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Weekend Weather

<b>Friday</b> Hi 58° Low 34° Chance of precip. 30%	 few showers
<b>Saturday</b> Hi 45° Low 30° Chance of precip. 10%	 partly cloudy
<b>Sunday</b> Hi 57° Low 35° Chance of precip. 10%	 sunny

Campus News

JONNA DAWSON

Ministerial Sermon Contest

The 13 remaining participants in the Ministerial Sermon Contest will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a third round of carefully prepared and executed preaching.

The annual sermon contest consists of five rounds, each focusing on a specific application of sermon preparation and presentation. The third round—the manuscript round—evaluates the participants equally on content and presentation.

“This is not a contest in the usual sense of the word,” said Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministerial training. “No one is trying to outdo another for his personal glory. We desire that the process will elevate preaching in the minds of our ministerial students and bless the hearts of the listeners.”

Five to seven students will proceed to the fourth semi-final round, and only three will earn the opportunity to preach in the FMA for the final round.

“It is a great blessing to hear young men preach God’s Word with clarity and conviction,” Dr. McAllister said. “When I hear the men preach at the semi-final and final rounds, it is often obvious that this is not really a contest, but a time of spiritual refreshing and blessing.”

Media and Writers’ Forum

Students from the Professional Writing and Publication (PWP) and the Radio and Television

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Staff writer Aimee Akam chose Heather Boone’s closet to be cleaned.



All of Heather’s clothing is hung up and sorted by color and style.

Closet Makeover: Student surprised by Collegian closet-cleaning crew

AIMEE AKAM

Does an avalanche of dresses, skirts and shoes threaten to bury you every time you open your closet? And once you’ve opened the door, is it impossible to get it closed?

If you answer yes to these questions, you probably need to reor-

ganize your closet. Confining all of your belongings into half of one closet, however, is not an easy task, especially for a girl. In addition to all of her everyday school apparel, she must somehow jam two or three artist series dresses, at least 15 pairs of shoes, and all of her jewelry and purses into one closet. With an overabundance of clothing

and shoes and no place to go with it, many girls simply give up, allowing their possessions to accumulate in an imposing mound on the bottom of their closets. But while organizing a confined space may be difficult, it is not impossible. To prove that such a task could in fact be accomplished, several other Collegian staff members and I

randomly selected a residence hall woman and helped her to organize her closet. We selected the student after asking several women’s residence hall assistants for the names of girls who would appreciate having their closets cleaned.

After a student was randomly see Girl’s Side, p. 4



Lenna Neill, executive director of Piedmont Women’s Center, speaks to people from Greenville.

Students counsel those in need at Piedmont Center

TALITA ARAUJO

Students from several majors started training at the Piedmont Women’s Center to learn how to inform and counsel young women about the sanctity of life.

Many students have already had four training sessions at the Piedmont Women’s Center in order to start counseling and interacting with pregnant girls and young women to help them make an informed decision about their pregnancy.

The Piedmont Women’s Center started in 1991 to counsel young women and offer them free pregnancy tests. Today the center has

three locations: two in Greenville and one in Greer.

The center is supported through donations and offers confidential and free services to all women who seek help at the center, including a free ultrasound.

Christa Pelc, a junior international studies major, said she first heard about the center while participating in an activity she hosted for the Greenville College Republicans. She said she had never seen an organization like the Piedmont Women’s Center. She said she was impressed with their boldness to be pro-life and to inform women about the sanctity of life.

“I get crazy ideas,” Christa said. “I decided that I wanted to take a group of people to counsel at the center.” She said she first thought about inviting counseling and nursing majors, but then she thought that everyone should be exposed to situations like these women at the center face.

“Unless you live like an ostrich, you will be exposed to it,” Christa said.

She said she started praying back in November about how she could take a group of people to the center to be volunteers. She said she prayed for 15 people, including three men. After she came back from Christmas break, she talked to the administration to get an extension approved. After she got

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# CAMPUS VIEWPOINT

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## Opinion: Ultrasounds may help prevent abortions

Two Florida lawmakers are devising a plan to help control the number of abortions in their state. Currently, abortions are relatively easy to get up through 24 weeks, or six months, of pregnancy. Their proposal requires women to have an ultrasound before an abortion, hoping the powerful 3-D images will change their mind and make them want to keep the baby. However, if women do not want to see the ultrasound, they would be able to sign a waiver.

Requiring an ultrasound would help prevent abortions, or at least show women that the fetus is not just tissue. The high-tech 3-D images can show moving, yawning, even smiles and frowns. Before women choose to have an abortion, they should see the child they are killing. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

Ideally, all abortions should be banned; however, since the law allows abortions, at the very least, requiring an ultrasound would hopefully help possible mothers to see that the child is not just a blob of tissue, but is made in the image of God.



column



ANALEISA DUNBAR

Just last week a friend of mine told me of a conversation she overheard during which someone was complaining about a special music number that didn't quite fit her taste. That made me think about an issue that has often bothered me—my generation has no appreciation for the finer things of life.

Yes, that's a bold statement, a generalization if you will, and no doubt there are exceptions. But as a whole, it seems to me as though my peers place very little value on what the world for centuries has considered fine art.

The arts education that BJU is affording each of its students is something that should be looked upon with gratitude. I've been surprised at how many of my conversations with those outside the BJU circles have involved allusions to famous operas or performers. And I've been even more shocked at how many people quote lines of Shakespeare that correspond to a particular issue or interaction. When I have found myself in those situations, I realize just how much more grateful I should be that I can respond in like manner instead of with a blank stare or nervous laugh showing my ignorance of the allusion or quote.

But it seems all too often an occasion that I hear the complaints of fellow students about the requirement to attend these events. Why is that? Some might say they don't enjoy these performances because they have too much homework. I've often found myself frustrated because of a test or project due the day after an artist series. But the fact of the matter is that I could have planned ahead. Every teacher is required to

provide each student with a syllabus at the beginning of the year listing each assignment. So then planning ahead is a feasible option.

Sometimes plays and operas are difficult to enjoy because the story line is hard to understand. And maybe it isn't an issue of the mind not being able to grasp what's being performed but simply because of a language barrier or the lack of even the slightest idea of the plot prior to the performance. I've always found that if I've spent even just five minutes figuring out what the play or opera is about, I'm able to enjoy it so much more. This is why every program for every play and opera contains a summary of what will take place on stage during the course of the performance. Yes, those parts of the program are designed for your reading pleasure. And if you choose to use that resource, you just may find it easier, as I have, to comprehend the plot.

Maybe another thing that's not so enjoyable about artist series is having to get all dressed up. Now, some really enjoy this type of thing and find much pleasure in having the opportunity to put on their Sunday best, so to speak, and go out for the night. But for those others of you who really hate putting on a fancy dress or wearing a tie and suit coat for an extended period of time, I understand. I believe Shakespeare could be just as enjoyable if I were curled up on my couch in my pajamas with a big fluffy blanket. But in all reality, wearing fancy clothes for a couple of hours never did anyone harm, and it probably isn't going to any time soon.

Tickets to these types of performances at any other institution, theater, or opera house can cost big bucks. But the only thing you need as a student is a white slip of paper or a little blue identification card.

So whether it's an opera that's scripted in Italian and takes a little bit of effort to understand, or a Shakespearean play in Renaissance English, an appreciation of art will do you good. Culture won't bite. Enjoy it while you still have opportunity.

## TALK BACK

How do you decide what you're going to wear each day?



Jessica Young  
Sophomore  
Warrenton, Va.  
Organizational  
Communication

Based on what the temperature is and what I wore the day before.



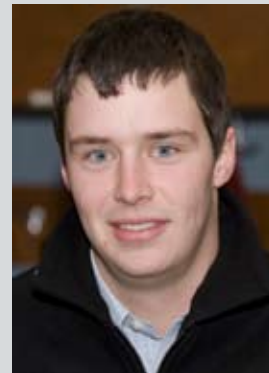
Timmy Price  
Junior  
Broomfield, Colo.  
Radio and Television  
Broadcasting

Usually I wake up and look through my closet and figure out if it's going to be a bright day or a dark day.



Tara Anderson  
Freshman  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Mathematics Education

Well, I look at the weather, and depending on how many classes I have and where they are, I choose the most comfortable clothing.



Brian Plummer  
Junior  
Lewes, Del.  
Residential Construction  
Management

Start with a shirt, get a tie to match and pants that go with both.



Kristen Nelson  
Sophomore  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
Nursing

It depends on when I wake up. If I wake up 15 minutes before class, I throw on a khaki skirt and go.



# CAMPUS

## White Glove looms, students get ready

PAUL FINKBEINER

Some students dread it, others passively accept it and a few enjoy it. But whether we like it or not, we all have to do it each semester—White Glove.

Students approach White Glove using various tried-and-true methods.

Bobby Alcocer, a senior financial management major, has his own unique method of tackling White Glove.

“Usually, I wait till the last three hours to start White Glove,” he said. “Then, I start with the dirtiest item and work from there. I do my best when the pressure’s on.”

He also had an interesting

experience with White Glove as a sophomore.

“There were three guys in my room my sophomore year. One of my roommates went on a trip, and we cleaned all his stuff for him. He also happened to be the dirtiest roommate. Then, he got all mad when he came back and couldn’t find his stuff and started lecturing us. The important thing was, we did pass.”

While students have their own techniques for finishing White Glove, what about advice from seasoned veterans?

Dan Mee, the Bibb Graves residence hall counselor, gave some practical tips for the guys. “Remember to dust everywhere

## White Glove Reminders

### Things girls commonly overlook

1. Cleaning telephone receivers
2. Dusting behind desktops
3. Dusting the ledge on the bunks
4. Dusting blinds
5. Cleaning the sink faucet
6. Cleaning the inside of the cupboards

### Things guys commonly overlook

1. Clearing out stuff under beds
2. Dusting the telephone receivers
3. Dusting the runners
4. Dusting on top of outlets
5. Dusting underneath the bed
6. Dusting blinds

and pay attention to the small details,” he said.

Bobby also had some words of wisdom for tackling White Glove. “Check the dust under your beds and don’t stress out. Just get it done.”

Rachel Dahlhausen, the Margaret Mack residence hall counselor, had some advice for the women’s side of the campus. “Start in the morning. Don’t be paranoid and try to sort through everything. Be thorough and

follow the check sheet.” Miss Heather Davis, the Mary Gaston residence hall supervisor, gave some additional suggestions. “Don’t wait till 5 p.m. Get your laundry done early and assess the room as a whole.”

## AACC&S deans gather to discuss topics, share ideas

ALI ORLANDO

Student leadership programs and entertainment issues topped the discussion this year at the American Association of Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AACC&S) deans of students conference. The conference, which was held at Clearwater Christian College Feb. 14 and 15, brought together the deans of students from several Christian colleges to discuss issues and share ideas.

Dr. Jim Berg, the dean of students at BJU and the head of the conference, said this was the third time they have held the conference. Along with Clearwater and

BJU, Maranatha Baptist Bible College and Northland Baptist Bible College also participated this year. “We just had a wonderful time exchanging ideas and talking about challenges, because we’re all facing the same challenges,” Dr. Berg said. “We’re just handling them a little differently because of size and a little bit of difference in philosophy.”

Various deans presented three keynote addresses on discipleship efforts, leadership development and cultural trends. The rest of the time, the deans met in workshops to discuss topics pertaining to student life: from freshman orientation to security issues, from movies and

music to overnight passes.

“It promotes a wonderful spirit of camaraderie among our schools,” Dr. Berg said, “because although we are in competition for the same pool of prospective students, we’re really not in competition in our mission.”

One of the biggest topics at this year’s conference was how to generate more peer-to-peer discipleship, Dr. Berg said. The deans also spent a considerable amount of time discussing Sunday church and extension, as well as entertainment concerns. “The entertainment thing is a big burden to all of us because of the impact it has on a person’s soul,” Dr. Berg said.

The most significant difference among the schools at this year’s conference is the size. “There are a lot of things that we can’t do that they can, because they’re much smaller,” Dr. Berg said, “and there are a lot of things that they can’t do that we can because we’re much bigger.”

One advantage of BJU’s larger size is the up-to-date security. “They all wish they had the kind of facilities we have here at BJU,” Dr. Berg said. Out of the four schools, BJU is the only one with electronic access to the buildings and with an emergency cell phone notification system. “We have a much more elaborate security system all around,” he said.

Despite differences in size, the schools and their student life deans share the same vision. “We’re all concerned about the things that touch the students’ lives outside of the classroom,” Dr. Berg said. “We’re all mainly concerned about character development and leadership development.”



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## LIFESTYLE

# Closet Makeover:

## Collegian cleans up guy's closet for White Glove

JOEL GIBBLE

Closets—every student has one, or half of one, and uses this small piece of privacy to store clothing, hide food or otherwise collect the overflow from the rest of the room.

The official residence hall cleaning, White Glove, is fast approaching.

To set the example for closet cleanliness, the *Collegian* randomly selected Jonathan Crisp, a junior cinema and video production major, for the White Glove closet renovation on the men's side of campus.

The major emphasis of the closet cleaning was organization and cleanliness.

Beforehand, I secretly examined Jonathan's closet to find what organizational aids he was lacking.

During a brief trip to Target, I was able to find exactly what Jonathan's closet needed: a closet hook and an over-the-door shoe organizer for a grand total of \$19.06.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 25, I burst into Jonathan's room to begin the transformation.

He was quite shocked at the intrusion.

"Wow, this is interesting," he said. "This is kind of embarrassing because my closet is a wreck."

After surprising Jonathan during his Bible Doctrines study session, I got down to the business of reorganizing Jonathan's closet.

At first glance Jonathan seemed right; the closet was a wreck. However, closer inspection showed that clothes lumped in the bottom of the closet comprised the majority of the mess.

To effectively combat the pile, I pulled everything out of the closet and sorted out the clothing.

Initially Jonathan remained

skeptical of my motives and his luck at having been selected for a closet renovation.

"Why is this happening to me?" he asked. "I can't believe this."

After multiple attempts to aid me in cleaning his closet, Jonathan settled down to study, and I continued redoing his closet.

By this point, I had separated and discarded all the non-clothing trash in the closet pile and was beginning to tackle the clothes.

Now that the bottom of the closet was reclaimed, I disinfected the closet with Lysol to ensure a germ-free, clean-smelling closet.

Next, I sorted the contents by folding all the clean clothes and placing the dirty clothing in Jonathan's clothes hamper. At this point, Jonathan's new shoe organizer helped regain closet space by storing the shoes out of the way on the closet door.

To help Jonathan quickly locate his shirts, I sorted the shirts according to color. I also organized the ties and hung up the pants.

Once I had finished, Jonathan came over to examine the difference.

He was speechless.

"You know, I really don't know what to think," he said. "This happened so suddenly and well..."

Once the initial surprise wore off, Jonathan could speak again.

"I'd like to say thank you to *The Collegian* for the wonderful job they do, for ministering to the student body and for their thoughtfulness in helping a student with White Glove."

Looking back on his experience, Jonathan had some tips for his fellow students.

"Keep your closet clean and organized ahead of time," he said. "And you won't have the embarrassment of being in the *Collegian*."



Staff writer Joel Gibble selected Junior Jon Crisp's closet to be cleaned.



After cleaning, Jonathan's clothes and shoes are neatly organized.

## Tips for Cleaning your Closet for White Glove

### Step #1: Don't Fight the Urge to Purge

Conquer the pack rat within you. Start renovating your closet by weeding out clothes that don't fit, are out-of-style or need repair. Get rid of those outfits you haven't worn in at least a year. Once you've eliminated these unnecessary items, you're one step closer to having a spacious, organized closet.

### Step #2: Cut the Clutter

Purging is a necessary step in transforming your closet, but your work is not finished yet. Out-of-season clothes, although they are only taking up space in your closet, cannot be discarded. Instead, put these clothes in storage. If you do, you will preserve your clothes and also give yourself more closet space.

### Step #3: Start Organizing

Adding an extra closet pole is a great way to start sorting out your wardrobe. Start by putting long-sleeved items on the top and short-sleeved items on the bottom. If you want to get really organized, you can put like-colored items of clothing together. Make sure to leave room on one end of the closet for longer things such as pants and long skirts.

That black hole in your closet is now gone, and you've found your favorite, long-lost cashmere sweater. Chronic tardiness is now a thing of the past. Instead of frantically searching every morning for that perfect outfit, take the extra time to drink a cup of coffee and relax. It may be hard to admit, but your mother really was right: a clean closet really does make a difference.

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selected, I went out with a budget of \$20 to purchase organizers and supplies. I bought three sets of stacking hangers and one pack of 10 hangers for the price of \$13.74. Then, when all of the supplies were gathered, a photographer and I arrived at Mary Gaston 338 and surprised freshman Heather Boone, who was sitting at her computer when we burst through the door.

Immediately after we entered the room, we surveyed the condition of the closet, which, of course, was packed with clothing. Several shoes lay scattered on the floor of the closet, which was almost completely hidden by a massive heap of clean laundry that had not yet been hung.

Even though the closet was dis-

organized, in less than an hour, I created order out of chaos. First, I placed all the clothes heaped on the bottom of the closet floor on hangers. Next, I color coordinated the clothing by hanging like-colored items of clothing together. By this time, the closet floor was almost completely visible, and when I returned the shoes to their rightful pockets in Heather's shoe organizer, my cleaning project was finally complete.

Heather said she was excited about her renovated closet and is glad to have one less White Glove cleaning project to work on.

"Having my closet cleaned was absolutely amazing," Heather said. "As you can tell, it was pretty bad and needed to be cleaned. Now, my clothes are color-coordinated, and I know exactly where everything is. It definitely makes my life a lot easier."

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the approval, she thought it would be impossible for her to get 15 people to join the extension.

"About 18 people are coming to the extension now, including five guys," Christa said. "I am ashamed that I was surprised that God answered my prayers."

To counsel one-on-one at the center, a person needs to be at least 21 years old, but people under 21 can help at the center by talking to the women walking in, handling paper work and answering the phone.

Christa also said they need men

to volunteer to work at the center because sometimes the couple comes together and they need men to counsel the men.

Aubrey Tippet, a junior public relations journalism major, has gone through the training sessions at the center. Aubrey said she was looking for an extension, and this was a good opportunity for her to counsel women her age who are pregnant and going through a hard time. "If this was one of my friends or me, I would like people to show love and show that I was not alone," Aubrey said.

The center has a 24-hour help line, (864) 233-3823, and operates at regular business hours.

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(RTV) departments will gather Thursday for a joint forum. Mr. Bill Fox, the assistant managing editor of new media at *The Greenville News*, will be the guest speaker.

"Mr. Fox's principal responsibility is the online presence of *The Greenville News*," said Dr. Blake Spence, the head of the PWP department. "He has insight into the way journalism is adapting to the electronic age."

The forum will meet at 5 p.m. in Alumni Lecture A, which is a change of location from what was announced in the calendar of events.



# CAMPUS



## Photo Story by Heidi Atoigue

This year's Junior/Senior Party featured a selection of attractions. Food was offered including bread and pasties, coffee, hamburgers and chili. Also, different games including an inflatable obstacle course and a slam dunk contest kept students entertained.

(From the top, left to right) Students climb the rock wall, one of the additions to the party this year; Mark Yaletchko soars toward the hoop during the slam dunk contest; Fernando Martins tries to collect money in the Money Machine; Zak Richards, Ray St. Clair, Ben Smith, Lance Souza, Edward Tompkins and Caleb Sexton prepare hamburgers to raise money for Bible Conference; two girls joust using inflatable pugil sticks; Tsitsi Chenje and Emily Payne pose for a photo; and Zach Roschi tries to block a shot during the basketball game in the Activity Center.



# SPORTS

## Pirates shoot past Bear Cubs

KENNETH JOHNSON

Two goals and a steadfast defense were all the Tri Ep Pirates needed Thursday night against their soccer rivals, the Beta Chi Bear Cubs.

The tone was immediately set with back-to-back scoring opportunities on either side of the field. Pirate Brittany Schwartz was able to get an early shot past the Bear Cub defense, but it was in vain. Seconds later, Beta Chi's Lindsey Brenneman responded by gliding down the left sideline and sending a rocket just below the crossbar which was barely tipped away by the keeper.

Even the best shots were unsuccessful against the goalkeeping skills of the Pirates' keeper, Katie Sebris. Both teams were able to get their chances offensively in the half, with seven shots from the Pirates and eight from Beta Chi. Katie ended the match with a clean slate.

"We told everyone to give 110 percent in the first five minutes," Pirate Chelsea Bobo said. "After the two quick goals it really shook them up, and I think kept them off balance the rest of the game."

With an early goal from the Pirates, Beta Chi's momentum

was halted in the fifth minute of the match. Furthermore, the goal from Beka Juboor not only halted the opposition's momentum, but wowed the defenders due to the superb placement and speed of the shot. Dribbling up from the half, Beka set herself up nicely for a strike 20 yards out. The ball rocketed straight past the keeper, upper 90.

"We've been working on passing more, dropping back, and working our way up the field from the back. It really paid off tonight." In regard to their keeper, Beka said, "Hands down, this is the best game she's played. She is definitely one of our key players. She's amazing."

Unsatisfied with a one-goal lead, the Pirates kept up the pace and scored again in the seventh minute. Pirate Brittany Schwartz was in the right place to easily finish the ball in the net.

Bear Cub Vanessa Vonderharr brought a shimmer of hope to her team with a nice play in the 17th minute. Taking the ball down the left side, Vanessa guided the ball around her defender while sliding to get the cross off to her teammate Rachelle Greer. Anticipating the pass, Rachelle cracked a hard one-timer on target, but was blocked by the Pirates' keeper Katie Sebris.

The halftime score of 2-0 could have brought a slackened effort from the leading Tri Ep Pirates. Nonetheless, defender Chelsea Bobo played anything but slack, using her speed and hustle.

"We started off not really playing, not hustling," Beta Chi's Emily VanHouten said. "After they scored, it gave us more motivation to push harder. Our big deal at halftime was that we had to shoot more. We weren't ready for their intensity."

Seniors Emily VanHouten and Keri LaVigne were relentless in the second half. In addition, goal-keeper Alaina Rogers found herself being tested left and right and stopped everything in sight. With more gusto in the half, Beta Chi managed eight shots compared to Tri Ep's four.

However, the Pirates kept their composure and never let down. They utilized their passing skills on offense and intensity on defense to shut down their opponents.

"Our defense really stepped up," Pirate Andrea Moger said. "Chelsea helps us out big time. She tells us to pull back when we suck up or push up when we're behind." When asked about their matchup against the undefeated Cardinals, Andrea said, "We just need to go to the ball and hustle."



Beta Chi's Vanessa Vonderharr takes a shot at the goal against the Pirate's Beka Juboor and Nora Castro while teammate Brittany Turner looks on.

## Omega tops Lanier, playoffs begin

SARAH DERSCH

The scoreboard at the end of the second-to-last regular season men's basketball game Saturday night read Omega: 86, Lanier: 73. Despite the 13 point difference, many who watched that game might say that Lanier had one of the best performances against the National League's No. 2 seed, Omega.

The game was neck-and-neck most of the first half. Lanier's point guard Drew Cowan, heavily pressured by Omega's Dan Gray, dished the ball off to forwards Mark Ferguson and Kris Boland. In the mix of Mark and Kris's combined 23 first-half points were three perfectly executed ally oops. Kris scored 28 points for the game.

In the backcourt, Lanier's post players effectively shut down Omega's inside game. Forward Zach Roschi, usually one of Omega's leading scorers, scored only five field points the entire game.

In spite of Lanier's success on both ends of the court, Omega pulled ahead in the last three minutes of the half for a 43-35 lead. Omega's outside game and offensive rebounding made the difference.

"We played our zone defense too long in the first half," said Lanier's point guard Drew Cowan. "They were knocking down shots whenever they threw them up, and we paid the price for that."

Both teams stepped up the defense in the second half. Even after two Omega players fouled out, Omega never backed off.

"With the way Omega plays defense, and if they keep shooting well like this game, I think they could beat anyone," Lanier's Kris Boland said. "Anytime we started to make a run, they hit big shots, and it wasn't just one of their guys—everyone stepped up."

In the end, Omega scored 42 points from behind the arc. If

Omega's three-point shots had instead been two-pointers, Omega would have lost the game by one.

Omega's leading scorer was Dan Gray with 28 points, 18 of which were from three-point shots. Zech Britton contributed five three-pointers and totaled 21 points. Justin Almas and Zach Roschi each scored 13 points, and Kenneth Johnson scored 11. Omega's offense was not just a one- or two-man show.

"This was a good game to get us prepared for the playoffs," Dan Gray said. "We've worked hard in practice and on our own time on shooting, and it's been paying off. Eighty-six points is our season high, and it happened because we shared the ball with our teammates and played unselfishly."

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## SPORTS

## Cobras remain undefeated, secure top playoff seed

ANDREW HARROD

A leap day only falls on a Friday once every 28 years, but the rarity of the occasion mattered little to the Alpha Theta Razorbacks and the Pi Kappa Cobras as the two teams battled for first place in the American League. The Cobras rose to the occasion 79-72.

With the playoffs just a week away, Alpha and Pi Kappa were fighting for playoff positioning. A loss for either team would mean a matchup against the Zeta Chi Tornados, which would be a dif-

ficult game. Alpha barely squeaked out a win last week against the Tornados, and Pi Kappa made a layup in the final seconds against Zeta Chi to claim the victory. Losing was not considered an option, and both teams fought hard the entire game.

At the start of the game, both teams struggled to establish a rhythm. Each team had its share of forced passes and shots, which led to turnovers. Also, neither team could make its layups. Players were throwing layups hard off the backboard. After the first five minutes,

the teams began to play better. Getting open for a couple of shots, Alpha's Patrick Gomer made five of his team's first 11 points. Patrick led the game in scoring, dropping eight of his 22 points in the first half. Sparked by Patrick's play, the Razorbacks jumped ahead by six points with a little over 13 minutes remaining in the half. Gradually increasing their lead, Alpha had a nine-point advantage. Alpha's lead could have been larger, but the Razorbacks kept Pi Kappa in the game by sending the Cobras to the foul line. Realizing that they were in trouble, something clicked for the Cobras. Pi Kappa began making layups and forcing Alpha turnovers. Allowing the Cobras back into the game, the Razorbacks found themselves tied at the half, after Pi Kappa's Kaleb Hoefler beat the buzzer with a last-second shot. At the half, the score was even at 36.

In the first half, Patrick Gomer scored eight points, Brandon Watterworth added seven, and Jake Trout contributed six for Alpha Theta. For the Cobras, James Wallace had nine points and Jon Hess followed with six.

After half time, both teams took turns turning over the ball, and the teams exchanged shots for the first several minutes. Then Pi Kappa pulled slightly ahead, and Alpha battled back to recapture the lead. Boosting his team, Alpha's Justin Witt brought energy and intensity to the beginning of the second half. Justin contributed six key points in Alpha's run that gave his team the lead. Again Patrick Gomer made crucial shots, and Alpha seemed to be in control. Pi Kappa could not manage to get a rhythm going. With



Pi Kappa's Jon Hess drives to the hoop past Alpha Theta's Patrick Gomer.

just over seven minutes remaining, both teams reverted to out-of-control basketball, but then Pi Kappa got the lift it needed. Draining two three-pointers, Pi Kappa's Melvin Crosby rejuvenated his team. With just over five minutes left, Pi Kappa took the lead after not leading for a majority of the half. A series of Cobra layups put Pi Kappa up by six points, then a James Wallace three-pointer increased the lead to nine with just over two minutes remaining. Alpha made a valiant attempt to come back, but James Wallace had put the game out of the Razorbacks' reach. At the final buzzer, Pi Kappa secured first place in the American League with a 79-72 victory.

The game provided excitement and entertainment. Either team could have won the game.

Throughout the game it appeared that Alpha was in control, but the Cobras made the shots that counted. Pi Kappa worked well as a team at the right times. Good teams find a way to win, and the scrappy, hard-working Cobras earned a much-deserved top rank come the playoffs.

The game's top scorers were:

**Alpha Theta**

Patrick Gomer—22 points  
Brandon Watterworth—13  
Jake Trout—12

**Pi Kappa**

James Wallace—19 points  
Aaron Schuetz—16  
Jon Hess—12

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## Spring weather brings softball practices

BRANDON HODNETT

Signs of change appear all over campus—trees are blossoming, songbirds are reappearing, winter clothing is going into storage, and back on the athletic fields players are tossing and smacking oversized baseballs. Winter is fading, and a new season is upon us.

Softball season.

March 15 marks the official start of the upcoming men's softball season. Early that Saturday morning the season will begin with teams playing doubleheaders (back-to-back games) in order to squeeze the six-game regular season into one week. The top eight societies advance to the single-elimination playoffs, which begin

March 24, and the final two teams decide the championship in a best-of-three series on March 27-29.

The Omega Lions look to repeat last year's championship performance. Coach Dan Gray believes his team, with almost the same roster as last year, can pull off back-to-back titles. "Our goal in everything is excellence, so I would have to say (that our team will finish the season) undefeated."

The road to victory won't be easy for them; many societies believe that they have the potential to win the championship as well. For example, Beta, coached by Jake Vanaman, fell to Omega in the National League Championship game last year. Jake believes Beta has a strong chance to contend for the school championship again this year, despite losing talented third basemen Jeremy Sauceman. Jake said, "We still have a really solid core of guys (and we'll probably go) undefeated or very close to it."

While most societies wait until basketball season ends, some societies have already broken out the bats and gloves, trying to get a head start on the competi-

tion. Basilean's coach Lawrence Nagengast says his team generally waits until "after the (basketball) season is over, but there might be some throw and catch before, but no real organized practice."

Some players are glad that softball season is only two weeks long, probably due to how hectic college life can be. But some softball players wish the season were a little longer. Omega's Dan Gray said, "I wish softball was as long as soccer or basketball. I love softball." A longer season would help teams work better together. Pi Gamma Royals' coach Kenny Hager said, "I think that it would be better to lengthen it, because it is difficult for teams to gel in such a short time."

For most societies softball is very competitive, just as competitive as the major sports, and still very enjoyable. Lawrence Nagengast commented that for Basil, softball "is definitely more relaxed until the playoffs hit, and then it is about as serious (as other sports), but we still have a ton of fun." Royals' Kenny Hager said, "We try to stay focused on winning, and we are competitive, but we really enjoy it."

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