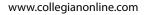
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Freshmen experience their first week of college life at Bob Jones University. Photo: Amy Roukes

Students experience firsts, lasts on campus

DANIELLE NIFENECKER

As returning students quickly fall into the routine of another school year, the freshmen learn to adjust to the new demands of university life.

Mr. Phil Gerard, director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, said 856 new students arrived on campus this year from 46 different states and 15 foreign countries.

Mr. Gerard said the most popular majors among the class of 2015 are nursing and business administration. Fifty percent of the students are from Christian schools, 31 percent from home schools and 15 percent from public schools, he said.

As for the "happy hunting grounds" Dr. Bob described in the opening service, 59 percent of the freshman class is female, while 41 percent is male.



Each freshman has to learn new time management techniques to survive the pressures of class and other activities. Accounting major Benjamin Jones said, "Taking 19 credits and playing in the BJU Symphony Orchestra could be overwhelming, but I'm just glad that I can trust in God and He's making it all doable."

As seniors begin their final year, some focus on spending time with friends and

University classes pause for time of prayer

JESSI HARGETT

Tuesday the university family will set aside a Day of Prayer, when we can refocus on God and refresh our walk with Him.

God in a singspiration and hear a challenge from seminary faculty member Dr. Layton Talbert. The main focus of the day comes from Psalm 143:1a, "Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplica-

"Part of the college experience is getting to know people and being involved on

developing relationships before graduation

scatters them.

campus," senior English eduction major Amanda Meadows said. "You don't want to look back on four years and realize that you spent all your free time in your room doing

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Students pray together during a Day of Prayer. Photo: Photo Services

Students look forward to this day as a time when brothers and sisters in Christ can come together and bring requests before the Lord. Beginning with chapel in FMA at 9:30, the BJU family will sing praises to tions."

"I'm planning on taking my text from that whole Psalm," said Dr. Talbert, "which is in its entirety really a prayer." At 10:45 students and faculty mem-

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___OPINION= **United we stand**

ten years later

The Collegian Editorial

United we stand—it's a commonplace phrase in our country, a slogan meant to stir patriotism in American hearts. But spend five minutes watching or reading the news on the latest disagreement in Washington or most recent protest, and you will see that true unity in America is rare.

Thinking back 10 years, though, we all remember one day when the nation came together, unified in sympathy for thousands of innocent people who lost their lives in an act of terror. That day was Sept. 11, 2001.

We all remember how shocked we were to learn the news that our nation was under attack. Spirit in the bond of peace. When unbelievers And we also remember how our nation came together to help each other in those trying days. Nationwide, people looked for ways to help, by giving to relief efforts, donating blood or simply writing notes to victims' families. Millions flocked to churches to hold hands with strangers and pray for the hurting. America was united.

Former President George W. Bush recalled, in a speech Saturday, the reaction of the country in the days following 9/11. "The response came like a single hand over a single heart," he said. "Neighbors reached

out to neighbors of all backgrounds and beliefs."

Sunday marked the anniversary of 9/11, and the nation again came together in unity to share the emotions felt 10 years ago. Through prayer vigils, concerts and memorials, Americans set aside their differences to honor the heroes and the fallen of Sept. 11 in the spirit that they had shared in the weeks after the attacks.

But how sad that it takes the anniversary of a national tragedy to unite America. We should always be united in such a spirit of brotherly kindness as we saw in the days following 9/11, especially since we as Christians are united in the body of Christ with other believers.

Ephesians 4:3 calls us to keep the unity of the see the unity and love that we have in Christ, they are more likely to turn to Him in times of trial—just as they did after 9/11.

Therefore, we should never give into the temptation to become preoccupied with our own agendas, ignoring the needs of others. Rather, we should set an example of Christian unity and pray that our nation will turn back to God, on Whom it was founded. Then, we will be able to honestly and proudly proclaim "United we stand."









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TAYLOR ANDERSON

For several weeks, I have been suffering from a common yet devastating condition, one that has nearly incapacitated me.

The symptoms? A persistent inability to focus on any one point in the next eight months or so, creating telescope vision straight to May. All of my pursuits in the meantime are blurred together and indistinguishable from one another, all coming under a vague category in my brain called "College."

Every insignificant moment in that category pales in comparison to the Great Handing Out of the Diplomas, and everything up until then seems merely a means to that end.

I first noticed the symptoms when I was packing up my life in North Carolina for the annual haul to BJU. Though the problem has fluctuated in its severity, it has remained steadfast in its consistency. The diagnosis: early-onset senioritis.

This condition, common among those who are readying themselves for life after college, is not new. It is disabling in that it makes students think that they're done with school before they've even really started the year. The only way to cure it completely is to walk onto the FMA stage on May 4, 2011, as a student and walk off as a college graduate.

Though it would be easy to sim-

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BJUsync GLORIA GIBRAEL

BJU students now have access to BJUSync, a helpful new networking tool. BJUSync was developed by OrgSync, a company based in Dallas, Texas.

BJUSync can be accessed on the BJU Intranet under "Student Information" on the "Life at BJU" page or on the "Tools" page. The home page has a format similar to Facebook.

Mr. Stephen Wetterlund, coordinator of mentoring and student leadership development, said, "It's very userfriendly."

The home page displays three main tabs at the top: a "Community" tab, an "Organi-

Constitution Day

In the know:

Ice cream will be served

today for \$3 per bowl at

the gazebo from 7 to 9

Ice Cream

Social

p.m.

Americans will celebrate the 224th birthday of our national Constitution Saturday. In honor of this day, Mack Library will display the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Interview Workshop

On Monday, 6 p.m., Dr. Steve Buckley will be offering advice in Levinson Hall on preparing for successful job interviews.

Day of Prayer

The University will set Tuesday aside for prayer and worship, beginning



This day in history:

1987—The Montreal Protocol was signed by the 46 founding countries to protect the ozone layer from thinning due to hazardous chemicals.

This week in weird:

A 69-year-old man suffered severe bites on his face and neck after a 22-year-old girl attacked him outside an abandoned restaurant last Friday. He says that she told him that she was a vampire, but the girl claims to remember nothing about the incident.

They said it, not me:

"It's official. I have divorced bread and pasta. I'm hoping someday we can be friends again."—Sen. Claire McCaskill, announcing her intent to begin a healthier lifestyle.

Notable news:

Last Friday, thousands of Egyptians stormed the Israeli Embassy in Cairo. Egyptian commandos rescued the six Israelis trapped inside early the next morning.

zations" tab and a "My Tools" tab.

The "Community" tab displays news feeds and blog posts from any or all of the organizations or groups that a student is part of. Mr. Wetterlund is posting blog posts about Colossians 3 that will be available for all students to see.

The "Organizations" tab

lists any organization or campus group that a student is part of. "Whatever organization you are in you will be automatically put in," Mr. Wetterlund said.

Students can also communicate and network within their organizations on BJUSync, such as with their society.

The "Tools" tab is where students can design their

e-portfolios along with writing to-do lists and filling in a personal calendar.

BJU wanted students to have a way of expanding their portfolios for potential employers, Mr. Wetterlund said. It can show a student's leadership training, his or her involve-

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ice cream SOCIAL

LEE MILLER

A 1950s-themed ice cream social will be held tonight from 7 until 9 at the gazebo.

Ice cream socials are simple events and this evening's will strive to give the feeling of a simpler time.

The social is for students, faculty and community members. It is being sponsored by the Student Leadership Council, and all the SLC members will be working at the event dressed in 1950s-themed clothing.

way to get together.

"The purpose is to get students socializing on campus during the weekend," Miss Boyle said.

She pointed out that since this is a campus event, it makes for a good opportunity to participate in a fun activity with mixed groups. Miss Boyle said in years gone by similar student events, such as a hot dog roast, have taken place on campus. However, according to her, this will be the first allcampus ice cream social in recent

University history.

Luke Hess, student body presi- costs \$3, and old-fashioned dent, said the social will provide a way for a variety of students to socialize. He said that not everyone is involved in activities such as sports, but the social will allow ways for people to get togethmany different types to interact.

The social will feature three flavors of ice cream—vanilla, chocolate and coffee. Toppings include brownie chunks, cookie bits, nuts, hot fudge, caramel, whipped cream and maraschino cherries.

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Each bowl of ice cream glass-bottled Cokes will also be available for 10 cents.

In American history, ice cream socials have served as er just to enjoy each other's company, and tonight's event will be no different.

"This will be a time to relax and get away from classes," Luke said. Attendees are also welcome to bring a blanket to throw on the lawn to relax on during this time.



with chapel in FMA at 9:30 a.m.

Social events coordinator Miss Mary Ellen Boyle, who is organizing the event, said the social will give students a convenient

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iPhone app aids with Scripture memory

STEFFANI RUSSELL

Are iPhones changing the way hundreds of BJU students prepare for class every semester? Some think so. As the times change, more and more students are using smartphone apps to help them study for their classes.

Jason Pessemier, president of Kudzu Creative Group, says smartphones might be ushering in a new world of study methods. A BJU graduate with a master's in business administration, Mr. Pessemier, along with 2011 BJU graduate Ian Wagner and 2009 BJU graduate Seth Carper, just released a new iPhone app for use in BJU's Bible Doctrines and Pauline Letters courses.

Available as an in-app purchase for 99 cents, the verse cards app includes all the verses for both semesters of Doctrines

organized by categories like Christology and ecclesiology along with the verses for Pauline Letters, organized by unit number.

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Dr. Ted Miller endorses the verse cards, saying he mentioned the idea to Mr. Pessemier, then a grad student.

Dr. Miller wanted a single space-saving way to keep all the information for Doctrines verses together so students would see the direct connection between the memory verses and the doctrines they were studying.

Downloadable apps developed by other companies include flashcard makers for any subject imaginable, dictionaries, language study helps and vocabulary builders/English study aids. If someone is studying it, chances are good that

there's an app to help learn it, and smartphone owners at BJU are taking advantage of the new technology.

Cierra Mills, a junior majoring in journalism and mass communication, said she's using the iPhone Doctrines verse cards app because the company that printed the physical verse cards stopped producing them this year.

Maria LaRocque, a freshman child care and development major, said she uses her iPod Touch to hone her math skills. "I've been using different apps to study for a while," she said, "but an app developed just for BJU classes would be awesome."

Other students don't think the idea will catch on. Jeremy Bowen, a senior math education major, said he'd heard of the app, but that it'd be just as simple to

use a Bible app or to write out the verse by hand—a step that also aids in memorization.

The ever-popular handwritten index card system is making a comeback, but the verse cards app—or others like it—might mark the start of a bright future for other BJU study-specific smartphone apps. Mr. Pessemier hopes eventually to see iPhone and iPad study apps developed specifically for a variety of BJU classes.

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Right now the verse card app is available only for iPhone users, but there's always a possibility of apps developed for other systems in the future. "There's not yet any Android App available, but I'd be happy to provide the documents to anyone who wants to take a stab at creating an app for that platform," Dr. Miller said.

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ment in various organizations, groups and outreaches both on and off campus, as well as, work experience.

This funtion of BJUSync can make BJU students stand out and be competitive in the job market. However, Mr. Wetterlund warned that BJUSync does not replace a resume. Rather, students can put BJUSync as a link on their resumes. "It's a way for employers to see everything a student is involved in," Mr. Wetterlund said.

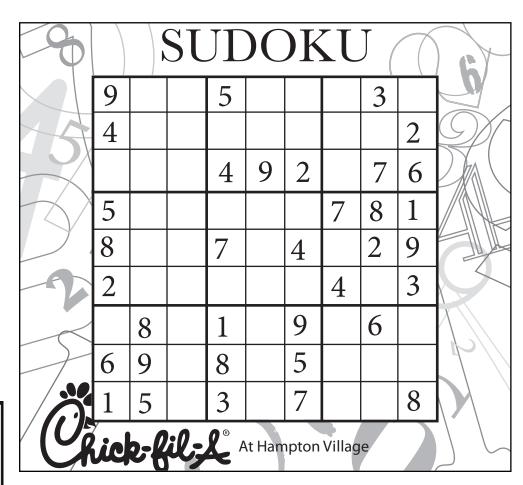
This e-portfolio can be sent to anyone via a link. Students can even send it to faculty members for recommendation letters. Students

can then accept or reject any recommendation letter they receive. Students can update their portfolios at any time, even beyond graduation.

Many other universities use Org-Sync, including Clemson and Furman. "This isn't a fad," Mr. Wetterlund said. "It's going to be around for a while."

Career Services and the freshman seminar will be promoting and explaining BJUSync to students.

Senior Bree Steffen said BJUSync is extremely useful. "I think it's a great way to connect with potential employers and a great way to organize all of your work and see what you need to improve on," she said.



"This really is a world-class tool for students to use," Mr. Wetterlund said, "and I hope students will see that."

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SUMMER CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Although most students spent the summer away from the University, the BJU campus was still buzzing with activity. Between summer school, summer orientation and a consistent flow of visitors on campus, BJU was rarely, if ever, quiet. But perhaps the busiest people on campus were those who worked on construction crews, trying to ensure that the facilities would be up and running at the end of August. Several renovation projects were started and completed this summer. Here, we highlight three of the main ones that you may or may not have seen:

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Visitors to the renovated Snack Shop will notice the improved, more open space, which gives the serving area a wider and less cramped feel. Mr. David Wooten of facilities management was involved in much of the renovation process for the Snack Shop over the summer. "The main emphasis for the Snack Shop was on reshaping and upgrading the serving area," Mr. Wooten said. Along with the new layout, the Snack Shop now serves food from Chick-fil-A and even has a frozen yogurt bar.

RECEPTION

RESIDENCE HALLS

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Many of the residence hall rooms are regularly worked on each summer, but a small group of rooms in both Nell Sunday and H. A. Ironside Halls were outfitted with completely new furniture, some with hardwood laminate floors. The new rooms feature loft beds, creating more space for dressers, desks and closets.

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DINING COMMON

A new loading dock was constructed behind the dining common, allowing trucks to unload cargo in a safer and more efficient way. Even though this might not sound like exciting news to many people, it's already been a huge blessing for Mr. Tim Davis, who oversees the dining common. "Until recently there hasn't been a cost-effective way to practically incorporate a dock into the dining common," he said. "It will make deliveries much easier to handle and will get fresh products to refrigeration more quickly." The construction of the loading dock is part of the first phase of the overall dining common renovation.

SPORTS & HEALTH



Tigers' sophomore Michaela Bixler powers through a spike during the jamboree. Photo: Jon Baker

Freshman talent shines on court

ABBY **STANLEY**

Though many societies lost star players last season, excitement over an athletic group of freshmen is growing.

Last year women's volleyball was dominated by senior "dream teams" who had played together for multiple seasons. This year, however, freshmen may make the greatest contribution as their teams gear up for the 2011 season.

Trying to rebuild a team could be daunting, but the Zoe Aletheia Wildcats coach Natalie Holt feels that the freshmen are ready for the challenge.

"This volleyball season is dif- although the teams were ferent from all the others," she said. "We have four returning seniors, but our freshmen this year have really stepped up in making an effort to be part of our team."

The women's volleyball jamboree last Friday night gave freshmen a taste of playing an opponent in front of a crowd and let coaches know which areas would need extra practice. Alena Dean of Pi Delta was excited by what she saw at the jamboree. "I am extremely pumped for this season!" she said. "We are rebuilding the team but expecting great things. Never a dull moment with these girls."

The jamboree showed that

young, they were eager to prove themselves on the court. Several teams performed solidly, showing off the depth of their talent.

"Even though we're starting from scratch with only three returners and it will be challenging to have court unity, I'm excited to see the freshman talent come through," Beta Chi's Kaylan Whitaker said. "We may not have much experience, but I know we have enough talent to be successful."

As the season progresses, teams that work well together can be expected to win, even if the roster is packed with freshmen.

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5. Zeta Chi	5. Bear Cubs
6. Basil	6. Kangas
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8. Chi Alpha	8.Colts
9. Sigma	9. Wildcats
10. Phi Beta	10. Flames



Cardinals, **Classics** continue rivalry DREW MISHLER

As a senior premed major, I must say that my personal observation and experience of women's volleyball at BJU has been minimal. Despite the excitement and thrill of women's volleyball, male students at BJU are not commonly involved as active spectators of this great sport.

I would count myself among the majority of male students in this aspect when considering my experience of women's volleyball. Despite this fact, I would highly encourage all students to increase their observation of women's BJU volleyball as this season promises to be a thrilling one.

Two perennial powerhouses have dominated BJU volleyball for the past as long as I have been a student. A strong rivalry has sprouted between the Beta Epsilon Cardinals and the Pi Delta Classics. These two societies have have reigned on the volleyball court for the past several seasons.

Kristin Jeffcott has been instrumental in leading the Classics to the volleyball crown in 2009 and 2010 and will attempt to do so again in the upcoming season. The Cardinals host an experienced team that won the crown in 2008. Don't be surprised if these two teams are matched up in the championship at the end of the season for the fourth straight time.

While the volleyball season looks to be a bit of a two-team race, there are some potential challengers who will vie to knock off either of these two societies that have long been the bullies of the league.

The Tri Epsilon Pirates, led by Martha "Tex" Lohnes, looked impressive in the jamboree games. Look

The Tigers serve (left) and the Cardinals send a spike (right) during last Friday's match. Photo: Mark Cronemeyer

Upsets expected on soccer field

MARY COLEMAN

My senior year of high school I made the decision that soccer would forever be my favorite sport. So, even though I don't attend men's softball, volleyball or flag-football games, I make the effort to attend men's soccer games.

Drawing from my three consecutive years of attending men's soccer (every now and then, anyway), I present to you my humble expectation for the 2011 soccer season.

My expectation is that your expectation for this soccer season will be shattered. Be honest—you typically expect Beta to add yet another Turkey Bowl to their trophy case, which makes sense considering that they're a top notch team and have stormed the championship three consecutive years.

But Beta is missing some key strength from last semester - Micah Wright, Chris Anastos, Jon Grant and Anthony Lehn. Pi Gamma still has Stephen Lovelace, Kai Hubbard and Caleb McKisic. Maybe I'm asking for too much change, but I expect to see Pi Gamma on the field in the Turkey Bowl championship this year. As for the American League, I expect that Basilean and Zeta Chi will make an appearance at the top of their league. Either way, I see maroon jerseys to stand up in defense of the American League come Turkey Bowl time.

Alpha hopes to crash the Turkey Bowl party, even without starting fullback David Brady. The National League dark horse could be Omega, depending on the talent they accrued in rush last weekend. for them to make some noise this season. The Beta Chi Bearcubs sport the natural talent of Kaylan Whitaker and are my pick as the "darkhorse" of the season to potentially upset the Cardinals'and Classics' longstanding regimes.

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SPORTS & HEALTH

Playoffs to mix leagues

On a cold Saturday night last November, the Pi Gamma Royals left the soccer field defeated, missing out on the Turkey Bowl and believing they were the second best team in the University. After beating Pi Gamma 2-0 in the National League championship, the Beta Gamma Patriots thrashed the Basilean Eagles 6-0 in an anticlimactic Turkey Bowl.

Unfortunately, the two best teams in a tournament sometimes meet before the championship. In 2007, the Phoenix Suns lost a competitive series to the San Antonio Spurs in the second round, and the Spurs went on to easily sweep the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals. The 2007 NFL playoffs saw the Colts beat the Patriots in an instant classic in the AFC championship before trouncing the NFC champion Bears in the Super Bowl. Dozens of other leagues hold a de facto championship during the quarterfinals or semifinals because the two best teams play in the same conference.

Learning from the past, BJU decided to change the current playoff format for all major sports. The new system will cross the two leagues over in the first round of the playoffs. For example, the No. 2 seed in the American League will play the No. 3 seed in the National League while the No. 2 in the N.L. plays the No. 3 in the A.L. Also, the winner of the No. 4 vs. No. 5 game will play the No. 1 seed from the opposite league.

Coach Ward is excited about the new system. "This should provide a better chance that the two better teams will be in the championship game regardless of which league they are in for the regular season."

When it comes time for this year's Turkey Bowl, the new system should end the "whatif's" and not leave any doubt about who the two best teams are.



Justin Kelley of Phi Beta battles for possession against a Basilean player. Photo: Amy Roukes

New, old talent ensures exciting season



Chi Alpha's goalie Cam Lawson dives for a save against Omega. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

CALEB DAVIS

For the past few years it has been a given as to who would win the Turkey Bowl, but this year it is looking as if we will finally get to see a more competitive soccer season.

Even though it is not close at all to being a given, until proven otherwise, the Beta Gamma Delta Patriots will still be the favorite this year.

Beta still has excellent forwards, midfielders and defenders in Caleb Franco, Jordan Allen and Kyle McVey. Even with the major losses from last year's powerhouse, Beta still has the experience and talent to be the Turkey Bowl champion.

Pi Gamma seems to be the most serious opposition to another Beta championship. Pi Gamma also lost some key players but had one of the best rushes of men's societies when it comes to soccer talent.

Pi Gamma still has many good returning players and, with Stephen Lovelace as one of the best scoring threats in the University, will definitely be a serious contender for the Turkey Bowl.

Alpha is looking like the favorite in the American League at this point. Alpha is basically returning everyone. That experience along with the firepower up front will be crucial to its run at the Turkey Bowl.

Alpha's most serious contender in the A.L. appears to be the Zeta Chi Tornadoes.

Zeta Chi lost some talent, but also gained some too. With Evan and Mikah Brondyke controlling the midfield and Keith Tillman anchoring the back, Zeta Chi will definitely be a contender for the Turkey Bowl.

Omega looks to be on the rise as they had a very solid rush and have a lot of potential in both their old and new players this year.

All in all, it should be a very exciting and competitive season that definitely will be worth watching.

SPORTS **PICKS**

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Abby Stanley	Oklahoma	Real Salt Lake	Red Sox
Andrew Mishler	Oklahoma	Kansas City	Red Sox
Caleb Davis	Florida State	Real Salt Lake	Red Sox
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Miranda Wells	Oklahoma	Kansas City	Red Sox
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SUPERBOWL PICKS			
staff	CHAMPIONS	RUNNER UP	
Scott Jennings	Packers	Patriots	
Abby Stanley	Packers	Patriots	
Andrew Mishler	Patriots	Saints	
Caleb Davis	Eagles	Patriots	

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bers will meet and pray according to academic major. Mr. Kyle Wilcox, special assistant to Dr. Stephen Jones, said the faculty is looking forward to learning more about the students and also praying with them.

Another prayer session will follow at 11:45, which will be split up by campus events, where students will pray for such things as Bible Conference, High School Festival and AACS.

Lunch, served at the Stadium Field, will follow at 12:30, and the day will wrap up with a praise service in FMA. Here, testimonies involving God's work in the lives of students, graduate assistants, faculty and staff will be interjected between congregational songs of praise.

Each semester, the Day of Prayer has been a special day when the BJU family can stop and come before God with thanksgiving and supplication. Senior John Aidoo from Ghana said the Day of Prayer should rekindle in hearts the reality that we need God and that we cannot make it in life by ourselves.

Prayer itself is a special gift from God—"precious" as sophomore Daniel Daoud said. Dr. Talbert said, "The thing that I really appreciate [about prayer] is the ability to have constant access to the Lord at any time over anything."

Some religions, such as Islam, do not perceive prayer in the same light as Christians. "The more they [Muslims] pray, the more brownie points they own with God," said Daniel, who is from the United Arab Emirates. "It's almost like a chore to them." But he feels that as Christians, our prayers are not restricted to a set of rules or location or circumstances.

Graduate student Miss Leema Lutfi, originally from Jordan, said Muslims pray because of fear. They must follow a strict routine. However, she said, as Christians we have freedom in talking with our God and the privilege to call Him Father. Junior Corey Colosky said he values the ability to talk to the God of the universe, Who cares and wants a relationship with us. Miss Kelly Kong, a graduate student originally from Hong Kong, China, said she is excited about this year's Day of Prayer. "I love it when everyone gets to pray together—just the whole university coming together," she said. "We're all different, but in Christ we're one."



Eight months filled with classes, meetings, games, concerts, plays, trips and services. Eight months of interacting with roommates, classmates, family, friends, teachers and bosses. Eight months of chances to learn, chances to grow, chances to influence others.

As the end for me nears, my anticipation grows in proportion because the rest of my life waits for me on the other end of that stage. But if we get so caught up in the *then*, we tend to ignore all the life we get to live in the *now*.

I've often been told, "Wherever you are, be all there." After spending several days in a haze of graduation mania, I came to the shocking realization that commencement is still far in the future.

We have the whole academic year to enjoy before then, and if graduation is the only thing on the radar, we will miss out on all the things God wants to bless us with in the here and now.

I don't want to look back on my senior year as a vague conglomeration of classes, campus events and people. I want to remember in crystal clarity the friendships I fostered, the steps I took in my spiritual walk, the things I learned from my teachers and my peers.

So I'm choosing to treat my early-onset senioritis by looking for opportunities to learn or to bless someone in every situation. That way, when the time comes for me to take that step off the platform and into the real world, I'll know I'm as prepared as I can be and that the people I touched are changed for the better for having known me. Because, in the grand scheme of things, there are no insignificant moments. Each moment is a chance for God to do something for us or through us, and I, for one, don't want to miss out.

was so scary!" she said. "But I think it's good that they throw you right in, because it sets the tone for the whole year, and prepares you for responsibility in real life."

As a senior, Danielle Long, a church music major, noticed that her approach to classes is different. "I wasn't necessarily excited about starting classes, but I want to be done with them, so I worked ahead, since I know the routine, and I'll be able to have my weekend free."

Besides the pressure all new students face of joining a society and starting classes, residence hall freshmen learn to live with roommates and make new friends. Gretchen Shenk, a math education major, said, "I didn't email my new roommates before school, but it wasn't awkward because we all respect each other's living spaces and schedules."

As freshmen move in for the first time, seniors move in for the last time. Danielle, comparing her freshman and senior years said, "Freshman year was chaotic because all four roommates were moving in at once and it was a mess. But this year it went a lot quicker and I knew how I organized things after three years of experience."





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ply accept that the problem won't go away until then, the symptoms are too strong to ignore because eight months of opportunities are too important to coast through.

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homework."

Freshmen, each with a different high school experience, soon realize that university assignments are different from their high school assignments. Kate Kozlowski, a business administration major, sees her first classes as preparation for the future. "The first day of class



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