

Hiking in the Himalaya’s Tiger Leaping Gorge in Yunnan, China. Andrew Westover, third from the left, shared his summer experience with exchange students from France and Taiwan.

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Study abroad program adds new locations in Asia

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Samford has offered students the chance to expand their world-view and experience other cultures first hand through its International Studies for decades. Students have traveled to Greece, the Caribbean, Peru and London through this program.

Now the International Studies Program is seeking to expand its program of locations into Asia. Newly appointed International Studies Director David Shipley has had a vision to expand the program further. Along with the Samford administration, Shipley says he wants to add more Asian countries to the list of options for Samford students.

“We’ve already signed an agreement with Jakarta,” Shipley said. “And Japan is in the works. It definitely seems to be a possibility. Students may be able to go over there as early as next fall.”

In October 2004, Samford students began participating in exchange programs at Hong Kong Baptist University in China. In June 2005, students were welcomed to the Seoul Women’s University in Korea.

President Andrew Westover saidays beginning the groundwork for new Asian study programs over the summer.

He and his family traveled to several different countries including Indonesia, Hong Kong and Japan.

Their first stop was the University Palita Harapanin in Indonesia for a decade, Westoverland said he hopes to begin one with the Japanese Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka. “Seinan Gakuin University” was founded in the last century by Baptist missionaries but has affiliation, Westmoreland said.

Westmoreland said he wants students to be able to experience some of the unique cultures and traditions he witnessed first hand while in Asia.

“We’re trying to find additional relationships for people from Samford in Asia. We need to provide more opportunities for Samford students and faculty to learn more about the Asian culture,” Westmoreland said.

Suppose international relations major Allison Edmonson has a vision to expand the program further. Along with the students participating in the exchange program in Jakarta, Indonesia, she is excited about the new opportunity.

“This will expand Samford’s cultural base and bring more opportunities for students interested in global affairs,” she said. “I would love to participate in study abroad in Indonesia.”

Connections already exist between Samford and educators in Indonesia. “Gary Bailey is the president of the Seinan Gakuin University and also a Samford grad,” Shipley said. “We also have a new biology faculty member here, Davis Johnson, who is also a Samford grad. We also have a new biology faculty member here, Davis Johnson, who is also a Samford grad.”

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Mid-September is when they’ll start clearing the land and breaking ground.

The new field house will be one of the south-end of Seibert Stadium. Even though athletic administration recognized the need for new facilities for the football team last year, the Pete Hanna Center is still under construction, the space the team needed couldn’t be accommodated in the Center.

They will have meeting rooms, an office space and other amenities necessary to compete at the Southern Conference level. The decision to add a third level was approved last spring with plans to use the space during future

Habitat for Humanity hosts Ultimate Frisbee tournament

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Samford Club Ultimate and Habitat for Humanity will collaborate to host The Hammer Huddle, an Ultimate Frisbee tournament on Saturday, Oct. 4.

“Samford Club Ultimate was crowned last year, and since we’ve been wanting to do something for Samford and the community, Courtney Carnes came to me with the idea, and I thought it was a great way to help fund their organization,” senior religion major Grant Milburn said.

Samford University sponsors a Habitat house every other year and last year was its year to do just that. Samford’s chaplain team up with the Greater Birmingham chapter, completing about one house each semester.

Senior political science major Courtney Carnes, president of Samford’s Habitat chapter, has been a part of the chapter since her freshman year.

“Samford Habitat will be using the proceeds of the tournament to fund outreach and advocacy events on campus and through the Birmingham community. A portion of the proceeds will also go to fund the chapter’s trip to Habitat International,” Carnes said.

According to the web site, Habitat is a “nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry.” See Habitat, page 2

Field house ground breaking long overdue

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The building community can’t help but notice the construction of the football field house currently taking place in Selma Stadium. What people don’t know is why it is being constructed.

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World

Iranian president: ‘American empire’ nearing end

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad spoke sharply against the United States when the U.N. General Assembly met Tuesday. He accused the U.S. and NATO of attempting to thwart Iran’s peaceful nuclear program.

“America is the world which is reaching the end of its road, and its next rules must limit their independence to their own borders,” Ahmadinejad said.

He stated once again that Iran’s nuclear program is not aimed at producing nuclear weapons as the U.S. and some European countries suspect.

“The world economy can no longer tolerate the budgetary deficits and the pressure occurring on the workers here in the United States, and by the U.S. government,” he said.

Nation

Congress proposes solutions to financial fall-out

With the nation in a financial crisis, a proposal has been made for a $700 billion bailout plan of the nation’s financial systems. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson gave testimony Tuesday morning to the Senate Banking Committee that bailout is necessary and now needs to be taken immediately for the good of the economy.

On Monday, the price of oil jumped, the value of the dollar dropped, the stock market tanked and President Bush was feeling the pressure of the nation.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the Central Bank would prefer not to raise capital, which would threaten families’ financial intuitions, but lastly there has been no choice. Bernanke said the bailout would help stabilize the situation, restoring confidence in the financial system.

This bailout may help stabilize the financial markets. President Bush proposed a bailout several days ago and is hopeful that Congress will pass the appropriation bill. This is the biggest U.S. bailout since the Great Depression, and many politicians are hesitant about lending that much money without being presented a proper plan of action.

Campus

Ryder Cup benefits SU Golf Team

The PGA of America donated $30,000 to the Samford golf program. Ryder Cup-night team director Paul Ainge made a decision that will increase the program’s budget, “and help the program reach its full potential,” lead golf coach Wooton Bumgar said.

The 37th Ryder Cup festivities wrapped up Sunday in Louisville, Kentucky. The event benefits U.S.-based charitable organizations, university students and published under the auspices of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

“Eugene Robinson is perhaps the nation’s most trusted columnist,” said Lumpkin. “If we brought someone in who had a different perspective, it would seem to me less productive in some ways, simply because Robinson’s columns have already agreed with, that seems to just say everything that everybody else is saying.”

“Habitat is so great because it is a Christian organization with a focus on spreading the word of Christ while helping those in need. Habitat is a helping hand to those who need it the most,” Carnes said.

“The most rewarding part is seeing a family receive their keys during a dedication ceremony. Most of the time these families have never had a place to call home, so to own an actual house is an awesome thing,” Carnes said.