2008 PRESIDENTIAL RACE
Rally dynamics of the presidential race and endorsed fellow Rep. John McCain. Does John Edwards also dropped out of the race but has yet to endorse any of the remaining candidates. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are nationally tied with 4 percent of the Democratic voter support, according to a recent CNN/ORC survey.

INSURRECTION IN CHAD
Rebels charged towards the capital, Chad, last Saturday in an effort tooust current President Idriss Deby. Hundreds of rebels with submarine guns entered Chad from the Sudanese desert. Government forces are attempting to repel the attack.

BAG-LOAD BOMBER
Nearly 100 people were killed in Baghdad on Friday in the latest episode of suicide bombings. The latest suicide killed in the attack were militarily displaced and are thought to be a recreation of the fact that they were being used in the bombings.

NATIONAL BUDGET
President Bush’s budget in the House today is anticipated to have a deficit of $400 billion this year, up $50 billion from last year. The cuts to the deficit are the war bills from Iraq and Bush’s tax rebate checks.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY
By Kirsten Filiberto
NEWS REPORTER
The Patriots may not have finished with their names in the record book, but they earned the most money of any Super Bowl team with $1.2 million. CBS and media staff were dead at counting events on location according to the group Reporter Without Borders.

SUPER BOWL RECORD
By Kyle Gilbert
NEWS REPORTER
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BILOGY PROFESSOR BATTLES EVOLUTION
By Stan Karringer
NEWS REPORTER
Liberty biology professor Dr. Nathan Abraham was fired in Woods Hall Diagnostics Institution (WHOI) three years ago because he would not regard evolutionary theory as fact. Since his termination, evidence of discrimination and bias in the situation remains virtually unreported.

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QUOT BOWL: LU winds for third consecutive year
By Kyle Gilbert
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English Honor Society welcomes new members

By Jennifer Schmidt

Bringing in new students and faculty is a vital part of college life at Liberty University. The university is home to more than 25,000 students from all over the world, and it is a place where students can find a community that supports their academic and personal goals.

The English Honor Society is one of the many organizations that welcomes new students and encourages them to become active members. By joining the society, students can gain recognition for their academic achievements and connect with other students who share their interests.

Suzanne Edwards, the society's president, kicked off the event, which included information about STD. The society's main focus is on recognizing students who have met or exceeded the national standards of the honor society.

The ceremony held in the main lobby was a great opportunity for students to be recognized for their achievements. The event was attended by Suzanne Edwards, the society's president, and the official induction of 26 new members of the society was held.

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The case for Gov. Mitt Romney is best made with one fact: he was CEO.

What is the point, though, of mentioning that when the nation is faced with so many challenges, the American people did not want someone else but someone they trusted?

Mitt Romney was going to be the best choice.

McCain disagrees with the Grand Old Party. Good news for the issues of immigration, campaign finance reform, global warming, and, for the first time in the American system, gun control.

But in the face of these challenges, the Republican base.

There is no way to know how Romney’s heart lies, other than the next election. But it is clear that he is a man of principle and integrity.

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CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT
2008 Presidential Elections

Barack Obama: The dream of equality

By John Davis
 Guests Writer

In first grade, my teacher asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. Always thinking audaciously, I pointed and told her I wanted to be for a cheese company. She replied politely and told me if I put my mind to it, I could be the president of the United States. I thought it would be much more rewarding to work for cheese all day.

As a young black man growing up in the still racially charged South, I had never had the goal or dream of becoming the first black president. At that time in the 1960s, it was inconceivable.

But Barack Obama is as close as an African-American has been achieving the goal of becoming president, illustrating an American on the ballot influences an election in ways that many people may not realize.

First, many Americans have taken time to think about the possibility that Barack Obama could be leading the country in the coming year. He has been called a moral center and even questioned his eligibility.

I was teaching lunch on the Campus North food court on Thursday when a group of students were having a very scholarly conversation about the election. One person commented that Obama is a good presidental candidate because he is a leader for the race- and class- sensitive Democratic nominee to see the motivation Obama has instilled into the black community to power the election in 2008.

For those who think this will not be a racially influenced election, all they have to do is look at the spirit that the media is giving it.

On June 13, a Washington Post article indicated Obama seems like a critical factor in his first-grade class. He has never been asked to do anything, but he has stood with confidence and said, "I want to be the president."
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Occasionally someone would ask ‘are we...’ or ‘why do we...’ or ‘why...’.

During several of the activities, one or two people would talk at a time, which allows for individual leadership, communication and problem solving skills, or the lack thereof, to stand out.

The applicants remained in their assigned groups and households, with RDs coming to put up a poster or a house for campus. Lake Ridge, RD for Campus South dorms I and II, was excited to bring her group of house parents, providing them with a different environment in which to develop relationships.

According to sophomore Ixslic Parks, RD for Campus East dorms, I and J, “the evening was “a good time to...”

By Daniel Martinez

CONCENTRATION — From left to right, Robert Mullis, Zach Curtis, Kelly Hamren and Sarah Davis-Leonard compete in Quiz Bowl competition.

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By Kay Gilmour

LU National Guard recruiter promotes military careers

By Amanda Fort

A new National Guard recruiter, Sgt. Joshua Pederson, ha...
Liberty vs. Big South B4
Where the Men's and Women's basketball teams rank in the current ACC Standings, and important information.

Women's hockey bags Nittany Lions with weekend wins
By William Armstrong
SPORTS REPORTER
Good starts in both ends of the rink are always in a team's mindset going into a season. The Liberty University women's hockey team is no different. The Flames needed a strong start as they begin their season, and they showed that Friday against Penn State.

The Flames' season got off to a great start on Friday with a 6-2 victory over Penn State. The Flames scored four goals in the first period alone, led by junior Megan Frazee, who scored twice, including the game-winner. Senior Leanne Nlemi had a strong performance in net, making 15 saves for her second shutout of the season.

The Flames continued their strong play on Saturday, scoring five goals and allowing just one in a 5-1 win over Penn State. Frazee again led the way with two goals, and junior Rachel Hammond added a goal and an assist. The Flames finished the weekend with a 2-1 record and are tied for first place in the ACHA.

Patrick Walker B2
SPORTS REPORTER
Thomas Cook is the starting quarterback for Liberty's football team. He has been a key player in helping the Flames to a 3-2 record so far this season. Cook's leadership and strong performance on the field have been crucial in driving the Flames to their successes.

The Flames' next game is against VMI on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Liberty Field House. The Flames are looking to continue their winning streak and solidify their position at the top of the ACHA.
When watching him compete, one would never know that there is a great feeling of unrest just minutes before his matches. Rick Walker is both an accomplished collegiate wrestler and an intimidating force on the mat. It drives me crazy." he once said, who says he doesn't even like wrestling. "I just gained a perspective of the world that as a wrestler, you can only dream. What I find myself doing a half hour before a match is counting down the seconds until I start thinking myself before the Lord and renewing my commitment to serving Him, Walker said.

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Patrick Walker: Ministering on the mat

That is why, for Christ's sake, I stand in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 CORINTHIANS 12:10

Women's Basketball: Remains undefeated in Big South

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Moriah Frazee finished the game with perfect statistics as she shot 5-for-5 from the field goals and 6-for-6 from the line foul for 16 points. Watkins and Megan Frazee each had 10 points in the game, with Watkins collecting five steals, seven rebounds and three assists. The Lady Flames will travel to instate rival Radford University on Wednesday night for a 7 p.m. show.

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Junior Rebekah Ricksecker. Albright crossed the finish, breaking a record that has stood for 16 years (previously held by Cina Turner).

The women's team ended the meet in ninth place overall, with Perm State winning the team title. The Flames in the game. »

The Flames continued to struggle on the offensive, however, as the Flames were held on the score sheet for the majority of the match. Even when the Flames did score in the penalty box, they were unable to score on the goal. The Flames had a number of scoring opportunities, but were unable to convert them into goals.

As the temperature dropped down into the low teens, the Liberty Flames faced off against the University of West Virginia on Friday to take

By Adam Trent

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Track attacks in full force at PSU

By David Hunt

Men's Hockey: Splits on Home Ice over With a rough second, we didn't play too well, but we were able to pull out the victory despite one of our top players being out with an injury," said Johnson.

I think that really shows how good this team has come in one year and that our commitment to success is paying off. Our goal was to have the Flames to the top of the box in the first period. Ok, let's mentally switch gears.

The Flames are already looking ahead to the National ACA Tournament and that main focus is on consistency. 'We can come together as a team and get it 100 percent. Then all we need to do is win, and we have the team to do it.'

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Flames fall short at Radford

By Jeffery Scott

The Liberty men's basketball team had its three-game winning streak snapped Saturday night as the 19th-ranked Highlanders hung the Flames from their Slimmy Roper Invitational.

In the pre-game meeting between the two teams, Liberty looked to ride the momentum of strong play from senior guard Alex McLean and senior guard Tec Jay Bannister. The Flames then went on to hold the lead for much of the game, with a bucket from guard Matty McDuffey giving the Flames the green light. Normally shooting double-digit three-point field goals, the Flames found it difficult to knock down the long balls, scoring just three of eight attempts.

Alex McLean, the leading scorer for Liberty with 16 points a game, has had three straight double-doubles. He ranks second in the conference in field goal shooting with 47 percent. Normally shooting 74.6 percent from the charity stripe, which leads the team (minimum five attempts), he shot 69.6 percent from the charity stripe, which led the team (minimum five attempts). McLean picked up his fourth foul with 4:07 left in the game, and the Flames would have to turn back into the game without their big man. Porter would need to call a timeout or put the Flames in at point of 4-0 to keep them in the game.

Then through the Flames would run, back to the Radford bench. Early after big shot, the Highlanders answered everything Liberty attempted. It looked like the end, though, when Radford went up by 35-28 with 5:07 left in the game.

The Flames got the coach up, and help from the backcourt scoring of Porter and frontcourt junior Anderson. Liberty cut the lead to two with 3:35 to go remaining. The final minute of the contest almost took all of 30 minutes with Radford pacing the scoreboard, finding and feeding Habibullah, the most impressive of the night.

Radford came to the game without their star big man. Porter would nail a three-ball to put the Flames up by four at 76-72 with 1:35 remaining. The final minute of the contest actually made the final margin just a point.

Overall shooting 56.4 percent, which leads all Flames starters, which leads the team (minimum five attempts) and shoots 86.4 percent from the charity stripe, which leads the team (minimum five attempts). McDuffey gave the Flames the green light.

How Liberty stacks up against the rest of the Big South

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After a pair of McDuffey free throws put Radford ahead of four, Bannister flew down the court and took a three-pointer with three-tenths of a second left, setting the score at 78-73. Radford rebounded the ball and ran out the clock to end the game.

They were led in scoring by Johnson, who had 19 points and nine assists. He continued his fourth-quarter scoring, going a perfect 8-for-8 from the line. McLean and Chest would be Radford, who had 12 points. Radford lead in battled High Point Wednesday with 78-65 set for 7 p.m.

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Planning your summer vacation? Travel abroad and explore Ireland with Liberty

By Aubrey Blankenship

Last summer Liberty University student Kristen Gonzalez rode the Tube in England, stood in Shakespearean settings and even met the Bard himself. "I love Europe, and the experience was absolutely invaluable," Gonzalez said. "Many students live in a sort of bubble and never really get to see the world, especially outside of the classroom. I feel like the more experiences we have, the more students will be open to being librarians, artists and professors," she said.

College travel abroad programs are usually set up in the classroom, with the program starting and ending in the United Kingdom. This year, however, a group of students went to Ireland and stayed in a sort of bubble. The students went on an educational experience that included not only a trip to the United Kingdom, but also in Ireland and in France. The trip was called the Irish Heritage Tour, and it was held in May.

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Professor’s ‘Passages in Portrait’ watercolor reveals family history

By Amanda Sullivan

Sandra Day Slayton’s Passages in Portrait, a return to her artistic roots, is a return to the medium as well as the subject matter represented in the exhibit. “This body of work, Passages in Portrait, is a return to my artistic roots from the choice of medium as well as the subject matter represented in the exhibit,” Slayton said. After the decision to revert to painting, Slayton spent many hours exploring the medium as well as the subject matter represented in the exhibit. “The undeniable family involvement in my artistic talents, my father, a welder, my mother, an artist, who would rather stay in the house than force her into potentially uncomfortable situations, handed her daughter clay and crayons for enjoyment. The materials were Slayton’s first real art supplies, spurring her inspiration from her family and the trials they endured. Her exhibit, Passaged in Portrait, is a representation of her life story. The exhibit opens Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Slayton is an Assistant Professor of Communications at Liberty University. She has worked for Liberty since 1999 and has a Master of Fine Arts from Radford University. Slayton’s family history is rich with detail. She is the oldest child in a family that valued order and discipline. Slayton said that her mother’s strict hand played a key role in her artistic development, as her mother would punish her by placing her on a chair in a corner, allowing Slayton’s imagination to run wild. “I discovered my talent in the light beams from the windows in the door and many dogs and horses in the wood-grained pencils walked in my mobile home,” Slayton said. “My mother was instrumental in developing my imagination.”

Slayton’s father also played an important role in the advancement of Slayton’s talents. Her father, a World War II veteran, worked as a welder. Because of the extensive traveling required by Slayton’s father, she was forced to alter her life almost every three months in a new neighborhood. “I became an introverted child who would rather stay in the house and play than take on the brilliance,” Slayton said.

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