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I'm just winging it ...

By STEPHANIE RADAKER

Champion Reporter

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"That, of course, made it too late to get (the change) into the Liberty Way," Strack said.

MAN THIS SUIT IS HOT! — Chad Johnson, wearing the eagle suit above, is the new Liberty man- cat. Johnson was one of 11 students who joined the cheerleading program following tryouts on Sept. 3 and 8. This year promises to be a good one for the squad, Head Coach Jeni Bollner said. "This group is not just capable, they're motivated," she said. "They're really looking for the big things." The other new cheerleaders are: Jason Brad, Mary Campbell, Mary Crooks, Tammy Peters, Amy Berman, Nicholas Rodgers, Michele Speron, Mary Stone, Phillip Utley and Mary Elizabeth Wilson.

Red Cross drains students

By STEPHANIE RADAKER

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The American Red Cross Blood Donation, which occurred from Sept. 3 to 8 on the first floor of Vines Center, was sponsored by Circle K, one of the largest collegiate service organizations in the country.

One gate takes only five minutes to give, but it saves four people's lives, Lew Wedin, the faculty advisor of Circle K, said.

Frederick Coocher-Hoek said she liked giving blood. "It makes me feel like I have accomplished something for the day," she said.

Some students, this was not the first time they had donated blood. "I tell potential because I had done it before," Frederic Rob Lee said.

Other students were less experienced. "I was really nervous, but then she called and said the volunteer's name, I knew it was a great organization."

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YouthQuest kicks off 15th year

By CHANNING SCHNEIDER

Champion Reporter

YouthQuest kicks off 15th year of ministry.

YouthQuest is a campus ministry that reaches to youth. "Every day, 9,000 youths enter the American culture. That's a lot of lives to touch. YouthQuest speaks the language of American culture. That's a lot of lives to reach to youth," Matt Wilmington, director of YouthQuest Ministries, said. "It isn't the jokes that save, the skits or the songs," Wilmington said. "It is Jesus Christ that offers salvation, and that's the message we bring." The focus of the evening was the theme, "This is the Life," which is also the title of the new album produced by the YouthQuest singers.

Students were informed of upcoming YouthQuest-sponsored events, such as Scaremare in October, Clearwater Beach Alive during spring break and Brazil '96, a joint missions opportunity in May.

"As you look back over the years, you see that YouthQuest has done wonderful things, led thousands to Christ and changed lives. I am privileged to be a part of this amazing club," Eric Westerk, president of YouthQuest, said.

"YouthQuest meets the needs of the youth, and we have the awesome responsibility of being a part of this."

Doug Randlett, director of the Center for Youth Ministries, challenged the team to stand strong in their convictions. He urged them to touch out this generation.

"The situation looks hopeless, but today's youth are not dead, they are alive, and we have the cure," Randlett said. "They need the touch of th Master's hand."

Randlett said YouthQuest has a tremendous privilege to witness to each other.

"The need will not go away. We need to be willing to say, 'Lord, I'll go anywhere you want me to go.' Volunteer to do the job of winning today's youth to Christ," he said.

"YouthQuest has never been greater," he said. "The opportunities have never been more open."

College Republicans defend various conservative causes

SHELTON BALLARD
Champion Reporter

Those with a passion for the conservative cause flooded Tuesday evening as Preston Bryant, Lynchburg City Council member, spoke at his city's first College Republican meeting.

More than 50 College Republican members attended the meeting, which was held in DeMoss Hall 134. College Republicans usually work on campus for candidates in the Central Virginia area.

President Sarah Wallace said, "This semester we are going to be working on the campaigns of Steve Gumer for the State Senate, Preston Bryant for the House of Delegates, and Mike Brown for Sheriff in Bedford County."

"We have 400 people but only about 45 regular attend­ers," John Lauder, second vice-chairman, said.

"We'd like to see 20 percent of active members. That would make campgrounders more willing to turn out to events," the club also volunteers to feed the homeless as well as other community service projects," Lauden said.

Tuesday evening, Bryant spoke of his campaign for a seat in the House of Delegates. For two years Bryant has been the legislative liaison for Vance Vittles, minority leader in the House of Delegates.

"We hope to advance the conservative cause," Bryant said. "We are within three seats of getting control of the House of Delegates and getting control of the Senate," Bryant said.

Bryant supports such topics as parental involvement in education, tax relief for Virginians and more prisons.

Chuck Gammon, a Gulf War veteran and 1995 LU graduate, runs Bryant's campaign. "I handle data bases, schedule opportunities for Preston, and I look out for any campaign events for him to make appear­ances," he said. "It is a lot of door to door, a lot of literature drops, and I'll be working with the stu­dents here."

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The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II had the force of about 15,000 tons. Thousands demonstrated across the South Pacific urging French officials to reconsider their nuclear testing program. The protest included a convoy of 25 ships that stopped the island. Thursday's detonation ended France's three-year ban on nuclear device testing, making it the only country besides China to conduct tests on large nuclear devices. After the protests, however, Chirac said he may cut short the testing program, a statement that failed to appease South Pacific leaders. Concerns have been raised not only about the effects the testing may have on the marine culture surrounding the atoll, but about the impact it will have on other nations' nuclear tests.

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TV's "ER" holds answers to U.S. health care crisis

With TV any given night and you will discover a world. Many news shows devote at least one segment to the state of health care in America. This isn't surprising. After all, we're a crisis. If you are a normal person, you are most likely to be hurt in a car accident or have a heart disease or cancer that needs surgery. And these shows won't just be about your average seraek. Because of the audience, NBC's "ER" attracts, these will be just what Liberty is looking for.

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professed faith in God's will. 

Some students, for example, said that they felt called by God to attend a certain school, regardless of the major. One student who wanted to study psychology despite pressures from recruiters said that she felt called by God to go to Liberty University.

The majority of students who attended the conference were choosing a major primarily because they felt called by God. However, there were also students who were choosing a major because they wanted to educate themselves. One student who chose to study economics said that she wanted to learn about the economic systems of the world and how they work. She wanted to be able to advance in her field, and to earn more money so she could help her family.

The conclusion of the decision-making process is important. Students need to decide on their major as early as possible so that they can begin to plan for their future careers. In the meantime, students should continue to educate themselves and evaluate their options.
Crazy woman takes up running

The day of the marathon finally arrived. The air was thick with excitement. Runners from every part of the world were prepared to go the distance to become number one. Yet in this crowd of millions, two names stood out: Swati and Cheryl. These two were determined to break the record. They watched from the sidelines as the others poured their hearts out into the Run. Cheryl looked out at the crowd, and then, as if seeing them for the first time, she said, "Oh, the smell of victory!"

The air was crisp and perfect for a run. She had decided to start running at the beginning of the race. As the first bell rang, the race started. Cheryl was off and running. She ran so fast that even the racers behind her couldn't keep up. She couldn't believe she was doing it. She felt alive and free, and she knew she could do it. She was going to win the race. She was going to show everyone what she could do. She was going to prove that she was the best. She was going to win.

But then something happened. She felt a sharp pain in her leg. She tried to push through it, but it only got worse. She fell to the ground, and she knew she was going to lose. She was going to lose the race. She was going to lose.

And then something incredible happened. A group of people ran over to help her. They gave her water, and they encouraged her to keep going. They told her that she could do it. They told her that she was going to win. They told her that she was the best.

And so she ran. She ran until she was exhausted. She ran until she was done. She ran until she was finished. She had won. She had done it. She had proved that she was the best.

The world cheered as she crossed the finish line. She had done it. She had won. She had proved that she was the best. She had shown everyone that she could do it.

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Lynchburg’s finest eateries offer romantic retreat

Good food, good meat, hot dog, let’s eat! But where? It’s quite understandable to hear students complain about the exquisite Marriott restaurant growing monotonous, but where can you go to eat dinner and relax or maybe even take a date?

That’s right, guys, I said the “D” word. I know that is liable to scare you away, but if you finish reading this, you might actually be able to store away some creative ideas for whenever you must up the courage to approach “her.” Now don’t get me wrong; I am not telling you how to be romantic (although some of you desperately need a little help). I am just trying to give some helpful hints for a pleasant, relaxing evening in an enjoyable, romantic atmosphere.

I will not wax eloquent on Old Country Buffet, Red Lobster, Shakers, the Ground Round or any other restaurant within a mile of Liberty. A romantic environment is one that is somewhat secluded. Take her away from school.

China Royal

When Steve, my boyfriend, and I stumbled into the China Royal restaurant, the first words that went through my mind were “elegant” and “classy.”

The sight of the people surrounding me was somewhat casual, though some, like myself, had dressed up for the occasion. Our waiter seated us promptly and was very friendly, offering both to take our picture and to inform us of the especially tasty entrees.

The main dishes range in price from $7 to the Peking Duck (house specialty) at $20.

The atmosphere was quiet with soft music in the background. Behind the restaurant a perfect fairy tale sat before my eyes. A magical ring seemed to enclose the small pond with the little wooden bridge, gazebo and waterwheel.

Talk about a romantic way to propose, guys! I know, I know, you’re just dating at this point, but if you’re smart enough to take her there, the relationship must be going somewhere.

The location for this dream date is on Graves Mill Road.

The Hilton Hotel

If you really want to sit in the lap of luxury and be pampered, the cafe at the Hilton hotel is the place to go.

Each table or booth has plush seats that you sink right into and pretty tablecloths with elegant napkin folds, crystal and shiny silverware settings in front of you.

When Steve and I were ushered into the cafe, we were treated as royalty. The other people eating there were definitely not dressed in casual attire. Men in sharp business suits and women dressed to a tee were the only people to enter that night.

Surprisingly, although most of the entrees were not cheap, we found some of them to be fairly reasonable. An evening at the Hilton is an evening to remember.

The Hilton is located on your favorite mountain road!

Applebees

All right, so maybe your budget keeps you away from expensive places. Well, there are many nice casual restaurants to take a date in Lynchburg, as well.

I already said that I would not go within a mile of Liberty, but I suppose that I lied. One of my favorites, and I’m sure one of yours, is Applebees. Perhaps a bit of a student “hang-out,” but definitely a relaxing, enjoyable atmosphere.

I have never heard anyone complain about the food, especially not the desserts (try the apple-honey cobbler). If you’re a picky eater, Applebees has a variety of foods that will make everyone happy. Mexican and American style entrees are favorites.

The meals are priced between $6 and $12, which is reasonable for poor college students. The service is exceptional. The waiters and waitresses have always been friendly and eager to please. It proves to be an enjoyable evening.

Jazz Street Grill

If you really want your date to like you, the Jazz Street Grill is definitely the place to take her. When Steve took me there, I about died. I choked on a shrimp. Just kidding. This restaurant definitely had it all. Atmosphere, great food, excellent service and, yes, entertainment.

We walked into a dimly lit room decorated to look like New Orleans. We also got to the restaurant later than normal supper hours on a Friday night. Needless to say, it was crowded and we had to wait awhile. But to my surprise, a jazz band was playing, which helped to pass the time. I was so impressed I almost forgot why we went to the restaurant — to eat.

The food, with its Cajun-style flair, was scrumptious. Although, if you’re scared of spicy foods you might want to talk to your waiter about what’s hot and what’s not! If you’re on a tight budget, the menu features sandwiches priced around $5.

But if you really want to spend money on your date I’d recommend the blackened swordfish, which goes for $14.95. Most of the dinner entrees range in price from $8 to $15.

TIPS: Dine at this restaurant on Friday or Saturday nights to enjoy the live music. Also, don’t let the wait for a table discourage you. It’s well worth the wait.

Backyard Grill

The most recent restaurant that I’ve been to is one that is fairly new to the area. It has a more casual atmosphere, as well. Its name is the Backyard Grill.

I cannot exactly describe the inside, except to say that it is unique. In fact, the ceiling where Steve and I ate had little tiny stars all over it. It made us feel like we were outside. Very romantic.

In addition to the atmosphere, the food was delicious and not outrageously expensive. I believe the entree prices are similar to Applebees or slightly higher.

It is definitely a very nice restaurant and one that I would classify as a date restaurant. If you’re interested in dining at the Backyard Grill, it’s located behind the Hampton Inn.

These restaurants and more are available to you in the Lynchburg area. Guys, if this information is not enough to spur you into the dating life, then there may be no hope for this generation. Pick up the phone, dial her number, hang up because you’re nervous, dial it again, then when she answers, just ask her. You’ll probably be pleasantly surprised.

Text by Kris Patterson
Artwork by Susan Lindner
The Lady Flames soccer team wound up a busy week with a 3-2 extra 15-minute match that stretched through two extra 15-minute periods before VCU shot in the last minute of the game.

Both teams tired quickly in the hot, busy weather, but play was intense and nearly aggressive all the way through the final minutes of the match. VCU opened the scoring with an early goal set up by a long defensive clear by the Lady Flames defense. UJ goalie Shannon Hutchinson was unable to stop the ensuing shot, giving the Lady Rams a 1-0 lead.

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EVE ON THE BALL — Liberty's Lisa Dear dribbles around a defender in a game earlier this week. The team dropped three games over the week for the Lady Flames on the soccer field.

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49ers, Cowboys to match wins

By JOSH HOWE / Champions Sports

Last week's NFL action provided some of the best intra-conference matchups of the season. On paper, this weekend's games appear to have dropped a bit. This week's games will not be able to live up to the Eagles-Atlantics or Miami-Buffalo showdowns. However, two of the tips in the NFC will go head to head in Miami, and Drew Bledsoe will battle Steve Young for bragging rights in Cincinnati.

Dallas at Minnesota: Ten years ago this would have been a great game, but not this Sunday night. The suspect Viking defense will be unable to shut down the air-ground assault of the Cowboys. Look for the Cowboys to win easily.

Chicago at Tampa Bay: A year ago, nobody could have imagined that with Tampa Bay fielding a playoff contenter and the Bears picked to finish as high as 10th, this game has meaning. Youngsters Trent Dilfer and Erik Ertz will get a dose of defense, which will prove too much for the aging Bucs to handle. Expect to see rookie running back Rashaan Salaam get some playing time by this time the game is over. Bears by 2.

Cincinnati at Seattle: Don't turn to work out for a hint of the outcome of this game. Seattle's home­born threat passing game will stretch out the weak Bengal secondary.

Los Angeles at Denver: Nobody wants to prove to they can play with the big boys, now is their chance. Both Drew Bledsoe and Curtis Martin will have to make huge favor. The Rams will be enough to prove people wrong.

Kansas City: Oakland

Raiders by 3.

Real. Steve Bono and company will be running circles around the Giants offensive linemen and racking up the sacks. As for the Rams fans but face a team that is not have enough to prove people wrong in this one. Raiders by 7.

San Diego at Philadelphia: These two teams are figured to be fighting for wild-card spots at the end of the season. The Lightning Bolts will be back to their winning ways after a trip to the Vet. Things are starting to get interesting for Randall Cunningham and the rest of his disgustingly Eagles. Chargers by 4.

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Fluke goals found their way into the Flames' net, back-to-back overtime games, producing a loss and in the past week. Two overtime goals by VCU broke a 1-1 tie on Wednesday, to hand the Flames their second loss of the season.

"There were two plays to watch out for — the goalies and the defense," said Forward Ryan Hopper. "They scored on two plays; we scored on one."

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