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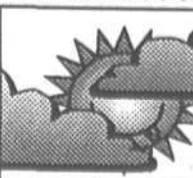
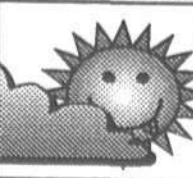
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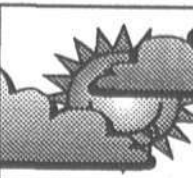
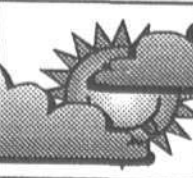
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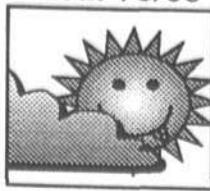
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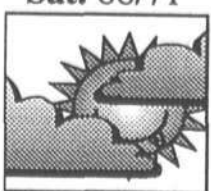
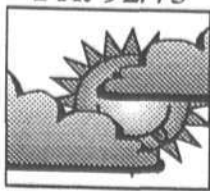
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# the ear

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## • Janet Paschal —

Paschal will sing at Thomas Road Baptist Church for the morning and evening services on Sunday, Sept. 3, and in convocation on Monday, Sept. 4.

• **Three Modulators** — The Liberty University Business School and Prospects Inc. are offering three modulators. Management Techniques will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sales and Marketing Strategies will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The dates and times for Business Principles will be announced. Each class is worth one credit hour. For information call Prospects at 1-800-887-8868 or enroll at the Registrar's Office.

• **For Singles** — Chestnut Hill Baptist Church offers a singles class at 9:45. For information call Paul Dudley at 239-2533.

• **East to West** — The Student Life Office will present Clay Crosse and East to West with special guest Benjamin on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free to all LU administration, faculty, staff and students.

• **Bloodmobile** — The American Red Cross will be in the Vines Center collecting blood on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 6 and 7 from noon to 6 p.m. Appointments are preferred.

• **PFR** — The Student Life Office will present PFR, with special guest Jars of Clay, on Monday, Sept. 25. Tickets are free to LU, administration, faculty, staff, and students. For more information call 582-INFO.

• **Volunteers Needed** — Lynchburg Parks and Recreation has 12 recreation centers in need of volunteers. For more information call Debbie Troutman or Judi Lariviere at 847-1640.

• **The Liberty Champion** — You can work as a reporter, graphic artist, copy editor, photographer or distribution worker. Academic or Christian Service credit is available. For more information call 582-2124.

• **Wes King** — Wes King and special guests Greg Long and Joanna Carlson will perform in the Vines Center on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free to all LU administration, faculty, staff and students.

• **Super Conference** — Super Conference will be held Oct. 8-11 in the Vines Center and at Thomas Road Baptist Church. Scheduled to speak are Dr. E.V. Hill, Dr. Adrian Rogers and Dr. Bailey Smith. For more information call 1-800-424-9592.

To place information in the ear, drop notices off at the Liberty Champion office, DeMoss Hall 113. All information should be in an envelope marked "the ear, c/o Van Gogh, Liberty Champion." Please submit information at least two weeks in advance of events.

## Overflow spurs office moves

By MARK HASKEW  
Champion Reporter

What started as an attempt to find beds for the overflow of the 1995-96 incoming class ended in a major reshuffling of the location of campus services and the formation of the "one-stop" Student Service Center.

The Business, Alumni, Registrar, Financial Aid and Admissions offices, along with the Visitor's Center, are now housed under the same roof.

Vice President of University Services Earl D. Sargeant said "(this is) the best move we've made in the last 15 years to help the students."

The Student Service Center is located directly across the courtyard from the Teacher Education building.

In addition, dorms three and 17-2 (which formerly housed accounting and financial aid) were converted into female dormitories.

According to Sargeant, the entire effort totalled slightly more than \$35,000 by using in-house carpenters and electricians.

"For what we did, that's pennies. If we brought (outside workers) in it would have cost \$135,000 easily," he said.

In March, Sargeant was faced with enrollment figures more than 200 students higher than originally anticipated. Sargeant said he first



WAIT YOUR TURN — Gail Cole assists returning students in the Student Service Center Thursday.

considered renting hotel rooms to house students.

"We went to Comfort Inn and considered renting two or three floors for a whole year. We thought about renting an entire wing of the Holiday Inn," he said.

On March 13, Sargeant proposed to move the Financial Aid Office, freeing 17-2 for housing purposes. Sargeant also proposed that dorm three, at the time being used by security, be converted as well.

The changes the housing plan

called for coincided with a long-held wish of administration officials to group the student services together.

"For years it's been an albatross around our necks, having kids hike up the hill (to the Financial Aid Office), then back to the Business Office."

Soon after, the Business and Registrar's offices were slated to move with the Financial Aid Office, Sargeant said. The Alumni office, the Visitor's Center and the Admissions

offices were included later.

The changes required the School of Business and Government to move to DeMoss Hall 101-106. Security offices were relocated in the triple-wide trailer across the University Drive bridge in the former Alumni Center. The Career Center will be moved to DeMoss Hall 107-108.

All together, 32 offices were wholly or partially moved. The moves were begun May 15 and mostly finished by Aug. 11,

## Carless drive-in features 'A Goofy Movie'

By SHANNON BALLARD  
Champion Reporter

Students sprawled on blankets and beach towels to watch "A Goofy Movie" last Monday, Aug. 21, on the Executive Mansion's front lawn.

The Student Life Office showed 11 movies between Aug. 15 and Aug. 21. Monday's showing was titled a "Carless Drive-in."

"I like having the movie on the lawn. I'd come again," sophomore Paul Wilson said.

"The Little Rascals" was scheduled to be shown on Monday night.

Because of a slight change in plans, "A Goofy Movie" was shown first.

"We put 'Goofy' on at the beginning and we showed 'Little Rascals' at the end," said Student Life Coordinator Jeff Smythe.

Not all students appreciated the change in plans. Sophomore Jen Holman said, "My friends and I

are getting ready to leave. This movie is dumb."

However, Student Activities Co-director Dean Parker said the Student Life-sponsored movies have been a success.

The "Lion King" showings Aug. 25-26 brought the most enthusiastic crowds.

"They started singing the Lion King song and everyone was enjoying themselves," Parker said. "The Lion King" went over a little better because people knew it more."

Parker said about 1,000 people attended the last carless drive-in. "All the kids seemed to have a good time," he said.

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**FAMILY SOLUTIONS** — King's Players Rachel Hodges (left) and Steven Kyle (right) ply their talents in "Family Feud" last weekend in the Lloyd Auditorium.

## King's Players play 'Family Feud'

By GINGER GILLENWATER  
Champion Reporter

The King's Players kicked off their 35th anniversary year on Friday night with a presentation of "Family Feud" in the Lloyd Auditorium.

"Family Feud" features two plays, "Snapshots and Portraits" and "Family Outings." Both plays portray family problems such as dating, divorce and father-son conflicts that are solved through the use of biblical principles.

In "Snapshots and Portraits," senior Matthew Towles played the part of Todd, a confused man trying to cope with the loss of a mother and his father's fear of love.

"(The play) went over well with the audience and the ministry portion was also effective," Towles said.

Junior Rachel Hodges played Sharon in "Snapshots and Portraits" and Beth in "Family Outings."

Hodges said she enjoyed doing these plays because they are "practical and (reach) out to anyone in the audience so they can see some aspect of their life."

Dr. David Allison, the director of the King's Players, invented the title "Family Feud" because of the "thematic similarities between the two plays."

Dr. Allison had a significant purpose behind directing these plays. He said, "We are doing (these plays) to help students appreciate their families and realize the importance of building their (future) families on the principles found in God's word."

"Family Feud" can be seen on Friday and Saturday night at 11. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

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East to West has racked up No. 1 hits, placed two songs in the top 10 and earned two nominations for New Artist of the Year.

Neal Coomer and Jay DeMarcus, members of East to West, will be featuring songs from their latest album, "North of the Sky."

"We hope this album will open the doors to reach a wider audience and allow us to become more acquainted with people inside and outside of the Christian community," DeMarcus said.

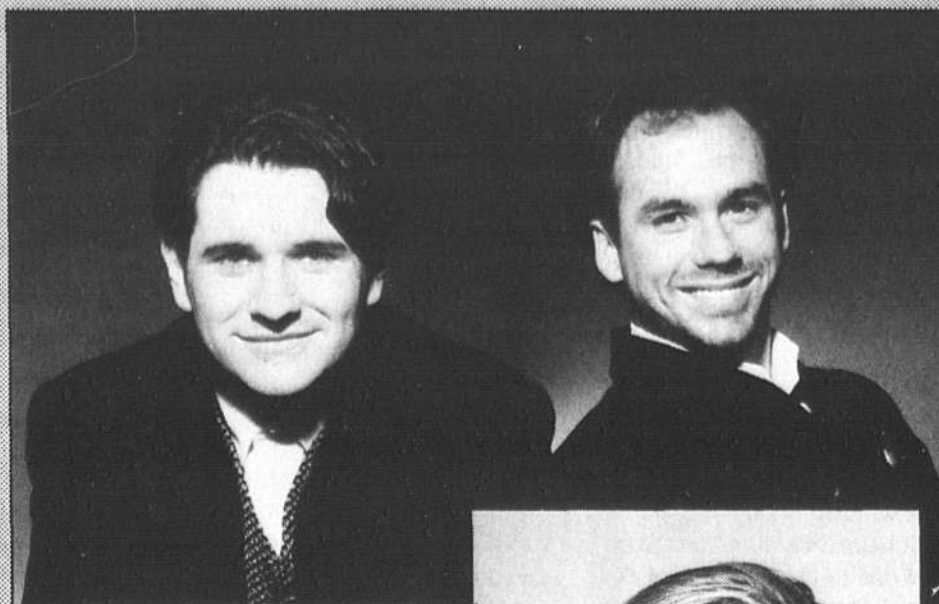
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Clay Crosse has earned No. 1 hits, three Dove Award nominations and an appearance on Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

His debut album "My Place is With You" became the best-selling debut album of the year in contemporary Christian music.

"To say that 1994 was a year of change for me is a huge understatement," Crosse said.

Crosse will feature songs on Friday night from his latest album entitled "Time to Believe."



East to West (top) and Clay Crosse (right) will perform at the Vines Center Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"Running throughout this album there is a theme of how much we need the Lord," Crosse said.

"In life, there is pain, there are challenges, there is hurt ... but it brings out how much we rely on Him."

Tickets are free to all LU students, faculty and administration.

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# Student Life, SGA deliver changes to intramural fields

By SARAH K. POLLAK  
Champion Reporter

In an effort to curb injuries, Student Life and the Student Government Association decided last year to make improvements to the Intramural fields. This summer the improvements were made.

In the mid-summer, Bermuda grass seed was spread so that new grass would grow to form a more adequate playing field. An irrigation system was recently installed on the fields to keep the newly seeded field wet.

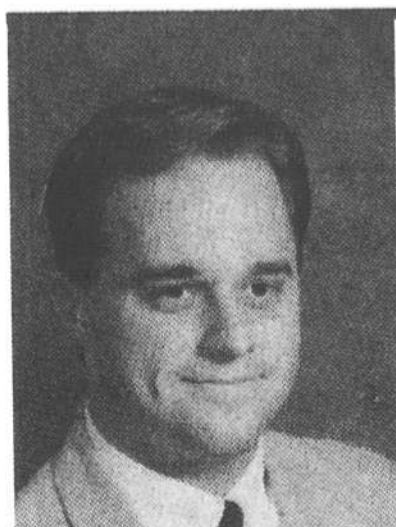
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"(The players) were playing on patches of grass and clay where they could get hurt. The students needed to feel safe playing the sports."

The needed improvements would cost \$8,000. "(The improvements) were something that we had to do, and we had to get the funds to do it," Smythe said.

In an effort to pay for the new improvements, SGA contacted the Liberty University Athletic Association last year.

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wanted to do and (the Association) wanted to help," Mickey Guridy, ticket manager and director of LUAA, said.

After being approved by the LUAA seven-member board, the Association donated \$2,500 to the advancement of the intramural athletics fields.

Plans were made in the spring to put in the irrigation system, grass and perhaps more lighting. While the watering system and grass have already been done, the lighting has yet to be installed.

"That's in the works right now," Smythe said. "Right now intramu-

ral (program) isn't big enough to constitute lights on the field."

According to Smythe, having lights on the field would extend the sports program because of the ability to play night games.

Student Life plans to seed the field again in the near future. Kentucky grass seed will be used this time to create more of a cushion on the playing field.

"I played intramural softball last year, and I saw the terrible conditions of the fields," Guridy said. "They really needed something. Hopefully (the improvements) will do the trick."

## Obituaries

### Deborah Ellen Chapman Habermas

Deborah Ellen Chapman Habermas of 206 Laurel Lane, Lynchburg, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1995, at home. She was 43.

The wife of Gary Robert Habermas, she was a member of Grace Evangelical Free Church.

The daughter of Joyce Eileen Fitch Wrobel and the late Dennis Edward Chapman, and the step-daughter of the late Joseph Walter Wrobel, she was born Dec. 8, 1951, in Detroit, Mich.

"Knowing Debbie since the day they moved to Lynchburg, I always remember how sweet and quiet she was," said Susan E. Bogart, a friend of Habermas for 16 years. "We always had a great time together, whether putting up wallpaper or spending an evening playing games."

In addition to her mother of Troy, Mich., and her husband, she is survived by two sons, Robert and Kevin Habermas, and two daughters, Michelle and Holly Habermas, all of Lynchburg; three brothers, Dennis Wayne Chapman, Frederick Arthur Chapman and David Lee Chapman, and two sisters, Marilyn Joyce Alexander and Judith Ann Hanney, all of Michigan.

### Dr. Mark B. Lloyd

Dr. Mark B. Lloyd, a former Liberty University professor for whom the Lloyd Auditorium is named, died Aug. 6, 1995, in Tacoma, Wash. He was 92.

He was born March 21, 1903, in Olney, Idaho.

Dr. Lloyd left a long legacy at Liberty. After coming here in 1974, he founded the speech department and supervised the developing English and drama departments. He was chairman of the division of communications until his retirement in 1980 at the age of 77.

When he retired, University President A. Pierre Guillermin named the theater in Fine Arts 134 after Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd for their contributions to the ministry of Christian drama. The next year, Dr. Falwell gave Lloyd the title of professor emeritus of speech.

Dr. Lloyd earned a bachelor's degree in speech from the College of Idaho, a master's degree from the University of Southern California and a doctorate in speech from Michigan State University. He was an ordained Methodist minister as well.

In 1960, he and his wife founded The King's Players Inc., a Christian acting troupe. While he

was president of the group, they conducted more than 10,000 services in churches and schools nationwide.



Dr. Mark Lloyd  
Allison, 1903-1995

Dr. David Allison, professor of speech and communications at Liberty and the current director of The King's Player, was a student and close friend of Dr. Lloyd. He remembers Lloyd as a man determined to live for God.

"I remember him as having integrity, a great sense of humor and most of all a willingness to serve the Lord," Allison said. "(The Lloyds) were always giving people; they epitomized the term 'godly people.'"

Lloyd is survived by his wife Helen Ritchie Lloyd, to whom he was married for 68 years. He is also survived by one son, Mark L. Lloyd of Virginia Beach; one daughter, Kathy Walker of Lewiston, Idaho; one brother; one sister; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

## Majority of students settle bill by August

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January it was midnight before we got out of there," he said.

Spencer explained that students could have paid their bill in one of two ways this summer: 50 percent with the rest in three post-dated checks or in full.

"We had 2,800 students who had their bill in that bill-settled category when we came to the bill check-in date in the second week of August," Spencer said.

Students who went through the express line had to pick up an information packet, check in their personal data form and sit down with an express representative to handle any unfinished business.

Spencer said that the Admissions Office is thinking of ways to improve the system. "One of the things we're thinking about is the possibility of maybe checking in dorm floors," he said. "Instead of (students) coming to the Vines Center, they would go to the R.A.'s room, and we have somebody sitting there with the packets for the students who are living on that floor who meet express criteria."

Spencer said such students could simply sign a few forms, pick up their key and then check in. "I don't know if we will be able to do that in January, but it is something we are

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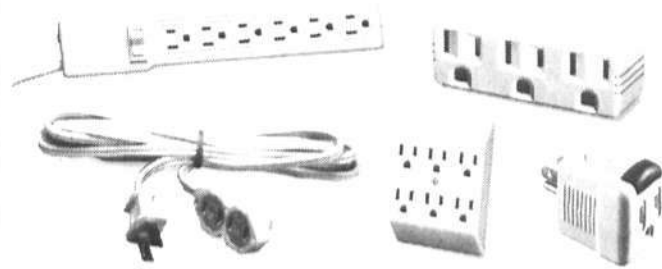
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# OPINION

## The Liberty Champion

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

### Champion applauds work, foresight of administration

Remember last year about this time? If you were like many returning students, you were still standing in the Financial Aid line at Check-In, holding a room key for the Holiday Inn. Not so this year. Thanks to the administration.

Express Check-In was a definite success. No lines, no mess, no problem. We applaud the administration for implementing this new procedure; it sure made our lives a lot less stressful.

Lest we forget, Express Check-In is only one of the changes that have taken place over the summer. The new Student Services Center is another welcome addition to the campus. Now, instead of having to trudge all the way up a thousand flights of stairs to check on our student loans, all we have to do is walk a few steps in the direction of the Post Office. Bravo administration!

Another improvement that will affect the entire LU community is the addition of new faculty members — the largest increase in five years. This year, there are 13 new faculty, plus six new faculty who replaced faculty who left and four current faculty who moved from part-time to full-time.

Oh, and do you recall the Holiday Inn ordeal of years past? Thanks to some foresight and hard work, if you were slated to be the proud owner of a dorm room, that's where you ended up. Though some offices had to be converted to living quarters and LU security had to find a new home, all on-campus students are really on campus.

## Liberty Forum

### Trent Graphics returns to LU

Dear Editor:

Several months ago, a Liberty University reporter took quite an advantage of a telephone conversation that I had with her. The reporter said she was writing a story about our company based on student enjoyment of poster sales, when, in fact, she was investigating a story bent on sensationalism.

The article stated "Trent Graphics ... contributes part of its proceeds to several organizations, including Women's Resources of Monroe County." Trent Graphics is a small, family-run business of between 20 - 80 employees.

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Women's Resources was one organization that, through an employee, contacted us, along with area high schools, middle schools, churches, conservation organizations, children's groups — one of literally hundreds — where we have donated a print or poster.

I want to state clearly that we are not affiliated nor do we contribute part of our proceeds to any organization, nor did I say anything to (the reporter) to lead her to believe this.

Vivian Dalling  
Trent Graphics

Editor's Note:

The Liberty Champion apologizes for any miscommunication between Trent Graphics' representative and the reporter.



## Staff needs students' input, ideas

Turn a few more pages. Go ahead. Just make sure you come back here.

Notice something different? The "front page" of the sports section is on page 12, not page nine.

Look at the front of the paper.

That's right. We have a brand-new front-page name-plate design.

Like the rest of the school, the university newspaper

is making some changes.

The most visible modifications you've already come across include the construction of the Student Services Center and Express Check-In. The smaller ones include, well, the front page of the newspaper, and the new sports front.

As you can see in other columns on this page, several *Champion* writers have opinions on the changes across campus.

I'm sure these columnists do not speak for every student on Liberty's campus, however.

The staff can't know what's occupying the hearts and minds of the those attending Liberty unless you tell us.

We want to know what you, the students of Liberty University, feel — and not just on the modified check-in process.

To accurately cover this campus, we need to know your thoughts and reactions to the things going on around you.

A newspaper is a tool of communication and for communication to be effective, it must be two-way.

So, communicate with us. There are two ways students can express concerns, thoughts and comments on the Liberty *Champion*.

First, you can write back to us. Disagree with an opinion piece or column? Want to add information to a news or sports story? Have a comment on a *Liberty* article? Well, tell us. We don't know how you feel about our work if you don't tell us.

All letters to the editor can be dropped off at the *Champion* office in DeMoss Hall 113. By the way, all of these letters don't have to be published.

If you want to share your thoughts with the newspaper's staff without sharing it with the rest of the student body, just include that in your letter. The only people who see it will be those who work on the *Champion's* editorial board.

If you want to talk to me directly, call extension 2124 and ask for me.

A second way of communicating your thoughts on the *Champion* — and the Liberty community as a whole — is to volunteer to be part of a focus group.

These are groups that will meet several times throughout the semester to discuss the role the *Champion* plays on campus and how well it plays it.

This is the best way to make sure the individuals who produce the paper know what the student body is thinking — face-to-face communication.

The *Champion* has been pretty successful the last few years, winning awards and receiving favorable critiques. We want to get even better, and the only way to do so is through communicating with the student body.

## Yankees fans, Deadheads should look up to Mom

Mickey Mantle. Jerry Garcia. Magic Johnson. Greg Louganis.

Lately, I've been trying to figure out exactly what society thinks a hero is. It seems as though Americans are notorious for taking a highly talented and accomplished person and transforming him into an object worthy of respect, admiration and imitation — regardless of a less-than-worthy lifestyle or lack of moral fortitude.

Fair enough. There's nothing wrong with admiring someone's talents and respecting a person's expertise; but making him a role model on that basis alone isn't such a great idea. Mantle himself would have told you that.

Some people claim that there really are no heroes anymore. I strongly disagree.

Sure, there is the professional ballplayer who dominates the diamond, but ends up dying of an alcohol-related illness. And there is the guitar-strumming musical genius who meets an early death after one too many acid trips. But these people aren't real life. They are only the plastic heroes we find when we're searching with the remote control.

We need to stop idolizing people we may never meet and know next-to-nothing about.

If you want to play ball like Magic Johnson, go right ahead and try. If you want to belt out a tune like Janis Joplin, you have my blessing. But that should be where the mimicry stops.

If you're looking for a hero, then turn off the television and think of the people you know.

A real hero should be someone that we respect, admire and choose to pattern our lives after — not someone that we only encounter via satellite transmission.

The faces of true heroes aren't plastered

on the evening news or smeared across a tabloid's front page. In order to find a real hero, we need to look a little closer to home, maybe even across the room or down the hall.

I did.

My hero has never hit a fastball out of Yankee Stadium in a World Series game — but she has shown me how to win at the game of life and still play by the rules.



MICHELLE FANNIN

My hero has never wowed a sellout crowd at Madison Square Garden with her amazing vocals — but she can change my whole perspective on life by just the tone of her voice.

My hero has never established diplomatic relations in the volatile Middle East — but she has solved several hundred skirmishes over the years, without death or bloodshed.

My hero probably won't be honored by the populous or imitated by the masses, but she has done something of ultimate importance and far-reaching effect.

She has taught me how to live, and I have learned by her example.

She has listened to my dreams, encouraged my ambitions and disciplined me with wisdom — and in so doing she has earned my respect.

Society needs to realize that a hero is not merely an icon or an athlete. A hero is whoever is honest, wise, consistent and successful at life. And, if you think about it, we encounter such a person every day — be it at church, school or home.

So, when we're looking for heroes, it might be a good idea to bypass the national media completely.

After all, I may be biased, but I think that if Mickey Mantle and Jerry Garcia had had a hero like my mom, their lives would've had happier endings.

## Freedom demands responsibility, especially from Liberty students

Several of the most familiar rules in LU history have been changed in subtle but significant ways. Curfew has been extended on weekends, music codes have been changed, and other modifications are awaiting implementation by administration.

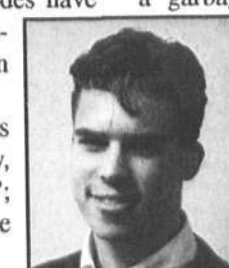
Reaction among students has been mixed. I have heard some say, "It's about time; don't stop now"; others say the changes will make things worse.

But I have heard few people discuss the issue from the most critical angle of all; what does more freedom demand from students?

Liberty has taken a leap of faith in its perception of us, the students. The administration has said loud and clear that they trust us not to turn a move toward greater freedom into the downward spiral that has overcome other religious schools.

Greater freedom demands greater personal discipline, and there will always be those who are weak. It is the responsibility of us all to be on guard.

Think of Harvard. The school was 100 years old before the faculty included a non-ordained member. Nowadays, the school is a garbage pit of modern fantasies and whimsical philosophies.



TOM INKEL

The downfall of the school began in one place: the student body.

No faculty member will be able to keep a job if no student takes his course. No rules can be called too lax if there aren't students who abuse them. No humanistic idea can take root on a campus if there aren't those who follow it.

This university is a powerhouse for God, marked by a vibrantly Christian administration and a strong, self-determined student body. God has rewarded the school for its spiritual focus in a wholly unmistakable manner, removing much of the weight of a crushing multi-million dollar debt and causing an explosion of significant growth.

Despite the evidence of God's hand on the school, there will always be those who will

persist in attending a school where they don't belong so they can beat themselves up by rebelling and protesting against every standard they don't like. To these, I say, "Grow up, fast."

Every kid from a conservative environment has heard the old protest, "This isn't preparing me for the real world." Here's the chance, for those of you who have said that, to test yourselves a little.

Will this small loosening of regulations lead to abuse or to growth? Will the indiscretion and weakness of a few be forced upon the rest of us in the form of loud, abusive music, dress code violations and rebellious behavior?

For those of you who feel you are seeing others sinfully exploit the new rules, take steps now.

Discuss violations with your RAs. Be strict with yourself, as well, being careful not to lead others astray with your forays into the new territory.

Don't be the loser, pushing the limits. There is no spiritual equivalent to going five miles over the speed limit.

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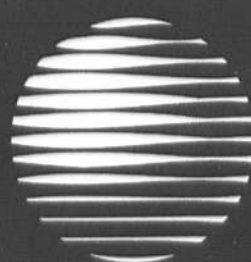
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KIRSTIN  
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## Another school year: Time to return to reality

Summer is over, and once again we must face the reality of becoming mature and responsible adults. Hmm, that is definitely something to think about, although I personally believe that I have one glorious year (yes, that's right, I'm a SENIOR) to depend on ... my parents and their money! (I'll have to make a note to not send them this article.) I don't know about y'all, but summer went by far too quickly. In my last article before summer vacation I stressed the importance of relaxing and enjoying every moment of the summer no matter how much time was spent working to pay off car bills and student loans.

Well I did that, for the most part, except when I sliced off the tip of my right index finger at the deli where I worked.

I'm not asking for sympathy. OK, well maybe I am (cards, gifts and flowers can be sent to the *Champion* office via the LU post office).

Other than the tragedy of losing a part of my body, I've had a great summer. I think that's why it's so hard to be back. But the block party, Friday late-night activities and spending time at David's Place will, **LIKE**, boost my spirits — **FOR SURE**.

Although I didn't want summer to end so soon, one major plus I encountered upon returning to Liberty was spending just five minutes at Check-in — a miracle in every sense of the word.

For all new students, this is not something Liberty students have encountered in the past. One of my friends spent eight hours one day and two the next waiting in lines at Check-in last year. Just imagine her joy at Express Check-in this year. Bravo administration.

Another plus was extending curfew on Friday and Saturday nights until 12:30 a.m. This means that if students decide to see a late movie at Cinemark they don't have to leave early to make the midnight curfew.

### WARNING TO NEW STUDENTS:

Don't try to come in late on Sunday nights. The curfew extension is for Friday and Saturday nights only.

Trust me on this one. I was made an example this past weekend for those students who will unsuccessfully try to act flabbergasted at the guard shack that the extension isn't for the whole weekend.

In addition to the many welcome changes at Liberty comes the unwelcome heat wave that I've been told has been around all summer. I'm from the North (yes, I'm a Yankee), where weather like this would wipe out whole towns of warm-blooded, unsuspecting locals.

Of course while the North has had more record-setting temperatures than normal, this is far worse. I get hot flashes just thinking about having to wear nylons and dress up for classes in this weather.

In conclusion, whether students praise the improvements at Liberty or complain about the heat, one thing is for certain ... another school year has begun.

My advice to the student body is to study hard, save time for friends and most importantly to stay grounded in the Lord. For without Him these opportunities experienced at Liberty would be impossible.

# Life!

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

### Liberty siblings share the ultimate college experience

By MICHELLE FANNIN  
Opinion Editor

My little sister used to bug me. Every afternoon, my third-grade friends and I would meet in my room for a Barbie extravaganza.

We let Lucynda, who was five at the time, watch us play, but we didn't let her join in. I mean, who needs a five-year-old's input when you're reenacting the most dramatic scene from "CHIPS"?

Needless to say, in the middle of Ken Estrada's rescue of a damsel in distress, Lucynda would start to insist that she be allowed to play too. Her pleas grew louder and louder, until Mom was forced to intervene, lest my sister rupture a vocal cord.

As usual, Mom took my sister's side and chastised me for being selfish and cruel. And as usual, I was not happy.

So when Mom left the room, convinced that she had solved another crisis, I decided to let my sister participate — but on a much smaller scale.

Lucynda was forced to take the dregs of Barbiland. We gave her all of our bald, armless, even headless Barbie dolls and let her play away.

Instead of being a lead actress, her Barbie had to settle for a car crash victim or a third-time offender.

A lot has changed since then. My little sister is now a freshman at Liberty. And now, unlike my elementary years, I really like having her around.

Although it is a bit strange to share your college experience with another member of your family, I think it's worth it.

Lucynda agrees: "If I have a problem, I know that Michelle will be here for me. It keeps me from getting so homesick."

Stephanie Britton, a freshman at Liberty, has discovered that looking like her senior sister Tammy makes meeting new people a lot more interesting.

"When I introduce myself to people, I say, 'Hi, my name is Stephanie,' and people automatically know I'm related to Tammy. I hear it all the time and sometimes it's annoying, but I take it as a compliment," Stephanie said.

The sisters' similar looks have also caused Tammy's friends some confusion. "People think Stephanie's me, and when they say 'Hi' and she doesn't answer, they think I'm snubbing them," Tammy said.

Furthermore, Tammy has also become



Stephanie's second mom when it comes to members of the opposite sex. Just like Mom, Tammy has a lot of advice to give when it comes to the freshman male.

"We were exercising around the circle one night, and a bunch of these guys started talking and joking around with us. I tried to get Stephanie to keep on walking, but she just goes over to them and starts to introduce herself," Tammy said.

"I'm always telling her that when freshman guys yell to ignore them. I want Stephanie to get with a good guy, so I'm always watching out for that," Tammy said.

Having a freshman brother at school is a different ballgame altogether. Instead of warning her freshman brother Mike of the dangers of freshman women, Kris Patterson can't wait for him to start dating.

"I asked him if he's met any girls, and Mike said that he's just waiting for me to hook him up," Kris said.

Kris believes that because Mike was so independent at home, he doesn't really need looking after at school.

"When we were both at home, Mike would roll in about 2:30 a.m. from a youth group function and my parents wouldn't have a problem with it," Kris said. "I would only be out a little past 10 p.m. and they would come looking for me!"

Mike agrees that he can take care of himself and is glad that Kris lets him have his space. "She's not parental about things," he said. "She just cares about me."

Even though she hasn't taken over as Mike's surrogate mother, Kris does have one important piece of advice to give him, advice that she thinks applies to all freshmen: "Take advantage of everything you can. If you don't get involved at college, you will really miss out."



photos by Kirstin Simpson

**HORSEPLAY** — Kris and Mike Patterson, "navy brats" who have lived all over the United States, now reside at Liberty. Above, they take a break before classes start to spend quality time together. With only one car to share, Kris gets a lot of grief from her freshman brother to share her car.

## Students, stay focused on the Lord this semester

With the excitement of this new year, it's easy to get caught up in a mix of anxiety and emotions.

Some freshmen are probably nervous over their schedules, dorm life and new social life.

The upperclassmen, on the other hand, may already be focused on graduation and God's will for the future.

In the midst of all these decisions and trials, we often find ourselves becoming emotionally exhausted and weary. These are the times in which we must rely on the strength of Christ.

The Lord knows that His children at Liberty require His strength in order to make it from semester to semester. Staying

focused on what God has in store for this semester is more fruitful than focusing solely upon the future.

God wants each one of us to live by His perfect time: "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fail:"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:28-31).

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(Isaiah 40:28-31)

We often become impatient as we wait for the Lord to move in our lives. However, this passage in Isaiah allows us to see that God equates patience with strength: "But they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength."

So, if you are that student who is worried about what major to declare, fret not. Let the Lord direct you according to His will.

As the Proverb states, "In all thy ways

acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). If we acknowledge Him from day to day, He will direct us accordingly.

As Christians, and as students, we can only reach success if we live by God's timetable, not our own.

If we wait for His direction and His time then the strength to live the Christian life is promised to us.

In Hebrews, the scripture gives us a way to take an eager, yet patient, approach to our future: "Then, knowing what lies ahead for you, you won't become bored with being a Christian, nor become spiritually dull and indifferent, but you will be anxious to follow the example of those who receive all that God has promised them because of their strong faith and patience" (Hebrews 6:12, TLB).

Here the scripture equates patience not solely with strength, but with strong faith. The strength of our faith grows as we learn to wait upon the Lord. The Lord also reveals to us that we should follow those who have strong faith and patience.

For example, the spiritual life directors (SLDs), prayer leaders and resident assistants on your hall can be a support group for you when you feel the burdens and anxieties of school seem overwhelming.

Liberty has so much to offer in the way of spiritual leadership. From the faculty to student leaders, God has worked in the lives of these individuals so that they may better serve you.

So, as you dive into your course work for the semester, remember that both patience in the Lord and godly leadership here at Liberty will lead you through a successful semester.

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# Volleyball sets up to win

Coach cites hard work, unity as the keys to success

By MARTIN CLARK  
Champion Reporter

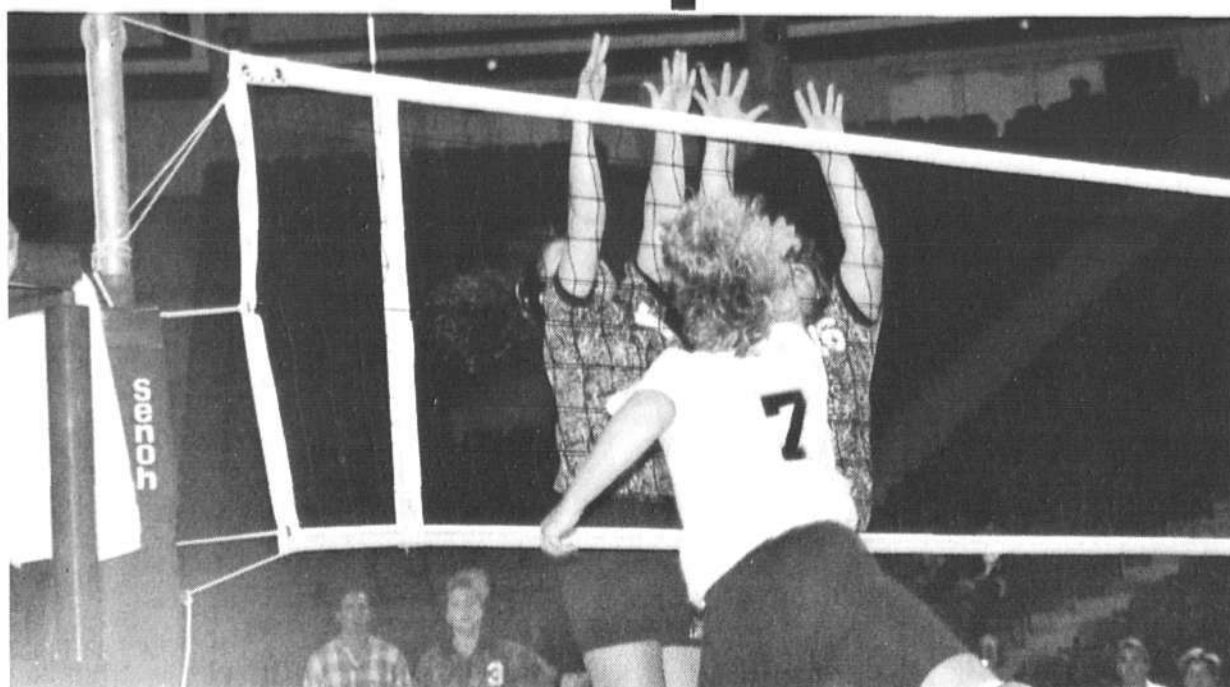
As the women's volleyball team prepares to improve on last year's 10-18 record, the opponents are the same, but the cast has changed dramatically.

Four new players join the team this season. Only two seniors remain from last season's team to provide leadership.

Two of these new players are transfer students, one from Illinois Central and one from Northwestern University. With opponents such as Virginia Tech, Virginia, N.C. State and West Virginia, this young squad is certain to have its hands full.

Chris Fletcher, in her fourth season as coach, takes the helm with assistants Laura Miller and Mike Boersma as the team strives for victory. Fletcher said that she was satisfied with the results of the pre-season and commented on the improvements the team was making.

"We're such a young team," Fletcher said, "but things have gone pretty well. They've gelled together more than we anticipated."



UP INTO THE NET—Two Lady Flames go up in an attempt to block an opponent during the 1994 campaign. Coach Chris Fletcher expects a successful season from her team.

The two captains, Diane Brenning and Leana Miller, who will be busy enough on the floor, find themselves doing some instructing and a lot of supporting. Brenning and Miller will lead a very aggressive offensive system that hopes to score easy points off the serve.

"We have some great looking outside hitters this year," Fletcher added. "Our attack is solid, although we usually pride ourselves on defense."

Whether attacking at the net or

defending an all-out attack from the opposition, Fletcher says it will take determined practices, dedication and hard work to achieve their ultimate goals—goals that go beyond just a winning season, but that strive for team unity.

"We want to try to obtain some unity," Fletcher explained, "and to be looked upon as a Christian, unified team. We lose focus a lot of times, but this year we want to put

the focus on Christ."

All in all, the Lady Flames volleyball team is expecting to put together a successful season.

"We have a lot of talent this year," Fletcher concluded, "and we plan to win a lot of games."

With a team full of young talent and a coach reflecting a winning attitude, this team feels it can't be beat, no matter what its overall record is.

## Tyson-McNeely bout outcome as expected

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was expected. He entered the ring with confidence, landed a few solid shots to McNeely's cranium and exited the ring. It was over fast, as all knew it would be. Johnny Gill's rendition of the national anthem was actually a full minute longer than the actual fight, and almost as entertaining.

The one thing that Tyson did, that he does better than anyone else, is play the intimidation game. He entered the ring with the look of a predator etched onto his face. He looked like a tiger stalking his prey.

McNeely's handlers stopping the fight raises some big questions. All over the country "The fix was in!" is being shouted. But consider this, wasn't the fix in the second the fight was signed? This wasn't Lennox Lewis's manager stopping the fight, it was the handlers of a nobody who had no right to step into the ring with the former undisputed heavyweight champion.

Referee Mills Lane did not understand why the contest was stopped so quickly. Lane claimed, in all his years of refereeing big bouts, to never have been involved in such an odd fight. "He could have gone on. His corner made a mistake," Lane said.

The question of why the fight was stopped remains. Vinny Vecchione, McNeely's manager, claimed he had every right to end the bout so soon. "(McNeely) was up against the ropes. Anybody who knows boxing knows he would've been hit with six, seven, eight or nine punches. Give me a break."

No, Mr. Vecchione, maybe you should give us a break. Six, seven, eight or nine punches—isn't that called a combination? Shouldn't your fighter be able to counter a combination with one of his own? Perhaps that would be asking too much. Maybe you finally realized that your boxer was nothing more than a piece of meat being thrown into the ring to be tenderized by some Tyson body blows.

Peter McNeely was nothing more than a sacrificial lamb led to the slaughter before the masses. He was defeated with the ease that was expected. Yet the public is still

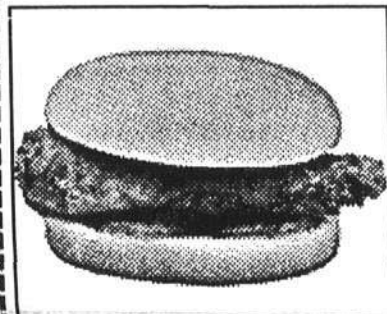
upset that they were given exactly what they presumed would happen.

Well, public, there is only one way to stop this from happening again. Don't pay \$50 to watch Tyson kick around another tomato can. If the public demands that Tyson fights a real opponent, perhaps somewhere down the road he actually will.

Don King can't keep putting his main asset into the ring against people that I could handle and expect people to dish out hard earned cash to watch it.

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# Lady Flames soccer plans big year

By JOSH HOWE  
Champion Reporter

With women's soccer set to open the season on Sept. 2, the Lady Flames appear ready to better the performance of last year's sub-.500 record. Entering his fourth season as head coach, Ken Perkins said he is excited about the quality of talent on this year's Lady Flames roster.

"As far as talent goes, this is as good of a team that I've had since I have been here," Perkins stated.

The soccer program will have a solid foundation with which to start this season as Perkins' club fields six seniors, including last year's starters Beth Aldridge and Kendra Bendigs.

"We will expect a lot out of them," Perkins said.

Unlike seasons past, however, the Lady Flames will not have to rely solely on starters to carry the load.

This year a talented bench will provide depth and experience to bring solid minutes onto the field. Four newcomers help the Lady Flames this season. Fifth-year senior and the all-time leading scorer for the Lady Flames basketball team Ginny Holloway heads a list that includes Jennifer Jess and Julie Reinwald.

The program is losing four players from a year ago, including Janice Oliveras, who was second on the team in points, and Summer Able, who received Co-Rookie of the Year award in the Big South.

Different from seasons past, the Lady Flames will rely on their offensive game as their strength and work extra hard on the defensive end of the field.

Perkins will be looking for extra effort from his team, as the schedule for his squad is far from easy. Perkins acknowledges that the opponents his team faces are of top-notch quality.

"This is one of our toughest schedules," Perkins said. "The quality of teams are much better than in the past."

Included in the Lady Flames' 15-game schedule are perennial conference power house UNC-Greensboro, Radford and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

However, for the first time, all six conference teams will make the Big South Conference tournament in Greensboro.

Perkins said he feels the attitude the team is carrying into this season is a positive one.

"The spiritual level on the team is better than it ever has been since I've been here. It will bring a lot of unity to the team," Perkins said.



**SLIDING INTO THE SEASON** — An opposing goaltender guards her goal in a scrimmage against the Lady Flames in preparation for the upcoming season. The Lady Flames open the season Sept. 2, versus Elon at home.



**GOD'S SQUAD** — First-place winners at UCA cheer camp, the Flames cheerleaders take a break following a rigorous practice.

## Flames cheerleaders sweep camp

By BETSY OOTEN  
Assistant Copy Editor

Flames cheerleaders kicked off the season on Aug. 4, almost a full month before the first football game. Their preparation resulted in nine awards at the Universal Cheerleaders' Association College Spirit Camp at Rutgers University.

The cheerleaders found success at camp. LU brought home three top spot awards.

"We were confident, but at the same time, we weren't arrogant. We really wanted to have a good time, and we went to do our best," Kerry Lamphere said, reflecting on the team's attitude going into

the competition.

Rigorous practice commenced as soon as the cheerleaders hit campus. On the Aug. 4 and 5, they practiced eight hours each day. On Sunday, the sixth, the Flames took about three hours in the afternoon to iron out the final wrinkles of the mount.

For all of their spirit, the Flames won the highly-coveted Leadership Award, which is voted on by every squad participating in the camp.

"This award signifies the squad who made the biggest impact during the week," Coach Jeni Reffner explained. "The camp experience would not have been the same without them."

As the highlight of their cheer performance, they recycled a mount

from previous years. Although seven of the 12-member squad were new to the camp, the old mount was good enough to win first place in the cheer division for the second consecutive year.

"We're really strong mounting as a squad," April Brantley said.

The squad was stronger than they knew in at least one area. The first-place award for fight song came as a huge surprise to the cheerleaders and Reffner.

"We all just looked at each other and said, 'Fight song?!'" Reffner recalled.

Reffner cited the camp experience as one of the most successful she had experienced.

"We have never won a Superior Blue Ribbon on the first day,"

Reffner said. By the week's end, the squad sported five such awards, one for each day and each division.

The squad also brought home the fifth-place award for the best sideline cheer.

Camp was not only competitive, but educational as well. The Flames learned roughly 15 new cheers. Four or five of those were floor cheers. The rest are sidelines like the Flames trademark "L-U-." Many of the new cheers will be used in upcoming seasons.

Cheerleaders April Brantley, Julie Huth, Jeff Lovelace and Brandee Owens are considering invitations to be instructors at the camp next year. Team member Stephanie Reffner already instructs at the camp.

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# Football eyes playoffs

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"The biggest thing we have to do is stop the run and the big plays," Rutigliano said. "We have a very aggressive defense that can put on the pressure. It's very active — sort of like what Buddy Ryan has in Arizona."

Leading the way on defense will be senior linebacker David Long. The outside linebacker had 106 tackles — 53 solo — in 1994. He has been named to Bob Griese's College Football Division I-AA preseason All-Independent team and the Street & Smith's All-American second team.

Rutigliano is expecting a big year from Long, as well converted linebacker Damon Bomar and defensive back Sedrick Watkins.

"Bomar and Watkins will be the key guys on defense,"



**David Long**  
Linebacker

Rutigliano said.

Bomar spent last season as a defensive lineman, where he collected 106 tackles. Watkins has been a mainstay in the defensive backfield for the Flames, where he

had 94 tackles and three interceptions last season.

The unsung players on the offensive line are being looked upon to open up holes for Morris and Worthington, as well as protect Chiles. The line did an adequate job in 1994.

Trey Sartin, a transfer from Michigan State, has raised the eyebrows of Rutigliano. The former Spartan will be playing at one of the offensive tackle spots on the Flames offensive line.

"(Sartin) played well in the spring and is going to see some playing time this season," Rutigliano said.

The rest of the players on the offensive line will consist of Matt Godfrey, Troy Vaughn, Thad Campbell, Jerry Scranton, Ulysses Moore, Jason Smart, and Aaron Karp.



## Flames Football Game Preview Liberty vs. West Virginia Tech



Series: LU leads 1-0  
Last meeting: 39-11, LU  
Game Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Williams Stadium

Liberty has the decided advantage entering this game versus the Golden Bears. Tech recorded a dismal record of 1-9 in 1994. Their lone victory came against Concord, 14-7. Liberty also conquered Concord in the 1994 season. LU's game wasn't quite as close: the Flames won 52-0.

Liberty will most likely look to grind out

the yardage against the Golden Bears. The Flames should have no problem establishing the run. Last season, West Virginia Tech allowed an average of 235.8 yards on the ground per game.

J.T. Morris and Lawrence Worthington will likely not see much action past the second quarter, and by that time the rout should be on. Fans should see LU's entire team Saturday. All players will see time.

Liberty is looking for their third consecutive opening-day win.

# NFL returns to spotlight

BY RICH MACCLONE  
Sports Editor

Are you ready for some football? The National Football League returns this weekend with a full complement of games to kick off the season.

On these pages the *Champion* Sports staff, will forecast the winners of the games each and every week of the NFL season. So sit back and enjoy the games, for football season has finally returned.

**Arizona at Washington:** The Redskins have next to no offense, and the Cards have one of the premier defenses in the NFL.

Look for Buddy Ryan and the Cards to win via blowout. *Cardinals by 13.*

**Carolina at Atlanta:** The inaugural game for the Panthers will be remembered for a loss. Although Carolina has one of the better expansion teams in history, they will still experience a dismal year. The injuries to Barry Foster and Derrick Lassic don't help much. *Falcons by 12.*

**Cincinnati at Indianapolis:** It's the Marshall plan in Indy. Marshall as in Faulk, that is. The Colts could be one of the best turnaround stories in the league.

In Cincy, if there's no Ki-Jana Carter, there will be no win. *Colts*

by 9.

**Cleveland at New England:** The Pats will avenge their wild-card loss to the Browns from last season. This could be the game of the week. *Patriots by 3.*

**Detroit at Pittsburgh:** Here lies an intriguing matchup. Barry Sanders versus the Pittsburgh defense. The game is on astroturf, so Sanders should thrive. Upset here. *Lions by 6.*

**Houston at Jacksonville:** Don't cry if you miss this game. It isn't worth wasting your time on.

The one highlight is seeing the debut performance of Steve McNair. *Oilers by 7.*

**Kansas City at Seattle:** These are two teams going in opposite directions. The Seahawks are on the upswing; the Chiefs aren't. *Seahawks by 7.*

**Minnesota at Chicago:** The Bears are looking to make a run at the Cowboys and 49ers in 1995. A divisional win against the Vikings could help a bunch. They will get it in a tough one. *Bears by 2.*

**NY Jets at Miami:** The Dolphins are trying to finally get Dan Marino a Super Bowl ring. The Jets always play the Dolphins as if it were the Super Bowl, but like all the recent American Football Association entrants into the big game, the Jets will lose...BIG. *Dolphins by 17.*

**San Diego at Oakland:** The Raiders return to the Bay in style. Oakland will hand the Chargers their second consecutive loss. If you don't remember, the last one was back in January. *Raiders by 3.*

**San Francisco at New Orleans:** The 49er machine just never stops clicking. And even if it did, the Saints wouldn't do the stopping.

Steve Young will definitely enjoy himself down in Bayou country. Look for the paper bags to surface for New Orleans in game number one. *49ers by 21.*

**Saint Louis at Green Bay:** The Pack should be able to take out the Rams with no problem. Brett Favre was one of the most underrated quarterbacks in the league last season. He has gotten better each year. *Packers by 10.*

**Tampa Bay at Philadelphia:** The Eagles are going to fly — at least this week they will. Tampa went out and spent the big bucks on Alvin Harper. Guess where he'll be spending the week. Yep, on the sidelines. *Eagles by 13.*

**Buffalo at Denver:** Broncos will buck the Bills. *Broncos by 9.*

**Dallas at NY Giants (Monday):** Dallas is still one of the best teams in the NFL today. The Giants are better this season, but not that much. Aikman and company will roll on. *Cowboys by 10.*

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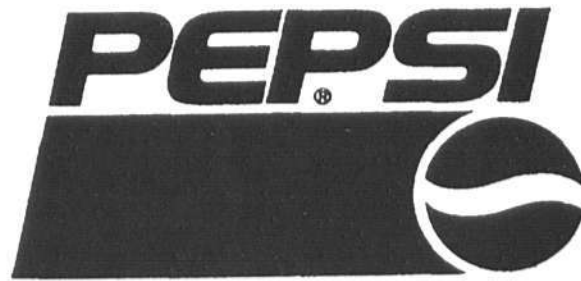
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## Football team readies to make playoff

By Rich MacLone  
Sports Editor

For football Head Coach Sam Rutigliano, this, his seventh season, could prove to be his lucky one.

Coming off of a sub-par 5-6 campaign in 1994, Rutigliano has one of his most talented teams to date. The Flames enter the season ranked in the top 20 in several Division I-AA pre-season polls.

The team opens up at home against West Virginia Tech on Sept. 2.

"We have more impact players. We've never had this many on one team," Rutigliano said. "The more big-play guys you have, the more games you win."

There are many big-play players on the 1995 Flames. Leading the way is quarterback Antwan Chiles. The senior comes off a superb year in which he threw for 2,823 passing yards and 19 touchdowns. He currently ranks fourth in career passing yards at Liberty.

"I expect Antwan to have a great year. There's a lot of NFL interest in him. In our offense, I expect Antwan to be the eye in the storm," Rutigliano said.

When Chiles is not throwing the ball deep, he will be handing off to a dynamic backfield. The running back corps is led by what Rutigliano calls the Flames "thunder and lightning" combination of senior J.T. Morris and junior Lawrence Worthington.

Morris is coming off of a near-career-ending hip injury suffered in the second game of the 1994 season.

The transfer from Penn State averaged 4.5 yards per carry in his shortened season to go along with two touchdowns.

Rutigliano expects Morris to pick up where he left off.

"He'll be ready to go; he needs playing time," the coach said.

Worthington is the other featured back in the LU offense. The running back had a breakthrough season in 1994.

The junior set school records for yards in a game and yards in a season in 1994. He had 308 yards in the season finale against Charleston Southern and amassed 1,224 total yards on the ground in 1994.

Worthington also had a gaudy 7.0-yards-per-carry average and scored 11 touchdowns for the Flames last season.

This combination of running backs excites the LU head coach.

"Most teams run well in the fourth quarter. With these two guys in big games, we can keep them fresh. With our good receivers, we'll do well," Rutigliano said.

Chiles will throw to a full complement of receivers. His favorite target will most likely be senior tight end Tony Dews.

The other big targets in the Liberty arsenal will be sophomores Courtney Freeman and Lance Duncan and senior Kris Boslough.

Freeman is the burner in the group and should haul in some long bombs from Chiles. The Flames will likely look to Dews most often when they need an important first down.

The Flames' most important addition may be on the sidelines. Liberty brought in former Vanderbilt Head Coach George MacIntyre to serve as defensive coordinator.

MacIntyre has inserted a defensive philosophy that centralizes on pressuring both the quarterback and the ball.

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**WE AREN'T LEAVING UNTIL YOU GUYS GET THIS RIGHT** — Flames Head Football Coach Sam Rutigliano oversees his team's practices this past week. The Flames are preparing for their opener vs. West Virginia Tech on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Williams Stadium. For more football coverage see story on this page and game preview on page 11.

## Men's soccer looks forward to new season, game versus Virginia

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As the opening game versus Campbell looms closer, the outlook for the 1995 men's soccer team is positive.

James Wright, last year's top goal scorer (12) for the Flames, was the only graduate, leaving behind a solid core of upperclassmen to build on the success of last year's team. The 1994 Flames were a surprise as they played well in the Big South Tournament and faced UNC—Greensboro in the championship game, losing a nail-biter to the eventual champion 3-2 in overtime.

If the Flames are to challenge for the Big South title, they will need to find more offensive production. The loss of Wright takes away nearly one-third of last season's goal scoring.

Expect much of the load to fall upon the shoulders of Jesse Barrington, Jeff Johnson and Joel Johnson. Those three players all tied for second in goals scored in 1994 with five tallies each.

Liberty looks to improve upon its 8-10-1 record. The Flames made strides late last season that carried over into the Big South tournament. LU won six of their final seven games. If that momentum is to continue, a boost will have to come from older players.

Seven seniors return with hopes of guiding this year's squad back to the championship game, despite a tough schedule including Vanderbilt, the Citadel, UNC—Greensboro and the University of Virginia—the 1994 national champions.

"UVA will be a big game for us. We've usually lost to them in the past, but I think they realize the gap is closing. They like to play us year after year because we always compete so well and open against them. In



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**THERE ARE TOO MANY GUYS AROUND THIS NET FOR MY LIKING** — The Flames attempt to defend their goal last season in a home game. The Flames are attempting to return to the finals of the Big South Conference tournament.

fact, we are scheduled to play them for at least the next two years," Head Coach Bill Bell said. The Flames fell to the Cavaliers last season 6-2.

This season LU faces one of its toughest schedules in years.

"Looking at our schedule, we don't really face an easy opponent, but then again, there is no such thing as an easy game. The key for us is to do well in all our home games so it will give us confidence to play well on the road," Bell said.

Liberty's home performance will be a key in the 1995 season. The Flames face four

conference foes at home. Overall, Liberty plays seven games in front of the hometown fans.

The Flames will open up their 1995 campaign on the road against the Camels of Campbell on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Flames will play their home-opener on Saturday, Sept. 9 against Vanderbilt University at 2 p.m.

The season for Liberty will conclude with the Big South Conference tournament, being held in Conway, S.C. The Flames final home contest will be their homecoming match with High Point on Oct. 21.

After a week of practice and scrimmages, the Flames voted senior Matt Sinclair as team captain. Bell feels that Sinclair will be a good leader for the team as they embark on the season.

Sinclair found the back of the net twice in 1994 for Liberty. He also contributed two assists.

"This year I'm asking for Matt as well as the rest of the seniors to be the spiritual leaders for the team which I feel can actually lead to a successful season," the coach said. "With that as our foundation, we should be back to the level of competitive-



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### Fans should not feel cheated by Tyson-McNeeley outcome

Don King gave you exactly what you paid for, so don't be upset and don't be angry. Did you really think that this big palooka from the Boston suburbs had a prayer to last longer than 89 seconds with Mike Tyson?

Of course, you hoped he would. Everyone wanted the "great white hopeless" to get in the ring and unfictionize the Rocky saga. Unfortunately for Peter McNeeley, only Sylvester Stallone could come out of obscurity and go toe to toe with the champ. If you remember correctly, though, Rocky lost in the first movie.

Let's just hope that there is no sequel to this farce known as Tyson-McNeeley.

"I talked the talk and I walked the walk," McNeeley boasted at the post-fight press conference.

But I think that Tyson described McNeeley's chatter best at that same press conference by calling the Bostonian's post-disqualification chat in the ring with the iron one "gibberish." McNeeley tried his best to make America believe that he had a chance against Tyson, but he did so with all the eloquence of a used car salesman trying to pitch the finer points of an old Ford Pinto.

Tyson, like McNeeley, did exactly what

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