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By Chris Sheppard, reporter

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Cooper recognized for play

By Johanna Price, reporter

Linda Sue Cooper, of the English department, recently received national acclaim for a play she wrote entitled "April Morning." The play features three characters struggling to negotiate faith, the supervision and fallout that is so often associated with the Appalachian mountains.

Cooper's professor at the University of Virginia, where she is pursuing her doctorate, sent the play into a national contest. As a result, she was awarded the Charles J. Goodsell award for "Best Play." The Southeastern United States. "The play is to be featured on the front cover of an upcoming issue of Southern Theatre magazine.

Cooper has been writing plays since junior high school. Her latest project involves writing the script for "The Long Christmas Dinner," a large production put on an average year by Roanoke Road Baptist Church. She spent the past summer touring in her award-winning play "April Morning" which is a screenplay and she is also working on a Civil War musical called "Rebel Cry," for which she is scoring both the script and the music.

Cooper has been involved with the-freeresources "Theater and the Living Church, Theater for many years and was recently involved in the production of "Velsody." Cooper's drama career commenced at age four and has since been teaching a total of 13 years, then to directing and playwriting.

According to Cooper, the ultimate goal of any actor or playwright is to continue to write plays in order to make responsible decisions for freedom and democracy. The story that centered after students left Rick Gage's "GO TELL" camp, was held on campus July 15-14. The camp organizer was Pastor Frank Cooper from North Metro Church in Atlanta, Ga. Other speakers included Scott Camp, Frank Cox, Danny Lovett, Larry Grays and Rick Gage. The worship leader was UV's own Eric Lovett and Eternal Praise, with musical director Natasha Gwinn and Chester Billingsley.

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NBA player to speak at TRBC:

A.C. Green and his foundation, Programs for Youth, promote the message of abstinence through a documentary/music video

By Christine Koenck, copy editor

NBA star A.C. Green is coming to Lynchburg, Green, who is also the founder of A.C. Green Youth Foundation, Inc., is scheduled to speak at Heritage High School and Thomas Road Baptist Church September 10.

Green is set to speak to youths at Heritage High School at 10 a.m. and then at the 11 a.m. service at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

The A.C. Green Programs for Youth is a nonprofit youth organization that strongly promotes the message of abstinence through a documentary/music video titled "It Ain't Worth It," starting A.C. Green and includes an all-star group of athletes from the NBA, NFL and Olympic competitors.

Commissioned to help young people develop to their fullest potential, the organization supports Green's message, "to help young people build self-esteem, character and to teach moral and ethical principles to help them make responsible decisions.

Green's Web site states, "Our goal is to serve both the youth and the communities in which they live by providing informa­tion on sexual abstinence and social issues that concern our young people and educat­ing them to make responsible choices to prepare them for their future.

According to the Web site, the organization believes that young people must develop morally, ethically, education­ally, physically and mentally to fulfill their dreams and goals in life.

The Web site states, "The underlying theme throughout is to accept each person for who they are, in an uncondi­tioned atmosphere of love and respect."

For more information, visit Green's Web site at www.acgreen.com.

LU hosts several summer conferences

By Clare Bell, assistant news editor

Even with the absence of storms, this summer was an eventful one on Liberty's campus. Many events were held, including Rick Gage's "GO TELL" camp, Conference for Freedom and Democracy, and the American Legion's Summer Camp. The Conference for Freedom and Democracy was a great conference and needs to be an annual event. The accommodations at Liberty University were fabulous.

Expressing gratitude for the conference, Leon Engelking from Elko, N.M., said, "Eternal Praise perfectly Described the welcome songs for us and I know God will hear his messages on that city." For more information on their Web site at www.promisekeepers.org. The mailing address is: Promise Keepers, P.O. Box 100001, Denver, CO 80250-3001.

The American Legion held its annual Boys State at Liberty on June 20. Virginia Attorney Gen­eral Mark Herring addressed nearly 900 delegates at the con­ference. According to Director of Communications for the Attorney General, David Dolan, Herring urged the delegates to keep a promise for freedom and democracy. The hearing event that occurred after students left Rick Gage's "GO TELL" camp, was held on campus July 15-14. The camp organizer was Pastor Frank Cooper from North Metro Church in Atlanta, Ga.

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Rain brings aid to firefighters

For firefights battling the nation’s worst fire season in 50 years, forecasts of cooler temperature and rain showers are giving hope to a situation that has seemed uncontrollable for weeks.

Nationally, 66 major fires, according to the National Interagency Fire Center are currently burning 1.7 million acres. For states such as Idaho and Montana, the change in weather is a welcome sight.

"Visibility is as good as I have seen it to two weeks that I’ve been here," said Mark Reif, a fire information officer for the base camp in the Bitterroot Valley. The Bitterroot Valley is currently home to 173,500 acres of burning land.

This past week, President Clinton declared both Montana and Idaho federal disaster areas, thus making their hardest-hit areas eligible for federal disaster relief funding. Mark Reif Kempter has said his state welcomes the funding as they have already suffered $54 million in losses.

Reno to allow Boy Scouts use of U.S. gov’t property

Attorney general Janet Reno has decided that the Boy Scouts of America will be permitted to conduct its summer camp on federal lands for programs and training sessions.

Reno was reacting to a request by the Department of Interior to allow the scouts to use public lands. Kempter had asked the attorney general for clarification regarding their department’s relationship with the Boy Scouts’ organization.

The DOI was unsure whether a recent court ruling allowing the boy scouts to discriminate against homosexuals would put the group in conflict with federal anti-discrimination laws.

Reno said that even though the DOI and Boy Scouts work closely on some of the organizations projects, it is the Boy Scouts— not the DOI—that is actually conducting the programs thus clearing the DOI of any wrongdoing.

This issue became a hot topic in Washington recently when Republican House leaders began to blame the Clinton administration for considering severing their ties to the Boy Scouts.

Bus, truck brakes found to be faulty

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California hit by yet another quake

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The damage was relatively minor, including loss of power and broken windows throughout the region. The largest reported injuries and about 25 injuries were reported.

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Vision: What’s going on in the presidential race?

The race for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency is quite close. Both Bush and Gore have supporters who are willing to go down to the wire.

With only a few days left in the election, the candidates are working hard to win over undecided voters. Both campaigns are focusing on key battleground states such as Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Bush— showed an impressive lead in the polls with 51 percent of the vote to 47 percent for Gore. He is expected to win the critical swing states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Gore— has positioned himself as a strong reformer, stressing his plans for health care reform and his support for Medicare.

The race continues to be a close one, with both candidates working hard to win over undecided voters.

So who are all the candidates?

The Texas governor recently outlined a plan to send federal troops to high-crime areas.

President Clinton is expected to release the details of his prescription drug plan, which is expected to cost $10 billion.

Gore and Bush are expected to release plans for tax cuts in the coming days.

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New students learn to adjust to life at LU

By Dana Galbraith, reporter

New beginnings are exciting, and yet very tiring. For the students of fall 2000, this was the start of a new stage of life for the newest members of the class of 2004 as they begin college experience.

After checking in, creating class activities for people and their belongings into a dorm room, the freshman class has made the transition into the student body and has added new enthusiasm to the campus.

As of August 25, the class of 1,369 new freshman students — according to the Registrar's office — has filled its 56 percent female campus. Added to the campus are 47 states and 20 countries.

With a week of orientation behind them, freshmen and transfer students are quick to pick up on the excitement and the spirit of Liberty University. Jonathan Merritt, a freshman from Elon, North Carolina, got help from his mom, which is all too tempting at Pier One — he or she may want to try something new.

"Get to know people on your hall, because they become your family for the year," encourages Anna Pulver, a Liberty Alumna who works in the TRC. "Meet a person, give them a smile, love your roommates. Be nice, and it will make your year a lot easier." Reaching out beyond the walls of your dorm is important. There are countless activities throughout the year, whether it be through the Student Life office, the Spiritual Life office or your dorm activities. These all provide easy ways to meet people and have fun.

Time management is another college survival skill. "Make time for sleep," Chris Hovard, a junior from Pennsylvania said. "Use the time you have wisely and soon as possible." Making good use of your time will help you academically. Think beyond home. Work and class attentions and take time to think about your major and the possible ways to arrange your classes. "If you know your major," Culvette Miller said, "and you take classes with the same major. Find out which classes they are taking and get their opinion on the program.

Getting involved in church is also important. Campus church brings the student body together in worship and can lead to the most challenging in his word. There are many churches in a church as well as. Get the look for for students who can come to these services. The school year falls abroad and is filled with opportunities. Make a commitment to try new things, make new friends and fully experience all that Liberty has to offer!

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Stores help 'dazzle' dull dorm rooms

By Laura Kaulder, reporter

I t has been a long, hard day of classes and all you want is to go home. Unfortunately for most students, home is anywhere from 35 minutes to three hours away.

So what must the average Liberty student retreat to, but to their dorms? Ah, the comfort of sharing a small, drab, square room with others has been a source of grief for students of higher learning since the creation of colleges.

And for Liberty students, dorm rooms are no different than other schools. "If dorm room is pretty much plain 'I'll get to it, but afterwards it begins to feel like home," junior Dem Nelson said.

So how can students make their dorm rooms more comfortable to live in and a little less like cellblock D? Thankfully for Liberty students, there are many stores that offer furnishings appropriate for dorm rooms and apartments, such as Pier One, Target, Goodwill, Wal-Mart and many others.

"We've said all of us students are on a budget in the last three weeks," states Meketekle, general store manager of Goodwill, adding.

A word of caution to new bargain hunters, Goodwill is not for the faint of heart, some shoppers must dig and search through their favorite items to find that treasure room décor.

On the other side of the furniture spectrum is Pier One, which has pretty much anything and everything in home decor.

"I like a lot," Kelley Nelson, a junior at Liberty said. "It's a little pricey for the college range, but it has good stuff." Unless the average college student stashes to spend an entire paycheck on fashionable dorm room items to find that treasure room décor. However, with all the places to shop and all the money to pay, what does Liberty students prefer to have in their rooms?

Mike Evens, a junior says the one thing he couldn't do without in his dorm room is "the egg crate on my bed!" Ben Phim, a sophomore asserted that a television is just one great of a need.

So, you're a freshman?

The LU Survival Guide

According to Mr. Just-in Case

Hat for the LU athletic games or Marriott meals after classes

CD player with headphones for relaxing to your favorite jams

The "Liberty Champion" to keep Justin upbeat when everything seems to go wrong

The tie, essential for every male's wardrobe at Liberty

Day planner to stay organized

School Books. Can't forget those

Scissors for trimming loose hairs that sometimes touch the collar

Water bottle to keep from being dehydrated after waking up approximately 1024 steps to your dorm.

Rollerblades for quick transportation around campus.

MODEL DORM ROOM — No, this is not the model dorm room found in Residence Life. Aaron Glass, a freshman from Elon, North Carolina, got help from his mom Mary Jane Glass, an Interior Decorator, for his room in Dorm 18. Complete with wall hangings, fashionable lamps, plants and framed pictures, this is where it's at.

Umbrella for the daily showers in "Drenchburg"

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Drenchburg by Josh Davis

Time management is another college survival skill. "Make time for sleep," Chris Hovard, a junior from Pennsylvania said. "Use the time you have wisely and soon as possible." Making good use of your time will help you academically. Think beyond home. Work and class attentions and take time to think about your major and the possible ways to arrange your classes.

"If you know your major," Culvette Miller said, "and you take classes with the same major. Find out which classes they are taking and get their opinion on the program.

Getting involved in church is also important. Campus church brings the student body together in worship and can lead to the most challenging in his word. There are many churches in a church as well as. Get the look for for students who can come to these services. The school year falls abroad and is filled with opportunities. Make a commitment to try new things, make new friends and fully experience all that Liberty has to offer!

So how can students make their dorm rooms more comfortable to live in and a little less like cellblock D? Thankfully for Liberty students, there are many stores that offer furnishings appropriate for dorm rooms and apartments, such as Pier One, Target, Goodwill, Wal-Mart and many others.

"We've said all of us students are on a budget in the last three weeks," states Meketekle, general store manager of Goodwill, adding.

A word of caution to new bargain hunters, Goodwill is not for the faint of heart, some shoppers must dig and search through their favorite items to find that treasure room décor.

On the other side of the furniture spectrum is Pier One, which has pretty much anything and everything in home decor.

"I like a lot," Kelley Nelson, a junior at Liberty said. "It's a little pricey for the college range, but it has good stuff." Unless the average college student
**DeMoss construction: Patience required**

Along with the construction of the two new suites at DeMoss Hall comes a certain amount of inconvenience. Because classes cannot be held in DeMoss, Liberty students are forced to be in a bit of a cramp, especially around the construction season. This year should be no different. Most students have already been forced to wait a bit longer. This year, however, the wait is even longer. The construction season for DeMoss Hall is expected to last well into the new year. This will definitely be a test of the students' patience. Students are expected to stay positive and support the university for the years to come.

**Liberty football is back**

The Flames entered up against the college football season last Saturday against Tennessee Tech. On the surface, football brings the season off of a bit of a rough start by being the game 37-20. The victory was a good start for the Flames, and they can build off of this to come back strong.

**Quotes of the Week**

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―Anthony Homer, Asst. Production Mgr.

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"I've talked to two freshmen who told me about what they had planned for their college experience, what they wanted to major in, and what they wanted to achieve within the university. They were really excited to be here.

I remember walking by that way and my attitude changed along the way. Going through orientation, trying to make a decision, a certain assortment to lose. When this笼罩es fades, there is a feeling of regret but it's not a sad thing. After all, with time comes experience and knowledge, neither of which are bad things. The more you meet, the better you're bound to make mistakes. You get lost, can't find your rooms, miss classes, and take time for granted. The more you spend in the dorm, the more you'll be able to learn and correct past mistakes.

"Oh, I mean, there would be something like too much experience which brings about a sort of racism. A born-again Christian, often times they are so zealous after a while. Complacency replaces excitement begins to drain into the mundane or cynicism can snuff out the zeal once possessed."

―Andrew Kevin Walker, Portsmouth, Va.

**Gore lighting a fire in the west**

As若 we start to think about the planet we live in, protection of the environment is definitely a focus. Gore and Clinton have made the environment a priority, and for that reason, they have been successful. It's a bit of a struggle, but they have managed to overcome the challenges they face. They have not given up, and they have continued to work hard to protect the environment.

"Since the firefighters have to spend all their time worrying about how and where forests can be contained to expand, currently, there are 25,000 acres of forest in Idaho. Almost two million acres of forest have been cut down in the West. Usually, when Gore and Clinton create their monthly一号，他们会意识到他们的政策是否合理。他们努力实现的目标是保护环境，防止森林火灾。在那之后，他们就可以去享受生活，享受那些美好的时刻。"
**Men's soccer falls 4-1 to GWU**

By Natalie Peluso, reporter

The U.Va. men's soccer team had a disappointing bout falling 4-1 in its season opener against the George Washington Colonials in Washington D.C. at the D.C. Classic on Sept. 2 at season opener against the George.

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**Women's soccer falls to VT**

By Brooke Hermann, sports editor

Not giving up — Parson refuses to go down without a fight in Saturday's loss to VT.

"was always right there on the sideline with me," Parson said. "They were excellent coaches, the biggest influence and Parson's hero in life as well as football." "I want my brother to see me play pro," Parson said. "I just want to win ball games this year, I could care less about stats or this or that..."

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Liberty University's women's soccer team lost its second game of the season to the Virginia Tech Hokies on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. where the Flames would have played if they had picked up a win that week.

"We taught us so much on the field, the line, prepping your head," Parson said. "He taught me so much on and off the field, like poise, and keeping -Junior Flames Quarterback Biff Parson

**Wanted: reliable closer on contender**

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The center fielder was also named to the Boosted America and College America Baseball's All-America First Team. Freshman All-American, an accomplished player for the Lady Flames baseball team at the NCAA level.

Perhaps the biggest mark Butler has made for the Flames was being selected to try out for the USA National Baseball Team. It was at the end of May that Butler received the call to be among the top 40 baseball players in the country trying out for the team.

According to Butler, the tryouts consisted of practicing and playing the most competitive team games. Although he didn't make the National Team, it was a learning experience.

"I got to see where my skills were and what I needed to improve on," Butler said. "Butler is returning to Liberty baseball this spring and is expected to produce as well if not better than last season. Improvement is always the name of the game in every sport played."

"Field and first is one of those areas where improvement is essential. Michael Decker knows all about improvement and the success that comes along with it."

In fact, many were surprised when Dragila, who had not been on track for some time, ran a season's best of 13'2.25" in the preliminary round. Dragila won the women's pole vault event.

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Meanwhile, the U.S. Olympic baseball team has decided that it will not select players for the team. Tim Smit, who recently retired after a 21-season career with Major League baseball, was reported last week by the selection committee. Smit, who has been in the all-star stadium base hit list, was two World Series with the New York Yankees and had a career .290 batting average. "We appreciate Tim's dedication and effort. He sacrificed body physically and mentally to try to make this squad. It just didn't pan out, but we do thank him for his commitment," said baseball analyst Bob Watson said.

This year's Olympics will mark the first time professional baseball players will be used. In the first two major tournaments, it was sidelined to amateurs. Michael Johnson ran his final race Saturday in preparation for the Olympics as he cruised to an easy victory in the 400m at the best time in the world.

"I won't do what you're doing," Decker commented on the competition. "I was concentrating on what I was doing. You're just out there doing your best for God and your school."

Decker was unable to open the 10-meter distance in the preliminary round. Dragila won the women's pole vault event. Butler, Decker and Wildrick may not have ever stepped into track, for now they are champions but they will continue to reach out until they achieve it.
The Liberty football team scored a 37-20 victory against East Tennessee State on September 5, 2000.

**Football: Karcher gets feet wet**

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Liberty snapped the Spartans 37-20 at Williams Stadium.

Karcher said, "As long as we give an effort we have a chance to get better. They showed the core where we went down, no one gets them." He added that the defense needs to be more consistent.

"We showed great effort from the wide line, and that's one thing I can't control as a coach," Parson said. "I'm going to (work harder) to get that going again." As far as the rest of the team was concerned, Karcher did say there were some other guys as well who stood out.

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**Davis is money as 'Skins nip Carolina**

Stephen Davis took the money and ran. Bruce Smith ran and took the momentum with a par at the quarter.

The Redskins newest star player combined with one of the oldest stars Sunday to win the title in the second half. The picketender in the NFL history defeated the Washington Redskins 12-7 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

"People think we've added 15 guys who are egomonomics," said coach Norv Turner, who also got solid game from new corners Dexter Manley and Mark Carrier.

"We added four players who are real, real deals," Turner said.

Bruce Smith tallied two sacks and Stephen Davis, who recently agreed to raise his contract worth nearly 350 million dollars for 153 yards and a touchdowns.

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**Seattle's Abbot hurls one-hitter**

Paul Abbott pitched 7 1/3 innings of no-hit ball Sunday to rebound from his worst start of the season and lead the Seattle Mariners to a 5-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

After giving up a hit Abbott was relieved by Jose Paniagua who got four outs to preserve the one-hit shutout.

Parson completed 31 of 49 passes, threw for 388 yards and was considered, Karcher did say also named to the Honor Roll.

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FOOTBALL

The 2000-01 intramural sports season has begun! This fall season will be the largest in several years with 35 different teams participating in the 11 intramural sports. These sports include: coed volleyball, basketball, coed soccer, and coed flag football. To participate in these sports, students can sign up and register as a team or as a free agent. The site, www.intramurals.com/Liberty, will allow students to check announcements, scores, schedules and standings. The Website is self-explanatory. Students can sign up and register as a team or as a free agent. Campus residents in this fall season will be able to find a team through the use of a new Website.

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