A white plate sits on a cherry-colored conference table, filled with tiny pink and red heart-shaped sprinkles. A tri-folded piece of notebook paper lies across the top of the creased, wrinkled note. The note spreaded across simply reads: Dwayne.

"You... I mean, I'm going to get mega diabetes," he said with a forlorn look on his face, knowing what the note would say.

He gingerly opened the note and began to read. The note spoke of how much a couple of students would miss Senior Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson once he vacates his position at Liberty University.

"A small, dark-haired woman excitedly arrived at the large kitchen, testing Everest, a new corn alarm detector that is happy joes, asking food, answering questions, calling on short orders and occasionally munching a fry or two as she boiled them in vegetable oil."

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Day of Purity Rally to be held  

The student government association of Liberty University will host a worship service that will include a purity pledge signing held from 10 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria. The event is open to the public for those who want to sign their names to commit to a lifetime of sexual purity until marriage. The service is part of the celebration of the annual Day of Purity on Valentine’s Day. The worship service is being sponsored by Joshua’s Song and prayer counselors will be available at the event.

missions emphasis week

The spring semester’s missions emphasis week will revolve around the theme “Ethics” for students, faculty and guests explore people groups and cultures of the world. The events will take place Feb. 13-16. Speakers include Dr. Wes Stafford, and David Missions as well as mission agents representative will be in the back hallway of DeMoss throughout the week to answer questions or share stories for more information on NEW contact chap@liberty.edu.

Intellectual Property Law Symposium  

The school of law’s Intellectual Property Law Symposia will focus on patents, trademarks and copyrights. The symposium will be held Feb. 10-11 and include three panels, consisting of nine attorneys, according to Doug Wynn, president of the law school’s Intellectual Property and Technology Law Society (OPTS). James Crevecoeur, president of the Intellectual Law Firm, is moderating the discussion panels and co-sponsoring the event with Wynn. He will do an excellent educational and refreshing opportunity.” Waters said. Speaker in advance, 814-996-2064.

Howard survivor to speak

Irv Irving, Holocaust survivor and director of Holocaust education, will speak during a Genesis Symposium Tuesday, Feb. 15. The School of Law and American Association of Christian Librarians will sponsor the symposium, which will be held from 7-10 p.m. in the School of Law Supreme Courtroom. “Holocaust of Rwanda,” a documentary, will be shown at a 7 p.m. “This has blessed us so far in the form of scholarships and grants and has provided us with the resources to proceed. More people need to see the reality of genocide. This genocide symposium will be life-changing.” School of Law Dean Matthew Staver said. For more information, visit law.liberty.edu or email law@liberty.edu.

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Cherelle Curry Jerry Folds, who serves on the 44th higher education commission, a placed with the state’s commitment to VTAG funding. Private college presidents in Virginia were hoping to note that after the Virginia students receive through TAG. Because of enrollment growth, $22 million in new funding was needed to keep the grant to each Virginia student at $22,700. Folds said “Of the private college presidents who scolded when the governor officially announced a 3.5 million increase in TAG funding. We deeply appreciate the governor’s recognition of the importance of new private college presidents in Virginia,” Folds said. VTAG funding saves the state money, an average of $4,000 per year at a public college, compared to a $2,000 investment for independent schools.

Private colleges save the state millions of dollars each year. Education officials say the state system seems to be able to do “and it would be the top supplemental to VTAC funding,” McDonnell has set a goal of $14,000 to be raised.

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— Chris Deitsch

CARSON FAMILY — Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson (middle) and his wife, Donna (right), with children (from left) Klayton, Kaltlyn, Kirk, and Kirk.

FAREWELL PRESENT — Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. presented Senior Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson with a rocking chair as a going away gift in Convocation on Monday.

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The decision to leave was a difficult one to make. I'm having that (bittersweet) emotion right now, because I know we have made the right decision. It's a difficult decision for me. cbo

Although the transition to a new place is a little bittersweet, Carson knows that this move is for the best, he said.

Genoa Baptist Church has been actively pursuing Genoa since 1999 by Senior Pastor Frank Carl.

"Frank Carl asked me to come to Genoa in 1999 to be his associate pastor — to be his Joshua," he said. "Carson said: "I told him, 'I don't think I'm leaving Liberty anytime soon.'"

"In 2001, Frank brought some kids to Liberty College for an interview, and we meet him over the phone for dinner," Dwayne said. "Sitting on the sofa, he decided that he will preach a sermon to me on the values of Genoa Baptist Church. He preaches the sermon and says, every local high school and every closed. Alright, Dwayne, I want you to come forward and say you're coming to Genoa."

In November 2010, Carl again requested that Carson join his staff at Genoa. Carl begged Dwayne simply to come visit the church and see how the congregation was going, Carson said. "Frank asked me if I was in a place where I could consider leaving Liberty, and I told him that I could," Carson said.

"On Jan. 17, Dwayne called Carl," said Falwell. "Frank, we accept your invitation to join your staff."

Liberty might be that anchor ten years from now. He also challenged the SLDs to adopt 1 Thessalonians 2 for their lives, leaving them in all they do as been one of Carson's main motivations during his time at Liberty, fitting the student leaders to your into the lives of their growth, challenges.

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"Whether it is funding, political will or competing priorities, it is not just measurable," Beauford said. "We've been seriously looking at a civic center for over a year now. The study will also show the pros and cons of where to place the center, looking to relocate or trying to attract talent."

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The study will also show the pros and cons of where to place the center, looking to relocate or trying to attract talent. "At any point in time it may become necessary," Beaumont said. "I want to explore all the options available to us and discuss a civic center to benefit from a civic center."

Vines is a wonderful facility but before we add seating to Vinos. If you've got kids and parking is limited for basketball games. Many cities in the nation are only able to support a civic center like Vines as an anchor tenant, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the last 10 years, Lynchburg has grown 15.78 percent and is the fifth fastest growing city in Virginia. If you look at the latest, there are obviously a lot more people in the area that may make that thing a reality," Beaumont said. "Jerry is responsible for most of Lynchburg's population growth," said Falwell. "That growth may make the difference especially since the center competes for office space in downtown and Salem are more than 40 years old."

"OVERHULTZ is the editor in chief.

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IN HONOR OF CAMPUS PASTOR Dwayne Carson's last days, Associate Director of Spiritual Life and Discipleship Pastor Michael Miller created an acrostic describing some of the lessons he has learned about Carson. Miller created the acrostic using the words: Dwayne Carson, Miller's decision to leave the ministry was derived from Carson's reputation as a team player. Carson was known for using acrostics and acronyms in his leadership team.

"God purposefully prunes his productive producer in order to be more productive and to teach us how to lead others," Carson told the SLDs in his last meeting.

"I am challenging the SLD to adopt 1 Thessalonians 2 for their lives, leaving them with one final challenge from founder Dr. Jerry Falwell. "Praise as if everything depends on God," Carson said. "Work as if everything depends on you."

"SULLIVAN is a graduate assistant working for the Liberty Champion.

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A SERIES LOOKING AT STUDENTS FIGHTING TO PROTECT AMERICA'S FREEDOM

Sgt. Ron Taylor: Paratrooper Missionary

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For graduating high school in 1988, Ron Taylor joined the Army to serve his country. He signed up with the Army's 82nd Airborne/All Americans. Two years later, Taylor was selected for a rapid deployment force to fly to Saudi Arabia in preparation for Operation Desert Storm.

Taylor was a mechanic during his first deployment, and his unit was to guard against an Iraqi invasion of Saudi Arabia. In all, roughly 10 Army divisions, two Marine Corps divisions and a coalition of NATO forces fought in the Persian Gulf. A decade later, Taylor served with the 3rd Infantry Division as one of only three divisions that would spearhead the invasion of Iraq.

During Taylor's first deployment, temperatures reached 134 degrees during the day. When he deployed to Iraq in 2003, the extreme heat was back, but this time, Taylor, now an infantryman, manned a gun atop his Bradley Fighting Vehicle in desert uniform, chemical warfare gear and a helmet. Even then, other soldiers had it worse.

"We didn't have (the heat) problem as bad as the dismounted guys — they were out on the sand and pavement all the time," Taylor said. "We kept giving them our extra boots because the rubber on their boots was melting off."

Extreme heat was the only similarity Taylor noticed between the first and second Gulf Wars.

"In the first Gulf War, I never encountered any Iraqi people. In the second Gulf War, we were in constant contact with them," he said. "It wasn't that we weren't fighting, too. We had quite a few opportunities to do some great things for those people, and I had many opportunities to share Jesus with them. Most were really happy to see us there."

Following his second deployment, Taylor returned to civilian life after 16 years of Army service. He tried to find his way back into civilian life, but it didn't go as expected.

"The destruction Taylor witnessed during his second time in the Middle East led him to dream of starting a world-class disaster relief organization."

"When I was in Iraq, I saw lots of destruction," he said. "It was sitting atop my Bradley one day, and I just felt like the Lord was speaking to my heart, (saying), 'When (disasters) like this are happening, you just need help.'"

Taylor eventually enrolled at Liberty University to pursue a degree in intercultural studies. He said that when he joined the paratroopers, he never thought he would become a missionary. His dream is an organization with aircraft, watercraft, medical equipment, engineering equipment, water treatment and expert people to "help the helpless and give hope to the hopeless."

"If the military is looking to get rid of a C-130, I'd like to be able to buy it and have aviators from this university to fly it," Taylor said. "I'd like to be able to buy it and have aviators from this university to fly it."

Taylor plans to start with his family and his Suburban and build up to an organization worthy of the name of Christ.

People in those towns have no hope, so what a great time to bring the hope of Jesus to them through our hands and our feet," he said.

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Two wars — Sgt. Ron Taylor with the Army's prototype XM8 rifle in 2004. Taylor served with the 82nd Airborne, and later the 3rd Infantry Division, in both Gulf Wars.

Recent events include a 24-year-old female paratrooper who was the first woman to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom and a paratrooper who was killed in Afghanistan.
On the third Saturday of each month, Rebuilding Together Lynchburg brings help to those in need. The organization receives funds from various outlets such as grants, sponsors, and local businesses. In the past 12 months, they have helped renovate 52 homes in the Lynchburg area.

Executive director of RTL, Sandy Sowers, has been with the organization for five years. W hacking came to Lynchburg from Birmingham, Ala, and previously volunteered with a Rebuilding Together affiliate there.

"When we load in Birmingham, I volunteered there," Walton said. "We moved here. I went looking for the group."

Walton helps find families in the community who could benefit from services offered by RTL.

Our mission is to help our low-income neighbors," Walton said. "These are low-income neighbors who have some kind of rehab work that they need to do.

Some examples of what work that RTL performs would be repairing leaky faucets, various electrical items and plumbing needs.

RTL will also do home modifications, such as building a ramp and widening doorways for wheelchair bound residents. All white work and modifications are free.

Liberty and Thomas Road Church of Christ started a partnership with RTL according to Daniel Christian Community Service Coordinator.

Essentially, it's a partnership between Rebuilding Together Lynchburg, Thomas Road, who provides Harly Sowers with the oversight and technical expertise and then Liberty students who provide the up and down lifting and actual work and service," W Iatid.

Wong Sowers has served as the head of the RTL Home Repair Group since 2009 and works directly with volunteers, including Liberty students. Sowers has been retired for almost 10 years and moved to Lynchburg in 2006.

"I was a chemical engineer," Sowers said. "I knew about construction back then."

Sowers, as well as others involved with RTL, recently came up with an open volunteer system where people can come to help that may not have been doing the work. This new structure began in September 2010.

"The first time I did this, I expect­ed seven or eight people," Sowers said "and I had 22.

On the following Saturday, Sowers had 20 people showed up to volunteer. That weekend, they completed a roof and painted two homes.

Liberty College and Liberty students are among the volunteers that Sowers works with. Liberty students have the opportunity to gain CSER credit when volunteering with RTL.

Several new students go beyond the 10 hours required.

"What I found was that I had people from Liberty that were just showing up, which is fantastic," Sowers said. "People show up week after week. Megan Kinne showed up a number of times.

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**Slippery Surface**

**Tough games, hard work not enough to win**

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The Lady Flames hockey team started off the month of February with a string of challenging games at the LaHaye Ice Center against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Thursday night's game against Minnesota resulted in a 2-1 loss for the Lady Flames. The Lady Flames faced the Lady Gophers again on Friday night, losing in another close match, 3-2. In a change of competition on Saturday, the Lady Flames played Northeastern University in another testing match, Liberty 4, 2.

The first game of the weekend proved to be a challenge for the Lady Flames. Less than three minutes into the game, a turnover broke out in front of Liberty's goal, with players sprawled out on the ice on each other. Liberty desperately tried to clear the puck away from junior goalie Tanner Murphy, while Minnesota maintained possession. Lines formed with sticks, but Liberty prevailed and cleared the puck away from the goal.

"I was disappointed to walk away without the win, but our team put up a good fight," forward Stacey Christians said. "We played aggressively and played within the offensive zone, unfortunately we came up against sharp goal tending."

Saturday's game saw two deceptively even periods, with neither team able to capitalize on its opportunities. Just over two minutes into the third period, Minnesota scored the first point of the game. Teams spiked and sticks were flying, literally, as Liberty tried to tie the game.

**3 - pointer by John Caleb Sanders cut the lead to one free throw of two, giving the Flames the 67-61 lead. Junior guard Jesse Sanders answered with the third 3-pointer in 14 seconds. At nine seconds left, Coastal had the slight advantage. After Coastal's Kristofer Hammar added one-for-two at the free throw line, sophomore guard Jesse Sanders attempted one more 3-pointer to send the game into overtime, but the shot landed just to the right of the rim, giving the Coastal 70-67 win.**

Coastal led all seconds in points with 17, and John Caleb Sanders finished with a career-high 16 points. In the end, Coastal's Kiwanu Brown got his eight double-digit points in 13 points and 13 rebounds.

**Coastal Carolina remained unbeaten in the Big South Conference, while Liberty fell 78-21 in the conference.**

Liberty traveled to Charleston Southern Saturday and picked up its first win by the away team in the Recreation Field House, clinging the 79-70 win.

The game came down to the last game seconds of the second half with Liberty up by one. Gordon attempt of a 3-pointer, which bounced off the rim and bounced away.

Brown drained the ball to put Liberty up by three. Charleston Southern's Jawan Warren made two free throws, but could not pull out the win.

Gordon was the high scorer for both teams with 17 points at the end of the night.

Joel Vander Ploeg, Madison, and Jesse Sanders added 17 points in the double digits. Brown completed theUndoubtedly double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Liberty prepared to play in the conference, with a 13-10 win, but received another two-of-two free throws, giving the Flames a win.

Looking ahead, the Flames return home to play Radford Thursday at 7 in the Vines Center. Liberty will host the next two ESPNU BracketBusters on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

**BROWN is the ass't. sports editor.**

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**Women's HOCKEY**
Liberty University has announced a strong demand from its female students. The new program is the 21st NCAA Division I program in the country, according to Murphy, who has recently been appointed assistant coach at Richmond.

"It's not a completely humble experience to get to say that you've started a Division I program from scratch," Murphy said. "And I do feel really humbled by it and really excited by it."

In preparation for the team's NCAA Division I membership to start in the summer and the official season to start in the fall of 2011, Murphy said, "We've been recruiting a whole bunch since I've gotten the job to hopefully bring in about 12 or 13 more for the fall team. So, ideally, it'd be about 24 or 25 girls on our roster."

There have been 28 girls at the interest meeting and 20 to 24 daily at tryouts. Murphy said, "It has been no problem finding girls for the team, as the interest from female students has been high since the time Liberty hired me in November, according to Murphy."

"I think there's a whole bunch of girls on campus who played in their high schools that really wanted to be at a Christian university and, understandably, that took precedent for them," Murphy said. "It's not been an easier time. I've realized that the school kind of yielded to the needs of the student body ... it's been near how quickly and how responsive the girls have been."

There will be 13 or 14 girls for the spring team. Murphy said, "I'm definitely really excited about the team," Jeffers said. "I'm really excited about what we can do starting up a Division I program, what we can do representing a Christian school and representing that in the Division I athletics."

Women's Basketball Gallery

LEFT TO RIGHT — Lady Flames center Avery Warley pulled down 14 rebounds and scored 18 points against High Point. Guard Dymond Morgan drives the lane on the way to the basket. Chancellor Jerry and Becky Falwell get in on the act as members from the S.O.A.R. dunk team perform at halftime.
At the break: NBA and NHL at the halfway point

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As the NBA takes a breath during the upcoming All-Star break, the hopes of the "Decade" and South Beach has waned, and now fans in new places have answered and abandoned pre-season questions, like Amar'e Stoudemire in New York, Blake Griffin in Los Angeles and of course, Kobe and perhaps another ring.

With all the hype surrounding the "Miami Three" — LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh — only one on during the season, the three superstars struggled to find a rhythm, but as the season progressed, James, Wade, Bosh and the rest of the Heat found a chemistry that now has them in second place in the Eastern Conference.

While the cameras focused on the superstars in Miami, teams like the San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Mavericks, Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls and the Oklahoma City Thunder are making a splash as they enter the All-Star Break. The Spurs comfortably lead the NBA in victories with 42 wins, thanks to a solid bench.

Along with Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, the Spurs have finally seen the full potential of backup guard George Hill who is averaging 11 points per game off the bench. Their 42-8 record breaks their record of 40 wins before the All-Star break, and it is eight wins behind their win total of last year.

The Celtics hold a slim Eastern Conference lead with a 37-12 record. The additions of centers Shaquille O'Neal and Jermaine O'Neal help bolster the Celtics more than on their front line, something they lacked last year.

Twice this season, the Celtics have hurt the Heat because of team effort, not depending on just their stars to win the game. Glen Davis has been a key component, especially with Kendrick Perkins out due to injury throughout most of the season. Davis has taken advantage of his opportunity of more minutes by scoring a career-high 12 points per game and averaging for the rebound of the bench.

There has been an abundance of excitement in Los Angeles. The Lakers have a winning record and are third in the Western Conference, but it is the other Staples Center team creating the buzz. The Los Angeles Clippers and the rest of the NBA have finally seen the emergence of Blake Griffin.

Griffin is averaging 22 points and 13 rebounds per game — performance that earned him a spot on the Western Conference All-Star team. The Clippers are eight games under .500 and many games behind the Lakers, but the team puts on a show night in and night out. Griffin is making SportsCenter's top ten plays almost nightly.

HOCKEY

Entering into the second half of the NHL season, the win margins among the top teams of both the Eastern and Western Conferences are tight.

In the Western Conference, the Vancouver Canucks hold the conference, as well as the NHL lead with a 34-10-9 record and 77 points, nine points ahead of the Detroit Red Wings. The Canucks possess a balanced attack led by Daniel Sedin, who leads the team and the NHL in points, and Ryan Kesler, who leads the team in goals.

The Dallas Stars, who are one of the youngest teams in the NHL, are third in the Western Conference. The team's youth can either help or hurt them in the last two months of the season.

The Philadelphia Flyers are on top in the Eastern Conference. With the addition of Claude Giroux, Danny Briere and Mike Richards, the Flyers are going to be difficult to defeat, especially if they get hot in the second half of the season.

Not far behind is the Tampa Bay Lightning. Home to the NHL's goal leader Steven Stamkos, who is averaging 0.75 goals per game.

In fourth place, the Pittsburgh Penguins have a five-game winning streak. Throughout most of the season, Sidney Crosby has been solid, leading the Penguins in points, goals and assists.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Thursday's game, the Lady Flames scored, but Minnesota answered shortly afterward, finishing the score of the game. Liberty didn't go quiet. With one minute remaining in the game, head coach Tyl Bloomfield pulled the goalie in favor of an extra attacker for a final effort to score. "Although we lost a tough game on Thursday, our goalie Tierney Murphy stood on her head," Harris said. "We also did the same, passing through the neutral zone and creating opportunities that unfortunately we were not able to capitalize on.

Though the weekend's opponents were talented, Liberty held its own and teammates were proud of Murphy's performance.

"As a goaltender, I can't ever lose focus," Murphy said. "Being a goalie to me is a game within a game. Everything I do is unique from what the players do. The players have 45 second shifts, I am on the ice the entire game. However," Liberty's second game against Minnesota was another close match, with Minnesota edging Liberty, 3-2. Liberty dropped two consecutive games to North Easten, 4-2 and 5-6, Feb. 5 and 6.

The Flames face Penn State University this weekend, with Minnesota edging Liberty, 3-2. Liberty dropped two consecutive games to North Easten, 4-2 and 5-6, Feb. 5 and 6. The Flames will play at Penn State University. It will also be senior night for the team.

FLYING SOLO — Forward Meredith Janzen (right) flies down the ice in a dramatic, fast-paced weekend match.

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Multimedia arts group featured in Roanoke

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Local multimedia arts group Mediumless will hold an art show and gala this month to celebrate the new year. The show will be this Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Howery Mezzanine Room on the third floor of the Main Lib.

The opening gala, co-organized with Roanoke group Emerging Artists, will feature "Lynchburg in Roanoke," which will showcase and promote the work of three members from Mediumless. Their artwork will be on display at Roanoke Library for the rest of February.

The exhibit will include photography, black and white, photographic sculpture, painting, Cinema Art, comics and other visual art that will be published in the fall. According to Mediumless director John Gosslee, the exhibit is an "artistic and musical scene." The gala will also include an art sale and a live auction.

"Whoever does not go to The Mediumless show will miss out on something spectacular," Gosslee said. The members of Mediumless hope to connect their art with the community and the community with their art. They want to "promote the artwork of such artists."

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One of the members from Mediumless is writer John Gosslee based on sketches on Bristol paper by Jake Siner, and 12 pigment ink prints of black and white photographs by Sandy Man. Their artwork will be on display in the Roanoke library for the rest of February.

Modernism is a group composed of young visual artists, writers, photographers and filmmakers from Lynchburg, Atlanta and Nashville. They are not only expanding to other cities on the East Coast, Nashville soon expanding to the West Coast as well. The members of Mediumless saw a need for artists and filmmakers to work together to create something new and interesting. Mediumless is a new group which wants to bring together diverse artists in Lynchburg.

The exhibit will feature new works by emerging artists and will include works produced by the artists of Mediumless. The show will be open to the public at the Roanoke Library from Feb. 1 to 14.

"The purpose of Mediumless is to create multimedia packages, fine art exhibitions, art and literary events at books for fine arts or commercial productions," Gosslee said. The members of Mediumless saw a need for artists to have a steady medium to show their work after graduation, according to Gosslee. Consequently, they created a multifaceted group which would produce, distribute and promote the artwork of such artists.

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Sweet Frog offers frozen yogurt, fun atmosphere

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B right colors, sweet flavors and friendly faces make welcome all who venture into the new self-serve premium frozen yogurt store Sweet Frog in Lynchburg, has been attracting a steady stream of students and locals searching for a healthy snack.

Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, a young franchise with stores in Roanoke, Chesterfield and Charlotte, Va., opened its first Virginia location in late December at the Liberty University Student Union. Sweet Frog’s Lynchburg resident and has been attracting customers ever since.

“It loves the Liberty burger,” Sarah Wells said. “It’s really cute. The environment is really fun, bright and welcoming.”

With a fusion of fuchsia, lime and teal glazing the beverage and creamers, the Lynchburg Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, Denise Cho and her wife had suffered loss in a prior business before starting the frozen yogurt chain.

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