**DEBATE PREPARES FOR FIRST TOURNAMENT OF YEAR**

By Ragendra Paudel, managing editor

Sharp in red and quick with the tongue, LU's own national championship debate team prepares for its 2000-01 season—hoping to rejuvenate its previous title and once more to outshine its competitors in the prestigious National Debate Tournament (NDT). Members of the varsity and JV squads have been at Liberty since August 1, preparing and honing their speaking skills through practice tournaments.

The varsity squad, made up of members who have no prior debate experience, was introduced to the activity during freshman orientation week. They met through group lectures and learned about the rules and procedures of debate.

"We like to have a week alone with them where they don't have the pressure of class—where we can focus on debate skills and integrate them with the team," Dr. Brett O'Donnell, the debate coach, said.

O'Donnell fond of this year’s squad as it comes in a completely unsigned. "On paper, they are probably one of the strongest groups we've had.

This year's team consists of nine members: four upperclassmen, two midlevel freshmen, and three freshmen. "The upperclassmen are very strong this year," O'Donnell said. "It's great having them on our side.

LU Introduced and implemented a new identification card for LU staff, with three magnetic strips (one of which will be used for food service) and one for the employment bar code.

By Kendria Burrows, reporter

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Light announces mission opportunities

By Johanna Price, reporter

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Students planning on taking a mission trip with Light are required to raise money for the cost of their own trip. This can be accomplished through the donation of funds, rentals, and services.

For more information, visit Light's Web site at www.liberty.edu/spiritual/light. They can also be reached in Dorries 2 or ext. 2041.

Light Youth hostel mission Celebration

By Lee Ann Livesay, reporter

YouthQuest is a ministry of the Center for Youth Ministry. One of the purpose of ministering to the world. Light Ministries is the missions' arm of Liberty University. One of the mission opportunities available through YouthQuest is spreading the Gospel to those Imprisoned, but Light Ministries is the missions' arm of Liberty University.

"For me it created a relaxed atmosphere and made me feel like all were our friends," Lovett said.

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LaHaye Lounge nears completion
By Mattie Gordon, reporter

Liberty University students will soon enjoy a new student lounge in Building 13. The new lounge will be named in honor of Dr. and Beverly LaHaye, who provided the money for the new facility.

"We are very grateful for the contribution from the LaHaye family, because it will do something very nice for the students," said Mark Hine, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Beverly LaHaye is on the Liberty University Board of Trustees and a member of the Student Life Committee. LaHaye led an audio and made a talk about her past, but her chief accomplishment is Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest pro-family women's organization, which she founded. "The LaHayes, her husband, is a pastor and the co-author of the best-selling "Left Behind" series.

During the LaHayes' visit to Liberty last September, they consented that the vacant area on the first floor of Building 13. She was told that Residence Life officers had been there until last summer when they moved to the second floor, and that as soon as funds were provided, the school would like to turn the space back into a student lounge as it had been in past years. After soliciting estimates, the LaHayes family told Liberty they would provide the money to build the lounge and begin construction.

According to Hine, construction on the lounge started the latter part of last winter, but slowed over the summer, as the primary focus was to have maintenance work done on the dorms. Within the next several weeks the furniture should arrive, and the lounge will be decorated.

Hine expects that the LaHaye Lounge should open toward the end of September. The days and hours of the lounge have not been decided on yet, but are expected to be similar to that of Dave's Place.

The lounge will be named in honor of Women for America, the nation's largest author and radio talk show host, but her chief accomplishment is Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest pro-family women's organization, which she founded. "Women for America" series.

According to Minter, the information on the site is updated regularly," Minter said.

"Students can visit the ASIST site at http://web.liberty.edu/~asist. From there, students will find a link to an ASIST information page found on LU's Underground Web site, this feature is planned for the future.

Minter also recommends using both letters and numbers and mixing capital and lowercase characters when deciding on a password. Another recommendation from Minter is to avoid obvious passwords such as "password" or "liberty.

"While some students will remain unaware of ASIST, we are optimistic about the possibilities.

"There are various ways to come up with some cash while you are here without having to get a job. A Liberty favorite seems to be decorating plants. I have found good experience in this. As you are getting your blood sucked from you for a buck, begin to wonder if it is really worth it. If the whole donation of life-assisting fluids is not for you, there is also a place in town that will pay you to try various skin products. Again, I did this. They promised a check on one and never paid with a cap, and I was told not to come back again. In the region, I may get paid the closest individual to the world, but I was not so excited about the lack of showing. Then my own wondering what they had actually put on me ever since, never mind. I imagined ourselves all kinds of brand new skin products, a hair stimulant, and the cure for cancer. I don’t believe it was any of those things, but who knows? There is no such thing as free money without coming without a price. --Price

Chris Price

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Cox: Speaks at Spiritual Emphasis

Bush, Gore tied as Labor Day passes

The vice president's campaign, the first to hold 257 Electoral College votes to tie with Al Gore, is now in Florida. The Bush campaign has also been very public about the race for Florida—technical—since the Gore campaign last week has seen the Texas governor put forth several debate proposals. However, since the Gore camp has promptly rejected his proposals, Bush has begun organizing strategies for this fall's presidential elections.

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The proposal adds a whopping $27.2 trillion in new spending for the next decade—more than the proposed Bush plan of $700 billion over the next decade.

The Gore proposal would also see the budget surplus increase to nine consecutive years. The plan is to pay off the federal budget by 2012, but most of it is paid by 2014. Gore has plans on creating 10 million new jobs—very similar to President Clinton's highly popular plan for 100,000 new police officers during his re-election campaign in 1996.

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Daytime TV gets some morals

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By Martin Cristler

The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation

with the average voter.

—Winston Churchill

Are today’s Christian athletes all wimps?

Many critics of Christianity claim that athletes who have become again Christian are weak and unable to play at the same level as the other players. In this column, I would like to tell you how wrong you are.

It is true that in the twenty years since college basketball started under Title IX, the number of female players has increased. However, it is not because Christian women are inherently weaker than their male counterparts. It is because a new generation of Christian women who place God first and foremost in their lives are taking the court.

Most of these women are not monks but they are living for Jesus. They are doing their best to give their best to the Lord. And when they are doing this, they are doing it for their own benefit. They are doing it for the glory of God.

As for the argument that Christian athletes are not as tough as their non-Christian counterparts, I would like to ask you this question: What is toughness? Is it the ability to play through pain or the ability to play through faith? I believe that the latter is the true measure of toughness.

I am not saying that all Christian athletes are great players. But I am saying that those who are Christians have a different perspective on life. They see life as a battle and they fight it with faith. This is the true measure of toughness.

The Bible says, “God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ in himself. And he raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6)

As Christians, we are called to live a life of faith. This means that we must always be on guard against the enemy. We must always be ready to fight for our faith. This is what it means to be a Christian athlete.

The next time you see a Christian athlete, remember that he or she is not just a player. He or she is a soldier for Christ. And as such, he or she must be ready to fight for their faith.

—Bill Murray

“Go to bed early so you can be up in time to see Monday Night Football.” —Bill Murray

The Liberty Champion
Only a car ride away...

By Bruce Kink, reporter

Eyes water from hours of staring at three-point text in the library. Wrists tremble and ache after thousands of keystrokes at the computer. Saturdays spent at coffee shops and the mall fail to satisfy the ever-growing need to escape boredom. A cry rings out from dorm rooms across campus. "What is there to do?"

The state of Virginia is enormous. It is more than just Lynchburg, Sheffield, and West Virginia. Virginia is full of historic landmarks, beautiful mountains, and exciting cities. There are many things to do in Virginia all within a few hours drive from Liberty.

To learn while having fun, visit Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson's influence varies from types of daily tours, each covering different aspects of Jefferson's vision. Your tour covers the main house, starting with the outer, public rooms and finishing with Jefferson's private rooms and underground passageways. The plantation and commons tour focuses on plantation life at the Jefferson estate. The show house and furnishing make-up are all located within the plantation, which served as the center of daily life. The last tour covers Jefferson's elaborate gardens and grounds.

Faye Preacher, a staff member at Monticello said, "Every time I go, I learn something new." Monticello is located on Rt. 51 in Charlottesville. Monticello is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and costs $11 per person. Student group rates are available.

Another historical note, the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park holds tales of historical Civil War events. The visitor includes a trail through the Museum house, where the actual surrender of the Civil War took place. The visitor information center includes shows and park personnel work to provide a brief historical background for those not well-versed in Civil War history. For more information, call the park office at (804) 992-9887.

Year-round recreation and thrill rides can be found at Paramount's Kings Dominion. The park features a new 16-foot waterpark called Waterworks, several high-speed roller coasters and more wooden coasters than any other park in North America. Kings Dominion is located off of I-95, about three hours northeast of Liberty. Tickets are approximately $28 per person. Rates vary for holidays and special events.

Smith Mountain Lake is a popular attraction within an hour's drive from campus. The Lake's Chamber of Commerce staff member, Debbie Ferguson, said, "Smith Mountain Lake offers more than just swimming and beach volleyball.

The recreational facilities also include camping, heat and Sea-Doo rentals, golf courses and several restaurants ranging from pizza to full-course meals.

Boat and Sea-Doo rentals cost between $45 and $50 per hour, and daily rates are available. The golf courses run between $28 and $50 per round, including golf cart rentals.

Another well-known Virginia landmark is the Natural Bridge. Hiking paths, a zoo and beautiful views of the Natural Bridge under the trail are worth while. A day trip can include self-guided tours of the Bridge and a visit through the interesting gift shop. "The Natural Bridge Zoo has a breeding area for endangered species, a petting area and hundreds of exotic species to showcase a small portion of God's creation.

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Many day trip opportunities are available to help you escape from the mid-sized city of Lynchburg and schoolwork. The Blue Ridge Parkway has miles of hiking trails, as well as winding roadways perfect for fun drive. Parking, driving and bike trails are also available in certain areas throughout the parkway.

While the cry of boredom may still ring out from some dorm rooms, there are plenty of ways to properly entertain your boredom. Day trips to scenic parks, museums and theme parks can give boredom more meaning than it can chew. Don't fill victims to boredom, experience the rest of Virginia, and experience more of the life around you.


The Lynchburg Art Festival will be at the Community Market & City Armory Sept. 17. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Call (804) 594-7577.

The Lynchburg Craft Show will be at the Appomattox Court House, where the South officially surrendered to the North.

Images and words that blared through my head in Romania — my home for love. I smuggled Noel away. The moment I gently lifted him from his tiny baby carriage, I knew that God would watch over him from all I knew and loved—yet I was far from alone. I clung to God's promise in 2 Thessalonians 3:16: "Let us hold nothing dearer than life itself; but even life is worthless if we lose our soul."

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Virginia day trips provide a much needed change of pace.
Song of Solomon conference visits TRBC

By Dana Galbrarth, reporter

"If you have not heard my heart, my eye, my sponsor. You have not seen the love of your life, one look at your eyes, with one link of your necklace. Solomon Conference gives practical guidance for marriage and praises the fulfillment it brings. A wealth of wisdom in these scriptures. IDX Nelson of Light Ministries has spent time working with Hudson Professor to bring Nelson to Lynchburg. We’ve been planning the conference since last semester," Michelle Davis, Dean of Women, said.

Matthews encourages students to take the opportunity to learn from Nelson. Matthews also believes that all students, whether single, dating or married, will benefit from the conference. "Those who are walking in the Lord and have pure relationships will be encouraged to continue growing and deepening in that direction. Students who have never really seen the answers in scripture will learn that God does have certain standards for relationships and he will honor you in your relationship as you honor Him," she said.

Nelson, the senior pastor at Barton Bible Church in Dallas, Texas, began teaching Song of Solomon Seminars in 1980. The overwhelming response led to his team up with Hudson Productions and began a ministry that reaches six countries each year.

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**FOOTBALL**

- 9/10 Gardner Webb at LU, 7
- 9/15 Western MI at LU, noon
- 9/16 Ohio at LU, 5:30

**VOLLEYBALL**

- 9/13 LU at UNCW, 3
- 9/16 LU at Saint Mary's, 7

**CROSS COUNTRY**

- 9/23 Ten Miller at LU, 9:30

**Champion**

**LU falls to GSU**

By Natalie Fisher, reporter

With another disappointing loss by the Flames, Liberty fell to Georgia Southern University in a Friday night's match. The Eagles' David Pink scored the lone goal with a penalty kick in the first half.

Pink got tangled up with defender Keathy Hoy inside the penalty box, which resulted in a penalty kick and a goal for Georgia Southern. However, Liberty controlled most of the first half until that moment.

The Flames came out in the second half ready to retaliate but failed to make its mark on many scoring opportunities. The Flames outshot the Eagles in the first half 10-8.

Liberty was held to only four saves in a losing effort. The second half was much like the first but with no goals.

"We need to play with a lot of pressure, like we did with the second half," Flames Head Coach Bill Bell said.

"The team was ready to play in the second half, more so than the first half. The first half left us the game, but we have to get more work in for the conference," Coach Bell said.

"On the last three games we have played well but have gotten unlucky breaks. But this means that we will peak at the end of the season to possibly win the conference championship," sophomore Chance Perry said.

Because of these losses the team has faced, the Flames are growing in unity and learning to keep up the fight.

"It is a long season, and we have to get used to keep our eyes on the Lord and he will give us the desires of our hearts. Because we are strong guys for Christ, we are not afraid," senior Adam Gill said.

"The Flames take on Wake Forest Thursday at 7 p.m. They play home again on Sep. 27 at 4 p.m."

**Injuries hurt Flames**

After the Flames home opener on Saturday, Sept. 2 there were some quicks in Liberty's starting line up.

Bill Parson, starting quarterback, for the Flames had an injury to his wrist. Rumor had it that it was a possible break. It turned out to only bea minor sprain.

"He's healthy and that is good," Head Coach Ken Karcher said.

Parson was playing in Saturday's game against Conference Southern Georgia.

Turner, a starter of the Flames offense was injured his right hand.

"As I told the team, the other guys should find in line," Liberty Head football Coach Ken Karcher said.

"The Flames biggest injury was against Gardner Webb. Tailback had a partial separation in the shoulder and will be out for a week to two weeks.

He also informed that during Liberty's first game of the season it was hurt.

Filling in for Ericks will be Peter Gay, a senior or Greg Long a sophomore depending on which position Karcher decides to use.

"Officially we will like in have Gardner there, he's a senior. But as I told the team, the other guys should fill in fine," Karcher said.

"We really miss him there in the backfield but we have to keep playing hard on the front."
Three random students have been chosen, including a wealthy girl to pick their favors for the upcoming ses-son games. Drop your name and number in the Champion box outside the office in Demoss 110 for a chance to be a guest.

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RUN HEATHER, RUN - Junior Heather Sgaha makes a dash through the Lou Onesty Invitational.

Pigskin Prognosticators

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Cross country goes the distance

Indiana fires Bob Knight

A dynasty ended Sunday as
Indiana University’s Head Bas-
ketball Coach Bob Knight was
fired for what was called a “pat-
ternalistic behavior.” Knight has
been known to be tough on his
players, but this isn’t the first time
he’s been in trouble.

After spending Friday night in
prayer as a team, the Flames Cross
Country teams took on some of the
best runners in the nation in Char-
ottesville. UVa won the meet.

“Cross country goes the distance
and neither does the runner,” Coach
Brant Tolsma said. Valerie Westpha-
I, Tracy Hoare and Rebecca Parsons
were Indiana’s top three finishers.

Bruce and Josh,” Tolsma said.

“We’ve got the front covered with
Bruce and Josh,” Tolsma said.

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**Volleyball picks up first win**

By John Fis and Justin Ridge

The Liberty University Lady Flames volleyball team pulled off its first win of the season in a match against the American University Lady Eagles, winning 15-12 in three sets.

The Lady Flames, who had previously lost their first two matches of the season, cruised to a 15-9 win in the first set. American pulled to within two points, but the Lady Flames remained close in the second set, winning 25-19. In the final set, the Lady Flames dominated, winning 15-11.

Michelle Howland had 63 set assists for the game, and three Lady Flames, Rachel Harnack, Rachel Turner, and Simone Turner, scored a total of 29 points.

Lady Flames assistant coach Chris Phillips said, "We learned a lot about ourselves. We still have a lot more work to do, but I think we can learn from this and build on it."