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New President defines higher education in a Christian environment

By MATT SWINEHART
Editor in Chief

After the retirement of Liberty University's first president, Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, on June 19, 1997, Borek was chosen as his successor. Borek is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. Aside from evaluating more than 30 institutions, Borek has been chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. Alongside Dr. John M. Borek, Jr., the university president, Borek has taken a new three-year term as University Chaplain. "As far as LU's future is concerned, the philosophy that we would satisfy the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' educational and financial requirements. Which they can develop their skills, male or female, in dorm rooms could present the greatest problem to the administration and the students themselves. "We are hoping that students will be more responsible and that there will be enough positive peer pressure and maturity that students will know what is expected of them," said Emerick. Among other things, Borek said the university president is responsible for maintaining the entire campus, Internet, library, computer and other areas. Students will be able to search online for courses. Over 140 courses are available to students. Over 160 computers and 50 faculty members will work on the project. Borek does not think the difficulties of the task that Borek's confidence remains unflappable. "I would like to say that Borek's experience includes working with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. Aside from evaluating more than 30 institutions, Borek has been chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. Aside from evaluating more than 30 institutions, Borek has been chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. Aside from evaluating more than 30 institutions, Borek has been chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1974. 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Fresmen, returning students take admissions process

Enrollment slightly higher than last year; new dorm could be in the works

BY JASON DRUMM

More than 1,700 freshmen, transfers, and readmitted students flooded the Liberty campus last week, representing the first wave in an ocean of some 5,800 students expected to call LU home this semester.

Director of Admissions Jay Spencer said that there were actually fewer students on campus last year—about 100 students—but that the total number of students is expected to grow this semester due to a higher retention rate among returning upperclassmen.

Despite the decrease in the number of new and transfer students, the admissions process—especially Express Check-In—suffered through its share of delays.

“Normally, Express Check-In is around 10 a.m.,” said Spencer. “But this semester, we were at the Express lines until noon, then lunch, then the queueing, the building.”

Spencer said that in the future, the goal of the admissions department is to have students who have paid their bill in full check-in over the phone, thus reducing the number of students unnecessarily dragging the Express Check-In lines in the Vines Center.

“We are always trying to see how we can speed the process up,” said Spencer.

“Because we instituted Express Check-In, students from the semester before had something to compare it to. The danger is, every year we have new students and Express Check-In is no big deal to them.”

With total enrollment up from last year, the question of overcrowding in the dorms again becomes an issue.

“It is as tight as it has ever been (in the dorms),” said Spencer. “You have to get in at that point before someone offers to build a dorm. Who wants to build a dorm when hundreds of beds are empty?”

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However, Spencer hinted that the overcrowding problem may finally be met with some relief as construction on a new dorm could begin this year.

In addition, the number of students on campus should increase again by this time next year.

Spencer is currently working with 40,000 high school seniors who have expressed interest in LU and says that number is expected to grow to 40,000 by February.

“The number of applications we have received has grown in the last few years,” said Spencer. “But the more applications you have, the more selective you are able to be.”
Scholarships cut to balance budget

By JENNIFER PILLATH

The cutback which impacted the largest group of students was the elimination of the GPA of 3.0 or better scholarship. The GPA scholarship was given to those students who maintained a 3.0 GPA. Although the elimination of this scholarship appeared to be in an attempt of neglect for academics, Kellaris and Student Financial Aid want to point out that students are still a major priority at Liberty.

"The Administration does not want to send a message that we don't care about academics," said Kellaris. Extra funding has now been allotted to the Huang Program in order to encourage higher participation in the opera in addition to promote academic achievement.

Although the Scholarship Committee attempted to prevent financial hardships for students, there were a number of students who acquired a heavy financial burden because they were receiving the B.L. Lakin or the Life of Wisdom scholarship. Students can expect to see continued change in scholarship amounts. However, the Student Financial Aid office hopes to work in a better time frame for those future changes. "We are trying to move the whole thing back so we can plan better," said Kellaris.

Planning for next year's budget is directed to begin this September. Until that time, financial aid is hoping to offer seminars on finances for students in order to help educate students on different options available.

SIBLING-Offered to students who have siblings attending Liberty during the same semester.

ELIMINATED SCHOLARSHIPS

GPA-Offered to students with GPA of 3.0 or better.

Tuition Waivers-Offered to students in band and chorus classes.

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Liberty still has a long way to go before it reaches the correct budget for scholarships. According to Kellaris, a school like Liberty should be directing 10 percent of its budget to financial aid. The cutback which impacted this week is equal to 90 percent of the budget to scholarships.

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Christian illusionists cast spell on Liberty students, faculty

By JENNIFER PILLATH

Rabbits in hats, cards disappearing money,HUDDLE

escapes, escapes, escapes, escapes that could take you any-where in the world. The Spencers quickly moved down a path where you could fulfill all of your childhood fantasies. It is what the Spencers have created with their traveling illusion show.

The Spencers made a stop at Liberty's Student Center on August 22, as part of their national traveling performance which ends 36-40 weeks a year. The Student Center quickly filled up with students who wanted to watch a performance in the sun, or as it was referred in the Spencer show.

The Spencers have been the "most requested college entertainment group in America" as well as the most requested college entertainment group with approximately seven years of engagements already in their books. They have become a hard act to get a hold of. Even the Queen of England has requested their presence in a remainder performance for the royal family.

So what makes the Spencer's unique? A brand of humor and illusion along with a great amount of audience participation may be what has caused their unique popularity. Spencer was quick to demolish the preconception that he show was a "magic show." "This is real magic. It is a performance that can come from anyone, even you," he said.

"The Spencers are hoping that this image, "This is reality. People don't understand the difference," "But, even though a job as a performer may seem glamorous, it is still not an easy job," Spencer said. "I have to go on the road stage again," and "The magic was quick to point out that he was the audience that pulled him through the harder nights. "It was the job of the student," continued Spencer. The Spencer's show is a performance that has not always been an accepted Christian entertainment form. "If you don't sing or preach, that was it in Christian entertainment," said Spencer. However, Spencer didn't give up on his passion. "I claimed the verse that says that God gave us the desire of our hearts," said Spencer. After much prayer, Kevin Spencer still felt that God had allowed him to maintain his desire to entertain.

Since then, the Spencer entertain-ment program has expanded. With three different show styles, the Spencers have been able to accommodate the largest shows take a week of eight people over three days, and a half hour to set up. The Spencer's are hoping that the show will be seen as an open act of Liberty's campus.

Spencer said that he always enjoys his audience with some-thing of encouragement. You would not let anyone tell you out of your dreams," he stated. "No matter what it is, something more important. Even if you are afraid for the more and more, you will be among the stars."
Randlett serves as advisor for Celebration Hymnal

The talents of over 40 musicians and scholars were combined to produce the newly released hymnal “The Celebration Hymnal,” and among those involved was Liberty’s own Professor David Randlett. This honor was bestowed upon a variety of different individuals from different beliefs and denominations in order to ensure the broadest and widest possible appeal. The publishers of the hymnal tapped the knowledge of these individuals and usability of the book. The publishers of the hymnal “The Celebration Hymnal,” and among other things, were combined to produce the newly released book. Professor David Randlett was presented one of the first copies of the book’s premiere in El Cajon, California. The Celebration Hymnal by Senior Editor Tom Fettke at the Bookshop on the Avenue.

In Memoriam

Former band member, RA left legacy of kindness

By Matt Wilson

On Sunday, June 22, 1997, Liberty University junior Ann Heichel died at Lynchburg General Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the prior Wednesday. Heichel was staying in Lynchburg for the summer — working as a nanny. Her memory lives on in the numerous lives she touched around campus.

Keeping her busy, Heichel was training to be a resident assistant in dorm three. She was also a section leader in the marching band as well as a member of the Spirit Band. Heichel was the most recent recipient of the prestigious marching band award, the "Director’s Choice Award.”

The 20-year-old left a lasting impression on other band members as well as Brass Instructor Stephen Kerr. "Ann was always positive,” Kerr said. "She loved the Lord and encouraged everyone for the Lord to everything she did.” Kerr described Heichel as the type of person he would want every member of his ensemble to be like.

Sophomore drumset and flautist, Lydia Miller recalls the type of person he would want her fellow band members to be like. "Ann was the person who always uplifted and encouraged her fellow band members,” Miller said.

Senior resident assistant, Theresa Hanswrote, Heichel’s kind of person he would want her fellow band members to be like. "Ann was the person who encouraged me to become a prayer leader,” she said. And in the marching band, "no matter how hard we went, Ann was always positive and encouraging her fellow band members,” Hanswrote.

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The hymnal began rolling off the presses early in April, and Randlett was presented his very own copy by Senior Editor Tom Fettke at the Bookshop on the Avenue. The Celebration Hymnal is presented one of the first copies of the book’s premiere in El Cajon, California.

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I am not suggesting that nothing has changed since the day my mother first dragged me down the driveway to the local school. Incidentally, many things have changed, some for better and some for worse. I am not going to change all of my students to 19th-century children. I will, however, make it clear that Liberty would offer recess and specials every day of the week. I will also make it quite clear that there wasn’t a world outside of school days. All those worries and classes, and my curiosity occurred J he first day of school.

Looking back on my educational experiences, I feel a great deal more pressure is put on today’s school child. All those workbooks and tests and drills can be intimidating. Those would that were new and different. I am not sure but I consider them to be so. I once thought I would go to college, but after five years, I realized that I would never be able to make it through my studies. But even if I had, I would not have enjoyed the ride because it is going to be one semester.

Randy King
**GREAT MOMENTS IN COW HISTORY**

The First Cow Jumps Over the Moon:
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Over 30 years ago, in a burger-crazy world, one man stepped up to the plate and said, "Enough's enough." Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A, ushered in the Age of Chicken by inventing the world's first chicken sandwich. At only 9 grams of fat, the Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich provided a healthy and delicious alternative to burgers.
By RANDY KING
Liberty Life

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it's school has begun. For some, a bronze back, but it's nice to open that back of state, remember how to manage and light up your study lamp with words, reading "Walden."

Friends who made long trips onto the road called "Walden" to remember that school is not just the school books and papers at all the last moment. It is a place to be on your first day of classes.

And, of course, and Liberty is planning on handing out fresh are students already.

Here is just a taste of what is come to this semester.

Concerts

Three big concerts are making their way to Liberty's campus this semester.

First up on By Evening and a Browning. August 27 at 7:30, this concert will rock the Vines Center. What has been the best part about this concert? It is free to all LU students. What a better way to entertain the first day of classes? The second band that will make an appearance at LU is Turning Point.

Third day is set to join on Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vines Center.

Tickets and tickets will also be sold for the first time in the fall! Be prepared to hear amazing music.

And YOU READY FOR TROUB? — Jars of Clay will rock the Vines Center on Nov. 18. They will perform many old songs and songs from their new album, "Much Afraid."

One of the groups, All Star United and Switchfoot are opening for Third Day.

Admission to this talented packed concert will be free to all Liberty students and faculty. Finally, the last group to come up on By Evening and a Browning is on October 18. This concert will be held on the lawn at LU. Tickets will sell out for general admission.

Before the concert date, Liberty will be celebrating the first day of CLU's 2007 fall semester. Students can be held at Sept. 16 dinner during hours at Warren.

Come early and enjoy the music and entertainment. Call 434-4222 or 434-4222. Ticket prices will be announced until the late hours for the better audience.

Late Night activities

Late Night activities might give all three of them a crazy semester. Although almost three quar ters of the students had their plans to go to college in school — and like other students, sometimes I feel that my education is an external burden, but I will keep going to see if that I can get a job. Likewise, I don't know which of our college will be the best for me in the end. The late night activities will be offered to students as a way to make the upper class and upper class, but I don't think it would be good if there was a "show-and-tell day at least every year" for upper class. Although almost three quarters of the students had their plans to go to college in school — and like other students, sometimes I feel that my education is an external burden, but I will keep going to see if that I can get a job. Likewise, I don't know which of our college will be the best for me in the end. The late night activities will be offered to students as a way to make the upper class and upper class, but I don't think it would be good if there was a "show-and-tell day at least every year" for upper class. Although almost three quarters of the students had their plans to go to college in school — and like other students, sometimes I feel that my education is an external burden, but I will keep going to see if that I can get a job. Likewise, I don't know which of our college will be the best for me in the end. The late night activities will be offered to students as a way to make the upper class and upper class, but I don't think it would be good if there was a "show-and-tell day at least every year" for upper class.

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SCIENCE PIONEERS

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Talented crop of freshmen join vets to take Liberty football up a notch

by NEIL SNOWDON

Champion Reporter

After a sluggish start, the Flames ’96 team kicked a five-yard winning field goal in the last seconds of the game. This year’s squad hopes to carry that momentum into the 97 season. And starting the season with some solid wins is the forward momentum.

“We lost a lot of good players last year,” Bill Graham said. “It takes players and coaches a lot of time to recover from that. It’s easier for me to go into the game with a winning record and a winning team.”

The Pitt Panthers make an offer

The Panthers’ Daddy C resistant to the offer as Pitt Panthers’ head coach.

Coach Graham’s AD position

Graham tackles AD position

By LAUREL MILLER

Sports Editor

It’s been a team sport, a team leader, but now he’ll be planning the strategies for a different team. Bill Graham took the reins as Liberty’s Athletic Director after Chuck Burch’s resignation in August 1996. He has 30 years of experience in athletic direction and wide receivers coach for the Flames through 1988. He traveled out of town to see some games as others coach at Houston State. And for the past seven years, Graham was Burch’s right-hand man and the new AD that he approved working with through his strategies from the front office.

“Through it all, Burch did just about everything they had him do,” Graham said. “I’ve been offered a product shown me over the years. I’ve had more

The Liberty Flames football team is the only group of people working day and night to prepare for the upcoming football work. Workers at Williams Stadium have labored since mid-July replacing the old, sand-based drainage system and field with brand new artificial turf and an extended drainage system. The old field was worn out, with the sand washing up on top of the turf, but also the sand around it. More than any other, the Liberty Flames are used to that kind of work, making conditions very slippery. The field, which is currently

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I could call the SPCA when I need to because my closest friends who live off campus. I could consider having a small group of dedicated people, but I don’t have the time or energy to do that.ESPN is the most popular sports channel on the most popular cable system. So it is the most popular time of day for a young people...
Donations provide new turf

The new playing surface will have many advantages over the old field. The new turf will be used to the top layer, permitting the players to do some pretty big shots to fill, but the new turf leader insists that this can lead to the challenge. "I don't think that it's going to be an added pressure," said Phillips. "It's going to be hard fol­

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Hoopsters spread the gospel in Spain

By Amy Bennett
Champagne Trapeze

After two years of fund-raising and preparation which included a Liberty University押金 clinic, the LU women's basketball team — accompanied by Head Coach Rick Reeves and family — made the long-awaited trip to Spain with Athletes In Action. NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) rules only allow for one trip every four years, so the good summer vacation. To the Lady Flames basketball team, two weeks in Spain made an awesome mission trip.

"I love traveling, and this trip was amazing. The people we met were so friendly and welcoming," said Elena Krsljevic.

The kids were very excited about the opportunity to work with kids in Spain. They were eager to share their love of basketball as a tool to share the gospel."

Elena Krsljevic

Long days and short nights started the week off, though the team only needed one evening meal in order to get to the hotel in Malaga, the first stop on their tour. There, they played a friendly game against two local teams and won both games.

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After the games, the team headed to the coast and played a friendly game against two local club teams. They won both games, which helped explain the plan of salvation.

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Overall, the trip was profitable in more areas than just basketball. "If I had helped teach one pic, this trip was a success," '97 graduate Genie Stinnett said. "The weeks filled with sharing the gospel even helped to grow the team together as it grew closer to the Lord."

The collection of memories and experiences that made 1997 special.

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Women's coach gives soccer English spin

By CHAMPION REPORTER

The women's soccer team was named the LC's women's program. Price is also the director assistant head coach for Randolph Macon Association — a soccer league for area

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teams.

Although the Flames suffered a fifth-place finish in the Conference (BSC) Tournament, Price accepted the challenge of leading the team. "I was offered a position as the athletic administration finally gave the team experienced three coaching changes. Over the summer the women's soccer

wields a weapon for the LU offense.

At the young age of 25, Monica Price is already fulfilling one of his dreams as he readies to tackle his senior season as head coach of the LU women's soccer program. Born and raised in England, James started playing soccer in the first grade, and within two years, he was playing for a local team. His father was a coach, and James always enjoyed the game. He was searching for new ways to improve his game. He said:

"It's a new breed of LU playing. And with the freshmen and underclassmen, it's a new group with a lot of talent. They have a lot of potential, and expectations are high as we head into our second season," Price said.

The female driver said her life would change the day she heard the news. "I was so excited when I found out I was pregnant," she said. "I knew I had to make a change, and soccer was the right choice for me."

For Price, the key to developing the team is not difficult for Price. "I knew the team was ready to move forward and that we had the talent to make things happen," he said.

After graduating in '96, he became the assistant head coach for Randolph Macc College. I prayed about it and turned it over to God. I knew the Lord was in control of my life, and I trusted him to guide me through the season. Coaching is a gift, and not every person can coach. I am not saying I am not a good coach, but I am always looking for ways to improve my game."

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1 - Jflag Football, Outdoor Soccer & Tennis, Mgr.'s Meeting
5 - Curfew Breakers
6 - Coed Volleyball, Mgr.'s Meeting
12 - Curfew Breakers
15-19 - 5 on 5 Basketball & Beach Volleyball, Mgr.'s Meeting
16 - Jars Of Clay Debut Party
19-20 - Beach Volleyball Tournament
20 - Fun Flicks, Laser Imaging & Cookout
26 - Coffee House

October

1 - Softball Tournament, Mgr.'s Meeting
3 - Great Carless Drive In
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4 - Third Day Concert
11 - Homecoming - Miss Liberty
16-19 - JAIL BREAK
24 - Curfew Breakers
31 - Curfew Breakers

November

7 - Curfew Breakers
14 - Coffee House
17 - Floor Hockey Tournament, Mgr.'s Meeting
18 - Jars Of Clay Concert
21 - Curfew Breakers
Floor Hockey Tournament

December

5 - Curfew Breakers
10 - Last Day Of Classes
12-16 - Finals
12 - Christmas Party
Coffee House

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If you think the LU campus looks different this fall, you're right. There are more computers in the labs, for one thing. Our offer at the Champion has been updated too. Hopefully our pages will be more lively now that we are here. There have also been some rule changes that should make campus life a little easier. expense is in the guys now, and students are demanding on the calendar to do a little more. Students can have TV's in their rooms, too. Not that TV sets get good reception in the dorms anyway, but it will still interfere with study time if we're not careful. Sure, it’s nice to have it, but it won’t look so great at the semester’s end if the GPA takes a hit.

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