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## Welcome, Freshmen!



ROB WHEELER

### CAMPUS NEWS

#### INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

Placement agent Steve Hall from the agency Find Great People will speak at the Career Services interview workshop at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in Lecture Room A.

#### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Modern Language Club will have its first fall meeting on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the SAS Assembly Room. Four students will give testimonies about their summer mission trips.

#### CJA FORUM

A postal inspector for the USPS will address the Criminal Justice Association Forum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Grace Levinson Chapel.

#### UBA FORUM

Miss Heather Daniel, Mr. Chris Rawlings and Mr. Jeff Bryson of the School of Business will speak at the University Business Association's meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Room.

**Representing 47 states, 15 countries and more than 90 majors, 969 incoming freshman students have packed their bags, bid loved ones farewell and set off to begin their college careers, together forming a single group—BJU's class of 2012.**

BY MOLLY JASINSKI

But how did they all get here? The majority of the freshman class found out about BJU through either their church, family members or school. Jaimie Peters, an elementary education major from Clayton, Ga., is one of the many students who have alumni relatives. "My parents came here, and I knew the Lord wanted me here also," Jaimie said. Nursing major Elizabeth Wilken credits her family and high school with her decision to attend

BJU. "My sisters came here, and all of the people from my church come here, and I just love all the people," she said.

Abby Harmon, a humanities major, found out about BJU when some representatives from the university came to visit her high school. "Some people from Bob Jones came to our school for a college fair, and I remember Micah Coston talking, and that's when I applied to the school," she said.

But some students discovered BJU in unique ways. Nakia Walker, an English education major from Jackson, Miss., was given an assignment by a high school teacher to look up colleges and universi-

ties. She used the Internet to look up schools in different states, and stumbled upon BJU. "I applied to six colleges, and Bob Jones was the first one to respond, and they kept everything on-task, so I decided to come here," she said.

Once here, freshmen must make one of the most critical decisions they will face in college—choosing a major.

Daniel Saunders, a residential construction management major, had several reasons for choosing his major. "I love making things with my hands," he said. "I love building things, and also in the Bible the Lord was a master builder, and I

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### RUSH

**Society members compete for prime real estate**

CRISTIE FOX

With the sound of a horn, the 2008 society rush officially began at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9. While most students were snug and warm in their beds, hundreds of sleepy, yet enthusiastic, society members made a mad dash to claim their prime spots around campus for society rush activities.

Kara Potts, a sophomore athletic director for Beta Chi Omega, described the scene in one word: "madness."

"Girls were crowding the doors at 5 a.m.; everyone knew exactly what spot they wanted, and they were going to fight for it," she said. "As soon as the horn sounded, the rush was on."

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ROB WHEELER

Society members charge out of Brokenshire at 5:30 a.m. to grab the best spot.



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## Campus called to put feet to truth

You've probably heard the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates promoting their respective campaign slogans recently. "Change you can believe in" is the rallying cry for Obama's presidential campaign; "a leader you can believe in" is McCain's recent spin-off slogan.

Like political campaign slogans or corporate mission statements or even a thesis for a freshman English paper, BJU's theme for the 2008-2009 school year, as articulated by university president Dr. Stephen Jones, gives us all something to focus on for the next eight months.

A theme serves two purposes. First, it gives the institution a goal, a way to measure progress and results. It's like the engine that distinguishes a focused, direction-driven race car from a wobbly plastic toy truck.

A theme also unites a large, diverse group of people around a common goal. It gets us all thinking on the same page, striving for the same end—driving on the same racetrack, if you will.

The university has chosen "Putting Feet to the Truth" as this year's theme. Truth we get plenty of—Bible classes, chapel, prayer groups, society, church—no one at BJU can echo Pilate's rhetorical excuse, "What is truth?"

Simply knowing truth is not enough, however. I John 1:6 says, "If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." So how do we "do" or practice the truth? Our duty is spelled out clearly throughout the Bible, perhaps nowhere more pointedly than in John 14:15: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

But which commandments? Well, all of them, but notice the connection between this verse and verse 34 of the previous chapter: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Walking together in love—this theme should certainly ring a bell for those of us who were at BJU last year!

It's not just the thought that counts when it comes to living out God's Word. He delights in active obedience in every area of our lives, including the way we treat our Christian brothers and sisters. Love to each other shows love to Christ, whose love we could never equal or repay!

Only God can work a change in our own hearts and attitudes. So this year, let's study God's Word prayerfully—praying for God to make His Word real in our lives and praying for us to get outside of ourselves to tangibly show love to others. Living out God's Word in His strength: this is putting feet to the truth.



ANDREW BRANDENBURG

Like New Year's Day, the start of a new school year brings resolutions—usually unspoken. Most students, if not all, promise to raise their grades or improve their studying. Then there are those who decide that maybe this is the year that they'll actually use a planner. Regardless of the exact nature of the promise, they all point in one direction: *excellence*.

This year I've made promises to myself about the *Collegian*. I want it to continue to improve in quality. I want to expand its readership. I want to give more students more reasons to pick it up every Friday. To sum it up in one word, I want the *Collegian* along with my staff and me to excel—to be excellent.

Maybe you're wondering why I'm making such a big deal over a campus newspaper. Let me try to put things into perspective.

Excellence is important for these reasons:

It's celebrated. Think back to this summer's Olympic games in Beijing. It was the above par athletes—the excellent, like Michael Phelps—who took our breath away and left victorious, not the mediocre ones.

It's necessary. Consider—seriously consider—a world where no one ever tried to excel. The world I imagine contains people still riding in Model T's and using typewriters. I see a world of apathetic people who fulfill their immediate desires, rather than putting them off for a season in order to achieve greatness.

It's expected. This principle is probably one of the most recognizable. For example, when a manager is hiring, does he take the first applicant who graces his presence? Of course not. He considers a number of applicants—asking each of them specific questions—in order to find someone who will fit his position perfectly—someone who will do an excellent job.

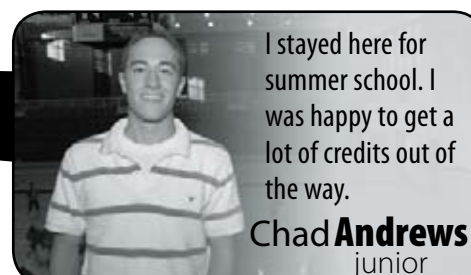
It's required. In Philippians 1 God calls Christians to "approve things that are excellent; that [w]e may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." We are commanded to be righteous, to be excellent, by our Creator. I can't think of a better reason to strive for excellence than that.

So in a sense achieving excellence is my New (School) Year's Resolution for the 2008-2009 school year. Only, I'm sharing this resolution with you, my readers. I don't know who you are or why you've picked up the *Collegian*, but I do know that I want your help.

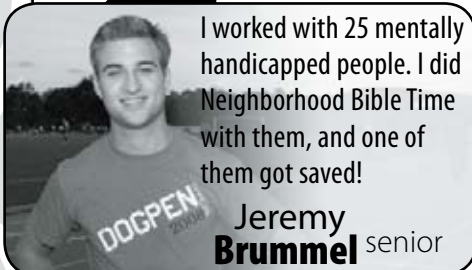
By telling you what my goals for this year are—rather than just tucking them into the corner of my brain—it will help keep my staff and me accountable. E-mail the editor (editor@bju.edu). Tell us how we're doing. Let us know what you want to read. We're here to serve the university family, and with your help, we can do so even better—and achieve *excellence*.



I went on a missions trip to Africa. The highlight was over 700 people accepting Christ.  
**Bekah Armstrong**  
freshman

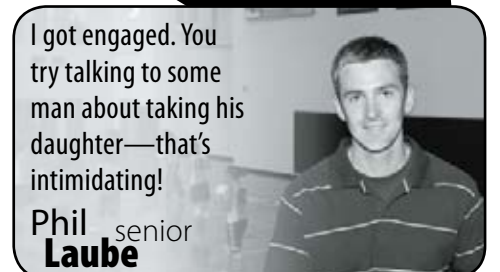


I stayed here for summer school. I was happy to get a lot of credits out of the way.  
**Chad Andrews**  
junior



I worked with 25 mentally handicapped people. I did Neighborhood Bible Time with them, and one of them got saved!  
**Jeremy Brummel**  
senior

## What's the most important thing that happened to you this summer?



I got engaged. You try talking to some man about taking his daughter—that's intimidating!  
**Phil Laube**  
senior



Getting engaged was probably the most significant event of my summer—of my life!  
**Justine Berman**  
junior

**talk back**  
AT THE SPORTS JAMBOREES

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# Rodeheaver work forges ahead

DAN GASS

The drama of the Rodeheaver renovation project has started its second act, with faculty, staff and students abuzz about its conclusion.

"We're probably halfway through the schedule," said Mr. Mark Kopp, chief facilities management officer for the university. "Our next goal is to get the roofing completed."

The construction world calls completing the roofing "drying in"—something that gives the workers a unique advantage.

"The big hurdle in any construction project is to get it closed in so that if you get any inclement weather you can keep working," Mr. Kopp said. "Once we get it dried in, the work goes on in the inside."

Drying in the site will allow the interior work to begin in November. The large windows will be put in next, followed by drywall and then electrical work. By December the crew will be working on tiling the floors, covering the walls and putting in the ceiling grid. The project should be completed by March.

The project presents a unique challenge—tying in the new work with the old Rodeheaver build-

ing's art deco style. The renovation will incorporate a design that transitions from the style of the new front to the rest of the building.

The new addition is designed specifically to make front campus welcoming, but it will also do a lot to showcase the fine arts productions that take place inside.

"There is going to be a lot of light when performances are ongoing," Mr. Kopp said. "Anybody driving on Wade Hampton is going to pick up that something really big is going on."

The new renovation will also feature a place for large banners advertising the productions.

"I like large scale visuals," said Mr. Jeff Stegall of the speech communication faculty, a frequent director of Rodeheaver dramatic productions. "I think the banners will increase the visibility of our Artist Series and as a result increase the excitement on campus. I like banners."

What many people associated with Rodeheaver like about the project, though, is how the new entrance will affect people coming to performances.

"It's going to be a much more pleasant lobby experience," Mr. Stegall said. "Plays and operas are social gatherings, so I think it's really going to improve the feeling that people will have by the time that they get to their seats."

The project has also affected the jobs of students on Rodeheaver stage crew. Instead of working to prepare for new productions, they are working through stage inventory and reworking various aspects of stage work.

"I'm very excited about it," said Doug Westcott, a senior on the general floor crew in stage crew. "Right now it's kind of a hindrance from my normal tasks, but it's very exciting. I've been in that lobby one too many times, so it's nice to have something new that's coming."

As part of their work, Doug and the general stage crew have been working on building a new crèche for December's annual lighting ceremony. They are also working on getting props ready for Living Gallery and *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Jenny Singer, a junior who works for the properties crew on

stage crew, summed up the effect of the project.

"I think it adds a lot of anticipation and excitement as you come in," she said. "Everybody likes to see something that looks good to start. It gives a foreshadowing that whatever you hear or see in there is going to be really good too."



With the renovation about halfway done, construction continues on the Rodeheaver Auditorium.

## Cuppa Jones marks first anniversary

BRENNIA SMITH

Cuppa Jones opened its doors with a shot of celebration on Sept. 3, 2008, the first anniversary of the coffee shop's grand opening.

Customers streamed in non-stop to take advantage of the day's special offer: buy one 12-ounce coffee and receive the second for a penny. In addition, a drawing rewarded Stella Layne, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, with a free latté each month for the rest of the semester.

A group of regular customers, heightening at peak times early in the morning and in between classes, keep the coffee flowing at Cuppa Jones throughout the day. Many people come to get their daily caffeine fix, while others enjoy studying in the quiet, relaxed atmosphere.

Since its debut last fall, Cuppa Jones continues to expand its menu of specialty coffees and teas. Mrs. Cindy Pyle, the manager of the shop, added a new London Fog tea, in addition to crème blenders, a delicious treat for those who enjoy a good coffee shop, minus

the coffee. Beginning this semester, The Fast Break will make their sandwiches available in Cuppa Jones, and assorted fruits will appear as well.

Coffee addicts are now able to enjoy some of their favorite items (a frozen mocha in warmer weather and a vanilla nut fudge latté or café mocha in colder weather) later than ever. Business hours have been extended to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday in response to suggestions that the shop be open as late as the library and other campus food venues.

Was the risk of creating competition for the Snack Shop's Great Awakenings worth it? "Very much so," says Mr. Roy Hulehan, director of ancillary retail operations. "If there has been any impact (on Great Awakenings) it is negligible. Cuppa Jones offers more specialty drinks, but coffee sales in both places remain equal."

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# Four deans move to renovated Dean Hall

JONATHAN BROWN

A common registration task many students face each fall—meeting with their academic dean—just got a little easier. With the renovation of the Alumni center office wing, students now have easier access to four of BJU's seven academic deans.

While many construction projects continue, the renovation of the Alumni center office wing was completed over the summer. Coined Dean Hall, the office wing now houses four of BJU's academic deans. The university moved the offices to provide both students and faculty with easier access to the deans.

The deans, along with their administrative assistants, whose offices have relocated are Dr. Aaron Goldsmith, dean of the School of Business; Dr. Bob Taylor, dean of the College of Arts and Science; Dr. Royce Short, dean of the School of Religion; and Dr. Brian Carruthers, dean of the School of Education. In addition to these academic deans, Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministerial training, also moved to Dean Hall.

Many students appreciate the new location's accessibility. Steven Graham, a junior accounting major, said, "It is much more convenient, because I am in the

Alumni Building a lot more than the Administration Building."

Senior pastoral studies major Mark Dupont agreed. "It was more convenient for me to work on my schedule this semester because my academic dean and my adviser were both in the same building."

Students also like the inviting environment. Anna Ream, a sophomore biblical counseling major, said, "The deans are easier to approach, and I like the atmosphere."

The move especially benefits freshmen still having a hard time finding their way around campus. The convenient layout of the deans' offices with their assistants eliminates the confusion once caused by their scattered locations throughout the Administration Building.

The deans also appreciate Dean Hall. Dr. Carruthers expressed his pleasure with the new location. Now instead of walking across campus to meet with faculty, he needs only to walk upstairs.

Dr. Short described the new layout as serviceable and convenient. Already he notices an increase in his interaction with the faculty. He especially likes the access he has to his assistant who was further away in the Administration Building.

ing. Though he is enjoying his new office, Dr. Short lamented, "The hardest thing is remembering where I put my books."

Many students are suffering from a similar dilemma. The relocation of the Alumni vending machines has left many students wondering where they went. They are now located across from Bellis Copy Center near the west office wing entrance.



GREG SCHMIDT

Four BJU academic deans have relocated from the Administration Building to the new Dean Hall in the Alumni Building.

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A Metrolink passenger train collided with a freight train Sept. 12 in the Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley killing 25 people and injuring another 135. Officials said the Metrolink engineer failed to heed several stop signals. The rail disaster is the worst in 15 years.



## HURRICANE IKE WHIRLS THROUGH HOUSTON

Hurricane Ike's 110 mph winds and 11-foot storm surge rolled through Galveston, Texas, Sept. 13 leaving residents without power, communications and clean water. Moving through Houston, Ike shattered skyscraper windows, knocked

down power lines and uprooted trees. The death toll rose to 15 as the storm moved north into the nation's heartland.

## PASSENGER JET CRASHES IN RUSSIA

A Russian passenger plane crashed Sept. 14 killing all 88 people on board as it prepared to land in Perm, a city 750 miles east of Moscow. Witnesses said the plane caught fire and plunged to the ground. Officials believe engine failure caused the crash.

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## GETTING THERE

Freshmen unfamiliar with BJU's sprawling campus may feel lost in the maze of sidewalks and yellow brick buildings, with no unmistakable yellow brick road to follow. Even if they are headed to the Alumni Building and not to the Land of Oz, returning students may be unaware of several shortcuts and roads less traveled by, which will save them a few precious moments of walking time (and wear and tear on shoes). We've scoped out some common off-campus destinations as well as some lesser known campus resources available to the university family.

### OFF CAMPUS HOT SPOTS

#### Walgreens

Turn right out of the gate near the women's residence halls. Continue walking to the intersection of Pleasantburg and East North Street. Walgreens will be on your right and is a seven-minute walk.

#### Red Lobster

Turn right out of the front gate onto Wade Hampton Blvd. Continue straight through the intersection of N. Pleasantburg Drive. Red Lobster will be on the right directly after the intersection. From the front of campus to Red Lobster is a seven-minute walk.

#### Liquid Highway

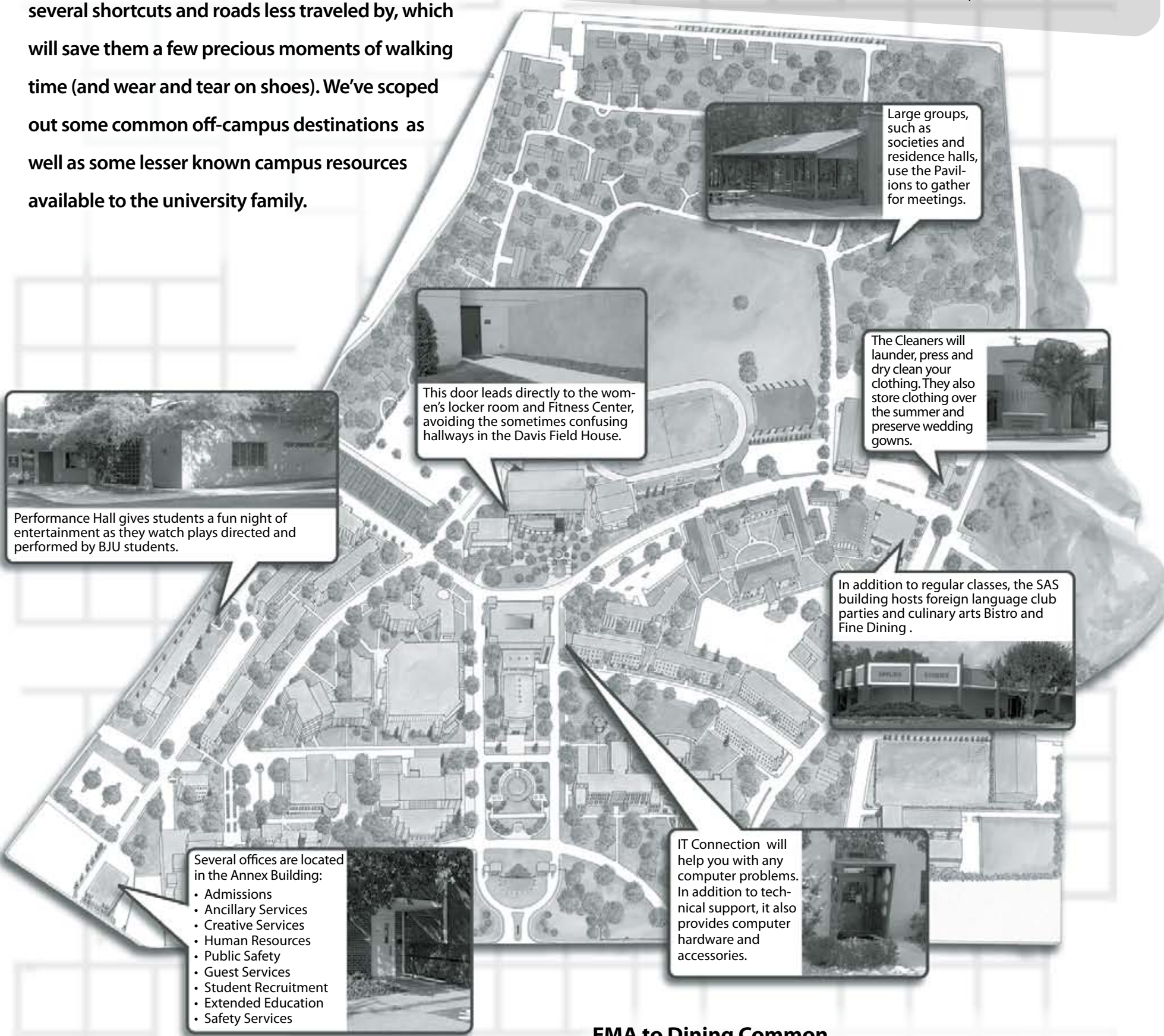
Cross the walking bridge and take a right on Pleasantburg Drive. Take a left on East North Street and you'll see it on your left. The whole trip takes about nine minutes.

#### Little Caesar's

After crossing the walking bridge behind the women's residence halls, take a right. Little Caesar's is on your left and takes approximately five minutes to walk to.

#### Bi-Lo

Bi-Lo is a little farther up on the same street as Liquid Highway and is only 10 minutes from campus.



#### FMA to Dining Common

Another heavy traffic area runs from the FMA to the Dining Common directly after chapel. To cut down walking time, begin by following the traffic to the front of the Museum & Gallery. Be sure not to follow any traffic that walks in the road or cuts through the Museum & Gallery parking lot. Across from the front of the Museum & Gallery doors, a small sidewalk winds around the Administration Building to its front. Taking a right in front of the

Administration Building leads you directly to the front of the Dining Common.

Another way that avoids the Dining Common traffic takes you straight out of the FMA and down the sidewalk that runs opposite the Glory Garden. Continuing past the entrance to the Student Center, this sidewalk runs in front of the Social Parlor and the Administration Building. It will bring you directly to the Dining Common.



# SPORTS & HEALTH

## Men's societies kick off soccer season

ANDREW HARROD

### FRESHMEN IMPACT SOCCER TEAMS

Each fall societies look to make additions to their soccer roster through rush. Speculation and high praises surround many freshman recruits, but the freshman impact cannot be determined until the games begin.

Freshmen and new students competed on the soccer fields for the first time last Friday in the soccer jamboree. The preseason jamboree provides each team with two 25-minute games and allows the teams to evaluate new talent and make final roster decisions. As the season progresses, the impact of the freshman class will become more evident.

Robbie Moore, a freshman Christian leadership major, wants to work hard for this season. "I am going to hustle as well as listen to my coaches when they critique my playing," he said.

"I will bring speed and finesse. I want to try to be a presence in the midfield as well as create passes for my amazing Beta Gamma Delta players gather in a huddle before their jamboree match.

Other freshmen hope to build team unity. "I hope to contribute to the best team by uniting with my team," Micah Alexander, a freshman youth ministries major, said. "I'll bring my speed and hope to bring a new style to the field." Micah will wear the Zeta Chi uniform.

Some want to add new energy to their teams. "I want to contribute whole-hearted effort and skill for my society and my God," David Miller, a freshman humanities major, said. "Go Pi Gamma!" You can guess what society David joined.

### Season Preview

#### THE CHAMPION

Alpha Theta Pi hoisted the Turkey Bowl trophy last year. The team's 11 seniors finished their soccer careers as champions—the same way they started as freshmen. Alpha coach Damian Petrykevych, a junior business administration major, will rely heavily on his freshmen this season. "We lost 11 seniors, and 11 freshmen made the team this year," he said. But Damian remains optimistic about his team's chances. "We are a young team this

year, but we have many talented players and a deep bench. The American League does not have any one dominant team this year, so games will be more evenly matched without blowout scores."

#### THE LEGEND

Alpha Omega Delta has captured the Turkey Bowl title more than any other society in school history. Since the Lions claimed their last title in 1997, they have competed in eight Turkey Bowls. Last year Alpha swiped the title out of Omega's hands. This season Omega will once again attempt to add to the school record of 20 Turkey Bowl titles. The Lions return with a similar team for the 2008 season, but the addition of freshmen will strengthen the roster.

Omega coach Justin Almas, a junior health, fitness and recreation major, wants to renew Omega's strong soccer tradition. "I think it's going to be a combination of matching our skills to our fitness," he said.

"We are looking

to build our own traditions instead of relying solely on our past legacy."

#### THE POWERHOUSE

Beta Gamma Delta dominated the regular season last year. The arrival of freshmen Jon Grant and Anthony Lehn brought speed, power and skill to the Patriots' roster—dazzling spectators and crushing their opponents. Beta entered the playoffs with an unblemished record. Despite its success, Beta fell to the Pi Gamma Royals in a penalty kick thriller in the playoffs.

This year the Beta boys will try to overcome last year's hurdles and be the best team in the school. Beta coach Anthony Lehn, a sophomore premed major, hopes to learn from last season. "We are going to use last year's loss (in the playoffs) to motivate us to work hard in practice and do our best in games," he said. "And hopefully that will produce a championship."

SARAH DERSCH

With a new school year come new and returning students with fresh sets of academic, social, spiritual and physical goals.

In my past experiences, the physical goals quickly get placed on the back burner of my busy college schedule. After all, spending time with God, my fiancé and the textbooks is far more crucial

to my future than exercising and maintaining a healthy diet. Right?

Wrong. Though I must prioritize my activities, having an apathetic mindset toward my temple would be a serious offense against my Creator. In 1 Corinthians 5 Paul mandated the Corinthian Christians to "glorify God in [their bodies]" because they "are bought with a price"—that is, the precious blood of

Christ. Although in context Paul specifically refers to the putting away of sins against the body (namely, sexual immorality), he states that a Christian's "body is the temple of the Holy Ghost... and [he] is not [his] own." The temple in the Old Testament required spiritual and physical housekeeping. Nothing has changed.

Now you know the reasoning behind my goal for pages six and seven. This year

these pages will not only cover the intramural sporting events on campus, but will also delve into the history of BJU athletics and the health and fitness lifestyle of the BJU family. My desire is that the Sports and Health section will inspire BJU students, faculty and staff to engage in healthy activities and habits in order to better glorify and serve God with their bodies.



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## Indoor recreational facilities give exercise opportunities

BRANDON HODNETT

For both the new and the dedicated athlete, BJU provides indoor recreational facilities such as the Fremont Fitness Center and the 90,000-square-foot sports complex, the Davis Field House. The open hours for all the facilities are posted on the BJU intranet under the business hours link.

### THE BASKETBALL COURTS

Much of the Davis Field House's capacity is accounted for by its three full-size basketball courts. These hardwood courts provide an excellent location to play basketball. The east court (on the left as you enter the front doors) is generally reserved for women, while the west court is for men.

Need a ball? The equipment checkout window is located to the left of The Fast Break—just have your ID card. Basketball player Dan Vazquez gave some advice about getting into a pickup game. "The best time to play is Monday through Friday (evening) from 7 to 10, because that is when most of the students come out," he said. "But it's better to come early, because it does get crowded after a while."

Dan also explained how traditional pickup games usually work.

"The first game is always played to 15 by one's and two's, and the games following are played to 11," he said. "Usually the first 10 guys that show up play first, and remaining guys can either call next (game) or get a team of their own. The winner stays on."

### THE FREMONT FITNESS CENTER

The Fremont Fitness Center (FFC) opened in 1993 and remains a popular place for guys to exercise. The FFC is divided into two areas. One half holds free weights and the other half, machines. The machine section holds four treadmills, four elliptical machines, three stationary bikes, two whirlpools, stair machines, a sauna and various machines for arms, legs and abs. The free weight section boasts a long rack of assorted dumbbells, two squat racks, cable crossover equipment and five bench presses. The bench is perhaps the most popular piece of equipment in the FFC.

Frequent FFC user Gabe Wilkinson offers some advice to those just beginning a workout program. "The machines are most useful in isolating a particular muscle group (and) are safer and easier to use if you are unaccustomed to

free weights," he said. "The free weights offer a broader selection of exercise and are almost always as effective, if not much more effective, than machines if done properly."

To get the most out of your muscles' potential, get enough rest. "One of the easiest mistakes to make is to exercise too frequently," Gabe said. "If you don't give your body time to recover, strength gains will slow and soon stop."

To give muscle groups a rest, Gabe suggests the following basic routine: chest, shoulders and triceps on Monday, legs on Tuesday, back and biceps on Wednesday and then start that cycle over again

on Thursday.

While some lifters work out alone, most prefer to have a partner. Try to coordinate a time with a friend to lift.

### THE RACQUETBALL COURTS

Students looking for a solid workout and high-tempo fun can navigate to the back of the FFC for a quick game of racquetball.

For those unfamiliar with racquetball, picture an indoor tennis match—but instead of hitting the ball over a net, players must hit the ball off the front wall. The game requires constant agile movement

and plenty of strategy. The ceiling and any of the walls are in play.

Two to four players can play on each of the FFC's four courts. In order to play, a student needs the right equipment. Goggles, gloves, a ball and a racquet are all available to rent for a small fee from the main desk. Racquetball player Jack Harrison said, "Games are played straight to 15. An evenly matched game can take about a half hour, but I've also played in games that only lasted five to 15 minutes."

Need someone to play against? Try asking a roommate. "My roommate challenged me to a game my freshman year, and I've been playing ever since," Jack said.

## Cardinals shine in preseason match

KENNETH JOHNSON

The women's volleyball jamboree gave players and spectators alike an early taste of this season's competition. After watching our country's volleyball teams in Beijing, many students have a new craving to watch the sport in the Davis Field House on campus.

A double dosage of victorious sets, both finishing at 25-15, gave the Beta Epsilon Cardinals a win over the Nu Alpha Flames.

The Cardinals stepped to the court this year with a promising claim for a spot in the championship match. Although it's too early to make any definite statements about the play-offs, the Cardinals undoubtedly have skilled players who can challenge the other National League teams.

Six kills each from Cardinals Piper Hendrickson and Caitlan Reid challenged the Flames' back row through the night. Both players displayed well-round-

ed skills at the net with consistent hitting and solid blocking.

However, the flames should not be ignored. With sets from Bethany Panich, Erin Twedell unloaded a pair of kills on the Cardinals. Erin led by example on the court and impacted her teammates in areas beyond statistics.

According to Beta Ep's coach and setter Rebecca Estrella, the team has eight returning players from last year. Moreover, additions from the newly rushed fresh-

men like Caitlan Reid, Maria Estrella, and Molly Kamin-ski added not only a foundation for the Cardinals' future, but also a great asset to the team now.

New faces on the Flames' side have also upped the competition in the American League. In the second set, the Flames'

Pamela Mirasol broke through the Cardinal defense with an outstanding change-up in mid-air, awarding her team a point.

The Flames' veterans Sherry Kay and Bethany Panich are eager for some competitive action this year. Will the combination of both new and old players pull together as a team and reach their full potential? Only time will tell.



AUDREY KROENING

Caitlan Reid jumps for the hit during the Cardinals' game versus the Flames Saturday.

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want to follow Him.”

Interior design major Katie Effler made her choice based partially on a visit to BJU, where she attended some interior design classes. “Mrs. Mattox made me feel like I was a part of the class, even though I was a visitor,” Katie said. “She seemed like such an awesome teacher.”

Seeking spiritual counsel was key for Daniel Hervas’ major decision. “I was planning to come here as a radio and television broadcasting major,” Daniel said. “I learned very fast that God was not calling me in that direction.” While at a camp, Daniel surrendered his life to the Lord and began seeking God’s will for his major. “After much praying and some counsel from my father and a few other intellectual minds, I chose to be a Bible major,” he said.

Every freshman class has its own set of mishaps and embarrassing moments, and this year’s class has encountered its share of instances. Missionary aviation major Josh Burbank realized the hard way that he had walked into the wrong classroom. “I thought I was going to my English class, but I walked in, and the teacher was speaking in German,” he said. “I just said,

‘Nein, nein!’ and walked out.”

Jessica Harris, a missionary preparation major, discovered that locating the Student Center at night can be a challenge. “It was dark, so I ended up walking past the tennis courts and had to call some people to figure out where I was,” she said.

## FRESHMEN

83% of the freshman class live in the residence halls

58% of the freshman class are female

43% of the freshman class have a parent that attended BJU

39% of the freshman class have a sibling here at BJU currently

**Top 5 states:** South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia

**Top 5 majors:** Nursing, Premed/Prentent, Elementary Education, Humanities and Bible

## Stats

But this year’s class shouldn’t worry about being alone in their embarrassment—freshman class representatives and Student Body vice presidents Jared Pittman and Julia Rohrer attested to their fair share of freshman-year blunders.

“I walked the route to all of my classes before they started and timed how long it would take to get to each one,” Julia said.

Jared found an old pair of shoes

to be a loud nuisance. “I had this pair of shoes that I loved, but one of the shoes squeaked so loud everywhere I walked, and everyone would stare at me,” he said.

Freshmen play an important role in the student body, and the university offers them the chance to get involved in a myriad of student organizations. Extension, for example, offers diverse opportunities for all students. From leading Sunday morning services at nursing homes to listening to Bible verses at Wednesday night AWANA programs to helping cut hair at a women’s shelter, students can put their faith into action and reach out to the community.

College is not only a perfect time for academic and social growth, but also for spiritual growth. Most freshmen are experiencing life on their own for the first time and get the

chance to plant strong spiritual roots that can anchor them for the rest of their lives. Jared and Julia want to challenge students to make a new mark spiritually in their lives. “Don’t just fit in,” Jared said. “Be a real, on-fire Christian. Capture the idea of being genuine.”

“Make your relationship with Christ real,” Julia added. “This is your chance to live out what you believe.”

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Why is getting the choice location important? Because first impressions are everything. Societies want spots that will catch attention and give students easy access to their tents, making the students feel welcome and at ease. Zach Gell, a junior in Omega, was up for the 5:30 a.m. run. “We have a traditional spot,” he said. “It’s a key spot for us, and every year we strive to get it.”

As rush activities picked up later in the

evening, many new students were drawn to the various tents and elaborate decorations. All around the tents, societies cheered and invited curious onlookers inside.

Cindy Yoo, a freshman from Korea, said, “I liked the twinkle

lights and the designs of the tents. The girls were really friendly, and the different themes really interested me. It was also neat getting free things!”

Societies used many diverse tactics to draw the curious new students. Everything from barbecues and smoothies, to bumper stickers,

flowers and goldfish were used to entice students’ interest in particular societies. The societies aimed to welcome prospective members and to let them know what they are all about.

Societies went all out to fit their decorations with their themes. The Phi Beta Bulldogs, for example, represented their mascot by decking out their area in orange and blue, complete with a dog-house and fire hydrant.

## top 5 RUSH

## WOMEN

Nu Alpha Phi	75
Beta Epsilon Chi	52
Theta Mu Theta	48
Chi Kappa Delta	43
Pi Delta Chi	43

## MEN

Epsilon Zeta Chi	32
Alpha Theta Pi	30
Beta Gamma Delta	30
Phi Beta Chi	30
Pi Kappa	28

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