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## Japan tragedy prompts students to prayer, help for impacted missionaries

GLORIA GIBRAEL & JON MELTON

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan Friday, March 11, killing thousands, cutting power and triggering a tsunami with 30-foot waves that forced tens of thousands to evacuate their homes and causing radioactive leaks from a major nuclear power plant. As of Monday, the death toll had reached nearly 8,600, with thousands still missing according to the Associated Press.

The epicenter was 100 miles off Japan's northeastern coast but was felt everywhere in the country. BJU has approximately 100 constituents—parents of students, alumni and friends—in Japan, according to Mr. Wil Messier, special assistant to the president.

"We've tried to get in touch with as many as we could," Mr. Messier said.

Right now there are 10 students from Japan at the University. "We've heard from several students who have loved ones in Japan," he said. "Almost all news has been positive."

Junior Emily Jashiki is from Chiba, Japan, about 15 minutes away from Tokyo. She said she was able to contact her parents the day after the earthquake. "They're all fine," she said. "My cousin was at work in Tokyo when the earthquake hit. It took him seven hours to walk home from work

because all the transportation was down. It's usually 45 minutes by train."

Freshman Elly Nakayama said she was also able to contact her parents who live just outside Tokyo. "It's very hard being here in America while all this is going on back home," she said. "I couldn't study or concentrate on school since Friday when we heard about it."

Freshman Megumi Izu said her family in Japan may experience gas and food shortages soon.

Megumi requested that students pray for Japan. "We Japanese students on campus would very much appreciate everyone's prayers at this time," she said.

Several missionaries in Japan have been able to communicate through email.

Missionary Martha Cochran ministers in the Tokyo area. "I had just filed my Japanese taxes and was eating lunch on the eleventh floor of a department store when [the earthquake] hit," she said. "The rocking and swaying were very strong—my chopsticks flew across the room, and soup splashed all over the table."

Missionary Becky Knox wrote on Wednesday, March 16, that she and her family are still feeling aftershocks of the earthquake. "We were almost ready to run out of the house again last night (Tuesday) as a 6.2 magnitude quake hit another part of Japan," she said.

### Relief for Japan

Mr. Mark Vowels, BJU's director of missions, said students could donate funds to specific missions agencies who will be able to funnel donations to those in need. Students can send donations to the following agencies:

**Titus International:**  
**Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Fund**  
Titus Int'l  
1515 McBrien Road  
Chatanooga, TN 37412

**Operation Renewed Hope:**  
**Disaster Relief**  
Operation Renewed Hope  
P.O. Box 43242  
Fayetteville, NC 28309  
\*Mark checks: For Japan Hope

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Mrs. Knox said Tokyo is having planned power outages to conserve electricity, and food and gas supplies are running low. "Many people are much worse off than we are," she said. "The weather is turning cold with snow in the tsunami-affected areas (farther north)."

Students have been praying but are wondering what else they can do to help.

Senior Andy Kinomoto said he felt burdened for Japan after seeing the news videos and reading the updates.

"It's really sobering to look at all that footage, and to me, I can't just sit here and do nothing," he said. "I feel like I have to do something. Either get other people moving or move something myself."

Andrew said he asked God for an idea of how to help raise funds for Japan. "Maybe 10 minutes after I

prayed, I got the idea," he said. Andrew is planning to design T-shirts that say "Healing for Japan" and sell the shirts through a local vendor. All proceeds will go to Japan's relief effort.

"I'm hoping that through this we can do something to help in just a small way," he said.

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Fred Bennett, a Titus International field representative, said his organization has set up a specific fund for Japan called "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Fund." Titus International is a Christian organization that trains nationals to reach their world for Christ.

Titus International will then send the money to a church in Japan that is

distributing aid directly to the people.

Former missionary to Japan Dr. Alan Patterson, who teaches Bible classes at BJU, said this disaster is a humbling experience for the Japanese. "Any of us, when we are humbler, tend to be more open to what God is saying," he said. "This could have a good effect in drawing Japanese to the Lord."

Dr. Patterson said that on the other hand, the Japanese are used to natural disasters and respond by community efforts.

"They don't have a worldview that takes God into account, so they don't trace this kind of event back to God's dealing with them," he said. "Their thinking is that this is just something they have to deal with. We should pray that God would give them an understanding that He exists."

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EMMALEE HOITT

Love. Love is a word that we all are familiar with. Quite often you might hear a friend say, "I LOVE this coffee." On the other extreme, you probably have heard, or even said yourself to someone close to you, "I love you." I would argue that our society in general uses that powerful word without even realizing its intended meaning and purpose. In a way, we have downgraded the word by using it to reference an object that we "love." I'm not saying that's wrong, but I do believe the word has lost its full meaning.

According to Merriam Webster, love can be defined as *strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties; an assurance of affection; unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another*. The last phrase is my favorite.

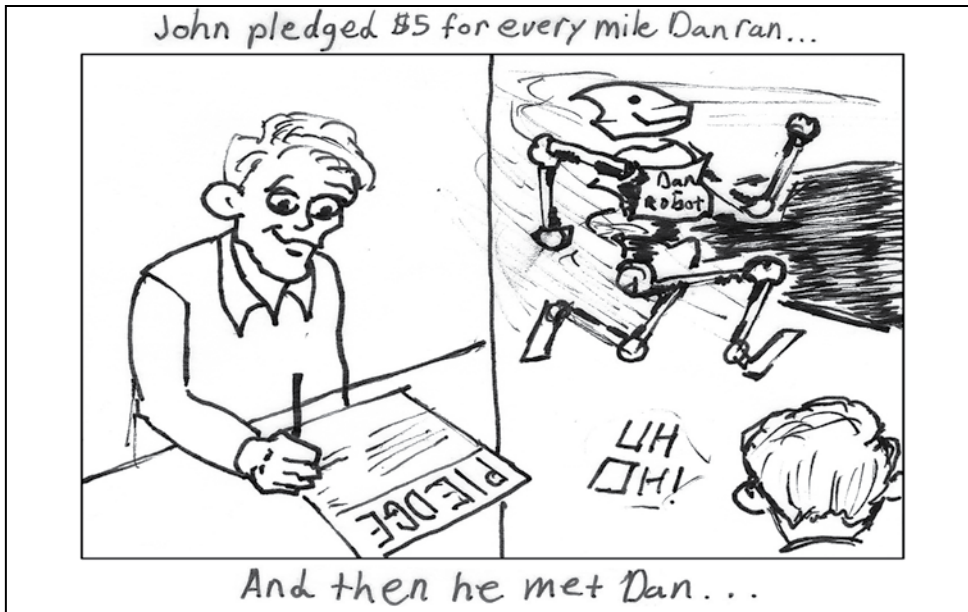
Much to my shame, I frequently fail at loving others as I should—whether those are my family, friends or classmates. Even with the simple and small things. I see a fellow student struggling to open a door because of the number of books he is carrying, and sometimes I'm so consumed with my own schedule and appointments that I completely overlook

his need.

A few nights ago in prayer group we were reading various passages dealing with how we should treat those around us. Love kept coming up. It's so easy to neglect this vital component of any relationship. Love has to start from within. Naturally it is not our tendency to love. Our pride and selfishness come into play, and we begin to judge and think more highly of ourselves... and fill-in-the-blank. I sat there in prayer group thinking, wait a second, God has called and commanded me to treat others this way, but I can't. I can't love without God helping me to love. He has shown me what perfect love looks like. Not only has He physically shown us through His own Son, but also His Word tells of His perfect love.

I Corinthians 13 gives a description of what love looks like. Everything we do for others is in vain if we do not do it ultimately in love.

If someone has different preferences or convictions, it is easy to judge them and think that they are weird just because they are different from us. God has called us to a much higher standard. We are to love our sisters and brothers in Christ, even if they attend a different church, wear different clothes or listen to different music. Think with me for a moment—if God has loved you beyond measure and has shown you His ultimate love in many ways, then who are we to not show love to others? "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you," John 15:12-13.



CARLTON RIFFEL

John learned that some Bible Conference fundraisers come with fine print.

## Key point in free speech debate: It belongs to all

### The Collegian Editorial

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8-1 on March 2 that members of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, had a constitutional right to picket the funeral of Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, Americans reacted with mixed opinions about the decision.

Some opposed the ruling outright, claiming that the church's hurtful speech targeted at grieving families should be deemed unconstitutional speech. Still others pointed out how restrictions on Westboro's ability to picket funerals, although insensitive and misdirected, could lead down a path of stronger government regulation of what exactly falls under the category of free speech. Others still have found a third option that goes even further: keep them too busy to picket funerals by engaging them in debate.

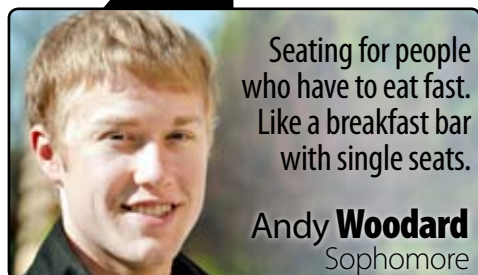
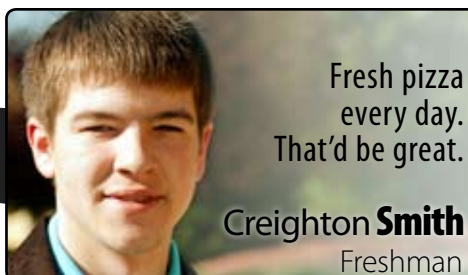
Bob McLain, program director of Greenville's WORD 106.3 FM station, and nationally syndicated talk show host Mike Gallagher fall in this latter category of Americans. McLain and Gallagher teamed up Friday, March 18, to broker a deal with the protesters planning to picket the funeral of U.S. Air Force airman Nick Alden, who grew up in Anderson County, S.C.

McLain gave Westboro spokesperson Shirley Phelps-Roper an hour of radio airtime on his show in the form of a debate with Dr. Royce Short, dean of BJU's School of Religion, in exchange for the Westboro protesters backing off. Gallagher had made similar deals with the church before; he offered airtime in exchange for a promise to call off protests at funerals for the Virginia Tech and Arizona shootings.

"We're doing what the Supreme Court can't do, and that's keeping [Westboro] from a funeral," Gallagher said in the broadcast. "And I'm proud of that."

Whether or not Westboro really meant to carry through with their threat to picket Alden's funeral is beside the point. Gallagher, McLain and Dr. Short realized that, rather than squelching their opponent's voice, engaging Westboro in discourse would give the public a glimpse of their ridiculous claims through their spokesperson's own words and, in contrast, present a picture of what genuine Christianity looks like.

And if by opening up a channel of communication they could both prevent a needless, added burden to a grieving family *and* share the truth of God's Word, all the better.



## What would you like to see in the new dining common?



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# TAG aftermath: Stories of stealth, stalking, success

HEIDI WILLARD

During the two-week campus-wide game of TAG, more than 600 BJU students, faculty and staff played the parts of spies—chasing, tagging and often eluding each other around campus.

TAG is an effective Bible Conference fundraiser because it doesn't cost the University money to run the event, but many people are willing to pay \$10 for the opportunity to play, said Mr. Rob Loach, a foreign language and literature professor who played the game.

After seeing people dart across the sidewalks and into buildings over the two-week period the game was played, you deserve to find out about some of the game's most memorable moments.

## Stalking and Strategizing

Finding one's target is half the battle in TAG. Sophomore university student Allie Miller's most challenging target to track down was a graduate student who worked off campus and took only two classes on campus.

With the help of some friends, Allie found out that her target worked the night shift as the auditor at Embassy Suites in Greenville.

After looking up the position on the Internet, Allie found a job opening for the night auditor

position in the city in Arkansas where she is from. Posing as a potential applicant for the position, Allie called Embassy Suites in Arkansas and asked about the night auditor position's hours, which she learned were the same nationwide.

But Allie's clever information gathering was in vain since she was tagged before she could find her target.

## Tagging

Some tags were easier than others. One of Allie's targets gave up by emailing Allie her tag sheet because she was tired of being stalked.

Other tags were not so easy and painless. Andrew Fry, a graduate assistant majoring in mathematics, waited in the rain for an hour and a half outside Dr. Ted Miller's house in order to tag the Bible professor.

When Dr. Miller's wife pulled into the driveway, Mr. Fry hid behind a trash can and tagged Dr. Miller when he came out of the house with an umbrella for his wife.

Mr. Fry said his goal was to not scare Mrs. Miller since she was expected to give birth within the next few days. She has since given birth to the Millers' third son, William Russell Miller.

"I'm kind of glad that he caught up with me well before [my wife] Jennifer and I went to the hospital," Dr. Miller said. "I



Tagees Miss Dani Carter, Nathanael Ferrari and Mr. Jonathan Brown avoiding their taggers Photo: Sam Rigby

would not have wanted the paranoia of TAG to follow me to the 4th floor of St. Francis Eastside!"

After Mr. Fry's successful TAG, he asked Dr. Miller to give him a ride back to campus. "I told him 'no' but then thought better of it and gave him a lift," Dr. Miller said.

## Avoiding Tags

Unfortunately in the game of TAG, the hunters also become the hunted. Many players

managed to barely avoid their hunters.

Some players took extreme precautions to avoid being tagged. Dani Carter, a graduate assistant majoring in secondary education, left work in a Rubbermaid box, a large storage bin, on wheels. After Miss Carter climbed into the box, some friends closed the lid, rolled the box out of the administration building where she works, put it in a car, drove her to her resi-

dence hall and carried the box into the residence hall before opening it.

Those who didn't have boxes for transportation sometimes ended up escaping their taggers the old-fashioned way—on foot. Jonathan Brown, a graduate assistant studying church history, was running from his tagger when his shoe came untied.

"I kicked off my shoe, and I

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## This day in history:

1948—The first successful tornado forecast predicted that a tornado would strike Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

## This week in weird:

A Houston man accused of stealing a woman's truck tailgate was arrested after he tried to sell it back to her on Craigslist.

## They said it, not me:

"He is a perfect specimen."—Lu Liang, the dog breeder of Big Splash, a red Tibetan mastiff, who was sold for \$1.5 million, making him the world's most expensive dog.

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## Percussion group to mix skills, songs

CANDACE NEWTON

The annual Percussion Ensemble concert, under the direction of Mr. Rob Schoolfield, will be presented Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall. The concert features a unique mix of sacred and secular works rearranged for percussion instruments.

"Percussion is cool," Mr. Schoolfield said. "It's different from other instrumental families. We're always adding new instruments." Because of this variety, he said, the Percussion Ensemble "can choose music that others can't." Percussion is like "a big family," he said, "with a variety of pitch, tone and colors."

This 35-minute program stretches the limits of what percussion can do. Mr. Schoolfield called it, "the hardest program we've ever done. It's time to take it to another level." The performers began practicing last September.

One piece, titled "Access All Areas," was originally composed in 1962 by Swedish composer Jens Kruger for a bluegrass banjo player. Mr. Schoolfield has reinvented the piece for the percussion ensemble. "We can adapt a lot of different music to our medium," he said. "I don't know that the trombone choir could play a banjo piece."

Senior music education major Melissa Whiddon plays several instruments in the percussion ensemble. "When I first heard about

the banjo piece, I thought, 'Really?'" she said. "But Mr. Schoolfield pulled it off, and now it almost seems like it was written for percussion. It's such a fun melody."

One piece, composed by Mark Ford and titled "Stubernick," will be performed by three performers on one marimba, a xylophone-like instrument, typically played by only one person. "It's quite unusual," he said. "At one point, a person even plays on the side of the instrument. It's a challenge for sure."

Melissa plays the marimba along with several other percussion instruments. "I love the ending of ['Stubernick']," she said. "It's really climactic and has this great driving melody."

The program will also feature three variations of old Shaker hymns.

Mr. Schoolfield emphasizes the visual interest that comes from seeing a percussion concert live. "What we do with our hands and watching someone play in a different place on the instrument is really interesting," he said. "You can't get that from just buying music off of iTunes. [The performers] are bringing a real expression into the music."

"There's a lot of coordination of right hand and left hand, and that's a big deal, coordinating the weaker hand with the stronger. Playing [an instrument] in such a way that it releases its best tone takes time to figure out. You have to hit in a way that it releases its best tone."



Jennifer Brown cooks in Garnishing lab; various baked goods await customers. Photos: Jon Baker; Design: Sallie Harrison

## Culinary Arts retail offers fresh, tasty desserts made by students

STEFFANI RUSSELL

The Culinary Arts Retail Store, open three days each week, provides the university family with a variety of delicious treats including cookies, cakes, brownies and other baked items. With the exception of this week, the store is open until April 8, Wednesday through Friday from 3-4:45 p.m.

The retail store is operated by the Culinary Arts department. Sophomore students stock the store using their creations from bake class. As students learn the finer points of baking, the student body reaps the benefits: incredibly inexpensive specialty desserts made fresh in the culinary arts kitchen daily.

Situated beside the Academy and across from the University Dry Cleaners, the culinary arts building has an atmosphere unlike anywhere else on campus. The clanging of pots and pans, aromas of freshly-baked brownies and—

if you're lucky—fresh donuts greet you at the door and make you want to stay awhile.

The retail store has something for everyone: items from garnishing class, elaborately decorated pastries and cupcakes, double-chocolate mudslide cookies and a variety of pastries. The store also keeps several all-time favorites in stock: comfort foods like chocolate chip cookies.

Depending on the day, you'll also find other delicacies. Becca Levis, a junior culinary arts major who also works in the retail store, said that this semester the baking class has been learning how to prepare French classical desserts such as dacquoise, a specialty French cake made of layers of almond and hazelnut meringue and buttercream.

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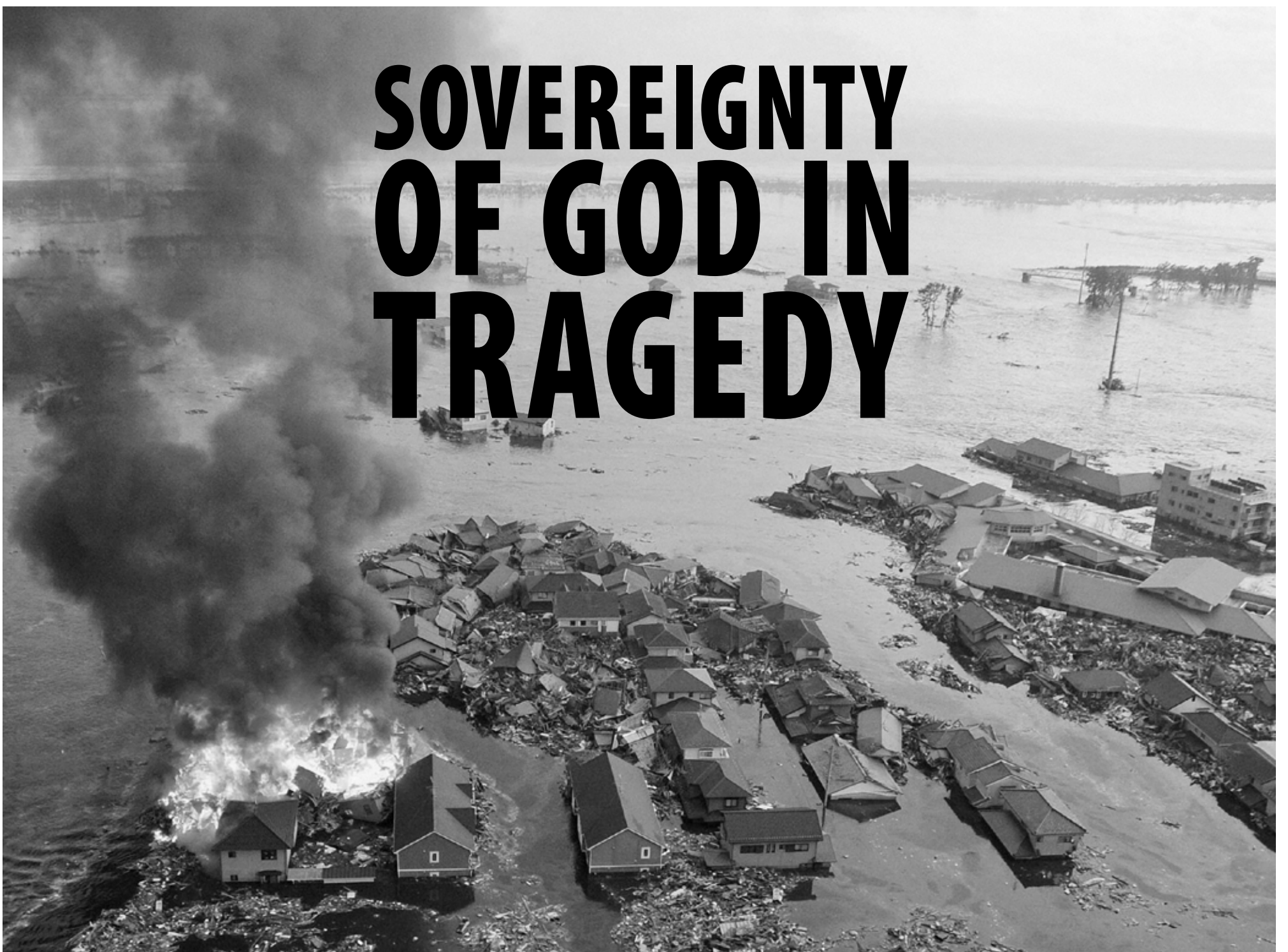


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# SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN TRAGEDY



**Special to The Collegian: Dr. Brent Cook, Bible faculty**

The recent disaster in Japan parallels a 1755 catastrophe in Portugal. On Nov. 1 a 9.0 magnitude earthquake rippled through the city of Lisbon. A tsunami followed enveloping the harbor and lower elevations of the city. Then came a fiery conflagration burning through the city for five days. Lisbon was gone.

Christian thinkers have long discussed the question of God's relationship to such calamities. In the wake of the Lisbon affair Enlightenment-era philosophers developed several theodicies, or reasoned attempts to reconcile the relationship between God's omnipotence, omnibenevolence, and the reality of evil in His creation.

While theodicies are necessary, they do little to help people in the grip of tragedy. The Bible instead offers a narrative that contains as a central theme God's response to the evil that man introduced into God's creation. Immediately following Adam's sin, God appears on the scene and promises to remedy the situation (Genesis 3:15).

The Bible presents two radical claims, one in the Old Testament and

one in the New. The Old Testament claims that man is fallen, willfully sinful, and directly responsible for evil in the world. The New Testament presents a more radical claim: God deals with evil personally when He suffers on the cross and dies. The Bible gives a "why" and a "solution" to the problem of evil. Evil results from our sin; God personally identifies with us in suffering and overcomes our evil. No other worldview combines these two truths.

The biblical narrative also shifts our perspective on tragedy. It offers a new perspective on personal tragedy. Solomon gained all the world could offer, but he died a frustrated man. Job lost all the world could offer and died a happy man because he learned through tragedy what true blessedness is. It also offers a new perspective on societal tragedy. Christian and secular historians look at identical events and see different things. The secularist laments the fall of Rome under the barbarian sword; the Christian sees missions advance among the barbarian hordes. Christians can be certain that God will bring good out of the tragedy in Japan, where the world sees only devastation.



## Spartans double past Rams with first victory

ABBY STANLEY

The beginning of the men's softball season started off with the Sigma Alpha Spartans downing the Phi Kappa Rams, 6-3.

Sigma came out strong in the first inning with Adam Gingery batting in two runners and Tim Fortney hitting a homerun.

The Spartans gained confidence as they pulled ahead early in the game, leading the Rams by three and keeping them from making any big plays.

Spartan Coach Thomas Hannah said he has high hopes for his team to continue playing strong into the season.

The Rams were miss-

ing some of their big hitters and struggled coming into the game but managed to score in the bottom of the second inning.

Spartan pitcher Stephen Bereza stayed strong throughout the game, allowing few hits and only one walk.

Quality throws by the basemen helped to rack up outs.

The top of the third inning saw Spartan first baseman Adam Gingery connecting solidly with the ball and bringing in three runs. The Rams struck out twice in the bottom of the third.

Phi Kappa regrouped in the fourth inning.

Left fielder David

McNaughton slugged a two-run homer to bring the score to within three.

Other Phi Kappa players made bases, but were unable to bring in runs.

Heading into the final innings, both teams had chances to score with two men on base, but neither team followed through and capitalized on the opportunity.

Incomplete plays and hitting the ball to Sigma outfielders negatively affected Phi Kappa's score at the end, while big hits and effective throws helped Sigma to stay ahead.

After quick outs by both Sigma and Phi Kappa, the game ended in

SPORTS PICKS			
Staff vs. Students	Softball Pi Gamma vs. Beta	Basketball Kentucky vs. Ohio St.	Basketball VCU vs. Florida St.
Staff			
Mary Coleman (12-10)	Pi Gamma	Ohio St.	Florida St.
Micah Wright (15-7)	Beta	Ohio St.	Florida St.
Josh Kopp (12-10)	Beta	Ohio St.	Florida St.
John Shelp (15-7)	Beta	Ohio St.	VCU
Scott Jennings (18-4)	Beta	Ohio St.	Florida St.
Students			
Chad Pack (9-13)	Beta	Ohio St.	VCU
Sarah Brunson (16-6)	Pi Gamma	Ohio St.	Florida St.

the seventh inning, 6-3.

Phi Kappa captain John Cummings said that he felt his team played well despite the absence of key players and that Phi Kappa struggled with placing hits away from

Sigma.

He said, "We had some errors, but we backed each other up, and if you take those two big hits out of the game, I feel both teams played excellently with good

sportsmanship."

Phi Kappa missed the playoffs by one game last year, and Sigma played in the championship game. Both teams are looking for another successful season.

## Hawks shred Vikings in softball season opener, 12-2



Hawk Scott Drinkwater slugged a three-run homer. Photo: Amy Roukes

JOHN SHELPH

The Zeta Alpha Hawks walked away with an early season victory against the Nu Delt Vikings Saturday morning, winning 12-2.

ZAP used timely hitting by Scott Drinkwater and Steve Mallory to take advantage of several walks and fielding miscues by Nu Delt.

ZAP wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. Leadoff man Josh Hack reached base on an error and Drew Grant followed with a single.

With two on and no outs, Scott came to the plate and belted the first pitch he saw over the outfielders' heads in left center, circling the bases for a three-run homer.

"It was a ball a little bit on the outside of the plate, right in the wheel house," Scott said. "It was the first pitch I saw so I thought, 'Hey, why not take it?' I got a

good shot on it and swatted it pretty far."

Steve Mallory added an RBI single in the inning to make the score 4-0 after the first half-inning of play.

Nu Delt answered with two runs in the bottom of the first, as Ryan Weller and Cody Borland both got RBI singles.

The Hawks added two more in the third inning as Steve knocked in more runs.

Nu Delt hurt themselves in the fourth inning as the team issued five walks. Scott got another solid hit and drove in two of the team's six runs in the inning.

Steve gained another RBI single, and the final three runs were scored on walks or errors.

After the Vikings' two runs in the first inning, the team was unable to get the bats going and did not have a base runner in the final four innings. The game ended with the Hawks up by 10 after five innings.

Scott Drinkwater finished the game two for three with a homer, five RBIs and three runs scored.

Scott said he thought his team did a great job at the plate but can continue to improve, especially avoiding pop flies and instead getting line drives in the gaps.

Scott also thought the defensive effort was solid for the game.

ZAP looks to get back into the playoffs after ending their season last year in the NL championship.

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## BETA GAMMA DELTA CHAMPIONSHIP VS BSN PI KAPPA SIGMA



The senior class of the Beta Gamma Patriots finished its third undefeated season on Friday night with a 75-53 win over the Pi Kappa Cobras. Kyle McVey gave a dominant performance with 20 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. Jon Edwards led the way for the Cobras with 11 rebounds, six assists and 11 points.

The Cobras started the game exactly the way they wanted to. With a slow pace and an offense that worked from the inside out, the Cobras kept pace with the Patriots for the first seven minutes. Then the Patriots exploded with one of their runs that the University has seen many times over the past four years. Strong pressure on defense and smart outlet passes to initiate fast-break opportunities gave the Patriots a 32-17 lead late in the first half. The Patriots seemed poised to run away with the game but not without an answer from the Cobras.

Jon Edwards slowed the offense for the Cobras and made smart passes from the post to set up his teammates. Jon finished with six assists, five of them in the first

half. Mark Allamon drilled three 3-pointers for the Cobras during that stretch, and they closed the half on a 12-2 run, trailing only 34-29 at the break.

The momentum that the Cobras built at the end of the first half could not carry over to the second. Andy Dulin brought the Cobras to 3 at 34-31 on a drive to the basket, but they would get no closer. With the Patriots leading 41-33, Kyle picked off a careless pass and threw down a fast-break dunk while being fouled by a trailing Andy Dulin. That play seemed to give the Patriots a surge of energy, and they never looked back.

Micah Wright, Anthony Lehn, Brett Smith and Chris Anastos combined for 45 points in their final game for the Patriots. Except for a first round loss to the Sigma Spartans two years ago, the Patriot seniors did not lose a basketball game in four years and finished a combined 45-1.

The Patriots will return Bruce Burkholder, Kyle and Jason McVey, while the Cobras will attempt to replace Andy Dulin and possibly Craig Wilson.

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booked it, one-shoed, into the fine arts building,” Mr. Brown said. A student who held the door open for Mr. Brown as he ran inside offered to get the shoe, but his tagger took it.

Mr. Brown called for an escape vehicle which took him to his room where he got a new pair of shoes. He then got to class 14 minutes after the hour—just in time to not be counted absent.

“In my estimation, it was a stunning success,” Mr. Brown said. “It was quite epic.”

The tagger later returned Mr. Brown’s shoe to his residence hall room.

One student got a little help from his professors. Nathanael Ferrari, a freshman criminal justice major, was sitting in his classroom before class had started when one of his old professors came in to warn him that his tagger, Dr. Kathy Pilger, would be coming into the class to identify Nathanael so she could recognize him when she had the chance to tag him.

Before Dr. Pilger came in the classroom, Nathanael hid under a desk next to the wall. Dr. Pilger came into the classroom, but when she didn’t see Nathanael, she sat in the back.

Nathanael’s teacher was slightly confused when he came into class and saw Nathanael lying on the floor, but as soon as he saw Dr. Pilger sitting the back of the classroom, he knew what was going on, and he continued with class. After 15 minutes, Dr. Pilger left the class without ever seeing Nathanael.

Nathanael made a total of 15 tags. “[The game] made my semester,” Nathanael said.

### Embarrassing Moments

TAG players often became suspicious of the people around them. Catherine Wiles, a sophomore string pedagogy major, said she was slightly paranoid during the first few days of the game. As Catherine was leaving the fine arts building, a man approached her and said he was lost.

Catherine immediately suspected that the man was using the “I’m lost” excuse as a trick to tag her. But when she asked him if he was playing tag, he seemed confused and told her he was the guest artist playing Valentine in the opera.

“I was so mortified and embarrassed,” Catherine said. She attempted to make up for the misunderstanding by explaining the game to him and walking him to the place on campus he had been trying to find.

### CANDACE NEWTON

Rushing to class on the third floor of the Alumni Building at 8:49 a.m., you check your watch counting down the seconds, trying to avoid standing right underneath the ear-piercing shriek of the bell as doors swing open and students pour out of their 8 a.m. classes, checking the hallway clock to count down the minutes until the next bell rings.

Sometimes it seems our whole lives are controlled by bells, but imagine if your life really was dedicated to ensuring that students and teachers made it to class and other activities right on schedule. Mr. Bill Rex has worked in the electrical department at BJU since before the University moved from Tennessee to Greenville, and one of his primary duties has been to maintain the campus-wide bell system.

Mr. Rex came to the University as a student in 1947, began working for the University in 1951, and now, at age 85 and after 60 years of faithful, behind-the-scenes service, is retiring and handing over his position as timekeeper to a new generation and to new technology.

So how do the bells on campus work? Up until just last year, a large World War II-era pendulum clock, bought by the University at an auction many years ago, controlled the time that set the bells to ring. Rather than computers connected to wires, the system was controlled by discs slotted to delineate each minute. To set the bell to ring at a certain minutes, pins, or “dogs” as they used to be called, were inserted in the proper slots to trig-

ger the bell to ring at those times. There were 12 discs that could be set with different schedules.

For weeks of Artist Series or Bible Conference, Mr. Rex or someone from the electrical department had to manually change the discs to accommodate the new schedules. Mr. Etienne Balardelle of the electrical department remembers some times when the system didn’t quite function as planned. “It used to be,” he said, “the old clock would drift over time and have to be reset. If the clock was off, the bells were off.” He recalls an instance when electricians were troubleshooting the bell circuit and thought they were working on an inactive part of the system, causing the bells to ring three times in rapid succession. Many thought a fire alarm had been set off and vacated buildings, calling Public Safety officers who were just as confused.

Now the bells are run completely by computers, and unless some maintenance is needed, the system is largely hands-off. Mr. Daniel Muller, administrative assistant to the provost and to the director of enrollment planning, schedules all the bells using a computer program called Remote Connect. The program’s default setting tells the bell to ring for three seconds, but Mr. Muller has the ability to set it to ring for as long as nine seconds.

Rather than placing a pin in a slot to trigger the bell to ring, Mr. Muller simply clicks a mouse to



Mr. Bill Rex used a WWII-era clock to set the bell schedules. Photo: Sam Rigby

set the bell to ring at a certain time. And rather than changing a disc for each schedule, he can just click on “Schedule 8” instead of “Schedule 1,” which functions as the regular day-to-day schedule.


All the bells on campus are connected, meaning if a bell rings in Graves, it also rings in the Alumni Building. In order to keep a bell from ringing in a certain building during recitals, plays or AACCS competitions, Mr. Balardelle or another employee from the electrical department must manually disable the bell for that building. And all the clocks on campus are connected as well, set to the federal standard of time, which means

that if you glance up at the dining common clock to see you’re running late for class, you’re running just as late according to the clocks in Alumni. Currently, the old discs and “dogs” still reside with the pendulum clock in a room in the Administration Building, stored as a backup in case any of that new-fangled computer stuff malfunctions. And even after Mr. Rex (or “Father Time” as some in the electrical department affectionately call him) leaves the University, his legacy will live on as sleepy students continue to be jolted awake each morning by the 7:50 bell, praying that the 8 a.m. bell waits just a few more minutes to ring.

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“And they’re better—fresher. People should really come check us out.” The main idea? “Prices are cheap and the food is really fresh.”

Becca also pointed out that the value of the culinary department goes far beyond just the food. Stopping in lesser-known departments like the culinary store will let you get to know the student body better and give you a new perspective on how much really goes in to some of the smaller, lesser-known majors on campus. “It’s a different point of view,” Becca said. “And the mudslide cookies make it more than worth the walk.”



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