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In the know:

Vespers

"Facing Reality," the first vespers program of the year, will be presented today at 11 a.m. in the FMA.

Championship Tournament

High school guys' and girls' teams from Christian schools in five states competed in BJU's invitational basketball tournament this week that will culminate in two championship games tonight in the DFH: at 6:30 for girls and at 8 for the guys.

Career Fair

Students can connect with companies from the Greenville area at the Career Fair on Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Riley Reception Room.

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Friday High: 52 Low: 34

Snow delays school two days, changes schedule



RACHEL PEED

Students received a surprise extension to Christmas break this year after Greenville experienced its largest snowfall since 1988. The 7 to 9 inches of snow and ice that covered the city by Monday afternoon, Jan. 10, made travel treacherous and caused the BJU administration to decide to delay the start of the spring semester.

Provost Dr. David Fisher said that because of forecasted long-term sub-freezing temperatures and snowstorms in other parts of the county, a two-day delay was the best option. Dr. Fisher

said he does not know of any other time in the past several decades, if ever, when the semester has been delayed due to snow.

Many students took advantage of the unexpected extra days to spend more time with family and friends. Junior Mollie Nelson was already several hours into her road trip from Minnesota when she received news of the delay. Instead of turning back, she took the opportunity to visit friends in Chicago.

For students who traveled by plane, the extended break proved

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Students fashion the Statue of Liberty from snow that blanketed Greenville. Photo: Ethan Hamilton

Vespers to evoke thoughts of faith, redemption

GLORIA GIBRAEL

Friday's vesper program titled "Facing Reality" will challenge the audience to consider what happens to their beliefs in trying times. Using actors, IMAG (image magnification) screens, and videos, the program makes use of multiple media tools to convey the message.

The program will feature three monologues, two dialogues and a five-minute film portraying the stories of six biblical characters. Each segment will be introduced by short media clips that will then transition to the actors. Dr. David Burke of the communication faculty, who is no stranger to vespers programs, will play Job. King David will be portrayed by the president Dr. Stephen Jones, and Mr. Jeff Stegall of the division of communication will be one of the magi.

Two Pharisees will be played by Mrs. Erin Jones, the director of the Museum & Gallery and Mr. Philip Eoute of Creative Services. Faculty GAs Mr. David Bean and Mr. Ben Toler will play centurions.

The film will be a monologue depicting the archangel Michael with a voiceover by Dr. Lonnie Polson, the chairman of the division of communication, and original music by Mrs. Joan Pinkston of the music faculty. Miss Donnalynn Hess is directing the vespers. Miss Hess, director of education

for the Museum & Gallery, wrote the script and designed and edited the videos for the program.

Miss Hess said she wants the student body to stop and think about our faith and our need for redemption.

"Many of us reared in Christian homes don't understand our need for redemption until we suffer," she said. Suffering draws us closer to God and strengthens our faith and beliefs.





Saturday High: 54 Low: 31

Sunday High: 54 Low: 30

Mr. Rich Streeter, head

of Rodeheaver Auditorium's light crew, said Miss Hess and the stage, video and audio crews were challenged by designing the production for the FMA and not for

See **VESPERS** p. 4 **>>** Dr. Stephen Jones as King David at rehearsal. *Photo: Jon Baker*

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MELISSA AFABLE

My definition of selflessness changed forever after I received a phone call last semester.

It happened in December, two weeks before finals started. My mind was preoccupied with my mammoth to-do list of assignments, projects and exams to prepare for and finish before I could hop on a plane headed home. I distinctly recall feeling completely overwhelmed, exhausted and, sadly, unwilling to talk to my dad as I opened the receiver to take his call.

"Hi Melissa!" His cheery voice did little to change my cloudy mindset. "I'm just calling to tell you about something that happened at church last night."

My dad proceeded to tell me about an elderly lady in my church who had approached him after a service. She told him that about four years ago, right about the time that I was graduating from high school, she felt challenged to pray for a teen from my youth group for the next few years. After talking to my youth director about her desire to take a teen "under her wing," she decided to pray for me.

"She told me she's prayed for you the past four years." My dad's words stabbed through my selfish thoughts. My ability to speak left me for a few long seconds.

A lady I barely knew, a lady I never talked to, had been praying for me faithfully during my college years. She kept a decision, a resolution of sorts, that was an act of complete selflessness. And it was a decision that I know made a difference in my life. I can't look back on my time here at college and not remember the times when I survived only by the grace of God and the faithful prayers of those back home.

When I hung up the phone that day, I was convicted. I thought back on all those resolutions and decisions I made during years that are now long gone. Suddenly, my countless attempts to start off a new year with resolutions to lose weight, give up sugary drinks or get better grades seemed irrelevant, self-centered and vain.

Perhaps the reason new year's resolutions are notoriously hard to keep is because our resolutions focus solely on self-improvement. As noble as improvement can be, we give ourselves too much credit in the process of those resolutions.

Maybe the key to keeping resolutions isn't in some book on a bookstore shelf written by some selfimprovement guru. Maybe the secret lies in something much simpler: making selfless resolutions.

As a lady I barely knew taught me, it's the selfless resolutions in life that have the greatest impact on others. And having an impact on others is something that never goes unreciprocated.



Three days into the media fast, John's resolve began to weaken.

Falling for distractions, splashing into shame

The Collegian Editorial

Everyone knows multitasking while texting divides your attention, but can that one distraction actually blind you to your immediate surroundings?

For Cathy Cruz Marrero of Pennsylvania it did.

Marrero was texting as she walked through the mall where she works. Absorbed in her phone, she didn't see the large fountain in front of her. Her boot caught the edge of the fountain and momentum carried her forward, causing her to fall facefirst into the water, landing among the coins at the bottom.

Fortunately, she wasn't injured, only humiliated as she sloshed to her feet, grabbed her purse and cell phone and climbed out of the fountain. Unfortunately for her, her embarrassing moment was captured on the mall's security cameras, and was later posted on YouTube, earning her the title of "Fountain Lady."

Mortified at the number of views the video has received (over 3 million and growing), she hired an attorney and complained to the media about the unprofessional behavior of the mall security employees. The security employee who released the video has since been fired.

As much as we might laugh at the more comical mishaps of others, like Marrero's inadvertent swim in the fountain, aren't we often just as distracted in our own ways? How many of us have almost made her same mistake? We get so caught up in the moment that we lose all awareness of where we are or what we are doing. The question is do we take responsibility for our actions, even if we make embarrassing mistakes? Or are we quick to point the finger at others?

We need to stop blaming everything we do on our environment and start taking responsibility for our actions. And, for pity's sake, stop texting, and watch where you're walking.



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Student Carey Nelson discusses employment opportunities with recruiters during last year's Career Fair. Photo: Photo Services

Career Fair to connect students, recruiters for potential hiring

TAYLOR ANDERSON

Job recruiters from the Greater Greenville area and the entire Southeast will gather Wednesday in the **Riley Reception Room for** the annual Career Fair.

Previously held in April, the Career Fair was moved to give both recruiters and students more time to connect before graduation. The fair will be open from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

A wide variety of companies will be present, from health services to camps, and from the military to insurance companies. Placement agencies, representing even more companies, will also be attending. The positions these companies are trying to fill include management,

marketing and sales, financial planning, public school teaching, communication and many more. A complete list of all the participating companies and the jobs they are recruiting for can be found on the Career Fair website on the intranet.

Dr. Steve Buckley, manager of the Office of Career Services, said one of the best ways for graduating seniors to prepare for the fair is to look at this guide and find which jobs they would like to pursue. He said once students have decided which companies they want to talk to, they can research those companies so they can speak knowledgeably with the representatives.

He said students can also prepare résumés specifically

designed for the companies they will be approaching.

Before going, they should prepare a 30-second "getacquainted interview" in which they tell the recruiters about themselves, ask about the company and the position and show that they have done their research.

Dr. Buckley said graduating seniors should dress in a professional business style if planning to actively seek a job at the fair. He said firstand second-year students who are trying to network and get experience can dress in a business casual style. He said after students are

done talking to a representative, it is a good idea to ask for an interview and a business card if they plan to pursue the job. They can use the business card to send a thank you note afterward. Dr. Buckley said students

should come to the Career Fair even if they are not yet ready to find full-time employment. Not only can they look for summer opportunities, but they can start networking with recruiters who come looking specifically for BJU students.

He said if they start getting experience interacting with the representatives

and making contacts, it could help in the future when they are seeking a job. "Career Fair is a moment of timean event," he said. "Finding a job is a process."

Seniors, freshmen to participate in national survey

EMMALEE HOITT

NEWS

In early February, all freshmen and secondsemester seniors will receive an e-mail from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) asking them to participate in a study.

This comprehensive survey, taken via the Internet, goes out to college students across the country, including students at BJU. The survey asks questions about the student's college experiences.

Ouestions address topics from community involvement, to participating in sports or worship services, to how often a student's coursework emphasizes activities such as memorizing as opposed to analyzing and applying.

Participating in the NSSE is one tool BJU uses to measure the effectiveness of the University in achieving its goals for students. As an accredited member of the

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Further instructions will be given following your response

Transnational Association of Christian Schools (TRACS), BJU is asked to regularly assess its effectiveness and compare the results to the benchmarks of other colleges. This survey is administered every four years, and the feedback from the 2007 survey, resulted in the university's efforts to expand the liberal arts core.

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To give NSSE and BJU a more representative sample, the selected students are highly encouraged to participate.

The results of the survey will go back to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and are reviewed with Dr. Gary Weier, vice president for administration, his leadership team and with the Scholarship Committee.

While specific results of the survey will not generally be available, the data will become part of the benchmark data that is anonymously used by other participating schools.

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This day in history: 1986—The U.S. shuttle Challenger exploded 72 seconds after liftoff, killing all seven members on board.

This week in weird:

Authorities apprehended Russian gang members trying to smuggle three tons of mammoth tusks out of the country.

They said it, not me:

"My new Senate Republican colleague from Illinois, Mark Kirk, and I are going to sit together. I'm bringing the popcorn. He's bringing a Coke with two straws." —Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin, on the State of the Union seating arrangements.

Notable news:

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords is now recovering in a Texas rehabilitation center two weeks after an Arizona gunman shot her and 18 others, injuring 12 and killing six, earlier this month.





Aspiring actors try out for roles in upcoming **Performance Hall productions at auditions**

JORDAN WELLIN

NEWS

Fifty hopeful contestants, four judges and only a handful of winners. It sounds like another reality TV show, right? But in actuality, these were the elements present at Stratton Hall when auditions for upcoming Performance Hall productions were held Wednesday.

Unfortunately, there was no \$1 million prize. But "winners" of the auditions will spend the next few months working with their fellow cast and crew members for several hours each week, leading up to the climax of their hard work: opening night.

For Elisabeth Zimmerman, a sophomore performance studies major, the auditions were a chance to gain more experience for her major.

"[Auditions] are always good practice," she said. "The more I do them, the less nervous I become."

Elisabeth also said she's enjoyed being part of Perf Hall plays in the past because they gave her opportunities to get involved and meet new people.

The two plays for which the auditions were held—"Unknown" and "Windy's Rain"—are being directed by Mrs. Rochelle Scheibner, a senior speech pedagogy major, and Miss Karen



Future Perf Hall play hopeful Caid Ferguson performs a monologue. Photo: Jon Baker

Greenwood, a staff GA majoring in dramatic production.

"What we're really looking for [in those auditioning are people who have presence, confidence and are teachable," Mrs. Scheibner said.

"Also, it's important that the actors are comfortable with themselves," Miss Greenwood added. The two directors

chose their favorites from those who auditioned, held separate callbacks, and then selected their respective casts.

Although most of the students who auditioned memorized their monologues, some chose to stay on-script, something that Elisabeth said she tries to avoid. "Being off-script allows me to move around and have more freedom,"

she said.

Paul Jutras, a freshman dramatic production major, also memorized his script for the audition, citing his tendency to be a "memorizing freak" as part of the reason he performed scriptfree. Both directors said they also prefer when those auditioning have their selections memorized.

"When people read off a script, all you tend to see is their head," Miss Greenwood said.

When it comes to what type of monologue to audition with, Miss Greenwood and Mrs. Scheibner said comedic monologues are definitely more entertaining to perform and watch. "But both of our plays are dramas, so [those auditioning] need to have an awareness of what types of plays they're trying out for and match their monologue to fit that style," Mrs. Scheibner said.

In the spring, the directors will be adding the finishing touches to both plays, and soon after, it will be opening night. Those who have successfully made it through the auditions and callbacks will find themselves backstage in full costume and makeup, waiting for the cue to make their entrance onto the stage.

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Rodeheaver Auditorium, which was designed specifically for this kind of program. "What we came up with for this program are some things we haven't done before in the FMA," Mr. Streeter said. "Miss Hess is great at pushing the technology envelope."

One central IMAG screen will be flanked by three smaller screens on either side. The two side screens will also be used.

Mr. Dan Boone, a member of the Video Services staff, said his team will be using two cameras, five video projectors and four video sources in order to send the right images to the screens. Miss Hess said much thought went into the design of the set and sound in order to create a more intimate atmosphere similar to that of Rodeheaver. The "Facing Reality" vespers program will challenge students to really con-

sider their beliefs during trying times. As Miss Hess quoted Oswald Chambers, "What we take for granted is never ours until we have bought it by pain."

beneficial as flight after flight across the Southeast was either canceled or delayed. Katie Skidmore, a junior, said she packed her bags and told her family goodbye three times before she actually left

because her flight was repeatedly delayed.

Because of the belated start of the semester, many opening week activities had to be rescheduled. Check-in, registration and the evangelistic services were postponed along with society officer meetings, athletic activities and the Core Leadership Seminar. In addition, the chapel schedule was rearranged and Vespers was rescheduled for Jan. 28 to provide time for rehearsal.

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Crystal Taft

[I was] stopped by a police officer during thanksgiving break, I was told there was a warrant for my arrest in Georgia. Thankfully he was just joking.



Jay Dallis For favorite memory, I would say Bulldogs stag outing last semester.



Joseph Dickson

Lighting ceremony 2010 was an amazing time to hang out with some of the coolest I know on campus: Mark Barber, Dave Harry and Josh Threfall.





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Brian Arnold

My favorite memory of 2010 was seeing my father get saved and getting baptized with him!





Ezi Pherson

every Thursday.



Tim Fortney

When we came back from about 10 runs down in the 7th inning to beat Beta in extra innings to advance to the playoffs.





David Miller



Alayna Pennington

Pi Gamma beating Omega, twice in soccer.

Having coffee at Cuppa Jones with Tess Freel



A few days before Christmas the furnace in my home died. One church family insisted us spending the rest of the day in their home. It made Christmas quite memorable!



Greta Rausch

Taking pictures in front of the Bridge of States with Sarah Cobb, Amber Burger & Karissa Kincaid and almost falling into the water.



Elizabeth Bullock

Late night, hall wide coloring party. [During a Christmas



Keith Tillman

One of the best memories is playing badminton for the very first time. It was against the Cavs and they were decked out in headbands, knee socks, the whole look. It was pretty sweet, and I even got three points. It's a lot harder than it looks, but I had fun.

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Chad Pack goes up for two points. Photo: Luke Cleland

JOHN SHELP

The Alpha Theta Razorbacks held off a late push by the Basilean Eagles Friday evening, winning by a final score of 52-48.

In a game full of missed shots and plagued by fouls, Alpha's Brandon Moss stepped up big, scoring 23 points on nine of 17 attempts. Brandon also grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds to record an early season double-double.

Alpha's Jeff Hammer, who finished with nine points on the evening, was thankful for Brandon's contribution and thought the team, which struggled on offense throughout the evening, could have gone to him even more.

"He [Brandon] is always

stellar on the inside," Jeff said. "I think we needed to do a little bit better job at getting the ball into him. Not just for him to score, but just working our offense through him to set up the outside shots."

Alpha jumped out to a quick double-digit lead as the team looked crisp on offense, passing the ball well around the perimeter and feeding Brandon down low. Brandon had nine points in the first eight minutes, and Jeff hit two of three of his early attempts from deep.

After Alpha's quick start, Basil's defense switched from a zone defense to man-to-man, which caused Alpha to take some quick, ill-advised shots.

Basil's tough defense also resulted in multiple fouls, sending Alpha to the foul line 20 times in the half.

Both teams entered halftime coming off of 10 minutes of cold shooting from the floor. Alpha maintained its early lead and finished the half leading 30-18.

Basil's shots began to drop in the second half. Zach Sprunger led a gradual comeback, scoring all nine of his points in the second half.

Alpha continued to struggle to make shots, connecting on only 29 percent of shot attempts for the evening. The Razorbacks also lost Chad Pack and Larry Stofer to foul outs.

Alpha's shooting troubles were compounded as players missed crucial free throws down the stretch, leaving the door open for a Basil comeback. Basil got the game to single digits, but a three at the buzzer by Michael Buffaloe, who finished with 15 points on the evening, could bring the team only within four.

Zach was impressed with his team's effort late in the game.

"I'm just proud of our guys, we didn't give up," Zach said. "We all came in second half and saw what we needed to do better, and everyone went out and did it."

Brandon thought Alpha started out well on offense, but got disorganized down the stretch. He said the team has to improve in several areas, but he says he is excited about the team's chances this year. "We're just going to keep working hard in practice and keep improving as a team," Brandon said.

Tigers silence Eagles in first waterpolo game, win 8-2

MARY COLEMAN

The Theta Delta Tigers slashed the Alpha Gamma Eagles Friday night in their season-opening game, 8-2.

Although the Eagles gained possession of the game ball first, the Tigers stole it within seconds, crashing toward the goal. Tiger forward Sallie Harrison led the charge, placing a shot in the net in the first minute of the game.

Theta Delta held on to the momentum, squelching Alpha Gamma's attempts to retaliate and creating offensive opportunities for the Tigers' forwards. Danielle Duncan put an additional point on the scoreboard before the first quarter ended, putting Theta Delta up 2-0.

Within two minutes of the second quarter Sallie added two points to her total, increasing Theta Delta's lead to 4-0. Moments later, Alpha Gamma's defensive player, Rachel Leonard, gained possession of the ball, sending it up to the offense. Alpha Gamma's offense charged forward but the shot was stopped by Theta Delta goalie, Ashley Albert.

Immediately the Tigers sent the ball back down the pool to Sallie, who scored the final point of the second quarter. Going into the halftime break, the Tigers led 5-0.

The Eagles intensified their effort in the third quarter with little success. Although they created multiple shooting opportunities, they were unable to place the ball in the net. Theta Delta's Claire Polk and Danielle Duncan each contributed a point, and the third quarter ended 7-0, Tigers.

The final quarter opened with a foul by the Tigers, which the Eagles used to their advantage, resulting in their first score of the night. Shortly after, Eagle Rachel Hudson added a second point to her team's total.

In the final minute of the game, Theta Delta's Allison Craig scored, emphasizing her team's dominance, and bringing the final score to 8-2.

Although the Eagles' final score was low, they maintained their spirit. Alpha Gamma freshman Rachel Leonard felt that the game was more fun than competitive. "It was a lot of fun and we worked as a team, so it was good," Rachel said.

Tiger forward Claire Polk also enjoyed the match. "I think we take it as having more fun than anything," Claire said. "A lot of time having fun is playing with a purpose in mind."

Theta Delta made the water polo championships last year, and if the Tigers continue playing with the same purpose, they have good shot at making it again.

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MICAH WRIGHT

The Omega Lions snatched a pivotal conference matchup from the Sigma Spartans on Saturday night, outlasting a late surge from Sigma to win 72-69.

Omega overcame 22 points from Sigma's Adam Gingery and Will Keller's early foul trouble. Phillip Beardslee led Omega with 18 points. Will scored 15 in the second half, after scoring only one basket in the first.

Sigma pounded the ball into the paint early in the game. Adam powered Sigma's first basket in from the low block.

Sigma routinely finished drives to the basket and out-rebounded Omega 34-20. Tim Fortney scored the majority of his 14 points inside the paint, and Jordon Meals chipped in with five offensive rebounds.

Omega attacked the basket in the transition game, and Sigma struggled to get back on defense. Omega took advantage of its team speed and conditioning, pushing the ball quickly down the court. The tempo translated into a high number of turnovers for Omega, but it also led to easy baskets.

The three-point shot was another major advantage for the Lions. Sigma hit only three shots from behind the arc on 12 attempts. Conversely, Omega shot 58 percent from downtown. Keith Bartlett and Phillip were the main threats, combining for five 3's.

After allowing several quality post opportunities, Omega switched to a 2-3 zone. Keith said, "We were just trying to shut down their big man."

But Adam settled into the middle of Omega's zone and scored several turnaround jump shots from the top of the key. Gingery went 10 of 17 from the floor and also contributed nicely on the defensive end, dominating the boards and blocking three shots.

In the first half Omega's offense did not come from expected sources. Will Keller played only seven minutes in the half; he picked up his third foul on a charge four minutes before the break.

Adam Lowe scored eight points and hit several key free throws down the stretch. Joe Howell scored eight first half points, and Keith Bartlett hit several timely 3's. Keith said, "I think we are strong on the

bench, so we can fill in for the starters if we need to. We want people to know that we are Omega and we are back."

Sigma led 38-36 at half time, but Omega eased back into control early in the second half. Will and Phillip picked up their scoring from the outside, and Omega took care of the ball, committing only five turnovers in the second half.

Sigma's Ryan Tanis hit two back-to-back 3's with 3 minutes left in the game. Sigma then got another huge lift when Ryan Fisher hit a 3, closing the lead to four.

With 40 seconds left in the game, Tim Fortney stripped an Omega player near mid-court and raced to the other end, finishing the basket and getting fouled. His free throw attempt drew the Spartans to within one.

Fortney fouled out on the next play, and Adam Lowe hit two clutch free throws to put Omega up by three. Fortney's exit left Sigma with little experience at the guard position, and they did not get a good look at the basket. Ryan Fisher forced a tough 3, and Omega held on to the 72-69 win.



Omega's Will Keller goes above Sigma's Justen Blackston for the shot. Photo: Amy Roukes



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Making New Year's resolutions personal, practical

CANDACE NEWTON

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Forty BJU students were polled with the question: "What was your 2011 New Year's resolution?" Of those 40, five said they wanted to lose a little weight. Two sought to raise their quickly falling GPA. One young man pledged to win over his elusive dream girl. And Shane Kimberlin, a sophomore social studies education major, vowed to "read The Collegian."

However, about 30 of the students polled said they deliberately made no New Year's resolutions.

Charity Rozier, a sophomore early childhood education major, is one who never makes New Year's resolutions. "It makes me feel like a failure when they don't happen," she said.

And junior creative writing major Samuel Winchester holds the same view. "I've yet to break [a resolution]," he explained. "Life's less depressing that way."

Today Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are generally

made in an attempt to better ourselves, to progress rather than digress from this year to the next. However, for most students, 1-1-11 was not a magical date that brought a change of heart and lifestyle. And some who optimistically made New Year's resolutions may find that just 28 days later, they haven't lost 15 pounds, they haven't read three chapters of their Bibles every day, and they may have already failed a quiz or two. With this discouragement, it's no wonder students don't want to make resolutions.

Rather than waiting for a new year to begin a change, sophomore engineering major Adam Carroll makes changes every day, which he calls "life resolutions." He said, "New Year's resolutions often fail because we get tired of them, forget them or just become lazy and realize they aren't as important as we once thought they were."

Keep it Simple

Waiting for Jan. 28 to make a New Year's resolution could help students keep their goals realistic. Don't plan to lose that freshman 15 by the end of February. Instead, make a concrete choice to eat dessert only twice a week, or choose to walk the long way to class each morning.

Freshman biology education major Jamie Yow has made a resolution to limit her sweet tea intake. "That probably doesn't sound that unusual, but it is for a Southerner with veins overflowing with sweet tea," she said.

Carrie Jacques, a sophomore history major, has also set a realistic, simple goal for herself: to learn how to drive. "I'm going to get over my fear of running into things and going too fast and just go for it," she said.

Make it Personal

Instead of striving for the same resolution as the person down the hall, personalize it according to individual interests and goals.

Elisabeth Zimmerman, a sophomore performance studies major, encouraged other students who are thinking about making a resolution to have fun with it. "Do something different and fun

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ing from Genesis to Revelation straight through, try varied reading plans tailored to fit your individual schedule. BibleYear.com and BibleGateway.com offer several free plans.

Freshman Spanish major Anna Hayes was inspired to start a year-long photography project titled, "A Year of 365,000 Words." She takes a picture to commemorate each day and posts it on Facebook. She recommended that students looking to do something similar should make it unique to themselves. "Capture what you see and your perspective. Don't go by other people's experiences," she said.

Elisabeth had sometimes made, but never kept, New Year's resolutions in the past. "They were always kind of vague," she said. This year, she's made a personal resolution to give up meat for health purposes. "A lot of times we just eat to eat," she said. Her choice has caused her to be much more conscious of what she's eating and much more creative with her food choices at the dining common.

She encouraged students to stick with their resolutions. "No one ever

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