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Microchip magic

Library adds automated system

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Library officials held the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new automated system Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 11:45 a.m. The festivities were presided over by the dean of library services Dr. Ernest Liddle, Chancellor Jerry Falwell and President A. Pierre Guillermin.

Liddle began the ceremony by expressing his gratitude toward the university and providing background information of the CD ROM (a computer researching method) system and the Dynex automated catalog system.

"We (library personnel) appreciate the support that we have received. This is a very important day in the history of the library," he said. "Besides the Dynex system, we have three terminals that give us access to large research libraries, not only in North America but also overseas."

"Dynex allows the students in their dorms and faculty members in their offices and LUSLL students anywhere around the country to check the collection (of sources) without coming to the library," Liddle added.

In addition, two CD ROMs which have been obtained include E.R.I.C. and cycle information, the CD ROMs enable students to search rapidly for topics as well as specific articles in particular magazines.

Dave Barnett, associate dean of

library services, said that despite the automation of the card catalog students should not be intimidated by it.

"You would be very surprised how much easier and much more successful research will be using the automated system compared to the use of the card catalog," Barnett said.

Barnett also explained that students need only a word from the title to search rather than the full title or name of the author.

"In a card catalog sometimes you cannot find the material without the information (of the full title)," Barnett explained. "In the automated catalog, it gets you close enough in order to find it. It is a very nice feature, and I think the students will be pleased with the higher success rate they will have when researching."

According to Barnett, the process to reach this point has been a long and tedious road.

"We started about three years ago, taking our card catalog and turning those records into automated records," he said. "It took us until this past spring to determine a system that was in the price range we were looking for and the quality we were looking for to best suit the need of the students."

The cost of the system is approximately \$250,000; however, not all of the equipment has been installed.

"We expect total implementation to take until probably next summer in order to get all of the other bases



photo by Jeff Cota

President Pierre A. Guillermin and Dr. Ernest Liddle listen as Chancellor Jerry Falwell speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 20 celebrating the computerization of library equipment.

in," Barnett said.

In addition the library has added two rooms off the periodical room in order to allow students access to typewriters, word processing equipment and microfilm.

The library has also purchased 30 new carrels and replaced the three photocopyers with three new machines.

The addition of the carrels is due in part to the library's interest in

maintaining a quiet atmosphere.

"Our emphasis this year will be to try to set a new tone as far as a study atmosphere," Russ File, information services librarian, said. "This is the first year that the bookstore has not been in here. It is hard to establish that type of setting with the noise coming over the wall and the limited seating."

"Dr. Falwell said this morning that of all the surveys conducted, it

amazes him that the library is always among the top of the students' concerns.

"A lot of the credit (for the expansion of the library) has to go to the students. The administration is really sensitive to those type of student concerns, and it is a real credit to them (students)," File added.

The bookstore will be selling textbooks in the Vines Center this year rather than in the back of the library.

Truth, Strack to minister during Spiritual Emphasis Week



File photo

Truth and Jay Strack kick off Spiritual Emphasis Week Sept. 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Center. Truth, a Christian singing group and band, minister throughout the United States. Jay Strack is a noted youth evangelist who has spoken at Liberty many times. Spiritual Emphasis Week will run Sept. 2nd through Sept. 4th.

Littlejohn to head honors program

By DEBBIE REECE

Copy Editor

Although he was not on the honors committee, Dr. Robert Littlejohn was named the new director of the honors program Aug. 19 in place of Dr. Pauline Donaldson, who became the Dean of the School of Education.

Donaldson, who will also retain her current position as dean of the College of General Studies, was appointed to the new position to replace Dr. Robert Gaunt, who has asked Liberty for a year's leave of absence, according to Littlejohn.

Gaunt spent the summer as part of the National Guard's crew, cleaning up the Exxon-Valdez oil spill. He was asked to stay and organize the cleanup, Littlejohn said.

Littlejohn, the associate dean of arts and sciences at LU, also teaches biology. A Texas native, he had taught at Liberty for eight years before taking a "research leave" last semester at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

Although Littlejohn had never

served on the honors committee before his appointment, he said he was well acquainted with the program because as chairman of the biology department he had worked closely with Donaldson to develop the honors program for the sciences. Littlejohn called the science honors program here "a vanguard in Virginia, if not nationally."

The program requires science honors students to conduct a year-long laboratory and field research study in addition to the honors thesis which all senior honors students are required to submit.

At the end of the year, the science student is required to analyze the thesis in light of the study results and write a scientific article to be submitted to a science journal.

As a result of the success of LU's science honors program and his other innovations, Littlejohn was invited to speak to the Virginia Council of Honor Societies, even though he was not a member.

Littlejohn has specific goals set for

Liberty's honors program. As far as his desires as director of the honors committee.

Littlejohn said: "I hope to work closely with the departments on the honors programs and give them the academic freedom to develop their own. I would like to see goals similar to those of the science department in other departments' honors programs."

Currently, 101 students are enrolled in the honors program, according to Donaldson's office.

Eventually, Littlejohn said he hopes his relationships with honors students will "create a casual atmosphere of learning. I would like to see honors students and faculty in fire-side discussions of things academic."

Littlejohn received his bachelor's degree in biology from Baylor University in Texas. He received his master of science in biology from Stephen F. Austin University in Texas and his Ph.D. in plant physiology from Washington State University.

Chancellor addresses faculty on university's promising future

From staff reports

"We can't just be big; we've got to be good," Chancellor Jerry Falwell said to the faculty at Liberty University on Aug. 20 in an address that focused on the future of the institution.

After recapping the 20-year history of the institution, Falwell said that he believes the next 20 years will be significant. However, he emphasized the fact that he has slowed the growth of the university.

Falwell said that in the last year the university had a \$12 million surplus which was used for debt reduction. He said, "As of June 30, financially every part of the ministry is profitable."

He asked the faculty to continue praying for the university's financial

needs. Falwell said that Liberty's short-term loans came due last November and currently no long-term refinancing has been finalized, although the administration and school board are optimistic that the ongoing effort will be successful.

He said that through increasing revenue and reducing expenses the university's overall financial status

has improved and this has been helpful in pursuing the needed refinancing.

Falwell said the school officials' efforts to secure long term refinancing appear to be nearing completion.

summation, but emphasized there would be no court appeal for the tax-free bonds. He said that The Rutherford Institute offered to take the case to the Supreme Court for free, but "I vetoed it."

He expressed deep gratitude to John Whitehead of The Rutherford Institute for this offer, but felt Liberty would be better served over the long-term taxable financing.

Falwell said that after watching the way government and laws could change, he believed tax-free bonds "may cause us to compromise our values."

In addition to his concerns over the long-term financing, Falwell also discussed the issue of grants used in the Liberty University School of Lifelong Learning (LUSLLL), the university's external degree program.

Falwell also asked the faculty to pray for the accreditation issue at LUSLLL. A committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the university's accrediting agency, will be on campus in September.

"From what I am hearing, we are on course to get off probation," Falwell said. "LUSLLL has been a long

standing part of this university, and it meets the needs of a lot of people. We plan to continue it for a long time to come."

Falwell also encouraged the faculty to become involved in the United Way campaign through pledging an employee payroll reduction. The university abstained from participating last year. He explained the university's lack of involvement saying LU officials were concerned that some of the United Way funding was going to an agency that might possibly give abortion referrals.

Two teenage girls allegedly



Rev. Jerry Falwell

called the agency, and "they were given referrals for abortions," Falwell said.

After discussions with United Way representatives, Falwell said that the university is "happy" to participate in the campaign using the United Way's negative funding program. This year the university will submit a list to the United Way of organizations, if any, to which the funds raised at Liberty will not be given.

In effect, he said, "It penalizes them." He stressed that this was not a "shell game." "When we specify that we do not want funds to go to a specific organization, whatever per-

cent of the whole we are cut from that organization's money," Falwell said.

On a more personal level, Falwell mentioned the change in university policy on retirement and other benefits.

He admitted that the administration should have talked with the faculty "up front" and committed to do this in the future on matters that directly affect them.

In the question and answer session that followed, Falwell updated the faculty on several issues. Among the issues discussed were the number of stations airing "Old Time Gospel Hour" and the construction of the ramps to the ramps to U.S. Route 460. He also discussed proposed business expansions in the area, including the possibility of an Amtrak station on campus.

Before leaving, Falwell said, "There is a lot of good in the hopper," and urged the faculty to continue praying.



Editorial

"...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."
II Corinthians 3:17

Activities scheduled to liven new year

It's the start of another year; and after the euphoria of being back in Lynchburg wears off, there will be one question haunting the minds of everyone from the greenest of freshman to the grey-haired seniors:

"What is there to do here?"

That is a great question, and for once there is an answer. A comprehensive look at the semester's activities is available. The highlights, however, are here.

Sept. 13 the concert season gets off to a rockin' start with Mylon LeFevre and Broken Heart. The show is at E.C. Glass High School, and tickets are available at a discount rate from the Office of Student Life.

For the quartet crowd, 4-Him will be on campus Oct. 25. 4-Him is a spinoff of Truth. Their concert last year was well-attended, and this year's show should be just as exciting.

Other concerts include Truth, Morgan Cryar, Ray Boltz, and Al Denton. All concerts will be in the Multi-Purpose Center unless otherwise noted.

This year's film festival includes "Backdraft," "Edward Scissorhands," and "What about Bob?," a Bill Murray film that was shot at Smith Mountain Lake. Also, "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" will be shown later in the semester.

So what is there to do in Lynchburg? If you have the initiative to abandon the couch potato lifestyle you will discover numerous activities in town and on campus. There is no reason to grumble or complain this year. If you seek, you shall find.

Champion seeks help for club information

The Champion has a new look, and before the year is over that look may be seen by thousands of new people.

An expansion program is being studied, and if all goes well The Champion will take a bold new step forward. In order to make this venture successful, however, we need your help. Everybody wants his club meeting or activity to be mentioned in the paper, but few ever do anything about it.

Now's your chance.

The Champion is requesting that club presidents submit information concerning officers, activities, meetings and purpose. This way we can better inform the students of what is available.

The more information you give us, the more publicity you receive. If at the end of the year your club hasn't been in The Champion even once, it will be because you haven't told us what you are doing. It would be great to be able to send a reporter to every club function, but we don't have the manpower to do that. The publicity is available, if you want it. Please bring the information to the journalism lab in DH 109/110 as soon as possible.

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The Firing Line

Lions and tigers and bears...oh my!

By DOUGLAS R. DEMPSEY

Feature/Opinion Editor

No, Dorothy, you're not in Kansas anymore.

But if you were, you would find all your old friends gathered together again.

The names may have changed and the faces are different, but the spirit is the same as when you first met them in the wonderful land of Oz.

The yellow brick road is now a highway leading into Wichita, Kan., where hundreds of people have gathered to

take a stand for life. On hand for the pro-life demonstrations, which have been going for more than a month, is an impressive cast of characters.

There's Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, who has been accused of cowardice by those who

profit from killing babies. In spite of the accusations, however, Terry stands as one of the bravest in an army of brave people.

Then there are the countless protesters, a sea of activists who have sacri-

ficed time, energy, and money in their fight for the unborn. They have been called heartless because they are exposing their children to the pro-life demonstrations.

Yet, who can deny that it requires a big heart to endure the pain, ridicule and humiliations heaped upon the demonstrators.

Finally, we have the millions of people across the nation who firmly believe in the right to life. They have been called brainless because they are stupid enough to believe in their cause, dumb enough to cherish the sanctity of life, and ignorant enough to believe they can and will triumph.

There are other minor characters as well. The wicked witch of Planned Parenthood has her flying monkeys dispersed across the nation in a vain attempt to dismember the pro-life movement.

At the same time she is constantly looking over her shoulder, wary of the clear blue bucket of reason that will ultimately cleanse away the abortion stain from the face of the nation.

Finally, we have the wizard himself: George Bush. He is very good but very mysterious. He has the power to grant the people what they want, but will he use it?

Is he really a wizard who believes in life or is his pro-life rhetoric nothing but an illusion of fire and smoke with no more substance than a mid-summer's night dream?

More than 2,000 people have been arrested during the "summer of mercy." Judge Patrick Kelly of the U.S. District Court has vowed to destroy the pro-life blockade.

The eyes of the nation are focused upon the events unfolding in Kansas. As the drama draws to a close, one can only speculate on the final outcome. Will this be the beginning of the end of the abortion holocaust?

If so, the heroic people in Wichita, like the fictional characters they have been compared to, will have led us all down the yellow brick road and into an Emerald City where all life, whether born or unborn, will be held in the highest regard.



TOP TEN COUNTDOWN

By Douglas R. Dempsey

Feature/Opinion Editor

Things overheard during freshmen check-in

10. "So when do we get to meet this Front-Row-Joe guy?"
9. "Do you think I'll need my umbrella down here?"
8. "Okay, Dad. You made your point. Can we go home now?"
7. "If blue diamonds are for faculty, then who gets the yellow moons and green clovers?"
6. "That's funny. The brochure didn't mention anything about classes."
5. "Really, Mom. He's only the chancellor. You didn't have to salute him."
4. "So when does that photo-mat over by the football stadium open?"
3. "How do you get to (fill in any site on campus) from here?"
2. "Stop your crying, Dad. Everybody has four mortgages these days."
1. "Please Mom, don't ask about my clean underwear in front of the guys."

Answers, Please

We asked freshmen students:

"What are you most looking forward to at Liberty?"



Paula Sibley
Ocala, Fla.

"The guys! And freedom from parents and rules."



Mindy Deal
Columbia, Md.

"New experiences and the meals. That's about it."



Jessica Smith
Shermanstown, Pa.

"I don't know. Graduating and getting my degree basically."



Ed Hooke
Wallingford, Vt.

"The Christian atmosphere, the lifestyle here, and the speakers they bring to campus."



Eric Reynolds
Wallingford, Vt.

"The Christian life and people. They're all so friendly and outgoing."



Lori Tucker
Woodstown, N.J.

"Working for the newspaper!"

The Lighter Side

Spare the snacks or spoil the scale

By DEBBIE REECE

Copy Editor

Every fall college freshmen everywhere experience a frightening phenomenon. As their first few months at school go by, their clothes get tighter and the numbers on the scale slowly, but steadily, climb.

The "freshman 15" is infamous, but many freshmen never dream it could happen to them. After all, at Liberty they have to do a lot more walking than they are used to and the cafeteria food is a lot different from mom's.

It's important to realize that no one is immune to weight gain and an understanding of why it happens can help freshmen avoid it.

1) **Different eating style:** At home most people develop eating habits which help them maintain a certain weight level. At college all that structure is stripped away. The new college student is left facing different types of food in a different type of atmosphere. Freshmen may not even realize how much higher in fat some of the foods in the cafeteria are than what they had been eating at home.

Another difference in eating in a cafeteria is the "all you can eat" service. Not only can you eat as much as you want, you also have quite a variety from which to choose. In the case of foods such as french fries and ice cream, the unlimited servings can be particularly dangerous.

2) **Different reasons for eating:** A second factor is the new meaning food often takes on at college. For some it becomes a response to stress. Everyone knows you have to have a pizza, a package of cookies and two liters of pop to pull through an all-nighter.

Food also often becomes a social event and a reward. After a long night of studying, most students are ready for a break so a bunch of friends get together to hit the vending machines, or to make a run for Hardees, TCBY or Taco Bell. If this becomes a habit, all those calories eaten just before bedtime will turn into excess fat.

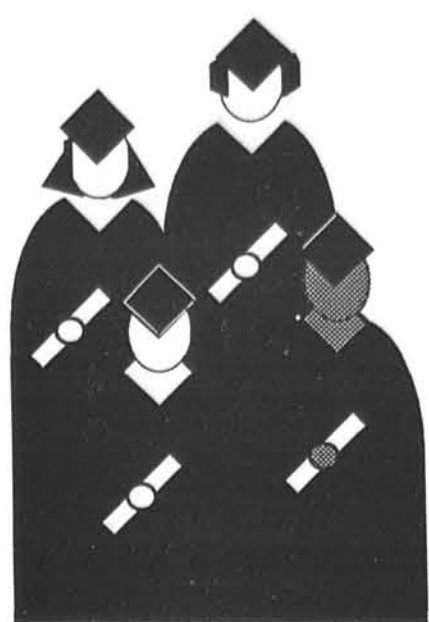
To combat these two major battlegrounds of the freshman 15, the best solutions are exercising, finding other ways to socialize and learning about foods.

One way friends can be together without focusing on food is to go to a late movie (without getting popcorn, soft drinks and candy bars) or by playing games such as Pictionary, pool or table tennis — all of which are available at David's Place.

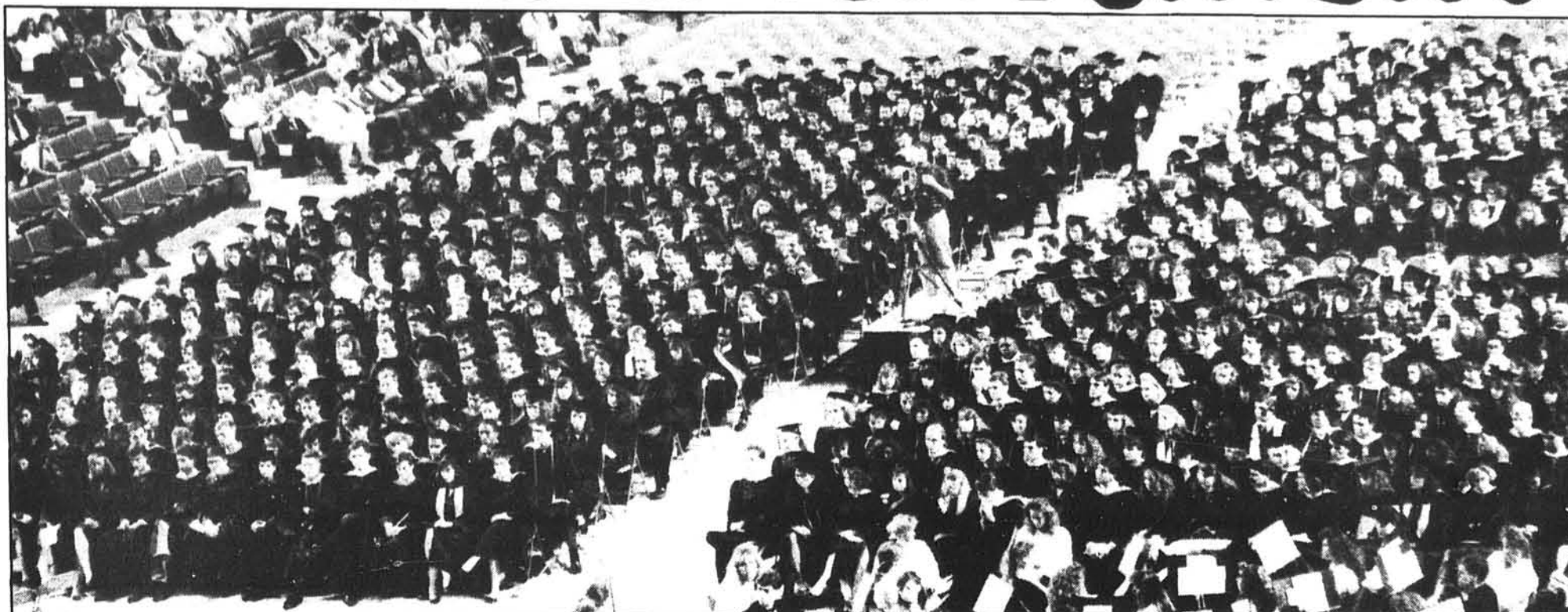
Finally, students can combat unwanted pounds by learning more about food and fitness. LU offers several classes on these subjects, particularly in the human ecology and health sciences programs.

Hopefully, by following these suggestions freshmen can avoid the humiliating experience of having some kind soul tell them when they go home, "My goodness, you've put on a lot of weight, haven't you?" Instead, when you return home for vacation the only comment will be, "Wow, you look great. College must really be treating you well...."

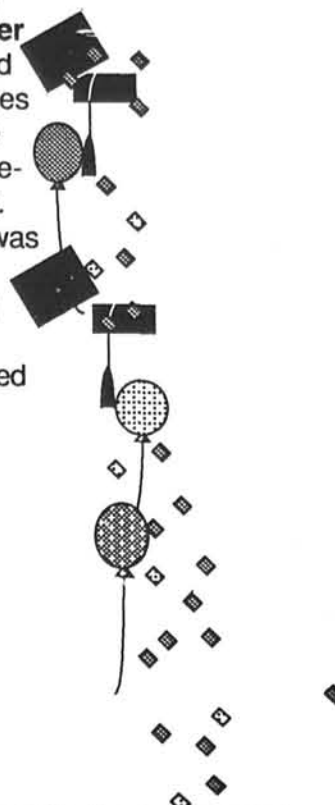
By the Champion Staff



LIFE LIBERTY and the Pursuit of... Commencement 1991



An overview of the Vines Center shows the crowd and the graduates gathered for the 1991 commencement ceremony. Newt Gingrich was the featured speaker as and more than 700 students received their diplomas.



Students from the School of Business and Government descend the steps of the Vines Center on their way to their diplomas.

Keynote quotes

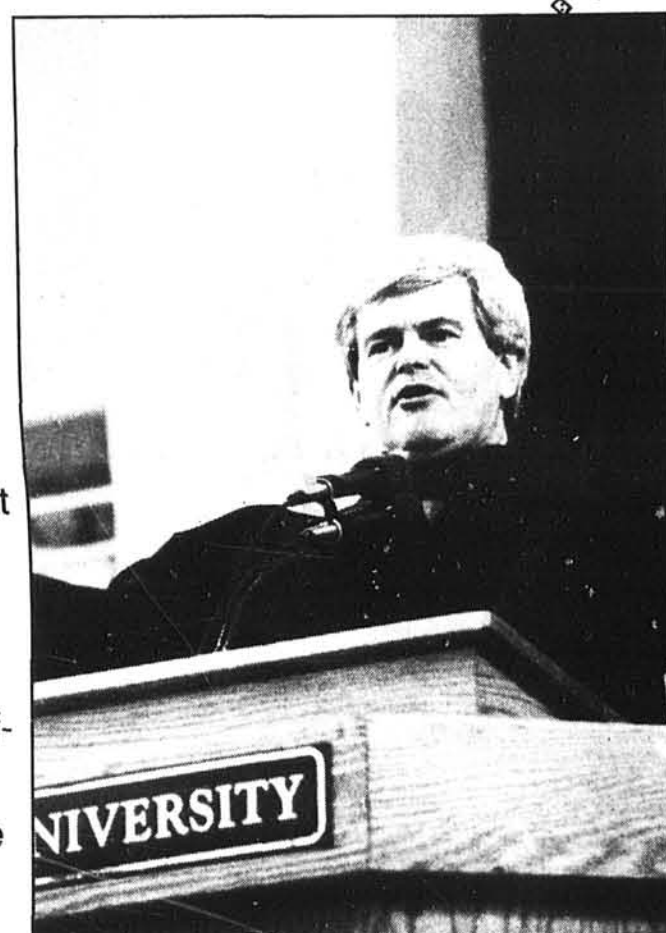
"You (the graduating class of 1991) must influence the decade of the '90s. You will decide the fate and future of America. You are not only going to decide the future of America, but you are going to decide the future of the human race.

"You are about to graduate in an extraordinary time in history...If you and your classmates have enough drive and commitment you can change America.

"Go out and be true citizens and remember as you leave here and enter the 21st century that you have a unique opportunity to contribute to your future. Live life to the fullest. Fight for liberty and take the risk of being great.

"I feel confident that as we enter the first half of the 21st century, America will remain free, self-governing and prosperous."

—Newt Gingrich, Republican Whip of the House of Representatives, during the commencement address at LU, May 11, 1991.



Newt Gingrich addresses the crowd at graduation.

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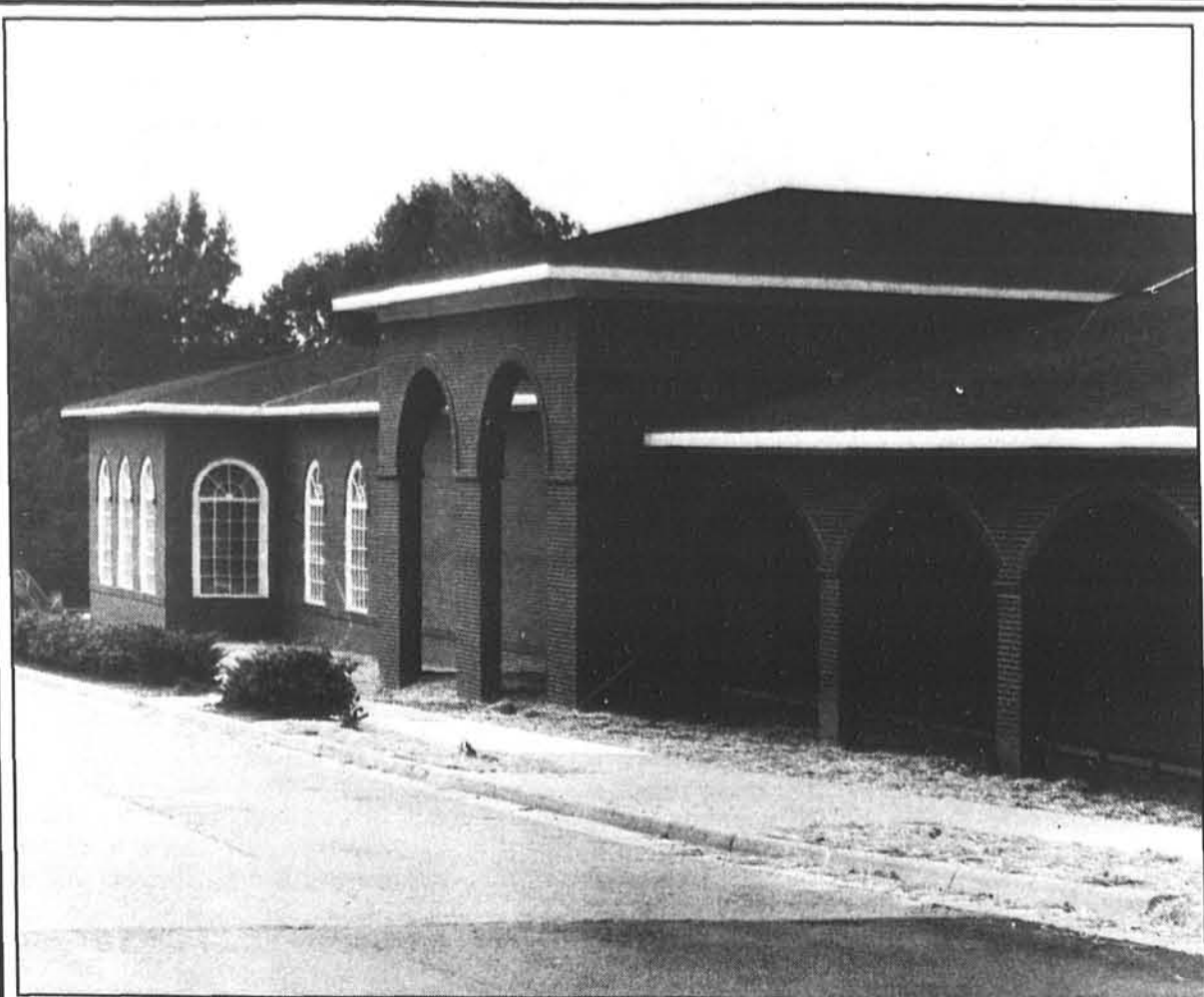


photo by Jeff Smith

The new cafeteria will be complete once kitchen equipment is purchased and installed.

New cafeteria nears completion

By BEN LaFROMBOIS
City News/Layout Editor

Kitchen equipment worth \$1 million is needed to complete the new cafeteria which is being constructed in the town student parking lot but its purchase is dependent upon the receipt of long-term financing.

Immediately upon the reception of the financing the equipment for the nearly complete structure will be ordered, according to Chancellor Jerry Falwell.

The timetable for availability of the facility is dependent upon financing, but with "all things considered, the cafeteria will be available the beginning of second semester," Mark DeMoss, ministry spokesman said.

Financing, which has been sought for more than one year "is expected to be complete sometime during September," DeMoss explained. The date for financing finalization has been postponed three times this summer DeMoss commented.

Construction of the \$3.8 million project began in July 1990 and was halted the following spring to free funds. Other campus projects such as the TV station and street repair benefitted from the delay. Also, the administration did not want to invest in a building that would not have been ready for the fall semester in the first place.

Falwell said that \$1.4 million of the \$3.8 million is currently owed on the facility. The \$1 million needed to complete the project is included in the total price of \$3.8 million, Mark DeMoss explained.

"The construction is mostly complete," DeMoss said. The cafeteria's outward appearance was changed

this summer with the completion of sidewalks and other exterior detail. Interior detail and the kitchen are all that are needed to complete the facility, which will use gas instead of electric requiring entirely new equipment.

If the entire project were completed during the fall semester it would be

"hard, but not impossible to make the move this semester," DeMoss said.

The new, 60,000-square-foot building will more than double the current capacity. The improved floor design will also make the new cafeteria easier for customers and managerial use.

Health Services restructured

By DAWN K. LOONEY

News Editor

Students seeking health care this fall will find that Liberty University's Health Services is no longer part of the school but is now provided by Light Associates, a private corporation recently purchased by Dr. Gregg Albers.

Dr. Richard Lane, a Light Association physician and full-time faculty member, said that since Health Services is not a part of LU, the students' general fee will no longer cover initial expenses. Although before the first five office visits were included in the general fee, office visits will now cost \$25.

Lane also said that he encourages students to apply for Blue Cross-Blue

Shield medical insurance. Medical insurance packets for full-time students are available at Health Services.

The health care changes offer some advantages Lane said. One advantage will be the reinstatement of counselors on campus. "Light Associates allows us to have counselors back on campus," Lane said. "We'll have the doctors and counselors all in one place which will make it more convenient for doctors to make prescriptions."

Other changes include the cost of drawing blood and the use of health equipment. The service will charge \$10 for blood tests, and health equipment will no longer be loaned to the students. "The students will

be charged for the equipment, but then it's theirs," Lane said. He added that the equipment will be more dependable for students since it will not have been previously used.

In addition, two doctors will be on call during the evening hours. A phone number is available on the phone recording at Health Services if a student needs medical attention after hours. "We will provide the best care we can," Lane said.

Students will still be able to receive prescriptions on campus through delivery by Link Road Pharmacy. Allergy shots will still cost \$3.

Health Services' hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Champion club information

As a new year kicks off, LU students begin thinking about classes once again but inevitably the question arises, "What is there to do around here?"

Thus, to help students in their quest for fun The Champion weekly Campus Calender will provide the answer to that question, but we need your help to highlight the special events of the coming week.

Any clubs or organizations that would like to have their activities included can contact The Champion in DH 113.

Tuesday:

- Freshman class meeting at 3 p.m. in the Vines Center
- Cookout in the quad with music by WBRG from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Table tennis/pool tournament from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in David's Place.
- Newsong concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

Friday:

- Movie "What About Bob?" at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 12 midnight in David's Place.

Saturday:

- "What About Bob?" at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in David's Place.

Monday:

- TRUTH and Jay Strack minister at 7 p.m. as part of Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Your opportunity to get involved:

Attend the Christian and Community Service Fair in the DeMoss atrium starting this Thursday.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Obituary

LU Student succumbs to cancer

By DAWN LOONEY

News Editor


Kristy Louise Newton-Schweigert, 22, an LU student who dreamed of opening a children's home died June 25 at Providence Hospital in Eagle River, Ala.

Before transferring to Liberty, Newton-Schweigert attended Seattle Pacific University, majoring in science and business. Her goal was to earn a doctorate from Palmer Chiropractic University.

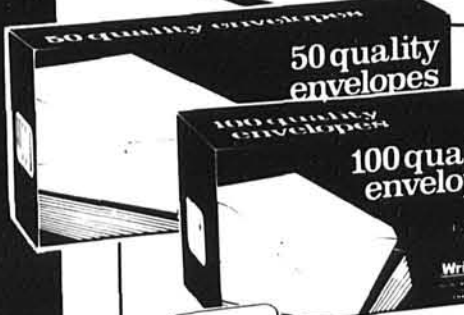

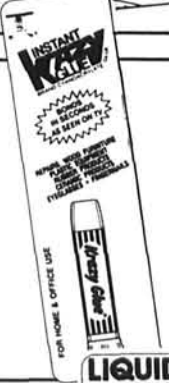
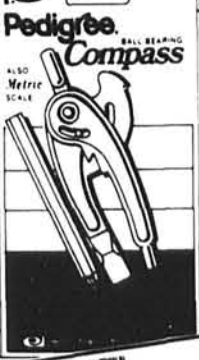


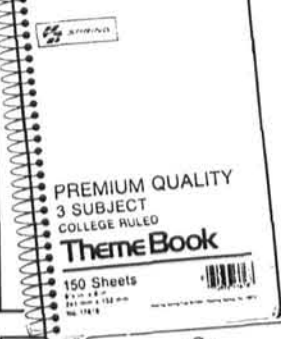
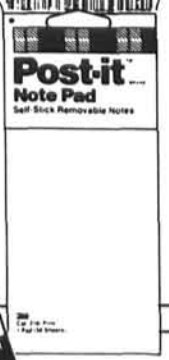

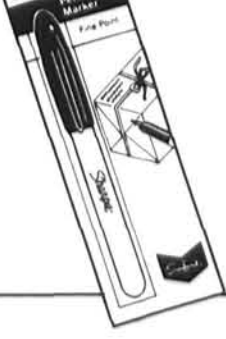
Newton-Schweigert's family said: "Kristy's life was a blessing...Her special interest was her relationships with her friends which she loved and cherished. Despite her natural beauty and radiant personality, she remained unaffected, saying, 'There's nothing special about me.' Glimpses of her life displayed her true Christian character, a living testimony to all who met and knew her. Her greatest obstacle and constant battle was with an aggressive malignant brain tumor."

She was born in Van Nuys, Calif. on April 25, 1969 and grew up in Alaska. Newton-Schweigert graduated with honors from Anchorage Christian School.

Newton-Schweigert is survived by her parents, Myron and Barb Schweigert and her sister Kimberly.



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Sports Shorts

Mike Gathman

Professional athletes or soap stars?

These days professional sports are becoming less and less sports-oriented and more and more a daily soap opera for the overpaid and under-achieving athletes. It is often times disappointing as we watch the direction that the professional world is headed.

Baseball seems to be the sport that has sunk the lowest on the maturity level. Jose Canseco who plays baseball for the Oakland Athletics seems to think that because he is a superstar he is above the law and the fans. Canseco has received speeding tickets and thinks that the officers are just picking on him for being a pro athlete.

Earlier this season, Canseco was seen coming out of the house of rock star Madonna after the Athletics played the Yankees in New York. Canseco was harassed immensely by the New York fans, and later at a game he had to be restrained from going after a nagging fan.

Rob Dibble, who plays for the Cincinnati Reds, owns probably the hottest head in baseball. Dibble has been suspended two times and should have been a third time for intentionally hitting batters with the baseball. Most recently, he threw a ball at a runner's legs and was immediately ejected from the game and fined for his actions. In all fairness to Dibble, he has sought help for his uncontrollable temper.

In Cleveland there's outfielder Albert Bell. Bell is a recovering alcoholic with a hot temper. A fan sitting in the leftfield corner was heckling Bell about having a keg party at his house after the game. Bell finally let his temper get the best of him and pegged the fan with a baseball. Bell was suspended and to show his remorse apologized in a statement read by his agent.

Now back to the Bronx where Don Mattingly plays first base for the Yankees. The Yanks asked Mattingly to get his hair cut, and when he didn't, they benched him for a game. The next day Mattingly decided his hair wasn't so important as baseball so he had it cut. At any other job in America if your boss asks you to conform to a company dress code you just do it. Not in pro sports. Athletes think they can do what they want when they want.

In the NBA there is Philadelphia's Charles Barkley. After a tough game in New Jersey this past season Barkley spit on a fan for heckling him. He hit a woman rather than the guy he intended to. Several times Barkley became upset with the refs and used foul language and improper gestures on his way to the locker room after being ejected. He says it is just the emotion of the game that gets him in trouble, and if it is he needs to control the emotion.

In hockey the top draft pick by the Quebec Nordiques, Eric Lindros, typifies the greater-than-great attitude that prevails in professional sports. Most people would be happy to be drafted by anyone; but Lindros refused to join in the tradition of putting on the jersey of the Nordiques, saying he would not play for them because he doesn't want to play for them and they couldn't offer him enough money to play for them. This is all from a man who never played in the NHL. He has not earned a thing in the pro ranks and wants everything a Wayne Gretzky or Mario Lemieux has.

All these examples of professional athletes doing their own thing show that sports are not headed in the right direction. All the money these athletes earn puts the idea in their heads that they can do what they want at anybody's expense. They think they are above law, order—and most importantly—the fans, who pay their salaries by watching them.

Athletes need to take a look in the mirror and realize that they are no better than everyone else and that there are children all over the world watching their actions and wanting to become like them. If they set good examples, then our youth will follow those just as easily as they will follow the greedy and hot-tempered examples being set today.

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Liberty University took another step into big-time college athletics when Big South Conference President Donald N. Dedmon announced on May 21 that it had accepted Liberty into membership.

The decision was passed down during the conference's annual meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and became effective July 1, 1991.

"I am very pleased to welcome a fellow Virginia school to the Big South Conference. Over the years Liberty has competed athletically with Radford, and we look forward to resuming that in-state rivalry," Dedmon, who is also president of Radford University, said.

"Liberty University has built a fine athletic program with outstanding facilities," he continued. "And all of the schools in the Big South Conference feel that we will be a good fit athletically for each other. The Big South Conference is a young conference, but I think our future is bright and we look forward to Liberty playing a viable role in that future."

Liberty brings the number of member institutions in the conference to eight for the 1991-92 academic year. Current members of the Big South include Campbell University, Charleston Southern University, Davidson College, Radford University, University of North Carolina-Asheville, University of South Carolina-Coastal Carolina and Winthrop College. Augusta College left the conference in June to join the NCAA Division 2 Peach Belt Conference.

The membership into the Big South will immediately benefit men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's cross country, golf and tennis. Women's soccer and men's and women's track membership will not take effect until 1993 or 1994.

The conference affiliation will allow the Liberty basketball teams to reach the NCAA tournaments much easier than as an independent. "The major benefactors will be baseball and men's basketball. The winners of both of those tournaments have the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournaments. Basketball would be in the field of 64. Baseball would go to the regional playoffs and then have the opportunity to go on to the College World Series in Omaha," Liberty Athletic Director Chuck Burch said. "I think the other coaches will



like the idea that now they have something they can gear their season toward. They now have something that will culminate the end of the season.

"A lot of times with two-thirds of the season over, while our opponents are gearing themselves for conference tournaments, our players were playing for pride and for representation of Liberty University," Burch added.

Another benefit of being a Big South member is a better schedule. No longer will Liberty struggle with attempting to fill a complete schedule due to the independent status. Big South Conference coaches have been instructed to begin scheduling Liberty soon. NCAA regulations provide that teams

that we are in a conference there are All-Academic, All-Conference and All-Tournament teams," Burch said.

Liberty is expected to make some noise in its first season with the Big South. Last season baseball, men's soccer and women's basketball had a combined record of 14-1 against Big South opponents.

The baseball team swept both meetings with Radford and Campbell, while the Lady Flames defeated UNC-Asheville twice, Coastal Carolina twice, Charleston Southern twice and Winthrop.

Under the direction of Coach Bill Bell, the men's soccer team posted an impressive 12-2-2 last season. Among the Big South opponents that the Flames defeated last season were UNC-Asheville, Radford University and Campbell University.

"It gives us something to go for. All of the Big South are expecting us to struggle a bit, especially after all of the personnel changes (seven seniors graduated)," Bell said. "They look at our track record though and they know we are a good team, so we already have a lot of respect even before the start of the season. But that's not good

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Season opener Sept. 7 at Boise State

Playoffs a priority for football team

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

The 1991 Liberty Flames football team will begin its quest for a championship as it starts the toughest season in LU history on Sept. 7 in Boise, Idaho.

The Flames will be playing Boise State, Furman, Youngstown State and Central Florida—all teams that made the playoffs last season.

The players and head coach Sam Rutigliano, now entering his third season, are confident this season will lead the team to its first playoff berth since joining the NCAA Division I-AA three years ago.

"I always expect a good year, but this year a playoff berth is our number one goal," Rutigliano said.

Echoing that sentiment, senior defensive back Bobby Green said,

"We have always had a winning season since I've been here, and we'll have one again, but we're looking for the championship."

This year's team will have the experience required to meet that goal. There are 32 lettermen returning, 14 of whom were starters last year. Rutigliano said that he plans to use the veterans as much as possible because he feels they will be a key to the team

this season.

The team will play five of its first six games on the road this year, but the players do not seem to feel this will bother them in any way.

"I love it. I like having our two toughest road games to start the season," senior wide receiver L.G. Parrish said.

Green agreed: "I like being the underdog and facing adversity. I think it really pulls the team closer to each other and we play better like that," he said.

Senior tightend Mark Thomas said that he feels it will be better to play the road games in the beginning so that when the players start getting tired towards the end of the season they will not have to travel very much.

The strong point of the team this season can't be picked out as one single unit because the team as a whole is strong in many areas. The air attack from junior quarterback Robbie Justino to Parrish and senior wide receiver Pat Nelson will still be the team's main offensive weapon.

Justino said that he feels no added pressure from the importance of the Flames' passing game. "I just listen to what the coaches tell me, so I don't feel the pressure," he said.

Rutigliano said that he hopes to play a more balanced offensive game this season. The running game will

be used to help the passing game and to run time off the clock late in games. Senior running back Keith Vinson and sophomore running back Adrian Cherry will do most of the ball carrying for the Flames this season. The offensive line will be led by seniors Bryant Bowden, who will be playing center, and J.D. McDuffie, who will be playing right tackle.

The defense will be led by senior defensive linemen Sebastian Barrie, junior cornerback Wesley McConnell and Green. Rutigliano said that he feels the defensive secondary will be the strongest because of their experience. Green agreed, pointing out that himself, McConnell and junior Wayne Monroe are returning starters.

Barrie will anchor the defensive line and junior David Barnes will switch back from offense to help out. Rutigliano said that he considers Barrie to be a possible National Football League prospect. He had 54 tackles and sacked opposing quarterbacks five times last season.

The linebackers will be led by senior Jeff Curtis, who missed most of last season due to injuries. Seniors Paul Frazier and Weymouth Williams and Adam Cheyanski, a sophomore transfer from Western Carolina, will also share the linebacker duties.

Junior Jason Harrell will return as the starting kicker. The Flames' new

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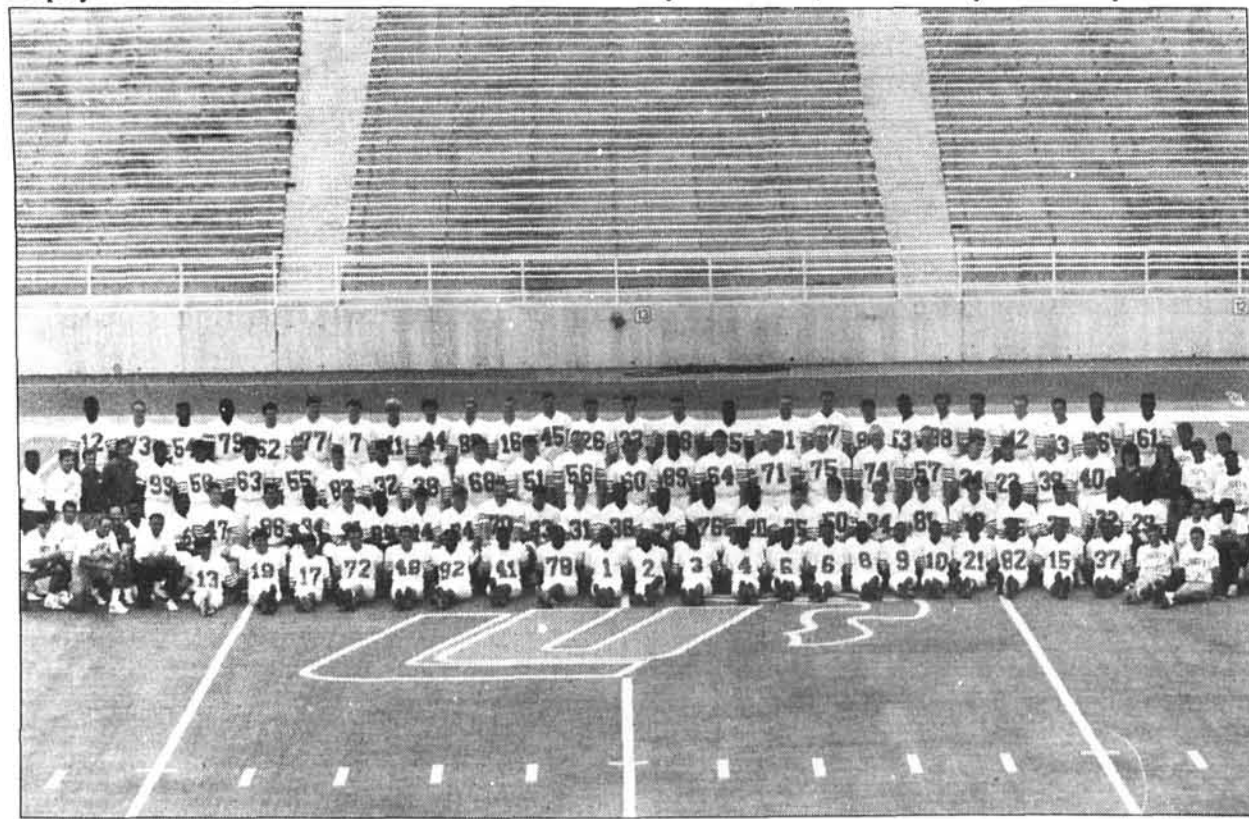


photo by Jeff Smith

The 1991 Flames football team faces a challenging season ahead starting in Boise, Idaho.

Women's cross country expects improvement

By EVIE DAVIS

Champion Reporter

Liberty University's women's cross country team is looking forward to a stronger and faster season this fall. In order to help bring this about, Brant Tolsma, head coach for the team, has already signed two runners, and he is ready for big improvements.

The first recruit, Lisa Smith, was Ohio's state champion in the two-mile run during her sophomore year in high school. Dawn Milim, the other recruit, ran the 1500 in 5:07 during her junior year. Milim is from New York.

"We're hoping that Lisa and Dawn will help the team a lot," Tolsma said. "You never really know how a freshman is going to perform at first, but we are hoping for the best."

Tolsma also said that he is still talking to some people about signing with the Lady Flames. "We usually get one or two walk-ons in the fall. Nobody is really on the line, though."

He said that he would be more pleased with a team of eight to 10 good runners than with a larger team with girls that wouldn't be able to travel. "Right now, we have two good distance runners, and I'm really more

interested in getting some sprinters," he said.

Gina Turner, one of Liberty's top sprinters said that it was difficult to find good Christian athletes. "We have good coaches, and a good track, but it's just hard to find good athletes who are Christians," Turner said.

Tolsma added that while he may send 500 letters out, only 10 responses are usually made. "It's really not that easy at all," he said. "Maybe two or three percent respond."

"We make a very strong stand that we're committed to God, and that we want to glorify the Lord. I'd expect it to be easier than it is to find Christians. A lot just don't respond."

On the brighter side, Liberty only lost one runner from the women's team. They are returning five out of their top six runners. "Patti Bottigliero will be leading the team next year and Urlene Dick will be one of the top distance runners, too," Tolsma said.

"I'm hopeful that Lisa (Smith) will be running in the top three as well. Patti has the experience and background, and Urlene gained experience last season. It will be interesting to see how the new recruits do."

Tolsma also said that the team will

begin their season strong. "Laurie Coe and Esther Mills have both improved a lot. We're not as spread out as last year either."

Some of the goals that Tolsma has for the team is improving their state ranking. "We finished seventh in the state last season. We would like to move up to fourth or fifth in the state

which is within our reach," he said.

Another goal he has is to get all of the girls under 20 minutes. "It might take some time, but I'd like to get at least five girls running under 20 minutes, and some of them under 19 minutes."

While trying to build a faster and stronger team, Tolsma said that it will

Men's cross country team hopes hard training will lead to improvement

By ERIC YODER

Champion Reporter

The days of summer may have been "crazy and hazy," but they certainly were not "lazy" for the men on the Liberty Flames cross country team, who ran an average of 80 to 100 miles a week in preparation for the fall season.

"Things are looking good for this year," head coach Brant Tolsma said. "We have three athletes returning this year as sophomores who had an extremely good spring track season."

As distance runners, Bill Khan and Dave McCombs both ran the 10K as freshmen in under 32 minutes which qualified them for the TAC, The

Athletic Congress National Championship, held last June. Mark Szkolnik missed the qualifying mark as a freshman by less than a second with a time of 3:53.8 in the 1,500 meter.

When asked about the difference in style between distance running and cross country, McCombs replied, "You lose a little bit on the grass; but if you can turn in a fast time on the track, you'll do well on the trail."

The team lost one of their top distance runners when Steve Hurst graduated last spring, but Tolsma was confident in the talent that will replace him.

"We won't be relying on newcomers this year," Tolsma said. "It's hard

take some time, but his goal is to do it as soon as possible. "I'd like it to take about four or five years at the most until people say 'that really is a good program,'" he said.

"We're getting better and faster. We might as well shoot to the top and go for it. If it takes longer, eight to 10 years, so be it."

Three athletes returning as seniors are Brett Honeycutt, Brent Squires and Mike Shupe. Shupe ran under 32 minutes in the 10K last spring, Damien Bates, who ran the 1,500 in 3:56, is returning as a junior.

The coaching of Dr. Jake Matthes, who began the cross country program in 1976 will be missed. For the last three years he has functioned as assistant coach and will be retiring this fall after 15 years of coaching the Flames. The responsibilities fall in the hands of Tolsma.

Horton breaks trail record

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter

Dr. David Horton beat the record for hiking the Appalachian Trail by eight days this past summer.

"I was determined to complete the trail in less than 60 days, which was the record," Horton said. "Actually, my predetermined goal was 56 days, thus allowing for a few days rest if needed." Instead, Horton completed the challenging course in only 52 days.

Horton, chairman of the Liberty University physical education department, had always dreamed of running the Appalachian Trail. Horton finally got the chance last summer. On May 9, he began his journey from Springer Mountain, Ga., hiking and running his way 2,144 miles to his destination at Mount Katahdin in Maine 52 days later.

Horton was originally going to use a lightweight backpack for his journey. However, friends helped him at various checkpoints along the trail by giving him supplies and encouragement. With their help, all he really had to carry was a water bottle.

Horton had another challenge be-

sides the trail. "Two days earlier, Scott Grierson of Bass Harbor, Maine, had started with the same goal as I. . . 56 days on the trail. His trail name was 'Maineak'," Horton explained, adding that Grierson is an experienced hiker. My trail name was to be "The Runner," he said.

It took "The Runner" 39 days to catch "Maineak." "It was just inside the southern border of Vermont," Horton recalled, "1,574.6 miles from the start in Georgia. We leapfrogged each other the next few days." Horton eventually pulled a little farther ahead of "Maineak" each day.

The journey provided many dangerous scenarios for Horton. "The White Mountains in New Hampshire were the hardest," Horton said. "Going down, those mountains were terribly, terribly steep. I sometimes went backwards down the solid rock which ranged from 500 to 1,000 feet in height."

Horton also said parts of Pennsylvania were difficult. "The Lehigh and Delaware Water Gaps were terribly rocky," Horton explained. "They were so rocky that they were named 'Rocky I through IV' at certain

points."

Horton tackled these obstacles despite painful physical injuries that he suffered along the way. "I developed shin splints (tendonitis) in my right leg," Horton said. "It progressively worsened; and a few days later, it began to hurt in my left leg as well. They were eventually so painful to the touch, I was given anti-inflammatory medication and would ice them down two to three hours every night."

Horton also had to deal with wild animals. "There were many large snakes in Pennsylvania," He said. "Bears and moose were a common sight in Maine, as well."

The last week in Maine became a mental and emotional trial for Horton. "I would break down over the least little problem or setback. I was very envious of those living a normal life, and I missed my family as well," Horton explained.

Physical exhaustion in the last week befell Horton more easily as well. "I would fall five to six times more each day. Despite all the pain, I never thought of quitting or taking a day off. It never entered my mind."

Horton claimed a couple of verses for strength and encouragement. "Many times when I climbed through tough mountains, I would recall God's promise in Phil. 4:13 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me' and Phil. 4:19 'My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'"

God never failed him. On June 30, after 52 days, 9 hours, and 41 minutes of travel, "The Runner" arrived at his destination in Mt. Katahdin, Maine.

His initial reaction? "Relief was what I first felt," Horton said. "Next came the fact that I was free and could lead a normal life again."

Horton is now trying to write a book on his experiences. "It's not something you can summarize in a few minutes," he said.

And what if his record is broken in the near future? "I hope it doesn't happen in my lifetime," Horton said. "But if somebody did do it, I'd seriously consider hiking it again."

Horton plans to hike the Transcontinental next, which has an easier surface but more miles. It will be another dream for him to chase.

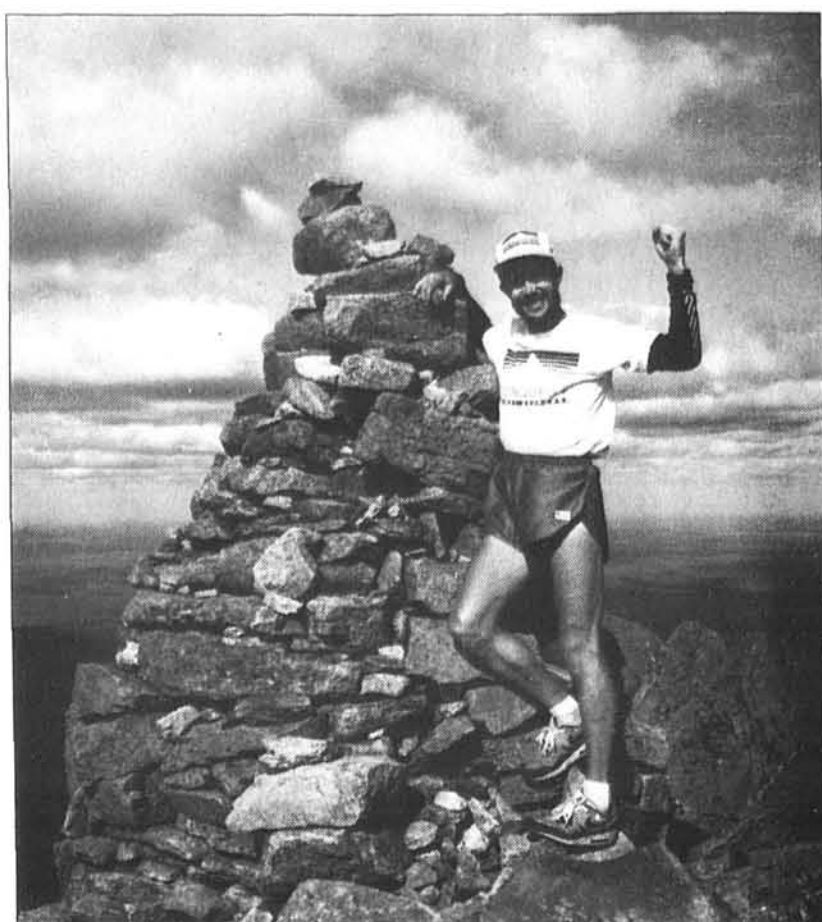


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Dr. David Horton rejoices after breaking Appalachian record

Sports Notebook: What's up on the LU scene

NBA Sports Hit Campus

Liberty University will host a National Basketball Association pre-season game between the Atlanta Hawks and the Houston Rockets at the Vines Convocation Center on Saturday October 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Vines Center ticket office for students, staff and faculty. There are a small number of \$8.50 tickets left and a good number of \$15.50 and \$20.50 seats available. For information on tickets contact the Liberty University Ticket Office at 582-4452.

Sports Production, Inc. is making the game possible and WSET-TV 13 will be the media sponsor for the event. S.P.I. held this event in Roanoke a few years ago and hopes to have the same success at Liberty University.

Student gate changes

This season at Liberty home football games students are to enter the stadium at east gate number two. Students will not be permitted to enter at any other gate. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Intramurals signups

The new intramural sports season is here. Thursday, August 29th is the deadline for signing up for mens and women's basketball and soccer. If you are interested in getting a team together please sign up at the intramural sports trailer or call 582-2389 for more information. There is a twenty dollar refundable fee charged for all team sports.

CAA sponsors championships

The Colonial Athletic Association has announced that the conference would sponsor three new championships during the 1991-92 academic year.

The CAA is adding field hockey, wrestling and women's lacrosse to the other fourteen sports already available.

Liberty University will compete in

the wrestling championships on March 5-7 as an associate member. The location is to be announced in the near future.

Recently added to the conference, Old Dominion University will be hosting a league high four events which include the inaugural field hockey and lacrosse championships as well as men's soccer and women's basketball.

Sports Schedule

Women's Volleyball: Season opener on Aug. 30-31 at Maryland-Baltimore County Tournament against the University of Maryland-Baltimore and West Virginia at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Football: Season opener on Sept. 7 in Boise, Idaho against Boise State University. The action will begin at 9 p.m.

Men's Soccer: Season opener on Sept. 7 at home against Virginia Commonwealth at the Track and Soccer complex at 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer: Season opener on Sept. 7 against Trinity College on the road. The season kickoff will be at 2 p.m.

Lynchburg Red Sox: The Red Sox will close out their season at home on Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 against the Salem Buccaneers. All three games will start at 7:05 p.m. and will be held at City Stadium.

Men's and Women's Cross Country: Both teams will begin their season on Sept. 14 at the Old Dominion University Invitational.

Football

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punter will be Sheldon Bream, who is also the baseball team's firstbaseman.

The team members feel that there are many keys to reach the playoffs and make the season a success. Rutigliano feels that if there are a minimal amount of injuries, especially to key players, and if the team plays what it is capable of doing then they will be alright. Justino feels that if they win the first two games then after

that they should be ready for anything. Thomas says team unity is stronger than ever and that will carry them through the difficult times. Everyone seems to agree that the returning starters and seniors will help this team more than anything. They have experience. All that is needed now is to put it all together for an entire season.

Neither the players nor Rutigliano would offer predictions for the season; however, the general consensus appears to be that the team needs to win at least eight or nine games in order to make the playoffs.

This is the toughest schedule the team has faced and it needs to be that way in order to make the playoffs without being in a conference. The team needs to have strong showings against the teams that made the playoffs last year. Everyone on the team plans on taking things one week at a time to avoid any pressure of thinking about the big picture of making the playoffs. If they stay focused they feel they can reach their goal of the playoffs. The challenge begins September 7 in Idaho.



Sam Rutigliano

Big South

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enough, we have to show that we are a good team. It's a tremendous challenge. I think if we were in it last year we would have had a chance to do some good things."

Burch added that Liberty is grateful to Dedmon and Radford University for its support in attaining membership into the Big South.

"Radford wrote the letter of recommendation, nominating us for membership — which was a very nice gesture by an in-state institution," Burch commented. "Radford took it as their responsibility to get us into the conference; they were responsible for pushing for us to obtain membership. It was a very gracious move for them to help us out."

The Big South Conference, founded in 1983, just completed its most successful year. The conference sent representatives to both the NCAA Baseball Championships and the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. USC-Coastal Carolina, the 1991

Basketball Champion, appeared on national television three times in a two-week period last March. The Big South Conference currently conducts championships in 12 NCAA Division-1 sports, with plans to increase that number to 15 by the 1993-94 academic year.

NCAA adopts new rule

The NCAA adopted a new regulation called the 20-hour rule during its annual meetings last week in Charleston, S.C.

The new regulation states that each student-athlete is allowed a maximum of 20 hours per week of practice, including film sessions and team meetings. During the off-season, the athlete is allowed a maximum of eight hours per week of practice. The NCAA has mandated one day per week as an off-day.

"Its purpose (the rule) is to encourage athletes to become more involved in other extra-curricular activities with the institution," Burch explained.

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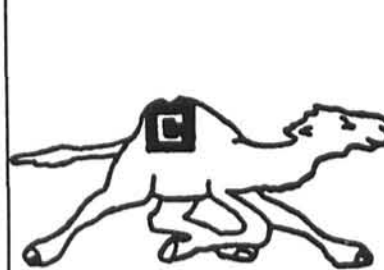
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