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KDP recruits minority teachers

By Kelly Kinzey, reporter

Rolphs Deja Vu, the Elizabethan Theatre, will host its first meeting of the semester on Wednesday morning in the Innovation Center. The general meeting is an opportunity for the Elizabethan Theatre to introduce new members and discuss upcoming events.

The Elizabethan Theatre, a student-run theatre organization, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honor Society, held at Liberty University. The theatre's mission statement is to "promote the educational value of theatre while providing an opportunity for students to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful theatre career."

The Elizabethan Theatre is one of the many student organizations at Liberty that provide students with opportunities to explore different fields of study. They offer a variety of performances and workshops to students interested in the arts. The theatre encourages students to become involved in the community and to develop their skills in the arts.

In the late 1970s, Cooper said, "I realized the importance of faith and a commitment to the Lord and a commitment to the profession. He then takes the revised menu and adds the favorites. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of SGA, the dining service management and leadership of the students, the Marriott is winning the approval of the toughest critics, the students themselves."
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New Austrian government incites massive protests

Austrian officials created a new government Feb. 4. The actions of the Freedom Party's leader, Josef Haider, raised serious questions in the context of the European Union and Austria's citizens.

As a result, several student groups have made several disturbing decisions in the past which he appeared to downplay Nazi atrocities.

The parties of convicted killer Jeremy Strohmeyer, 21, killed a 73-year-old woman after the shooting agency from which they obtained their license.

In 1976, the parents submitted an adoption intake form that they didn't wish to adopt a child from parents who had a history of drug abuse.

It was later discovered that the mother of Strohmeyer was pregnant with her first child, a fact which could negatively impact the adoption agency from which they obtained their license.

President considers federal halt in death penalty

Due to the recent questions raised in Illinois, President Clinton will consider a request to suspend federal executions.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., proposed the request based on Illinois Gov. George Ryan's call for a moratorium on executions in Illinois until officials determine whether the death penalty is administered fairly.

Several prisoners have been executed since 1976 in Illinois, but 13 death-row inmates have been cleared since 1987

It is hoped that the proposed halt in death penalty will lead to a more thorough review of the death penalty in the United States.

Bauer drops out of race

Former Reagan administration official Gary Bauer dropped out of the presidential race on Friday.

After a poor showing in the first two campaign contests, Bauer decided to quit after almost a full year of campaigning.

"I love college students. They make up to 100 percent of the country's leaders. They're why I blogging is the new term. I'm concerned about our future leaders," he said.

The "LaHaye Lounge" is $45,000.

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With an insufficient amount of funds in the bank, the next stage of planning began.

"We are now in the stage of the fundraising for the building. We are collecting input from faculty and staff for our campaign, we are recruiting state of the art facilities at other universities, we are reviewing the latest in academic facilities design and we are designing the final design for the student center to accommodate future technology and student demands," he said.

Young added that even while the design phase is proceeding, the construction will begin.

"We are right now a part of the planning and design phase where we will be able to start construction even though we don't have a full set of architecture plans," he said.

Young also said the construction will contribute to the advancement of students, faculty and staff.

"There will be times when on each occupancy portion of the building. However, through thorough planning and design, we will ensure a facility that will meet the needs of the students and faculty," he said.

Without the funds for construction, the project will fail.

"We need the funds now in order to proceed with the necessary construction," he said.

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Exposure: Future RAs begin learning now

The applicants were tested as they entered the zero hour piano room and asked about the experience groups competed against each other prior to the game show and the top four from those groups were chosen to compete in the finals.

The winning competitor in a lightning round competed against one that we would not choose to play the game.

The winning competitor in a lightning round had to navigate through 16 questions and was able to give the contestant 50/50 and place a $200 bonus to the contestant.

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"We pray that God will lead them(RAs) and us to the perfect fit for the RA program next year," said an associate dean of student development.

LaHayes happy to help with lounge

Mrs. LaHaye said Mark Firt, UI'sImageButton president of student affairs, believed it would not be a success.

"I have two daughters, one is a female and, the other male students, the other is male students," she said.

At the beginning of the campaign, some students indicated they would not support the candidates for the future. The student lounge was opened in 1976 after Mrs. LaHaye, founder of the LaHaye group, had the idea to build the student lounge.

"I love college students. They make up to 100 percent of the country's leaders. They're why I blogging is the new term. I'm concerned about our future leaders," she said.

Supporters of the lounge have taught Beales, "...it's not just about the financial aspect of it. It's about the ability to build a strong community of students," she said.

The application process for the potential RAs will last until March, when selection letters are sent out.

In the meantime, Mrs. LaHaye said, "We pray that God will bless them(RAs) and us, to the perfect fit for the RA program next year."
By Tara Williams, reporter

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner and every student is contemplating what they are going to get for their significant other. It’s a hard choice to make, and if they can’t decide, to buy the best gift they can make.

Some girls actually like the simple things in life. They won’t even mind a homemade card, as long as they can find it. If you feel more creative, some girls will appreciate a dozen roses, because one flower can be a sign of true love.

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Sonia Belth & Ryan Tockett
Mr. and Mrs. John Belth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonia, to Mr. Ryan Tockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dene Tockett.

The bride-elect graduated in 1999 with a degree in government. The groom-elect will graduate in 2000 with a 4.0 academic degree.

A wedding date is set for Aug. 12, 2000, in Geneva, N.Y.

Amy Friend & Tracy Varley
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friend announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Mr. Tracy Varley.

The prospective bride will graduate in late 2000 with a degree in music education. The prospective groom works for York Furniture in Independence, Mo.

Following a wedding on June 17, 2000, at Faith Community Fellowship of Morganstern (W.Va.), the couple will honeymoon at Seashore Resort.

Girl finds engagement ring after area wide search

By Cindy Siegmund, reporter

Once Thursday, Sept. 9, 1999, Brian Chris Magruder seriously reached for the ringing phone. The moment he had anticipated and planned for weeks was finally here.

On the other end of the line was his long-time girlfriend, and high school sweetheart, Funky Sheppard.

Magruder had been at it for weeks, and finally he got to the point and asked Null for a date.

The favor led Null to her car trunk to retrieve a phone number. A big shock met her eyes as she popped the trunk. Inside was one of Magruder's friends. He

“I kept saying, ‘where is he? ’” Null recalled. Then she saw him kneeling in the doorway. Null followed the clue and went to Marriott. In the parking lot Null met the loud

Nothing is as strong as love and marriage. Ray and Doris Summers are proof. They married 47 years ago and still put love and commitment into their relationship.

“The writing is on the wall,” Null recalled. Then she saw him kneeling in the doorway. “I sat down on his knee and hugged him. I cried a little and said, ‘Will you marry me?’ ” Null said.

Null and Magruder plan to tie the knot on June 2 in Richmond, Va. in the church

They will honeymoon in Pompano Beach, Fla. before returning to complete their education.

Julie Banc & Eric Polanski
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wood announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Eric Polanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood.

The prospective bride is a psychology major and will receive her degree in the EDP program. The prospective groom is a government major and will graduate in May 2000.

The couple will wed on May 20, 2000, in Emmanuel Baptist church in Williamsburg, Va.

Wava Ruckel & Jonathan Tidwell
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckel announce the engagement of their daughter, Wava, to Mr. Jonathan Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tidwell.

Both will graduate in May 2000. The wedding date is set for May 14, 2000, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

They will honeymoon in Pinellas Beach, Fla. before returning to complete their education.

Lydia Weyman & Frederick Holcomb
Mr. and Mrs. John Weyman announce the engagement of their daughter, Lydia, to Mr. Frederick Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holcomb.

The bride-elect will graduate in May 2000 with a degree in elementary education. The groom is studying Bentley in the Elementary Degree Program.

The couple will wed on May 20, 2000, at an outdoor ceremony at the bride’s home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Ruth Milaschi & Daniel Beveridge
The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Milaschi announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Daniel Lee Beveridge.

The prospective bride is a junior majoring in elementary education. The prospective groom works as a surgeon.

The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 24, 2000, at Messiah Baptist Church in Kylestown, Pa.

A honeymoon will follow in the Poconos.

Lacey Osman & Ryan Trumbo
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Osman announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacey, to Mr. Ryan Trumbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Trumbo.

The bride-elect is a business major and will graduate in 2000. The groom-elect is a government major and will graduate in May 2000.

The wedding date is set for May 27, 2000, at Charlotte, N.C. followed by a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean.

Jenny Lee & Mark Rowan
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bunce announces the engagement of their daughter, Jenny, to Mr. Mark Rowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bunce.

They will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on July 2, 2000, at Emmanuel Baptist church in Kingswood, W.Va.

The wedding is tentatively set for August 11, 2000, in Morgantown (W.Va.), the couple will honeymoon at Snowshoe Resort.

The bride-elect is a nursing major, and will graduate in May 2000. The groom-elect is studying communications. The prospective groom graduated from West Virginia University in 1998 with a degree in elementary education.

The prospective bride and groom studied communications. The prospective groom graduated in 1999, and the prospective bride will graduate in 2000.

The wedding is tentatively set for Oct. 7, 2000 to Cincinnati, Ohio.
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**Tara Selleck & Kevin Donahue**
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Selleck announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara, to Mr. Kevin Patrick Donahue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Donahue. The prospective bride will graduate in 2000 with a degree in sports management. The prospective groom is working on a degree in sports management. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 22, 2000, at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in Mt. Union, Pa. A honeymoon will follow in Greece.

**Leah Wagner & Sean Turcina**
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wagner announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah, to Mr. Sean Turcina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turcina. The prospective bride will graduate in 2000, with a degree in elementary education. The prospective groom will graduate in 2000 with a degree in sports management. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on July 22, 2000, at Fellowship Baptist Church in Annapolis, Md., and the couple will honeymoon in Palm Springs, Calif.

**Lauren Harkinson & Mark Barber**
Mr. and Mrs. William Harkinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to Mr. Mark Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barber. The prospective bride will graduate in May, 2000, at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., and the prospective groom graduated in May 2001. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 10, 2000, in the First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Va., and the couple will travel to Cancun for a honeymoon.

**Jaren Taylor & Devin Hewett**
Mr. and Mrs. Arden Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaren, to Mr. Devin Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Hewett and Diane Sullivan & Robert Garber. Both religion majors, the bride-elect graduated in 2001, and the groom-elect will graduate in December, 2000, at Stetson University School of Law. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 2, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Currituck, N.C., and the couple will honeymoon on a cruise to Cancun.

**Lisa Whitlow & Erik Smith**
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Whitlow announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Mr. Erik Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith. While the prospective groom is attending the Stetson University School of Law, the prospective bride will graduate in May with a degree in elementary education. The prospective bride graduated in 1999, and she is attending the Boston University School of Law. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 10, 2000, in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, S.C. They will spend their honeymoon in a cruise to Greece.

**Rany Sar & Charles Schmitz**
Rany Sar, daughter of Onn Sar, and Charles Schmitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmitz, announce their engagement. Rany, planning to graduate in January 2000, is majoring in psychology while the prospective groom studies chemistry and religious education. Following a June 25, 2000 wedding in Richmond, Va., the couple will honeymoon in St. Louis and Colorado.

**Amber Lawrence & Gregg Johns**
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lawrence announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber, to Gregg Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns. While the prospective bride is majoring in psychology, the prospective groom graduated in May 2000 with a degree in advertising. The prospective bride will graduate in May 2000 with a degree in elementary education. The prospective groom graduated in 1999 with a degree in biology. Following a June 25, 2000 wedding in Richmond, Va., the couple will honeymoon in Maggie Valley, N.C.
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Jessica Cully & Ryan Geiger  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Van Buren announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lee Cully, to Mr. Ryan Geiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Geiger.  
The proposal took place at Fairwinds Baptist Church in New Castle, Del., following a honeymoon in the Poconos.

Brittany Ranoch & Ryan Cappiello  
Mr. and Mrs. John Cappiello announce the engagement of their daughter, Britanny, to Mr. Ryan Cappiello, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cappiello.  
The prospective bride graduated in May 2000, with a degree in psychology. The prospective groom graduated in November 2000, with a degree in religion. The couple will wed on July 8, 2000 at Fairwinds Baptist Church in New Castle, Del., followed by a honeymoon in the Poconos.

Amanda Kelly & Jason Rhodenizer  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Profitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kelly, to Mr. Jason Rhodenizer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rhodenizer.  
The prospective bride will graduate in May 2000 with a degree in communications. The prospective groom graduated in 1999 with a business degree. The couple will wed on June 24, 2000, in Enfield, Conn., followed by a honeymoon in Bermuda.

Mary Hanselwey & Ryan Kemp  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hamlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Mr. Ryan Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kemp.  
The prospective bride graduated in May 2000, with a degree in psychology. The prospective groom graduated in December 2000, with a major in religion. The couple will wed on Aug. 5, 2000, at Westminster Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C., followed by a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

Sarah Sovareno & Matt Wall  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sovareno announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Sovareno, to Mr. Matthew Wall.  
The prospective bride graduated in May 2000, with a degree in religion. The prospective groom graduated in 1999 with a business degree. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on June 22, 2000, in Orlando, Fla., followed by a honeymoon in Orlando, Fla.

Krista Pope & Chris Kauffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Pope, to Mr. Christopher Kauffman.  
The prospective couple is a psychology major. The couple will receive a degree in psychology and the prospective groom will have a degree in business law. The couple will wed on July 14, 2000, in Marlton, N.J., followed by a honeymoon in the Caribbean.

Brett Bowling & Thomas Loman  
Mr. and Mrs. floral designer  announce the engagement of their daughter, Brett Bowling, to Mr. Thomas Loman.  
The prospective bride graduated in May 1998, with a psychology degree and is currently working as a florist. The prospective groom graduated in May 2000, with a degree in marketing. Following a June 2, 2000, wedding in Easthampton, N.Y., the couple will honeymoon in Europe.

Jamie Sikes & Jay Wrenn  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Wrenn announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Sikes, to Mr. Jay Wrenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wrenn.  
The prospective bride graduated in May 2000, with a degree in communications. The prospective groom graduated in 1999, and is working as a member of Sun Terminals in the Washington, D.C., area. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony in July 2000, with a degree in government. The couple will wed on June 3, 2000, and depart on a cruise in the Caribbean.

Kim Crowley & Mike Soucier  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Crowley announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Mr. Michael Soucier.  
The prospective bride graduated in 1999, with a degree in psychology and the prospective groom is studying business. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony on Aug. 12, 2000, in Westerly, R.I., followed by a honeymoon in the Caribbean.

Heather Estes & Eduardo Tarazona  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Estes announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Mr. Eduardo Tarazona.  
The prospective bride graduated in 1999, with a degree in communications. The prospective groom is studying dentistry. The couple will exchange the vows of holy matrimony in July 2000, in Orlando, Fla., followed by a honeymoon in Scotland.
The FCC rules in favor of religious broadcasting

A recent ruling by the Federal Communications Commission has religious broadcasters quite pleased with its recent decision. In December, the government agency responsible for licensing television programs in being aired by local stations.

programs have instead decided to make no generalized rule regarding such broadcasts. Typically, those who have had religious programs on either a demographic or socioeconomic level, has swung FCC rules in favor of religious broadcasting. Just how small of a role New Hampshire plays in this decision is yet to be determined.

Gary Bauer rounded out the list. Joy Hofje told Reuters News Service. "We tried to split a finer point on it but it created a lot of concern and a lot of misunderstanding." As a result, those who have religious programs on television have decided to continue deciding such cases on an individual basis. Let the voting begin.

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Tennis team rallies for spring season

Ray Lewis charged with murder in Atlanta

Baltimore Ravens all-pro linebacker Ray Lewis was charged with alleged murder by police based on statements by an eyewitness. Lewis’s attorney claims other eyewitnesses can contradict Lewis as the alteration resulting in the death of two men in Atlanta Jan. 20, after the Super Bowl. Lewis’s attorney says it will outline the police’s account was "antedilever" and "will be forthright and fair."

"We know the evidence will show Mr. Lewis was not a participant," Jones said, attorney for the Baltimore Ravens linebacker, said.

Griffey feels like marked man in Seattle

Seattle Mariners outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. said ESPN that he has received at least three death threats since November. He told the Seattle Times newspaper about one of them, and stated: "You might be able to control where you play, but you can’t control what happens on the field."

He said the letters have come after Nov. 2—the day the Mariners called a news conference and announced his retirement.

"We’re trying to clear Griffey’s name but that’s not going to be easy," XFL executive Basil De Vito said.

Tomlinson out for remainder of season

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Men: Prep for BSC Tournament

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

Sports brings couples together

By John Furl, reporter

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Randy Tomlinson is in his third year as the Flames’ programs coordinator.

Under his instruction, the 1999-2000 season, which included Brian Haas, Tom Farrell and Derek Miller, finished with 9-3 overall and 2-1 in South Carolina independents. Other Flames starting staff in the 1999-2000 season included: Brian Haas, Derek Miller, Brian Johnson, Matt Stewart and John Hopkins. During the season, Tomlinson’s staff was honored as the South Carolina Program of the Year. The Flames’ season ended with a 9-1 record, including a 1-1 record in the Big North Tournament.

"I am in the top five in pitching, hitting, defense, base running and stunting," John Hopkins said. "I hope that my records get broken. Records are made to be broken," Tomlinson said.

According to Tomlinson, the Flames’ season was one of the most successful baseball seasons in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization’s history.

The Pirates高层 called in the runners to head to the Pirates for a 182-25 season. National League Pitcher of the Month, Ben Sheets, was selected as the Pirates’ Most Valuable Player of the Month.

"Tomlinson responded well to his call up and had a great career," Ben Sheets said. "I hope to have a chance to come back and play for the Pirates in the future," Sheets said.

"We’re honoring our tradition and our history," Tomlinson said.

"A major league, he cracked up much less because I hope someone in the Liberty baseball program comes along and does well." Tomlinson said.

Sports brings couples together

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Part of the Flames’ tradition is for the Flames’ baseball program to bring couples together. The Bonheims now use their physical education convention to bring couples together. "We use a lot of sports in the marriage counseling system," Mr. Jones said. "When we give marriage counseling, we go into coaching."

"Almost every team has been a part of the Flames’ tradition," Mr. Jones said.

"When they are not on the field, they beg to be there," Mrs. Bonheim said. "We used marriage counseling and the XFL is 100 percent sports."
Freshman forward makes her mark

By Taralynn Judge and Doug Howard

For the past three seasons, the Liberty University women’s basketball team has faced in many managerial departments. However, one thing missing from those years has been a respectable rebounder.

Senior forwards Dawn Rosinia and Shannon Willham have had quite a battle on the scoring attack, but without a solid rebounding presence in the paint, LU was frequently one rebound short and considered a stretch. The Lady Flames needed a player who could make an impact in the boards as well as in the rebound box.

That need was filled by freshman Michelle Frick. Standing 6’2”, Frick is currently averaging 10.5 points per game as well as leading in 7.4 rebounds per game.

“...And strike three,” is what happened in the first inning. Under pressure by the pitcher, the batter connected on a towering pop fly into right field. The runner on second base was caught up to by the catcher and the fielder. The baseball dropped in for an out.

The only difference between this season and the last, according to Tomlin, is the depth. He has trained Dan Valentin, Josh Brey, Alex Baby, Jon Schneidet, and Richard Harder to be able to step up in case situations arise this season as the power was down last year.

“My freshman class is much better this year and I think that’s the key to having a good team,” Tomlin said.

Depth was added with transfers to be a major strong point for the Lady Flames this season.

Michelle Frick will spend the majority of this playing time pitching this spring, although he is on the roster as a left hander as well.

“I feel I adjusted well last year and now I feel like the leader of the new guys,” Tomlin said.

Senior Brian Harrell returns in the mound to do his job for the Flames this season.

Sophomore Josh Brey moves closer to his experience having already been the number one starter.

“I was brought here to do a job,” Brey said.

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This was something exciting to do in my senior year and I think it’s a good year to go out,” Tatum said. "I had a great team last year and now again I’m going to do the same again."

As Tomlin has trained the young guys, he has been able to take advantage of having the luxury of the pitching rotation. The bullpen is stacked with experienced players, and looks to be a major strength in their upcoming season.

Sophomore Josh Brey moves closer to the mound to do the job for the Flames this season.

“I’ve never been in a situation like this before in my career,” Frick said.

“I would like to do that the first time we played and we did it for a reason.”

“I think it hurt us a bit,” Green said.

The Lady Flames will have to adjust to the loss of two starters, but they are determined to not let it affect them.

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Lady Flames get back on track

By Doug Holland, sports editor

As the midway point of Big South Conference play was reached, Liberty's women's basketball team found itself on a familiar path. In last season's Big South, the Lady Flames were undefeated at home, and the same could be said for this year's edition.

The Liberty University basketball program has announced the signing of 18 scholarship athletes for the upcoming 2000-2001 academic year. LU coach Randy Toomlin is pleased with the commitment of these athletes.

At the start of the season, the Lady Flames were ranked 14th in the nation and were expected to be one of the top teams in the conference. However, they have struggled to find consistency, and their season has been marred by injuries and poor shooting.

With the addition of these new players, the Lady Flames hope to improve their performance and make a deep run in the conference tournament. The team has already started to show signs of improvement, with recent victories over rival Radford and conference leader Winthrop.

Liberty will look to build on its recent success as it faces a tough schedule in the remaining weeks of the season. The Lady Flames will need to continue to improve their defense and consistency if they hope to compete for a championship.

The Lady Flames are currently 7-7 overall and 2-6 in conference play. They will play their next game on February 9 against High Point. Victory over the Panthers would put Liberty in the driver's seat for a conference title.