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By BILL MAYER

Labs receive promises by two Christian groups of a new computers.

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By BILL TIMPARRANT

School Nov. 10.

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"Clearly the strength of the seminar will be the diversity of talent," Rowlette said. "For instance, we have two re-enactors per day. "Hopefully there's going to be more this year. Clauson declared bid for Lynchburg City Council seat

LU prof prepares to take knowledge of government to the next level

By RICK BOTER

Clauson stressed three issues he says will be key in his campaign. "First of all," he said, "education... real estate issues." He also place an emphasis on public safety, with the crime rate in the city being a major concern. Clauson added that the city needs to be more responsive to the needs of its citizens.

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The Junior and Senior class officers present...

“Winter Enchantment”

Jr/Sr Banquet 1998
March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Make plans to join your friends and classmates for an evening of beauty and splendor at the Historic Hotel Roanoke. You will receive first class service and enjoy fine dining, as a live jazz band provides the entertainment.

After the meal, be prepared to relax and have a good time as the comedy of David Day brings a smile to your face and color to your cheeks. With over 250 college shows already on his resume, David’s “clean and never mean” routine is a guaranteed hit.

In coordination with faculty and administration the student government association has announced a SENIOR SKIP DAY for the day of the banquet. All graduating seniors (with the exception of student teachers and those assigned to an internship) have been granted permission to skip classes on Friday, March 6. However, any required assignments must still be completed.

Also included in the price of your ticket: Two hours of ice skating and freeskate rental at the Roanoke Ice Palace.

Early bird Prom Special!

any tuxedo in the store —
only $59.99!!

Save as much as $20.00!!!

includes the tuxedo, basic shirt, basic jewelry, tie and cummerbund.

This offer applies to tuxedos reserved for Prom January 1 through March 31, 1998 even if you Prom isn’t until much later.

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for both Juniors and
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Dress: Formal
Seniors - $15 each
Juniors - $20 each
Call 2223 for more info
C-91 Facts

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Almost 20 people dedicate their time to making C-91 happen.
C-91 is currently most proud of... “Happy” by Honey Pick.

C-91 is an authority, a leader, a manager, a boss.

BY MARK A. ARMSTRONG II

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"I wanted to learn how to run the board," White said. White credits the station, WVOV, with giving him valuable experience. Upon his arrival at Liberty White was selected to C-91 as a DJ. Shawn Andrews' Volkswagen station wagon was parked near the Vines Center, with C-91 blasting through the air personality. White declared that he is dedicated to the radio station is a completely student-run organization. "We treat C-91 as a ministry opportunity instead of just a learning experience," Andrews said.

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Life Reporter

C has generated local air waves since 1985. At that time, the station relied on basic radio equipment and worked only a few hours a week.

Dr. Carl Winslow, who was instrumental in starting C-91, succeeded to transform C-91 into a 24-hour station on Feb. 1, 1986. Since then, all of the station's on-air personalities have the option to be on the air for commercial-free, non-profit programming.

In 1990, Okamoto, a senior at Liberty, was the first student to be on the air day and night. Okamoto, now a junior, hosts two shows on C-91.

In 1988, WRVL jumped at the chance to start a Christian station. Since then, C-91 has grown into a non-commercial, non-profit station.

Okamoto feels many students are intimidated to come on the air. "I think some students are just afraid to try something new."

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White said he enjoys the ministry aspect of
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is a big fan of the music he plays. He
feels he has a weak singing voice, so the radio
provides the perfect channel. "My dream is to
use the radio to in-
vite "youth and college students music they
can listen to without the nasty lyrics out there," White
said.
Plan growth carefully

So the growth push is on. Two more floors on DeMoss, six-story dorms around the Library, a new parking garage, new classrooms, and new sports facilities. Without huge debt financing, we can finally start to grow again. Our vision is sound, because we should be able to pay for the expansion. Just one way but without sufficient planning, look for trouble. Delays guarantee dispute.

We're bringing in record numbers of students and embarking with them classroom space and parking lots. Here's the best of all possible worlds: we're in support of our plans. Let's make sure state and local academic bodies will turn to us to assess.

Thank you very much

A big thank you is in order to Building Services for reducing the size of the new ensembles. With the reduction from their usual size, they could use this valuable space for other purposes. The prompt response to student complaints should bring an equally rapid response of thanks from students. It's easy to complain and harder to praise, but the Champion say a collective "Thank you!" this time a thank you is richly deserved.

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Whether you consider the comments of new students, will we have to lower our admissions standards drastically? We must prepare for more classes for all these students? With class sizes already inflated, don't we need more adequate facilities to support our plans. Let's also make sure we don't let academic excellence stilt our growth. That's why, when the conference chooses the site for next year's tournament, it starts in February.

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As long as we can, we must keep the Big South's membership. That's why, when the conference chooses the site for next year's tournament, it starts in February.

Taxes with representation—whose idea was this?

They say two things are certain in this life death and taxes. I haven't died yet, but I have paid a lot of taxes. America's tax system, as it stands, is about as unfair and discriminatory as anything I can think of. It both robs the American worker of his/her reward for work and discourages the very revenue needed to support ourselves. The average American pays almost half its income in taxes. Federal, state, and local. Think about it: How many times does a paycheck get cut for just one federal Uncle Sam, or his cohort of state and local bellboys? First, it's cut for the Social Security tax before we even see our paycheck. Then they get another from federal income tax. Then they may get a deduction for unemployment and Medicare taxes. All the good patriotic money that used to be left for other Big South schools, cut it. Let's also make sure we don't let academic excellence stilt our growth. That's why, when the conference chooses the site for next year's tournament, it starts in February.

Taxes in the Big South...

If we're going to pay so much in taxes, let's at least make sure we get some sense of representation for our dollars. What if one day we say, "Hey, we paid all this money into the federal budget, and we didn't even get to vote on how to spend it." That's one thing a "small" country should be proud of. It's not like we're the Soviet Union or anything. We've barely scratched the surface of how we can spend our tax dollars. At least let us feel that we have some say in our tax dollars. Right?

Taxes with representation— whose idea was this?
Plagiarism may be tempting, but it costs

By JONATHAN BLACKBURN

“...a paper for students at a reasonable cost...”

This Week’s Champion Debate

Justice can’t cheat for anyone

Punishment needs to be tempered with mercy

By BRUCE COLLIER

“The world watched as concrete modernists...”

If ever there was a person condemned...
Flames finish with DH sweep

— Continued from page 10

By MATT DEBRECK
Championship Review

The Liberty men’s tennis team lost 3-4 to conference rivals, Radford Saturday Feb. 21, at the Columbus/Franklin Tennis center of Liberty University. Two members of Liberty’s squad defeated their Highlander opponents, Greg Sokoloff beat Sean Fett 7-6, 6-1, and Brett Clulow triumphed in the other match, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, Christian Lewis.

While LU’s team falls to 0-1 on the year, McClellan who contributed three runs scored and three RBIs.

The Flames play Averett University Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.

Highlanders pummel Flames; LU stands at 2-3 for the year

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LU softball team prepares for chance at NCAA bid

By BRIAN WOOLFORD
Chesapeake correspondent

The Liberty University women’s softball team could earn a trip to the NCAA tournament this year. The Lady Flames need to win the Big South conference tournament, the last chance for a conference winner to earn an NCAA bid.

In order to make it to the NCAA tournament, the Lady Flames must win the Big South tournament. After that, they will have to play the winner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament for the right to enter the Big Dance.

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Men take 4th seed

Despite 27-point effort by LU's Jackson, Liberty wins Big South Conference men's basketball title

By LAURELIE MILLER

Senior guard Larry Jackson has contributed 31 points and 20 rebounds (left). Whitelaw, who finished in a school record 10:09.85. Whitelaw also captured first in the 3000m. Jaquay Reid ran away with the victory in the triple Jump (36'11.5). Amy Rodriguez took second in the high Jump, and Amy Sturgill won the long Jump.

Despite the controversy that surrounds him and the fear of trouble always to come, Mike Tyson is still the bad-boy who, in the past 27 weeks, has shrunk his lion in fight purses, has shrunk his lifestyle — including your half million that won't all fit in one of your seven-car garages — and he's broke!

-or- What's most amazing is Elena Kisseleva, the leading the pack. And she's not even in her scoring list. What's most amazing is Elena Kisseleva, the Soviet Union's top point scorer, who on the books, is one of those "feast or famine" kind of things. Some weeks I just can't believe I actually felt much to say, yet so little room.

The Fighting Christians confidently took the Flames out of their usual rhythm, and kept the score remarkably tight as the second half was played.

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The Flames' defeated the Fighting Christians for the first time in 21 years that the Flames won.

LU baseball jumps out to 3-1 start

By MARK HOGSED

The baseball teams started the 1998 season off with a bang last past week, earning two wins and a tie for four games in an early 3-1 record.

On Wednesday, the Flames traveled to USC- Columbia to battle the Gamecocks. The Flames contained the spread offense against the powerful Spartans. The Flames kept the game within reach as they hung on to a 1-1 tie heading into the sixth inning. Lu junior Tim Strong cranked out a two-run double and the Flames walked home.

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LU snacks BSC title in indoor debut

By KERRY RODRIGUEZ

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Elena Kiseleva
Sharon Wilkerson
Sarah Wilkerson
SECOND INTENTIONAL EXPOSURE

her LU career on the court. She returned in January and senior Flame Erin Wall wasn’t sure if she’d be able to finish this past week, winning three of four games for an early 3-1 record.

The Flames entered the game focused
against the powerful Spartans.
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Sharon Wilkerson  Elena Kiseleva  Sarah Wilkerson
Dutch Sloof: fresh faces

By MARK HOGSEED
Champion Reporter

Think back to an early season Lady Flames basketball game. Among the veteran Liberty players, you see a not-so-familiar face enter the game. As you glance at your program to see who the newcomer is, the announcer shouts, "substitution for Liberty, number 54, Irene Sloof."

"Who?" you say to your friend in the seat next to you. "Irene Sloof," says your friend. "She's the new freshman Liberty picked up from the Netherlands."

Yes, it's true. This new addition to the Flames roster comes in the form of Irene Sloof (pronounced "Ee-rain-a Sloof")—number 54, Irene Sloof. The 20-year-old guard is from the small town of Hoopddorp, Netherlands, located just outside of Amsterdam.

Coming from a basketball family, Irene began playing basketball when she was nine and continued to improve to become a very well-respected player in the Netherlands. She spent the past several seasons playing for a national club team, the BV Hoopddorp ladies' team, at different age levels. Her brother, Lennart, and her father, Martin, currently play and coach, respectively, in the same organization. Her mother, Nel, fills the role of the family supporter.

Much like the '97-'98 Lady Flames team, Sloof's former team enjoyed great success. "Last year, my team finished the season undefeated, which was a big accomplishment for us," said Sloof, in her native accent. "The rest, as they say, is history."

Irene comes off the bench and has played on successful teams. Irene doesn't display even a slight hint of arrogance, just an unyielding love for the game. "How did she get to LU?"

Amazingly enough, just one month before the start of this school year, Liberty University had not even entered Irene's mind. Sloof planned on attending South Carolina and embarking on a career in business administration. When the plan fell through, just weeks before the start of school, she decided to stay in the Netherlands.

Sloof has adjusted to American life very well and feels that the culture is similar to that of the Netherlands. "Fans back home are more down-to-earth," said Sloof. "Over here, they get into the game and are more fired up."

One difference between the two countries however, is the fans. "Fans back home are more down-to-earth," said Sloof. "Over here, they get into the game and are more fired up."

Sloof has also adjusted well to American-style basketball. "The players on LU's squad always go 100 percent. Back home, they didn't do that," said Sloof. "The players aren't as physical and don't do a lot of (trash) talking over here. It's different, but I like it."

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Kisseleva and Wilkersons plan to make a daring dive at another BSC title

By LAURELEI MILLER
Sports Editor

SCREEEEECH ... the shrill sound echoes as black and blue knees hit the floor and slide in an all-out grapple for possession of a bouncy orange ball. The sound sends shivers down the spine like the ones you get when fingers scrape down a chalkboard. But the feeling must be a whole lot worse.

The trio comprising the Lady Flames "Triple Threat" is no stranger to adding bruises to their knees. No pain is gonna stop the intensely physical way they play. To fans, the trio seems invincible.

"I don't think about it when I dive," Sharon said. "But afterward, every once in a while, my knees will hurt — but I wouldn't say anything. I think that's one of the most exciting parts of the game, when you can get on the floor. I've always liked to do it."

Sarah admits that bruising the knees definitely doesn't tickle especially by the when it gets to the end of the season, and the bruises are starting to pile up on top of each other.

Kisseleva's knees are the closest of the three to normal color, but she has a preserving secret about why.

"I don't dive for the ball during practice," she divulges. "I'm trying to save my knees for the game. I have only one pair of knees!" she exclaimed.

The Russian sophomore insists that bruises happen more often away from the comforts of home court.

"The first thing I think about when we're on the road is that we have the best floor in the Vines Center," Kisseleva said.

But what makes these ladies undauntedly throw themselves at the floor in an almost willing sacrifice of their bodies?

"I've always done that," Sarah said. "I've always been taught that, and I don't really think of it as sacrificing my body. I just think of it as getting the ball," she continued. "I mean if the ball's on the ground, then that's where I want to be. It's not like I think about it before I dive ... I just do."

Sharon added, "We were taught to hustle, and I think that's one of the things a team needs to have. You can be just as physical without compromising your testimony."

Elena sees the trait as one encouraged by Head Coach Rick Reeves and company.

"That's how we play," Kisseleva said. "It's not only me, it's the whole team, and that's our mentality. You give your best, on the floor and on the court ... for the glory of God ... and you see," she finished emphatically. "It works!"

Part of Elena's motivation to get down and grapple reflects the true fighter in her.

"When I dive for the ball and touch it, just a little bit, I know if I could've gone that far, it's easy to just grab it a little more," Kisseleva explained. "I mean, I've already sacrificed my knees, so I'm not gonna give up at the last second!"

The physical aggression and endurance of the "triple threat" trio may inspire their competition as well.

"Every team is gonna try to play their best game in the tournament, and everybody's geared up, cause that's what you work your whole season for," Sharon said. "I definitely think teams are gonna have hidden stuff all year and they're gonna come out with new tactics and ways to plan against us. All we can do is go out and play our best. We'll be fine as long as we're doing what we know we're capable of doing."

The tournament's here and the pressure's on, but with a title at stake, these girls won't mind adding to their collection of bumps and bruises.
Thursday, February 26

- **Eton**
- Exhibition Game
  - 12:00 p.m.

**High Point**

**#4 Chas. So.**
- Game 4
  - 12:00 p.m.

**#5 UMBC**

**#2 Radford**
- Game 2
  - 2:00 p.m.

**#7 Winthrop**

**#3 Cstl. Car.**
- Game 3
  - 6:00 p.m.

**#6 UNC-Ashe.**

Friday, February 27

- **#1 Liberty**
  - Game 5
    - 12:00 p.m.

- **High Point**

- **Game 4**
  - 8:00 p.m.

- **CHampionship**
  - Saturday, February 28
    - Game 7
      - 11:00 a.m.
      - Live on Sports South and Home Team Sports

- **#1 UNC-Ashe.**
  - Game 5
    - 6:00 p.m.

- **High Point**

- **#4 Liberty**
  - Game 4
    - 8:30 p.m.

- **#5 Cstl. Car.**

- **#2 Radford**
  - Live on ESPN
  - Game 2
    - 2:00 p.m.

- **#7 Chas. So.**

- **#3 UMBC**
  - Game 3
    - 6:30 p.m.

- **#6 Winthrop**

- **Women’s Bracket**

- **Men’s Bracket**
By MARK HOGSED
Asst. Sports Editor

As his basketball career comes to a close, Liberty's team captain Mark Reed can't help but reflect on his past, enjoy the present and anticipate the future.

Mark was first introduced to the game of basketball at the age of three, and as he grew, the basement became his practice court. "We used to have poles in our basement, and I would dribble around them as a drill," Reed reflected.

Not only did Reed fall in love with the game in the basement, but also to the gym where his father coached high school basketball. The younger Reed was like a little brother to all the players, and during games, Mark sat beside his father dressed out in a team uniform that his mom made.

The LU senior maintains a relationship with his parents that goes well beyond the hardwood. "Both my parents have been very influential," Reed said. "They've committed so much time to get me where I am."

Reed's basketball skills began to really blossom throughout high school. He earned Player of the Year honors for the state of Maine; Yale, William and Mary and the University of Maine were contending for Reed.

Along with Liberty, Dartmouth, Yale, William and Mary and the University of Maine were contending for Reed.

The thing that won Reed's heart was his recruiting trip to Liberty. When he was introduced to such players as Matt Hildebrand, Jody Chapman and Daryl Williams Reed felt he was part of the "family."

Mathematically, the LU senior hadn't planned to still be playing this year, but after suiting up for the Flames in the 1993-94 season as a freshman, Reed was sidelined with an ankle injury and red-shirted during that championship year.

However, he said that the lessons he learned from that team — which went to the NCAA Tournament — continues to influence his behavior both on and off the court today.

"I really learned the intangibles that your like leadership, what it means to be a team player and how to serve my own specific roles," Reed said.

Despite missing the trip to the NCAA, Reed has been a part of two Big South Tournament Championship games in his career at LU, but he considers Liberty's win over UVa his greatest game as a Flame.

As captain of the Flames squad, Reed realizes that he is in a position where a lot of people look at him, and he doesn't want to do anything that might put his testimony in jeopardy. "I think it's important to do what is right on and off the court," he said.

Graduation is approaching quickly for the senior who is double majoring in sport management and physical education, and he appreciates the many aspects of his college experience. "You learn so many things," he said. "Sometimes you can walk away with the most valuable lessons through difficult times that wouldn't have seemed so enjoyable."

May will bring the dawning of a new era in Mark Reed's life. As he leaves Liberty, he doesn't want to be remembered for any one accomplishment, just as someone who worked hard for the basketball program always making the most of his opportunities, and bringing honor and glory to the Lord.

Reed's aspirations for the future involve teaching and following in his father's footsteps as a high school coach. However, don't be surprised if you find him fishing in the nearest trout stream or hiking a mountain range, just for fun. But before that, he's gearing up for one more shot at the Big South Championship title.
Mascot's antics prove big hit with kids

By KERRY RODRIGUEZ
Champion Reporter

The Vines Center is filled with fans watching with anticipation as the basketball team tries to make a come back. Out of the corner of your eye you see one. Flying down the stairs in a mass of brown and white. What was that? Then you see it again on center court. You think to yourself... a dancing bird? Suddenly someone taps your shoulder and you turn around only to come face to face with... the Liberty mascot, senior Paul Pierson.

Our mascot, as you know, is an eagle. This past summer, the eagle participated in a mascot camp put on by the United Cheerleading Association at Rutgers University. At this camp, new techniques were learned and ideas were shared.

Just like most cheerleading camps, there is a competition part. Only Liberty, University of Delaware and the two mascots from Syracuse, came in first place in every event.

"I learned a lot through the mascot camp. I learned that it is not about energy. Many people think that if they are energetic and have a lot of spark that they can do what I do. It's more about the creativity," said the Liberty mascot.

When you have games several nights a week, the crowd gets tired of seeing the same thing. I bet you're wondering what makes a good mascot... well, our mascot is a little bit above the rest. He was the shortest starting rest. He was the shortest starting... he loves to dance... he has a certain style... he holds down two jobs... he's a natural competitor, and all of this because of a dare. "The eagle is an over-animation of myself. I really don't think I'm funny, I don't see myself like that."

Looking to the future with high hopes... The Palace, home of the Detroit Pistons, is filled to capacity. Out of the tunnel comes the new mascot. The crowd goes wild as he begins to dance. Just remember where you saw him first.

Pepsi Cola signs as BSC sponsor; others follow

By BRIAN WOOLFORD
Champion Reporter

This year's Big South Basketball Championship will have a different flavor than previous tournaments. The Pepsi-Cola Company has signed on to be the title sponsor of the 1998 Big South Basketball Championship.

"Their support will greatly enhance the competitive and educational opportunities of Big South student-athletes," Big South Commissioner Kyle B. Hollander said.

A fan interactive fun station will fill the concourse level of the Vines Center during the four-day event. Along the concourse, fans will be able to win great prizes including an exciting vacation trip to the Bahamas.

"We are proud to support college athletics and are very pleased to join forces with the Big South Conference," Sean Crouncell, unit manager for Pepsi-Cola Company of Lynchburg, Va., said.

The Big South Conference has also announced the signing of two other sponsors. Delta Air Lines and Advance Auto Parts are corporate sponsors of the Big South Championship. The contracts include television advertising rights and a "grassroots" promotion in select markets. Advance Auto Parts has 820 stores located throughout the East Coast.

"Geographically, our stores and the Big South schools are a natural fit, which should provide many exciting promotional opportunities," Wendy Kelly, the assistant advertising/marketing manager said.

Pepsi Cola Signs as BSC tourney site to move?

By JOE SANATANTE
Champion Reporter

Along with the move of the Big South Headquarters, there's a possibility that championship sites for both the women's and men's Basketball tournaments will move also.

Every two years, the Big South Conference takes bids from several schools that request the privilege of hosting the tournaments. This spring, a decision will be made that will determine the site for the '98-'99 and '99-2000 seasons.

Liberty's chances are excellent on both counts. Fan support has been a high point in recent years, and that transfers indirectly into votes for a tournament location. Additionally, the support of Liberty staff in operating past tournaments has been exceptional. A well-run, highly-supported, enthusiastically-cheered event such as Liberty has a tradition of here, is 'the ticket' to another two years of post-season excitement at the Vines Center.

The specifications for choosing a site for these tournaments will be handed down from Big South in March. Once responses have been received, the presidents will gather in late April/early May to make and announce their decision.

Currently, the top spots in consideration are Liberty, UNC-Asheville and Winthrop.

THE NEXT GENERATION? — Spectators of this year's tourney will enjoy fun games from Pepsi.

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The Big South Conference's tournament promises to be a good one, as the defending champion Charleston Southern Buccaneers look to defend their trophy against the likes of undefeated UNC-Ashville, the Radford Highlanders, and the UMBC Retrievers. The Liberty Flames, the host of the tournament, should play a huge role in advancing to the championship game. The Coastal Carolina Chanticleers and the Winthrop Eagles round out the field.

Here is a more in-depth look at all seven teams participating in the 1998 Big South Conference Tournament.

UNC-ASHEVILLE BULLDOGS
(18-8, 11-1 Big South)
The most experienced team in the Big South also sports the best record. In fact, the UNC-Ashville Bulldogs have only one loss in Big South play this year, that coming against Radford.

Presession Big South Player of the Year, Jason Pitman, a 6-6 senior shooting guard, has been the leader on the team all year long. He leads the conference with an average of 19.5 PPG. Contributions from forwards Kevin Martin and Robert Stevenson have been critical as well, averaging nearly 10 PPG each. Jimi Lomax has scored over 8 PPG and collected more than 7 rebounds a game.

The Bulldogs will get a bye for the first round of the tournament and will come in as heavy favorites to win the tournament.

RADFORD HIGHLANDERS
(17-9, 10-2 Big South)
Senior starters Corey Reed, Kevin Robinson and Eric Parker have been the leaders all year long for the Highlanders. Each averages over 8 PPG and over 5 rebounds a game. Junior shooting guard, Leslie Ballard has played a key role as well, averaging over 12 PPG.

The Lady Flames finished the 1997-98 season with high hopes due to a great finish in the Big South. They have won every game since then.

The Flames have been on a role as of late, due largely to their stunning upset of the Virginia Cavaliers in the semifinals.

COASTAL CAROLINA CHANTICLEERS
(10-16, 5-7 Big South)
The Lady Flames came into the 1997-98 season with high hopes. Coach Fred Francello received a great deal of help from the likes of seniors Erin Wall, Flori Willie, and seniors like Elena Kisseleva. All three have been the leaders all year long for the Flames.

Regular season undefeated for the Big South champs, the Flames goal is to repeat, which is exactly what they have done this year, bringing back the tournament title.

UNC-ASHEVILLE LADY BULLDOGS
(26-6, 12-0 Big South)
The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season undefeated for the first time in the school's history and are looking to build on that record in the postseason.

As last year's defending Big South champs, the Flames goal is to repeat, which is exactly what they will do if it is up to their three preseason all-conference super sophomores, Sarah and Sharon Wilkerson, and preseason conference player of the year, Rich Giddens. All three have to double the team all year long, but have also received considerable amount of help from the likes of seniors Erin Wall, Flori Willie, and seniors like Elena Kisseleva.

The Flames are coming off of the Division II tournament with a win in the Big South Tournament. Liberty is definitely coming in to the tournament as heavy favorites.

COASTAL CAROLINA LADY CHANTICLEERS
(9-17, 5-7 Big South)
New head coach Alan Leforce was greeted with eight returning players from last year's Lady Chanticleers, including two starters. The team has only one senior, guard, Jaime Wilcox, who has contributed well off the bench. A strong recruiting class of five seniors, though, has helped power the squad to fourth place in the conference.

Despite a tough season, the Lady Chanticleers have played key roles as well for the Flames.

UMBC RETRIEVERS
(13-13, 6-6 Big South)
UMBC has an extremely strong team with a lot of minutes. In fact, the Retrievers have kept both winning and losing at a similar pace.

The team has had a few bright spots, though, including junior point guard, Greg Smith and sophomore point guard, Maggie McDevitt and junior forward, Courtney Simmmons.

CSU BUCCEANERS
(5-21, 2-10 Big South)
The CSU Buccaneers came into the 1997-98 basketball season looking to rebuild. After winning the conference championship and moving on to the round of 64 last year, the Buccaneers returned with no seniors and a starting line-up consisting of mostly freshmen and sophomores.

Coach Tom Conrad has done a good job keeping the team together and making the most of the talented young team.

CSU BUCCANEERS
(8-18, 4-8 Big South)
With a senior backcourt of point guard, Greg Smith and shooting guard, Rodney Dupree carrying the load for the Citadel, the team is coming back strong from last year. The Bulldogs have only one loss in the Big South.

The Bulldogs look to start fresh.

Florida Southern College and the Winthrop Eagles round out the field for the tournament.

WINTHROP EAGLES
(7-19, 4-8 Big South)
Coach Dan Kenney has seen few bright spots with his Eagles this season, but have also received considerable amount of help from the likes of seniors Erin Wall, Flori Willie, and seniors like Elena Kisseleva.

Sophomore guard Emily Hill, coming off of the All-Rookie selection in 1996-97, has lead the team this year. Seniors Amanda Brewer, Cory Guy, and Mandy Edwards have been very productive for the Bulldogs, as well.

WINTHROP LADY EAGLES
(5-21, 2-10 Big South)
Winthrop was picked by many to compete for the conference title this year, but has struggled tremendously, remaining in the cellar of the standings for the majority of the season.

The team has had a few bright spots, though, including junior center, Jennifer Church and senior forward, Katherine Kitchin, who have carried much of the load this year.

This year's Big South Women's Tournament should be an interesting one as the Liberty Lady Flames take on the regular season undefeated regular season record into the tournament and look to win their second consecutive Big South title.

The Radford Highlanders, Charleston Southern Lady Buccaneers, and Coastal Carolina Lady Chanticleers will provide the toughest competition for the defending champs. The Winthrop Lady Eagles, UNC-Ashville Bulldogs and UMBC Retrievers round out the field for the tournament.

LIBERTY LADY FLAMES
(26-6, 12-0 Big South)
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