



BJU to host AACS high school competition

High school students from last year's AACS competition gather outside Rodeheaver Auditorium in preparation to register for the week.

Thousands of high school students are preparing for the annual American Association of Christian Schools National Competition hosted at BJU from

April 8 to 10. Between 2,000 and 2,200 individuals, mainly in 9th through 12th grades, are expected to attend and compete this year, primarily in individual and group fine arts categories and

academic testing. Most of the guests will arrive on Tuesday, but some of the competitors will arrive on Monday in order to participate in the Bible quizzing on Tuesday. The competition concludes

with an awards ceremony Thursday evening, and most of the guests leave immediately after the ceremony or on Friday morning. see **AACS**, p. 8

Students spend Day of Rest helping others

What do you do with 24 free hours? BJU students will find many ways of answering this question on April 9 during the Day of Rest. The university has placed the Day of Rest during the middle of the AACS competition on campus, since visiting students are using many of the classrooms that BJU students normally occupy. see **Day of Rest**, p. 3

Students seeking financial aid look to Aid Office

With a little more than a month of school left, the pressure continues to build, not only of schoolwork, but also of paying for next semester. While college is expensive, financial aid is available in a variety of forms for students who put some time and effort into looking for it. Mr. Chris Baker of the Financial Aid Office said students trying to get financial aid should first make sure they and their parents have completed filing their income taxes with the IRS. This information is needed for the

next step: filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The easiest way to find the FAFSA is through the Virtual Financial Aid Office on the BJU intranet (<https://bjuvfao.com>). This site explains four steps for applying for financial aid. The information also includes a financial aid estimator, a link to the government site for FAFSA and an online interview which students must complete after they

fill out the FAFSA. "The results of the FAFSA and the online interview are going to determine whether they are eligible or not for federal, state or BJU aid," Mr. Baker said. Getting grants and low-interest loans is often "first come, first served." Alyssa Cure, a freshman who received a Pell grant and several scholarships, said, "The biggest thing you have to remember is there are deadlines for everything." Mr. Baker said if students

haven't started it yet, they should begin now. Available financial aid includes federal and state grants, loans and scholarships. This year BJU students received more than \$8 million in federal grants and loans, Mr. Baker said. More than 800 students have gotten Pell grants so far this year. "Accreditation opened the door for the university to apply to the Department of Education for eligibility as an institution so our students may apply for federal aid," Mr. Baker said. Starting in August of 2008, BJU see **Financial Aid**, p. 8

Weekend Weather

Friday

Hi 72°
Low 59°
Chance of precip. 50%

scattered t-storms

Saturday

Hi 68°
Low 49°
Chance of precip. 40%

t-showers

Sunday

Hi 70°
Low 50°
Chance of precip. 10%

partly cloudy

Campus News

ANALEISA DUNBAR

BJU Chamber Singers
The BJU Chamber Strings will perform April 11 at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall. The 36-member group, under the direction of Dr. Stan Eby, will perform works by Mozart, Pachelbel, Ernest Bloch and Robert W. Smith. While there is no particular theme to the program, Dr. Eby said, "(The literature will) provide a varied and well-balanced program that delivers genuine educational value and musical satisfaction for players and audience."

FCS Forum
The Family and Consumer Science forum taking place at 6:30 p.m. on April 8 will cover the topic of wedding planning. Specific aspects including coordinating the event, decorations, flowers and cake selection will be discussed. The meeting will be in Science 137.

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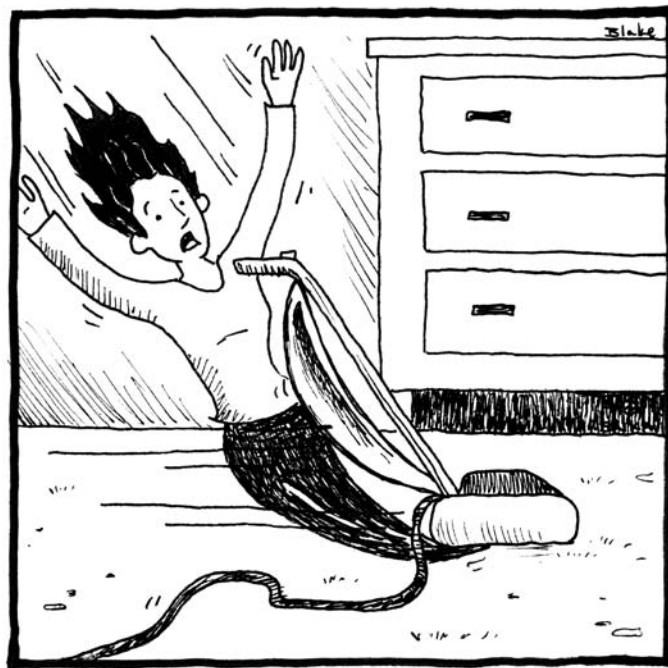
Opinion: Christians should always be ready with an answer

Have you ever walked in the dining common and watched your roommate drop his or her salad bowl and then you turned to your friends and said jokingly, "I don't know that person?" Have you attended an Artist Series with your family and you ignore your younger sister so people won't know you're related because she has a habit of saying the most embarrassing and awkward things? Or have you ever gone to lunch with a not-so-popular guy or girl and tried to hide behind people and avoid certain people in the salad line because you don't want to be seen with that person?

When we're embarrassed by our association with someone, we suddenly want to lose all affiliation with him or her. Sometimes our actions may even imply we're embarrassed to be associated with Christ.

The world often scrutinizes us because of our affiliation with Christ. And when we are asked uncomfortable questions—for example, when relatives, acquaintances or neighbors ask why we don't drink or live immorally or why we are attending a Christian college instead of a typical state university, how do we respond? Do we honestly answer or shy away from the question and imply something along the lines of "I don't like alcohol" or "I'm not into smoking"?

These questions provide opportunities to share Christ. Do we cringe when people ask us questions about our faith or do we jump at the chance to witness? If we don't want to feel the remorse that Peter felt after denying Christ, we will find ways to use the opportunities God gives us to share the Good News of salvation with those around us.



THE DANGER OF VACUUMING IN A LONG SKIRT.

column



BEN BLANTON

Conservative Christians are political crusaders. The Evangelical lobby or "values voters," as they are sometimes called, often sway elections and set the conservative agenda. No Republican can win a nomination on the national or state level without in some way convincing voters that he or she is against abortion and homosexual marriage and in support of creationism and looser gun laws. But a desire to protect the environment—God's creation—is noticeably absent from these traditional conservative rallying cries.

Why is this? Shouldn't we, of all people, be leading the way in protecting our environment?

We believe and teach that God created the earth. Genesis says that God gave man dominion over the earth and that we are to subdue it. Yet when it comes to pro-environmental policies and habits, conservatives are almost always on the other side of the aisle. Because God created the earth, we should certainly not live as if we care nothing about it.

Christians should be setting an example of commonsense conservationist policies. Just last week The Collegian reported that Bob Jones University has, for the second year in a row, out-recycled all state colleges and universities in South Carolina. An institutional recycling rate of 47 percent is not only good for the environment—it is also an excellent testimony for God.

The Christian response to environmental questions should be one of balance. It should not take priority over ministry or spiritual matters. However, it should reflect God's demand for our stewardship of his creation. It should reflect a desire to care for all of creation, not just human life. It should incorporate commonsense habits that we can all

practice every day, such as carpooling and using energy efficient light bulbs and appliances.

Many conservatives are hesitant to be openly conservationist for fear of being associated with the liberal pro-environment agenda. Just as conservatives support pro-life policies, liberals traditionally are pro-environment. But association alone does not make an issue wrong. Conservatives had no problem calling for Terri Schiavo's feeding tube to be reinserted—even after the Vatican did the same. If an issue is right, it's right, no matter who supports or opposes it.

This month the Southern Baptist Convention published a "Declaration on the Environment and Climate Change" which attempts to reverse the conservative attitude of skepticism towards environmental issues.

"Our motivation for facing failures to exercise proper stewardship is not primarily political, social or economic—it is primarily biblical," the declaration says. "Christian moral convictions and our Southern Baptist doctrines demand our environmental stewardship."

Extreme environmentalist groups such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club employ violent tactics to accomplish their goals. Sadly, groups like these attract the most media attention and therefore encourage the conclusion that everyone who favors policies that are good for the environment is an extremist.

Some Christians say environmental deterioration is a sign of the end times and therefore we should embrace it as part of prophetic fulfillment. But nowhere in the Bible are we relieved of our responsibility to care for God's creation.

Neither extreme is right when it comes to protecting the earth. Global warming may not be as urgent as Al Gore would like us to think, yet we should be conscious of how our gas-guzzling SUVs and factories are polluting the air we breathe.

Supporting the preservation of the environment does not mean being unspiritual. Christians have a moral obligation to take care of the beautiful home God has provided for us. We should be leading the way.

TALK BACK

What person do you look up to most in your life?



Brittany Townsend
Sophomore
Clayton, Ga.
Culinary Arts

My dad. He practices what he preaches.



Ben Schroeder
Sophomore
Aurora, Ill.
Business Administration

My father, because I've seen him personally, spiritually grow, and he's a great man of faith



Samantha Canniff
Senior
Townsend, Mass.
Creative Writing

My mom is a godly woman seeking to grow and know the Lord. She gives and sacrifices a lot, and it's not always recognized.



Ethan Akerberg
Senior
Milton, N.H.
Accounting

I'd say my dad because of his Christian example.



Ally Matthews
Senior
Decatur, Ala.
Practical Christian Training

I most look up to my mom—she's always there for me, and she's a godly woman.

CAMPUS

Students prepare for summer activities

TALITA ARAUJO

Some will work, others will study, some will travel to other parts of the world and others will stay at BJU and work in various ministries on campus.

Starting May 3, students from BJU will scatter all over the country and the world to work in various ministries during the summer. Even though the students look forward to a break from homework and from the busyness of the semester, many of them choose to spend the summer serving God at Christian camps, mission trips around the world or at their home churches.

Terrienne Jones, a junior English major, will spend six weeks at BJU as a camp counselor.

"I wanted to be a counselor and I thought about it," Terrienne said. "I signed up to be a counselor, and I prayed about it a lot. This is my last summer as a student that I can serve the Lord the whole summer." She also said this is the first time she will work as a counselor.

"My prayer is that I will have a lot

of impact on the kids' lives and even in their decisions for the future," Terrienne said.

While many students choose to work at Christian camps, several students spend the summer on mission trips. BJU sends many mission teams out every summer, including teams to Mexico, Europe, South America and Australia.

Virginia Johnson, a junior international studies major, will spend six weeks in Mexico. She said it was hard for her to decide what she was going to do this summer, but she said she wants to use this opportunity as a student to spend the summer on mission trips because she is not tied down to a job yet.

"I considered it, I debated it, and I didn't make a decision or apply to be part of the team until the team was almost decided," Virginia said. "I thought that the Lord was leading me to go, and that's where the Lord wants me to spend this summer."

Summer mission trips and Christian camps are good ways for students to spend the summer.

Ali Olson, an early childhood education major, will help at her church's Christian camp this summer. She said her plan last semester was to work at a different camp.

"I wanted to spend the whole summer serving God; I didn't want to go back home," Ali said. "But God changed my plans. It was neat to see how God worked everything out and answered my prayers."

Although Ali had wanted to minister at a summer camp abroad, God's will directed her to help at a camp with her home church as well as some other ministries there.

While some students will spend the summer working in various ministries, other students will spend the summer ministering on campus by working for the university and helping the campus to keep on functioning after the majority of the students leave.

Fernando Martins, a senior international business major, will start as a graduate assistant this summer working at the BJU Press.

Miray Mongeon, a junior practical Christian training major, will

spend the summer on campus as well.

"I will take correspondence courses and work at the Museum & Gallery," Miray said. "I get to work with great people there, and since I have tons of townie friends, I'll get to spend time with them off campus too."

Besides the students who will spend most of the summer working in different ministries, other students will spend most of the summer working at non-ministerial jobs, in which they can also minister to others in different ways.

Bruce Stouffer, a junior creative writing major, said he is hoping to work at Chick-fil-A in Taylors during the summer. He said he will probably take a family trip to Maine sometime too.

Some students not only will need to have a job this summer, but will also need to work long hours.

That is the case of Matt Cooper, a junior history major. He said, "(I will need to work) 60 to 70 hours a week, and hopefully I will take some correspondence courses too."

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"The Day of Rest is (designed) so that the university students are able to be good hosts to the visitors," said Mr. Kasey McClure, director of Student Activities and Organizations. "The student body acts as a portrait of the university."

Because the AACS competitions, at their busiest on Wednesday, use many classroom venues and require many faculty to judge the competitions, having classes on Wednesday would be physically impossible. BJU students are therefore encouraged to use the Day of Rest to interact with the visitors and help them and others spend time with visiting family.

"I usually spend the day with (my sisters) watching their competitions, guiding tours through the Dining Common and catching up on things from back home," said Laura Jeffcott, a senior organizational communication major.

William Nething, a sophomore aircraft maintenance major, plans to use the AACS competition to visit with family and friends.

"I plan to hang out with my family since they will all be up here with most of them participating in various competitions," he said.

Some students take advantage of the day to volunteer for the Greenville Special Olympics being held that day at Furman University.

"I enjoy volunteering at the Special Olympics because it is an opportunity to serve others and help them have an enjoyable competition," said Courtney Frazier, a junior biblical counseling major.

Others use the day for recreation. Popular activities include playing flag football, playing soccer and hiking.

Clark Cherry, a biblical counseling graduate student, said that he traditionally uses the Day of Rest to go hiking in Pickens at Table Rock State Park with friends.

"It's always been a blast," he said. "It's great to get some exercise and relieve stress. Last year we climbed the mountain in the rain."

Those who participate in Wednesday evening extension or prayer meetings generally continue their traditions. Michael Norton, a graduate accountancy student, said that he is planning to attend the college-age prayer meeting at Calvary Baptist in Simpsonville. But he is also planning to use his free time in another way.

"I want to take some time to do an extended devotion and think upon the Lord a little bit more," he said.

Some take advantage of the extra time to get ahead on schoolwork.

"I shall probably be doing what I usually do on the Day of Rest—studying," said Elwood Groves, a junior biology major.

Others use the day to work.

"As a senior nursing major, I'll be in practicum," said Kobi Noe. "And the past Days of Rest? Clinicals. But at least as nursing majors we don't have to ponder what we should do with a day off."

And then there are those who use the day to reduce the old sleep debt.

"A lot of students are going to sleep in that day to 10 or 11 o'clock," Mr. McClure said.

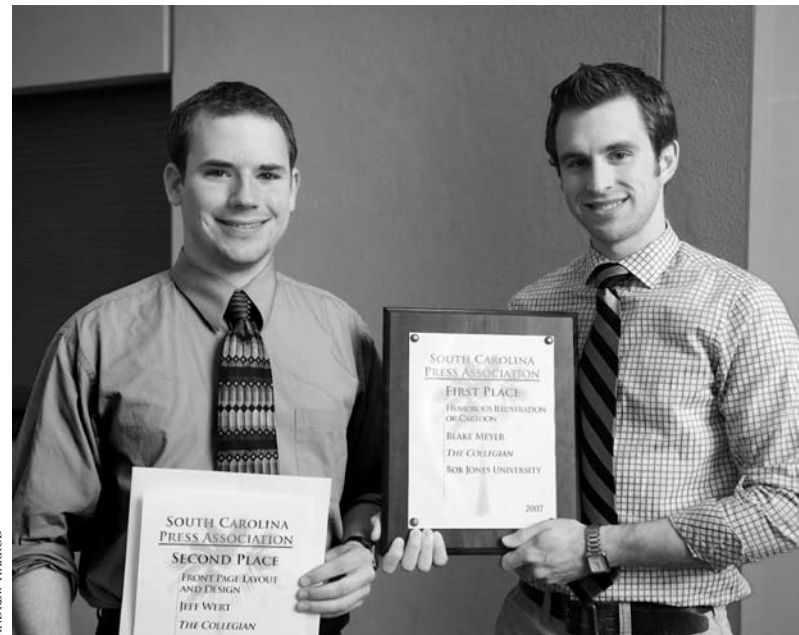
Collegian members attend SCPA, win two awards



Last Friday, five members of the Collegian staff as well as advisor Miss Betty Solomon traveled to Columbia, S.C., to attend the 2008 Collegiate Meeting and Awards Presentation hosted by the South Carolina Press Association. Pictured above from the left are sports writer Sarah Dersch, editor Krissa Smith, speaker Mr. Jack Smith, copy editor Andrew Brandenburg, sports writer Andrew Harrod and layout editor Jeff Wert.



(From left) Andrew Brandenburg, Jeff Wert and Krissa Smith pose with the display in front of the lecture room for the South Carolina Press Association meeting.



(From left) Jeff Wert displays his second place award for "Front Page Layout and Design," and Andrew Brandenburg displays Blake Meyer's first place award for "Humorous Illustration or Cartoon."

LIFESTYLE

Eleven BJU teams show Christ's love throughout U.S., abroad over summer

PAUL FINKBEINER
AND KRISSA SMITH

While most students usually work or go on vacation during the summer, 11 BJU summer mission teams will minister either overseas or in the states.

Three of BJU's mission teams will travel in the states.

The Western United States mission team will travel primarily in California from May 24 to June 24. During the trip, the team members will host neighborhood Bible clubs, teach Bible at a non-denominational school and have puppet shows for the children. They will also distribute tracts in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Bakersfield. Six of the nine students still need funds for this \$1,200 trip.

The second mission team—the trade team—will travel around Utah to help with building projects and will minister in local churches on the weekends. The five students with leader Mr. Brad Slocum will leave May 9 and return June 8.

A third team traveling in the United States will focus on Alaska. During the six-week trip, which leaves June 1 and returns Aug. 1, the 11-member team plus Mr. Brett Zukowski and his family will help with camp counseling and staffing, will help in the local church and will help in areas related to interior native missions and missionary aviation.

Among the teams leaving U.S. soil for ministry is the Australia team, led by Dr. and Mrs. George Matzko. The 16-member team will travel to Sydney, Queensland and New South Wales on the eastern coast of Australia. The mission team will help churches with special music, Sunday school and various jobs around the church, including construction and landscaping. Team members will also counsel at Camp Benaiah, host Bible clubs and share the gospel in public schools.

"At first I was planning to go on the Middle East trip, but my parents weren't comfortable with my decision," said Amos Downs, a sophomore Bible major. "Later I got an e-mail from a former Australian team member who said the team needed help. So I prayed about it, and the Lord has been providing ever since."

Two mission teams will minister in areas south of the United States. The nine-member team led by Dr. Nick Uwarow to Ecuador will help evangelize and disciple and assist in children's work May 5 through May 21. The other team, consisting of sixteen students plus Dr. Sam Saldivar and his family and assistant team leaders Jeremy and Miriam Patterson, will travel to Mexico June 2 and will return July 12. They will be involved in evangelism, children's ministries and youth work.

Two other teams will minister in Asia this summer.

The Southeast Asia mission team will travel to Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Singapore from July 2 through Aug. 13. As they minister in Asia, the team members will teach in Bible colleges and seminaries. Also, they will work with cross-cultural workers and nationals, learning how to plant churches in the mission field. Currently, all the team members still need money for this \$4,000 trip.

A second Asian group, the Chinese mission team led by Dr. and Mrs. Tom Lamb, consists of two groups—one group will teach English and medical terminology at a health school and the other group will teach in a business school. During the evenings, the team members will interact with their students informally with the hopes of witnessing to them. Most of the team members still need funds for this \$2,500 trip.

Other BJU mission teams will spend their summers in Europe.

The Musical Mission team will travel from May 8 to July 11 to



Mr. Evan Duke, Aubrey Elliott, Philip Robinson and Mr. Michael Destefano practice singing in preparation for their musical mission trip to Europe which will take place May 8 to July 11.

Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Italy. Dr. Bill McCauley and his wife Dr. Janie McCauley will lead the team of 30 people.

The students on the mission team raise money for this \$5,000 trip by sending prayer letters and a PowerPoint presentation of last year's mission trip to family and friends. The mission team will focus on providing special music in churches they visit. As part of their preparation for the trip, the team will practice songs sung in German, Slovakian and Italian. Also, they will distribute tracts during the week and visit a Slovakian Gypsy camp to minister to the children there.

"I believe the Lord has called me to minister to God in Europe,"

said Dave, a church music major. "I thought this mission trip would be a good opportunity to be exposed to the needs in Europe."

The United Kingdom mission team, led by Mr. Dave Schwingle and his family, will minister to home churches throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. During the trip, the team will hold dramas, preach on Sundays, distribute tracts, sing special numbers and work around the church. All 10 team members still need funds for this \$3,500 trip.

The Germany team, led by Mr. Phil Adams, will visit the German cities of Hamburg, Murnau, Erlangen, Ingolstadt, Landshut and Bad Heilbrunn, and the Austrian cities of Telfs and Vienna. Team members

raised support for this \$3,000 trip by sending out personal prayer letters to family, friends and church members from their hometown.

While the team ministers in Germany, members will pass out tracts, sing special numbers in church and participate in church projects. The members will also host a Kinderstunde, which is like AWANA where they have skits, games and a Bible story for the children.

"I'm not going on this trip just for credits," said Andrew Adams, a freshman international studies major. "I've been on this trip before with my parents, but this time I wanted to have the responsibilities of a team member. Eventually, I want to live in Germany and start a ministry similar to what the mission team does."

Watch your back: students enjoy playing tricks on April Fool's Day

JONNA DAWSON

April Fools' Day—the unofficial holiday festooned with plastic bugs, flavored with jalapeno sauce and designed to spread feelings of wary paranoia among the masses.

Some BJU students, faculty and staff enthusiastically take part in a little creative pranking of their own, both on April 1 and at other times. And with ready subjects at work, in the classroom, in the residence halls or even back home, who can blame them?

April Logan, student switchboard operator: "It was April Fools' Day and the next shift of people coming to work were all boys. So we put a sign up by the Workbrain computer and a box of latex gloves. It said: must wear gloves in console room at all times until further notice.

So right before they came in, our shift put on gloves and pretended we had been wearing them the whole three hours. Then the next shift came in and thought it was a joke. But then we told them, 'No, this is serious...a lot of people are sick right now, especially that work at the switchboard.' After a few minutes, we convinced them and they put the gloves on and began work. We waited a few minutes and they began complaining about (the gloves) being tight and their hands sweating. Then after like 10 minutes or so we said 'April Fools!'"

Kristen Peterson, senior early childhood education major: "I told my friends that my parents died two months before I was born and I was adopted at birth. They totally believed me until I finally explained

that I couldn't have been born if my parents died before I was born. It was rather humorous."

Philip Adams, professor of German: "I gave a dictation in one of my classes on April Fools' Day and explained that it was a more challenging passage than they were used to and I cautioned them not to panic when they first heard it. When I started the tape, every student in the room was visibly shaken by what they heard, so I reassured them I would play it again. When I played it the second time, they were looking at each other for some sign that they were not the only one having trouble. At that point, I lost it and had to tell them that the tape wasn't even German—it was Russian."

Rachel Meadors, senior practical Christian training major: "I

filled a friend's Chevy Cobalt with packing peanuts, filling the entire car clear up to the roof. Three years later, she is still finding random white packing peanuts in her car."

Cameron Pollock, freshman Bible major: "This past semester, another guy named Dan Mangum and I decided to start nightmailing my cousin, Lydia White, mysterious clues in the form of cryptic poems. As we progressed, we developed a code system that incorporated the Bob Jones Sr. quotes posted on the wall of every room in Fine Arts and Alumni. Over a period of about a month, she went to the rooms and pieced together the clues with the code to find a message that, in a round about way, told her that the key to discovering her mysterious nightmailers was in her P.O. box. It

was the last clue written in another poem.

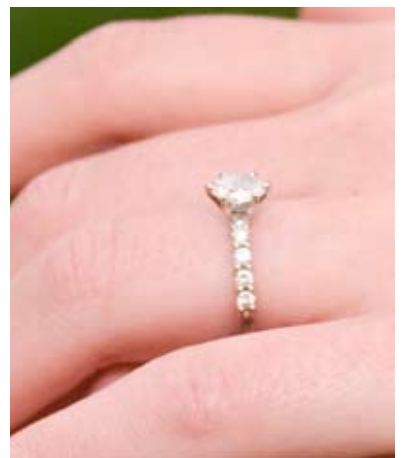
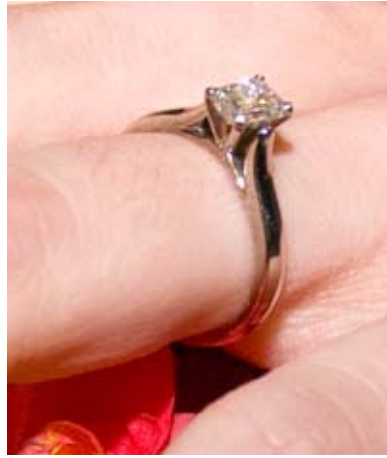
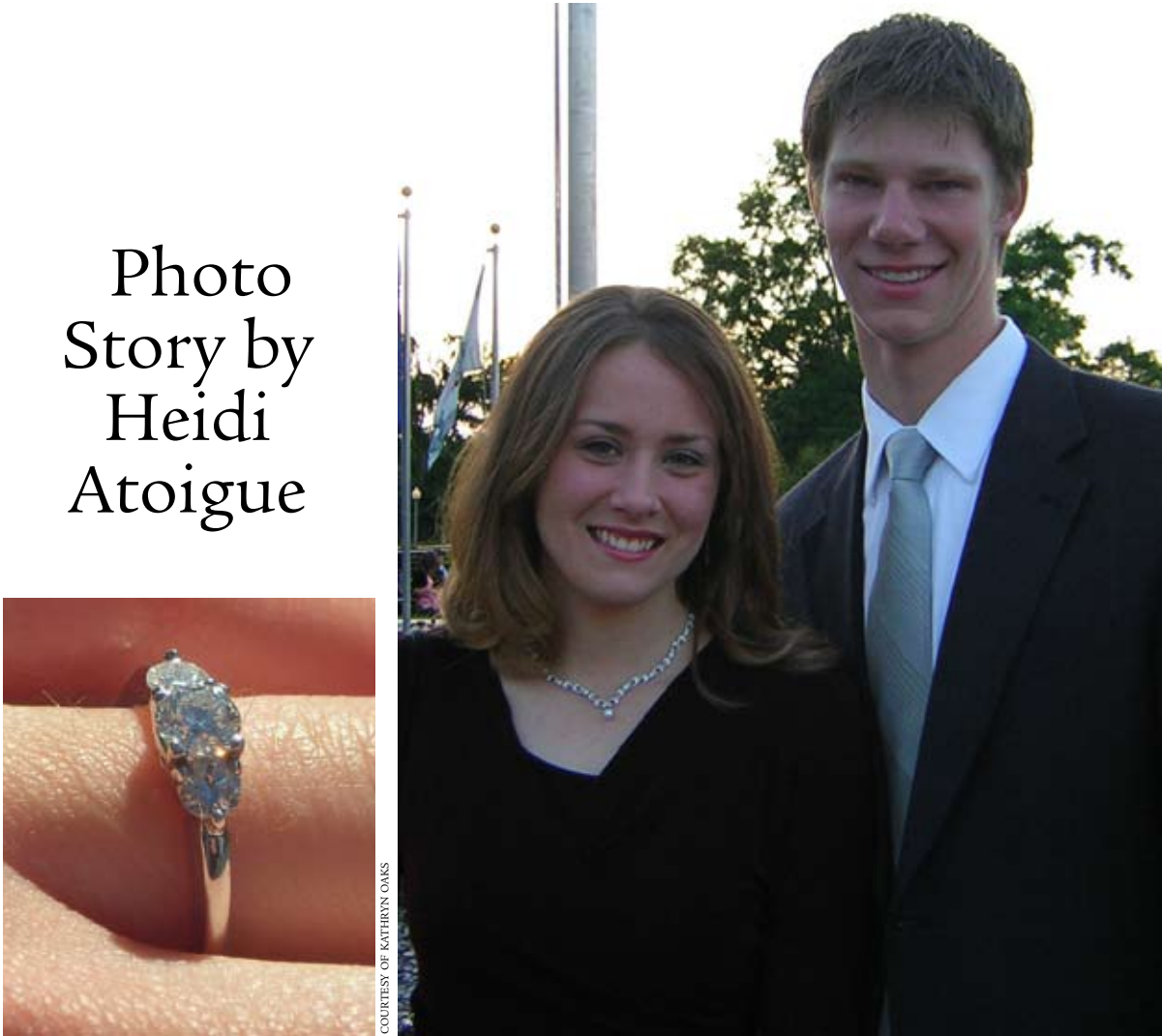
We sent the clues different ways in nightmail, such as putting it in a glass bottle and sealing the bottle with candle wax and taking boxed macaroni and rolling the clue up and stuffing it into one pasta piece, then sending the whole box of macaroni.

The real trick was that Dan and I completely convinced Lydia that it wasn't us, without ever lying. We saw her almost every day at meals and listened intently, showing our amazement and wonder at what morons would have the time to do these crazy things. In the end, we revealed our identity over Sunday lunch. When she went back to her room, she found a large gift basket, with all sorts of cool stuff in it, lying on her bed. Truly a masterpiece.

CAMPUS

Couples on campus look to next stage of their lives

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Class credits, sports trophies, lasting memories, valuable experiences and that all-important diploma aren't the only things some students at BJU leave with after Commencement—some find true love too.

Pictured in this photo story are four different engaged couples on campus as well as their respective engagement rings.

(Clockwise from the top) Kathryn Oaks and Derek Adams; Jena Keene and Cameron Sherban; Jenny Clark and Brad Browning; Buddy Kring and Elise Gwinn.

SPORTS

Zeta Chi withstands Basil in playoff Tuesday

BRANDON HODNETT

Requiring extra innings to settle their last matchup, the Zeta Chi Tornadoes proved to have the upper hand over Basilean once again, thwarting the Eagles 5-1 in Tuesday's American League softball championship. The anticipated rematch between Z and Basil pitted almost equally talented teams and proved to be another intense, defensive game.

The Eagles' offense never left the ground this time. In the first inning, Basil sent three batters to the plate but failed to get on base. In the second, they threatened to open the scoring after loading the bases with no outs. Following a ground out from Josué Paulino, teammate Andrew Adams smacked an inning-ending double play to third base. While Z's defense kept Basil's offense in check, Z's offense

started off sluggish, picking up only one hit after two innings. Finally, in the third, Z's offense came alive. Jason Rush led off with an infield single, Andrew Sells followed with a single to left, and Trevor Allen proceeded to load the bases with a single to center. After a ground out sent one runner home, Bryan McClintock added two more runs with a deep single. Bryan led all batters with three hits and three RBIs. Z tacked on another run in the fourth and fifth, securing a firm 5-0 lead.

Basil's Rob Leatherwood offered a glimmer of hope for a comeback in the sixth, belting a home run deep past Z's left fielder. But the rally ceased as Basil went hitless the rest of the game. "We were too cautious about hitting the ball to the perfect spot every time, and we didn't worry enough about just making contact," Basil's Andrew Adams said.

Omega sweeps NL softball, defeats Beta

SARAH DERSCH

The Omega Lions ripped through the National League regular softball season for the second year in a row, defeating every opponent handily. The Beta Gamma Patriots were the last to take a blow from the Lions, losing the National League championship game 14-4. Chad McCune's single brought Jeff Hopkins home to give Beta a short-lived 1-0 lead at the top of the first inning. Eric Kittrell, Dave Gray and Justin Almas began the Omega domination with three out-of-the-park home runs. Omega then went through its whole batting lineup with two outs.

"Beating Beta was wonderful," Omega's pitcher Russ Peery said. "The best part was us hitting those three home runs in the first inning. That was pretty fulfilling." "We knew what it would take to win since we've been [at the championship] before," said Alex Tunnickliff, Omega's left centerfielder. "And we're all about having fun." First in the lineup, Eric Kittrell's second hit of the inning brought Russ Peery and Duane Anderson home. Dave Gray batted one more runner in with a dropper between Beta's left outfield players. After

Dave was called out at first base, Omega set up its defense for the second inning with a comfortable 8-1 lead. None of the Beta players had a chance to get to first base in the second inning. Jake Vanaman struck out, and then B.J. Fite and John Woodhall hit grounders straight to shortstop Justin Almas and second baseman Erik Kittrell respectively. Both fired the ball to Adam Lowe at first base for the outs. "Justin Almas is an incredible shortstop," Russ Peery said. "He made some fantastic plays throughout the whole season. But really, we were just a solid softball team all around." Omega added four more runs to its lead. Zach Roschi's high flier to right field resulted in a couple of fielding errors that allowed him to come around to score and tally 3 additional runs. Alex Tunnickliff got to second base on an error and was batted in by Adam Lowe.

Neither team scored during the third inning. The score remained 12-1. Beta barely kept itself alive with two runs in the fourth inning, one being a home run by Jeff Hopkins. Omega's Boardman answered with a driving home run hit along the

Volleyball Predictions	
1. Lanier	36%
2. Beta	29%
3. Rams	7%
4. Pi Gamma	7%
5. Societies with 4% or less	21%

"We just couldn't get the ball out of the infield to save our lives. We played pretty solid defense all seven innings, but Z got a couple past us. If we had hit like we did against Pi Kappa, we would have won." With the 5-1 victory, Z advanced to Saturday's championship game against Omega.

left foul line, which also brought Zach Roschi home. With an 11-point deficit, Beta had one last shot to stay in the game at the top of the fifth inning. Beta's Jon Ogden hit a grounder and was out at first, but an over-zealous throw from Adam Lowe to third base for a double play missed Dave Gray's glove and allowed Micah Wright to tag up and score. The small hope Beta had was dashed after Anthony Lehn's grounder bounced right to first baseman Adam Lowe for the third out. Omega's 14-4 victory seemed to come too quickly. Omega and Beta players and fans headed over to field one to watch the last innings of the Z-Basil game. Omega dominated softball again this year, and next season seems just as promising. Only the Gray twins and Alex Tunnickliff graduate this year. "But we have a lot of subs that are good, and we will do just fine next year," Russ Peery said.

With the basketball season over, basketball enthusiast will have to play on a different net if they want to use the Davis Field House. Volleyball nets now stand on the courts while the basketball rims hang above. The men's volleyball season started this past week with over 50 games on the schedule. If you missed your society's games, a majority of the games will be played this weekend. A game schedule can be found on the intranet inside the "Life at BJU" tab. The championship will be held April 12. In anticipation of the championship, members of the student body cast their vote to predict this year's champion. See chart to the left for the results.



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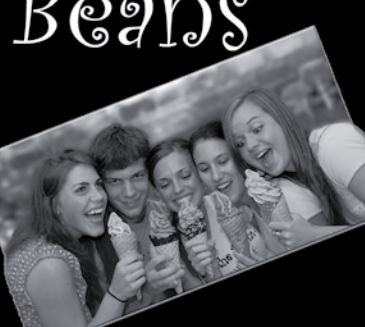
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Omega's Russ Peery delivers the pitch as teammate Justin Almas gets ready to field the ball.



Justin Almas fields the ball after a smash to short and prepares to throw to first to get the out.

Omega repeats as softball champions

KENNETH JOHNSON

Defending their title, the undefeated Alpha Omega Delta Lions captured the softball

championship over the Zeta Chi Tornadoes.

The Lions and the Zeta Chi Tornadoes had made it to the best-of-three-games championship series Saturday morning. With playoffs completed, it was time for the National League champs to square off against their counterparts in the American League.

For the National League, Omega slowly but surely overtook the Sigma Spartans in the first playoff game. The next game against Beta Gamma was speedily consummated, ensuring Omega a spot in the finals.

Meanwhile, it was the Tornadoes sweeping up the competition in the American League. Zeta Chi outplayed the Chi Alpha Cavs and then the Basilean Eagles in two fierce battles. The championship was all that was left.

Omega batted first, but it was Z who set the tone, delivering three quick outs. As Omega took the field, Zeta Chi's Steve Knapp made his way around to third base and looked to take the lead. However, Omega's defense denied him access, keeping the game scoreless.

The second inning broke the scoreless status, thanks to a deep home run by Omega's Zach Roschi. The hit was enough to start the ball rolling for the Lions.

Concerning the batting for the teams, Omega was unequalled. Senior brothers Dan and Dave Gray hit near and far and each added runs in the fourth. More runs came from nice cracks off the bat of Justin Almas and Eric Kittrell. And another smoking homer from Zach kept the Lions on top 8-0 at the top of the fifth.

Zeta Chi found a weakness in Omega's defense, which allowed them a pair of runs from Jason Rush and Tyler Dowland. Base hits from Steve Knapp, Tyler Dowland, and Tim Robson kept the Lions on their toes in the outfield. Yet it was not enough for a Zeta Chi comeback.

"We knew that certain guys in Omega could crush the ball," Z's Steve Knapp said. "So we tried to keep the ball in front of us. This worked for a little while, but they stopped trying to kill the ball and started hitting line drives through the gaps."

With Omega back to bat, they unloaded two more home runs

from Matt Boardman and Dan Gray to eventually seal the first game 12-4.

Game two commenced right away with the Tornadoes up to bat. Omega's defense held solid against Z's skillful cracks at bat. Omega's defense was strong led by outstanding efforts from shortstop Justin Almas throughout the entire series. In addition, Omega immediately took the upper hand offensively with two early runs due to an error in Z's outfield.

"I didn't want to come out flat," Dan Gray said. "After the first game, I wanted to make sure we weren't too comfortable or too relaxed."

Going into the top of the second, Zeta Chi turned on the heat with continuous pokes and grounders into Omega's gaps. With the bases loaded, Steve Knapp waited patiently for an

enticing pitch. He found it, and brought home his teammates with a grand slam.

"We had a phenomenal team," Dan said. "We did really well when we had two outs. That was a big key to winning. If you can hit with two outs, you can win games."

The Lions found themselves behind by three, but only for an instant. A total of nine runs were added to Omega's scorebook in the second and third frames. Contributing to the total, Alex Tunnicliff and Duane Anderson were able to knock down some runs with accurate hits and smart base running.

"Omega is a good team, and it's not embarrassing to lose to them," Steve said. "Win or lose, I had fun. Props to the Lions."

The Lions took home the second game and the championship with a 12-7 victory.

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CAMPUS

AACS, page 1

Because of the number of students participating, BJU residence hall students should be prepared to share their room with competitors.

"Everybody should expect at least one guest, but they may get more than that," said Mr. David Orr, guest services coordinator for the university.

In addition, students can volunteer their free time to work as room monitors during the competition days. Typical responsibilities involve keeping the rooms where competitions are held interruption-free during actual competition times and helping guests.

Some former competitors—now BJU students—provided some insight into the event.

"My time at AACS competition introduced me to BJU and made me want to come back," said Lindsey Bixler, a junior humanities major who participated in choir and duet acting during AACS competition throughout high school.

"I was really impressed with some of the girls, especially the ones who wanted to hang out and chat—the ones who actually cared about me and what I was interested in," she said.

Lindsey cautioned BJU students to show hospitality during the competition.

"Make sure you're kind, because you don't know when that visitor will come back as your roommate or as a coworker," Lindsey said.

In fact, Mr. David Orr said

that nearly 600 current BJU students attended AACS competition at some time in their high school experience.

While some of the visiting students enjoy extra free time to tour the campus and sit in on classes, other competitors stay busy with the competition.

Caleb Tluchak, a sophomore humanities major who competed in choir, men's ensemble and handbells, said, "I enjoyed AACS because I was able to spend time with my brother, but I was too busy to see much else.

"Students should take time to be interested in the competition among the high school participants, especially in their areas of interest to encourage the competitors to continue," he said.

Although campus will become crowded for a few days, Mr. Orr encouraged students to use the time positively.

"We have to view each of these people as somebody that God has divinely appointed to be here on this campus and in the room that they're placed in for this very short time," Mr. Orr said. "We have an awesome responsibility to show the love of Christ to be an encouragement, a help and a testimony to these young people."

Students interested in helping with set-up on Tuesday and hosting on Wednesday and Thursday for the speech competition should contact Dr. Greg Kielmeier at gkielmey@bju.edu.

Students desiring to help with the music competition on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday should email Mr. Tom Grimble at tgrimble@bju.edu with available times.

Financial Aid, page 1

will be offering a slightly different rebate program. This program will stretch over the first three years of college at \$2,000 a year.

Mr. Baker also suggested South Carolina residents should be aware of the South Carolina Tuition Grant, which gives a maximum of \$3,200. The grant does not have a separate application, but rather the FAFSA results are sent directly to the agency that decides if the student is eligible. "They don't want to miss out on that, because it's much easier to get than a Pell grant," he said. The application deadline for the South Carolina Tuition Grant is June 30, 2008.

Two-thirds of BJU students from South Carolina were able to get one this year.

Besides grants and loans, students can also get scholarships offered by BJU and many other organizations. The financial aid office link under the "Life at BJU" tab on the BJU intranet leads to an abundance of information on scholarships, including BJU scholarships and others categorized by state. Many other scholarship possibilities will show up with a simple Google search on the Internet for "community scholarships." Alyssa was able to get a \$1,000 Wal-Mart community scholarship, noting she got it because very few people bothered to apply.

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