Williams gets name on stadium

By SHANNON D. HARRINGTON

Call it LU Stadium no more. During a game-prese
mony of the Saturday, Oct. 29, Flames football game
against Central Florida, Chancellor Jerry Falwell
announced that the title for the coming Flames
stadium in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams.
University officials said that contributions by Williams
made totaling a major
ity of the sports facilities on the
UC, including the
football stadium, the Vines
Center, the Westover Fields
Track/Soccer Complex, and the
Hickory Athletic Complex.
The Williams’ have been sup-
porting LU for eight years.
"We are officially naming this 12,000-seat stadium
Williams Stadium in your honor and over your objec-
tion because we so deeply appreciate what you as a fam-
ily have done to the masses of Christ for faith-believing
young people," Falwell said in the Williams family while
planning a prerogative change to Williams Stadium which
was placed on a rock at the
main entrance.
LU Football Head Coach Sam Hagerty, who also
spoke during the renaming ceremony, said that the contributions
made by the Williams family to the university were invest-
ments wisely to the school’s athletic program.
"It doesn’t concern minor-
ities or schools or business
administration, but it has to
build our very comprehensive
university and I think all the
dreams will be fulfilled as a result of people like the Williams’," Rutigliano said.

ScareMare: A spectre stalks Lynchburg

By JAYSON BLAIR
"I thought that it would be
a great idea to extend the curfew for seniors," Senator Steve Sparks, the
sponsor of the bill, said. "We
must protect our kids after they have earned the right to stay up late at night."

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By DAVID THOMPSON
Champion Reporter

Officers choose Taylor as class president

Champion officers chose Taylor as its class president and cation on Monday, Oct. 24.

More class president during convocation

Taylor's first leadership office. The new president, while Pete Zipf was voted sopho

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Watching TV's students won't

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making, there's nothing that can find objection about it," Column called.

George Landrith supports what we believe is right for our kids, and we do something for the economics, and conservative- Column included all the reasons from all the titles from all directions.

Jim Bushong gathered the students for their contribution of time to the Fall Festival. He gathered them following a recent appearance at the Campbell County

Landrith

Republican Party headquarters.

"When you see the grass grow before you, I feel we have got exceptional help from the stu-

Column said he countered the opportu-

Landrith said. "Don't give us any money to buy the office as they do. I am rea-

The News

"Instead of concentrating on the dormitory's, we need the moral support in the last few weeks of the campaign," he said. "Let's just tag along and if we can back him up with a few numbers and get people excited, then we will do that."

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Dorms help battered women

By AMY J. SAWYER
Champion Reporter

Students elected Sunday, Oct. 31, in an effort to bring joy into the lives of the hurting. Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, Dorm 13 and 21-2, issued his complaints about Liberty.

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Senate

This Christmas the brother and sister dorms will be able to afford gifts. Students will be providing gifts and hosting a party for these families. "I hope that there it is a good side to life, and as Christmas, we have to share this," Rick Moser, a 21-year-old junior (undergraduate from Lafayette), said, "I think more people need to be sharing through ministries like this and giving out in the world."
**Russian parliament votes to expel foreigners who have AIDS virus**

**10 December 1994**

The Russian Duma today voted to pass a law that would allow the expulsion of foreigners who have AIDS. The vote comes after a prolonged debate that lasted over a week.

The law, sponsored by the ruling Communist Party, is part of a broader package of anti-homosexual measures that have sparked international concern. The law would enable authorities to expel foreigners who have AIDS, HIV-positive status or are perceived as being at risk of transmitting the virus.

The Duma, which is the lower house of the Russian parliament, voted 350-16 to pass the bill. The move is seen as a significant step in the country's efforts to combat the spread of AIDS.

The law will allow the government to deport foreigners who test positive for HIV or AIDS, even if they are otherwise law-abiding and not a threat to public health. The decision has been met with widespread criticism from human rights organizations and international bodies, who warn that it could lead to discrimination and stigmatization.

The law is expected to face opposition in the Russian Senate, which will consider it in the coming weeks. It is uncertain whether the upper house will approve the measure.

**U.S. soldiers to come home**

**9 December 1994**

U.S. President Bill Clinton announced today that American troops in Saudi Arabia will begin to return to the United States starting next week, ending the deployment that has been in place for over two years.

The troops will return to various bases in the U.S., including Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Clinton said the decision was made after considering the threat posed by Iraq and the need to reduce U.S. military presence in the region.

The withdrawal of U.S. forces is seen as a significant step in the U.S. strategy of promoting regional stability and reducing its defense burden.

**People smuggler arrested**

**1 December 1994**

A major international operation to arrest people smugglers was announced in Istanbul today. The operation, which involves 13 countries in the region, is expected to target people smugglers who illegally transport migrants and refugees.

The operation follows a series of raids in recent months that have led to the arrest of dozens of people smugglers. The operation is seen as a significant step in the fight against human trafficking.

**BRIEFS**

**Explosion kills, injures**

WESTLAKE, La. — An explosion ripped through a refinery complex near New Orleans on Wednesday, injuring four workers and prompting a wide area evacuation.

The blast, which occurred at the Westlake Refinery, caused fire and smoke visible for miles. The company said four workers were injured and were taken to local hospitals.

**Try not get Rwandans**

**1 December 1994**

The United States cut off all economic and military assistance to the tiny African country of Gambia and called on the leaders of other African states to end their support for the Gambian government.

The U.S. move comes after Gambia's President Yahya Jammeh refused to extradite to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for trial four men accused of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

The United States cut off the aid to Gambia after Jammeh refused to extradite the four accused, who are believed to have played a significant role in the Rwandan genocide.

**Murderous in English**

**1 December 1994**

“Murderous in English” is a term that is often used to describe a person who is extremely cruel or violent. It is a strong word that conveys a sense of danger and fear.

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Evangelism requirement 'fires up' students

By Lisa Parks

College is—mostly it is one of those classes that the student really has to graduate. So I chose to take this class and to share their faith more often and with greater boldness. I'm learning about this class how to help students. I'm a Christian. I'm really glad to be a student in this class. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. I'm learning about how to help students. 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"I thought the students were very receptive...and very positive last year," he continued. "They expressed their appreciation to the group’s hard work, and we all appreciate that. It’s fun for the performers to see their peers appreciate what they’ve done." Adams agreed. "It makes you feel good when you get a big applause. It just makes you perform better. Personally, Locy said just to sit and listen. (Singing) makes things more uplifting for me." As for the official Christmas Convocation has on the Liberty campus, Adams said, "I think that at Liberty we’re in a unique position because we can present not only the secular side of Christmas, but also the spiritual meaning. We don’t have to do Christmas, it’s like the Christmas Festival, or any of that ephemeral wakening-down of what the holiday’s all about.

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TRBC Living Christmas Tree to assemble

BY DAVID THOMPSON
Champion Reporter

The annual holiday tradition of the "Living Christmas Tree" moves into its 24th year of production at Thomas Road Baptist Church in early December.

Since 1971, Thomas Road Baptist Church has sponsored the event featuring dozens and dozens of names in the shape of a Christmas tree. The program attracts visitors from across the country.

This year includes a cast and crew of more than 300, including a 100-voice choir, created up of Liberty students and members of Thomas Road Baptist Church. A children's choir will also be featured.

The Living Christmas Tree stands 55 feet high and contains 1,000 lights. The choir performs from the trees.

Dr. Randlett of this year's production is "More Than Gold;" the theme being "I will offer to my Jesus more than gold."

Dr. Randlett, in his 22nd year of directing the Living Christmas Tree, said that the purpose of the musical is to show that while there are many Santas, there is only one Christ."

More Than Gold" starts off at a 1940s radio station and a New York City apartment living room, Randlett said. The scene then shifts to the city of Bethlehem. The music is "both secular and sacred."

Randlett's goal is to use the holiday season to point people to Christ.

"There are many people only in church during Christmas," explained Randlett. "We also want to bring families together and encourage Christians to focus on the real meaning of Christmas," he added.

The Living Christmas Tree will be eight showings at the Thomas Road sanctuary, Dec. 3 and 4 and 9 through 11. Tickets can be purchased at the Thomas Road Visitor Lobbies Monday through Friday and before and after all Thomas Road Services.

Dorm decorations reflect personalities

BY KIM MATHEWES
Champion Reporter

The Christmas spirit is quickly invading Liberty and some students have already begun making plans for dorm room decorations. With the limitations of a dorm room, what can a student do to make their dorm away from home a little more like Christmas?

There are four simple things to remember when trying to make a room work together, buy cheap, be creative and have fun.

• Room decorating can bring roommates closer together to the first step in decking the halls is to plan out what does what. Each roommate should pick his or her favorite part to perfecting the room. The major things to do are include include making ornaments from paper, hanging already made items and purchasing lights, paper, new ornaments and other trimmings.

"The idea is to make a place that you want to be and have fun," Brenyn Maloney, a second semester freshman, recommended.

"I like the blue and silver decorations," Maloney said. "I would suggest, for the more creative, putting out all the blue and silver decorations you can find."

• Money is not the cost; "I want to decorate but cheap - buy cheap," Maloney said. "It's OK to buy some things for only a dollar or two."

• Slave creativity is not for all students, the new step is vital to decorating — buy cheap.

There are many stores around Lynchburg where students can purchase cheap but attractive-looking ornaments and crafts.

Since so many college students live on a budget, one or more of the students in a room should shop around for the best deals in town.

"Shopping wisely and pooling funds is the best way to get the most for the money," Maloney said.

Dorm rooms are some of the best places to use the resources of the Christmas season. For decorating, students can transform their dorm areas into a living room, a kitchen or a bathroom by using Christmas decorations.

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Wards Road entrance should open by 6 a.m.

A bill that passed, 30-6, in the student senate last Thursday, Oct. 27, is worthy of consideration by the administration.

While the first word to come to students, from Wards Road, to remain open until 1 a.m. Previously, security closed the entrance at 7 every evening.

Originally, the gate was shut at dark because there were no railroad crossing lights. After the arms were in place, the entrance was opened until curfew. A few years later, however, it was again closed at night to ease security's efforts in monitoring and controlling traffic.

At the time, security members were in the front entrance guard shack around the clock, giving them the ability to control that traffic. Due to staff shortages, though, only the midnight to 5 a.m. shift has a man in the shack now.

The Liberty Champion editorial staff believes the bill deserves the administration's attention.

Three reasons given in opposition to the bill are: 1) People would use the newly-opened entrance to forge a "short cut" to Centennial by cutting across campus. 2) The entrance was closed primarily to prevent people with criminal intentions to gain access to campus unseen, and 3) having only one entrance helps security stop someone who might be trying to get in without a permit.

If by chance, people were inclined to use the campus as a path from Wards Road to Centennial, we would like to save them some time now, pointing out that using either 450 East or 501 South (which skirts the edge of the mall) would be quicker than traversing Liberty's numerous crosswalks and stop signs.

The two other arguments have merit if the guard shack at the main entrance was manned and incoming cars were checked before they entered. However, the front entrance remains unmanned until just prior to sunrise, when cars as easily minor past the guard shack as he could exit onto Wards Road.

The third concern, that of stopping someone from leaving, does have some validity. The Cha manifold staff respects security's reasons on this point. The question we raise, though, is does this occur often enough to justify leaving the back entrance closed?

Finally, the back entrance should be opened because, as we explained, the original reason for its closure, and those reasons' effectiveness, has markedly disappeared.

Let the students have the convenience of coming on campus from more than one location. This is a simple idea, costing no money. We have the entrance already; let's put it to use in the evenings, too.

Read my lips... "Except in rare cases the number on the field fails on only victim, however, grimmer the blow; but the foul band of the drug dealer blights life after life, and, though the vidame of life, cries others in its own victims, others who came against us across our land and down our counties, passing not even the moberry."

—Judge Thomas Cee, as quoted in the Freedom Alliance newsletter

With today's lock-'em-up attitude, society has begun prioritizing others who should be the inhabitants of valuable green space. Judge Cee's insightful comment is an excellent reminder that "newsworthy" deal- ers are more than deserving of long terms behind bars.

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College football fans are as height right now, and, as always, the question of which team in Division I is the best is being asked.

Usually, the question takes the form of whether or not a playoff is needed to determine the champion. The normal argument that polls don't tell the teams right match on the field, and that the playoff will pan the highest-ranked teams against the second-highest. Even worse, they say, is that the polls cannot even be accurate because both coaches and journalists are biased to make objective rankings.

However, whether the idea is heard in the wrong direction. What we should be deciding is what makes one team better than the rest.

My esteemed colleagues, Steve Rimmer, exposed one opinion on the playoff theme in last week's Champion. Steve suggested that college football be divided into conferences and ad libbitua play the top four teams to play in a postseason playoff.

Does anyone else see the problem, though, with such a playoff system? Any two or three teams (not, just not five) is the problem. The solution is, at some point, playoffs also have a rule on more memorable to decide who gets in, although there will always be the subjective element involved, as no one who does the choosing. A good example of what could go wrong with a playoff format happened this year in the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championships. Four teams needed to be selected to compete in the Maximums from the Midwest, but only one team competed on the West Coast had to it in.

Ward they simply ignored or was Idaho-Purdue Fort Worth really deserving? Tennessee, Western State's grassroots and threat need to drop from their schedules that questionable Mountain West team that met in the playoffs.

Likewise, there are always teams that should get in the final four in Division I baseball, but don't.

So there will still be underdog driven or without a playoff. The real fun of football madness to come in when polls decide what a number one team is. It's an easy decision who should be circular."

What should a perfect season be? A perfect record can signify either a top college or a high school team. One cannot assure the second and high school place an unattractive team at the top of the rankings. A team such will probably be good, but one can easily imagine a bottom team being stronger than it, Nebraska is the example of such a kind of team.

Neither can publishers rank some with the kind of sudden competition. You know, the playground-hog logic that might say: "My team beat the team that beat your team, so we're better."

The militancy of this argument was born out last year when West Virginia laid claim to the number one spot because they had beaten Boston College and had beaten Notre Dame, who had beaten Florida State in the same year. West Virginia was better than the eventual number one Florida State, right?

That is before West Virginia was trashed by the University of Florida 41-7. The same "up TV team that Florida had beaten one month earlier. What's an indi- vidual computer to do?"

Picking the best teams will never be as numerous as everyone would like. The closest thing to a competitive system would be the New York Times computer poll. Tough enough, it'd be for the poll to one who believes.

University football polls usually solicit to a premium chip, they simply must pick the teams that they may or may not want to be the best of the teams, without relying on any single column (like record). When polls do that, there won't be a need to create a playoff.
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Central Florida controls Flames, 49-24

Early heriocis by Chiles, offense fade as Hinshaw takes over
By JOSEPHY COOLEY
Sports Editor

The Liberty football team isn't 333 net yards short of what, but Central Florida's 207 net yards to the ground was better. LU's 225 net yard passing wasn't bad, but 355 total yards through the air was the way it was.

Medically and unexpectedly was the underlying story for Liberty in its 49-24 loss to Central Florida on Saturday, Oct. 29, in Liberty's re-match with Williams Sasman. The Flames were good, but the Golden Knights were better.

"I can't tell you our guys are lazy," Flames Head Coach Sam Rutigliano said. "I think our kids were out-manned. (The Knights) were very good, and you have to give them credit.

Credit goes to the Knights' air attack, touchdown pass, passing yards and rushing defense, sophomore quarterback Darno Hinshaw. He racked up 387 yards while completing 24 of 36 attempts for two touchdowns.

Credit goes to UCF's running unit, particularly junior tailback Mark Williams (89 yards on seven carries). Overall UCF's running game attacked LU with 216 yards and five of the Knights' seven touchdowns.

Credit goes to business schools (Tampa's net on 129 yards and two touchdowns) and UCF's record breaking corps. This group of players picked us up as we limped to a 39-35 youth. We dominated the Flames'secondary anyway.

We have such good special teams. Central Florida Head Coach Gene McDowell said, and "I'm sure he's had his best day throwing in his career."

(The Central Florida) receivers' quickness was overwhelmed by the Flames' defense, Rutigliano said, "and, the only way you can handle it is you have to run the game.

Liberty barely got that chance, though. The Knights' offense showed two one tack but tunned the Flames the rest of the way.

"We didn't put enough pressure on them, and if you don't put enough, you have to hit them and let the (quarterback) sit in the pocket, they're going to go open whenever you play," Rutigliano said.

On the reverse role of the ball, UCF's defensive unit nubbled Liberty, evidenced by Central Florida defensive end Sasser said.

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Greg Jefferson, coach of the Flames, agreed with Hines, saying: "We've just got to make sure we don't turn the ball over this week. We need to hold on to the ball and make them work for it."

The Flames were not able to put together a sustained offensive effort in the second half. They had two possessions in the fourth quarter, but were only able to move the ball for a total of 30 yards. They were forced to punt the ball on both possessions.

On defense, the Flames held the Bucs to just 177 total yards and forced a fumble in the second half. The fumble was recovered by the Flames on the 19-yard line, setting up the winning touchdown.

Despite the loss, Jefferson was pleased with the way his team fought back in the second half. "I thought we played well in the second half," he said. "We just need to work on our special teams and our offense."
Basketball polls pick men third, ladies sixth

Radford women chosen to repeat for sixth time

Radford coaches, SIDs combine for some of the most accurate predictions in the Big South Conference.

By JOSHUA COOLEY
Sports Editor

The UNC Greensboro Spartans are the new Big South Conference basketball champions, as they ripped Towson State's hopes of a return to the postseason tournament.

Liberty was picked to finish first in the coaches' poll for the men's basketball tournament with 10 first-place votes, but the Spartans went 1-1 in those games and finished in second place.

"We had a lot of confidence going into the tournament," UNCG head coach Matt Willard said. "We knew they were good, but we didn't think they were better than us. We played well and we picked up a win in the quarterfinals, which was our goal." 

UMBC (then 11-12 in Big South) on Tuesday, Oct. 25, but didn't let fans in on the game. The Spartans knocked off the Retrievers 79-75 to advance to the semifinals, where they faced Liberty.

"We felt good about our chances going into the semifinals," Willard said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game, but we were prepared and we executed our game plan." 

The Spartans went on to win the Big South tournament championship, defeating Liberty 86-79 in the title game.

"This is a big win for us," Willard said. "We've been working hard all season and we finally got over the hump." 

The Spartans will now advance to the NCAA tournament, where they will face an unknown opponent.

"We're looking forward to the NCAA tournament," Willard said. "We're excited to see what we can do against the best teams in the country." 

Radford was picked to finish second in the coaches' poll for the men's basketball tournament with nine first-place votes, but the Highlanders went 0-2 in those games and finished in fifth place.

"We had some tough losses early in the season," Radford head coach Mike Morrell said. "We were just trying to find our rhythm and we didn't get it going until late in the season."

The Highlanders will now be facing a tough challenge in the NCAA tournament.

"We're excited to see what we can do against the best teams in the country," Morrell said. "We're looking forward to the NCAA tournament and we're ready to make a run."