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Yeltsin Staying Put

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City red tape slowed down construction of new project

By ROBERT RIVERS

Toward the finish line: The summer-long effort to bring a new dorm to reality is nearing its goal. Students should be in their brand new digs within weeks. Completion is set for September.

GOD HEALS - Lluid history professor says he is praying on prayer power in his struggles against cancer. "The God I'm praying to isn't going to pretend" he said. "The God I'm praying to is the one who heals".

THE CAMPUS

Interchange hits roadblocks

By JENNIFER PILLAT

Just when most of Liberty's resident students have settled into the confines of the campus dorms, a large portion of the student population is being forced out of their rooms, into traffic, and into dormitory parking lots during tobacco bill debates.

New dorm nears its unveiling

By W. RICK RUSSELL

The history department is rallying around its new battle against cancer. "I'm a Vietnam veteran who is now surviving tough battles. I have had some of the greatest hardships. I have had to fight the greater price. I have had to fight the greater cost."

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny. High: 85 Low: 61
Wednesday: Sunny. High: 83 Low: 61
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High: 77 Low: 62
Friday: Mostly cloudy. High: 71 Low: 62

National Update

"Female PK's" converse

Reveling the Heart, a Christian women's organization, held its fourth national meeting in Nashville earlier this month. The gathering, one of several at the campus, brought some 5,000 women on campus addresses to the newly formed women's organization's theme for the fall, "God and the female Promise Keepers."

Poll encourages churchgoers and each other

"We are appealing to our congregation and to other congregations to show signs of frustration with the co supporters. From the Clinton-Lewinsky affair may be encouraging the bill's supporters and encouraging tobacco opponents.

Governor George Allen, gave the keynote address during the tobacco bill debates this summer, some anti-tobacco activists have criticized the ads, saying that the ads were not asking for forgiveness. Clinton has not asked for the nation's forgiveness. 

The ruble is apparently regaining some strength, although it has not settled. "The Russian president Boris Yeltsin is defying opponents and some of his closest allies. I'm not going anywhere," Yeltsin told reporters last week, as work proceeded on the new interchange construction."
Dorm nears finish

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tion with English Construction," he said, adding that English had quickly worked out the problem with the city.

Palweb said the newly finan-
cially land would be used for intramural sports fields and possibly for future parking. "We probably will be able to use it for intramural fields first, then for parking later if it's needed," he said.

The interchange project won't be finished for another year. "Late next year, around November," Greg pro-
dicted. The 29 Bypass is still in the planning stages, he added. "Until a corridor is selected and funded, we're not even looking at traffic that will lie in any large 29-400 intersec-
tion. This fall, we'll have a more public information meeting to get citizen input. We're proba-

ably a good 12 to 18 months away from determining where the south end of the bypass will be placed," he said.

One final project yet to be added to the schedule is the off-ramp LU will build from near the campus police station onto existing 460. Palweb said the proposed project has been delayed because all state requests to consider future traffic congestion. "We're planning to finish it by September 1999," he said.

Falsweb said the on-ramp would be useful for Liberty traffic, but more so for traffic out of the adjoining Eason electronics facility.

He said an eight-year old agreement with Lynchburg city mandates Liberty construct the ramp. He contended that the project was necessary for Liberty through the city. "It's unusual for a college to have to build out to the local community," Falsweb said. There are benefits for the school however, he said. "I think the positives outweigh the negatives." He estimated costs for the ramp at about $650,000.

The interchange project, which Grigg estimated to cost "around $11 million," has scarred the landscape of Lynchburg, but Grigg promised the earth-moving equipment is only temporary. "We're trying to landscape the interchange over as it's com-
pared," he said to try to tip it up," Grigg said. He said the spring of 2000 should bring the final chapter of interchange con-
struction to a close.

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"Fitness at its Finesest"
Donor's generosity brings LU police force "into the 20th century"

By Rick Beaver

News Editor

"The Liberty University Police Department is operating a flashy new fleet of cars," said Police Captain Don Sloan at the ceremony on Aug. 28. Sloan described the details of the gift. "We have a total of five new vehicles," he said. "There were much better cars than we had before." The new cars are built specifically for police use, to accompany the new fleet of cars updates LUPD appearance. Sloan said the replacements were badly needed. "Our fleet was not replaced which were not. The new cars will provide more protection for the officers, and save other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Sloan said the replacements will also serve as a good opportunity to give away some old vehicles. "We will be able to sell some," Sloan said. "You guys need to get some new vehicles." He said the old cars will still be used, some by emergency services personnel and some by other departments on campus. "We didn't... sell them," he said. "We transferred them to other departments." The new cars are as good as anyone," Sloan said, adding that they look better and will be more serviceable than the old ones. "These cars are still in the third of most police departments in America, I'm not worried about image, but we want to take care of our officers," he said.

Sloan thanked Askew for his help in the department. We're excited that the Lord provided the card through Mr. Askew. It's been a real blessing to us. He brought us into the 20th century," Sloan said.

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Sloan said the new improvements will not only help provide a "wide variety of activity," but also contain the Computer Loft. The remodeled facility will provide students with six 40Qmhz computers with network connections from Hancock Athletic Building to David's Place, allowing users to play against one another. The new Sportzone features new sand has also been added to the volleyball court, along with the brand new Six, goal, air hockey, foosball and table game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Sloan said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the older cars did not have," Sloan said. Stewart said the new improvements will also allow providing a "wide variety of activity." Stewart said. "Aside from the all new ceramic tile, carpeting, furniture and game equipment, several areas of improved protection for the officers, and several by other capabilities the old...
Black, Donaldson assume new deanships

On the eve of the election, Dr. Black will take the reins of the College of General Education, with the addition of Dr. Ellen Black, who began as dean of the college earlier this fall. Dr. Black's assumption of the position comes following a transparent and successful search process, and amidst the challenges presented by the ongoing Lewinsky scandal.

Dr. Black is an esteemed scholar in the field of education and has held various leadership positions throughout her career. She brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously served as the dean of the School of Education at Temple University. Her appointment is seen as a significant milestone for the university, as it continues to build upon the foundation laid by its predecessor, Dr. Pauline Donaldson.

"Dr. Black's experience and vision are precisely what we need as we look to the future," said Dr. Boyd Rist, the university's vice president for academic affairs. "She will bring a fresh perspective and innovative ideas to the college, helping us to strengthen our commitment to student success and academic excellence."
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Baseball scores big with brand new fieldhouse

LU field wins highest ranking in the nation for quality, with the addition of new players' facility

By CHRISS EDMAN
Champion Reporter

When he came to the Liberty Flames baseball program in the 1986-87 season, Dave Pastors heard a building was in the plans of Worthington Field.

"I kept hearing, 'We're going to build a building next year, but after 10 years and 15 seasons, there was no building," said Pastors, who is entering his second season as Flames head coach.

Now, with fundraising by the Athletic Department, about $240,000 has been used to begin construction on a new baseball complex, located directly in front of Worthington Field.

The building will provide many amenities for the team and more parking for long-awaited public restrooms. The first floor will also have home and visitors locker rooms, a weight room, training room, laundry room and equipment storage.

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In the 1986-87 season, Dave Pastors recently undertook a feasibility study to forecast the need for an improved Worthington Field. The baseball program passed the company of previous winners.

A DREAM REALIZED — The new fieldhouse, set for completion by next February, is adding to the morale of the Big South Champion Flames baseball squad.

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Liberty University’s athletic teams were honored at the annual 1997-98 sports banquet when the Big South Conference presented the Commissioner’s Cup to its second straight Big South crown. The Flames dominated the competition. The track and field teams both earned the top four spots and 12 spots on the Cup’s four teams. The women’s basketball team had its best-ever conference season and 12 of 14 honors. The track and field teams and 12 of 14 honors. The reptile basketball team was also dominant, as the men’s basketball team was the Men’s Basketball Championship. The Flames start the season ranked #20 in I-AA.

**Looking Ahead**

The past four seasons, the men’s basketball championship has been at the Vines Center, and the women’s has been there the past two years. The Flames’ goal is to win the Big South Crown, to capture the second straight Big South title. Coach Brian Tolsma has been a mastermind behind the Flames’ success. He has won six conference titles in the past four years, and led the Flames to the NCAA Division I-A championship last year. Coach Tolsma has been the Flames’ head coach for the past four years, and he is looking to repeat his success.

**CAMPION SPORTS**

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The Big South Conference will host the 1999-2000 BSC Tournament in Asheville, North Carolina. This will be the first time the conference has held a tournament in Asheville, and it will be a great opportunity for fans to see some of the best basketball in the region. The tournament will be held at the Asheville Civic Center, and it will feature the top teams from the Big South Conference. The tournament will be held over three days, with games on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

**LU Preisdent**

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Onward Christian Soldier

By MATT KEHAN

Sports Editor

How far the 1998 Liberty University football team goes this year rests on the shoulders of a young sophomore named Christian Newsome. Newsome is actually a third year student from Bainbridge, Ohio, where he was under the helm of his father, the head coach of Paint Valley High School.

During the preseason of the current 1998 campaign, Newsome was in the midst of battling red-shirt freshman Biff Parsons for the starting job at quarterback. After two weeks of two-a-day practices, Head Coach Sam Rugllano named Newsome the starter for the Sept. 5 opener against Appalachian St. “Christian showed us that he was ready to become the leader of this team,” Rugllano said. Newsome may have had an advantage coming into this year as he got to watch a lot of game films analyzing defenses, Head Coach Sam Rugllano named Newsome the starter for the Sept 5 opener against Appalachian St. “Christian showed us that he was ready to become the leader of this team,” Rugllano said. Newsome may have had an advantage coming into this year as he got to watch a lot of game films analyzing defenses, Newsome said. “I made it clear that I had an advantage coming into this year with a year under my belt. I think that I might be able to make quicker reads against defenses,” Newsome said. “I’ll be able to throw down the field and my mobility brings a lot to the offense. I’ve been working on a lot of option stuff and sprinting out of the pocket to take some pressure off our offensive line.”

In the off-season this past year, Newsome prepared himself like he’s never prepared before. “This past summer I spent a lot of time in the weight room and watched a lot of game film analyzing defenses,” Newsome said. “I don’t know how I could have prepared myself any better. I gave 100 percent what was asked of me and more.”

Newsome also spent time in California this summer with one of the top quarterbacks in the nation refining his skills. Newsome’s thoughts on what it’s going to take is simple. “This past summer I spent a lot of time in the weight room and watched a lot of game film analyzing defenses,” Newsome said. “I don’t know how I could have prepared myself any better. I gave 100 percent what was asked of me and more.”

Now that I’ve been named the starter I’ve got to also step up and become the spiritual leader of this team. When we go on the road we’ve got to make that our main goal. I think it’s really important to get the Lord on the field with our actions and language that He’ll glorify us and take us where we need to go.”

Christian Newsome will go into battle this season as the Flames’ top gunner. Newsome looks to fulfill high expectations for LU.

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By Lisa Cook

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

In the kind of the wacky watermelon celebration. At the same time, another watermelon fell crashing to the ground, splattering the monumental importance of enjoying every moment, despite the occasional not-so-wonderful circumstance.

I remember the day that things and I moved into the apartment. But only three of us could fit in the space in the process of being perfect, but the progeny didn't love the little house, disavowed. The lilacs, especially, appeared to have been the source of many well-charred dinners combined with the scents of the flowers getting wet.

We spent much of our afternoons cleaning out the cabinets, picking up a guitar to craft some of the world's best music ever. From the driving melody of "Sallyood," the challenging score of "Live the Life," and the tender emotion of "Hallelujah," Smith's passion for the song "Live the Life" is contagious.

Smith explains, "The inspiration for writing 'Live the Life' was a quote from St. Francis of Assisi. He said 'Preach the Gospel to all the world and if necessary, sing it.' This is beyond my wildest dreams. It's been a great journey, and I'm not about to quit. I'm just getting better at what I do."

Smith made the second stop on his tour at LC's Voice Center on Saturday, Sept. 5. The weekend was celebrated with opening acts by Chris Rice and the Cruisers, with Smith's scheduled to be at 8:30. Both shows are available in the Liberty bookstore, 818-80.

--- Reunion Records

WELL, here we are. Almost a week into a brand-new school year, I've been-busy-been-busy, still stuck in the tangle of Saturday morning. For the old-timers, it's been familiar damn clock-checking and buying books, poring through the phone book and greeting old friends with smiles of recognition. But for those who have had the privilege of being here for the first time, I think we're just beginning to notice the size of the place. The telephone bill for the first "home away from home." What a reminder that it is possible to enjoy all the situations life throws our way.

The recipe! For the old-timers, it's much the same -- familiar and comforting yet, nonetheless, it was ours.

So, what did I take away from those sunny afternoons? The answer is simple. By now all of the front-row thrill seekers had been thoroughly split­ ped and the atmosphere seemed less chaotic. The white event was such a hit that even the lifeguards at the country club's pool jumped in. All in all, the weekend seemed to be a smashing success, kicking off the new school year in a grand style.

Marching Band Lets the Good Times Roll

By Lisa Cook

It's all about L

This may be the most difficult word search you've ever tried but that's okay, you don't have any homework yet, right?

All of the words are hidden in an "L" or "U" shape. They may even be upside down.

Answers will be posted Friday on the Champion office door.

LAST BLAST OF SUMMER

- Students enjoyed many exciting rides and activities during the Student Life block party during the first week of school (right). A surprise fireworks display ended the block party, beginning the new school year with a bang (below). The display was the first of its kind for Student Life.

Each school year brings its own set of challenges and excitement. Whether students attended an illusionist show, went to the annual block party, participated in X-treme Olympics, or simply made their way through the X-press check-in line, surprises were always just around the corner.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED — Students unable to make use of express check-in had to fight the business office rush (above). The X-treme Olympics provided LU students a chance to show their skills (right). The Spencers’ illusionist act included many moments of mystery and mystique. Audience members were even invited to join the act (far right).
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