue their winning streak against the Cavaliers. The Flames' next game will be a crucial one, as they look to keep their winning streak alive and move closer to a conference championship. The Flames' win in the Friday night game was the first shutout of the season for the Flames. The Flames' win in the Saturday afternoon game was the second shutout of the season for the Flames.
 Going on an all-terrain adventure

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Liberty University prides itself on being the most exciting Christian university, in the nation, and with the recent addition of the ATV and Motocross facilities, it is clear that they always tried to live up to their motto.

Mike Ellsworth is the Assistant Director of Student Activities and oversees the program. He is proud to offer this activity to the students.

"The ATV program was put in place to give students the opportunity to do some of the things that they wouldn't normally be able to do at home and to provide them with an exciting experience while they are here," Ellsworth said.

"It's something that not a lot of other universities can offer to their students. It's something that we take pride in, and it allows students to have a blast on all that property and be able to use it to its full potential."

The ATV is available to rent for an hour-and-a-half time slot, plus 10 to 15 miles of trails. Any Liberty student can apply to rent an ATV, but they must fill out a few forms found on the Liberty University Student Activities website or in their office at Green Hall. Each ride must complete a safety course as well.

Once all of the registration is completed, the student will get a membership card and be able to sign up for a time slot. If the student has their own ATV and completes the paperwork along with the safety course, they can ride the trails on their own quads without having to rent.

"The program's popularity on campus has already grown from last year, and so has the amount of students applying to get an ATV," Ellsworth said. "It has definitely picked up steam even more than last semester already. I think that the word is getting around, and that's why we have seen more traffic. We had over 100 kids at our safety meeting."

The Motocross track is also available for students to ride on. However, there are rules and restrictions that students must bring their own. The track is located behind Brock's convenience off Lone Jack Road. Paperwork also needs to be completed before anyone can ride the course.

The program is a great way to meet new people and start new friendships with students who enjoy the outdoors.

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PEARDON is a sports reporter.

Liberty looks for first win vs. Lehigh

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Looking for revenge and their first victory this season, the Liberty Flames football team returns home to face the Lehigh Mountain Hawks under the lights of Williams Stadium, Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

The Flames will be looking for their first win under head coach Turner Gill. Last year, Liberty searched their second win of the year and fell. A missed field goal as time expired ended the game gave the Flames a 23-21 loss in their first-ever trip to Bethlehem, Pa.

While Liberty is still looking for its first win, Lehigh is looking to improve upon their record of 0-2, and to remain in the race for the Colonial Athletic Association title. Currently, the Mountain Hawks are ranked No. 13 in the Sports Network FCS College Football Poll.

With a week of preparation before them, the Flames coaching staff must focus on various areas of their game, welcoming in one of the hottest football teams in the nation, the Eagles.

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After putting new quarterback #10 Brian Hudson at the starting spot for the past two games, junior quarterback, throwing 23 completions for 263 total yards on the road at Wake Forest and twelve completions for 184 yards against Norfolk State in the home opener. Facing No. 12 Montana on Saturday, redshirt freshman Woodson made his presence known in his few collegiate starts. Despite being shaken free, Brian Hudson stepped up, being able to throw for an impressive 323 yards and two touchdowns completing 34 of his 46 passes.

Hudson has shown great progress backing up Mike Brown at the quarterback position last season, but what Woodson lacks in experience he makes up for with big-play ability, as seen in Montana.

Shut Down the Pass

In Liberty's win over Charleston Southern, Sep. 15, the team put up 276 passing yards under the leadership of senior quarterback #5 Mike Gill. "To do 337 going into Liberty is what we wanted to do, and it's encouraging knowing that we left some plays on the field in all three of those three games," Gill said to Fox News.

The Flames held the Grizzlies to just 35 yards through the air last week, but will have to continue to shut down their opponents' passing game to have a chance at their first win.

Bring the Running Game

In Montana, the Grizzlies shut down the Flames running game. In 18 combined attempts, Liberty running backs McHarg and Alphonso Allen managed just 66 yards combined. Gill was not happy with the performance. "I'm a little disappointed. I thought we would be able to run the ball a little better," Gill said to the Associated Press.

With the Associated Press named to the Associated Press All-Colonial Athletic Association, Gill continued his stellar running performance, totaling 125 yards on 21 attempts.

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LONGWOOD continued from 31

Changes inside and outside of their university to prove beneficial

With the CAA officially joining the Big South, the new rent control regulations are allowing Longwood and Liberty

The addition of Longwood has the greatest impact for the towing and the wrap of men's basketball and football. Although the prospect of 12 teams in one conference, the Big South has been split between basketball and baseball into two divisions.

The losses of these two divisions are North and South. The South will continue to play West Virginia and Liberty, Longwood, High Point, VMI, Radford, Campbell, while the South will be composed of Coastal Carolina, Charleston Southern, Presbyterian, Winthrop and UNCG.

The changes to the format are effective immediately. The changes have not had any winning records against Big South schools, and the conference is still in a program joining NCAA Division I plus men's basketball, softball, and wrestling.

Over the past couple of years, the Big South has expanded to seven teams in a prominent univer

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**Biology professor builds champions**

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“Good morning, young champions,” professor Terry Spohn welcomes his students on Sept. 8.

“Good morning, Champion Builder,” the students reply.

Liberty University students Dana Emrick and Heather Campbell were regaled in a day of long-awaited introductions and tedious rituals when they took their seats in their respective biology and communication studies classes, but associate professor of biology Terry Spohn was any¬thing but boring.

“I thought he was hilarious, and I got really excited for his class,” Campbell said.

Each semester, Spohn opens his classes with a tradition that has the students laughing, even those who are new. It was refreshing.

“He’s so nonchalant about his experiences,” Campbell said. “I probably won’t accomplish half of those in my life. Ever.”

Before beginning his speaking career, Spohn was a veteran in the Vietnam War, he his students.

“Hey, I was a major in the military,” Campbell said. “He said, ‘I’ve killed a lot of people, but that’s not why I don’t do that anymore,’ which is, ‘controlling.’

“He’s a major with over 34 kills, so don’t listen to his class,” Emrick warned.

Despite his impressive kill record, Spohn is most enthusiastic about his assignment as a network coach for the Delta-9 Communication Agency, under the code name Tango Sierra.

With 123 commissioned certifications from Ireland toMaxLength during the Vietnam War, Spohn said he had his work cut out for him.

“I think this top-secret cleaner called Flash Override,” Spohn said, “which means that I could pre empt the President.

According to Spohn, the Flash Override trial gave students a taste of what it’s like to bump anyone off the phone, even the President of the United States.

The weirder schools across Spohn attended taught just one view, one he found incredibly boring. “The view that he’s speaking on which really doesn’t change any¬thing,” Emrick said.

“Biologia is fun,” Campbell said. “It’s an 8:30, but I get up and go to it because he’s cool.”

“He’s been here forever,” Emrick said, “and it’s true rarely.

Spohn first began his career at Liberty University when he accepted a position in assistant professor of biology in 1985, and he has taught in the university ever since.

Science has always had a place in his professor’s heart.

“Fried chicken since I was six,” Spohn said, a huge smile spreading across his face.

He was always interested in how things worked and tried to get ahead in math and science classes when his dad’s position in the army had the family constantly moving around.

The frozen treat shop featured buy one get one half-price the first day, he just let them go.

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The Virginia 10-miler held 39th race

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The Virginia 10-Miler will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 in Lynchburg, Va., giving central Virginians another chance to enrich their health and get involved in community events.

According to the event’s website, participants should arrive at Amant Street Square in Downtown Lynchburg by 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, pick up their packets and enjoy the opening festivities. The race begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

“The Virginia 10-Miler is a non-competitive race that is open to all ages to participate in a variety of races to promote community togetherness and physical exercise. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the race of their choice, including the leisure car, fun run, and the Amazing Mile Children’s Run.”

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Race to honor memory of Liberty grad

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Rachael Horton was a Liberty graduate and an advocate for animals everywhere who worked as an assistant at the Gentle Animal Care Hospital in Forest, Va. In her time at the animal hospital, she felt a passion to help people who were without the means to pay for their animals' health care, and she came up with the idea to put aside some of her own money to help those people and their pets.

The fire that claimed the lives of Rachael, her husband, Aaron, and their cat, Oscar, happened April 8, 2011, and the animal hospital started the RHCCF later that year in order to make Rachael's dream of financially helping people and pets a reality.

The second annual Rachael's Paws and Purr 5K and 10K will take place at Riverfront Park Sept. 22 in honor of the Rachael Horton Compassionate Care Fund (RHCCF). The course for the event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and after the race, there will be a concert by Lynchburg band Circleynek. The race is open to both humans and animals, and if you have a well-behaved animal on a leash, they are always welcome.

"The race will begin at 8 a.m., and we are still accepting registration forms. If somebody shows up at 7 a.m. that Saturday, they can register the day of," Paul August, the facilitator of the race, said.

The RHCCF was started in 2011 by the Gentle Care Animal Hospital in loving memory of Rachael Horton, who died in an apartment fire at the age of 26. "She took money from her own pocket if she saw that somebody was in need," Paul August said. "She never turned anybody away. A week before she died, she talked to the veterinarian she worked for and asked him to take money from her check to help animals who were in need."

According to the RHCCF, "The money collected and donated from doctors, staff, those in need and support from this fund will be used for special cases and life-or-death situations where a little extra money can make all the difference."

The race is only in its second year, but RHCCF hopes to expand in the future in order to help the most amount of people that they can.

To learn more about the Rachael Horton Compassionate Care Fund and how you can make a difference, visit the site.

SKINNER is a feature reporter.

FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS - Liberty graduate Rachael Horton was committed to protecting the most out of life. Rachael, her husband, Aaron, and their cat, Oscar, happened April 8, 2011, and the animal hospital started the RHCCF later that year in order to make Rachael's dream of financially helping people and pets a reality.

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According to RHCCF's website, prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in the canine division.

The first place finisher in the 5K and 10K will receive a year's supply of Frontline Plus flea and tick control for a dog. The second place finisher will receive a three-month supply, and the third place finisher will receive a three-month supply.

A one-night stay in the Claddagherry Hotel will also be awarded to the person who brings in the most money for animal care through pledges to RHCCF.

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Lynchburg plays host to Christian movie

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Hollywood producers and local
artists converged on Liberty University and Lynchburg conjointly into move this summer while filming the new faith-based movie, “Finding Faith.”

According to a Liberty News Service article, the purpose of “Finding Faith” is to educate families on the dangers of the Internet and to urge them to take fall prey to online predators. The film is based on the true story of a teenage girl who was abducted during an exposure to an Internet film

The film involves the events that take place before, during and after the abduction and the challenges that the family will face. The Safe Scenic Foundation is led by Sheriff Mike Brown, who held 18 years of law enforcement experience, in addition to the Bedford County Sheriff’s Department and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). Under Brown’s guidance, the task force has maintained a 100 percent conviction rate per strict guidelines that have targeted internet Internet predators.

As a April press conference, Brown shared his goals for the film and the role that ICAC would play.

“To the sexual predator, we are the wolves,” Brown said. “We have, in a number of ways, set the bar for other sex traffickers, that I am very proud.”

Thomas Baptist Church, Liberty Christian Academy and Liberty University contributed to the project and are highlighted in the film as a result.

“We knew this was the avenue we wanted to go – utilizing Thomas Baptist and Liberty University for support – and they’ve been great,” Brown said. “So it’s a liberty and LCA provided filming locations for “Finding Faith.”

As goes younger from hereon, Bethcher had the opportunity to work with a variety of people ranging from all ages.

“A lot of people who played my friends in the movie were actually 14, it was different, but fun,” Bethcher said.

Growing up, Bethcher participated in a variety of theater pieces – from middle school plays to high school productions. However, once coming to Liberty, she had been focusing on stage.

“She’s the head cheerleader, popular, loves the Lord, has she’s also very into social media – so much so that I start talking to her on line who enjoys in how they’re going to trick her into sharing something,” she added.

Because she played a character that couldn’t have asked for anything better.

The majority of the people involved in the production were affiliated with Liberty in some way. Jason Campbell, Liberty alumnus and executive producer of the film, said network 2000 cast members were distributed among 12 teams, and more than 200 parents were involved in the cast and crew. Some of those teams included script and encourage, food services, production and post-production, wardrobe and design and construction.

“We had so many people come out the day of filming that I didn’t know what to do with it,” Campbell said.

In addition to noted actor Erik Estrada, among those starring in the film is Stephanie Bethcher, a sister worship studies major. Bethcher plays the lead role of Faith Garrett, a 14-year-old teen who finds herself in an impossible situation.

“Character, Faith, is the typical teenager,” Bethcher said. “She’s the head cheerleader, popular, loves the Lord, has she’s also very into social media – so much so that I start talking to her on line who enjoys in how they’re going to trick her into sharing something,” she added.

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said, Jessica Faber, Pastor Jessica Faber’s daughter, plays Bethcher’s best friend, Ashley Brown.

“Faith’s abduction really hit my characters, Ashley, and I felt affected in the way she acted,” Faber said. “Because Ashley spent all of her time with Faith, you can imagine how hurt and upset she was when she found out about the abduction.”

As before filming, for “Finding Faith” had begun, Bethcher and her friend formed a friendship through participating in the Virginia Christmas Spectacular productions at Thomas Road together.

Those involved in the film hope that it will be a comfort to the public, especially to those who have been affected by online predators.

“I really want this movie to be an encouragement to both Christians and non-believers and to let those know God is there in times of trial through anything,” Faber said.

Bethcher added that in the movie the Garrett family struggles to unite in such difficult circumstances and realize the importance of God’s presence in their lives.

“The Garrett family understood that they had to trust God,” Bethcher said. “I believe this movie will be a great resource for those wanting to know more about the dangers of sex trafficking and how to be safe against Internet predators. I’m hoping that it’s for open parents and teens’ eyes to be extra cautious.”

The premiere is set for mid-June at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

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SUNSETS AND SCENERY — Consisting of mostly of oil paintings, Christopher Burch’s contemporary landscapes will be displayed from Sept. 20 to Nov. 3 at DeMoss Hall.

Liberty art gallery spotlights local artist

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Using scenes of majestic waters, quartz rocks and the sheer beauty of the land, this fall’s featured artist displays his talents on canvas in the form of landscape paintings. Artwork is on display in Liberty University’s Studio and Digital Arts Department’s announcement.

The Contemporary Landscape exhibit by Christopher Burch was displayed at the Liberty University Art Gallery, room 4019, in the DeMoss Hall Learning Center, from Sept. 20 to Nov. 3.

Todd Smith, the director for the upcoming exhibit, described what this exhibit means to the university.

“It is always an honor to add to the list of Christian artists that display in our studio,” Smith said. “As Christians, we are to cultivate tranquility artists that put out to express the glory of God. Our creativity is to reflect His creation.”

With the opening of the art event this month, Burch will have the opportunity to showcase his talent to his own community. The exhibit will feature aotal of 24 oil paintings, varying in size and colors, with depictions including landscapes as well as people and animals.

Burch will soon join a group of noted artists who have had the opportunity to showcase their pieces in the university’s studio exhibit. Past fall exhibitors include Grace Eising, Mark Ewell, David Heath, the Win Air Painters and Diane Johnson.

Liberty frequently displays the work of various artists, and this fall it is Burch’s turn to take the spotlight.

“Our goal is to serve as a cultural hub for the students and the community, offering them the opportunity to experience top-quality artwork,” Smith said.

In the case of Burch, he has spent his whole life in the Midwest region of America. Born in Eden, N.C., he attended school at Radford University and had formed a friendship in Lynchburg.

To find more information on the exhibit, visit the department of Studio and Digital Arts page on Liberty’s website.

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