Falwell to meet with gay activist

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

The young Spiritual Emphasis Week held Sept. 5-8 was marred by anti-gay demonstration by a group led by Campus Pastor Tim White and the Spiritual Life Center. Tim White and his followers accuse religious right. Kansas, while media freer2y will host its annual two week survival of the fittest? will include the Virginia Ten-Miler. Outside staff will be in the LU cheerleading try-outs will be held in the Spiritual Life Center. Rev. Tony Nolan will be the prayer chapel. One result of the meeting is that White will be kicking off his fall tour with Gay Activists for Truth and Love on Friday.

THE HEART OF A SERVANT

Death of Darrin Wades

By Charlye Mounday, copy editor

JASON INGRAM, a Liberty alum­

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All-Might Prayer: The campus pastor office will hold a night of prayer preceding this year’s Spiritual Emphasis Week, Sept. 5-8. The prayer meeting will be held in the prayer chapel.

"SUNDAY: This year’s Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) will be held Sept. 5-8 in the LU Wines Room. For more information, call Tony Nolan at the main number for the week.

CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS: Cheerleading try-outs will be held Sept. 2, 3, 4 & 5 for this year’s squad. The try-outs will be in the LU cheerleading center.

KALEIDOSCOPE: Lynchburg will host an annual two week beginning next fall. The festival will include acts and crafts and games and will include the Virginia Ten-Miler.

Liberty alumna performs magical illusions

By Hannah Ladwig, copy manager

Liberty alumna Kenny Spencer was destined with a magic show Friday night as he stunned them with his illusions and street magic. Spencer’s dream is to start a magic show in Lynchburg.

REAL OR ILLUSION? — Kenny Spencer prepares to make Liberty student in two eyes of the audience. "I had the student hold on to the lemon with a parlor trick. He was so mesmerized by the supposedly lit lemon and completely matched it with a different lemon and then wrote his name across. "I have no idea how he did it."
SGA gaining ground in representation

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

The "We are here to represent" Student Government Association (SGA) administration has taken its seat here at Liberty University. Led by President Chris Stewart, Executive Vice President Mike Kostiew and Vice President of Student Services Garrett Robinson, the threesome has worked all summer to establish a government that represents the student body.

So far, Stewart has concentrated his efforts towards recruiting senators. According to Stewart, half the halls didn't even have one senator last semester. Because SGA needs 175 representatives, Stewart printed 200 applications, printed and with the influx of calls, Stewart anticipates 500 applicants before the deadline.

In order to become a senator, students must have 50 percent of their dorm halls sign a petition. If more than two people run from each hall, the residents in that dorm will have an election during FOCUS. Kostiew said so many people wanted to join the legislative body, that in many cases, the majority of residents in a dorm ran for election.

Meanwhile, Stewart's fund-raising attempts have met mixed results. Area corporations have responded to his requests, but negotiations are still in process for budget allotments from the institution's such as Harding University, Oral Roberts, Union University and Oklahoma Baptist, because they were comparably in size and philosophy to LU. He discovered that those student governments received their funding from their university.

With new offices in dorm 13, the new administration also has new leadership. Former SGA chair, Mike Stewart, Dean of student life, suggested Dean of Students Greg Dowell assume the position. Dean Stewart said he wanted to make that transition in order to give (SGA) more attention. He said he couldn't give so much attention to SGA as he thought it deserved because of other responsibilities.

This year's SGA schedule of events includes Midnight Madness with the men's basketball team, working 1999 home football games and T-shirt sales for the senators.

In addition, Dr. John Beale Jr., university president, requested a senate task force form and a survey of LU students to discover ways to encourage and retain students as well as suggestions to better the community. Stewart said he knows in order to accomplish these goals, SGA needs a reliable legislative body. SGA toured five countries and more than 200 cities.

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Inner harbor tour scheduled

By Scott Romanoski, reporter

As you look from the small towns surrounding Baltimore toward the big city, the excitement and culture of the burg? Do you long for the students will have the opportunity to visit the Inner Harbor and attend an afternoon ballgame.

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In conjunction with the “One Year, one Month, one Week” anniversary of David’s Place, the Student Life office plans to celebrate the grand opening of the Cafe & David’s Place. Previously, David’s Place housed the Salvations, now located in The Hunger. The new Cafe & David’s Place will feature a world-class coffee shop.

We really want to serve great coffee,” said Mike Boyer, editor of the Student Life office. Boyer also encouraged students to contact Student Life with ideas for activities. Students can reach Student Life by calling 560-5153 or email us at players@libertyu.edu.

White: Gay pastor to visit TRBC

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Oct. 23, reminding souls that God is not mocked.

Falwell saw himself as caught in the middle, trying to act as a mediator between White and Phelps.

"Whatever you say, he is going to be criticized," John Falwell said of Falwell. "Jehovah's people, most Christians believe him, but his presentation is not Christlike. He is not motivated by hate."

White will train his group in nonviolent protest techniques around Lynchburg and their families. Falwell said TRBC is prepared for whatever might happen. He said TRBC already has an aggressive outreach to homosexuals.

"We train our pastors on how to witness to gays and lesbians," White said. "They only want to draw attention to themselves!"

Darrin: picturing a servant

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The inner harbor has also created an award in honor of Darrin. Band students who exhibited traits of a servant will be honored.

"(Darrin) was training (in the computer lab) to serve the student body," Zaffke said. Darrin exhibited characteristics that Darrin did.

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DP to renovate Cafe’

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Academic expansion continues

New courses and academic programs improve occupational choices for Liberty students determining future careers

By Christine Foreman, art. edtor

The start of another academic school year brings with it many new faces and challenges. Among these additions, Liberty will be adding some new courses and majors to its curriculum.

"The year ahead, in terms of new programs, will be a year of review, consolidation and analysis of what we have before we take a major leap forward into many new programs," said Dr. Boyd Rist, vice-president for academic affairs.

The year 2000 marks the Jubilee, and among the events will be the 50th anniversary of the founding of Liberty University.

"We are adding new faculty members in almost every school of the university," said Dr. Karen Parker, who has been appointed acting dean of the school of communications. "We have added faculty in every major of our schools and programs, be it students, staff and administrative assistants."

In addition, a new English language immersion major has been added to the program for the fall semester. Several other academic programs are scheduled to be added to the program in the spring.

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Life!

There's no excuse for boredom with Student Life's Fall '99 activity lineup

By Doug Kruhm, reporter

Some students spend endless hours in the Student Life office wondering what to do with their free time? Sports on the Fall 1999 roster include flag football, beach volleyball and floor hockey. Whether you want to just test the waters of college living or dive in full force, Mike Stewart, associate director of intramural sports, offers everything from billiards to board games.

Intramurals

For those looking for fun and competition, a wide range of intramural sports offers the opportunity to both exercise and fellowship. Academic team members and sport may also participate in the intramural program.

Intramurals offer everything from billiards to board games. "We just like to entertain," said Michelle Gallagher, student life graduate assistant of operations. "We just like to entertain, and we like to have fun." Open late every Friday night until 1:30 a.m., Beach's also houses a cafe that will open October 23. The Beach's Place one year open and one year anniversary party.

The cafe includes a stage where students may be permitted to perform live or original acts, with a group of coffee or a raffle. Jennifer Knapp is set to jam on Dec. 3 in the Schilling Multi-Purpose Center.

Coffee House

For traditional Student Life fare, Coffee House is always a favorite. Two are scheduled for the fall semester. On Oct. 25, a single McMurtry's Coffee House will be permitted to perform music in the Schilling Center. A change from the classes of previous years.

"We try not to have the things over and over." said Jeff Kruhm, coordinator of student activities. "We have comedy, music and all different types of music." A Christmas Coffee House is also scheduled for Dec. 19.

Decoments

Last but not least, the semester's schedule is packed with creative activities that are coming our way. The first features Gardner's Call, a band that debuted at the No. 1 spot on Billboard's pop chart with their 40 Apartments. This LJ favorite with its call-and-response backing will be playing along with Beverly Hamilton on Sep, 25 in the Melting Marsh-Multi-Purpose Center. The center will be all three concerts.

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"We'd like to do a concert that has different types of music," said Jennifer Knapp, new director of student activities. The second show headed our way is a community concert. The first features Caedmon's Call, a band that debuted in the No. 1 spot on Billboard's pop chart with their 40 Apartments. This LJ favorite with its call-and-response backing will be playing along with Beverly Hamilton on Sep, 25 in the Melting Marsh-Multi-Purpose Center. The center will be all three concerts.

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We're gonna party like it's 1999 — (Left) Janes with computer the Vertical Edge. (Below) One of the most popular Block Party rides was the Gyrocopter.

Photos by Matt Hjembo
Opinion

Checking in a pleasant surprise this year

Most students dreaded through stress of how to get through check-in a few years back, however this year’s check-in was not only enjoyable, but a breeze.

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Most of the few who did get stuck in the check-in process got stuck because of their own reasons, or because of comparable reasons.

As students returned for the new semester, it's make or break you've got it here, and appreciate the massive preparation and effort it must have taken to turn what used to be a chore into a breeze.

Recent deaths should bring life into focus

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Whether we've lived here long enough to remember those days or not, let's consider "check-in" the event that it once was.

Just a few years back, however, "check-in" automatically meant long lines and frustration. A few hours in line considered good time.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. God's love allows a moment in silence, as long as the purpose is not specified for prayer.

Students who prayed before check-in were not the only students who believed in prayer. The school board has stated they will sue the school board if the new proposals are implement.

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Football: Nationally-ranked Marshall a tough test

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averaging 11.9 yards per catch, Heilig is expected to put up great numbers again in the upcoming season.

Junior Christian Newsome returns at quarterback. In 11 starts last year, he completed 160 of 360 passes for 2,245 yards, threw 11 touchdowns and was intercepted 16 times.

Backup Biff Parson "is a great prospect," Rutigliano said.

Darryl Gamon, a senior starting tackle selected to the 1-AA Pre-Season All-Star Team, and Ben Martin, a three year starter at tackle and guard will add the experience on the line.

Jerome Wicker, Sammy Choice, Jamie Christian, Billy Seals, and Torrey Rush will lead the defense. Wicker was moved from defensive end to outside linebacker with Choice and Christian. Seals will be moved from outside to inside linebacker. Rush, a 1-AA Preseason All-America pick by Sporting News, will block at strong safety, where he led the Flames last year with 106 tackles. Rutigliano is keeping an eye on Wicker and Choice moving outside.

As for special teams, newcomer Jay Featherly has big shoes to fill in replacing four-year starting kicker Phil Harmon!cz. Punter Ben Rogers expected to do well again this season after finishing with a 39.9-yard average last season.

"We plan to start off early, we can't afford to lose anyone. We need to stay healthy," Rutigliano said. Despite the ups and downs the last four years, the Flames still covet their first-ever playoff berth.

Rutigliano has high hopes, starting with his leader. "Newsome is taking us up this season," Rutigliano said.

Virginia Union (0-0) vs. Liberty (0-0)

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when Sheila Murphy snuck a goal past Liberty keeper Amy Moxley. Talented sophomore Nancy Davis got the LU offense on the board again with a beautiful set up pass from junior Cheryl Jones, and the overall solid play was important for several reasons. "This game was good because it builds our confidence, and it will also help the new players get ready for the rest of the season," said Handwerker. "We were able to come out strong and set the tone for the rest of the year, which is really important," said Small. It appears that the nine freshmen picked up this year will become an integral part of the Liberty squad this season. "Really don't have to worry about our freshmen, they are quite a talented bunch. They have to try to focus on playing smart and things should be alright," said Head Coach James Price. The Lady Flames will begin to channel their confidence from Saturday's victory toward Atlantic 10 powerhouse Virginia-Tech on Wednesday. "Tech will be a totally different game than tonight's game. It might be our toughest game. That game will show us where we are as a team," said Price. The Lady Flames host the Lady Hokies Wednesday at 4 p.m. They finish the week with a Saturday game at UNC-Asheville. On the 5th, LU will play host to Appalachian State. The early victories will be a good test before Big South play begins in earnest. Head Coach James Price.

Three LU alums in NFL this year

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**Football ready to turn the tide**

Health, experience key to LU’s happiness: a first-ever playoff bid

By Brooke Herrmann, ass’t sports editor

The power running back combo of Stoney Solomon and Dietri Heilig, known as "Thunder and Lightning" to Heilig, held the keys to a potent offensive attack.

Solomon, a three-year starter, ran for 189 yards away from becoming the Flames all-time leading rusher. With 11 touchdowns on 248 carries in 15 games, "Thunder" also accumulated 125 yards on 18 receptions and was selected to the Division I-AA Pre-Season All-Star Team.

Heilig, also a senior, carried 65 times for 355 yards, with six touchdowns, and held a 7.7 yard per carry average last season. Leading the team in receiving with 30 catches for 381 yards and four touchdowns.

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**Intramural signups in progress**

Rule changes will add faculty and post-grads, limit the play of game staff to ensure fairness. By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Two changes in participation rules highlight the start of the Student Life intramural sports season for the fall semester.

One graduate student, faculty or staff member may play on each team in each sport, a change from previous seasons.

Last semester, we had a couple of people who wanted to play and the rules basically accommodated them," said Chris Chamberlain, assistant director of intramural sports.

To combat complaints about fairness in competitions, Student Life has limited the participation of their own personnel. Staff members may now participate in only two sports per academic year. In addition, only two staff members can compete on the same team.

"A lot of people complained that the staff members were cheating and we basically had to accommodate them," said Chamberlain. "Now, nobody can say that they just didn’t want to play their best because they are on staff."

In addition, intramural results will be posted on the Student Life web site each Monday.

Intramural sports, including flag football and tennis, are open to the entire student body.

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WRESTLING DRIVER — Liberty senior Brian Nash, formerly a tight end on the football team, gives up his football helmet on Friday for a wrestling mat. Nash failed to qualify by three yards on Friday in Monroe, NC. He'll try again in Pittsburgh on Sept. 11.

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By Dave Stewart, reporter

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