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BJU to play intercollegiate sports



The BJUnited soccer team plays against Furman University in March 2010. Photo: Amy Roukes

By: **ABBY STANLEY**
Sports Writer

Although the final details are not yet worked out, the upcoming 2012-13 sports seasons promise to be exciting and adventurous as Bob Jones University begins an intercollegiate sports program.

The administration announced in early December that BJU had applied to join the National Christian College Athletic Association with a goal of being able to participate in selected games in the upcoming 2012-13 school year.

Because the application process takes time and because most colleges already have full schedules for next season, the first season will include fewer games than the full schedule planned for 2013-14.

Mr. John Matthews, vice president of finance, is acting as a stand-in athletic director, and he, along with faculty member and intramural director Don Ward, has been in charge of planning next year's schedule.

The response from other colleges to BJU's playing intercollegiate sports has been positive, and Mr. Matthews said that many colleges are eager to schedule matches.

BJU will start out playing men's and women's soccer and basketball, but additional sports are being considered.

According to Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for academic affairs, many applications for the coaching and athletic director positions have been received.

"We have been reviewing and praying about the applicants and should start the

interviewing process shortly," he said.

Mr. Matthews said the coaches should be established before tryouts for next season. "Most likely we will hold tryouts this spring for all sports to form the nucleus of the teams so each team can begin unifying and coming together," he said. "Ideally we would like to have coaches in place who could oversee the selection of the nucleus of each team."

He also said that a few spots on each team will be held for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

In addition to learning about the new teams, most students are eager to find out what BJU's mascot will be.

Dr. Weier said that no mascot has been chosen yet but that BJU is looking for a mascot that will portray the qualities of the University and will be fresh and exciting.

"We would like to have a mascot that fits us," he said.

He also added that student input is important to the mascot selection process, and that the mascot should be revealed well before the end of second semester. In the coming weeks, students will learn more about how they can help in choosing the University's mascot.

Admission to the intercollegiate games will be free to students, faculty and staff, and guests will be charged a minimal fee. Season tickets will also be available for purchase in the future.

Intramural sports will not be affected, and events like the Turkey Bowl will continue. Coach Ward said the intramural program is still important.

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University to seek regional accreditation

By: **JORDAN WELLIN**
Staff Writer

When Mr. Marshall Franklin announced at the end of last semester that Bob Jones University would seek regional accreditation, many students were curious about what exactly the announcement meant and how it would affect them.

Their questions were something Dr. Gary Weier, the executive vice president for academic affairs, was expecting.

Although he admits he doesn't know all the answers to every question, Dr. Weier explained the answers to some specific questions that are being raised regarding the new accreditation.

The basics

So what is the difference between the University's current accreditation and regional accreditation?

"Regional accreditation brings wider recognition compared to other types of accreditation," Dr. Weier said. "The current institutional accreditation [BJU] maintains has opened up certain doors for graduates, but not as many as regional accreditation would open."

Dr. Weier said regional accreditation would benefit the University from a quality assurance standpoint and would also allow graduates more opportunities for graduate school, employment and various certifications related to their major.

Several changes were made to the policies of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (the regional accrediting institution that includes South Carolina) that allowed the University to consider seeking regional accreditation.

Under its new policies, SACSCOC must respect the mission of all colleges, including religious ones, and cannot impose a secular model of education on any college.

How does this affect me?

Applying for regional accreditation shouldn't complicated things for current students, according to Dr. Weier. However, it will require faculty members to more thoroughly document student learning.

"It's not just enough to say we believe students are learning," Dr. Weier said. "We have to prove it." Dr. Weier said he believes the faculty and staff's added efforts will be well worth it in the long run.

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In the know:

Pancake Breakfast

The SLC will sponsor a pancake breakfast in the Riley Reception Room tonight from 7 to 9. The cost is \$2 per person and includes two large pancakes, toppings, milk and coffee.

UBA Forum

Mr. Bert Arrowood, senior vice president of investments with UBS Financial Services, will speak at the University Business Association forum at 6 p.m. Monday in the Faculty Room of the dining common.

Career Fair

The annual Career Fair will be held in the Riley Reception Room Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Society Meetings

Due to a schedule change, students will attend their regular society meetings Feb. 3. The first Biblical Worldview Forum of the semester has been rescheduled for March 9.

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By: **RACHEL PEED**
Copy Editor

This Christmas break I had a very interesting conversation with a 6-year-old boy at the daycare where I worked. He didn't say a whole lot. In fact, most of his side of our dialogue consisted of one word repeated over and over: "Why?"

I don't remember how the conversation started. I just remember that one word uttered immediately after every answer I gave to his previous question.

I tried to be patient with him, tried to answer every "why" he threw at me. After all, he seemed genuinely interested in the answers (although I suspected he also enjoyed seeing me squirm as the questions became trickier).

Finally, I couldn't take his "whys" any longer and told him stop. "You're too old to be playing this game," I told him.

He obediently ceased his cavalcade of questions and busied himself by quietly eating a fistful of gummy worms.

I thought about that conversation later and realized how wrong I was in telling that 6-year-old that he was too old to be asking "why."

What about the great philosophers we all learn about in Themes of Western Thought? They certainly never thought they grew too old to ask the question "why." They made a career of it!

They spent days doing nothing but sitting around

musings about why things were the way they were. And now we consider them some of the greatest minds of all time.

In today's society, such curiosity is rare. Maybe it's because too many people were told as children to stop asking "why" so much.

Of course, there are those in society who make it their business to be curious—to find a cure for cancer or to discover clues about ancient civilizations through archaeology.

For the most part, though, when it comes to everyday life, our society is pretty apathetic about asking "why." It's not that we're not curious beings. We are.

If we weren't, game shows like "Let's Make a Deal" would be pointlessly boring, and those pop-up ads claiming "You have one message waiting" would never get clicked.

God created us curious. We just don't exercise that curiosity anymore as we should. Our society has become lazy and caught in the mentality that we don't need to ask "why" and learn new things when we have access to Google and millions of hits on any search we can think of whenever and wherever we want.

But if everyone depends solely on previous knowledge and ignores the unanswered questions, the intelligence of our society will stagnate.

We should never be satisfied with the easy answers or what we already know. Being actively curious will ensure that our society continues to move forward as new discoveries are made and new conclusions are reached, and not just by the professionals.

Albert Einstein was a great advocate for asking "why." He said, "I have no

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Internet copyright bills could lead to excessive censorship

The Collegian Editorial

On Wednesday of last week, the Google logo on the search engine's site was obscured by a large censorship bar splashed across the homepage.

The move was part of an Internet protest in which sites across the Web went dark, substituting their usual content with a page of information explaining to the public the dangers of the two Internet copyright bills Congress is currently considering.

The bills in question, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA), would give the government and some major corporations the right to shut down entire sites without trial or hearing for perceived copyright violations.

Predictably, the bills have been applauded by movie studios, record labels and news distributors but have

raised the hackles of the technology industry and website owners.

The overwhelming opposition has since forced the Senate to delay its vote on PIPA and has caused several members of Congress to reconsider or rescind their support.

It is a simple fact that Internet piracy is a rampant problem across the globe. The Internet is filled with copyrighted videos and music, and the copyright owners are unable to keep up with the spread of pirated material.

The problem of piracy costs the American economy \$100 billion and thousands of American jobs every year, according to House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas). Before the heated reactions of the American public forced Congress to reconsider its thinking, the bipartisan bill was considered fairly non-controversial.

But the government is

going about the problem incorrectly. Giving itself and corporations the ability to simply take down sites at their own discretion without any sort of check is an extreme breach of American rights.

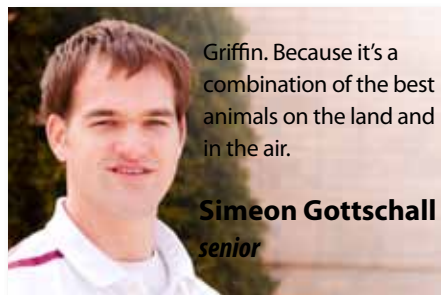
Even if the bills do not, in theory, infringe on our First Amendment right of free speech since they target copyrighted instead of original material, they could very well lead to an abuse of the powers they grant.

If passed, the bills would leave the door open for unjustified site removal with no way for citizens to counteract.

There is no doubt that piracy is a problem, and the basic principles behind SOPA and PIPA are just.

But taking away the rights of millions of innocent parties in order to crack down on the offenders and putting that amount of power in the hands of a few is not and never will be the answer.

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freshman



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Lydia Jackson
freshman

What do you think the new BJU intercollegiate mascot should be?

New students adjust to life on campus

By: STEFFANI RUSSELL
Staff Writer

For most students, coming to college after Christmas break is just a matter of settling back into an already-established routine. But for some who begin their BJU career during the spring semester, the transition from break to academics is a little bit different.

While residence hall students are settling back into their rooms, greeting friends in their prayer group and registering for classes, many new students are just starting to get the lay of the land—without the benefit of first semester's opening orientation activities.

For Valerie Terre-Blanche, a freshman nursing major from Pennsylvania, the transition wasn't too bad. Because she transferred from a community college, residence hall life was new to her, but college wasn't too unfamiliar.

"It was sort of weird because I came a few days early," Valerie said. She listened to the residence halls change from empty, desolate edifices to live places full of screaming girls, friends greeting friends and the school year starting anew.

"People have been really friendly," Valerie said. Her resident supervisor, Laura Cross, and other new friends helped her find her way around campus and get things done. "The most stressful moment was standing in the gold section, trying

to find my chapel seat," she said with a laugh. "I really couldn't ask for people to be friendlier."

Another transfer student, Amy Fox, transferred to BJU from a community college in California this semester. "Coming in second semester, you kind of just get thrown into it all, but everyone was so helpful," Amy said.

She also said that in many ways, BJU was a surprisingly refreshing change for her. "Because I came from a secular school, I think I appreciate the Christian fellowship even more than I would have otherwise," Amy said. "It's wonderful to be around other Christians."

Students new to campus during the second semester have to register for classes, meet advisers and choose societies in just a couple of days—less than half the amount of time students have in the fall. They have to find their way around campus during a time when everyone assumes that students already know where they're going.

To help with the transition, the Student Life staff offered a seminar to give new students an overview of student expectations. Also, a panel of faculty, staff and students answered questions to help these students get a feel for campus life and inform them of places to go for help.

Residence hall supervisors also held new-student meetings to acquaint newcomers with practical things they'd need to know while living on campus.

Vespers to focus on hope in hard times



Emily Williquette and Janie Mayer rehearse for the upcoming Vespers program. Photo: Jon Baker

By: LEE MILLER
Staff Writer

The first Vespers of the semester will bring attention to real-life spiritual struggles facing college students and the one answer there is to those problems.

The Vespers program will be held on the evening of Feb. 2 in Rodeheaver Auditorium at 7 and 8:30.

Senior dramatic production major Meghan Reimers, the assistant director, said there will be a series of scenes dealing with a variety of situations.

"None of the characters are real, but they are based on real people," Meghan said.

Director Mr. David Schwingle, head of the dramatic arts department, said the goal of the program is to shock people out of their spiritual apathy.

"I want to wake the audience up,"

Mr. Schwingle said.

Mr. Schwingle also wants the audience to examine their lives in light of who God is and to realize God is bigger than any of our problems.

The format of the program is the first of its kind at BJU.

The cast was not initially given a script. Mr. Schwingle gave them

one script," Mr. Bean said.

The actors were video recorded acting out their scenes by improvisation. The videoed scenes were then transcribed, edited and turned into the final script of the program.

Cast member Elena Taylor, a sophomore communication disorders major, said the ability of the actors to develop their own characters is a benefit of the improvisation process.

The program includes a total of 10 cast members. All the actors except Mr. Ron Pyle, a dramatic arts professor, are current undergraduate or graduate university students.

Mr. Pyle said students will be able to connect with the program since it is for students, by students.

Students with last names beginning with A-F should attend the 7 p.m. program, and students with last names beginning with G-Z should attend at 8:30 p.m.

I want to wake the audience up.

assignments to create their own characters.

Graduate assistant Mr. David Bean, a cast member, said it has been an organic and creative process. "We all brought a variety of different things to the table to kind of mesh them into

the **beat**
Gloria Gibrael

» **This day in history:**
1880 — Thomas Edison patented the electric incandescent lamp.

» **This week in weird:**
A 3-inch nail was removed from an Illinois man's brain Friday. Dante Autullo, 32, was sure he had merely cut himself with a nail gun while building a shed and thought doctors were joking when they told him that a 3 1/4-inch nail was lodged in the middle of his brain.

» **They said it, not me:**
"To take an ex-wife and make it two days before the primary a significant question in a presidential campaign is as close to despicable as anything I can imagine."
— Newt Gingrich to CNN debate moderator John King about reports that he gave his then-second wife a choice of an open marriage or divorce when he revealed he was having an affair.

» **Joe Paterno dies:**
Former Penn State coach Joe Paterno died Sunday after a battle with lung cancer. Paterno was 85 years old and had coached football at Penn State for 46 seasons.

» **The Costa Concordia:**
Divers had recovered 15 bodies from the Italian cruise ship the *Costa Concordia* Sunday. The ship struck rocks off the Isola del Giglio, an Italian island, on Jan. 13. About 4,200 people were on board the *Concordia* when it struck the rocks. The *Concordia* Captain Francesco Schettino is being detained under house arrest while his actions are being investigated. Schettino is being accused of multiple manslaughter, causing a shipwreck by sailing too close to shore and abandoning ship before all passengers were evacuated. He denies the allegations.

Franco Gabrielli, the official in charge of the rescue operation, said the search for survivors and victims would continue alongside the salvage of the cruise ship. Most passengers were able to get away on life boats, but others were trapped on the ship. Seventeen people remain missing.

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Career Fair offers networking opportunities with job recruiters



The annual Career Fair brings students together with potential employers. Photo: Photo Services

By: **DANIELLE NIFENECKER**
Staff Writer

Next week's Career Fair will bring local and regional company recruiters, as well as several staffing agencies, to campus to present career and summer opportunities to students. The event will take place on Wednesday from 11:45 to 3:45 in the Riley Room.

Most of the recruiters at this event are off-campus employers, but several career opportunities are also available with the University and will be represented at the Career Fair.

For a freshman or sophomore, Wednesday's Career Fair may seem like an event only seniors need to attend. However, according to Dr. Steve Buckley, director of Career Services and a career adviser, meeting recruiters through this event will help students of every classification.

Dr. Buckley explains that talking to recruiters can influence a student's choice in electives or even his major. By visiting the Career Fair, students can see which positions are available in their fields and learn about the responsibilities that accompany those positions.

"Now is an important time for younger students to explore and identify career opportunities and then fit their education to

those career goals," Dr. Buckley said.

Another benefit of visiting the Career Fair early in a student's college career is learning the attributes that employers want in an employee. Students can develop these characteristics in themselves and become better candidates for employers they meet at later Career Fairs.

Some students find summer employment through the Career Fair. Will Jana, a sophomore international business major, visited the Career Fair during his freshman year and met with the recruiters from Camp Spearhead, a camp for people with special needs.

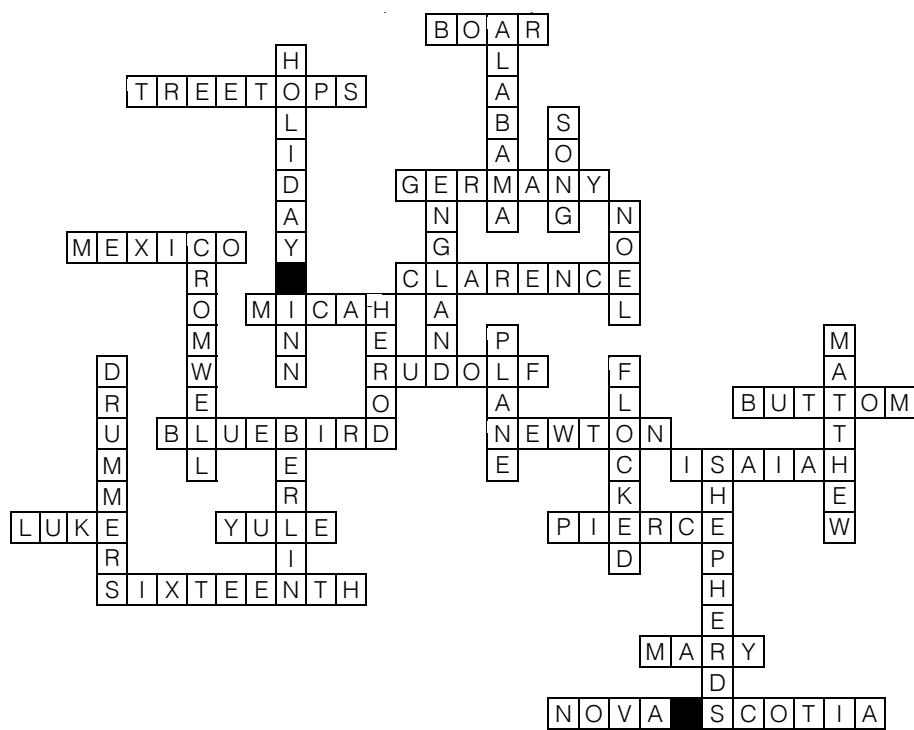
"I originally went [to the Career Fair] just to look around at the different jobs, but after meeting the representatives from Camp Spearhead, I decided I was really interested in the opportunity and ended up working there that summer," Will said.

Students who attend the job fair should bring several copies of their current resume. Dr. Buckley also suggested that students bring their schedules in order to be prepared to arrange interviews for the days following the fair.

Students should also speak to the placement and staffing agencies that will be present at the fair.

"With a staffing agency, you give your resume to one person who then judges

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based on what they know about all these other opportunities, and they'll arrange a follow-up interview," Dr. Buckley said. "And this service does not cost the job-seeker anything."

If a student does not plan to stay in the Greenville area after graduation, Dr. Buckley suggests asking recruiters for information about the branch locations for their company.

If applying to a branch location, part of the interview process can usually take place at the Greenville branch so the student would not have to miss school to travel home for the interview.

In addition, Career Services has provided a Skype interview room for students to have an accessible and professional environment

for their interviews with companies at home.

When a student arranges a Skype interview with a potential employer, he should then contact Career Services to reserve the room during that time.

"Many companies are disappointed with Skype interviews because college students do not control their background," Dr. Buckley said. "[Without a professional setting], it's as if the student is going to an interview not professionally dressed."

Before visiting the Career Fair on Wednesday, students can view a list of companies attending the fair to find out more information about them.

Students can access the list of recruiters on the intranet by clicking the Career Services link under the "Life at BJU" tab.

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Prop Shop:

Here Mr. Dave Vierow makes props to match pictures given him by the designers.



Prop Storage Room:

The collection of past and future props almost comprises a museum.



Costume Room:

Costumes are sewn from fabric selected by the designers and fitted for the performers. The costumes are typically worn for three productions.



Curtain Hoists:

The stage crew uses these dozens of ropes and pulleys to maneuver the curtains. The lead weights balance the curtains' weight to make moving them easier.



Scene Shop:

This work area is where scenes are constructed and lumber stored.



Audio Booth:

Here in the back center of the balcony, an operator controls both the microphones and the sound effects.

Sigma Spartans triumph over Omega Lions, win 65-62

By: JON CLUTE
Sports Writer

In Saturday night's marquee basketball game, the Sigma Spartans edged out the Omega Lions 65-62 in a thrilling encounter. Adam Gingery came out red hot and hit his first five shots to help fuel Sigma's offense. Ryan Tanis hit a pair of three-pointers as Sigma finished the first half a remarkable 4 for 8 from behind the arc. Omega kept pace with strong inside play from the duo of Cody Lehman and Jon Eberle. The two big men combined for 17 points and nine rebounds in the opening period. After a frenetic beginning, Omega held a 37-34 halftime lead. Sigma grabbed the momentum early in the second half despite Adam Gingery going cold, and Omega suffered a blow when Andrew Eberle fouled out with over 15 minutes left in the half. At that point, Andrew had 11 points and five rebounds. As the clock ran down, it was clear that the game would come down to the last possession. Just after Adam had scored a big basket to put Sigma up by three, Omega guard Will Keller, who had struggled with foul trouble, stepped off the bench and calmly nailed a three to tie the game with 2:14 left. Sigma managed to get in front again, however, and with 30 seconds on the clock, Omega had the ball and was trailing by one. Sigma's defense stood tall and came up with a steal before turning the ball over on the team's next possession. Omega missed the potential game-winning shot, and Ryan Fisher grabbed the rebound for Sigma and iced the game with two clutch free throws. Adam finished the same way he started, hitting his last five shots down the stretch.



Sigma's Adam Gingery and Omega's Jonathan Eberle battle for a rebound during Saturday night's game. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

He said he felt that Sigma was at its best when playing strong defense, but admitted that sometimes the team was slow to get back in transition. He also mentioned the difficulty of trying to stop a game-winner twice. "I got really nervous at that point," he said, speaking of Omega's second possession with only 10 seconds remaining. "The first time, I felt we would play good defense and get a stop. And if they scored, we had

enough time to get it back." After defeating Pi Gamma and Omega, Sigma looks to have established itself as a basketball power again. Omega's loss at the end was especially disappointing for the players, but the team showed real signs of promise for the rest of the season.

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"We continue to want the students to have many opportunities to participate in intramural activities, and steps will be taken for such to continue," he said. "A quality intramural program is of great value to the BJU student body." The new sports program will kick off with men's and women's soccer matches here at BJU on Aug. 31. The soccer season schedules will tentatively include 10 to 14 games.

Men's basketball will be-

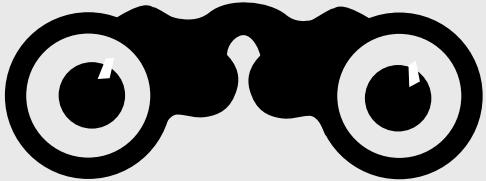
gin with a two-day tournament in Atlanta on Nov. 2-3 and continue with another 12 to 15 games, although those numbers are subject to change. Women's basketball will begin with a home game on Nov. 8. The NCCAA conference is made up of Christian colleges, but BJU also has plans to possibly play a few games against secular schools. A full schedule of games BJU plans to participate in will be released later. Mr. Matthews is encouraged by the feedback about

the new sports program that he has been getting from students, faculty, staff, alumni and other colleges. He believes that this opportunity will have a positive impact on both the student body and the community. "As I have talked with students and alumni, everyone is excited about the unifying effect intercollegiate sports will have," he said. "And many students have said it will be a great way to let off some energy and steam from a hard week's worth of studies and extracurricular activities."

SPORTSPICKS

	Men's Basketball Alpha vs. Omega	College Basketball Michigan @ Ohio St.	NBA Bulls @ Heat
staff			
Scott Jennings	Alpha	Ohio St.	Bulls
Abby Stanley	Alpha	Michigan	Bulls
Drew Mishler	Alpha	Ohio St.	Heat
Caleb Davis	Omega	Ohio St.	Bulls
Allison Harrod	Omega	Ohio St.	Bulls
Jon Clute	Omega	Michigan	Heat
guests			
Aaron Iles male guest	Alpha	Ohio St.	Bulls
Jill Iles female guest	Omega	Ohio St.	Heat

JANUARY 30



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POWER RANKINGS
MEN'S BASKETBALL



Rankings do NOT include Tuesday's interleague games.

- 1. BETA (2-0) Despite losing a talented senior class, Kyle McVey and Bruce Burkholder give the Patriots a solid chance to return to the championship game.
- 2. PI KAPPA (1-0) The Cobras lost only Craig Wilson and appear to be the most complete team in the National League.
- 3. SIGMA (2-0) Wins over Pi Gamma and Omega have put the Spartans on the map as a serious contender.
- 4. ZETA CHI (2-0) The return of Josh Baun gives the Tornadoes more depth at guard but leaves question marks about their post play.
- 5. PHI BETA (2-0) The Bulldogs remain untested so far but their game against the Cavs on Tuesday should show if they're a contender or a pretender.

ALSO RANKED: 6. Omega 7. Chi Alpha 8. Alpha 9. Pi Gamma 10. Phi Kappa

Bulldogs survive Rams' rally, pull out 63-52 victory



The Rams drive down the lane against the Bulldogs. Photo: Amy Roukes

By: **CALEB DAVIS**
Sports Writer

The Phi Beta Bulldogs' basketball team defeated the Phi Kappa Rams 63-52 Saturday afternoon in an exciting, tough game.

In a game plagued by turnovers, Phi Beta was able to take care of the ball a little bit better than Phi Kappa. The Bulldogs had only 20 turnovers while the Rams had 26.

The Rams' small total of nine assists also had an impact on the game. The Rams put themselves into a big hole early by letting Phi Beta take a 36-15 lead at the half.

But after a technical foul from the Bulldogs' Josh Clater for hanging on the rim, the Rams seemed to gain some momentum, storming back with their press and strong rebounding.

Freshman Manny Rivero gave the Rams a strong post presence and was a big part of their second-half comeback. In the end, Phi Beta's size and talent, led by Josh Clater and freshman Jordan Kelley, were too much for

Phi Kappa.

Josh scored 23 points and had six rebounds, while Jordan scored 11 points and had an impressive 12 rebounds.

Josh said Phi Beta's aggressive beginning was a major key to the team's victory. He also said his team concentrated on shutting down the Rams on defense by making them shoot jump shots and by taking away the drive.

Josh said he was encouraged by the improvements in the team's in-game communication but added that the Bulldogs need to continue to improve in finishing games strong and in handling defensive pressure better.

The Bulldogs look to be major contenders again this year and showed their experience and size are both going to be key to their success.

As for the Rams, their young team saw some flashes of positive things, but they still need to take better care of the ball and play smarter from start to finish if they want to make a run in the National League this year.

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WACKY SPORTS

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1) Chessboxing- In the ultimate combination of brawn and brains, opponents spend one round boxing followed by a round of chess. The winner wins by either a checkmate or a knock out.

2) Furniture Racing- Teams outfit their furniture pieces with motors and wheels for racing competitions. Some tournaments give extra points for style and comical elements.

3) Bossaball- A combination of volleyball, soccer and gymnastics, bossaball requires athletes to use their hands, feet and head to hit the ball over the net. Each team is allowed eight hits per possession and each side has a trampoline.

4) Zorbing- Modeled after hamster running wheels, Zorbing allows a person to fit inside a cushion-like ball and roll around at will. Popular competition sites often involve slopes and even water.



Although BJU will introduce intercollegiate sports next year, these sports will not definitely not be appearing on campus.

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- 1) Chessboxing - Sascha Pohflepp
- 2) Furniture Racing - Great Grove Bed Race
- 3) Bossaball - www.bossaball.si
- 4) Zorbing - Josh Berglund

GUYS BASKETBALL

HS Basketball Tournament Championship Game
Friday, 8 p.m., Main Court
Basil vs ZAP Saturday, 6:45 p.m., Main Court
Alpha vs. Omega Saturday, 8:15 p.m., Main Court

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GIRLS WATER POLO

Pirates vs. Bear Cubs Friday, 5:50 p.m.
Cardinals vs. Colts Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Seagulls vs. Classics Friday, 7:35 p.m.

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Unfortunately, new accreditation would not be retroactive, meaning it would not apply to previous graduates' degrees. Still, Dr. Weier said he believes alumni could benefit from the change. "It all depends on how the decision-maker (employer, graduate school, etc.) views the situation," he said.

If students do run into trouble with their current accreditation being recognized, Dr. Weier encourages them to contact BJU's registrar. "We've had success working on many appeals," he said.

Looking ahead

Currently, the next step in seeking regional accreditation

is preparing to submit an application to SACSCOC.

Dr. Weier estimates it could be a four- to five-year process to achieve membership.

"There is much work to be done, many questions to be answered," he said. "And, of course, no outcome is guaranteed, but we're excited about our progress and what we're learning at this point."

The lengthy process will incur substantial costs in both resources and effort, but Dr. Weier said it's an investment that is well worth it.

Dr. Weier said he believes the accreditation would make the University more effective in its mission as well as help BJU serve its students better.

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special talents. I am only passionately curious."

Thinking back now to my conversation with that little boy, I deeply regret discouraging his questions. Without knowing it, that 6-year-old taught me, his teacher, a very valuable lesson: we're never too old to ask "why."

What if we all encouraged the inquisitiveness of a child within ourselves and formed a passionate curiosity? Would there be more Einsteins in the world? I think so.

After all, in the words of the great mathematician himself, "The important thing is not to stop questioning."



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