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## Runners prepare for Turkey Bowl 5K

KYLE SEISS

BJU's 25th annual Turkey Bowl 5K roadrace, organized by the Alumni Association, will take off tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The overall winners of the men's and women's categories will receive a trophy along with a frozen turkey.

The 13 divisions are split by age brackets, and division winners and the second- and third-place finishers will receive cash prizes of \$25, \$20 and \$15, respectively. New this year is the 13 years and under age bracket.

Participants can register on the university website. The entry fee for students is \$10; for nonstudents, \$20. Runners may register the morning of the race, although they might miss out on the T-shirts given to those who register ahead of time.

The proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the event. Any surplus will go to the Demonstrative Need Scholarship Fund, an organization that aids students struggling to pay for tuition at Christian colleges.

"It doesn't have to be a competitive event," said Mr. Jonathan Pait, manager of events and services at the Alumni Association. "You can come with a group of friends and just have fun."

He added, "[It] might be a misconception that the run is very competitive, but there are quite a number of people just beginning to run or people who want to participate in the cause. We'd love to have all of those people."

Mr. Pait explained that the race used



Runners line up for the start of last year's Turkey Bowl 5K Run. Photo: Submitted

to be run on a trail through the back of campus, but, over the years, the course has changed to a road race.

Sophomore Aaron Iles placed first in his division last year and hopes to do as well again this year. But he said, "Don't

make it a competition if you don't want to. Go with some friends, set a goal for yourself and go have some fun."

Aaron started playing soccer for his society this year and said running for that has helped him prepare for the Turkey

Bowl 5K. But he said he has been running since fourth grade and has logged around 10,000 miles total. "I'm a big distance guy," he said.

Graduate student Stephan Larson, last

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## University family to give thanks through singing

JORDAN WELLIN

Before classes are dismissed Tuesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, the university family will come together during Monday's chapel hour for a time of worship through Scripture and song.

This year's annual Thanksgiving Praise Service will focus on the theme "Treasuring Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Laura Brundage, a member of the voice faculty, is coordinating the service with Dr. Ken Renfrow of the piano faculty. Mrs. Brundage began planning the program earlier

this summer with her father, Dr. Warren Cook, who will be leading the University Chorale, members of the BJU Symphony Orchestra and the congregation throughout the service.

"The whole point of the praise service is to have a collective opportunity of worship and praise for the whole university family," Mrs. Brundage said. "We want it to be much more interactive than just having the audience sit there and listen."

The majority of the service will consist of

singing and Scripture readings by Mr. Kerry McGonigal of the Bible faculty. Mrs. Brundage said this year's program contains more singing than previous praise services, which will add to the interactive feel of the service.

"We don't want it to be a passive program," Mrs. Brundage said. "Everyone will be involved in some aspect." Whether that involvement includes following along with the Scripture on the screen or singing songs of praise along with the Chorale, the ultimate purpose will be to show our joy in Christ.



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## COLUMN



STEFFANI RUSSELL

I thought I'd be nervous. But it seemed like the most natural thing in the world to do a front flip out the door, a somersault far above the South Carolina sky. And inexplicably, throwing my arms out to the side, arching my back and hugging the atmosphere seemed like the most instinctive thing in the world.

I didn't want the parachute to open. I would have been perfectly happy to freefall all the way down; everything was so disconnected that the thought of impact wasn't any more real than the thought of unicycling around Saturn's rings.

Skydiving teaches you a lot about trust.

I trusted that the self-proclaimed high-school dropout who'd packed the chutes didn't have passive-aggressive tendencies toward college students.

That the professional skydiver strapped behind me knew which cords to pull.

That the parachute would stop my 120-mph fall.

I trusted the pilot of the little Cessna. I trusted

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## Materialism has diminished true meaning of Thanksgiving

The Collegian Editorial

That the significance of Thanksgiving has been lessening in the past few decades in favor of an earlier start to the Christmas season is old news. Americans have come to accept it—Thanksgiving is just a day of food and football that falls between Halloween and Christmas.

But when we stop to think why this phenomenon has occurred, why our most American holiday beside the Fourth of July has been demeaned so, we really ought to be ashamed. It is primarily a result of the rampant materialism in America.

Besides grocery sales, businesses see little probable profit from Thanksgiving. A 2010 study by the research company IBISWorld revealed that Americans spend more than \$135 billion on Christmas but only \$30 billion on Thanksgiving.

The same study found that more than 42 percent of annual holiday spending was dedicated to buying gifts, and, of course, no gifts are given on Thanksgiving. Businesses, then, are certainly not going to spend much effort promoting the purely sentimental holiday of Thanksgiving when they can start promoting the really profitable Christmas season early.

American consumers, too, have followed the commercial lead in belittling the significance of Thanksgiving. In a country so wrapped up in getting things and accumulating more stuff, the idea of taking a day to stop and be thankful for what we already have is quickly becoming a foreign concept.

Giving thanks—that's what the holiday that we will be celebrating in just a few days is all about. It's not about getting the biggest piece of pumpkin pie, planning all you want to buy on Black Friday or making sure your relatives catch all your hints about your Christmas wishlist.

It's about forgetting our wants for a day and focusing on our blessings, about spending time with family and friends and, for Christians, about giving thanks to God for another year to praise and serve Him.

This year, before we get caught up in the red and green commercial craze of the Christmas season, let's spend this holiday reflecting on what God has given us.

As German inventor Frederick Keonig said, "We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."

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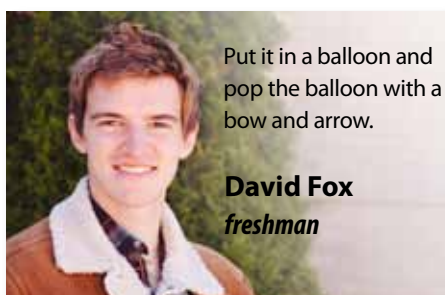
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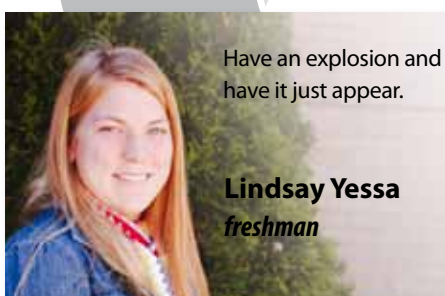
**David Fox**  
freshman



Tie it to a turkey and have him run onto the field.

**Marissa Cosmos**  
sophomore

**What would be the most interesting way to deliver the ball to the Turkey Bowl?**



Have an explosion and have it just appear.

**Lindsay Yessa**  
freshman



On a throne carried by four guys.

**Jacob Buck**  
freshman



Have Stephen Jones deliver it.

**Greg Toler**  
freshman





## GRAY THURSDAY BLACK FRIDAY and CYBER MONDAY

Design: Ryan Thompson

### HEIDI WILLARD

Black Friday is still one of the biggest shopping days of the year, but it's now sandwiched between two other popular shopping days that offer valuable sales for bargain shoppers.

Gray Thursday is one of those days. "It's definitely not for everyone," said Stefanie Nifenecker, a sophomore international business major. "If you're not a serious shopper to begin with, then I probably wouldn't suggest starting on Gray Thursday."

Stefanie begins shopping at 11 p.m. on Thursday with her mom, aunt and sister, and they continue shopping until about 3 a.m. on

Friday. Then they all take a nap and start shopping again at 6 a.m. By noon, Stefanie and her family are done, and they celebrate over lunch.

In about 10 hours of shopping, Stefanie doesn't make it to all the stores—and she doesn't planto. She always shops at her favorite stores such as Banana Republic, Coach and J. Crew, but she avoids going to popular stores such as Kohls, Walmart, Target, Toys R Us or Best Buy because they are too busy. "Shopping is fun, but it's not worth risking your life," she said.

But even if other shoppers aren't threatening your life, they can become annoying. "There are going to be people who are grumpy, and you have to just be patient with

them and just have a good attitude and have fun," said Chloe Roland, a freshman creative writing major who shops every Black Friday with her dad.

Chloe said she likes shopping with her dad not only because it gives them time together, but because her dad helps her think through her purchases rationally instead of letting her shop impulsively.

Impulsive shopping can be just as risky as senseless shopping. "If you're going to get up at 4 o'clock, go with a purpose," said Taylor Garlock, a freshman engineering major.

Taylor doesn't mind getting up

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## Public Safety sets up tip line

GLORIA GIBRAEL

The Office of Public Safety has set up a new telephone tip line that allows students the opportunity to report observations of potentially dangerous activity on campus, without being identified on the official report.

"There are any numbers of reasons for a person to have legitimate concern for anonymity," Chief Joe Mulnix, head of Public Safety, said. "We wanted to make that available to the student body."

The tip line is a voicemail set up. "If someone does call it, we can retrieve it, and it will email us, notifying us that someone left a message," Chief Mulnix said.

Chief Mulnix stressed that this tip line would be for serious safety matters, not for reporting suspected violations of university handbook policies.

"More and more we are seeing the outside world encroach upon our campus," Chief Mulnix said. "We're fortunate we haven't had serious matters, but there's more and more criminal activity and more instances where someone's well-being is potentially in jeopardy, and we want to provide a mechanism [so] people can share things anonymously."

Dr. Eric Newton, dean of students, said, "We are very grateful to the Lord for the safety He has granted to our campus over the years. There have not been important, dangerous situations, but we don't want to take that safety for granted."

To leave a message on the Public Safety tip line, students should call 864-241-1690.



### >> This week in weird:

Called out to investigate a restaurant break-in alarm, Michigan police, with the help of a thermal imaging device, located a suspect under a leaf pile.

### >> Asian Pacific Economic Summit:

During the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation summit hosted by the U.S., President Obama addressed several concerns. Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev discussed the growing need for and strategies aimed toward holding Iran's nuclear program in check.

Obama also met with Chinese President Hu Jintao about protecting American interests and furthering U.S. economic relations with Asian nations.

The European economic situation was also discussed. President Obama is optimistic about the progress being made amidst faltering European economies, especially in Greece and Italy. Source: CNN

### >> This day in history:

1928 - Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," featuring Mickey Mouse, debuted in New York as the first sound-synchronized animated feature.

### >> They said it, not me:

"The third agency of government I would do away with—the Education, the Commerce. And let's see. I can't. The third one, I can't. Oops." - Gov. Rick Perry, in Wednesday's Republican debate. Perry forgot that the Energy Department was the third government agency that he would seek to eliminate if elected.

### >> Occupy Portland:

The 3,000 "Occupy Portland" protesters filling Chapman and Lownsdale squares Saturday night were to disperse by 12:01 a.m., but they lingered until morning. The police were prepared to face the protestors with riot gear and pepper spray.

In order to counter a police confrontation, some in the crowd equipped themselves with sticks. One member of the mob struck a police officer with a projectile.

Fifty protesters who refused to disband from the site were arrested, and police surrounded the parks previously used by the protestors with a barbed wire fence. Source: FoxNews

### In the know:

#### Turkey Bowl 5K Run

Participants in the annual Turkey Bowl 5K Run will meet at the Activity Center Saturday and begin the race at 9 a.m.

#### Turkey Bowl

Pregame festivities for the Turkey Bowl soccer championship will begin Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on the Athletic Field. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

#### Thanksgiving Break

Students are dismissed after their last class Tuesday to leave for Thanksgiving break and are to return by 10 p.m. the following Monday. No chapel is scheduled for Tuesday.

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## Students compete in programming contests

LEE MILLER

Most people have no idea how a computer really works. The jumble of numbers and icons that make up the code that tells computers what to do is a mystery.

But the BJU Computer Programming Team specializes in this code. "Computer programming is writing a series of statements into a text editor in a format the computer can understand," team member Travis McGee, a senior computer science major, said.

Senior computer science major Joel Shaffer, also a team member, said computer programming is a very creative field. "You're given a problem, a real world problem, you can see the need for," he said. "Then you are turned loose on it."

The Computer Programming Team is made up of eight members who, under the direction of head coach Dr. Jim Knisely of the mathematical science faculty, take their skills on the road to compete in competitions with other college teams. During competitions, the team divides into separate teams of three or four.

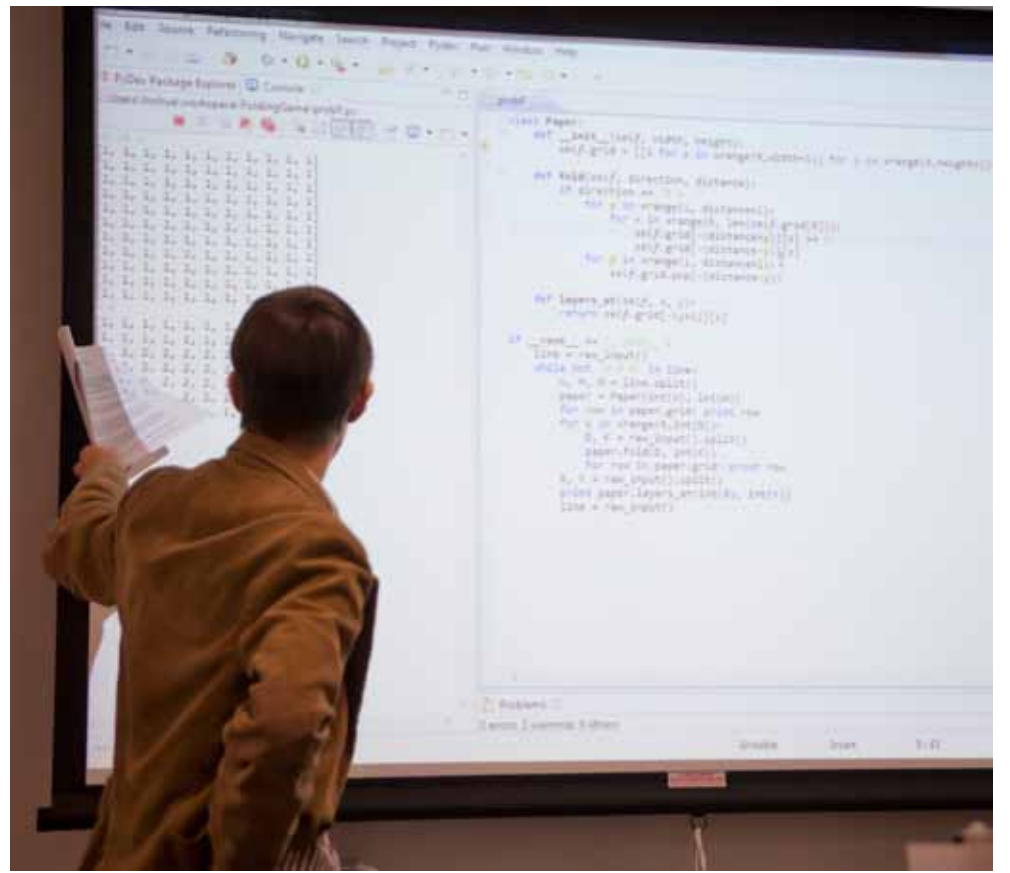
One of the BJU teams recently took the

grand prize at the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges: Southeastern Regional in Arlington, Va.

Joel said during a competition, teams are given word problems about everyday scenarios which they have to figure out using a computer program. The competitions generally last between three to five hours, and the team has that time to complete as many problems as possible, usually seven to 10 problems.

To prepare for a competition, the team has three hours of organized practice a week, which does not include the time team members spend preparing individually. Travis said practicing includes using a website that generates problems like the ones used during the contests and tells them if they programmed the answer correctly or not. The team also practices algorithms, which Joel said are series of steps to solve a problem.

Before a competition begins, decisions must be made by the team members. Mathematics professor Dr. Melissa Gardenghi, the team's assistant coach, said often when the competition starts, the members will each take a problem and start working on



Joel Shaffer leads the Computer Programming Team in studying code to prepare for competition. Photo: Sam Rigby

it. She also said there is one computer for the team to share, and just one member at a time is allowed to use the keyboard. The members are allowed to work together and help each other find mistakes in the code.

"Ideally, they are working together, sharing time at the computers, collaborating

with each other and also working somewhat independently at the beginning," said Dr. Gardenghi.

The Computer Programming Team most recently competed Saturday at Furman University, where the best BJU team took fifth place out of over 20 others.

## Academy performs with Symphony Orchestra

GLORIA GIBRAEL

The BJU Symphony Orchestra will be performing a concert with some special guests Saturday at 4 p.m. in Stratton Hall. The special guests are the Academy's elementary and middle school strings students.

Miss R. Christine Lee, the director of the BJU Symphony Orchestra, said she is excited about this special aspect of the concert.

"[Having the elementary school and middle school orchestra] is one of the great things about this particular concert," Miss Lee said. "We're going to make this a family concert where kids of all ages are welcome to come."

Senior BJU Symphony Orchestra

member Will Ronning echoed Miss Lee's sentiments. "It'll be really cool and fun to inspire them," he said.

Miss Lee said she picked music that would appeal especially to families.

The first piece is "Children's March" by Percy Grainger, which has a simple tune with a lilting melody in a march-like fashion, according to Miss Lee.

The second piece is "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev. Mrs. Janice Hutton, the elementary school's string teacher, said the piece is a great classic and enjoyable for people of all ages to hear.

"Peter and the Wolf" will be narrated by Mr. Bill Moose, a retired member of the speech faculty.

"The narrator identifies five animal

characters plus Peter, the grandfather and rifle shot sounds," Mr. Moose said. "Each character is represented by a different instrument—the birds are represented by the flute, the duck by the oboe, the cat by the clarinet, the grandfather by the bassoon, the wolf by French horns and Peter by the strings."

The final piece is Beethoven's "7th Symphony." Miss Lee said the elementary and middle school strings will be playing a simple arrangement of several of its themes and melodies before the university orchestra plays the full symphony.

This is the first time the Academy students have performed with the BJU Symphony. "We've never done anything like this before, but we want to make it

work, and hopefully it's the first of many in this series that we do," Miss Lee said.

"Including our younger Academy orchestras in this concert will be the highlight of the year for them and a wonderful opportunity for them to perform," she said. "My students are buzzing with excitement, and I know they are enjoying this opportunity by their enthusiasm and faithfulness to attend non-required after-school rehearsals."

Miss Lee said she, Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Rebecca Grove, the middle school strings teacher, purposefully planned the concert for the same day as the Turkey Bowl so the whole day could be a family gathering. "We wanted to make it part of that day so that families who want to come to the game could also come earlier for the concert and then go to the game," she said.

Miss Lee said the concert is definitely something that the BJU Symphony Orchestra would like to do again.

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# lights, camera, action!

The capstone project for senior cinema majors incorporates every aspect of production that the students have been taught in the past four years—from screenwriting to directing. “The students should be able to tell a story and to tell it well,” said Mr. Christopher Zydowicz, cinema professor and producer of the students’ senior film projects. Tory Martin is one cinema production major working on his senior film project. The first step of the process came for Tory in his junior year during Screenwriting, where he wrote the script for his project. He said that part of the purpose of the class is to help the student decide on a topic, though some choose their topic during the summer or at the beginning of the semester. Students discuss their stories with the cinema faculty to decide if the concept will work for the project, and then decide which locations to use and choose their actors. In his “intent report,” the student describes the story, locations, actors and equipment needed to complete the project.



Cinema students have many other checkpoints with faculty to ensure that the project is on track. Some of these checkpoints include a final script check, first 10 minutes of footage and a first edited scene check. “The idea is to show that they have a mastery of storytelling, of camera, of the whole film-making process and to be able to use an entire skill set to tell a story very well,” Mr. Zydowicz said.

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“One of the biggest challenges for me is not having the same crew every week,” Tory said. “I had different people working with me last week than I will this week, so I have to make sure the story stays coherent.” Time management is an important lesson students learn through their senior film project. “Film production, because it is very difficult to organize locations and actors, really takes longer than you realize,” Mr. Zydowicz said.

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Mr. Zydowicz said that cinema production is the hardest major in the university. “[The major] combines art, storytelling, visuals, music and graphic design, and [the senior project] represents where the student is in the process,” he said. When their projects are finished, students can send them to potential employers, film festivals and even post them on websites to get their names out to possible employers. According to Mr. Zydowicz, film festivals allow films with a maximum length of 15 minutes, so the film projects are generally 5 to 12 minutes long. For

Tory, who enjoys cinematography but does not plan on directing or screenwriting in the future, this video is an opportunity to exhibit an example of his work with cameras and has helped him to understand the entire film process. Mr. Zydowicz said, “A cinema major is a person who is able to lead an army into battle, come back and show others a well-told story.”



# Beta holds off Pi Gamma 2-1

ABBY STANLEY



Jordan Allen leaps over a Pi Gamma player for a header during Beta's victory Saturday night. Photo: Amy Roukes

In one of the final showdowns of the men's soccer season, the Beta Patriots slipped past the Pi Gamma Royals 2-1.

Ironically, the stress of every game, week and past month ended up coming down to one crucial minute. Beta took the perfect opportunity to score just 17 minutes into the game. Jason McVey took the throw-in, and Eric Dickinson headed the ball past Pi Gamma goalie Jon Sandy.

Just as the scoreboard changed, Beta regrouped and stormed down the field again. An upper-left crossbar shot by midforward Eric Dickinson caught the defense off guard, and Beta scored—a mere 45 seconds after the first goal.

Down by two, Pi Gamma showed why they were a preseason favorite to win. Teamwork by the midfielders gave Ryan Beadles a great shot on goal. The goal was a bit bizarre, however. Beta keeper Joseph Wooster tipped the ball up, and it ricocheted off the crossbar. Andrew Albert crashed for the rebound and headed it in.

As the clock wound down in the second half, Pi Gamma repeatedly pressed offensively, trying to find a way to score. With one minute to go, it looked as if Pi Gamma would tie the game.

A long cross gave a wide-open Andrew Albert the chance to score. Both crowd and team held their collective breath as the ball soared toward and barely over the net. The game ended moments later with Beta taking the win.

After the game, Eric said his team's win could be summed up in a quote: "There is an old saying, offense wins games, and defense wins championships. Our physically dominant defense won us this game, and the championship is next!"

Beta hopes to use the team's dominant defense to add a fourth Turkey Bowl championship to its collection.



The Cobras send a volley during the badminton championship. Photo: Sam Rigby

# Sigma captures badminton title over Pi Kappa

DREW MISHLER

The Sigma Alpha Chi Spartans triumphed over the Pi Kappa Cobras to bring home the 2011 badminton trophy on Nov. 8.

Sigma took the title by storm, going 12-0 and never being seriously challenged by any teams until the final matches in the playoffs. The Cobras were more of an underdog, playing as the third seed in the AL and finishing with a 4-3 record.

This is Sigma's first championship in any sport in any of the current students' recent memories. Sigma was heavily supported by a small contingent of Spartan faithfuls who stormed the court in a joking manner after the victory was achieved.

Sigma's Bennett Rowe and Paul Walters led the team to victory. Jon Edwards and Tyler Conn were the challengers from Pi Kappa. Paul defeated Tyler in two games and Bennett defeated Jon in three. Playing a

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staff	Men's Soccer Turkey Bowl: Omega vs. Beta	NHL Washington vs. Toronto	College Football Nebraska vs. Michigan
Scott Jennings (14-13)	Beta	Washington	Michigan
Abby Stanley (15-12)	Omega	Washington	Michigan
Drew Mishler (13-14)	Beta	Toronto	Nebraska
Caleb Davis (19-8)	Beta	Washington	Nebraska
Allison Harrod (15-6)	Beta	Washington	Michigan
Jon Clute (14-7)	Omega	Toronto	Michigan
guests			
Nate Warrick (14-13) male guest	Beta	Washington	Michigan
Emily Lewandowski (17-10) female guest	Beta	Toronto	Nebraska

game of doubles was not necessary because Sigma won both of its singles matches.

"It's really exciting to actually win something for Sigma," Bennett said. "It's really a great feeling."

The Spartans defeated fourth-seeded Pi Gamma and second-seeded Lanier on their way to the championship. The second match against Lanier was a tight one, being decided in a tiebreaking doubles match.

The Cobras upset the second-seeded Cavs and defeated fourth-seeded Z to make the championship against the heavily favored Spartans.

"The game was pretty close, but in the end, Sigma was definitely the better team," Jon said.

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TURKEY BOWL



# Tigers stay unbeaten, defeat Kangas 36-22



Jessica Hilado drives the baseline against the Kangas in the Tigers' win on Saturday night. Photo: Amy Roukes

JON CLUTE

The Theta Delta Tigers defeated the Tau Delta Kangas 36-22 in Friday night's basketball game. The Tigers maintained their unbeaten start to the season while the Kangas were unable to overcome a poor beginning.

The Tigers raced out to an early lead and never looked back, scoring 20 unanswered points. Tori Hale and Tiffany Knisley provided strong inside presence for the Tigers with a combined five rebounds and three steals in the first half. The Tigers' freshman guard Becca Bredehoft spearheaded the attack with 14 points.

Becca said despite having only one senior, superior coaching has enabled

the Tigers to unite and play well as a team.

She said her team could still improve, but she is pleased with the fine beginning the Tigers have made to the season.

The Kangas struggled to get into gear, making only three baskets in the first half and getting out-rebounded 14-9. Despite trailing 28-6 at the break, the Kangas fought back to outscore the Tigers 16-8 in the second half. Brittany Huet led the Kangas with nine points and nine boards.

A daunting game with the Pi Delta Classics awaits the Tigers, and the Kangas must regroup and focus on their positives from the second half as they look toward the rest of the season.

# Colts storm past Gators in lopsided victory

ALLISON HARROD

In Saturday night's basketball game, the Colts took a 55-27 victory over the Gators.

The Colts' performance can be described in one word—persistent. They may not have made every shot or executed each play flawlessly, but the team was always looking for an open player, boxing out and taking any open shots.

Rachel Niarchos of the Colts stepped

up to the line, ready for the breakaways and making the high-pressure shots. Rachel's teammate, Ginny Gause, another key player for the Colts, was ready for rebounds under the net and anticipated the passes of her teammates. She led her team with a total of 19 points.

But not willing to let the Colts steal an easy win, the Gators' Brittany Buffalo kept the Colts on their toes. Brittany led her team in both skill and spirit, finishing with a total of 12 points.

Anna Whitford was another asset to the Gator lineup. Giving her team height and strength, Anna was open for her teammates if the ball ever needed an easy escape.

Both teams played well. But with Ginny under the net, Rachel driving the ball and the rest of the team pushing hard, the Colts kept a hold on their lead throughout the game. Despite a commendable effort from the Gators, the Colts ended the evening with a win.



The Colts' Chelsea Kern pressures the ball during Saturday's win over the Gators. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood



## THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS POWER RANKINGS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Rankings as of Nov. 12.

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| 1. CARDINALS | Once again, the Cardinals are proving to be the most dominant team.                                  |
| 2. CLASSICS  | The Classics have a lot of talent, especially when playing in the backcourt.                         |
| 3. TIGERS    | With two solid wins this weekend, the Tigers are quickly becoming a possible championship contender. |
| 4. COLTS     | The Colts seem to be finding their niche, having trampled the Gators 55-27.                          |
| 5. KANGAS    | Despite some frustrating losses, the Kangas looked solid in their game against the Mustangs.         |

ALSO RANKED: 6. Bandits 7. Seagulls 8. Eagles 9. Flames 10. Bear Cubs



## THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS POWER RANKINGS MEN'S SOCCER



Rankings as of Nov. 12.

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| 1. BETA (12-0)    | Another undefeated season is only 80 minutes away for the reigning champion Patriots.                               |
| 2. OMEGA (11-1)   | The Lions will get their chance to prove that they can dethrone the Patriot machine in the Turkey Bowl.             |
| 3. PI GAMMA (9-3) | The Royals might have fallen short, but to this point they've given the Patriots their toughest game of the season. |
| 4. Z (7-4)        | The Tornados had chances to make the Turkey Bowl but were never able to overcome National League teams.             |
| 5. ALPHA (5-4-1)  | The Razorbacks fell further short of preseason expectations than anyone else.                                       |

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



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year's men's overall winner, will be running the Turkey Bowl 5K for his last time this year. He hopes to beat his time from last year of 16:04 and finish under 16 minutes.

"Running a 5K race is a lot of fun," he said. "It gets your adrenaline pumping, and it's something you can do with friends."

Stephan runs every day for training and runs 12 miles every Saturday. "Many people complain that running is too hard because they only do it for two weeks," he said. "Those weeks are the toughest. Once you get past those and consistently run, you will begin to enjoy it."

Sophomore Rachel David runs in the evenings, as well as for society sports. "I haven't done a three-mile race, so I want to do that," she said. "I'm very excited."

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early for Black Friday shopping. In fact, he enjoys it. "I would encourage people to just get out there and ignore the fact that they're getting up early," he said. "You can sleep later on in the day."

Taylor said since he's willing to get up at 5 a.m. to do a homework assignment during the semester, he's more than willing to get up and go shopping on Black Friday.

But something he's not willing to do is camp outside a store waiting for it to open. "I have a bed at home, and I really like that bed, so I'm not going to stay overnight at a store," Taylor said. "That's not for me."

Although Taylor said he probably won't go Black Friday shopping this year,

he's considering doing some online shopping on Cyber Monday—another big bargain shopping opportunity.

Cyber Monday sales are completely online. Products are often on sale for a short period, and once that time is up, the products can't be purchased at the sale price anymore. "It's an interesting concept," Taylor said.

And it's a fairly recent concept as well. The term Cyber Monday was first used in 2005, and the trend is becoming increasingly more popular every year. Last year, more than one million Americans shopped online on Cyber Monday, and that number is expected to increase significantly again this year.

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that he wouldn't decide to flip a U just as I was perched at the edge of the plane's open door.

It didn't seem real. My lemon-lime parachute opened after about 35 seconds of freefalling. Jerked. Suddenly there was reality again, sharp as the harness biting into my shoulders and jeans, keeping me suspended in the crisp blue sky.

As invigorating as the freefall was—falling without fear, almost like defying gravity—there's something equally undignified and helpless about being at the mercy of the wind, the harness, the flimsy nylon chute. I trusted my life to that chute. I should have been nervous.

I could see the sparkling waters of the Atlantic in the distance when the absurdity of that moment became real. If I could trust a group of complete strangers, a patched-together Cessna and some strings and fabric to save me from a violent union with "terra firma," how could I ever not trust God with my future?

How could I ever even begin to hold on to my own dignity, my dreams and desires more than simply trusting Him

with everything?

Skydiving teaches you a lot about freedom. If you can jump out of an airplane, you feel like you can do anything. Invincible.

While I was floating back down to earth, watching the patchwork of a landscape become real fields and roads and cars, I knew that fear couldn't stop me. But true fearlessness isn't about having the courage to jump out of an airplane.

Fearlessness has everything to do with throwing myself at the immeasurable mercy of the Creator Whom made me and fashioned me to be like Him. Invincible. A member of an already-winning team.

Is it absurd that I prayed while I was coming back down to earth? That I'd live as fearlessly for God in every moment of every day as I did in the moment I jumped at 14,000 feet?

I looked up and saw the Cessna, now thousands of feet above us, sparkling in the afternoon air. Then we spun away, dipped back down to earth and walked out of the sky as though out of a dream. I didn't even get my Pumas dusty.

I thought I'd be nervous.

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