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Have a suggestionfor the new BJU mascot?

A panel of BJU students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators is collecting mascot suggestions to propose to Dr. Jones and wants input from the university family.

Send your idea to mascot@bju.edu by Feb. 10, with your mascot choice as the subject line.

Student representatives will bring the ideas to the committee, and anyone who submits an idea that is chosen as the winner will be recognized.

In the know:

Academic Resource Center

The newly unveiled Academic Resource Center is now open on the second floor of the Alumni Building.

Student tickets available

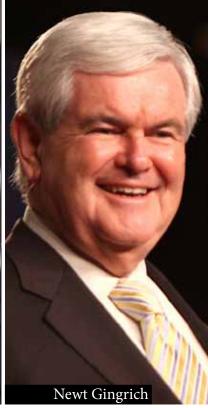
Tickets for the American Spiritual Ensemble will be available in the lobby of Rodeheaver Auditorium Thursday after chapel and all day Friday.

Fiddler on the Roof

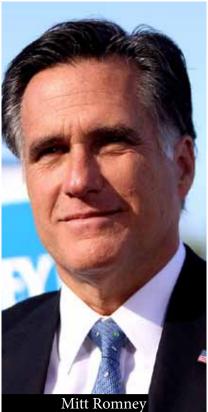
Karen Greenwood will direct the first performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Stratton Hall. The play will also be performed Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

College-age vote important to election









The top GOP presidential candidates increase their campaigning as the state primaries and caucuses begin. Photos courtesy of Gage Skidmore and Kyle Cassidy

By: LEE MILLER Staff Writer

Four states—Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida—have already held a caucus or primary in the 2012 presidential nominating process, but 46 states have yet to vote.

The race for the Republican presidential nomination has seen several candidates rise and fall and has come down to four leading candidates: Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum. Incumbent President Barack Obama is the only serious candidate running on the Democratic side.

BJU political science professor Mrs. Linda Abrams said she believes this presidential election is very important and the outcome will determine the direction of America. Mrs. Abrams said, "Do you want more of the same, or do you want a different path?"

While elections are important, Mrs. Abrams said college students tend not to be interested in the political system because the realities of life have not yet hit them. She said college does not have the same burdens and pressures as post-college life does.

"There's a powerful voice in the numbers of the 18- to 21-year-old vote, but they're the group that votes least often," Mrs. Abrams said.

According to Mrs. Abrams, young people do not vote because politicians are not talking about issues important to them. However, she says if the college-age group became a reliable voting bloc, politicians would focus on issues

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Dr. Stephen Jones shares spiritual truths learned in physical trials

By: HEIDI WILLARD Staff Writer

The past year and a half has been filled with unanswered questions for Dr. Stephen Jones. In a phone interview with *The Collegian*, Dr. Jones explained that since October 2010, he has visited various doctors and specialists who have tried to find the cause of his vertigo and migraines.

About a year ago, a doctor in Jacksonville discovered through a series of tests that a nerve in Dr. Jones' left ear was causing balance problems. Within the next few weeks, Dr. Jones will visit that same doctor for some additional tests to evaluate whether the nerve is improving.

But whether or not this doctor visit provides the answers many are eager to hear, Dr. Jones said he is trusting God—a lesson he has been learning continually since health difficulties began. "There are days I get fearful," he

said, "and I just have to trust."

Of course, that's not easy to do, but Dr. Jones said he is trusting in God's timing. "For right now, this is the calling," he said.

How does a man with such physical challenges demonstrate such unwavering spiritual strength? Dr. Jones said he is drawing his strength from God's Word. "The time I've had in the Word has been especially sweet," he said. "It really has been alive and ministering to my soul."

Sometimes migraines limit the amount of studying Dr. Jones can do, but he has been greatly encouraged by friends. From campus prayer groups to faculty and staff, graduates around the country and even friends in India, countless numbers of people have told Dr. Jones they are praying for him.

"It's an incredible blessing," he said. "It's

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By: KYLE SEISS Staff Writer

I have a problem. And if you're the kind of person inclined to start reading an article and then be distracted by an advertisement or a headline, you might want to at least try to finish this one, because we have the same problem.

I have a problem paying attention to anything for significant amounts of time. I recently noticed how short my attention span had become when I realized that I skip reading friends' Facebook statuses that are longer than three lines. That in itself isn't tragic, but the general trend can be.

No, this column is not a rant against technology, although technology can be a dangerous distraction. (How many times have you almost learned the hard way not to text and drive?) But most of us actually find a screen easier to focus on than a book.

I think that we just get so busy with college responsibilities and assignments that our brains get accustomed to doing too many things at once. I mean, isn't it normal to be struggling to follow a lecture while also brainstorming for a paper topic, trying to figure out with whom you're going to eat supper and also agonizing over why your crush didn't say "hi" when



you passed him or her on the sidewalk?

Multiple studies have shown that adults, including college students, can pay close attention for only about 15-20 minutes. It's hard for us even to understand how people of more leisurely times could listen to speeches and sermons several hours long.

It's okay to be busy, but sometimes you have to calm the cyclone in your head and listen, really listen. Somebody might actually be saying something important.

If I space out in class, I risk missing an important concept or a test question the next week. And I have to hope that a classmate was paying better attention than I was and is willing to share notes.

But if my imagination takes over while I'm driving, I might experience a roadside epiphany that I'm not actually on the Autobahn, or I

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Presidential campaigns should focus on positives, not negatives

The Collegian Editorial

According to a Gallup poll, 70 percent of Americans said they can't wait for the presidential elections to be over. And that was in December before the primaries had even begun. Now that the contest for the GOP nomination is in full force, many voters are finding themselves with "campaign fatigue," especially now that negative ads and attack tactics are becoming more frequent.

Over the weekend, the Republican race became especially hostile when Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney exchanged insults in Florida. Romney again questioned Gingrich's ethics, Gingrich charged Romney with being a lying liberal, and America collectively groaned, aware that the negative campaigning would only get worse.

Of course, attacks on candidates have always been part of elections. When candidates run out of good things to say about themselves or when their poll numbers slip, they often turn to negative campaigning. Sometimes it works. Several studies have shown that voters are more likely to remember negative political ads than positive ones. But if a candidate really wants voters' support, he should focus on why he's qualified to be our country's leader, not why the other guy is not.

Before radio and television, presidential candidates had a different tactic: a campaign biography. A campaign biography was an entire book written about a candidate, detailing his political history and accomplishments and what issues he stood for—with little or nothing about how awful the competition was.

In our fast-paced society, people don't really read books anymore. Instead, campaign directors use 30-second attack ads to distract voters and make them forget the big issue-related questions they should really be asking of the candidate that has "approved this message."

Voters, then, must be on guard not to get sucked into the political drama and neglect their responsibility to research the actual positions and qualifications of the candidates. As for the candidates themselves, if they really care about the voters, they should create a solid campaign based on viable solutions to issues that the American public cares the most about. If the candidates had such solid positive campaigns, they would have no need to bolster their campaigns by attacks on the competition.

And maybe America would dread the campaigning process a little bit less.







If you could know what any person was thinking at any point in history, who and when would it be?







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Professors share useful lessons learned in college

By: JESSI HARGETT Staff Writer

New experiences, relationships a lessons surround the life of every college student. Some facts learned in classes seem useless at first, and experiences on campus—especially in the residence hall—may try students' patience. However, as several faculty members have found, college helps prepare students for different aspects of life.

Most undergraduate students cram their brains with what seems like an overwhelming number of names, dates, wars, kings, treaties and dynasties in History of Civilization.

Students training in areas other than history may have difficulty finding the connection between their majors and this myriad of seemingly "useless" facts.

Dr. Blake Spence, head of the department of journalism and mass communication, recalls sitting through History of Civilization. At the time, he said he saw little benefit in a class that he thought consisted of uninteresting, useless facts.

However, some years later when teaching British Literature, he said he realized the wealth of knowledge that he had once considered useless.

He said he found that the history surrounding a piece of literature is critical to fully understanding a work's meaning. Also, Dr. Spence said he discovered that historical allusions and examples add interesting details and support to his own writing. What he once thought was useless actually enhanced his career.

In years past, BJU undergraduate students were required to take four semesters of physical education. Mr. Doug Sprunger, chairman of the Division of Practical Studies, was one of these students and studied minor individual sports in his P.E. courses.

Surprisingly to Mr. Sprunger, these classes, which seemed to be unrelated to his Bible major, proved useful in his later ministry.

While pastoring at a church, he found himself teaching P.E. at the small Christian school linked to the church. He was the only option, so he brushed off his old college P.E.

textbooks and put his knowledge of minor sports into practice.

"[Teaching P.E. was] just one of those things that the Lord had prepared me for that I would have had no real knowledge of had it not been for the fact that I had to take those 'useless' P.E. courses," he said.

The phrase "the effective speaker" haunts generations of freshman speech students. Is learning the 10 principles of the effective speaker a waste of time? Graduate student Miss Joanna Samar says no.

During her freshman speech class, Miss Samar asked, "Why do I have to know this?" Later, however, she said she found herself using the 10 principles while listening to others or while speaking in public herself. She said, "I don't remember them word perfect, but I remember the big ideas."

Dr. Nick Uwarow, a professor in the School of Education, said he discovered that college experiences outside of the classroom proved useful for him later in life. "I learned most in areas that weren't academic," he said.

During the previously required freshman course Orientation, Dr. Uwarow said he learned some valuable tips in manners, which he used when meeting his future interest.

Dr. Tom Lamb, a professor in the Division of Natural Science, said that his residence hall experience at BJU helped prepare him to be a teacher. "Living with a roommate, you get exposed to living with people with odd habits," he said. "As a teacher, I've been exposed to a lot of people with quirky habits. You just have to love them and work with them."

Facts and experiences constantly flood college students' brains. Some may seem useless and unnecessary in light of future plans. Miss Samar challenges students not to ask the common question, "Why do I need to learn this?" but rather to ask, "How could I use this now or in the future?"

"You can fix a lot of things with just a few tools," Mr. Sprunger said. "But it works even better if you've got a variety of tools that give you more options." Like him, students can never be sure how God will use them in the future or what tools they will need in their toolbox.



Winners of the Univeristy's Annual Music and Speech Contests perform at last year's Honors Recital. Photos: Photo Services

Students compete in fine arts contests

By: DANIELLE NIFENECKER Staff Writer

The first round of the annual fine arts contests begins Monday at 6:30 p.m. Students will compete in a variety of categories, including men's and women's voice, instrumental solos, original oratory, duo acting and poetry.

Sign-ups for these contests were in November, with some students beginning their preparation as far back as August or earlier.

Dr. Ryan Meers, chairman of the Division of Communication, said signing up includes filling out a form that asks which piece the student will perform.

"[For the dramatic arts competitions,] we have a set of plays and authors which we know are good and trustworthy that the students can choose from, and they just let us know what they'll be working on," he said.

Students competing in original oratory must choose a tentative topic to

speak on by November.

Dr. Ed Dunbar, the chairman of the Division of Music, said the music students choose a piece before the summer and talk to their private teachers to decide if it would be appropriate for the competition.

Each participant performs in two rounds, and then some are selected to continue to semi-finals and finals. The winners perform for the entire student body during commencement week.

For some students, these contests are required as part of their major, and Dr. Meers describes the events as another way to provide a competitive environment to stretch their skills. "For dramatic productions majors, they do not have the opportunity to perform unless they are cast in a play, so this provides another outlet to get feedback on performances," Dr. Meers said.

He also said that if a student hopes to pursue a master's degree in fine arts, these competitive experiences are similar to auditions for graduate schools and their programs.

For music students hoping to continue education after graduation, Dr. Dunbar said this competition prepares them for the future when they will have to learn pieces without a teacher. "When [students graduate], they're on their own, and [this competition] is a great opportunity to refine their skills," he said.

Even though the fine arts contests require much preparation and work, the students also enjoy the experience and competition. Callie Summer, a junior dramatic productions major, said the contest is a good opportunity to learn different things about her field and prepares her for the future. "It's a learning process that helps you teach others," she said. "Because I've learned how to do these things on my own, I can

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This week in weird:

A North Carolina man has been charged with biting a police officer during a domestic violence arrest last week. According to officials, the police officer had to go to the hospital for medical attention after the bite. The felony charge could add a new dimension to the 24-year-old's rap sheet.



Newt Gingrich affirms he's in the election to win, despite a recent slump in Florida polls. After a week in the Sunshine State, Gingrich says he's ready to fight for the nomination all the way to a brokered convention.



This day in history:

1913 – The 16th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, establishing the income tax law still used today.



They said it, not me:

"I am extremely uncomfortable with the extended use of my personal image in this political ad. I do not want my role as a journalist compromised for political gain by any campaign." –Tom Brokaw, on Mitt Romney's use of Brokaw's image in a recent political advertisement.

Costa Concordia:

Passengers of the capsized Italian cruise ship, the *Costa Concordia*, have been offered a sum of \$14,440 as part of a negotiated settlement after the ship sank on Jan. 13. Claims may still be contested in the weeks to come. Some lawyers say injured passengers should receive as much as \$1 million per claim.

2012 Republican Primary Dates

Missouri **28**

Michigan Arizona

Georgia Massachusetts Ohio Oklahoma Tennessee

> Vermont Virginia

Alabama Mississippi Puerto Rico

Illinois

Louisiana

District of Columbia Maryland Wisconsin Texas

Connecticut New York Pennsylvania Rhode Island

Indiana North Carolina West Virginia

Oregon

Nebraska 22 Arkansas Kentucky

Montana New Jersey New Mexico South Dakota

California **26**

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important to them.

Sophomore political science major Will Willis, who serves as the president of the local chapter of College Republicans, said the future is a reason for students not to wait to become politically involved. "What goes on today is going to affect them tomorrow," Will said.

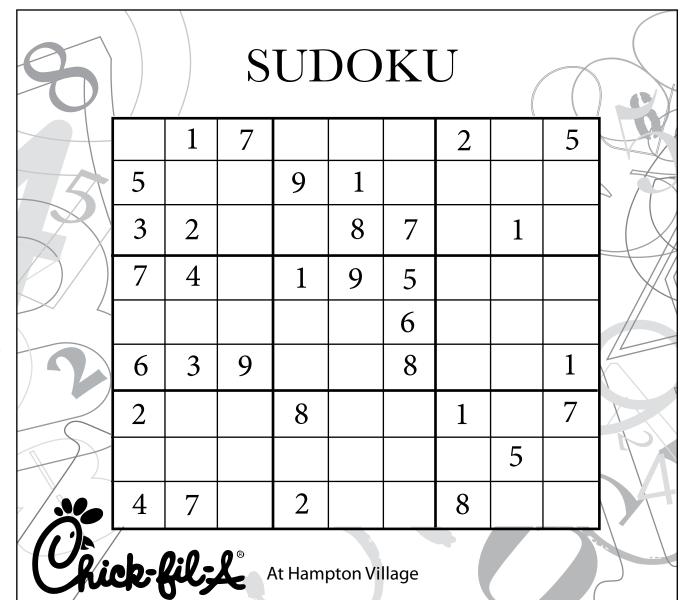
With 22 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico to hold primaries before semester's end, many BJU students will be able to vote by absentee ballot. Another 13 states will be holding caucuses during the semester, but there is no provision to vote absentee in caucus states.

The absentee voting process varies by state, but students can find out how they can vote by searching the Internet for their home state's Secretary of State or Board of Elections website. In order to meet any deadlines, students should start the absentee voting process right away. Another resource is the Long Distance Voter website, www.longdistancevoter.org, which provides absentee voting information for all 50 states.



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1 stop on by

"Come check it out. What have you got to lose?" said Keith Gilchrist, the zoo's general curator. "I think people [who visit] would be pleasantly surprised."

The Greenville Zoo's largest audience after young mothers and their children is college couples, Gilchrist said.

And it's no surprise since the Greenville Zoo offers a refreshing atmosphere away from the textbooks. "It's a smaller zoo, so it's a bit more of an intimate experience when you come to visit," Gilchrist said.

The earlier you visit the zoo, the quieter it is.

The zoo is open every day from 10 a.m.

until 4:30 p.m.

A day at the greenville ZOO

Chances are you already feel like you're doing a lion's share of homework assignments this semester. So why not take a break and head to the Greenville Zoo where you can see some real lions?

2 stay for awhile

But if simply observing the zoo isn't enough for you, maybe you should consider volunteering. The Greenville Zoo welcomes volunteers year round. Gilchrist is looking for hard workers who love animals and "don't mind gettin' dirty."

If you *really* want to dig in and get your hands dirty, summer, fall, winter and spring internships are also offered. Summer internships, the most competitive, require at least 128 hours of work, but fall, winter and spring internships require a minimum of 96 hours.

Any volunteer or intern can be proud of working for the Greenville Zoo since the zoo prides it-self in being one of 224 institutions in the U.S. that are accredited by the American Zoo Association. Gilchrist said that the standards of animal care at zoos nationwide are rising every year.

Volunteer and internship applications are available on the Greenville Zoo website. Just look under the "get involved" tab.

3 see what's coming

The Greenville Zoo holds all kinds of events such as the third animal enrichment day coming in April. The main purpose of this event is to educate the zoo's visitors about animal husbandry.

Birthday celebrations are a common occurrence as well. Bob Orangutan's sixth birthday was last week, and the leopards' birthdays are in March. "There's never a dull moment," Gilchrist said.

So whether you're looking for a relaxing

excursion, a volunteer position or a birthday party to crash, the Greenville Zoo is the place to be.

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Omega Lions dominate Alpha Razorbacks 81-55 on court

By: JON CLUTE **Sports Writer**

The Omega Lions flexed their offensive muscle as they defeated the Alpha Razorbacks 81-55 Saturday night. Alpha was outmatched in this basketball battle as Omega asserted itself as the victor before the first half had expired.

Omega built a 16-point lead by halftime and coasted the rest of the way. The game was never in doubt as Alpha could not keep up with the stronger and faster opposition.

Junior Will Keller led Omega with 27 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Sophomore Cody Lehman also heavily contributed with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lions simply outpaced the Razorbacks in nearly every facet of the game. The Lions shot 52 percent from the field while the Razorbacks had a dismal field goal percentage of 25 percent.

The Lions also dominated the battle in the paint with a rebounding advantage of 45-30 over the Razorbacks. In addition, the Lions forced 17 turnovers and played ferocious defense all night.

Alpha big men Brandon Moss and Chad Pack led their team with 21 and 18 points respectively. Jeff Hammer also contributed nine points, all from the 3-point line. Alpha only had three points from their bench players while Omega had 20 bench points.

Omega suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Sigma in its first game of the season, and the players were glad to come out and play their game against Alpha.

"Defense is what we wanted to focus on, especially after last weekend," Omega's Cody Lehman said. "Overall, it was much better. Our plays looked good, clean and crisp, and defensively we were able to box out and a get



Will Keller of Omega loses the ball under the basket as Bobby Fredericks and Chad Pack defend. Photo: Mark Cronemeyer

a lot more defensive rebounds."

Omega had 13 steals and used its speed to run on Alpha. Will Keller had quite a few transition layups, and Cody Lehman drew several "oohs" from the crowd with two dunk attempts.

"They are a very quick team and good

with their transition game," senior Jeff Hammer of Alpha said. "Most of their points came in transition, quick shots, layups, things like that. We had talked about stopping that aspect of the game because we were trying to slow the game down."

Alpha will look to rebound from this

tough loss.

"A lot of it is just us beating ourselves because we didn't do simple things like boxing out and getting back on defense," Jeff said. "This week we play the Cavs, so hopefully we'll be able to bounce back and get a good









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Zeta Tau Seagulls race past Pi Delta Classics 7-0 in water polo

By: ALLISON HARROD **Sports Writer**

The Zeta Tau Omega Seagulls surged to a 7-0 victory over the Pi Delta Chi Classics in Saturday night's water polo match.

The Seagulls' relentless offensive push persisted the entire game, forcing the Classics to brace themselves on the defensive

Wasting no time, an interception by Abby Chetta with a pass to Cherith Hamilton provided the Seagulls an early 1-0 lead.

The Classics were left in the wake of a full-throttle Seagulls offense.

A break for the Classics arose when junior Lyanne Acevedo fought her way through the mayhem and landed the ball in Seagull territory. A strategic pass to teammate Victoria Sparkman produced the opportunity for a point, but amidst the struggle for the ball, the chance ricocheted off the crossbar and back into Seagull possession.

With quick, effective passing, the ball found itself back in front of the Classics' net. Despite a tenacious and unyielding defense, Cherith facilitated the opportunity to score, passing to open teammate Bask Jugsujinda.

The Seagulls pulled away from the Classics with a 3-0 lead at the half. The offensive presence of both Bask and Cherith carried Seagull momentum while the Classics continued to lag further behind.

The Seagulls continued to pummel the Classics' net, but Classic goalie Elizabeth Clemons proved her team's MVP for the many shots she saved from finding their way to the back of the net.

On a few occasions, Victoria had some beautiful shots on the Seagulls' goal, but no points could manage their way onto the board. A tough break for the Classics—they remained scoreless the entire game.

Abby said the Seagulls' success is due mostly to the fact that they simply love playing together. She said they know each other so well that they can anticipate passes and plays. When one gets in trouble, there are two or three others open and ready to help.

Though eclipsed by the Seagulls, the Classics have a strong team, especially on defense. Should they strengthen their scoring capabilities and employ a primary offensive tactic, it should be exciting to see what they can do in future matches.

As for the Seagulls, their teamwork and skill place them at the top of the leaderboard. With wins over the Tigers and now the Classics, the Seagulls' team remains a formidable challenge yet to be conquered.

GUYS

Sigma vs. Beta Friday, 6:45 p.m., Main Phi Beta vs. Pi Gamma Friday, 8:15 p.m., Main Omega vs. Phi Beta Saturday, 6:45 p.m., Main Chi Alpha vs. Alpha Saturday, 8:15 p.m., Main



GIRLS

Pirates vs. Jaguars Saturday, 9 a.m. Bobcats vs. Colts Saturday, 9:35 a.m. Kangaroos vs. Flames Saturday, 10:45 a.m.

SPORTS PICKS

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Scott Jennings (1-2)	Phi Beta	Missouri	Nuggets
Abby Stanley (0-3)	Phi Beta	Missouri	Nuggets
Andrew Mishler (2	2-1)	Phi Beta	Kansas	Lakers
Caleb Davis (3	3-0)	Phi Beta	Kansas	Nuggets
Allison Harrod (2	2-1)	Pi Gamma	Kansas	Lakers
Jon Clute (2	2-1)	Pi Gamma	Kansas	Lakers
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Morgan Leatherwood female guest (3		Pi Gamma	Kansa	Lakers

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- 1. Record 414 passing yards in a Super Bowl game
- 3. Most times sacked in career
- 4. Number of host cities for the Super Bowl
- 6. Eli Manning's alma mater
- 7. Last player to successfully make a drop
- 8. Seventh Super Bowl appearance
- 11. Giants' coach
- 13. Most consecutive home wins for QB
- 14. The Giants won their first Super Bowl
- in 1987 versus the_

ACROSS

- 2. Pittsburgh has played whom three times in the Super Bowl?
- 5. Most receiving yards in Super Bowl
- 7. A 30-second Super Bowl commercial million dollars. costs 9. The Super Bowl is aired on
- 10. Fifth Super Bowl appearance
- 12. Super Bowl 2012 location: Stadium
- 15. Only player to win the Super Bowl MVP three times
- 16. Vince Trophy



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could cause an accident.

Or sometimes a friend is sharing something with me that's bothering him or her, and I suddenly find myself in Zombieland with no clue of either how my mind ended up there or what my friend has been talking about. Our lack of attention can undermine our relationships with friends.

Most importantly, our lack of attention can distract from our responsibility as Christians. It's easy to miss hearing a still small voice with all the distractions even important ones—in our busy lives. God doesn't tweet His instructions in convenient, 140-character notes.

The Bible doesn't have a catchy alert chime when it has an urgent message—it's always urgent. One must

deliberately stop and listen, 100 percent concentration. That's the kind of audience God wants.

It's good to work hard and play hard, but it's also important to listen closely to the things in life that matter. So take a little extra time, turn on your life's pop-up blocker, as it were, and listen to people trying to help you, to those whom you need to help and to God.

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also incredibly humbling. It makes me feel very small."

Dr. Jones said he also appreciates prayer for his children and his wife, Erin. "God's grace has been really evident in Erin's life, and the kids have been super sweet," Dr. Jones

said. "I know it wears on them a lot."

Dr. Jones said his greatest challenge is not being with the university family.

"I love you as a student body and as faculty and staff, and I want to be out among you," he said. "Y'all are my calling and my joy, and to not be with you and ministering among you has really been the hardest thing to deal with."

But as he continues to wait on God's timing, Dr. Jones is praying that God will perfect his character. "I don't want to waste the lessons," he said. "I don't want to be the same person at the end of it."

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now help others with the process."

Some students choose to participate in the contests even if they are not required to for their majors. Justin Snyder, a junior cinema production major who competed in duo acting last year, said he always enjoyed the fine arts, and working on every aspect of a piece helped him in his own major.

"The whole experience was mind-broadening," Justin said. "It helped me look for details in art." He said those details make the piece fun to perform and help it stand out from the other competitors' pieces.

Lana Tagli, a senior dramatic productions major, tian liberal arts education said the most important part because we want students of the process is learning to take risks and working hard to make the piece exciting.

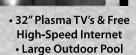
"You need to keep pushing yourself until you have something you're proud to put your name on," she said.

Dr. Meers summarized the goal of the fine arts competitions. He said, "These contests are another demonstration of the Christo pursue a better understanding of fine arts with a Christian perspective."



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