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University to add golf and cross-country to intercollegiate athletics

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Bruins men's and women's golf will begin in fall 2013. Photo: Emma Klak & Luke Cleland

BJU consolidates majors, enhances academic programs

By: ERIN KIMBRO
Staff Writer

Last semester the academic deans announced the restructuring of several majors within the University. Changes included the elimination of a few majors, but they primarily involved the absorption of smaller, related majors into broader ones.

The streamlining of majors is focused on upholding the University's commitment to academic excellence and can benefit students in multiple ways.

While most of the adjusted majors will provide the same opportunities for customization that current programs do, in some cases, the opportunity for customization is even greater.

For example, in the School of Religion, the youth ministries and pastoral studies majors will be absorbed by the general Bible major, but this change actually gives ministerial students more options to customize their major to fit their specific goals.

The newly crafted Bible major includes 17 hours of electives that draw from all university classes. The former Bible major offered no room for additional electives. Ministerial students can now use the electives to focus their major toward plans for ministry. Dr. Royce Short, dean of the School of Religion, said the flexibility of the new major will leave the student in the driver's seat. "The student now has the [capability] to choose what he wants to help him, whether it's music, business, sports—you name it," he

said. "[The student] can choose those classes while still getting all of the Bible classes and ministerial classes." Dr. Short also noted that the removal of certain majors does not mean those areas of study have been eliminated from the school. "Just because we don't have a specific major that says 'youth ministry' or 'evangelism' doesn't mean that we will not train people for those things anymore," he said.

For some schools, the changes did not include the elimination of majors but rather the elimination of concentrations within the majors. Concentrations that were comprised of many similar classes have been combined to create fewer, more flexible majors under more streamlined labels.

Dr. Ryan Meers, chairman of the Division of Communication, said the changes within the School of Fine Arts and Communication were driven by the desire to strengthen the division's cores.

The communication major is one example of this consolidation. The communication major was divided into three main concentrations: organizational communication, interpersonal communication and rhetoric and public address. In the past, students have been required to choose a concentration, but now incoming students will customize their emphasis through their classes directly and not through a stated concentration.

"On paper it might look a little more rigid, but in reality it's not," Dr. Meers said. "Most of the students in these concentrations were taking the same courses anyway,



Sophomore journalism and mass communication major Steph Schmidt practices with radio equipment. Photo: Jacob Larsen

and their career goals were very similar, so we took the best of both and combined them."

Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for Academic Affairs and chief administrative oversight officer, emphasized that the changes the University is putting into effect have been extensively analyzed in light of their benefit to the University and its vision. "We want clear outcomes and objectives,"

he said. "This is about ensuring that we go forward focused on the strengths that the school was founded to uphold: a biblical foundation and a liberal arts core. This restructuring helps to reinforce what we are seeking to do—instilling not only skills but values. It's more important to teach students how to learn and grow than it is to teach them the technical aspects of a vocation. It is there that our education is most valuable."

COLUMN



By: JESSI HARGETT
Staff Writer

If I were living in America during the 1940s and '50s and mentioned *Yours Truly Johnny Dollar*, *Our Miss Brooks* or *You Bet Your Life*, people would perk up and start discussing the latest episode with excited fervor. Today, I get blank stares.

Ever since I was little, I have loved to go to bed, clean the house or run while listening to these nostalgic radio shows of yester year. I know, I'm weird.

Though I enjoy listening to music and watching black and white movies—I told you, I'm weird—nothing passes the time while driving on long road trips or scrubbing the toilet than engaging your brain in another time and place.

The adventures of Johnny Dollar, an insurance investigator who often finds himself unearthing a robbery or murder scene, keep me intrigued and baffled as I try to solve the mystery in my own mind.

I chuckle as I listen to the sticky situations of Miss Brooks, the fictitious Madison High English teacher. Whether she rips her skirt on her desk or inadvertently writes a love note to her less-than-lovable principal, Miss

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Man's sinful nature, not media, to blame for violent crimes

The Collegian Editorial

On Jan. 16 President Obama asked Congress to support a \$10 million investigation of the impact of violent video games and entertainment on the mental health of society. The research would be conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vice President Joe Biden met with representatives of top video game manufacturers to discuss the industry's impact on society.

These investigations are a response to the recent mass shootings and suicides of young criminals. Ques-

tions about guns, violence and mental health have been raised once again among the American people.

Americans have debated for years what causes a person to commit such acts of horror and how they can be prevented.

Now, top U.S. officials are giving high priority to an investigation of accepted and even common entertainment present in many households around the country, fearing for the mental health of its users.

Could it be that these officials are onto something?

While not all people are affected the same way by witnessing violence, and

while violent entertainment is not solely responsible for the crimes of our day, it certainly seems closer to the root of the issue—man's own choices.

C.S. Lewis said, "Every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different than it was before."

Man is highly responsible for the state of his own mind. Lewis implies that the actions of a man's inner life bear consequences in his outside life, namely his relationship with those around him. This is why man's sin can seem to point toward a

mental issue.

According to *New York Times* writers Benedict Carey and Anemona Hartocollis, some experts say the psychological issues present in many criminals today "are noticeable but do not add up to any specific 'disorder' according to strict criteria."

So while cruelty may be a mental issue, the best answer is not a medical label. The best answer is to acknowledge it as the consequence of man's day-to-day choices. The choice to indulge in violent video games may be a stimulus to crime, but its roots run deep. It is a sin issue, all men being not only capable, but responsible.

TALK BACK

What New Year's Resolution have you kept the longest?



JOSH CLATER

No pop; 3 years



RAY HOLDEN JR.

No junk food; 6 months



KAYLEE KASHI

No sweets; 2 weeks (so far)



GUS VANAMAN

No fries; 1 day



KAYLA JENNINGS

No soda; 1 year

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New semester, new students

Students begin spring semester, adjust to life on campus

By: LEIGH KOSIN
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“A new student coming second semester is like trying to get on the airplane after it has already taken off,” said Dr. Jeff Heath, BJU’s director of Enrollment Planning.

Impossible, right? Yet right now 56 students from 19 states and five different countries are proving that it’s possible.

Meet one new student, Helen Lei, a sophomore nursing major from Shanghai, China. Back home Lei

already graduated from college with a nursing degree and worked at a hospital in Shanghai for a year.

Now meet Hannah Tompkins, a freshman from Virginia. She is also new this semester and is majoring in special education. Next semester she will join the Bruins women’s basketball team.

So why did Lei and Tompkins transfer to BJU?

According to Lei, she transferred to BJU to further her education in nursing because the medical field in China is not as advanced.

After graduation she wishes to return to China and help her father, who is poor in health.

Tompkins said she transferred from a university in Texas in order to be closer to her family.

The main reason, though, that both Lei and Tompkins chose BJU was because of the strong Christian atmosphere. Specifically, Lei wants to learn more about God and strengthen her faith so that she can be a strong testimony when she returns to China.

Dr. Heath’s department oversees that new students, like Lei and Tompkins, acclimate to life on campus. Part of his job is to ensure that BJU pays attention to their needs as newly arrived students.

According to Dr. Heath, the freshman seminar coach and orientation meetings are keys to helping new students adjust to life at BJU. New students are encour-



Sophomore Jennifer Verway and freshmen Leanne Cleveland and Corey Alcivar spend time in the Snack Shop. Photo: Luke Cleland

aged to reach out and stop anyone on the sidewalk to ask a question.

But on the flip side, Dr. Heath said he hopes the rest of the student body reaches out to the new students as well, putting themselves in their shoes and remembering what it

is like to be new in an unfamiliar place.

He encouraged the student body to be available to answer questions for new students. Perhaps even go to a ball game or eat a meal with them. “Good hospitality things,” Dr. Heath said.

Both Lei and Tompkins

said the students they’ve talked to have been extremely helpful and nice to point them in the right direction when they couldn’t find a place on campus.

Tompkins said that her goal this semester is to “meet as many people—new people—as I can.”

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Brooks somehow manages to keep sane amid the many mini-tragedies she comes across on a regular basis.

And you never knew what you were going to hear from either the contestants or the uninhibited host, Groucho Marx, on the game show *You Bet Your Life*. Every week the listening—and later watching—audience would meet unique, yet everyday individuals living amidst the populace of America.

While listening to these old-time radio shows, my imagination reaches a peak. I can see in my mind the speaker’s description of waves lapping on the beach, the dusty, cramped classroom, the dubious kidnapper or awkward adolescent. Sometimes, I even feel like I’m watching a scene from a movie—

the characters and setting become so vivid in my mind.

Probably, the majority of my generation and younger have never heard of the shows I’ve mentioned. But I’m guessing that most, if not all, BJU students and grads have heard of Patch the Pirate or Adventures in Odyssey. Though these “kid” programs are tucked away in our younger days, I hope we haven’t also cast away a valuable gift every human being possesses.

Something happens when we get older. As we grow out of childhood, we also seem to grow out of our imagination. No longer do we have imaginary friends, or at least I hope not, nor do we run around playing cops and robbers.

Nevertheless, imagination should not be cast aside as a thing of our youth. Our

imagination is a gift from God. However, as life on this earth is marred from the fall, so is man’s imagination. We should guard the thoughts and imaginations of our mind and strive to make them conform to the standard of Philippians 4:8: think on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, commendable and worthy of praise.

But, while aligning with God’s Word, we can use our imaginations to picture what Christ and the authors of both the Old and New Testaments describe. Stop and think for a second. What was it like for the Israelites to cross the Red Sea with gigantic walls of water reaching high beside their path? Can you hear the sound of the horns and cries of the Israelites as the mighty wall of Jericho crashes to the ground? What do you see as the gospel writers describe the

death, resurrection and ascension of our Savior? Can you see the streets of gold, the pearly gates or the magnificent splendor of our Lord?

To this last question, Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9 that no one could ever imagine all that God has for us in this life and in eternity. “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

The imagination of man is a precious gift—one we shouldn’t waste. I love to sharpen my imaginary skills by listening to the radio comedians and detectives of the ’40s and ’50s. But true joy comes when I imagine what my home will be like one day and that first moment when I meet my Savior face to face.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By: Jessica Kane | Staff Writer

■ FOUNDATION BRASS CONCERT Tonight, 7 to 8 p.m., Stratton Hall

The foundation brass ensemble will premiere a composition called *Capricious Metals* tonight at 7 p.m. in Stratton Hall. It was written specifically for this concert by Dr. Seth Custer of the music faculty.

“The piece is very rhythmic, very fun to play, and it’ll be fun to premiere it here for the BJU family,” said Dr. Bruce Cox of the music faculty.

■ UNIVERSITY SKI TRIP Tuesday, All day, Wolf Ridge Ski Resort

The University will host its annual ski trip this Tuesday at Wolf Ridge Ski Resort in Mars Hill, N.C. “We look forward to [the trip] every year,” said Mr. Kasey McClure, director of Activities and Organizations. The cost for skiing and snowboarding will be \$55 and \$70, respectively. Lift tickets, equipment rentals, lunch and transportation are included. The cost for students who bring their own equipment is \$40.

■ VESPERS: “BREAK THE KNOT” Thursday, 7 & 8:30 p.m., Rodeheaver Auditorium

The upcoming Vespers drama “Break the Knot” depicts the journey of a teenage girl who is struggling with a specific “knot” of sin. With the support of her family and one of her teachers, she is able to break that knot and find restored fellowship with God.

Mr. Jeff Stegall, director of the program and member of the communication faculty, relates the play’s theme to Romans 12. “No matter what any of the students might be struggling with or involved in, Christ is sufficient for their need,” he said. “We hope people realize there are people around them in their dorms, in their society and in their classes who are willing to help.”



Check, Please

Downtown gelato café offers fresh Italian cuisine

By: MEGAN WHALEY
Staff Writer

A taste of Italy can be found in Downtown Greenville at the Luna Rosa Gelato Café. Located on West Washington off Main Street, Luna Rosa is a family-owned and -operated café that offers fresh, quality food.

There's a reason tripadvisor.com has named this café Greenville's No. 1 restaurant for three consecutive years.

Luna Rosa has a casual

and colorful atmosphere. Jose Ortiz, the manager of the Luna Rosa Gelato Café, said the café portrays a European theme so customers can experience what a real Italian gelato café would be like. Luna Rosa has tables and chairs inside and outside the restaurant for customers to sit and enjoy their meal and gelato.

Luna Rosa offers a full menu that consists of soup, salad, paninis, pizza and pasta. Ortiz said everything at the café is made from



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Check out Luna Rosa's website to see its menu and gelato flavors:
www.lunarosagelato.com

The atmosphere inside Luna Rosa Gelato Café invites customers to enjoy its delicious menu. Photo: Submitted

scratch—nothing is boxed or prepackaged. The ingredients at Luna Rosa are fresh. They do their own shopping at fresh markets to get the best ingredients for their soups, like their roasted tomato and eggplant bisque topped with feta cheese. They also serve cappuccino

and espresso. An entire meal at Luna Rosa will cost around \$15.

Luna Rosa is well known for its gelato, an Italian-style ice cream with one-third less butter fat than regular ice cream. Gelato is also creamier than regular ice cream because less air is

incorporated into it. Luna Rosa makes all of its gelato right at the café. Ortiz said the most popular gelato is chocolate velvet. Other tempting flavors include strawberry shortcake, peanut butter cookie and caramel-by-the-sea. The flavors change often in order

to provide customers a wide selection to taste and enjoy. Customers can sample flavors before choosing which one they would like to purchase.

Luna Rosa is open every day and serves dinner on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE GLOBE

From Mexico to England to South Korea, BJU students share how they celebrated Christmas and New Year's in international fashion.

EUNICE & VICTORIA OROZCO MEXICO

Eunice Elizondo Orozco, a cross-cultural studies graduate student, and her sister Victoria, a senior two-dimensional studio art major, were able to go home to Mexico for Christmas break. For these sisters, Christmas is very family oriented. "We are so busy because we have to visit all of our aunts', uncles' and grandparents' homes," Victoria said. "But my favorite part is spending Christmas Eve together with everyone. We stay at my grandparents' home until 2 or 3 in the morning."

"New Year's Eve is very foggy because of all of the fireworks!" Eunice said. "We have a tradition called '12 Grapes,' where each grape is a wish, and you have to eat them all in about 15 seconds right after midnight," Victoria said. "It gets really hard because you are hugging everyone at the same time you are eating grapes, but it is so much fun." This year, some friends visited Victoria and they were able to tour the city. "We went to a park in the middle of the city, climbed a mountain with a beautiful view and went to see a waterfall," Victoria said. "It was really special to be with friends and family over break."



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BJU Drama Team to represent the University in schools, churches

By: LEE MILLER
Staff Writer

This semester more than 100 audiences and congregations in 10 states will hear the gospel and learn about Christian education from the BJU Drama Ministry Team.

The team is led by BJU staff couple Brent and Gina Nagengast and is made up of four students: junior communication disorders major Loren Crisp, junior English education major Stephanie Ware, sophomore English education major Lauren Wiggs and Jeremy Woodruff, a recent Bible major graduate.

The Drama Team began its ministry tour in the Western United States on Jan. 15 and will give its final performance on April 28. The team will serve in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington.

The team will present two programs to churches and Christian schools, and they will be performing in as many as nine different places within one week.

According to Mr. Nagengast, the team has prepared two separate programs to present to its audiences. In churches, the team will perform "Instant



BJU Drama Team: Stephanie Ware, Loren Crisp, Jeremy Woodruff, Lauren Wiggs and Gina and Brent Nagengast. Photo: Submitted

Message." This program tells of a man who is engaged to a pastor's daughter, but he is only pretending to be a Christian. The man ends up left on earth after the rap-

ture, which takes place moments before his wedding. To Christian school audiences, the team presents "The Voice of the Shepherd." According to Mr. Nagengast, this is the story of a Christian student who

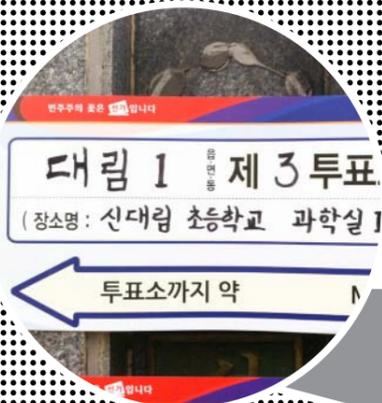
accuses others of being hypocrites only to finally realize he is one himself. Wiggs said performing these programs is both exciting and sobering. "We've gone over the scripts

hundreds and hundreds of times, but to be able to get in front of a live audience—it's really exciting because you don't know

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TAMMIE MELCHERT LONDON

Tammie Melchert, a junior elementary education major, traveled to London for Christmas break. She, her brother and her dad arrived just a few days before Christmas and spent a whole week exploring the city. "We took a tour of Parliament, the House of Lords and the House of Commons which was really neat," Melchert said. "We got to ride the London Eye, a giant ferris wheel on the edge of the city. On Christmas Day, we walked past Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben." She and her family enjoyed fish and chips, lots of tea, and lots of rain. "It was different," Melchert said, "but fun."



Sign directing Korean voters to presidential election polls.

MELODY JUNG SOUTH KOREA

Melody Jung, a senior graphic design major, was able to go home to Korea for Christmas. "We go to church on Christmas Eve," Jung said. "We don't even exchange gifts, but everyone takes the day off to spend time with their families." Jung and her family commemorate New Year's Eve at church as well. "We have this tradition where everyone draws a verse from a bowl at the front of the church at midnight," Jung said. "The verse you pick is your verse for the year. It is interesting how God works and gives verses that people really need."



JOSH FREDERICK THAILAND

Frederick, a junior graphic design major, calls Thailand home as his parents are missionaries there. He was able to spend break around the country. "The people in Thailand don't celebrate Christmas," Frederick said. "The kids in school had exams on Christmas so it would be awful." The Frederick family celebrated Christmas by caroling in a local school, educating the students on what Christmas is about and telling them how Americans celebrate it. "It is a chance to share the Gospel with them," Frederick said.



KAREN KONG HONGKONG

Karen Kong, a senior graphic design major, was able to go home to Hong Kong for the first time in a year and a half. "It was my parent's 25th anniversary," Kong said. "My sister and I surprised them for Christmas!" In Hong Kong, Christmas is a chance to spend time with family. The Christians spend time with each other by going to church. But New Year's is a different story. "Everybody in the city comes down to the Victorian Harbor to watch the fireworks," Kong said. "I got to watch them from the 26th floor of a building on the water. That was pretty neat. Christmas break was just a really special time to be with my family."

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In case you haven't heard, Brody has been gearing up for two new sports coming to campus: cross-country and golf. The seasons will kick off in fall 2013.

These new programs will expand the University's recruitment of potential students. "Part of our draw to [these] sports was the ability to attract new students and new families looking at the University for these opportunities," athletic director Neal Ring said. "If we can find students that fit and want a good liberal arts education in our environment, we can now offer them a chance to come and compete in cross-country and golf."

According to Coach Ring, BJU already has the resources for these new programs. The cross-country team will use the existing

grounds, and the University can partner with a local golf course to facilitate team needs. "It will have minimal up-front costs, and operational costs are relatively low," Coach Ring said. "There are no facility needs or infrastructure changes that need to take place."

The new sports programs will begin in the 2013 fall semester. Six track meets are scheduled for the fall semester, and a full golf schedule is planned for both fall and spring semesters. Both the men's and women's teams will be eligible to compete in the national cross-country meet at Cedarville University as well as the national golf championship.

Assistant athletic director Wyatt Parker was instrumental in the process of researching and adding these sports programs. Parker attended the NCCAA national golf tourna-

ment last spring and has been actively scheduling and networking with universities in the southeast region, including Toccoa Falls, Emmanuel University and other schools already familiar with the University's programs.

Student excitement for the new sports has been high. "I was pumped," said Joe Ellison, a junior orchestral instrument performance major and regular golfer. "I had been talking about it for a while with a bunch of guys who play golf, and we were thinking about how cool it would be if we put together a golf team." Ellison, who frequents the Pebble Creek and Furman golf courses, said that given the time, he would love to give collegiate golf a chance.

Cross-country has garnered plenty of interest as well. At least one high school

senior has already committed to attend BJU and run for the cross-country team. Mark Bonikowsky, a junior communication major and midfielder for the men's soccer team, is considering a switch to cross-country next season.

"Initially I was surprised," Bonikowsky said. "It wasn't a sport I thought they would add. I was excited though. I've always loved running, and although I'm not totally sure [about switching sports programs], I've been training a lot."

Coaches for both sports have not yet been chosen, but Coach Ring has high expectations for the staff. "We have a phenomenal list of high-end coaches at the collegiate level who are interested in coming. We are very excited about the quality of the applicants."

Bruins men and women defeat Toccoa Falls Eagles at home

By: JON CLUTE
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's Bruins teams were victorious in the Jan. 12 doubleheader against the Toccoa Falls College Eagles.

For the Bruins men, the victory was their first win at home in the Davis Field House. Senior forward Josh Clater scored eight points to give the Bruins a 16-11 lead. But after a couple Bruins turnovers, Toccoa hit a deep

3-pointer to cut the Bruins' advantage to 18-16.

The Bruins refocused to pull away from their opponents and led 26-19 after a late bucket from sophomore guard Darnel Antoine at the halftime buzzer.

To start the second half, Clater beat the shot clock to score a long 2-pointer and continue his strong play. Clater finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Toccoa briefly tied the game at 28 before a tough floater in the lane from Antoine for the Bruins. Back-to-back jumpers from freshman forward Kyle

Turner reestablished the Bruins' advantage.

Although Toccoa took a 35-34 lead, a clever alley-oop layup from junior guard Jason McVey to junior guard Evan Bron-dyke put the Bruins ahead once more. A bucket and successful free throw from Bruins guard Ray Holden Jr. kept the Bruins out front 39-38, a lead they would not relinquish. The Bruins won the game 61-53.

The Bruins women won 68-41, but after a sloppy start. After holding a slim 9-8 lead with 13 minutes left in the first half, the

Bruins women went on a 19-0 run to stretch the lead to 28-8 over Toccoa.

The Bruins women capitalized on 38 Toccoa turnovers throughout the game. At the start of the second half, sophomore guard Bre Bullard scored five straight points to get her team moving again. With just under 16 minutes left in the game, a steal by sophomore guard Trisha Irving was finished by Bullard to make it 43-19 in favor of the Bruins.

Bullard led all scorers with 16 points, while sophomore guard Chalice

Pack and freshman guard Kendra Jeffcott both had 13. Sophomore forward Kourtney Hoefler finished with 11 points and 5 rebounds.

Head Coach Mike LeViere attributed his team's slow start to the long Christmas break.

"It was a concern coming in. You have to expect it a little bit," he said.

Bullard said Coach LeViere taught the team how to maintain focus in a lopsided game. "I don't really look at the clock. Twenty up, twenty down, we play the same way," she said.

BRUINS

1/25 Women Bruins vs. Warren Wilson College @ 5:00 p.m. (AWAY)
2/1 Women Bruins vs. Clearwater Christian College @ 7:00 p.m.
1/25 Men Bruins vs. Warren Wilson College @ 7:00 p.m. (AWAY)

WHAT 2 WATCH 4

INTRAMURAL

1/26 Men's Basketball: Kappa Theta vs. Phi Beta @ 8 p.m.
1/26 Women's Water Polo: Alpha Gamma vs. Theta Pi @ 8:25 a.m.
1/26 Men's Basketball: Nu Delta vs. Zeta Alpha @ 11 a.m.
1/26 Men's Basketball: Epsilon Zeta vs. Kappa Sigma @ 12:30 p.m.
1/26 Men's Basketball: Beta Gamma vs. Pi Gamma @ 3:30 p.m.

AROUND *the* WORLD

New York City: After months of back-and-forth negotiations following a lockout in 2012, the NHL season began last Saturday. The season will be shortened to just three months of play, but plans for the Stanley Cup Championship are still on track.

Texas and Indiana: It was a tough last week for American sports. Native Texan and seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong confessed that doping allegations were real, and it was uncovered that Notre Dame football player Manti Te'o's girlfriend was fake.



Melbourne, Australia: World No. 1 ranked men's tennis player Novak Djokovic pulled out a five-hour, five-match nail-biter win against Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka last Sunday in the Australia Open quarterfinals. This match was eerily reminiscent of last year's Australia Open, where Djokovic won the tournament after a five-hour match against rival Roger Federer.

Bruins women win 65-63 in hard-fought battle against Pensacola, Jeffcott leads the way

By: DAVID BARAL
Sports Writer

The BJU Bruins women defeated Pensacola Christian College 65-63 on Friday night, with freshman guard Kendra Jeffcott leading the way. Jeffcott had 22 points and 17 rebounds in her biggest game of the season.

The Bruins had to adjust as early foul trouble changed the lineup Coach LeViere had on the court. Sophomore guard Chalice Pack and junior forward Kim Spiecker stepped up and made several key shots during the first half. PCC cut the Bruins' lead to 16-12 with 9:24 left, but BJU

didn't give up the lead. The Bruins were up by four at halftime, 34-31.

"We got some good play from Chalice [and] Kendra," Coach LeViere said of the Bruins' success in the crucial play from key players during the first half.

BJU came back in the second half ready to play as Pack had a jumper and a 3-pointer to keep the offense rolling in the opening minutes. The speed of the game slowed down with six minutes left as both teams started to show signs of fatigue. With less than a minute left, PCC closed the gap to 61-59. Sophomore guard Trisha Irving went three for

four from the free-throw line twice in the last 30 seconds and sealed the 65-63 victory for BJU.

"I was pretty nervous, but I was trying to block all the nerves out," Jeffcott said. "We were all talking about how nervous we were, but in the end we pulled it together for the win."

Pack said the win boosted team morale. "It's good to get a win against Pensacola and build our confidence," she said.

Coach LeViere was proud of the way the team pulled together to gain with the win. "It's nice to have the fans there, and it's nice to have them loud."



Sophomore guard Bre Bullard protects the ball from a Pensacola defender. Photo: Emma Klak



Freshman forward Kyle Turner drives past a defending Hiwassee player. Photo: Photo Services

Bruins men pull together to hand Tigers 81-67 loss

By: ABBY STANLEY
Sports Editor

After suffering a tough loss Friday night, the Bruins men's basketball team regrouped Saturday to beat the Hiwassee College Tigers team 81-67.

The Tigers held an early 9-5 lead, but pressure by junior guard Jason McVey limited the Tigers' ability to take shots, leading to a run by the Bruins. Freshman guard Ray Holden Jr. pulled down a rebound, which resulted in a layup by sophomore Darnel Antoine. Holden added another point from a free-throw shot, and the Bruins pulled ahead 10-9. A perfect 3-pointer by junior guard Zach Mercado and a layup on a steal by McVey kept up the Bruins shooting streak.

Interestingly, five different BJU players

contributed to this run. Instead of relying on one or two players, the team pulled together in contributing points.

The first half wound down with junior guard Evan Brondyke coming off the bench to score eight points, giving the Bruins a 39-31 lead at halftime.

Hiwassee continued to struggle in the second half, with BJU shutting down offensive threats and messing up their passing game. The Bruins led the entire half, as senior forward Josh Clater and Antoine scored key layups and free-throw shots to hold a firm lead, usually by eight or 12 points.

The final 81-67 score included double-digit figures for five Bruins players, showing tenacity even after a loss. A three-game road trip for the Bruins begins tonight against Warren Wilson College.

BOX SCORES

MEN'S SCORES

Kappa Sigma defeated Alpha Theta **67-60**
Bryan defeated Theta Kappa **52-38**
Basilean defeated Omicron Epsilon **49-44**
Epsilon Zeta defeated Theta Chi/Phi Sig **56-23**

BRUINS

WBB defeated PCC **65-63**
MBB defeated Hiwassee College **81-67**
MBB was defeated by PCC **48-84**

WOMEN'S SCORES

Theta Delta defeated Theta Alpha **3-1**
Tau Delta defeated Sigma Lambda **7-2**
Zeta Tau defeated Pi Delta **8-2**
Theta Sigma defeated Beta Chi **4-2**
Nu Alpha defeated Chi Kappa **7-0**

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who's in the audience," she said.

Wiggs said the burden of reaching the lost is part of being a ministry team member. "The Lord has called us to do this, so we are one of the tools He is using right now," she said.

According to Mr. Nangast, the No. 1 purpose of the team is ministry. "We really want to present Christ well," he said. The team, however, also represents BJU and promotes Christian education. "We want Christian young students to understand the importance of choosing a Christian education," he said.

Team members also have a lot to gain personally from being on the team. Crisp said he is interested in church planting, and this trip allows him to see how churches work together. "I'm hoping to gain experience being behind the scenes of churches, seeing how people all over the Western United States work together with their churches," he said.

The team also provides a way for members to build new relationships. Crisp said constantly being with his team has given him new friendships. The team also meets new people along their journey. Crisp said he enjoys talking to people and listening to stories of what the Lord has done in their lives. "It's amazing just some of the stories I've heard already," he said.

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