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By Beverly Lundy, copy editor

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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 Mike Kostiew and Vice President of Student Services Deanna Roberts, the freshman has worked all summer to establish a government that represents the student body.

Stewart, half the halls didn't even have one senator last semester. Because SGA needs 175 representatives, Stewart printed 200 applications, anticipating 500 applicants before the deadline.

In addition, Dr. John Borek Jr., university president, requested a senate task force form and a survey of LU students to discover ways to make this transition "in order to give (SGA) and students a better chance at representation." President in action — Chris Stewart and his SGA crew work towards student representation.

Stewart researched SGA budgets of other institutions such as Harding University, Oral Roberts, Drexel University and Oklahoma Baptist, because they were comparable 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 president, Mike Stewart, dean of student life, suggested Dean of Students Greg Dowell assume the position. Dean Stewart said he wanted to make the transition "in order to give (SGA) more attention." He said he couldn't give as 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-shirts for the senators.

In addition, Dr. John Borek Jr., university president, requested a senator task force form and a survey of LU students to discover ways to recruit 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. He said just like the senate is the foundation of the government in America, so LU's SGA can't function without student representation.

Mystery of Magic — Students involved in Spencer's illusions.

"Because they keep asking me," he said. "Liberty is always a fun crowd. And its the only Christian college where I perform."

For his final trick, Spencer invited four students on stage to assist in the stage illusions. One of the students was Miranda Lettery. Cindy handcuffed and then padlocked him in a box. DeMoss 110.

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**Inner harbor tour scheduled**

By Scott Kowalowski, reporter

Are you tired of the small town atmosphere of Baltimore? Do you long for the excitement and culture of the Inner Harbor? Students will have the opportunity to attend an afternoon ballgame at Camden Yards, for a walk from the Inner Harbor and attend an afternoon ballpark tour scheduled Aug. 19. Gay pastor to visit TRBC

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Oct. 23, reminding souls that God is not ‘tired.’

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

"As a pastor, I say he is going to be criticized," Johnson said of Falwell. "Somebody percent of what Phelps believes, most Christians believe in, but his presentation is in Christian terms so misunderstood by hate." Falwell has no desire for reconciliation. "White said. "He only wants to draw attention to himself!"

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**DP to renovate Cafe**

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 at David's Place. Previously, David's Place housed the Student Life office. Gallagher also mentioned that the coffeehouse will "fit the atmosphere at David's Place." According to Michael Stewart, dean of student life, the atmosphere will continue to be the same as the previous owners. The new Cafe will also feature a venue different from the subs and pizzas of the previous owners. The Cafe will offer Visitors a world-class coffee shop.

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Changes in faculty aid in LU's "academic expansion continues"

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

By Chrissy Remsberg, asst editor

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Liberty students learn the language of love

By Doug Kruhm, reporter

Two students across America, Labor Day means two things back to school. For the rest of the world, however, September's first Monday marks the national Labor Day holiday. Many, I usually count the unspoken definition of Labor Day as the last chance to work on projects or go on a trip before the start of school. But for participants in Liberty University's Study Abroad program, it was also the beginning of a new journey.

Juanita Berrera

For more than a decade the little town of Pullman, Illinois, has had a summer camp town outside of Chicago. Pullman was the fictionalized child of the national newspaper's leaders. The Pullman School of Management includes many different departments, including the School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Engineering, the School of Law, and the School of Public Affairs.

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Photos by Matt Hjembo
**Silence really can be golden**

Citizens in the Appomattox County School District recently asked their school board to begin the class day with two minutes of silence for prayer and post the Lord's Prayer at all county schools. A News and Advance report said a committee was being formed to consider the request. Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union, defending the school board if the new proposals are implemented, said a committee was being formed to study the proposal to post the school board if the new proposals are implemented.

As we start this new school year, let's realize how good we have it here, and appreciate the positive preparation and effect it has made to turn what could be a threat into a treasure.

**Recent deaths should bring life into focus**

As students returned for the new semester, the news of two deaths back to back sent waves across the Liberty family: A band member passed away after a blood clot formed in his heart. A professor's daughter died in a car crash. One right after the other. It's easy to feel a newfound sympathy for the deadly semester and friends, to pray a quick prayer, and to forget the uneasiness of it all.

But make it personal. Ask yourself the old age question: “What if that happens to me?”

A realization that your time is precious. Once it's up you won't have any more.

**Evolution really a belief system**

I used to wonder why evolution was considered "religious" in Christianity, since it only deals with scientific observations. But evolution tries to prove that God is an unnecessary element in the beginning of life. A god who is unnecessary and yet be necessary? How could we know he existed, if He never involved Himself in anything? How could we know he existed, if He never had any effect on us, morally, physically, scientifically. We might as well list as if He didn't exist. So, Evolution does not offer anything to the religious right, but it does mean anything for us, socially, politically, or spiritually. As we might as well list as if He didn't exist. So, Evolution does not offer anything to the religious right, but it does mean anything for us, socially, politically, or spiritually.

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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 30 tackles. Rutigliano is hoping for more speed with Wicker and Choice moving outside.

As for special teams, newcomer Jay Felley has high hopes to fill in replacing long-time starting holder Phil Hammes. Punter Ben Rogers expected to do well again this season after finishing with a 44.0-yard average last fall.

"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.
Lady Flames: Tech set for Wednesday

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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 penalty kick at the 65th minute. Four minutes later, Coffey scored once again to ice the game and hurt her own confidence but stuck in just her first game as a Leopard uniform.

According to team leaders senior Cheryl Handwerker and junior Michelle Small, the win in a Liberty uniform. "This game was good because it is really important," said Small. "This will be a totally different game than last night's. 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 weekend game at UNC-Asheville. On the 6th, LU will play host to Appalachian State. The Flames are looking to win three straight games and take their Atlantic 10 powerhouse Virginia Tech on Wednesday. "Tech will be a totally different Atlantic 10 powerhouse Virginia Tech on Wednesday. "Tech will be a totally different

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Football ready to turn the tide

By Brooke Herrmann, asst. sports editor

A look at the year's teams:

**Offense**

The power running back duo of Shaquille Solomon and Kristian LeFevre, known as "Thunder and Lightning" to defenses, will lead the key to a potent offensive attack.

**Defense**

Suffice it to say that 189 yards away from becoming the Flames' all-time leading receiver. With 11 touchdowns on 248 carries in 15 games. "Thunder" also completed 125 yards on 18 receptions and was selected to the Division I-AA Pre-Season All-Star Team.

LeFevre, also a senior, entered 65 total yards, six touchdowns, and held a 7.7 yard per carry average last season. Leading the team in receiving with 12 catches for 381 yards and fourtouchdowns.

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Intramural signups in progress

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 now participate in only two sports per academic year. In addition, only two staff members can compete on the same team.

"We've tried to keep the limits manageable," said Steve Chamberlain, assistant director of intramural sports.

To combat complaints about favoritism in competition, Student Life has limited the participation of their intramural staff. Staff members now may 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 favoring their intramural teams," said Chamberlain. "Now, nobody can say that they just can't get in because they are on staff."

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

Each intramural season starts on Sept. 13. Fall sports include flag football and tennis.

Intramural sports season begins Sept. 20. Coed volleyball will start on Sept. 27. A flag football tournament is scheduled for Oct. 12-15.

Students may sign up at the Student Life offices on Davis Placer. For more information, contact Student Life at ext. 2389.