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Ben Nicholas, Mr. Micah Thompson and Mr. David Bean play the parts of escapees from communist Romania. Photo: Amy Roukes Design: Luke Cleland

Vespers to portray life of communist escapee

LEE MILLER

ThesecondVespersofthesemesterwill recountGod'sprovidencebytellingthestory ofoneman'squestforfreedom.TwoperformanceswillbeheldSept.29inRodeheaver Auditorium at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

The story is of Paul Sopt, a man who wantedtoescape1979communistRoma-

niaatanycost—evenifthatmeantleaving behindhisfamily.However,whenhemade ittofreedominAmerica,hestilldidnotfind thesatisfaction he was looking for.

Unlike most other Vespers, the person thisprogramisaboutwillactuallybeinthe audience.Mr.Sopt,aresidentofTaylorsand memberofHamptonParkBaptistChurch,

hasassistedinthepreparationoftheprogram andisplanningtoattendthepformance.

Mr.David Bean,a teachingGA who will beplayingafellowescapeeofSopt's,saidhe thoughtthestorywouldhaveasignificant impactonstudentssinceitisaboutanactual, modern-day person.

ThecastfirstassembledinearlyAugust

forareadingofthescriptwithSoptandhis wifepresent.BJUInternetmarketerMr.Phil Eoute,whoisplayingthepartofSopt,said itwas good to be able to directly interact withthepeoplewholivedtheeventsbeing portrayed."Itwasveryneattomeettheactual people the story is about," he said.

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The new guy: Mr. Franklin

Most students know Mr. Marshall Franklinasthenewexecutivevicepresi- dentforoperationsatBJU.Butwhat is life like outside of his role on campus? CollegianstaffwriterJordanWellintalked with Mr. Franklin about some of his personalinterests,aswellasadjustingto lifeinGreenvilleaftermovingbackfrom Europe. See p. 4 for the interview.



Mr. Marshall Franklin, new executive vice president for operations, speaks about his personal and professional life. Photo: Sam Rigby

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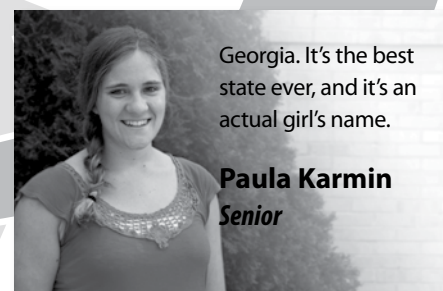
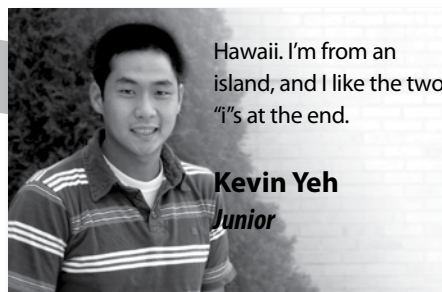
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If you were named after a U.S. state, which one would it be and why?

COLUMN



RACHEL PEED

I hate shopping—with a passion. When I was little, I would dread the sight of “50% off” or “One Day Only Sale” signs because they meant that inevitably my sister would drag me inside a store for hours while she searched through each shelf, rack and display.

You see, I view shopping as a necessary evil (though I do enjoy bringing my new purchases home and trying them out). So you can probably understand the sense of awe-inspiring discovery I felt when, as a fourth grader, I realized the joy of online shopping.

To learn I could find exactly what I needed without having to leave home and to have it delivered to my door in 3-5 business days was truly a rapturous experience. Of course, as a 9-year-old, my online shopping was somewhat limited by the fact that I didn't yet have a debit card or checking account. I had to either reimburse my parents or pick up an old-fashioned money order at the post office.

In high school, I got my own PayPal account and quickly became an avid online shopper. Now, the majority of all my purchases—books, clothes, jewelry, electronics and more—are

made online.

Of course, online shopping can be both a blessing and a curse. First of all, it can be too easy. In a store, the time it takes to pick out an item, carry it to the register and physically hand over your credit card or cash gives you ample time to consider whether the purchase is actually necessary.

But you are much more likely to make an impulse buy when shopping online, especially when faced with the temptation of that little “Buy now with 1-click” button.

Almost everyone who frequently shops online has made a snap-decision purchase at least once, like that coat I bought last week despite already having several hanging in my closet.

Another danger of online shopping is becoming caught

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Americans should be more aware of politics

The Collegian Editorial

Last week, President Barack Obama visited North Carolina State University to promote his new jobs bill, at one point telling the people gathered to support it simply because they support him.

With the 2012 elections approaching at a break-neck speed (a mere 14 months away), candidates from both parties are campaigning hard for the top spot. North Carolina is considered one of the crucial swing states for the next presidential election, and this appearance turned out to be as much a campaign rally as a speech about new legislation.

When a man shouted out, “I love you, Barack,” the president replied with a laugh, “I love you back. But if you love me, you’ve got to help me pass this bill.”

What is the problem with this statement? He just asked that man and everyone else at that assembly to blindly follow him because of who he is. The contents of the bill were beside the point; the person behind the bill was what mattered.

Though the phenomenon is rarely stated so bluntly, sadly this is how much of American politics works. Party affiliations dictate our positions on issues, and politicians explain what we should think and believe about them. And Americans simply listen to whoever is their favorite.

Nobody is perfect, even the politician that we vote for and support. So why is it that we allow the men and women in Washington to dictate our beliefs about current issues? Why do we so rarely decide for ourselves how to think about new legislation and policies?

With a wealth of information on any topic at our fingertips, there is no reason we can't research Obama's new bill for ourselves. Then we can form our own opinion on the matter and give a solid answer when someone asks what we think about it.



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Students talk to potential employers at the BJU job fair. Photo: Photo Services

Job Fair to give students post-grad opportunities

STEFFANI RUSSELL

BJU's annual job fair will be held in the Riley Reception Room Wednesday to inform students about graduate assistantships and staff opportunities on campus.

Recruiters and representatives of various university departments will be available to talk to students and accept profile forms, which will be provided, and resumes from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Each year, the university job fair gives

students a head start on their job search—an opportunity for students to “window shop” potential opportunities for full-time employment or employment during their time in grad school.

Students receiving an undergraduate degree this May will get a packet of application materials in their P.O. box before the fair. This packet includes an application to graduate school and a personal profile for seniors to complete, copy and give out,

expressing their interest in different GA and staff positions.

Dr. Steve Buckley, manager of Career Services, said the GA positions are especially good opportunities for students wanting to build their resumes while in grad school. “For future employment, being in a career-related position while in grad school gives you an edge,” Dr. Buckley said.

While the job fair is intended for graduating seniors to apply and express interest in on-campus positions, students of other classifications—especially juniors—are strongly encouraged to attend.

“The fair is a ‘get acquainted’ opportunity from which students of all classifications can benefit,” Dr. Buckley said. “It lets students know what to expect.”

How do you make the best impression when talking to recruiters? According to Dr. Buckley, students should treat it like a real interview. Be prepared. By having copies of your profile prepared and looking at the open positions ahead of time (available on the Career Services website), you’ll let recruiters know you’re ahead of the game.

To make yourself really stand out, have copies of your resume to give to recruiters along with your profile. Recruiters want to know who you are, and a resume helps them with that.

“It’s never too early to start considering your career options,” Dr. Buckley said. “Pray about it, consider it and talk to your advisor.”

In the know:

UBA Forum

The first UBA forum of the semester will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Faculty (Red) Room of the dining common.

Job Fair

The BJU Job Fair will be held between 12:30 and 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Riley Reception Room. Bring copies of your resume to give to potential employers for BJU jobs and graduate assistantships.

Tickets available

Tickets for the upcoming Concert, Artist and Drama Series program, featuring pianist Joyce Yang, will be available Thursday after chapel and Friday from Programs & Productions.

Vespers

The story of Paul Sopt, a man who escaped communist Romania during the 1970s to find Christ, will be presented Thursday with identical performances at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in Rodeheaver Auditorium.



Prayer boards help to visualize the power of prayer. Photo: Amy Roukes

Visuals aid in prayer

JESSI HARGETT

In remembrance of Sept. 11, the BJU family participated in a week of prayer for the families of the victims of that tragic day. In order to increase student involvement, the Student Leadership Council used prayer boards as a creative visual display.

They plan to continue this prayer initiative throughout the semester. Women's ISC director Lisa Popwell, who helped plan and create the 9/11 boards, said, “This is the first of a set of prayer initiatives.” Each month prayer boards will be set up with a different design and emphasis.

Tessa Parker, women's event coordi-

nator, said the idea came in the summer when she realized that this September was the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. She wanted the student body to do something, and the prayer board idea came to life.

The theme verse for this project is Romans 12:12, “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”

“We want to be praying for the families and people most affected by 9/11,” student body president Luke Hess said. “But honestly, I think it will be more of a help for the student body when they realize that we, as Christians, have a responsibility to go to God in prayer.”

To encourage students to take this

responsibility, the Student Leadership Council created painted boards made in the shape of the twin towers, which were placed in undergraduate residence halls and the Snack Shop. Students could pick up a card with a victim's name written on it, write a prayer on the back of the card, pray for the family and then pin the card on the board.

“We wanted something interactive that the students could get involved in,” Lisa said.

The boards were more than a display surface. They were symbolic of what's happening when we pray, Tessa said. “The boards are going to be physically covered by people's cards which represent their prayers,” she said. “When we pray, they [our problems] actually get covered up by prayer.”

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This day in history:

1846 - The planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

This week in weird:

A Mississippi man attempted to steal two bags of jumbo shrimp, a pork loin and two live lobsters from a grocery store by stuffing them in his cargo shorts. He threw the pork loin at an employee and tried to run but was arrested outside the store.

They said it, not me:

“If you're saying I can be bought for \$5,000, I'm offended.” - Rick Perry to Michele Bachmann during the GOP debate in Florida

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Founder's vision for BJU continues 85 years later



Students pose in front of Bob Jones College's original campus in Florida. Photo: Photo Services

GLORIA GIBRAEL

The 2011-2012 academic year marks the 85th anniversary of Bob Jones University. Eighty-five years ago, Bob Jones University was Bob Jones College in Florida, before it moved to Tennessee and then eventually to Greenville, S.C.

The College offered only three majors at that time: Bible, speech and music. Those three majors were the core of Dr. Bob Sr.'s idea of a liberal arts institution, which has now grown into a university with more than 3,400 students and 70 undergraduate and 28 graduate degrees.

Dr. Phil Smith, former student, dean, registrar and provost, said founder Dr. Bob Jones Sr. believed Bible, speech and music would give students a well-rounded education. "We had Bible because we wanted to train ministers and missionaries and proclaim the Word of God," Dr. Smith said.

Dr. Bob III said his grandfather's vision for the College was founded around the Bible. "The Bible was his confidence, and he knew that a life educated without the Bible was a life that would be lived in some basic ignorance of what life is about," he said.

Music was also crucial to Dr. Bob Sr., Dr. Smith said. He believed that if someone had a musical talent from the Lord, that person should develop it for the Lord no matter what his or her major.

Speech was also important to the founder, Dr. Smith said. "Dr. Bob Sr. was very driven by the fact that if you were going to be successful, you had to commu-

nicate and if you couldn't speak up forcefully or speak up so you could be heard and speak up with conviction that you wouldn't be a leader," he said.

During the late 1920s, colleges that were strong in the Bible and biblical studies weren't interested in a liberal arts education, according to Dr. Dwight Gustafson, former dean of the School of Fine Arts.

"Dr. Bob Sr. had different ideas about that," Dr. Gustafson said. "He said Bob Jones College would be a school based on the Bible, but it would also teach young people what they need to know about liberal arts and manners as well."

Dr. Gustafson said he remembers Dr. Bob Jones Sr. pacing up and down saying, "We need to have a school where young men can walk into a lady's parlor, sit down and behave themselves like gentlemen."

During the founding of Bob Jones College, fundamentalism and fundamentalist schools had a reputation for not really training students, Dr. Gustafson said. Bob Jones Sr. wanted to change that.

Dr. Gustafson started teaching in 1952 and retired in 1997 but still worked part-time until 2004. "I feel very strongly about a commitment to the arts," he said. "Through all the changes over the years, Bible, music and speech stayed; that's what Bob Jones [University] is."

Bible and speech classes are required of every student, just like they were upon the founding of BJU. "We can't go forward in any of these other disciplines without a good foundation in those two areas," Dr. Bob III said.

Q & A with new executive vice president of operations

JORDAN WELLIN

JW: You lived in Paris for three years. Are you fluent in French?

MF: I joke with my family that I'm fluent, but they don't agree. Thankfully, most of the business interactions done in Paris are in English.

What do you miss the most about Paris?

The things we enjoyed were the pedestrian lifestyle. We didn't have a car there, so we walked everywhere or took the Metro. The architectural beauty is something I never got tired of. And the food is incredible. We also had a French church that we went to, so we miss those relationships. And we got to visit 22 countries while we were there.

What are some of your favorite places in Greenville?

We loved downtown Greenville. It reminds me a lot of the pedestrian atmosphere in Paris, actually.

Mac or PC?

I'm in transition at the moment. I use a Mac mini at home, but a PC at work.

Do you have an iPod?

I don't. I'm learning about the world of iPods and iPads. I do have a Facebook, but my children are still coaching me on how to use it. But I have done four mobile uploads, which I'm very proud of. An iPad is on my Christmas wish list, though.

What was the last thing that you purchased?

Frozen yogurt at the Snack Shop. I think it was vanilla with Oreos in it.

Football season just started. Are you a big football fan?

I love college football. The Alabama Crimson Tide is my team. From as soon as I was watching TV, I was watching Alabama football. [The team] went through a huge

lull, but we're finally starting to have some success.

What are some of your hobbies?

Before I had kids, I played golf quite a bit. But when the kids came, I said, "Forget about my hobbies" and tried to focus on their hobbies instead. William (19) is a runner, so we run together. Mary Catherine (15) likes horseback riding, so I've tried to learn about that, and Lauren Elizabeth (14) likes cars, so we go to car shows. I also really like politics and reading about that.

What was your first job?

The first way I earned income was yard work. I started that when I was probably 12. And then my first paycheck was working maintenance at Holiday Inn. I took out the trash, cleaned the pool and all that kind of stuff.

Is there anything that still sticks with you from your time here as a student at BJU?

I remember how much I loved Dr. Bob Wood preaching in chapel and how practical his sermons were. That was a huge influence in my spiritual growth. And to have a chance to work with him now is pretty cool. In the classroom, I remember Dr. Kris Martin (of the accounting faculty) and his work ethic and what an example he was to me.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse?

My theme verse for this year is Ephesians 4:1-3, because it deals with the things I'm facing now. I'm praying for humility and patience in my new role.

What are your goals for the coming academic year?

It's a new environment and culture reform, so to be an effective leader, I need to assimilate to this culture. So my key focus is to listen and turn that into learning so I'll be in a position to lead. It's so exciting to be a part of ministry where young people's lives are becoming more Christ-like, and that's what fires me up every day.

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The Swamp Rabbit Tram Trail is a 13.55-mile trail for walkers, runners, bikers or even inlineskaters. The trail runs from Travelers Rest to downtown Greenville. However, those using the trail can start or stop wherever they choose since parking and restrooms are available at various points along the trail. "You can just get on and get off any time," said Mr. Rick Nifenecker, a BJU culinary arts professor who frequently runs and bikes the trail.

Since the trail is completely paved and flat, it's a great place for beginners to run or bike, Mr. Nifenecker said. Some parts of the trail have a rubberized section made just like a rubber track which has more give, making it easier on runners' joints.



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How did it start?

The Swamp Rabbit Tram Trail was named after a train called the Swamp Rabbit that traveled through the mountains of South Carolina from the 1880s to 1933, when the line was abandoned.

In 2008, the Greenville Hospital System began making the rail line into a trail for the community to enjoy. This "rail to trails" project was completed on May 8, 2009, but this October construction will begin to extend the trails south to South Pleasantburg Drive and as far north as North Carolina.

Who uses it?

People of all ages use the Swamp Rabbit from dawn to dusk. The amount of traffic the trail gets every day is more than the population of Travelers Rest, said Ty Houck, director of Greenways Natural and Historic Resources. That's more than 4,000 people using the trail every day! Of those people, 6 percent use it for commuting to and from work.

Aaron Iles, a sophomore mathematics major, uses the trail about three times a week. He's even taken his soccer team to the trail, but his favorite time to go is in the early morning when the trail isn't as crowded.



Some parts of the trail have a rubberized section, which is easier on runners' joints.

Why go?

"It's a great way right outside your door to get outside, be active and enjoy being outdoors," Ty said. Another advantage of the trail, Ty said, is that it's free of traffic.



Pirates finish Eagles 2-0

ABBY STANLEY

The Tri Epsilon Pirates ended two hard-fought volleyball games as the victors against the Alpha Gamma Eagles in a match Saturday night. Both teams looked shaky in the beginning but quickly warmed up and found their niches.

A dive by Brittany Clemens let the Pirates get ahead in the first game 17-14 and allowed the team to stay a point ahead the rest of the match. The Eagles came from behind by four and pulled within two when a spike by the Pirates' Kamri Payne ended a long volley and the first game 25-23.

Both teams became more aggressive in the second game, but the Eagles managed to stay ahead with a save by Esther LaPointe and a tip for Becca Dahlhausen. After a timeout, Pirates' Casey Thomas worked as setter, which took pressure off the backcourt defense of Ilene Anderson and Tex Lohnes.

The game appeared to be over when the Pirates were ahead by six, 23-17. The Eagles, however, took advantage of Pirate mistakes, strong serves and blocked spikes to close the gap 24-23. A tense last volley ended with the Eagles missing a hit, which finished the game 25-23.

Pirate player Whitney Runkle was proud of her team for coming out with the win, "As a team we just play smart," she said. Despite losing, the Eagles still showed a lot of talent and hope to win close matches as the season continues.



Becca Dahlhausen drills a spike for the Eagles while Amelia Anderson goes up for a block. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

Stallions salvage tie with Bulldogs

SCOTT JENNINGS

The Kappa Theta Stallions and Phi Beta Bulldogs battled to a 1-1 tie Saturday night in a rematch of last year's soccer playoff matchup.

Two players for the Stallions suffered significant injuries during the game. Jae Woo Ba received a gash on his face that required stitches, and Seth Butcher broke his leg going for a loose ball at the beginning of overtime.

The Stallions packed the box in defensive-minded strategy in a successful effort to frustrate the Bulldogs. Despite multiple opportunities, the Bulldogs found the back of the net only once.

Late in the first half, Jae Woo Ba was hit just inside the box, earning a penalty kick for the Stallions. Jon Clute put the kick past the Bulldogs' goal to give the Stallions a 1-0 lead.

With only 10 minutes remaining in the game, the Bulldogs Pavel Kasaev scored a shot from just outside the box into the side of the net to tie the game. The Bulldogs had two more golden scoring chances inside the Stallions box, one late in regulation and the other in overtime, but could not capitalize on either one.

Jon Clute said this might be the best result for the Stallions in years and is a big confidence booster for the season. "We feel that we were able to hang with a bigger society," he said. "The mood after the game was exciting."



The Stallions' Kyle Smith comes up with a save against Phi Beta. Photo: Jon Baker

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Team Impact seeks to use martial arts to influence community youth for Christ. Photo: Submitted

Martial arts aid witnessing

ANDREW MISHLER

On any given day, many outreaches from Bob Jones University minister the Gospel throughout the surrounding community. Many of these gospel outreaches have creative ways of reaching out to their harvest field. One such ministry, Team Impact, probably has

one of the most creative methods of any outreach. Team Impact comprises a group of students from BJU who all have some form of martial arts training. Most of the members of the team have five or more years of training. The various martial art forms include Tae Kwon Do, American and Chinese Kenpo, Mixed Martial Arts, and Jujitsu. Lynn Nelson, the leader of Team Impact, said, "We pair with other extensions, and we go to an after school program or a community center and we do a demonstration for kids." The demos include a wide variety of martial arts techniques. The team performs a choreographed routine that lasts

about 45 minutes. "Our routine includes weapons, board breaking, the self-defense aspect and the traditional fighting forms that come to mind when you think of martial arts," team member Richard Estelle said. Martial arts is not the only thing that Team Impact does. The team members use their talents to attract young people to the demo so they can tell them about Jesus Christ. After the demo, Ben Taylor gives a straight gospel message. The team also hands out cards that have the Gospel written on the back. Lynn said the children always want the team members' autographs on the cards and often show them to their friends and family members.

"The kids will take it into their home, and it can have a far-reaching effect," Lynn said. Richard said, "It's different than just street witnessing because we already have their attention and respect, and they want to talk to you." Team Impact is able to effectively reach children for Christ in this way. Team Impact ministers to each other as well as the surrounding community. "It's great to get together with people that not only share your Christian beliefs but also share your martial arts interests," Richard said. The team is currently looking to pair up with other outreach groups to spread the Gospel even farther this year.

Beta striker predicts season outcome

CALEB DAVIS

Sophomore Devon McKenzie, a talented striker playing for the Beta Gamma Patriots, will be a key component to Beta's run for the Turkey Bowl this year. Collegian sports writer Caleb Davis interviewed Devon about his soccer background and thoughts on this season. Q: Where did you grow up? A: Germany. I was a missionary kid. Q: How big was soccer in your early childhood? A: In my case it wasn't big at all. I didn't play soccer till I was 13 years old, but it was huge all around. Germany is a huge soccer nation. Q: Do you prefer the style of play in Germany or America?



Devon McKenzie hopes for another strong season. Photo: Submitted

A: German. German guys are a lot better at the finesse and stylish playing. They have been playing it for a lot longer. Q: Why did you join the society that you joined? A: I joined the Patriots because they had a really strong senior class and, when I talked to the freshmen that were thinking about the Patriots, I thought we would have a really strong freshman class. I just looked at every big society. Q: What are your thoughts on this soccer season for Beta? A: We'll be strong. We're not going to be dominant. Buckle up for some pretty close and action-packed Beta games. Q: What are your thoughts on this soccer season as a whole? A: I'm pretty sure Pi Gamma is going to dominate this season. They have a really solid team in every aspect. So I guess Pi Gamma is going to take the Turkey Bowl, but we'll see. Everybody has a chance to take the Turkey Bowl.

SPORTSPICKS

staff	Men's Soccer	Women's Volleyball	NFL
	Basil vs. Cobras	Pirates vs. Cardinals	Cowboys vs. Redskins
Scott Jennings (1-2)	Basil	Cardinals	Cowboys
Abby Stanley (3-0)	Basil	Pirates	Cowboys
Andrew Mishler (1-2)	Cobras	Cardinals	Cowboys
Caleb Davis (1-2)	Cobras	Cardinals	Cowboys
guests			
Sam Newhart (2-1) male guest	Basil	Cardinals	Redskins
Jessica Piper (1-2) female guest	Basil	Cardinals	Cowboys

THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS POWER RANKINGS

1. PI GAMMA

The Royals' speed and offensive power make them a favorite to take the Turkey Bowl.
2. BETA

Although the Patriots lost a lot of key players, they return enough talent to remain a powerhouse.
3. ALPHA

A large senior class hopes to claim Alpha's first Turkey Bowl since 2007.
4. OMEGA

Omega flexed its offensive muscle in an effortless 10-0 win over Nu Delt.
5. ZETA CHI

A hard-working senior class hopes to turn Turkey Bowl dream into a reality.

Forum to focus on technology

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Imagine being encouraged to get your cell phone out in FMA and start texting. That's what you can expect at the first Biblical Worldview Forum next week. The forum will be held Friday at 11 a.m.

This forum will be the first of a series of three throughout the academic year. The other two are scheduled for Feb. 3 and March 9.

In this first forum, which is about technology and communication, students will submit questions for discussion via text message during the meeting. This method of submitting questions proved to be fun and effective during the freshman summer orientation, and the University wants to try it on a bigger scale.

Karissa Kincaid, a junior English major said, "I really like the idea of the students being able to text in questions because it allows them to be involved."

Dr. Ryan Meers, chairman of the Division of Communication, will moderate, and four panel members will discuss lessons they have learned about technology and then answer some of the texted questions from the student body as time allows.

The panel will consist of Dr. Ted Miller from the Bible faculty; Dr. Bill Lovegrove from the science faculty; Mr. Nathaniel Pringle, assistant dean of men; and Mr. David Lovegrove, manager of Creative Services.

The forums are designed to further discussions within the student body about living faithfully in the modern world with a biblical worldview.

"Student leaders have mentioned that they feel like there are some pressing issues that they would love to hear more about," said Dr. Eric Newton, dean of students. "We also recognize the strengths of drawing from different but complementary perspectives."

Katie Betancourt, a senior speech pedagogy major, said, "There's a big disconnect between living here at Bob Jones and living back at home. I think the students need to see the importance of living with a Christian worldview here and at home."

Dr. Meers said, "I think it's a good thing, and I'm excited about it. We're not ashamed to post that we just ate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but we're ashamed to encourage someone with what the Lord spoke to us through His Word that morning."

Dr. Miller said he believes that a wise use of technology requires balance. "Television's awesome, and television's terrible, depending on what you're doing with it," he said.

He added that he tries to manage the amount of time that technology claims from him. "I am a total news junkie," he said. "There's times when I'm walking my baby to sleep, and I've got my iPod Touch

out, [and] I'm answering my email with my left thumb."

Dr. Lovegrove has been using technology both at work and home for many years.

He said, "We are concerned that students are using technology without really thinking. Part of my desire is to get people to stop and think about how they use technology."

Mr. Pringle said he uses his iPad for pretty much everything. He even likes to preach from it. His chief concern is that students recognize that what he and the other panelists plan to share are principles based on Scripture, not just the University's ideas.

"We just want to do whatever we can to help students in particular develop biblical discernment about contemporary issues," said Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for academic affairs. He shared with Dr. Newton the initial burden that became this series of forums. "Come with an open mind, willing to learn and ask questions."

M&G to hold antique appraisal

TAYLOR ANDERSON

People from all over the Southeast will have the chance for their prized possessions to be appraised Saturday at the Museum and Gallery's 12th annual event, "Collectible or Curiosity?"

Similar in concept to PBS's series "Antiques Roadshow," the event will feature three experts from South Carolina and Georgia with specialties in furniture, pottery, porcelain, guns, arts and general antiques. Attendees will be able to learn the history and value of their art pieces, family heirlooms or other knick knacks they might have lying around.

"Collectible or Curiosity?" will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and last until 5 p.m. Registration is \$18 per item for up to three items with a \$5 fee for each additional guest.

Call (864) 770-1331 or stop by the M&G Gift Shop to register.

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Mrs. Becca Kaser of the Fine Arts and Communication faculty wrote and is directing this new presentation focusing on the theme of the impossible dream.

The program will feature actors portraying Sopt's story in addition to actual interviews with Sopt being presented in media presentations throughout the program.

The entire program will focus on God's sovereignty. Mrs. Kaser said the program will give a clear message that no matter what the circumstances are in people's lives, God is in control.

Mr. Bean said what he has taken away from the story is that if God's goals are not the goals of His people, then no one is ever going to be truly happy. "It is a really

good story I think students will be able to relate to," Mr. Bean said.

Paul Sopt's story is one that Miss Lindsay Morgan, a faculty GA playing the part of Sopt's wife, has a personal connection with. After meeting with Sopt and his wife, Miss Morgan realized she had gone to school with their son. Miss Morgan pointed out the decisions Sopt made had long-range effects, including the eventual education of Sopt's son in America.

Mrs. Kaser said her inspiration for the program came from Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

As one of the first Vespers of the year, a lot of work has been done in a short amount of time. "It has been a real pressure cooker kind of process to get it up and running these first couple weeks of school," Mr. Bean said. Mr. Eout said from the time they started reading through the script to having rehearsals was like going from 0 to 60 mph.

Students with last names beginning with F-L should attend the 7 p.m. showing, and students with last names beginning with M-Z and A-E will attend at 8:30 p.m.

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up in the materialism which is so prevalent in our society. It's easy to be trapped in the pursuit of stuff when you go online and, in seconds, be introduced to so many things you had no idea you "needed"—like binoculars that record video or a bean bag chair shaped like your favorite team's mascot.

Additionally, every time you buy something, you will be bombarded with lists of "recommended for you" items as soon as you confirm your payment. Oh, you just bought an e-book? Then you obviously need an e-reader case, this charger and this package of 100 screen protectors. "I guess I do need those," you think, as you click the purchase button.

But the Scriptures command us to be good stewards of our money, and commonly making impulse buys and getting caught up in the materialism of online shopping is certainly not the way to do that. Deuteronomy 10:14 says the heavens, and the earth and everything in the earth—which includes our money—is the Lord's.

Whether that money is represented by cold hard cash, a little piece of plastic or numbers somewhere in cyberspace, it still ultimately belongs to God. Therefore, we should spend it wisely.

So the next time you or I go online and see that thing that we absolutely "need" (even though we already have five similar items), let's first ask ourselves if that money could be used in a way that would be more glorifying to God. It is His, after all.

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This prayer initiative has several purposes. Tessa said, "One of the goals of this project is to get our eyes off ourselves and to start praying for other people and to look for God's bigger plan in people's lives." Mr. Kasey McClure, lead coordinator of student organizations, said, "The main purpose is to remind us to be praying for people."

Another purpose is for students to realize the power of prayer. "I want it to bring a realization of how important prayer is in the Christian life," Luke said. He said he wants the student body to realize that prayer is a powerful tool.

"It's encouraging to me to know that I'm helping people spiritually by praying for them," freshman Haylee Scarborough said. Freshman Ryan Kliewer said the prayer initiative encourages us as Christians to be salt and light in the world.

The first opportunity to participate in the prayer boards is past, but future opportunities are coming. Luke said, "This is an opportunity for us to exercise our faith and grow together." Tessa challenges the student body "to get on board" and pray.

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