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BJU students helps an athlete at the 2010 Washington Center Challenge Day. Photo: Photo Services

Students assist at Washington Center Day

DANIELLE NIFENECKER

More than 300 university students will help the special needs youth from Washington Center with games and Olympic-style events today.

Washington Center has the motto "Those you think cannot... can!" The Challenge Day helps to show the community that athletes with special needs are able to succeed.

Every year, BJU's education majors and health, fitness and recreation majors start the day early setting up different kinds of games.

Ben Cure, a junior health, fitness and recreation major, said he enjoyed the opportunity to serve at last year's event and meet all the athletes. "Because I helped with a specific event, I worked with almost every athlete," he said, referring to last year's Washington Center Challenge Day. "[The events are] rewarding on both sides. The athlete gets to accomplish something and succeed in that event, and I have the opportunity to serve someone and learn from them."

Each participating university student is given the name of a Washington Center student to meet when the buses arrive. Washington Center students are ages 5 to 21 with moderate to severe mental disabilities. Some parents attend the event to help with the specific needs of their children.

Athletes leave the buses and enter the field house and hear the university band playing Olympic fanfares as they walk through balloon trellises.

Activities for the athletes range from bikerace to basketball freethrows and even include a bounce castle. University students guide the athletes through their events and help whenever they are needed.

Rachel Cochran, a junior early childhood education major, said last year's Washington Center Challenge Day was a time to learn for her as well. "I haven't had much experience with special needs, so it was great to meet them and learn how they play and communicate," she said.

Some moments with the athletes stand out to university students. Juli Smith, a junior English education major, remembers her favorite part of the day last year was seeing her athletes succeed. "When he made the shot in basketball, he was so excited and his face just lit up," she said.

"The final awards ceremony is really special," Rachel said. "The kids are beaming as they receive awards, and everyone cheers for them."

Juli, summarizing her experience at Washington Center Challenge Day, said, "The best part was getting to meet all the different kids and seeing how unique God has made everybody, and that they are still able to accomplish great things."

Meet Mrs. Jennifer Cox

While not new to BJU, Mrs. Jennifer Cox is new to the University's administrative staff as she steps into the role of assistant dean of women. Collegian staff writer Gloria Gibrael sat down to ask Mrs. Cox questions about life in and out of the office and adjusting to her new position. For the full interview, turn to page 4.



Mrs. Jennifer Cox, assistant dean of women, speaks about adjusting to her new position. Photo: Sam Rigby

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JORDAN WELLIN

Amish people don't get enough respect.

It's true.

These days, it's easy to stereotype the Amish as "that group of people with the beards, bonnets and buggies." But I think we all could learn a lesson or two from the example of our friends with a more primitive lifestyle.

I actually had a fair bit of interaction with the Amish in my younger days. As it turns out, my old stomping ground of South Bend, Ind., is not too far away from prime Amish territory. An Amish man named Lamar kept our family's horse for us on his farm, so we would frequently venture far out into the country to see my horse, Leo.

What I remember most about Lamar was his beard. This wasn't your typical, run-of-the-mill amalgamation of whiskers; it was massive. It was like an extension of Lamar himself: a living, breathing creature, as it were. There could have been animals nesting in there for all I knew. Still, the wide-eyed little boy version of me saw that beard and coveted it.

But that's not the only

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Comic by: Loren Crisp

College graduates should not sacrifice potential for comfort

The Collegian Editorial

Today's college graduates face the most difficult job market in years. A college degree means less than it ever has as the economy continues to struggle. With seemingly no other options, more graduates are moving back in with their parents than ever before.

At first, a move back home doesn't seem so bad. Just two or three months more with their parents before moving out on their own has really helped some college grads. But for more and more graduates, the move back home lasts longer than a few months. According to a 2010 poll by Twentysomething Inc., a marketing and research firm, 85 percent of college seniors planned to move back home after graduation. The director of Twentysomething Inc. has found that many college students' return stay at home lasts a year and a half or even longer.

But not all graduates return home. Many remain in the area of their college even after graduation. After all, most of their networking connections from the past

four years are in the college town they've been living in.

But graduates should not limit themselves by staying in one place. The world contains so much more than one college town can offer. While it might make sense to make a brief return home or spend some time getting an initial job in their college town, like Greenville, the time quickly comes for college grads to go out into the world.

In Mark 16:15, Jesus says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Billions of people in the world do not know Jesus as their personal Savior. Many of them have never even heard His name before. With all the churches already currently in Greenville, it seems like this area is pretty well covered.

As graduation races toward college students, seniors need to ask themselves where they will go so they can best serve Christ. No, the bags do not need to be packed on Saturday, May 5. But hanging around a comfortable area wastes potential that could be used for the sake of the Gospel. When it comes time to move on, don't settle for the comfortable.

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Tea with milk and sugar, Canadian style.

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Caramel coffee with hazelnut creamer and three packs of Splenda.

Mike Hammons
Sophomore

Coffee or tea, and how do you like it?



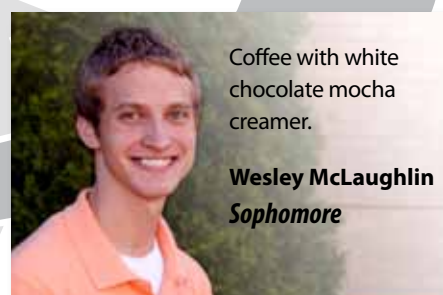
Iced tea with lemon and honey.

Miriam Silaghi
Junior



Coffee with tons of creamer and sugar.

Stephanie Woughter
Junior



Coffee with white chocolate mocha creamer.

Wesley McLaughlin
Sophomore

GET SOME CREATIVE birthday IDEAS

JESSI HARGETT

Although some students think birthdays aren't as special at college as at home, several BJU students have shown that it's possible to plan fun birthday bashes right here in Greenville.

The first step is to choose the right location, whether on or off campus. The Greenville area offers several good places for parties. Students can take advantage of Falls Park or an area restaurant. Also, Paris Mountain is a great place to have a picnic party and hike along the trails.

The BJU campus has several good spots to choose from, especially if time or transportation is an issue. The Edwards Activity Room in the Student Center is a popular, convenient place to set up a party, and no reservations are needed.

Freshman Sarah Rickerd's family and friends surprised her with a party in the Student Center last February. Working behind her back, they decorated, brought in some food and coaxed her up to the

Student Center for a supposed game of Ping-Pong, only to surprise her with a party.

Also, BJU students can reserve either of two pavilions on the backside of campus near the greenhouses. These are perfect for large groups because they have picnic tables, gas grills, bathrooms and fireplaces. To reserve a pavilion, students can contact Social Events Coordinator Miss Mary Ellen Boyle. The Gazebo can also be reserved for parties through Miss Boyle.

Sophomore Caroline Estabrooks planned a relaxed, surprise party for her sister in the sitting area in front of the Davis Field House. This is a great place for small parties without a reservation.

The back room of the Snack Shop is another option for students. The room seats around 60 and needs to be reserved by calling the Snack Shop as soon as possible to be sure it is available. Since the Snack Shop is hosting the party, it must also furnish the food.

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In the know:

Symphonic Wind Band

The Symphonic Wind Band will perform an outdoor concert at the Gazebo today at 6 p.m.

New Chapel Seats

New chapel seat assignments for Monday will be posted on Student-Central.

Mission Team Chapel

Members from various BJU mission teams will give testimonies from this summer during a special chapel service Tuesday, and all mission teams will have their organization meetings for next summer Tuesday evening.

UEA Meeting

BJA administrator Dan Nelson will speak at the first University Educators Association meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in Lecture B.

Symphonic Wind Band to perform outdoor concert



Members of the Symphonic Wind Band practice for their upcoming concert. Photo: Mark Cronmeyer

KYLE SEISS

Rhythms of the American spirit will roll from the Gazebo as the Symphonic Wind Band holds its annual outdoor concert tonight, starting at 6 p.m.

The concert will last 45 to 50 minutes. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved from the Gazebo to Stratton Hall.

The band's repertoire will feature various styles ranging from stirring marches to music from Fiddler on the Roof.

Band director Dr. Dan Turner said, "This concert is basically focused on American music, not necessarily patriotic, but American in nature."

One of the more notable pieces will be "Black Granite," a march dedicated to our soldiers who fell in Vietnam. The title "Black Granite" evokes an image of the mirror black stone of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in listeners' mind.

"We're playing a variety of music that could be attractive to different audiences," said Nathan Phillips, a sophomore music education major who plays trombone in the band. "There will be at least

one piece that everyone can connect to and appreciate."

One of the pieces that several of the band members are looking forward to playing is a medley of pieces by Aaron Copland called "A Copland Portrait."

"I just love the sounds of it," freshman trombonist David Overly said. Nathan said he found the Copland medley to be the most inspiring to him.

Freshman church music major Anna Hawkey plays flute for the band. "The symphonic dances from Fiddler on the Roof are really fun; they really put a smile on your face," she said. "That's my favorite one we're doing."

The Symphonic Wind Band consists of 50 musicians, playing brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Besides the gazebo concert, they will also perform in a Vespers program this semester and again at the Lighting Ceremony in December.

The band members have three rehearsals per week, and try to practice several hours individually as well.

"Some of the music is really fast, so I should probably do a little bit of personal preparation," said Chelsea Cox, a senior orchestral instrument performance major.

"The whole gazebo concerting general is a big tradition here at Bob Jones," Chelsea said. This will be her fourth year playing oboe for the band. "And it's fun for us band kids. We start to get to know each other as a group."

"I love playing outside; the atmosphere is just great," David said. "They're gonna have a good time, guaranteed. If you love music, you gotta go."

Chelsea said, "If you're not much of a concert goer, this is a good starter because it's a casual setting and it's definitely a fun atmosphere."

Dr. Turner said, "It's a great way to end the month of September. It's always a really fun program. Get a date, bring your sack of Big Macs and enjoy."

the **beat**
Lee Miller

This week in weird:

A burglar was arrested when he was caught frying bacon in a St. Louis area home. The man was caught when the homeowner returned and discovered the man in her house.

They said it, not me:

"I've forgotten more about Israel than Rick Perry knows about Israel." - Presidential candidate Rick Santorum.

Notable news:

Two American hikers were released after being imprisoned for two years in Iran on charges of spying and illegal entry into the country.

This day in history:

1998 - President Bill Clinton announced the first federal budget surplus in 29 years.

Q & A with new assistant dean of women

GLORIA GIBRAEL

GG: Where did you grow up?
JC: I grew up in Phoenix, Ariz. I grew up in a pastor's home and went to a bilingual church, Spanish and English.

What was your first job?
I worked at a cafeteria; I was a coffee girl, more like a hostess. That was in high school.

What was your major at BJU?
Elementary education.

Did you meet your husband here?
I did; I met him my sophomore year. I was making IDs and he was coming through the line to get a new ID because he was moving from the dorms to town and he had just been traveling with a ministry team who'd stayed with my sister and her husband. So that's how we met, but really when we first started getting to know each other we were at THE WILDS; we both counseled there. We got married right after college and just had our 26th wedding anniversary.

Coffee or tea?
I do like tea, but I'm more of a coffee drinker. I try to drink it black. Once in a blue moon, I'll put in some cream or sugar.

What's your favorite kind of food?
Mexican, definitely Mexican. I grew up with Mexican food. Chips and salsa: so good!

If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I really would like to go to the Holy Land, just to see with my own eyes some of these places that were read about in Scripture. I think if I had to choose right now, that's probably what I would choose.

What are some of your hobbies, if you have time for any?
I do love being a homemaker and being at home, so if I had more time, I'd probably do more stuff around my house. I love to just talk with my kids, Amberley, Chelsea and Caleb, and my husband Bruce. One little thing I do is scrapbooking, mainly a form of online scrapbooking.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse?
I love II Peter 1:2-4. I just love those verses.

What did you do before you became assistant dean of women?
For the last 15 years I've taught at Press Distance Learning. We've been here since 1985, and I also taught at the elementary school and at the Press.



Greenville offers many churches where students can attend and serve. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

Faculty offer tips on finding a church

STEFFANI RUSSELL

It's a challenge hundreds of new BJU students face each year: figuring out which Greenville area church they can best grow and serve in. The options can seem overwhelming. Finding the right church starts with having the right attitude about church, according to Dean of Students Dr. Eric Newton. God commands His children to fellowship with other believers to grow in the Lord and encourage others, Dr. Newton said. 1: Realize it's not just about shopping. "Looking for a church shouldn't be like going on Amazon and trying to choose between three different options," Dr. Newton said. "While a lot of factors are in play, don't

let the length of the service or type of pew overshadow what church is really supposed to be about." The point is not just to find a place you're comfortable with, but to find out where God wants you. "God has a plan for you," Dr. Newton said. "You've just got to prayerfully consider what that plan might be." A list of churches is available on the intranet under the "Life at BJU" tab. Bus schedules are also posted in each residence hall so students can find out how to get to churches throughout the Greenville area. 2: Ask for help. According to Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of Ministerial Training and Outreach Ministries, one of the best ways to find a church

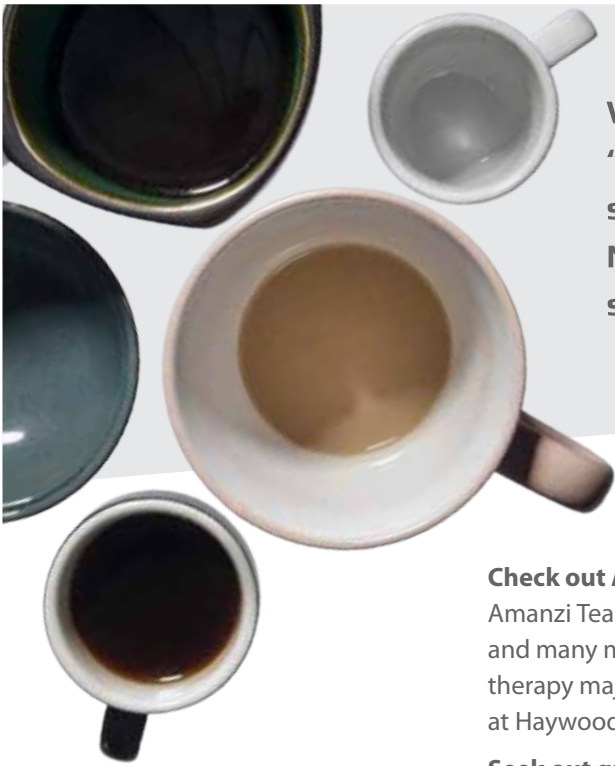
home is to talk to others about your options. Ask other students how they're involved in church. Talk to your parents and spiritual leaders back home; they might have connections and suggestions about getting involved in churches in this area. They can certainly pray that you'll be given the opportunities and wisdom you need to get involved. Anyone who has been a spiritual mentor to you might be able to help. "Don't hesitate to ask for help," Dr. McAllister said. "If I can offer advice about specific churches or questions, I'm willing to do that. Talk to others here. Pray." 3: Grow and serve. Look for a place where you can grow and serve. "Both aspects are vital," Dr.

Newton said. "Just attending a church can lead to a sort of consumer mentality." Church isn't about warming a pew. It's about hearing God's Word, lifting burdens together in prayer and serving each other, he said. Dr. McAllister encourages students to get involved, get settled and commit to a church body once you believe you're where God wants you to be. By going to as many services as possible and looking for ways to serve, you're broadening your horizons and encouraging other church members. "Students themselves need to be friendly and get involved," Dr. McAllister said. "The more involved they get, the more enjoyable church will be."

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At Hampton Village



When you're looking for something hot to drink, what are you drawn to—coffee or tea? "I am an equal opportunity hot beverage drinker," said Miss Erin Hutton, a social science professor who drinks both coffee and tea every day. No one says you have to choose one drink over the other, but why not know a little something about both?

Counsel from Coffee Lovers

Check out Coffee and Crema.

This privately owned business offers quality drinks on which the baristas do froth art!

Don't call yourself a coffee lover if all you drink are mochas and frappes.

"The simpler the better," said Hannah Beckett, a senior who is loyal to the coffee shop she worked at in Alaska. "Keep it high quality."

Check out Amanzi brand tea.

Amanzi Tea sells tea for energy, tea for weight loss, tea for digestion, tea for relaxation and many more. These many options are what keep Anne Sidwell, a junior pre-physical therapy major, frequently going to Amanzi Tea. The nearest store location to campus is at Haywood Mall.

Seek out quality tea.

According to sophomore Shane Kimberlin, supermarket brand tea is not quality tea. "It's not real black tea. It's horrible," Shane said. "It's like going to Costco to get your coffin. You can get it there, and it might function properly, but it's horrible."

Ryan Scheer, a senior, grew up in England where he was raised on tea. He also enjoys Australian tea. Ryan said his family believes American teas are substandard. "If you're going to go for tea, find out what the good kinds are," Ryan said.

Tips from Tea Lovers

tea vs. coffee



Teas to Try



1

Black tea and Green tea

The main difference between the two is that black tea has more caffeine than green tea.

2

Maté

The maté plant comes from Argentina. This tea is known for having the same amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee. The perk, though, is that the natural stimulant in maté won't become addicting or cause the jitters.

3

Oolong tea

The name comes from the Chinese word *wu long*, which means "black dragon." This tea is unique because it has numerous health benefits and the leaves go through a slight fermentation process.

4

Rooibos

This tea is from the red bush in South Africa and is therefore sometimes called red tea. It is caffeine-free and good for the stomach.

Dark Roast

The beans are roasted longer for dark roast than they are for light roast. This gives the coffee a more potent flavor and aroma.

1

Turkish Coffee

The grind for Turkish coffee, the finest grind, is about as fine as a powder. Turkish coffee is heated in a small pot called an *ibrik* and is known for being strong.

2

Espresso

It's not a roast, a bean or a blend. Espresso is made when water is brewed at high pressure through coffee grounds slightly less fine than Turkish coffee. Once brewed, espresso has a surface film called crema.

3

French Press

Also called a press pot, the French press is basically a manually operated coffee maker with a divider which the user pushes down to filter the coffee grounds. One appeal of the French press is that you can actually watch the machine brew your coffee. Since the coffee is placed with the hot water in the upper compartment of the French press, the oils are brewed into the coffee, giving it a pure coffee flavor.

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Coffee Clarifications



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ANDREW MISHLER

Corruption. It is a rampant thing. Wherever people exist in positions of power, for the most part, there will be corruption. We are corrupt by our very nature; the Bible explicitly states this fact in Galatians 6:8 and II Peter 1:4. When individuals have no moral force behind them to influence their actions, personal gain will become a primary factor in decision-making.

Corruption in America is especially tangible in the realm of college athletics. Year after year, scandals ripple throughout the country as broken rules are brought to light. Several of the most prominent athletic programs in the nation have been brought to their knees at the mercy of the NCAA's judgment.

Ohio State University and Miami University (Fla.) have been notoriously rocked by scandals this past year (and I am a die-hard Buckeye fan, so it especially hurts me to write about this). Five star Buckeye players were involved in a fiasco that resulted in a forfeiture of the entire 2010 season (including their Big Ten championship) and in famed coach Jim Tressel's "resignation."

Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl's resume has been indefinitely marred because of his violations in recruiting.

Connecticut, Oregon and Auburn have all faced investigations and/or probation in the past year. Additionally, West Virginia and Michigan have each been put on NCAA

probation for two and three years respectively for various rule violations. And recent allegations against the University of South Carolina have made the headlines in local papers recently with suspensions of several athletes and intense inspection of the integrity of the athletic program.

The fact is that rules are in place and must be followed or the entire system will fall apart. The rules are in place so that no school can gain an unfair advantage in the battle for recruiting the best athletes (which is why so many schools are penalized for offering seemingly "petty" gifts).

If the NCAA allowed anyone a university to slide in abiding by the rules, then the system would be rendered useless because every college would want the same favorable treatment.

What is it that drives the rampant corruption soiling many of the great and favorable aspects of the game? In this case, it is human greed for victory.

The corruption takes away from the greatness of the game. The violations decimate the fan base and can erode the very foundation of the host university.

Is there an answer to the corruption permeating college athletics? Certainly there are individual colleges and players who follow the rules, and those programs are to be commended.

But ultimately, corruption will always exist everywhere (not just in the athletic environment) because all people are susceptible to greed for things of this world.

But worldly things will never satisfy. The only thing that ever completely satisfies is Jesus Christ.

The solution to corruption is and always will be Christ.



Ryan Fisher of Sigma (right) challenges a shot by Pi Gamma's David Overly. Photo: Mark Cronmeyer

Royals dominate Spartans on the soccer field 5-0

ABBY STANLEY

The Pi Gamma Royals continued their march towards the Turkey Bowl with a 5-0 victory against the Sigma Spartans on the soccer field Saturday night.

A combination of an impenetrable defense and a challenging offense gave the Royals the winning edge and gave the Spartans their first taste of serious competition.

Pi Gamma scored in the first half on one of three penalty kick opportunities and quickly gained more team confidence. A deft kick by Royals player Ryan Beadles past the Sigma goalie put Pi Gamma ahead by two at halftime.

Scoring attempts by the Royals' offense kept a tired Spartan defense constantly busy the entire second half.

The Royals had 15 shots on goal compared to the Spartans' one, and players Ben Rodman, Caleb Mckisic and Jon Ronning all scored.

The Spartans showed great teamwork, though, and prevented the Royals from running up the score further.

Sigma's sophomore goalie Adam Gingery, who had an outstanding game, said that the combined back defense of Brady Smith, Nathan Muller and Bob Matheus contributed greatly and helped him as goalie.

"Our back three played really well, but we just got beat around the edges," Adams said. "So we need

to practice edges and keep ball possession in our favor."

Play continued to be aggressive until the end, but both teams saw areas for improvement.

Royals defender Shin Oh Ho said the Spartans were a tough team to play against despite the score.

"They were actually really good," he said. "My team did good work overall, but I think that we will need to work on midfielders and teamwork overall."

He added that he hopes, as the season goes by, his team will continue to prove to the fans and the other teams that they have a strong chance of participating in the Turkey Bowl.

One week is all the practice time the Royals will have as they prepare to battle the Zeta Chi Tornadoes and keep their Turkey Bowl dreams alive.

The Spartans are learning from experience and looking two weeks ahead to a matchup against the Beta Gamma Patriots.

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POWER RANKINGS
MEN

1. PI GAMMA

The Royals still look to be one of the heavy favorites after a dominant 5-0 win over Sigma.
2. BETA

The young, talented group of Patriots has its first real test of the season in their match against Alpha.
3. ALPHA

The experienced Razorback squad looks to make a statement in their showdown against Beta.
4. ZETA CHI

A resounding 7-0 win over the Cavs showed the Tornadoes' potential to make a championship run this year.
5. OMEGA

The upstart Lions face off against Basil in a historic rivalry game.

ALSO RANKED: 6. Basil 7. Pi Kappa 8. Sigma 9. Phi Beta 10. Kappa Theta

THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS
POWER RANKINGS
WOMEN

1. CARDINALS

This highly skilled team is looking to reach champion status.
2. CLASSICS

The team is gaining momentum and hoping to take home the trophy yet again.
3. TIGERS

Freshman starters are making a big difference in tight games.
4. PIRATES

The players are looking to rebound from a difficult loss and play up to their potential.
5. KANGAS

The team will have to depend on hard work to finish strong and win tough games.

ALSO RANKED: 6. Colts 7. Bandits 8. Bear Cubs 9. Eagles 10. Wildcats

Cardinals soar past Pirates in two games



The Cardinals' Bobbi Frank goes up for a spike against the Pirates. Photo: Amy Roukes

ANDREW MISHLER

The Beta Epsilon Cardinals over-matched the Tri Epsilon Pirates in a intense volleyball game Friday night. The Cardinals took the victory in two games, winning by scores of 25-16 and 25-13. Both teams are packed with potential to make deep runs in the playoffs this season. But the Cardinals came out on top this time as the Pirates had no answer for the torrential onslaught of spikes from the Cardinals' talented front line. Senior hitter Bobbi Frank led the Cardinals' offense with eight kills. She and captain Maria Estrella hooked up for the attack many times throughout the match. "We've been playing together since our freshman year, and we know

exactly where each other is going to be on the court," Bobbi said. Maria was also fabulous all through the game, netting 11 successful assists. Martha "Tex" Lohnes and Kamri Payne led the Pirates with stellar play. Kamri accumulated five kills and five digs, while Tex had two aces and six digs and kept her teammates invigorated with her energetic performance. "Someone that's willing to kill themselves makes everyone else want to put all their heart into the game," Tex said. As a team, the Pirates had 29 digs compared to the Cardinals' 10, demonstrating how resilient the Pirates had to be against the relentless Cardinal offense. Both teams will vie for the championship as they embark on what appears to be a thrilling season.

SPORTS PICKS

staff	Men's Soccer	Women's Volleyball	College Football
	Alpha vs. Beta	Kangas vs. Flames	Clemson vs. Virginia Tech
Scott Jennings (3-2)	Alpha	Kangas	Virginia Tech
Abby Stanley (4-1)	Alpha	Kangas	Clemson
Andrew Mishler (3-2)	Beta	Kangas	Clemson
Caleb Davis (3-2)	Beta	Kangas	Clemson
Allison Harrod (0-0)	Beta	Kangas	Clemson
Jon Clute (0-0)	Beta	Kangas	Clemson
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Suzanna Gregory (3-2) female guest	Beta	Kangas	Clemson

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thing Lamar had that I wanted.

Lamar—and Amish people in general—lead a decidedly simple life. They don't keep up with the latest trends in fashion, technology and entertainment. Instead, they spend their lives separated from the distractions of Netflix and Twitter, learning the values of hard work and the closeness of community. And though they may sacrifice the respect of others and run the risk of being scoffed at, you have to hand it to them for going all out.

Of course, you do occasionally hear of a frazzled Amish woman roaring off in a SUV, clearly having had enough of her horse and cart, eager to escape to the

freedom of the "real world." But for the most part, the 250,000 Amish residents in the United States stick to their stuff. And for that, I say kudos.

Now don't get me wrong. Some Amish practices I do not wholly endorse. Contrary to what some Amish might have you to believe, bathing on a regular basis is quite important. Also, the Amish believe in education only up to the eighth grade. Now, not to give eighth graders a harder time than they already have, but if we all ran around having only learned how to properly label sentence patterns and find the value for x , the world would be a worse place.

On the flip side, our modern American culture is so often caught up in the

here and now, the hip and au courant, that we become oblivious to everything that doesn't revolve around us. We're a society obsessed with our wants, craving things we hardly need.

Couldn't we use a little Amish in our lives? Couldn't we take a step back for once and remove ourselves from the commercialism of this world to find pleasure in simple things again?

So do it. Take some time and look around you.

Enjoy God's nature. Enjoy music and art and good food. Enjoy the company of the people that mean the most to you.

Enjoy the simple life... which may or may not include growing a totally awesome beard.

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How does your work day begin?

My work day begins with checking my calendar for the day and checking email before running to the administrative conference at 8:30. This is the beginning of a series of meetings that often lasts until chapel.

How are you adjusting to your new responsibilities?

I love my new responsibilities! I love the people that I get to work with, and I love meeting the wonderful students the Lord has brought here. There is a lot to learn, but the Lord is teaching me to take the grace that He abundantly supplies for each day and each assignment. I am truly blessed to be a part of Student Life staff.

What are your goals for this year?

Well, I really feel like I'm in learning mode. Even though I've been with the University for so long, this is all new. I want to learn all I can so I can be an effective helper to Miss Lawson: that's the first thing that comes to my mind for this job. Obviously I want to grow in the Lord so I can be the best helper I can be to the girls on campus, pointing girls to Christ. I think just to learn all I can and grow in my wisdom in the job here.

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After selecting the location, food is another major consideration in party planning. The Snack Shop offers several food options for dining in or out. Students can take advantage of the Snack Shop's party pack, which includes a balloon bouquet, three 2-liter bottles of soda and three bags of chips—enough to feed 20 to 25 people. Students can also order cakes, cupcakes or cookies by phone or online. If students want to include a meal during a party, the Snack Shop offers a catering service as well.

Several students have found good eating places for celebrating in the area.

Some students have planned entire birthday parties around the food. Sophomore Steven Andronovich just planned a party for his friend Jordan Allen at Hibachi Grill & Buffet. This September sophomore Keri Kimbrough was surprised by her friends at a pizza place downtown with many different types of pizzas and even the option to make your own.

Sophomore Lauren Fischer suggested Spill the Beans in downtown Greenville, which sells coffee, ice cream and pastries.

Sometimes planning what to do at a party is challenging. Sophomore Patrick Beam suggested a trip to Frankie's Fun Park which has arcades, laser tag, mini golf, go-carts and more. All the entertain-

ment is provided.

Also, parties centered on a theme can be creative and amusing.

Senior Laura Lee helped celebrate a friend's birthday by centering the party's theme on video games. In a video game-like quest, the friend had to find Laura and others, overcome obstacles, solve riddles, earn kiddie-sized armor and even fight an umbrella assassin to reach the final prize. The clues he received after finding each friend led him to Falls Park where the group had planned a cookout.

Not all party planners have to be as creative as Laura, but students can find fun ways to make a friend feel special on his or her birthday.

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