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# Opera to retell Samson story 



## SONIA MOHINANI

The Bob Jones University Opera Association will present the opera Samson et Dalila on March 9, 11 and 13 at 8 p.m. The familiar Bible story will have updated effects, designs and technology in this artist series production.

The Samson et Dalila opera has been performed at BJU four times in the past, the last time being in 1993. This year a special aspect of this famous French opera is that the University is making entirely new costumes and redesigning the set for the stage.

Dr. Darren Lawson, the dean of the School of Fine Arts, is the producer and stage director for the opera. Dr. Lawson has been involved with the Opera Association in a variety of positions for the last 26 years. Dr. Dwight Gustafson, dean emeritus, will be leading the orchestra.

Mr. Jeff Stegall, BJU speech professor, has been collaborating with Dr. Lawson over the last three years to design both the new set and the costumes.

## CAMPUS NEWS

## Meeting About

 Academic Program ChangesAll current undergraduate students and university faculty will meet in FMA at 11 a.m. for a presentation about the academic program changes that will take place during the fall semester of 2010.

## PMA Fordm

Premed majors will attend the PMA forum at 7 p.m. today in Sc 137

## Midterm Grades

Midterm progress reports will be available on StudentCentral Tuesday.

## Samson et Dalila

The University Opera Association will present Camille SaintSaëns' opera Samson et Dalila on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

## BJU family finds creative ways to raise funds

## TIM KEESEE

The university family is busily coordinating fundraising schemes involving pancakes, late-night basketball and motorcycles for this year's Bible Conference project.

Jon Grant, a junior middle school education major, is organizing a 3 -on-3 late-night basketball tournament starting at 11:45 p.m. on March 19. All male students, faculty and staff are welcome to sign up for the fundraiser.

Six bike riders-one student, one teacher, two staff members and two alumni-will be riding in a loop around the athletic fields on campus for five hours for a fundraiser known simply as "The Ride."

Sophomore Eric Ritchardson, with the help of several staff members, helped bring back this fundraiser last year after it had been on hiatus for several years. Eric said the fundraiser is not only a great way of bringing money together for Bible Conference, but also a
bonding experience. "The best moments have been getting to know other cyclists on campus and the long training rides the team has had together," Eric said. Anyone can pledge money, either as a flat donation or per mile, for the riders at www.bjutheride.rsvpsite.com.

Dr. David Parker of the music faculty is organizing a motorcycle rally to raise funds for remodeling the dining common. He said the rally, which he has called BOJOMO, was not organized specifically for this year's conference, but the first fundraising ride will be the Thursday of Bible Conference. "It just so happened that we put it together in time for this year," Dr. Parker said. "We hope to do it every year if it goes well."

The bikers will be parked in front of Rodeheaver Auditorium before the Thursday morning service. Stratton Hall will set up for the riders to watch the service, and then


RAs Jenn Austin and Elizabeth Carroll make pancakes for a Gaston fundraiser.
they will ride out immediately after the service closes.

Anyone with a motorcycle
license can join the BOJOMO ride. Dr. Parker would like to use the event as an outreach opportunity. "I hope the gospel gets to be witnessed to a lot of people," he said.

The shared pastime has the
potential to open doors for the gos pel. "When you're a biker, it's like a brotherhood," Dr. Parker said. "Just the fact that you put your leg over this ear-numbing machine and ride down the road, you become like a brotherhood of daredevils.'
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## Experimentation in the science department

## Season ends; Cavs make playoffs



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# Social media: a help or hindrance? 

On Jan. 12, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake rocked Haiti, leaving approximately 230,000 dead. Last Saturday, an immense earthquake with a magnitude of 8.8 left hundreds dead and many more homeless in Chile and prompted officials to issue tsunami warnings as far away as Hawaii and Japan.

Both of these recent catastrophes have highlighted both the importance and crucial role of social media. Minutes after news broke of the terrifying earthquakes, people began to update their Facebook statuses and tweet on their Twitter accounts. Others were able to get news, find out what organizations were doing to help, as well as learn how best to pray for the situations and people affected. An article on usatoday.com mentioned how one man in Haiti used a satellite Internet connection to update his family on his condition after the earthquake when phone lines were still down and his email didn't work.

In the past, social media has often had a bad reputation because of the excessive amount of user time spent on it. But somewhere between the heavy consumption by some and the head-in-the-sand method of others lies a unique opportunity for Christians.

Social media has become a mainstream tool for keeping in contact with friends and family, but also has also proven itself to be a tool that Christians can use for furthering the Gospel and witnessing to others.

With Facebook access recently being opened on campus, students have an opportunity to make the most of one of the most influential social media sites. With every status update, photo upload and wall post, we are all making a decision: What kind of testimony do we want to have? How will we spread the Gospel? What will we do to help others in need?

These are all questions to ponder next time you pick up your phone to tweet or log on to Facebook.

"NO, MARK, I DON'T WANT TO JOIN YOUR 'I'M SITTING ON A BENCH' FACEBOOK GROUP."


## BRENNA SMITH

A classmate makes an offhanded comment about your outfit. Your feelings get hurt.

A roommate borrows your favorite tie and spills spaghetti sauce on it. It's ruined.

A friend tells one of your secrets she promised she would keep. You find out.

What do you do?
It doesn't matter what the scenario is, because everyone has been wronged to some degree. Some situations are worse than others, but all climax with a choice. The choice is whether or not to believe something good or something bad about the person who has wronged you.

Giving someone the benefit of the doubt means you choose to believe good about a person, even when you have the option (however justifiable it may be) of believing bad.

Before you get upset and say, "You don't know my roommate!" or "She promised she wouldn't tell!" think about this. If you're a Christian, Jesus Christ gives you the benefit of the doubt every single day. When He looks at you and me, He doesn't see the filthy rags
of our sinfulness at all. He sees

His glorious robes of righteousness, and that's all He needs.

What we do to Jesus on a daily basis is far worse than hurt feelings or a stain on a tie. In fact, the things we do to Him nailed Him to a cross. But still—even after all that—He thinks no evil about us. He simply lets love cover it.

I Corinthians 13:5 says true love "thinketh no evil." Did you ever stop to think your classmate probably didn't set out to hurt your feelings? Or maybe your roommate didn't purposely spill on your tie? Or your friend forgot she promised you she wouldn't tell?

Instead of getting angry and nursing a grudge, stop. Chances are you're overreacting.

Focus on the positive. It's physiologically impossible to be upset at someone and happy with them at the same time. Why do you enjoy sitting by that classmate or what qualities do you appreciate about your friend?

If you can't come up with anything, think of all the reasons Jesus shouldn't give you the benefit of the doubt. That usually helps put things in perspective. The more your mind is filled with positive thoughts about a person, the less room there is for negative ones to creep in.

The next time you are tempted to get upset with someone who has wronged you, think about how Jesus thinks no evil about you. Strive to be like Him today by giving someone else the benefit of the doubt.


> What was your first status update after the Facebook announcement?


I haven'tactually updated my status yet.

Alex Miller
junior


# Facebook: networking outside the classroom 

TAYLOR ANDERSON

Once upon a time, there was no Facebook, no texting and no e-mail. Students came on campus for the first time and met people one by one the old-fashioned way. Ever since last week's Wednesday chapel service during which Dr. Stephen Jones announced the opening of Facebook access on campus, students can meet other students without ever leaving their rooms.

The electronic revolution has affected how students are able to connect with others and become friends. Sites dedicated to a certain class or a certain society are everywhere, and it is very easy to meet people that share one's interests simply by logging in.

Adam Cappucci, a sophomore business administration, began the Facebook group "BJU Class of 2013" about a year before he came to Bob Jones. He said at first he was the only member, but it slowly grew, and now about 280 people have joined.

Many got acquainted with classmates this way. Adam said, "I made several close friendships with people I met through the group. It was funny to get down here and see how some of the friends I knew through the group ended up being on my hall.'
"Some of the people I met through the group have become some of my closest friends," said Stephanie Woughter, a freshman humanities major and member of the group. "I definitely think that I would not have met many of the other group members if I hadn't met them online first." She said having a few people that she knew before coming onto campus made the transition easier when she arrived.

Kaitlyn Asato, a freshman elementary education major, said meeting people on Facebook helped her with nerves before she came. She didn't know what to expect, and she was able to talk to other students online and ask

# Student rituals provide outlets, relaxation from schoolwork 

ANDREA SANFORD

What do college students do besides school work? Some students are creative when they look for a weekly ritual beyond doing laundry, going to organized events, basketball games and meals at the dining common with roommates.

## Starting a <br> COLLECTION

As a senior cinema and video production major, Sean Anderson makes it his weekly ritual to collect art in the form of graphic novels. He buys a $\$ 3$ comic book issue every Saturday, choosing to follow the best artists of the Amazing Spiderman series. "Every week I get a little bit more of the story, so


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questions about the University.
One of Kaitlyn's favorite parts of this experience was being on a discussion board for praying for one another. It was a huge encouragement to her to know that there were people praying for her as she prepared to come to school. She still gets e-mails from people that she has never met in person telling her that they are praying for her.

Many times students meet at camp or through mutual friends who would not be able to keep in contact if it were not for online networking. Because they can become Facebook friends, they are able to keep up ties with each other until reuniting on campus.

Kyle Seiss, a freshman English major, says that he became good friends with his roommate last semester. Now that roommate is taking a semester off in order to go to boot camp. Kyle said that he is grateful to have both Facebook and text messaging to stay in contact with him.

E-mail has made reuniting
it's like watching a TV show," he said.

## Virtually connectING WITH HOME

Rebekah Studt, a junior business major, has a weekly ritual that lets her virtually escape from the rigors of school. "Some people get off campus, some people go to the mall, some people escape to WalMart; I listen to hockey games," she said. For Friday night


Students use Facebook as a means of communicating with classmates.
easier than ever before as well. Instead of tracking down their grandmother's neighbor's daughter's location or phone number, students can simply type in her name and send her a note asking if they can catch up.

Hannah Hurst, a sophomore organizational communication major, met Bonnie Gerdt, a sophomore English education major, while at a leadership conference before their senior year of high
school. While they did not keep in contact once the conference was over, Hannah was able to e-mail Bonnie the first week that they were both on campus. Now they have become good friends.

Many students at BJU agree: although nothing beats face-toface interaction, Facebook can be an extremely helpful tool for social networking and can serve as a starting point for friendships in real life.
games, she listens to online ra-dio-streaming of the Penguins, an NHL hockey team from her hometown."It's a good way to reconnect with everyone when I go back," she said.

## Working towards a Marathon

Ashley Albert, a junior accounting major, doesn't need a way to reconnect with home because her home is here in Greenville. However, she began her three times a week ritual of running on the indoor and outdoor track when she lived in the residence halls. Now, as a day student, she runs more than 10 miles a week around
her neighborhood. Her goal is to someday have a " 26.2 " bum-per-sticker on her car, meaning she has successfully run a marathon. For Ashley, running is always first, homework second. She attributed her better study sessions to the endorphin release that makes people feel happier after running.

## Filmmaking

Freshman cinema and video production major John Duffy follows up eating Papa Jones pizza on Friday nights by making amateur movies on the Bridge of States. John, along
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Chile earthquake reaches magnitude OF 8.8, SPARKS TSUNAMI WARNINGS An 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck Concepcion, Chile, last Saturday at 3 a.m., damaging around 500,000 buildings and sending tsunami alerts to both Hawaii and Japan.

## GM RECALLS 1.3 MILLION VEHICLES FOR

 STEERING MALFUNCTIONSGeneral Motors announced last Monday its recall on 1.3 million
compact vehicles for defective power steering. GM plans to replace the faulty power steering motors. The GM recall is smaller in scale than the recent 8.5 -million vehicle recall made by Toyota.

## VANCOUVER WINTER OLYMPICS CONCLUDES; U.S. WINS MOST MEDALS

The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics concluded last Sunday with the U.S. bringing home the most medals (37), topping the previous record for any country at the Winter Olympics.


## 2007

New gates, university sign, and Welcome Center, grace the front campus after renovation. New landscaping and fence desi make the entrance more inviting.

## 2004-2006

A solid asphalt parking lot is replaced with a four-story, 400-car parking garage. The garage includes an elevator and a stairwell, as well as a covered path for pedestrians traveling across campus.

## 2001-2002

The original gymnasium is torn down and rebuilt as the Davis Field House. The Fast Break, basketball courts, elevated track, women's fitness center, pool and classrooms are some of the additional features of the redesigned gymnasium.


Students are familiar with recent Bible Conference fundraisers, fundraisers that produced Rodeheaver's sleek facelift, and the upcoming fundraiser to revamp the dining common. But students may be surprised to learn which projects and venues on campus are the direct result of Bible Conference giving. Take a look at the timeline highlighting various improvements on campus from the past.


## 1983

## 1997

Offerings go toward updating the Dwight Gustafson Fine Arts Center. As the Fine Arts program expanded, portions of the old Fine Arts building and Sargent Art building were renovated, and a new fourstory addition built. The complex houses art, music, speech and media departments.

## 1986

Funds cover the construction of an enclosed bridge spanning Pleasantburg
Drive. The bridge, standing 18 feet above
the highway, spans 100 feet and protects students from crossing the busy roadway

## 2000

## UNDER THE SCOPE: <br> DELVING INTO SCIENCEEXPERIMENTISAA BJU



# Pi Kappa edges Zeta Chi by one 

BEN OWEN

The last contest of the regular season lived up to its hype as the Cobras held on in the final seconds of the game to defeat the Tornadoes 65-64 and claim the National League's No. 1 seed.

Zeta Chi wasn't able to find an answer for Pi Kappa big man Jon Edwards, who led all scorers with 24 points and scored over half of the Cobras' second-half points.
Ben St-Ulme led Z with 14 points and Allan Heney and Evan Charles added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

From the start, the contest was back and forth. Z raced out to a 4-0 lead, but the Cobras responded by ripping off the next six points.

A Ben St-Ulme 3-pointer four minutes into the game stopped Pi Kappa's run. For the next six minutes, both teams matched
each other point for point.
Midway through the first half, the Tornadoes were finally able to build a lead as Jordan Michaud's layup gave them a $28-20$ lead.

However, the Cobras grabbed momentum going into halftime as Aaron Schuetz connected on a 3-pointer with four seconds to go, and James Wallace's steal and layup off of Z's inbounds pass narrowed Z's lead to three points.

Z started the second half strong, increasing its lead to 5043 with 10 minutes left behind three 3-pointers from Evan Charles.

The Cobras slithered their way back into the game over the next few minutes and took the lead 55-54 after an and-one layup by Jon Edwards.

Pi Kappa built a three-point lead over the next five minutes behind the scoring of Andy Dulin, James Wallace and Aaron


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Schuetz, but the excitement continued as Ben St-Ulme drained his third 3-pointer to tie the game at 62 with less than three minutes left in the game.

Jon Edwards' foul-line jumper with 1:30 to go gave the lead back to the Cobras, but Rob Shumate's layup 15 seconds later again tied the score at 64.

Andy Dulin's anti-climactic free throw with less than a minute left in the game gave the Cobras the lead for good, but the game wasn't decided without a wild finish.

Up by one point with 19 seconds to go, the Cobras threw their inbounds pass over the head of Jon Edwards and out of bounds.

Ben St-Ulme dribbled the ball down court and pulled up for a mid-range jumper with 5 seconds left on the clock. The shot missed and Rob Shumate's tip rimmed


Cobras' and Tornadoes' basketball players get in position and anticipate the rebound.
out, ending Z's chance for a game Edwards had a big game for us on winning shot.

Aaron Schuetz thought his team played good man-to-man defense. "We were able to get pressure on the ball and force them to take bad shots and turn the ball over," Aaron said. "[Jon]
offense as well, and we were able to hit shots at crucial times."
"We're going to take the playoffs one game at a time and work on playing tough defense," Aaron said. "Good defense will lead to some good offense."

## Classics advance to finals

## TIANDRA WIGGS

The Pi Delta Classics advanced to the 2010 water polo championship after triumphing over the Theta Alpha Chi Owls in an 8-4 win Saturday morning.

The Classics racked up points quickly in the first half with Laura Osborne leading the shooting.

The Owls came up short as they tried to keep up with the Classics' repeated shots.

With fast-paced elongated strokes, Classics Laura Osborne raced towards the Owls' goal, and with simple thrusts, hit the mark.

The half ended with the Classics leading, 8-4.

The Owls beefed up their defense in the second half.

Owl defenders attempted to intercept a pass made by Classic Leigh Anne Wetzel. Leigh Anne evaded them and passed to Laura who shot but missed.

Both teams showed exhaustion toward the end of the second half. With labored
breaths and wobbling tubes both teams played defensively, but the Classics stayed a head above the water.
"If anyone comes into your zone, you have to take them defensively," said Classics' defender Sarah Hays. "The key is to just hang in there."

The Owls were able to hold back the Classics from scoring in the second half but were not able to make points of their own.

When the whistle blew to end the game the score mirrored halftime's numbers.
"It's not as hard as a lot of people think it is," Sarah said. "It's actually a lot of fun."

The Classics defeated the Owls with a final score of 8-4.



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| Tornadoes $\quad$ Cobras |
| Monday, 5:30 |
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## Classics top Flames

MARY COLEMAN

The Pi Delta Classics continued their undefeated season in women's soccer after beating the Nu Alpha Flames 2-1 Friday night. Pi Delta's Margaret Downing and Fiona Knoll teamed up on offense, crossing the ball back and forth and pressuring the Flames defense. Both Margaret and Fiona scored in the Classics' victory.

For the first five minutes of the game the Classics and Flames played the ball back and forth on the field, struggling for an advantage. Strong defense on each side allowed for very few shots.

The Classics slowly edged
ahead of the Flames, intensifying their offensive pressure. Nu Alpha goalie Wendi Tripp blocked several of Pi Delta's shots but was unable to keep Fiona Knoll scoring with a shot in the corner. The goal gave the Classics a 1-0 lead.

As the Flames' offense retaliated, the referee charged Pi Delta with a foul for "impeding progress." Edye Sawyer took the shot, striking the ball hard and sending it flying into the top right corner of the goal. Cheering fans stopped in surprise as the referee discounted the shot, explaining that a direct shot was taken when it was supposed to be indirect.

Disappointed Flames team

# Around the League: 2/22-2/27 

## MICAH WRIGHT

## Nu Delt 61 <br> LaNier 59

Matt Huntington powered 27 points home for Nu Delt as they erased a nine-point halftime deficit to Lanier. Josh Yarusinsky hit nine free throws and scored 13 points in the win. Travis Thompson led Lanier with 19 points; his team maintained the lead late into the game. Mark Inboden tied the game at 59 , and Matt Huntington knocked down two free throws on their next possession to win the game.

## Basilean 79

## Theta Chi 32

Gus Vanaman scored 18 points and Kameron St. Amand added 16 as Basil rolled over Theta Chi. Sam Newhart scored 14 for the Cougars. Ben Hallett and Tom Drake both chipped in 12 points in the Eagles win.

## Alpha 43

## Kappa Sigma Chi 37

Alpha held All-Star Josh Acree to eight points. No one on either team scored in double digits.

## Nu Delt 56

## Phi Sigma 30

Led by Matt Huntington's 14 and Mark Inboden's 12 , the Vi kings clinched the third seed with the win. Tom Kellam punched in 11 for Phi Sigma. Steve Mahusay scored 11 points for the surging Vikings, who will play Phi Beta in the first round of the playoffs.

## LANIER 67

## Kappa Theta 64

Mark Ferguson carried Lanier with 19 points, and Jay Hilado came up with 16 huge second-half points to lead his team to a threepoint victory over the Stallions. Henry Cook scored 17, Pat Hennessy and Greg Buchanan both added 12.

members resumed play but lost some of their previous strength. Edye Sawyer said, "Definitely after that shot we let that get to us and kind of slid down our game a little bit". The first half ended six minutes later with the Classics maintaining a 1-0 lead.

In the second half, both teams were given chances to increase their score with several corner kicks, but neither team was able to capitalize on the opportunity.

Five minutes into the second half, Classics' Margaret Downing scored, cementing Pi Delta’s lead. An offensive retaliation from Flames forward Bekah Wright gave Nu Alpha its first point.

The remaining 14 minutes, neither team was able to make any headway, and the game ended 2-1


Pi Delta Classics' Gabriela Carpenter dribbles past the Flames' defense.
in favor of the Classics.
The Classics are currently undefeated and team member Fiona Knoll attributes this to their
love of the game and teamwork. Fiona said "I think we worked together... and we definitely wanted to win."

## Chi Alpha 67

## Omicron 23

Tony Nelson scored 10 points in the first half for the Cavs, Peter Gill (13), Joseph Williams (12), and Ben Gibson (10) all reached double digits for the Cavs. Donald Helman knocked down three 3 -pointers for Omicron.

## Phi Beta 67

## Sigma 62

Without last year's MVP Dave Peterson, Sigma rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit to come within five, but Josh Clater's 23 points were enough to give Phi Beta the win and the second seed in the playoffs.

Zach Sparkman (13), Ken Troutman (11), and Jordan Moody (11) all contributed for the Bulldogs. Ryan Fisher led the Spartans with 17 points; Zack Scott added 15. Tim Fortney and Ben Owen both scored 10 points for Sigma. These teams will face off again tonight; Dave Peterson will be present for that game.

## Beta 87

Omega 56
Anthony Lehn hit six 3-pointers and led all scorers with 28 points. Omega brought the game to within seven in the second half, and Will Keller's 20 points kept his team in the game. Matt Boardman chipped in 15 points for the Lions. Kyle McVey (18), Micah Wright (11), and Dan Fleming (10) all reached double digits for Beta.

## Kappa Theta 56 <br> Sigma 53

The Stallions pulled off an upset with 16 points from Tyler Mills. Greg Buchanan scored 15 and Henry Cook pitched in 10. Zack Scott led Sigma with 18
points, and Ryan Fisher scored 16 points. Down 12 at the half, Sigma was unable to finish the comeback.

## Phi Kappa 67 <br> Zap 65

Lonnie Harvis (21) and
Michael Gorham (18) led a valiant Skyhawk effort, but good efforts from Zach Shelburne (14) and Joel Small (12) were enough to get the victory. Colyn Crowder scored 11 points for the Rams.

## Lanier 61

Phi Beta 57
An relatively even score sheet for Lanier was the recipe for success against Phi Beta as Kris Boland (13), Mike Meiborg (11), and Mark Ferguson (11) all shared the points. Josh Clater scored 23 for Phi Beta, and Ashton Tucker scored 10 of his 12 in the second half.

## Alpha 73

## Theta Kappa 33

David Brady (17), Jeff Hammer (15) and Chad Pack (15) propelled Alpha's offense against the Panthers. Alpha locked up the third seed in the American League.

## Kappa Sigma Chi 65

 Omicron 40Josh Acree scored 26 points, carrying the Knights to the fourth playoff seed in the American league. Andrew Lee scored 14 for the Wolverines. Nelson Silaghi pitched in 15 for Kappa Chi.

## Bryan 63 <br> Theta Chi 31

Bryan snagged its first win of the season. Jeremiah Scholl scored 21; Kevin Horner added 20. Kyle Lefler contributed 11 points as Bryan rolled over Theta Chi.

## Cavs earn last slot over Basil

## BRANDON HODNETT

The Chi Alpha Cavaliers defeated the Basilean Eagles 61-57 Saturday night in a battle for the fifth and final playoff seed.

The game pitted AL AllStar centers Tony Nelson of the Cavaliers and Kameron St. Amand of Basilean against each other. After Kameron got into foul trouble, teammate Jon DeRyckere kept the clash under the paint going.

Both Jon and Tony recorded double-doubles in points and rebounds, but in the end, Tony Nelson came out on top.

Tony led all players with 20 points and 18 rebounds. He also added seven blocked shots, including three in a row with less than 30 seconds left, saving the game for the Cavs.

Teammate Brad Toulson said that Tony's performance was dominating and absolutely crucial to their success, since their shots weren't falling.

The Cavs shot a dismal 5-for22 from the 3-point line, 23 percent. Basil, on the other hand, made six of its ten 3-pointers.

Brad, who scored 10, drained a deep 3-pointer with 1:15 to put the Cavs up 56-48. Brett Stowe added 12 and Zach Bruce 14.

Basil received solid performances from Jon DeRyckere (15), Mike Buffaloe (14) and Tom Drake (13).

The Cavs outrebounded Basil 41-25.

The Eagles' chances of victory were not helped by their 42 percent shooting from the foul line.

## «Samson et Delilah p. 1

While planning the opera, Dr. Lawson conducted much of his research in the Dorot Jewish Division of the New York Public Library. By looking through books and artifacts, he found information on the Hebrews and Philistines that influenced many of his decisions as a director.

He and Mr. Stegall also examined a translation of the script to find themes in the story. One they found involved mountains. Dr. Lawson said they incorporated this theme into the design of the Philistine temple to make it look as if it was carved out of the base of a mountain.

Another new technique in this production is the use of meaningful colors in the set and costumes, Dr. Lawson said. He and Mr. Stegall want each design of the three scenes to give the audience clues to the focus of that scene. The first scene, focusing on the oppressed Hebrews, has earthy colors-grays,
browns and blues-to show that they were downtrodden and close to the earth.

The second scene, featuring primarily Dalila, has a more feminine look, with shades of purple on the curtains, pillows and costumes.

In the third and final scene, the Philistines in their temple are worshiping their false god, Dagon. Here Dr. Lawson uses bright gold and reds to achieve the bold look he wants. "It's a case where the colors that we are choosing are actually helping us tell the story in a better way," he said.

Miss Lauren Cunningham, a staff GA majoring in church music, is part of the Hebrew chorus. She said it is neat to see the contrast between the drab costumes of the Hebrews with subtle colors and the bold elaborate costumes of the Philistines that are decorated with gold and jewels.

Dr. Lawson said another unique feature of this opera is the number of people that are part of the production. Between the cast
members, orchestra members, stage crews and choirs about 250 people are working together to produce one of the biggest operas presented at BJU.

Finally, a new aspect of this production is the way supertitles are made for the performance. Supertitles are the translation of the dialogue for the audience to read on the screen above the performers.

According to Dr. Lawson, supertitles in the 1993 production were made using slides. Making each slide was a time-consuming process that made mistakes difficult to correct.

Now Dr. Lawson uses the PowerPoint program to make the supertitles, a process that is much faster and easier to correct. "PowerPoint is our friend," he said, smiling.

The famous French composer Camille Saint-Saëns wrote this opera that was first performed in 1877 and is now well known throughout the world. The performance will last about two and a half hours and will feature three guest performers.
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People can make pledges by downloading a pledge form under the "Alumni" link at bju.edu or buy T-shirts to support the riders.

Students can help raise money for the dining common remodeling in many other ways. Miss Heather Davis, residence hall supervisor for Mary Gaston, is selling pancakes in her apartment every Saturday morning until Bible Conference. "We have a lot of fun every Saturday with the pancakes," Miss Davis said.

Margaret Mack residence hall will continue the tradition of selling chocolate chip cookie bars. Miss Laura Cross, supervisor of Margaret Mack, said, "Most nights when we make the announcement over the PA that they are ready, we have a line at the RA desk within seconds."

Other fundraisers include a pottery sale at the Nell Sunday checkout desk and a yard sale of student-donated clothes in the Nell Sunday study lounge on March 12 and 13.

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with some friends from his society, creates uplifting movies to post on the Pi Kappa Sigma
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society webpage. "Instead of being just dragged down with work all the time...this allows me to express my creativity," John said.

## Bonding with

## FRIENDS OVER MUSIC

Catherine Wiles said she bonds with her friends through music in the Gaston practice rooms. A freshman violin pedagogy major, Catherine met a freshman piano pedagogy major on her hall, Deleah Foster, and began playing hymn arrangements with her once a week.

Catherine found that practicing once every week without pressure was relaxing and helped her take a break from intense musical and academic pressures. Additionally, songs like "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" helped her meditate on spiritual truths. "It helps bring the words of those hymns to my mind, often at just the right times," she said.

Overall, these students said that a good balance of their weekly rituals have helped make their time in college a more positive experience.

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