Republicans toast U.S. Constitution

By Catherine Maentanis

A patriotic fervor may capture the campus Thursday as College Republicans and Royston Jester, the Virginia House of Delegates member who sponsored Liberty’s tax exempt status, throw the “200th Birthday Party for the Constitution.”

Marty Fisher, vice chairman of activities, said he hopes that this event will long be remembered at LU. “It’s an attempt to tell every student at Liberty what liberty is all about,” he added.

Fisher plans to begin the event with ice cream and cake served at the door. Republican Party leader Roy Jones will be the guest speaker. The event will feature a short drama presentation, seeking to capture the historical significance of the Constitution, followed by the lighting of the Liberty Flame and a candlelight prayer vigil.

The celebration will be held at 7 p.m. in the old gym.

A mock election for the President of the United States will precede the party the results will be announced that evening.

LU aerobics raises funds for charity, cheerleaders’ trip

By Lori Skudler

Get ready! The LU Cheerleaders, with the help of Courtside Wellness and Fitness Center, are doing a differ ent routine, and you can be a part of it.

It’s Lynchburg’s Largest Aerobics Class, and it happens Saturday, Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Liberty Multi-Purpose Center.

This event is a combined fundraising effort for the March of Dimes and the LU cheerleaders.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the event. Bev Buf fington, coordinator of student activities, explained that there will be five raised platforms with aerobics instructors on each to allow everyone to see.

A $2 donation will be collected from all those attending the class. Half of the money will go to the March of Dimes, and the rest will cover expenses for LU’s cheerleaders to attend the national cheerleading competition being held this January in Dallas, Texas.

Students and faculty can vote for the candidate of their choice from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CR’s table in the DeMoss hall Thursday.

CR Chairman Curt Diemer said he wants students to join the fun, but even more, he wants them to take an interest in what he calls “the fundamental freedoms of our society.”

“Most people don’t realize that our Constitution is not only the oldest ruling document, but it is a living document basically unchanged since its inception,” Diemer explained.

“Never before has a body of people experienced the amount of freedom guaranteed to us by the Bill of Rights and other amendments. This is surely something worth celebrating,” he added.

Diemer said he also looks forward to the day when the Supreme Court will once again interpret the constitution as originally intended.

The CR’s leader said he hopes that after the celebration many will walk away appreciating the ideals of liberty set forth in our Constitution and exercise their right to vote in upcoming elections.

“We owe what we have in this country to our Constitution, Mark Brungard, co-chairman of CR’s said. Suzannah Pajak, vice chairman of public relations, said the Constitution is the greatest governmental document in the history of the world.

“Never before had a people based their entire legislative, judicial and social systems on Judeo-Christian values,” she stated. “Because of this, Americans enjoy more freedom and a higher standard of living than any other country in the world.”

Fossil specialist finds creation museum job

By Lori Skudler

If you haven’t been in the Creation Museum lately, you might want to see the changes that have come about since last year. You will not only see a new look for the museum, but also a new staff member.

Arlton C. Murray, or Mr. “Fos sil,” as the sign on his desk displays, is the newest full-time addition to the Creation Studies department. He has worked with the department intermittently throughout the last few years, but became curator of the museum this summer.

Murray is definitely not a newcomer to the world of fossils. Having worked some 40 years in this area, he started his career, surprisingly by accident.

In 1929, while at a camp in Maryland, he discovered a fossilized porpoise skull. While not fully knowing, at first, the importance of his discovery, he eventually took the fossil to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

After this initial contact, he eventually gained a position with the museum in the Division of Vertebrate Paleontology. There he learned
Feature

5...4...3...2...1...SPLASHDOWN!

Photos by Brian Sullivan

COME ON DOWN—The Rev. Jerry Falwell takes a major plunge as he drops 50 feet down the “Typhoon” at Heritage U.S.A. Falwell promised to go down the slide fully clothed if PTL received enough pledges.

A man strolled up the steps of the 50-foot water slide at Heritage U.S.A. and prepared to plunge feet first down the chute into a pool below. This, however, was no ordinary man about to take advantage of the cool water on a hot September day.

This was the Reverend Jerry Falwell and he was preparing to tackle the “Typhoon”, fully-clothed, to keep a promise he made on the PTL network.

Last May, Rev. Falwell promised he would go down the water slide with all his clothes on if the PTL could collect $20 million in donations and if 1,000 individuals would donate $1,000 each to the PTL “Resurrection Fund.”

According to Falwell, both conditions were met by Labor Day so he appeared at the South Carolina theme park last Thursday to make good on his promise.

BUOYANT BAPTIST—Reverend Falwell makes a big splash in the pool following his ride down the slide.

ALL WET—The Rev. Jerry Falwell smiles during a press conference after his encounter with the “Typhoon” at Heritage U.S.A.

DRIP DRY?—The Rev. Falwell shows off his wet coat to reporters after emerging from the Heritage U.S.A. pool.
Aerobics provide beneficial activity

By Frank Banfill

A "fun way" to stay healthy and meet people is through student aerobic classes. The sessions are offered by the LU health and fitness program under the direction of Dr. Jim Colligon.

The one-hour classes are available free of charge every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

"We care about our students and we want to meet their needs as best we can," Colligon stated a reason for the aerobic program.

The benefits of this program are numerous, according to Colligon. "They (participants) find themselves not as tired, can work better and sleep better," he said.

"It's a good change of pace. I see smiles out there. We need to learn to enjoy ourselves. It's also a good release of tension and anxiety," Colligon remarked.

"It's a fun way to exercise," stated Joyce Rundle, a participating student.

Senior Bob Peterson agreed, but had another reason for attending. "It's a great way to meet girls and get exercise at the same time. I'm going to start coming regularly," he exclaimed.

"I hadn't exercised much this summer. I felt guilty," senior Adriana Sierra admitted as her reason for participating.

Colligon feels that the average student needs 20 to 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity three times a week.

A cardiovascular activity, like aerobics, raises the rate of the flow of blood through the body by getting the heart working faster.

Colligon explained that the necessity for cardiovascular activity is illustrated by the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of Americans. "Arteries are starting to clog in some (students) even now," Colligon remarked.

Colligon explained that Liberty wants to provide these classes free. He noted that memberships in fitness clubs offering such classes can be very expensive.

Although Outside Wellness and Fitness Center last year offered on-campus classes for $5 a week, Colligon felt that it was expensive enough and recreation shouldn't have to cost, too.

"Why should the student, who doesn't have the money anyway, have to pay for something we can offer for free?" he questioned.

Instructors Lynn Attwood, Carolyne Bloom and Ann Rich take turns leading the student aerobics. Each of them has taken classes in aerobic instruction or taught previously.

Approximately 50 people, predominantly girls, have been attending the sessions. Colligon hopes to see that number grow to around 300.

He noted that last school year ended with about 150 participating in the exercise classes.

Some interested students wonder how they can find time to participate. Colligon felt that it was a time management priority.

"You've got to say 'I am going to do this,'" he remarked. "It's the same as the spiritual. Stay with it and you will reap benefits."

"Do what you can but don't push yourself," Colligon recommended. "It's a lot easier to do with a friend."

The student aerobics classes are a part of the total LU health and fitness program. "We're teaching lifestyle changes, something that will stick," Colligon stated.

In a game marred by fouls and penalties, Liberty University won its first game of the season. The Flames defeated Guilford College 2-1.

Guilford scored first on a goal by John Loke with 7:39 left in the first half. Then about one minute later LU scored on a pass from Mike Rivas to John Davis.

Guilford controlled the ball on offense with short and long passes to get into scoring range. LU wasted no time scoring to tie the game. Davis led LU to 1st win

Davis leads LU to 1st win

"The game looked good from the stand point that we are playing so many freshman at this level," Coach Bill Bell stated.

But he is worried about the number of injuries. "I am really worried about all these injuries mounting up. We can't play effectively with so many people hurt," Bell stated.

The contest was very physical with hard blows delivered by both teams. The first part of the game was played with unconveted breakaways by both teams.

Many warnings and fouls were called, but no one was thrown out of the game.

Liberty earned 32 fouls with two offside penalties and Guilford had 18 fouls with two offside penalties.

The victory left the Flames with a 1-3 record.

Flames win two

By Beth Isaacson

"My goal for this volleyball team is to be nationally ranked in NCAA Division 2 and to compete in the national tournament," Coach Sue Kelley said when asked about the Lady Flames hopes for this season.

The team has already shown its potential by winning exhibition matches against two NCAA Division 1 opponents—Virginia Commonwealth University and Radford University. In each of these contests, the Lady Flames won 15-11, 15-8 and 15-10.

"Few volleyball teams have the ability on the team travels to a Navy tournament. The Flames will be up against 12 teams of which two are nationally ranked in Division 2 play. If the Flames are able to win the tournament, they also will be nationally ranked.

When asked about the abilities of the players, Coach Kelly replied, "There isn't just one outstanding player. Our team is made up of outstanding players."

However, she stated that three members helped the team a lot. These players are Kari LeBlanc (the hardest hitter), Kathy Gutterman (the most consistent) and Becky Shannon (the best defender).
What's in a name? That is a question many of us are familiar with from our tours of Shakespearean literature in high school senior English class. It is a question that inquires and causes us to dig deep and search for a meaning in a name. Every now and then, a name comes along that leaves us dumbfounded. For instance—what is a Villanova? Could it be the docile Italian brother of Godzilla? Maybe a Villanova is the latest of Dr. Seuss' characters that has a checkerboard neck and square legs. Could it be a small Mexican border village on the Rio Grande where a Chevrolet car plant is located? Or maybe it is the newest flavor of ice cream at Baskin-Robbins? Alas, none of these explanations are the truth. Villanova derives its name from an old Catholic custom. The university was placed under the patronage of St. Thomas of Villanova, a 16th Century educator and Bishop in Spain. Villanova is the part of Spain where St. Thomas was educated in seminary. Until two years ago, someone might have thought that Villanova was pig Latin for basketball. (The Wildcats won the NCAA Division I basketball championship in 1985). Then Villanova reinstated its football program. In two years, the Wildcats have slated a 13-1 record, going 8-1 in 1986. Liberty meets these visitors from Pennsylvania on Saturday at Lynchburg City Stadium at 1:30 p.m. With 11 starters returning in an offense that averaged almost 35 points per game last season, Villanova poses a tough challenge to the Flame defense. So when you go to the game Saturday, you can explain to your friends a little bit of history, should they ask you, "What is a Villanova?"

LY falls after first half

By Bruce Stanton

A team playing only one half of a college football game is like a family attempting to drive from St. Petersburg to Fresno on a half tank of gas. They won't go very far.

Liberty was then outscored 22-2 in the second half as the Golden Eagles pulled away.

Wille Larkin's 1-yard touchdown run late in the first half was Liberty's first score. Liberty briefly held the lead at 21-14 as Richard Shelton galloped 81 yards on a punt return for the Flames final touchdown.