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The family restaurant next door to Lib­ rity University, The Sundae Grill, closed on Dec. 16, 2017, and announced that "it would not be reopening.

The Liberty University Candlers Station Holdings LLC purchased the restaurant, and according to Lee Beasom, Vice President for Auxiliary Services, the school is actively seeking new tenants. And we are hopeful to close a deal in the near future. This will bring another dining option close to the campus for students to enjoy.

The new tenants, according to Beasom, will be just like the previous tenants around town, only they will be authorized to serve Flames Cash.

Liberty University and the Lynchburg community seemed disappointed to lose the restaurant chain Shoney's Keys, at Liberty Station, and said that the beef that the restaurant had closed.

"The people there were so great. We loved having them. I know the community did," Kendle said.

The owners themselves seemed reluctant to leave.

"You all know how we loved being there. We cared about everything in the restaurant, it was like our family. We cared about the students and all of you, you're our families. We cared for you, your families, for many, many years of business." - BOONSTER in a/news reporter.

Snowstorms powder Liberty

Liberty resembled a winter wonderland twice in one week, snow expected Friday

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The first snowfall of the winter season brought much excitement and joy on Lib­ rity's campus, Thursday, Jan. 17. Around 3 p.m., roughly 1-2 inches of white flakes blanketed the roads in 30 minutes, bringing frustra­ tion and inconvenience for students and faculty needing to get home.

"It took me around 30 minutes to get from campus to my apartment on Timber­ lake Road, which normally takes only 10 minutes," Liberty junior Charles Johnson said.

I experienced several accidents, which made it the most nerve-wracking and anxiety about getting home safely.

Chains were delayed, and the university opened Friday morning at 11:25 a.m.

The following week, Lynch­ burg was hit again, but with a lighter snowfall.

Around 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, light snow started to drift onto campus, and the university opened Friday at 11:25 a.m. It was a perfect day for games to be on our camp­ us,” Kendle said. "It was nice to watch the snow fall in the country, and it just en­ hanced the beauty of our campus in the winter season.

The snowstorm on Sunday, Jan. 20, swept through the South, making it difficult to drive to other areas of the US, including the Liberty region. The snowstorm also brought freezing tempera­ tures and rough road condi­ tions, Liberty is expected to see none snow for the rest of the semester, according to the Weather Channel.

OELRICH is the news editor.

The VUE begins leasing

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Like most universities, Liberty has more than 20,000 students every semester who are looking to live near campus dorms to move off campus and experience the real world.

Until recently, students moving off campus in Lynchburg were largely forced to choose between local communities like Courtenay, Wyndhurst, and the Venus and Park Place. But change is in the air.

In the fall, when a commu­ nity of what is known as "Purpose-Built Student Housing" called The Vue began leasing.

"The Vue is the only community in Lynchburg specifically tailored to the students," Mike Miller, the vice president for Marketing of The Vue, said. "To qualify, a prospective resi­ dent must provide proof of enrollment in addition to other qualifying criteria. We also provide individual liability claims so that stu­ dents are only responsible for their suite and the common areas."

The FSHM community was carefully planned, and Jo­ nes and most just off Wards Ferry Road, behind the Wol-Mart that lies across the street from the university's campus.

"In the best of our knowledge, we are the only Purpose-Built Student Housing in Lynchburg," Brandy Daily, the prop­ erty manager for The Vue, said.

"The Vue," which is named Langley Apartments, de­ signed the project. Langley is a Colo­ nial-style apartment building in Ro­ chester Park, Boonesboro, Village and Park Place.

"The Vue" is surrounded by various apartments in college mu­ nicipality. It began research­ ing off-campus student housing in other college town and decided to repli­ cate that model for Liberty University students. Daily.

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sen. garrett's proposals abortion bill defeated

republican virginia sen. thomas garrett proposed a bill that would have ended tax-funded abortions in virginia, specifically abolishing the severely disabled. according to garrett's press release, an 8-7 vote by the committee of education struck down the bill. natural rights noted that the bill would not prohibit individuals from obtaining an abortion if it were simply required that taxpayer money was not used to pay for the procedure. opponents of the bill argued that, in many cases, abortions are performed for reasons of contraceptive failure, but doctors have determined their child to be incompatible with life. "the idea of a doctor labeling a child incompatible with life was reminiscent of eugenics," garrett said in a press release. it is not known whether garrett plans to repeal sb 826 in the near future.

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The new partnership will provide state-of-the-art equipment for potential Liberty filmmakers.

STUDIO — A Cinematic Arts student works with a professional camera in one of the school’s production studios.

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The Cinematic Arts department at Liberty University recently formed a partnership with Echolight Studios, a major force in the Christian film-making industry, which will allow students to gain real world experience in the world of cinema.

"When I came to Liberty, I quickly immersed myself within the Christian community of filmmakers," Executive Director of the Zaki Gordon Cinematic Arts Center (ZGCAC) Stephan Schultz said.

According to Schultz, the relationship between Echolight and himself has been growing over time and that made it an easy fit to convene their mission of developing marketable films for the Christian audience to Liberty’s Cinematic Arts program. Schultz was originally referred to the studio through Anthony Professor of the Cinematic Arts Scotty Clarke, who is known for his full-length feature film "The Banished Breed." The film was produced by Echolight and has been distributed in the U.K. and 13 other countries.

"I’ve seen Echolight at events," Schultz said. "I talked to them, and we started developing a friendship and bringing to know each other better. They approached me about doing movies for them, and I told, ‘You guys want to go public, go public. But let’s get a great student body into it as well as part of allowing students to work on feature films.’"

According to Schultz, the relationship is part of the Cinematic Arts curriculum’s design to get students real-world experience on a feature film prior to graduating.

Echolight Studios welcomed that idea and they’re very excited about the opportunity to work around Liberty and with the students here," Schultz said.

According to Schultz, when he set up and designed the curriculum to do feature films, he did not have a partner. He just went in with faith, believing that something would happen, and now it has been opened.

A normalized studio contract was designed to include a five-year plan to finance, produce and distribute five full-length feature films alongside Liberty Motion Pictures.

Christopher Barron, Echolight’s chief global strategist and co-founder, said that the firm was formed to "do it all — finance, produce and distribute — to reach people in all the ways they want to watch movies wherever they are in the world.

"Echolight is, I think, the only Christian film distribution company in the world that actively is willing to fund the movies they distribute, as opposed to just picking them up after the filmmaker finishes them. That is why, this is such a unique relationship," Schultz said. "They want to be a partner of supporting the educational process here and are willing to take the risk with us."

Students in the Cinematic Arts department will receive substantial credits for their resumes, and will be well-equipped in experience in the field of filmmaking considered to be one of the most challenging and creative industries today.

"We’re excited that students are going to see this experience they usually wish get this for about five years into their career," Schultz said.

For more information on the Cinematic Arts department, visit them at liberty.edu, or contact them at cinematics@odu.edu. For information on Echolight Studios, visit echolight.org.

BARTLETT // in a news reporter.
Armstrong Doped, Others Coped

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Finally, the truth is out. Although Armstrong had more than a decade in denial, even working judicial action against those three who revealed his true face, Lance Armstrong was eventually forced to admit that he used substance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) during his pro-cycling career. In several high-profile interviews with Oprah Winfrey, Armstrong admitted in detail how he used PEDs and avoided positive test results from 1998 through 2001.

Before his interview with Winfrey, Armstrong released a statement in which he claimed he had never done PEDs. But when he was finally confronted with evidence of his use, he admitted to using PEDs to enhance his performance. He also acknowledged that his use of these substances began in the mid-1990s and continued until 2013.

The news of Armstrong's admission was a shock to many in the world of cycling, as he was one of the most successful and well-known cyclists of all time. His fall from grace was a reminder of the dangers of doping in sports and the importance of integrity in sports.

Finding a suitable job in this tough economy can be especially difficult if you are over 40. This is because younger candidates often have a competitive edge in the job market, right? Well, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the unemployment rate for those aged 55 and older is almost double that of the overall unemployment rate. This means that finding a new job can be even more challenging for older workers.

40 Years Ago, Roe v. Wade was born

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Last week marked the anniversary of a significant event in our nation's history. Forty years ago, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in Roe v. Wade to establish a constitutional right to abortion. This landmark decision has had a profound impact on the way we think about reproductive rights and choices.

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This decision, written by Justice Harry Blackmun, has had a significant impact on reproductive rights and choices across the United States. It has been a source of controversy and debate, but it has also been a source of hope and empowerment for women.

Where does the disconnect occur between belief and action?

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In the beginning of the 2012 fall semester, the Department of Music and Humanities and the Department of Worship and Music Studies Center for Worship merged to become the Liberty University School of Music, The Center for Music and the Performing Arts and the Center for Music and Worship. At that time, Administration announced plans for construction of a new School of Music building to be located behind the library.

"We felt like it would allow us to provide more resources, physical resources, faculty resources and financial resources," Dean of the School of Music Vernon White said.

The Center for Worship lost David's Place due to the new baseball stadium being built in its location. The Department for Music and Humanities will lose their facility because of the building of the new library, and both departments need a place together.

"The mission of the newly created School of Music is to train and equip musicians as champions for Christ," according to the Liberty News Service.

The merger involved taking almost all students in the area of worship and music and about 150 in the area of professional and combining them together with the graduate programs to end up with more than 1,000 students. According to White, the School of Music is the seventh largest in the country.

"The biggest and exciting thing is that we have the opportunity to offer degrees that we never could offer before," White said.

The School is planning new degree programs in jazz studies and vocal music. Faculty members are also talking about a new commercial music program, a film-scoring degree program and a new specialization in cinema arts. The Center for Music and the Performing Arts will also produce some piano recitals this spring semester.

"According to White, the merger strengthens the undergraduate and graduate degrees because it takes the faculty from both departments and brings them together.

"I think the students will realize and recognize the diversity of music that's been offered on our campus by having students learn side by side," Associate Dean for Music and Performing Arts John Kinchen said. "I think they are encouraged by that. I think that the professors again have come to a greater sense of community, which has encouraged us to depend on each other and fosters greater creativity in the art form.

The school is in the process of getting ready to present the new students to the faculty curriculum committee.

"What I hope for the future is that we become not just one of the largest schools, but the most dynamic school in the country, if not the world, with one expression and that is to train young men and women to go forth and spread the Gospel through their art form, ultimately using music as a vehicle for communication to the world that doesn't know Jesus Christ," Kinchen said.

"The merger is going exceptionally well," White said. "Everything is going great. I have a great team to work with. We've got 36 full-time faculty members, and they're all on board, working hard to make this happen. We believe once the merger is complete and everybody is kind of settled in, the School of Music will quickly become one of the top five schools in the country, or better."

SMITH in a news reporter.
In the last minute of play, Joel VanderJan. 26, 91-58.  

• brilliant passing and superior re-

...ing the 'Buccaneers' eighth-three, Marshall 

• the Flames outshot the while fading away 

... the Flames went . 

• the Flames continued to dominate 

... the Lady Flames a lead they would not surrender. 

...a 30-19 run capped by a three-point buzzer beater by sophomore guard Emily Frazier giving 

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Flames make a splash

Liberty defeats Marshall 19-8 in its home finale

Derrick Battle
Assistant Editor

After defeating the Marshall Thundering
Herd (5-6, 1-1 CUSA) in their second and
final home meet this season, the Liberty
Lady Flames will travel to Florida Gulf Coast
(3-7, 0-1 CUSA) to compete in the conference
meet Feb. 21.

“Conference is where we put all of our
focus,” Stilesberger said. “We want to
win at least one. I’m expecting a lot of
best times. Of course, from second place,
the only place to go is up to number one.
Florida Gulf Coast wins the conference
every year, and I’m not sure if we have
eenough to beat them this year, but we
want to get closer to them.”

Over the past four years, Stilesberger
has gracefully built a program that is now
threat in Division I.

“Each class that we have, we add a
lot of talent,” Stilesberger said. “Emi-
ly Kaufman, who transferred here from
Rutgers ... is an unbelievable talent. We
have added kids that have the potential
to be as good as the elite level. ... They’re
focused, they’re dedicated and they want
to be the best.”

Liberty will participate in the Davidson
Duel Saturday, Feb. 20, before competing in
the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Asso-
ciation Swimming and Diving Champion-
ships Feb. 21-23.

BATTLE is the assist. sports editor.

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“T’s my first meet in four years, and it’s a new
eXErising. It takes some getting used to,”
Stilesberger said. “Laura Tolosa is a
great coach. He’s been working with
me, so I’ll be able to really
get a feel for it.”

The Lady Flames also put up impressive
scores in the field. Junior Jones and Melina Roby
took first and second places in the triple jump, tying
for 39.31 and 39.32, respectively. Roby’s mark qualified her
for the Eastern College Athletic
Championship for the first time this season.

Roby also had a first place
finish in the long jump.

On the running side of
the meet, Jared Grantfield
pulled up a victory in the
1,000-meter run. His time of
2:35.73 qualified him for the
ECA meet for the first
time this season.

Leonard Robbins also recorded
a victory in the 400-meter
dash for Liberty, posting
a time of 49.09 seconds.

In the 800-meter dash,
Aslan claimed his first indi-
vidual victory and second overall victory of
the meet.

Robbins, Aslan, Conroy
Smith and Ken Grinnell
combined to win the 4x400 relay
time of 3:36.49, which tied the
meet. The team field also
compiled two second-place
times for the Lady Flames in
the 3000-meter steeplechase
dash, with times of 9:15.7 seconds
and 23.57, respectively.

Mary Gehlbach won the 100 fre-

SKILL: Left, Aaron Johnson finished 3rd in the men’s triple jump.

AMBITIOM — Lady Flames swim toward the CCAA conference meet Feb. 21.

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RUBINSCGER’S PRESENT: KARMA

January 29, 2013

BROWN is a sports reporter.
Jesse Sanders’ 2012 was quite a whirlwind. From his award-winning senior campaign as starting point guard for the Liberty Flames in the spring, to his new role as starting point guard for the professionally-affiliated Aurora Basket Jesi, Sanders has been on the move.

After finishing a successful career at Liberty, Sanders graduated, got married and moved to Europe.

“My agent, Sam Berin, is very well connected throughout Europe, and this summer, he was working hard at finding a good place for me to get started as a professional player,” Sanders said. “After looking at a few different offers, we both felt the situation here in Jesi, Italy was ideal.”

And so, a few months removed from walking the hallways of Double-M, Sanders took off for Italy to fulfill his lifelong dream.

“I believe I’ve always had a dream of playing professionally,” Sanders said. “It is something I’ve looked back over the past five years and see how God has blessed me and the efforts I have put into my game. I couldn’t be more thankful for my time at Liberty. I was challenged not only in my basketball and personal development, but more importantly in my walk with the Lord.”

**FIGHT continued from B1**

**Temples of Apollo**

Liberty’s preparation may be less good, but Italian basketball has required little getting used to.

“Tempt is very different from the States,” Sanders said. “There is more of an emphasis on court play, athlete pressure, defense and threepoint offense, etc. Over time, they would rather pull a more controlled game. One team may set plays against the other team’s defense.”

Sanders’ team plays in the Liberty Darr, which is translated as League Two. There are four different professional leagues in Italy, with the Darr being the second highest level of competition.

According to Sanders, despite soccer being Italy’s favorite game, public interest and support for basketball is high.

“The Italians are very emotional and passionate about the sport,” he said.

The Aurora Basket Jesi — frequently termed “Firelli EBN Jesi” after their corporate sponsors — played their first game Oct. 7, defeating Brescia, 73-56. Sanders started and played 34 minutes, recording 12 points, two assists and four rebounds in his European debut.

Through 13 games, Sanders has averaged 15 minutes of play, 10.6 points, 1.8 assists and 4.1 rebounds per game. He still sports his familiar jersey, No. 23.

As far living in Italy, Sanders said that there is a lot to love. Living in such close proximity to several ancient cities, the history and the travel opportunities have made for a very enjoyable time for both Sanders and his wife, Courtney (Dickinson-Sanders).

“It’s still crazy to say that we just hop in the car and drive to places like Rome and Florence,” Sanders said. “Overall, we have truly enjoyed our time here and have seen it as sort of an extended honeymoon.”

“Out of town is so nice,” he said. “It feels like we slipped into a movie scene where you walk into the city square and see all the vendors selling various handmade goods and homemade wares.”

But what do they miss the most?

“Sometimes, we feel like we just need to get away from the hype to something a bit more Italy-like or some good Texas-style barbeque,” Sanders said. “The Italian food here is obviously great, but Italy will literally cut pies twice a day seven days a week.”

HARVEY is the sports editor.
Everything is bigger in Texas, but this restaurant franchise has made a name for itself by keeping things small.

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The sound of burgers sizzling on the grill and eggs frying in pans have been heard more loudly at the Cornerstone Apartments on Greenview Drive near Timbershade Road ever since a new Texas Inn opened Dec. 19, 2012.

Eddie Eagle, owner of the Texas Inn, said that the expansion was largely hooted off the desire to reach more people in the Timbershade and Forest area as well as Liberty University students.

Commonly known as the T-Room because of the smaller eating space — the original version only features a handful of stools — the new building has made changes from the downtown building, such as more seating, new equipment and the addition of sides to the menu.

Eagle said that the Cornerstone location has greatly benefited the customers and that there has been an increase in Liberty students coming in to eat. The additional location has also given loyal customers the chance to experience a newer version of the classic restaurant, according to Eagle.

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**BLUSH — The network strives to spiritually challenge and encourage women.**

Liberty prepares to host women's conference

Sara Warender

A frequent visitor of Liberty University's women's evangelism classes and founder of The Blush Network, Autumn Miles is known for encouraging women across the country through her ministry efforts.

The Blush Network is a ministry whose main purpose is to spiritually challenge the way young women think. As a permanent partner with Liberty University's women's ministry, The Blush Network will visit Liberty Feb. 6 for an all-day event.

"It's especially reading the female body of Christ come together," Miles said. "I am so grateful that I get the chance to challenge people to love their Jesus.

The Blush Network offers one-night events at churches, conferences, leadership conferences courses for women and online blog that shares valuable, Christian insight with the community.

The conference consists of four worship sessions, a leadership session with different speakers and a concert to end the night. The conferences are solely for women, but men are encouraged to join in the worship at the finishing concert.

The conference will be held in the Towne Auditorium in the Religion Hall, with doors opening at 9 a.m., and the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Last year at Liberty, approximately 500 women spent the day together worshiping, and, according to Miles, The Blush Network is hoping that the number will grow this year.

Journalist Shaye Haver, whose ministry consists of poetry, music and dance, will perform at the conference. A Dave Barnes concert will close the evening.

"This is a time to celebrate, and that is what we want it to be," Miles said. "We need to celebrate the Lord and celebrate what He's done, and that's one way we do that.

According to Miles, preparations for these conferences begin a year in advance with 16 staff members, 120 leadership program participants and 70 volunteers working closely to fulfill Miles' Godgiven vision.

"The foundation of The Blush Network is prayer and seeking the Lord," Miles said. "We pray a lot about the conference themes. We must have the assistance of the Holy Spirit on each of us.

"The theme for the conference in February is teach women to understand what it means to be appointed by God for this moment and knowing how to work toward his glory in all circumstances. According to Miles, some specific topics include divine appointments, vision and the challenges that young women face in today's culture.

"The Blush Network canداء the transformative kind because they have a good understanding of what women are facing," Liberty freshman Grace Stohlman said.

After overcoming an abusive marriage, Miles can now offer the hardships many women face daily and seeks to give them the strength to overcome their struggles through Christ.

"I know such an intense passion because I know I have been forgiven much," Miles said. "Those who have been forgiven much, love much.

"The conference is $20, and the concert is $10."

"God definitely uses Autumn Miles to motivate college girls and working women who are older, really teaching on commercials and ways all women go through," Jennifer Beroeker, a sophomore from Liberty who has attended Blush evening sessions, said.

Tickets for the conference can be purchased on The Blush Network official website, theblushnetwork.com.

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**Review: Thoughts from Taco Bell**

Greg Luesear

"Thoughts From Taco Bell" by Chad Tipton is a book about growing up in the 90's. Chad Tipton grew up in the 90's and has written a book about his experiences. The book is a collection of essays written by Chad Tipton about his experiences growing up in the 90's. Chad Tipton is known for his wit, humor, and ability to tell a good story. The book is a must-read for anyone who grew up in the 90's or enjoys reading about the past.

Chad Tipton's writing style is engaging and easy to read. He has a way of making the reader feel like they are a part of the story. Chad Tipton's experiences growing up in the 90's are relatable to many people.

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Snow bound
SAU plans annual ski trip to Wintergreen
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Spiritual recharge

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“Joseph’s character was greater than the promise of deliverance and the possibility of a remainder,” Clayton King, the founder and president of Crosswalk Worldwide, said.

The students of Liberty University felt silent as they reached King’s familiar face, as his faces illuminated the life of Joseph. King’s arms swung as his voice echoed over the Vines Center crowd. Using Joseph’s stories as examples, King began Spiritual Focus Week, Jan. 23, covering topics such as dreams, desires, dangers and the depths of Christ’s followers.

“Some will wind up in trials, who we feel like we don’t deserve, and we’re striving there thinking, ‘What about me?’” King said. “It’s reality, God is saying there. I’m preparing you for something greater!”

According to King’s website, he began ministry in high school and became an adult leader at age 14. Known for his passion, King often challenges students with difficult questions and topics.

Some of us are rearing more than Stuborn fools because we convince ourselves that we are greater than God and that His rules don’t apply to us,” King said. “With God, there are no academic solutions or neat, easy answers; it’s a process.”

According to King, Joseph probably believed he would lose his life in his father’s divine legacy. When irony in reality, he faced many trials for seeking to make a dream God had called him to achieve. According to King’s open way of sharing his father’s lessons with the students allowed his listeners to return to him in a new way: “It was cool how he gave the idea that Joseph might have been the kind of master, spied by dad, and God had to change him to be the person that He called him to be,” Liberty freshman John Lawson said.

King challenged students to look past their own dreams and to play God at the center of their lives. He encouraged students to gain a new perspective on the promises of every life.

“Stop looking at your chores, at everything as a bother but as preparation,” King said. “God can use you for what’s next if you’re not responsible with what’s now.”

King is known for visiting students’ departments around campus, meeting at certain intervals, or having dinner with students at the Rhein-Thomas Dining Hall in order to develop relationships with the combined body of Liberty.

“I could never, ever get tired of this place and the openness of the students in the word of God,” King said. “I can go over and hang out with them for a half-hour and let them know that they’re a part of our community here, that’s important.”

As one of Liberty’s campus pastors, King is a frequent visitor of Liberty and speaks to the morning body as a connected link to the school. Throughout his messages, students are often heard laughing, applauding and cheering on their pastor.

“Sometimes I find it difficult to rapture get into the presence of God at my church, but it’s con­venient to have someone,” Liberty sophomore Sarah Wom­an said. “I felt more at home.”

According to King, the high light of his ministry is seeing people saved. The reaction of Liberty to his message Thurs­day night, Jan. 24, demonstrated that this highlight of his ministry became evident to students who came to the stage in response to God’s call.

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SADA art show spotlights faculty talent

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The Liberty University Department of Studio and Digital Arts opened its Faculty Art Exhibit Thursday, Jan. 24.

Todd Smith, Studio and Digital Arts chair, said that the majority of work in being displayed in the gallery from SADA professors.

“The works of art include drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphic design, video, animation and photography,” Smith said.

The free show will continue to run through Feb. 4, with the works of 13 Studio and Digital Arts faculty exhibiting works. The exhibitions include photography, drawing, digital art and animation.

Thursday evening, people quickly formed a line to see the opening of the gallery.

“The turnout was fantastic,” Smith said. “Students, faculty and visitors from the community attended.”

Liberty senior Sundi Owens was one of the students who attended the opening of the gallery.

“I enjoyed seeing all the works of art,” Owens said. “It was a really cool experience to see all the talent.”

Smith said that the Department of Studio and Digital Arts plans to host many more exhibits in their fourth-floor gallery during the remainder of the semester.

“We will have a Graphic Design Exhibit, Senior Studio Arts Exhibit and Juried Student Art Show — all in the Liberty University Art Gallery,” Smith said.

“Senior exhibit, the Eugene Math Life exhibit, will be shown on the second and third floor of the Ice Hall in the Arts and Learning Resource Center.”

The gallery is located in room 2009 inside DeMoss Hall, and will continue to present various exhibits and art of the year through March.

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SKILL — Liberty faculty’s art provides an example for students.

PRACHING — King taught lessons from the life of Joseph.