Samford removes free newspapers from campus

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Last year, it was a common sight on campus: students and professors reading The New York Times during breakfast in the Caf, or walking around the Quad with a copy of USA Today tucked under an arm. Now it’s difficult to find a copy of the newspapers anywhere on campus.

Samford began a newspaper subscriptions campaign in the fall of 2002. Vice President and Dean of Students Richard Franklin researched the program after enlisting freshmen and other students expressed an interest in the program.

“I went to the President, who was Thomas Corts at that time, and asked him if there was a way we could get funding to do it,” Franklin said. “So it was started that way, through the generosity of the president.

As of last year, kiosks which contained copies of The New York Times, USA Today and The Birmingham News were located in the Caf, the library and near the post office in the University Center. However, the kiosks were removed during the summer, and no new service has been offered to take their place.

“At first it was surprising that it would be eliminated,” senior history major Andrew Ramsey said. “It was surprising that it would be removed if they still provided an interest in the program.

Today tucked under an arm.

The winds of change blew through Denver last week with the nomination of Barack Obama, the first African-American selected to represent a major political party in a presidential election.

Two Samford students, junior political science major Erin Ramsey and 2008 graduate political science major Ty Nix participated in this historic event at the Democratic National Convention last week.

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University Fellows replaces Honors Program

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At the conception of the University Fellows program two years ago, Dr. Chris Metress believed it would become a vessel of intellectual leaders that would enrich the Samford campus with a vast array of worldly and academic experiences.

The inaugural class of the program has 40 students. Metress, who resides as the Dean of Students Richard Franklin, oversees the Fellows program.

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First wireless phase nears completion

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In the spring, the University Council began developing a plan to bring wireless to all areas of campus. However, they didn’t show up on the service list until this fall.

While wireless will be coming to the Quad this year, students will most likely have to wait until fall 2009 before wireless access is available in the dorms.

“It is certainly our hope, if we’re able to advance that time line, to do it sooner, but the formal commitment that was made is to have it done by this time next year,” Alan Hargrave, chief information officer, said.

The first phase outlined in Samford’s wireless plan was completed by the end of August. This phase included adding wireless routers to the academic buildings surrounding the Quad, as well as mounting several routers to the outside of the academic buildings in order to provide wireless access outside.

“We’ve got this beautiful place that people love to relax and study in, so it should be wireless,” Vice President for Operations and Planning Arrab BITS said.

Hargrave said that installation of wireless routers on the Quad and the academic buildings surrounding it is almost finished.

“We’re about 80 percent done right now, and the other 20 percent is just trying up loose ends,” he said.

Thanks to the new wireless access, students will no longer be tethered to their desks or forced to reserve a computer lab.

“It enables students to see Wireless, page 2

Fear of Change

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The 40 freshmen selected for the program enjoy a new lounge in Dwight Bessee Hall.

Students learn to appreciate change through a series of reading assignments from the book "Falling Slowly" by Jonathan Kozol. The book introduces students to the struggle of those living in poverty in the United States.

Case in point is Mary Hayes, a junior elementary education major.

“I got a lot out of the book and how it pertained to my life everyday," Hayes said. "I have learned that the effect of change is a positive thing and it can help you make positive changes in your life."
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The Republican National Convention will move all of its activi-
ties Monday and Tuesday to the New Orleans Superdome. Sen. John
McCain said it wouldn’t be appropriate to hold a celebration during
a time of disaster.
“We will pray for the host andprepare for the storm,” McCain said.
Said the event will take place in St. Paul, Minn. President Bush and Vice
President Dick Cheney were not in attendance; however, former Dini-
ster Gov. Mitt Romney joined Vice President Joe Biden, a new member
of the Independent party, spoke Tuesday night.
State
Alabama andAuburn scorebig in first game
The first college football games of the season kicked off last Satur-
day, with Alabama and Auburn knocking on countless doors,
registering voters and helping get people to the polls.
Jessica Cunningham said.
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The Student Game Day Procedures

-Valid Samford ID must be presented for admission.
-Scalig is available first come, first serve in section 104.
-The first four rows of the student section are for red Sea members, students must wear a red Sea T-shirt, present membership card or have body painted to be admit-
ted to the red Sea section.

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