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With spring semester rapidly approaching, it is not a bad idea to start thinking about summer school.

Taking classes in the summer has many distinct advantages. For starters, students can expect smaller class sizes, more one-on-one interaction with instructors, getting ahead in a program and even avoiding difficult or unclear class sessions.

Another advantage includes carrying a lighter load in an upcoming semester, satisfying the computer competency requirement, and an opportunity to take classes which may not be offered during the fall or spring. At a reduced price of $400 per undergraduate credit hour it is far less costly than paying for a class during May and July sessions. However, class fees are still applied to current students.

"Most of the classes are set up in an eight-week format in order to give a student the opportunity to take the maximum numbers of academic credits in a shorter time," said Director of LU Adult Education, Ron Raddette.

Summer classes will be offered in either six- or two-week formats. Riverstone scholars advocate taking more than nine credits in the summer and said students will most likely be interested in taking six in one term.

Course listings can be viewed by logging onto ASRT and choosing the summer term to Summer 1 or Summer 2, then choosing the Course Search option according to the University’s Academic Calendar website site.

Open registration on ASRT for the 2006 summer session begins January 13 and ends April 1, 2006. After April 1, registration will need to be processed manually in the Registrar’s Office and will require approval from Student Accounts.

Students need to be aware that an instructor's approval may be needed before April 1 because of strict enrollment or a fully enrolled course. Summer session will last from June 15-29, and will last from June 15-July 7, 2006.

According to Rowlette, the third summer session, July 16-August 11 will be primarily for incoming freshmen or transfer students who choose to get in early to Liberty. Summer sessions will be offered a second time. Classes will be offered on a six-week, and north campus.

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The Xbox 360 also comes in two versions. The full $499 version includes the console, a widescreen controller, an HD cable, a headset and a hard drive. The $399 version does not include a hard drive, but supports the same high level of resolution (up to 720 pixels, which is considered HD-ready).

TLNT明晰: GameStop, other retailers, offered a waiting list for anyone who wanted to reserve an Xbox 360. GameStop stopped adding names to the list two days before the system went on sale. Thus, it is adding names to the list this week. Well, in addition to the Xbox 360 games, it is compatible with all original Xbox games. It is also more popular with PC gamers. It can be connected to digital cameras, and other peripherals to be connected to digital cam-
Haiti's next election

Another phase in the country's turbulent path

Haiti will tentatively hold presidential elections sometime in January. As of Oct. 18, there are a reported 3.5 million of the eligible 4.5 million Haitians registered to vote, and the election has already been delayed three times. While the UN has promised keeping forces heavily armed and number, the interim government headed up by General Latortue is daily cited out against by former president Jean Bertrand-Aristide supporters and other political parties trying to stifle govern­ment influence.

Haiti is no stranger to corruption, whether it is political, social, spiritual or economic. The country is in the black-list realm in this hemisphere and is the first Caribbean state to achieve independence. However, its perpetual depressing con­dition does not indicate that being the first independent Caribbean state makes the nation better off than the rest. Haiti continues to decline, and is becoming increasingly more violent with the tension of the incoming election.

Article is just one of the pressures from a long list of desta­tions that have left the nation in its 200 years of independence from France. A couple of the formal dictators before him are his father and son, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier and Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. Former Duvalier was a well-known vociferous physi­cian, and along with his son leadership, their administrations severely oppressed the Haitians and their economy. Aristide was the first president elected as a result of an official election in 1990. He is part of the Lavalas political party that has won the elections in the last 15 years in a row. Many of the con­trasting problems Haiti has had over the years have been linked directly to the Lavalas to one or the elections, or to his political party. The Haitian majoritied voted him in, but he did not adhere to, after bloody coup.

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I hate Christmas shopping. A friend told me yesterday that she had bought all the gifts she was giving this year except for one. I honestly don’t even remember that I was supposed to give gifts until she mentioned it. The thing is, I like giving gifts. I like doing something nice for somebody else, and it’s not because it’s expensive that I hate Christmas shopping. It’s that there’s just too much to it. I could go to the mall anytime after Thanksgiving. For me, Christmas shopping is the ultimate cheese fest. And God forbid you have to go to the mall anytime after Thanksgiving. For me, it inevitably happens that there’s some store that’s not located anywhere outside a mall in the tri-state area. So, in search of that one special gift, I break down and go to the mall. After getting frostbite on my toes after the two-mile trek to the entrance, I almost never know what to get anyone. But, I’ve got the perfect gift, which is rare, because I’ve found something that I want for me, and often end up buying them, which leaves me less time and money for the gifts I’m supposed to be giving. What if everyone stopped buying each other gifts and only bought gifts for themselves? If I never knew what to get for other people, I always fail, too. I buy my dad movies all the time that he doesn’t watch, and I buy my friends. No, when I give them a gift, I want it to mean something to them. My endeavors here continually fall short. One friend who has a heart for the military. When our son was in Fallujah this past January (a very trying time for us, his family), I would ask if he needed anything, and he always said, “keep doing it.” I read your article about military families and just wanted to say “Thank You.” I am a senior nursing student here at Liberty and my husband was deployed on Oct. 18, 2005, so this is all very fresh, and a scary experience for me. He is still in the streets right now in training and will be home at Christmas for two weeks, but after that he will be heading to Iraq for a tour that will last for at least a year. Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you, your article touched home for me and I will be reading a copy of this week’s “The Liberty Champion” to him as well. I know that he and the guys in his unit will appreciate the articles written in it.

Sincerely,
Sonya Green

I just finished reading your article this week’s Champion and am very grateful to you for letting everyone know what a sacrifice our military (families) are making, their joy in making the sacrifice and the sadness that sometimes accompanies this joy. My husband served 21 years in the Air Force, and we have a son who is presently serving in the Marines, with one tour in Fallujah this past year through Iraq’s first election this past January (a very trying time for us, his family). I know from experience that our university family has a heart for the military. When our son was in Fallujah, there were so many of our university family who prayed daily for him and his troops and so for his family, as well. I received daily email encouragement from them and friends, and friends of friends all over the world. This was such a blessing, especially during those days and weeks of not hearing from our son. During those times when we did speak with him, I would ask if he needed anything, and he always said that “our prayers and letters” were the things that kept them going, so “keep doing it.”

Thanks, again, for your article!
Counseling team helps churches rebuild

By Joanne Tang
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"Churches that have been devastated are the ones rebuilding," said Dr. David Jenkins with the Center for Counseling.

One church that aims to rebuild is Grace Temple Baptist Church, whose congregants are for now, holding services and Bible studies in other buildings. Helping with the effort was Liberty University, who over Thanksgiving break sent 25 students to the Gulfport region to aid the church and the surrounding neighborhood.

The team consisted of several counseling students, undergraduate students and faculty members, including Jenkins and Dr. Ron Hawkins, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pastor Francis Rossi of Grace Temple Baptist said the church was using funds from the church budget, donations and insurance to start the long process of rebuilding their sanctuary, which lost one third of its roof.

The group's housing and food was provided by the North Carolina Baptist Men Disaster Relief organization, which was there to aid Gulfport. Because of this, the team distributed the food they had brought with them to residents. The team spent the day of Bayou View Baptist Church, which had been flooded.

Driving to Gulfport, the team arrived to face millions of dollars in destruction, and prime opportunities for counseling.

"Before going down, the general picture in the media was because the French Quarter was open, everything was fine," said Jenkins, "nothing is fine."

The residents needed help in finding belongings, clearing out their homes and counseling was often just lending an ear to residents to tell their stories and get their frustrations out into the open.

"(The residents) are marveling at the willingness people demonstrate to help them clean their houses and rebuild them," said Hawkins.

"You could start anywhere, everywhere. People were so overwhelmed they started nowhere," he said of why progress has been so slow. He said he saw a house that was still sitting in the middle of a street. "Some communities will never be rebuilt."

Hawkins and Jenkins took a side trip for three days to Baton Rouge and New Orleans. They visited historical St. Bernard Parish, which Jenkins describes as "devastated."

Hawkins spoke at Sunday service and the team of students separated to have fellowship in men's and women's Bible studies.

Several churches in the area were not only sharing buildings, churches were opening their doors for other denominations to hold services. This kind of unity was present also in education, where schools with available space were doubling up on students from other schools. For now, Grace Temple Baptist is not holding Sunday school classes.

"The consistent message from the residents was encouragement, providing what they said was the most needed," said Jenkins.

The Center for Counseling has partnered with the North Carolina Baptist Men to provide more relief aid to the region and plans are underway for another trip in December.

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By Andrew Stevens

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Lou Holtz imparts wisdom

By Jack Hollis

Lou Holtz, the former coach at Notre Dame and Syracuse and now an analyst for ESPN, shared his life experience with students at the Liberty University convocation on Nov. 16 as legendary coach John Wooden stated in his book, *The Greatest Lesson of All*.

"I want to share with you something that comes from the Lord alone. It is how to live life skillfully, and that's why I'm here," Holtz said.

Holtz also gave advice regarding Liberty's football program, encouraging them to continue in their commitment to Christian values, and to never compromise to further themselves spiritually, financially or culturally. He motivated the student body, which he addressed as "you and me," to seek out and hold on to every opportunity to achieve their dreams and work hard to quell rumors about his future college coaching plans.

"I came up here to speak to the student body... I want that to be understood," Holtz said. "I want everyone out there to know that at Liberty University, and for Dr. Jerry Falwell, "I have tremendous respect for the Fallwell family and everything that they have accomplished," Holtz said. "I’m very impressed with this university, and the thing that impresses me most is that of the students, you don’t see that very often. I even saw some professors smiling! Does that ever happen? Holtz asked.

Holtz’s coaching career brought him to six different schools, his longest tenure being at the University of Notre Dame, where he became the second most winning coach in football history over the course of 10 seasons, including the 1988 National Championship in 1988.

Growing up in a football family, Holtz joined the sport at a very young age, and "I was hooked," Holtz said. Holtz still remembers the moment he knew he wanted to be a coach.

"You can’t ever say never. I may live to 125, you never know. But right now, I’m committed to my wife and to ESPN. Right now, coaching is not in the game plan. I played very little golf, which I enjoy. If I started coaching again, I’d be putting it down to settle into, I thought it was retired, but it turned out that I’m actually retired," Holtz said with a laugh.

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Stevens: Remembering Karcher

When I arrived on campus in the fall of 2005, the possibility of writing a sports column every week occurred to me. Liking all of my classmate's conversations, one of the first things I realized is that it was important to me to have a relationship with every person you don’t talk to. Coaches can often serve as a bridge to spread the gospel to the masses of young athletes. As sons and daughters of God, our prayer lives can help us take giant steps in our lives. Reading sports Illustrated or ESPN would have to be the result of a prayer and commitment, not the ease of a quick浏览 or a shallow habit. God’s blessings.

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McDougal places fourth at Nationals

By Scott LaPeer

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Liberty students were relaxing at home or working on Thanksgiving break, Josh McDougal was working on strengthening his team for the upcoming season. McDougal, a senior at Liberty University, is a member of the NCAA Cross-Country Championship team, and was among the leaders right from the beginning.
Women fall at tourney

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People make life-changing decisions in times of despair, such as Dave Sims of Hope Aglow Ministries pointed out. For over 40 years, Hope Aglow Ministries has worked with the correctional facilities in Central Virginia such as, Bedford, the Blue Ridge Regional, the Camp 23, the Rescue Mission, the Jail, Hallifax, the Lynchburg and the Monacan Institute.

Both Hope Aglow Ministries and Liberty Ministries hand out tracts and preach the message of salvation to the inmates. Hope Aglow Ministries does about 1,000 individual Bible studies a year, and puts a lot of emphasis on discipleship. Truly Great works with female inmates and Dave Stinnett works with the juvenile detention centers every Wednesday night with the help of Liberty student volunteers.

Through both ministries, there is hard work being shared. They work with Virginia’s inmates, they go largely unrecognized. “We don’t have as many students helping so we once did,” said Sims. “It’s still in the planning stages, but we are hoping that eventually we can set up courses at Liberty to train for personal ministry charac-
teristics,” said Land McClore, also of Hope Aglow Ministries. “We are hoping to increase the number of LU students in the ministry,” Sims said.

“Hope Aglow Ministries is a real grass roots organization,” Sims said. “We have very low overhead, most of our funds go directly to the minis-
tory. Hope Aglow Ministries also has some needs. There is always a need for prayer,” said Sims. “Though it would take commitment of time and travel, there are opportunities for students to lead worship and music, and play instruments, especially the piano. We also need soft cover Bibles,” said Sims.

Donations for Hope Aglow are taken at hopeaglow.com. If you would like to help Liberty Ministries, a list of needs can be found on the ministry Web site, liberty.edu/motivation.

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