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By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Editor in Chief

The school has spent about 500,000 on equipment upgrades for the academic labs, Samson said. However, the lab has not been raised, staying at 500 a semester. The school is also renting a tele­phone line known as a T1, which will allow a faster and larger con­nection to the Internet. "That gives us about 24 times the bandwidth," Samson said.

Two new major-specific labs have been established: a calculus lab for math majors and an advanced multi-media lab for the business school. The math lab will include Mathomatica, a software package used in the algebraic computations.

"This is going to be a real advan­tage," said Dr. Glyn Woodridge, chairman of the mathematics department.

The math lab is designed to be initially staffed by students in Calendars I and II classes. Those classes were raised from four to five hours in late June because of the addi­tionnal computer work required; the additional tuition money is being used to pay for the machines.

By using Mathomatica, Woodridge said, students will be able to familiarize themselves with both Macintosh and IBM com­patible machines. "They'll come away from here familiar with two platforms," he said. "I think it's the best of both worlds.

Communication majors, who already use Macintoshes, now have the opportunity to learn on higher­end machines. Money provided by Jim and Ann Winkelmann enabled the department to purchase equipment from an ad agency that was closing, adding two video processors and several sub­sets of the-lab computers to the department equipment.

"This will enable us to bring more people into the program," said GraphLab Supervisor Cam Davis.

"It advances a technological or­ientation and keeps us up to equip our students.

Plans for the future include wiring the entire campus, a project Samson said might be done in two to three years. "That's real cool stuff," he said. "We're doing it right now, we're doing it right well." "None of this matters if it's not convenient."
Friends mingle at Block Party

By KRIS PATTERSON

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Wheel Power tours America

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| By MIATT SWENHART |
| Champion Reporter |

Sports management certified

liberty's sport management pro­
gram is now one of the nation's elite. The
sport management program, which has sought certification since
The certification comes from the new national governing bodies: the
National Association of Sport and Physical Education and the North
American Society for Sport Manage­
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yes, it means
that with our new computer
system, hopefully the
lines in the bookstore
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the ones you see above!
World News

TWA Flight 800 investigation continues

FBI investigators of TWA Flight 800 announced Friday the discovery of traces of explosives among the debris. James Kallstrom, assistant FBI director, stated the explosive traces were "of unknown origin." The FBI, however, does not have sufficient evidence to rule a bomb on board the plane. Explosive experts expected to take pieces of the planes ruins to Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. The Center was the site of tests conducted by NASA on the Space Shuttle Challenger. Also, FBI personnel have continued to fight information leaks. Kallstrom said if any information has been leaked by his staff he will fire the perpetrator.

The smaller performance means that Cindy Spence's show isn't a church service. Instead, she said, he focuses on providing "good, clean fun for Christians and non-Christians." "God wants his children every­­­­once," he said. The Spencers' performance comes in three sizes: Friday's medium show (Spencer doesn't have the stage to allow the biggest performance). The smaller performance means that Cindy Spence doesn't play in large of a role. Even so, Kerkh said, she is a major part of the act. "The work well together, her strengths are my weaknesses," he said. "She's an amazing person, especially in her willingness to take my dreams and make it her's." The Spencers' next stop is in Ohio, the beginning of their 1996-97 national tour "We do four to five shows a week," Spencer said. "We're looking for the next year and a half."
Changes reflect campus growth

Can anyone deny Liberty is on the上升? Many of those new to this campus do not know how far this university has come in the last few years, or how much the face of the campus has changed. The effects of this campus revival in particular can attest to the fact that the Spirit is here.

Deborah Huff
Graphic Arts Director

Ted Woolford

Sarena Beasley
Asst. Editor

The most obvious indication of progress, however, is the campus population itself. The third record-breaking freshmen class in three years descended on Liberty last fall, and while many freshmen who enroll in the fall typically do not stay, the on-campus population has benefitted from the improved Internet access. This year we see more new faces, and I worry the whole summer before my freshman year that I would turn out to be a lonely wreck.

Upon arriving at LU for my first semester, I found I had no English classes on my schedule, and no chances to prove myself. I didn't take much more than a minorcutting anti-drug articles from a new-intro Course Catalog to convince me to at least write for the school paper.

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Tom Krol

Yesterday most of the running students arrived, usually tramping the campus population over. As we familiar faces began to appear in the crowd, I've begun to think about the relationship between the freshmen and upperclassmen. Those kind of thoughts could make one nervous.

You see, I've been on campus now for almost two weeks as an SLD, getting to know many of the brave and fresh- men as I could before classes. In this last week, I've seen guys making lifelong friends with a handshake and groups of strategists in the Homestead with out a second thought. I've also seen people get used to within a day or two of arriving on campus.

I've seen more existences, spontaneous and orgiastic, than the building and freshmen of this university than I have ever seen before. I like it, who is making me nervous? I don't like how trying some paint on the Spirit Rock got a few shots from a passing car with appearance locks. I also had to sing and when the senior dorms SLD teams got chucked the "Apology Boxes" or the things I bought from returning students in the vehicle registration line as we threatened the freshmen cars on campus, and I wondered what kind of general attitude is being reflected.

Last week I attended a writing rated called to try and get a RA to kick a freshmen out of her favorite bed, and I tried to protect the university's reaction was going to be when he checked in and found the freshmen still there.

Freshmen are an interesting group to be around. Recently I sat in a mat council, they'd been heard to talk somewhat in 1995-96 as discussion in "Ole Miss." Most likely they all came as the opposite group around in circles. Some were among those who saw the whole thing. They knew the rule books and packed trays simply.

But many upperclassmen have their own Obermanns. They study five to eight groups of just any study, even stranger, or even be at home. They read everything one at a time and score.

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John Ready

"Most of us have at least a vague idea of what we want to accomplish in life. But a vague idea is like a magnet that’s out of focus. You can see what’s in the picture— but you can’t make it out.

"It’s a little thing, I want to be writer," That’s a ambitious ambit, but not one to be a writer. What’s the difference? Writing isn’t writing! I don’t want to be a writer!" What kind of audience would you write it for? What education will you need?

"When you come to Liberty, you’re focusing until your personal image is sharp and filled with details. Then develop it!"

Rick Bryan

Opinion

What has been your favorite experience at liberty so far?

I’m gonna kill the next freshmen who asks me about DeMoss. I believe the Chamber’s office is on the 113. The room may change. DeMoss has huge, thick, black folders, complete to locate DeMoss 114 in a difficult mission.

And so the freshmen get lost. Listens, freshmen, I encourage you to go around the corner and walk to the end of the hall. That’s where the Chamber’s office is.

I don’t understand why the room name is I’m trying to find out how to find it. For freshmen, I would visit students around the Shannon Center, they can’t find it.

I’ll stop whining about the freshmen and move on to the columns. I think as you’re looking, I would like to head out some tips about the students.

I don’t understand where the Shannon Center is. I totally don’t know, but it’s important that you get all of it. One of our go-to articles is to help you if you don’t receive the information, we’re hoping you to or.

Also, if you want to take that big step in the opposite direction, they’re happy to accommodate you. It’s taking a while, but we’re happy to help you if you’re happy. We’re happy to help you if you’re happy. We’re happy to help you if you’re happy. We’re happy to help you if you’re happy. We’re happy to help you if you’re happy.

So on our campus, we’re doing that.

As long as your needs don’t involve

If you don’t want to write for us, we would appreciate it if you could write to us, or by other means, communication. As I said earlier, our job is to get the information to you — and we have to know how well you’re doing.

The campus Champion lead to be very great for you, spending most of our time in DeMoss 113 (counseling usually occurs 9am-noon and 4pm-5pm) or the Chamber’s office, in DeMoss 114. These letters don’t have to be for publication.

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Getting into the groove
Having a hard time getting back into school? Here's a piece of advice for the future: Take a module! On Aug. 5, when everyone else still had their vacation left, we woke up early and hopped on the train back to campus. (And coming from Boulder, let me tell you it was a long day.)

We still can't believe we're back in Lynchburg. I think the town was a little bit surprised. (Definitely, according to the president.)

Getting involved and forgetting homesickness
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They are busy getting involved, as freshman Julie Faught from Staunton, Va., said, "Living everything."

Class of '00
Floods Campus

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Idols or grace, our choice

By BRIAN JACOBS
Champion Reporter

To most people it is immensurable. In the eyes of many, it is a game of the ancient gods of eastern mysticism, folly, however, is a real part of America today. The Bible states in Jonah that "those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs." (Jonah 2:8).

Remember Jonah? Remember the guy who got swallowed by the fish and stayed three days in its belly? Remember Niniveh?

Yes, that's him. Just an ordinary man whose will was tossed about by the sea.

What is your idol? Sports? Movies? Family? Where are your priorities? Is God at the top of your list? If He is not, than that's where your idol is.

Sometimes we let things cloud our lives into our own and make our own time, take us away from God and take our will out of God's hands.

You might be thinking that an idol is a person or object of intense love or adoration. Let's extend that to the biblical realm and say that an idol is anything you love more than God.

In the midst of these activities, however, the students have the opportunity to pause and reflect on something more serious side of college life: the idol issue.

Nightly "heaven-sent" meetings brought together with their RAs, SLJs, prayer buddies and fellow students for a time of prayer and fellowship.

And so, there has been no complaining about the fact that the upper campus are home yet. In fact, Marion Beasley, a sophomore biology major, said, "Being round here is getting off a boring run.

Boobs and Bones are being deceived, friends are being made and roots are being established for the next few years."

But looking like that trickles of kids is doing well after all.

Away from Home and lovin' it!

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Super Bowl XXXI: Packers vs. Bills
Green Bay Packers and Buffalo Bills to win conferences and go all the way to the Bourbon Street.

1. Dallas Cowboys: What do you get when you take one of the best defensive players in the game? Deion Sanders. Yes, Dallas Cowboys fans should be excited about the future. Sanders moves to the other side of the field this year. He was a rookie last year at first a novelty and now a seasoned veteran. He will play both cornerback and safety. Sanders will be a lock-down cornerback who should make some big plays. He is sure to be a perennial Pro Bowler.

2. Philadelphia Eagles: The reason the Eagles won’t take over from the Cowboys is that they don’t have a good offensive quarterback. Randall Cunningham is 36 years old. The Eagles defense is good, but the offense is not. Randall Cunningham is a messiah but the Eagles need a new messiah.

3. New York Giants: It seems like every year the Giants have a new quarterback. This year it is Jeff Hostetler. Hostetler is not Steve Young — it’s Mark Bavaro. Bavaro is a decent quarterback. He will be more of a challenge for the defense. Bavaro likes to run. Unfortunately, his name is not Steve Young.

4. Atlanta Falcons: Atlanta is like a sword, you live by it and die by it. The Falcons will be complemented up front by the addition of Taylor Williams to the offensive line. The defense allows more TDs in the first half than any other team. Steven Bono is a decent quarterback. He will let the ball go. The Falcons will be more of a challenge for the defense.

5. New York Jets: The offense has run at quarterback last year and is still learning the playbook. The defense allows way too many TDs in the first half than any other team. Steve Bono is a decent quarterback. He will let the ball go. The Falcons will be more of a challenge for the defense.

6. San Fransisco 49ers: The Niners are a schedule that has Green Bay on one side of the field, but San Fransisco 49ers has a schedule that has Green Bay on one side of the field. The question is who will win.

7. Carolina Panthers: The Panthers are a team that is improving every year. They have improved on defense especially with the addition of Kevin Greene on the left side. The Panthers are good enough to get by, but not good enough to be a contender.

8. Kansas City Chiefs: Defense wins championships, but the whole conference.

9. Houston Oilers: This is serious. The Oilers will be a team that will struggle early. Kerry Collins will only go as far as his arm will take him. The team has a lot to learn before this team starts to make the playoffs.

10. Denver Broncos: Denver is one of the most talented teams in the league. They could see a lot more players like John Elway in this league. They have enough on the team to get over the 600 mark. They are not flashy, they are good.

11. Buffalo Bills: The Bills are a team that has a ton of talent. The Bills could turn 40 this season. Here’s a nice statistic, but the defense is as good as defensive linemen come. The Bills defensive line is a good support system.

12. New England Patriots: A bad team is supposed to do well in the conference. The Patriots are not a bad team. They are a team that is on the rise. They are young and they are improving every year.

13. Green Bay Packers: Jeff Blake is the starting quarterback. Blake is not Steve Young. The Packers will make the playoffs, but Blake is not Steve Young.

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Aug. 29 at East Tennessee St. 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 7 Western Carolina 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 Delaware State 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 at Morgan State 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 Indiana State 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Hofstra 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Western Kentucky 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 Charleston Southern * 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Hampton 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 Livingston 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 16 at Georgia Southern 3:30 p.m.

* Homecoming

Lady Flames Soccer Schedule

Aug. 30 Richmond 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 3 Furman 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 7 at UMB* 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 9 at Howard 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 14 at East Carolina 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Georgetown 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 21 at Wolford 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 Radford* 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2 at Appalachian St. 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 at UNC Asheville 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Charleston So. 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 at UNC Chapel Hill 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Lincoln Mem. # 12:00 p.m.
Nov. 1 VCU 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 7-10 Big South Tournament at Greensboro, N.C.

* Denotes Big South game

Men's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 31 Appalachian St. 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 at Marshall 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 6 Md. Eastern Shore 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 11 High Point 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 East Carolina 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21 at UMB* 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 25 at Radford* 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28 at Charleston So. 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 2 at Virginia 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5 at Winthrop* 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 11 at Vanderbilt 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 at W. Kentucky 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Coastal Carolina 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21 at The Citadel 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 Lincoln Memorial 11:00 a.m.
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By RICH MACLONE

Sports Editor

The Big South men’s and women’s basketball tournaments will be returning to the campus of Liberty University this season. The Big South announced in May that the two tournaments will be played in the Vines Center for both the 1997 and 1998 seasons. This will mark the first time in the last 11 years that men’s and women’s tournaments will be held at the same time and at the same basketball facility.

The tournament will take place the first weekend of March and be played over a four-day period. The men’s quarterfinals will be played on day one, followed by the women’s quarterfinals on day two. Day three will have the women’s semifinals scheduled in the afternoon session, and the men’s championship game in the evening session. The two finals will be played on the fourth day. Dates and times will be determined later.

The men’s tournament was held at the Veterans Center in 1993 and 1995. This year’s event drew a record 4,500 fans for the three-day affair. “We in the Big South are very excited to be taking the tournament back to Lynchburg, Virginia,” said former Big South commissioner curator Buddy Satter. “The support that the region’s fans showed for the Flames in 1993 was huge. In the tournament returning to Liberty. Next year’s tournament should be even more exciting with the addition of the women’s tournament moving to the Vines Center.”

UNC Wilmington won last season’s tournament with a victory over Liberty in the championship game. The Spartans won on Lee’s memorable buzzer-beating three-point shot of Clemson 60-61. Clarence Southern lost to South Carolina 66-79 in the championship game.

RICH MACLONE

Summer in review

I’m still trying to get my head stuck out of my hair. What a summer. It was filled with memories that will last much longer than my paycheck was every paid. Here is a brief review of the summer in all of its glory.

Thepolling season was filled with more football players than I’ve ever seen. I’m not talking about the ones that are famous. Mike Irvin’s big football book took place in a citadel of athletes heading into the NFL. I was down there for a game, got a personal interview and I could not believe my eyes. The players were just as excited to be there as the fans in the stands.

As the peak of the summer passed, I’m sure the personal highlights could have made for a better time for the fans. I had a great time writing about the football season as well as the NCAA Division I-A playoffs. Not a bad season all around. I even got to walk around with some famous football players. I spent a few hours with Jerry Rice and he would walk away with the tie. I think he thought I was a college student.

The unveiling of the Baltimore Ravens drew a crowd like you see only in the NFL. Not only was there a ton of players, but also an Art Modell statue. He made the teams and the team a huge success in the NFL. These things are like money in the bank and you could go on and on about the great success that the Baltimore Ravens have had. It’s been a successful season.

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