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Class of 2012 ushers in commencement week changes

By: STEFFANI RUSSELL
Staff Writer

In seven days, more than 800 graduates will walk across the stage of the FMA and collect their long-awaited diplomas. On that one day—the culmination of years of academic work—they'll celebrate their accomplishment with family and friends.

Non-graduating students will also celebrate with their friends before traveling to their summer work or ministry.

But this year's commencement week is going to be a bit different from past years.

For the first time in the history of the University, the commencement ceremony will be on Friday afternoon. This change is intended to make commencement week and weekend travel plans easier for both students and professors.

Sophomore creative writing major Jessica Marinelli said she thinks the change is fantastic since it allows her to get home to her family faster.

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Graduates celebrate with friends following last year's commencement ceremony. Photo: Hal Cook

Othello to bring tale of tragedy and loss to Rodeheaver stage



The Classic Players, featuring Lonnie Polson and Becca Kaser, rehearse a scene from Shakespeare's *Othello*. Photo: Amy Roukes

By: KYLE SEISS
Staff Writer

Othello, Shakespeare's timeless tragedy of jealousy and intrigue, will fill Rode-

heaver Auditorium with its flashes of crackling anger and poignant shadows of suffering innocence.

The University Classic

Players, directed by drama and communication professor Mr. Paul Radford, will perform the play Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 2

and 8 p.m.

Othello, named for the protagonist, begins in the Republic of Venice during the Renaissance and ends on the island of Cyprus.

"It's the story of a warrior who's really good at fighting but really bad at love," Mr. Radford said.

Accompanied by his lieutenant, Cassio, and his ensign (a standard-bearer), Iago, the general Othello commands a Venetian army against the Turks.

Othello wins the heart of Desdemona, the young daughter of a Venetian nobleman, and takes her on his campaign in Cyprus.

As a veteran warrior, Othello displays such admirable qualities as decisive-

ness and resolution, but his trust of a fellow soldier instead of his wife dooms their marriage.

"He didn't couple wisdom with his passion," said Dr. Lonnie Polson, who plays Othello. "His love was of such an intense nature that it excluded rationality."

Iago, the play's evil genius played by Mr. Jeff Stegall, harbors such a hatred for Othello that he cannot abide Othello and Desdemona's happiness.

He convinces Othello that the virtuous Desdemona is involved in an illicit affair. Iago works him into such a confused fury that Othello smothers his own wife in bed.

Dr. Polson explained




how Iago's genius lies in his ability to appear trustworthy to all the characters—Othello even calls him "honest, honest Iago"—and his astuteness in picking out people's flaws and exploiting them.

Desdemona's loving but naïve nature blinds her to Othello's mounting suspicion, explained Mrs. Becca Kaser, a communication faculty member who plays Desdemona.

Emilia, Iago's wife, accompanies Desdemona as a maid and friendly confidant, and is portrayed by GA Miss Lindsay Morgan. "She provides a very jaded, cynical foil to Desdemona," Miss

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By: **TAYLOR ANDERSON**
Editor

My family has long since accepted the fact that I look nothing like the rest of them, particularly my sister Tara. She's an easy tanner and has straight brown hair and brown eyes, whereas I am permanently pale and have excessively curly strawberry blonde hair and hazel eyes.

So when I came to BJU as a freshman while she was a junior, the two of us frequently got The Look when we were introduced as siblings.

You know The Look: the squinty-eyed-tilted-head look people adopt while trying to find some small similarity that would identify us as family.

Most of those whom we met would shake their heads in confusion and admit with a shrug that they didn't see the resemblance. But there were the diligent ones who managed to find some aspect of our appearances they thought was alike: our eye shape or our cheekbone structure or our nose slant.

These brave few would give us The Look before nodding, perhaps with a little hesitation, and saying nonchalantly, "Yeah, I can see it." I'm grateful for these reachers, the ones who were determined to recognize some imaginary resemblance I bore to my family, against the odds.

Now I'm graduating, and as I go out into the world and (hopefully) the workforce



Loren Crisp

Generation Y faces challenge of saving for retirement early

The Collegian Editorial

very soon, I've come to the sobering realization that people will be trying to place my resemblance to more than just the Andersons. I am in another family: I have been given the position of child of God and adoptive sister of Jesus Christ.

We seniors are being given a tall order. Many of us are facing manifold pressures (completing our last seven days of undergrad, finding a job, securing a place to live, getting a mode of transportation), and we are to do it all in a way that reflects Christ, that identifies us as part of His family.

And it's not just the seniors that are going to be carrying this burden. Many of the rest of the university family will be entering a secular workforce for the summer and are tasked with carrying Christ's name well.

Interacting with the lost in any capacity is an opportunity for witnessing, but those that we spend the most time around—such as our

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For the more than 1.7 million U.S. college students who will graduate this May, retirement is probably the furthest thing from their minds. But with Generation Y facing the most unstable retirement of any generation, it would be a good idea for graduates to find some time amidst the celebration to think about long-term financial goals. In fact, even freshmen can benefit from thinking about such things.

Boomers and Generation X have always been able to rely on a job, a home, Social Security and a pension to provide a comfortable retirement. But Generation Y faces new challenges: high unemployment, a real estate crisis, near insolvency of Social Security and the slow disappearance of pension plans.

While Gen Y's parents and grandparents could count on employers and government to help provide for retirement, those between the ages of 18 and 34 will have to be much more independent. Unfortunately, most Gen Yers spend more time saving up for the next Apple product than they do for retirement.

Perhaps the biggest demotivator to invest for members of Generation Y is fear. Most financial advisers agree that Gen Yers should set a retirement savings goal of \$1 to 2 million. These numbers, along with the recent economic crash of 2008, have caused more than a

little wariness among young adults.

According to the 2011 MFS Investment Sentiment Survey, 47 percent of Gen Yers say they are likely to put off investment decisions. But putting off retirement planning will only make the situation worse. That doesn't mean Gen Yers must emerge from college with full investment portfolios, but it does mean they should be knowledgeable enough to control their financial future.

Christian young people should be especially concerned with financial planning so they can be good stewards for Christ both now and in the future, using their money to glorify God.

Preparing for retirement can be broken down into several simple phases. The first thing graduates should be concerned with is setting a budget aimed at paying off loans and creating an emergency fund. Then, they should take advantage of their employer's 401(k) plan to help establish the practice of saving for retirement. The next important step is investing in a Roth IRA account—an individual, usually tax-exempt retirement plan. After taking these basic initiatives, they can also talk to a financial adviser about investment portfolio options.

While \$1 to 2 million might sound like an astronomical amount, Gen Yers should remember they have plenty of time to build up savings before retirement—as long as they begin planning for their future now.

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Pinning ceremony to draw on history to honor grads

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Each year, the Nurses Pinning Ceremony honors the graduating nursing majors on the day before university commencement. This year's pinning ceremony will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Stratton Hall.

The ceremony symbolizes the nursing students committing to their career in the nursing field.

"The pinning ceremony is like a welcome into the professional ranks, an entry into professional nursing," said Miss Cynthia McGuire, who chairs the division of nursing and health science.

Mike Walker, president of the University Nursing Association, said the pinning ceremony means a lot to the class because it recognizes everything they have worked for over the past four years.

Mike said the ceremony is a time for the class to enjoy the fact that they've made it this far. "It's a more personal graduation,

celebrated with just friends and family," he said.

Each year the class also chooses a song to sing during the ceremony. "The song is 'I Run to Christ' and it really characterizes what you have to go through as a nursing major," Mike said. "We'll have six hours of work to do in four hours, and you can either depend on yourself or run to Christ and depend on Him in every situation."

Amanda Reed is the class pinning coordinator and explained the ceremony. After being pinned and receiving a lamp (which symbolizes service), the class will recite a creed promising to serve others and Christ through nursing.

They will then sing their class song and be addressed by the UNA president and Dr. Bob Jones III. After the pinning, the class will celebrate with a reception for friends and family.

Nursing majors look forward to this ceremony from the beginning of their program. "After freshman year, you know you're in

the program for sure, and you start clinicals, looking forward to pinning and professional nursing," Amanda said.

While the traditional white nurse's dress and cap has fallen away from everyday practice, students still wear the uniform for the ceremony, and each piece of the uniform represents part of history.

The pin each student receives represents the school the nurse graduated from. "Our pin has the BJU crest and is in the shape of a cross to represent Christian nursing and service to Christ through nursing," Miss McGuire said.

The pin also has historical significance. "They say that Florence Nightingale started a pinning ceremony by awarding badges of excellence to her graduating nurses," Miss McGuire said.

While students wear dark blue scrubs for their clinicals, the white dress worn during the ceremony represents professional nursing.

"Student nurses used to wear blue

dressess with white aprons, and a graduate nurse would wear the all-white dress," Miss McGuire said. "During the pinning ceremonies, the students show that they're graduating by wearing all-white dress."

This ceremony not only represents the end of college study, but it also dedicates the graduates to a life of service. "Nursing isn't an end; it isn't just climbing the career ladder for us. It's a means of ministry," Miss McGuire said.

The lamp that students receive during the ceremony joins these two goals of career and the ministry of nursing.

"The lamp also goes back to Florence Nightingale, who was known as the lady of the lamp because she would visit all the patients at night with her lamp," Miss McGuire said.

She said, "The lamp became known as a symbol of care, concern and the nurse taking care of the patient, and for Christians it also symbolizes shining the light of Christ's love on the patients that we care for."

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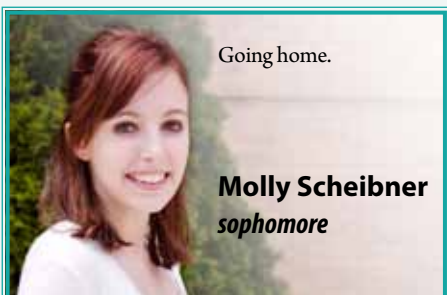
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What is one thing you will NOT be doing this summer?



Getting a lot of sleep.

Paul Jutras
sophomore



Going home.

Molly Scheibner
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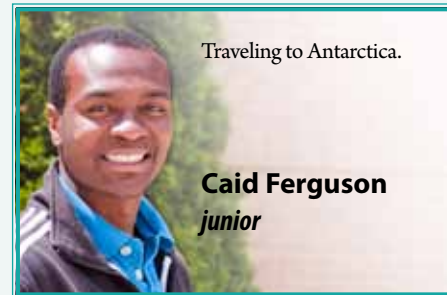
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Egypt declared Sunday that it would no longer deliver gasoline to Israel. An ongoing dispute about gas payment prices has escalated since the 2005 gas agreement was signed by former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak.

» They said it, not me:

"Well check this out, bodyguard. You're fired! And I hope his wife ... kicks him into the doghouse." – Sarah Palin, responding to a suspended Secret Service agent's having posted pictures of her on Facebook

» This day in history:

2006 – Construction began on the Freedom Tower, which now stands at 1,776 feet where the Twin Towers formerly stood.

» This week in weird:

Meow, a 40-pound cat, is on a diet. Meow's original owner, an 87-year-old man, gave him to a New Mexico animal shelter because he could no longer take care of the obese cat. The animal shelter called on the Santa Fe shelter for assistance in dealing with Meow, and a foster family is now caring for him. Cats usually weigh about 12 pounds, and Meow needs to lose at least 10 pounds before he can be put up for adoption. Since the shelter is unsure how he became so obese, they are taking blood tests to determine whether Meow has any health problems.

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Societies to exhibit brain power in Schol Bowl championship

By: LEE MILLER
Staff Writer

More than 4,000 questions will have been asked by the end of the Scholastic Bowl Championship on Thursday. This will be the final round of the semester-long competition pitting societies against each other in an intellectual battle.

What is the secret to success in the Schol Bowl? Not thinking about it, according to a member of one of this year's top four teams. "I try to put it out of my mind completely," said senior composite social studies education major Elizabeth Johnston of Theta Pi Delta.

"I'm not all into the competition aspect of it," Elizabeth said. "I just do it for fun."

Participants have to be ready to answer questions covering a wide range of topics. "It's kind of hard to prepare for because you never know what they're going to ask," said junior humanities major Brendon Johnson of Nu Delta Chi.

Although classes may be helpful in learning information for the Schol Bowl, Brendon said outside reading is also important in playing a good game.

"Basically, you just have to know as much



Scholastic Bowl contestants participate in the semifinal round of last year's competition. Photo: Jan Baker

as you can know about everything," Brendon said. "The main things are paying attention to the questions [and] not getting too nervous about it."

Epsilon Zeta Chi senior physics major Paul Smith said part of his preparation before a match includes drinking fruit juice to get his mind energetic. "I don't really prepare in terms of learning. I prepare by relaxing before the rounds," Paul said.

Knowing when to buzz in your answer is another vital step to a Schol Bowl victory. "On a question I think is going to be hard, I wait until after the question is complete to see if I actually know the answer," Paul said.

"On a question I think is going to be easy, I'll buzz in before the end of question." Although there is a risk of losing points with this strategy, Paul said it helps gain points against teams that respond quickly.

One of the benefits of being on a Scholastic Bowl team is building relationships. "Probably the biggest [incentive] is just in the area of meeting people," Paul said.

For first-time Schol Bowl member Michael Darlin, a junior accounting major from Phi Sigma Chi, being on the team has given him a chance to learn. "It's made me appreciate the knowledge of my team members," Michael said.

University Awards Program to honor student, faculty and staff achievements

By: JESSI HARGETT
Staff Writer

In the midst of packing and preparing for graduation, the BJU family will pause for the University Awards Program on Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the FMA. This annual ceremony recognizes the diligence and service of students, faculty and staff throughout multiple years or during the past academic school year.

Award recipients will receive email notifications, alerting them to meet backstage Friday morning before the start of the program.

Mr. Daniel Muller, coordinator of the program, said one interesting aspect of this awards ceremony is the fact

that award recipients have no time to run through the entire program. "You come the day of, and hopefully all goes well," he said.

The awards included in the University Awards Program are broken into categories: society awards, awards from each school, personal awards and faculty and staff awards.

Throughout the school year, societies accumulate points based on sports performance, sportsmanship, Scholastic Bowl and members' GPAs, service involvement and leadership roles. Societies distinguished in each of these separate categories receive a trophy, along with individual recog-

nition for Scholastic Bowl team members. Whichever society accrues the greatest number of points based on these categories receives the Society of the Year title.

Last year, Chi Kappa Delta attained this coveted award. Senior Cherie Binns, last year's vice president of Chi Kappa Delta, said the individual leadership roles of society members earned their society the title. In addition, she said her society, along with Phi Kappa Pi, earned community service points by organizing a carnival at Hope Baptist Church in Anderson, S.C.

Each school within BJU issues awards recognizing students who excel in their

particular field of study. Winners in this category walk away with a medallion and sometimes cash and a book related to their major.

In last year's University Awards Program, graduate student Mr. Josh Privett saw one of his college aspirations come to fruition—receiving the English Language and Literature Award. "I set the goal freshman year," he said. "Every year I had it on my mind." Josh said he worked hard throughout his years as an undergraduate student, and God worked through his efforts to give him the desire of his heart.

BJU students are exposed to many opportunities of leadership and

service around campus and the community. Several of the personal awards recognize students who exhibit exemplary character in their service and leadership.

The personal awards also distinguish two students for their academic performance. One award recognizes the senior with the highest cumulative GPA over the

past four years, and the other distinguishes the student with the highest GPA of the academic school year.

The last division of awards recognizes those faculty and staff members who have served at BJU for 20, 30, 40 or 50 years. Also, retiring faculty members will be acknowledged for their faithful years of service.



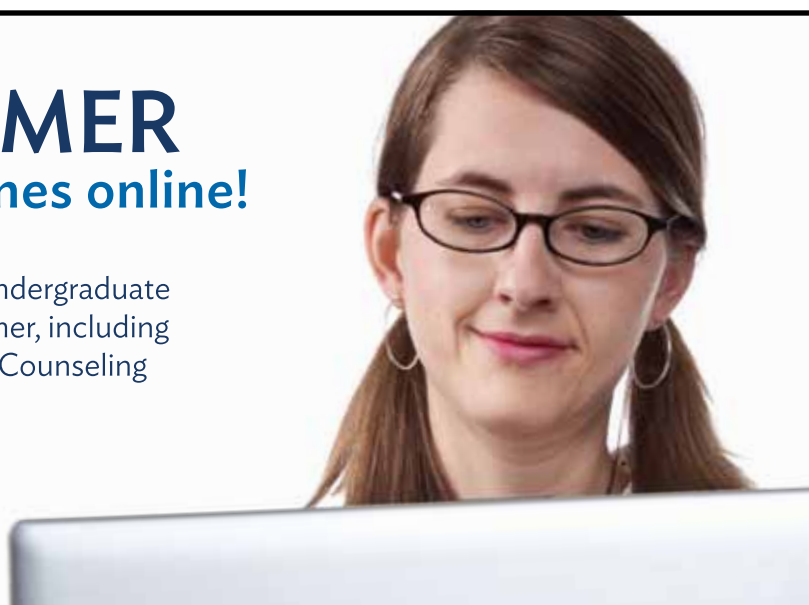
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FALL 2011



Mr. Marshall Franklin became the executive vice president of operations this past summer, having previously worked for 24 years as a businessman and partner in one of the world's largest professional services firms, Ernst & Young. He was a partner in the firm for 12 years and worked in the company's Paris office for his last three years. Mr. Franklin's down-to-earth manner and friendliness with the student body have quickly made him a part of the BJU family.

In early December, the BJU administration announced that BJU had applied to join the National Christian College Athletic Association. Since then, BJU has announced an athletic director and coach, Mr. Neal Ring. Men's and women's soccer and basketball games have also been scheduled for the upcoming school year. Recently, Mr. Jesse McCormick and Dr. Chris Carmichael were announced as the men's and women's soccer coaches, respectively.



One of Shakespeare's most lighthearted comedies, *The Comedy of Errors*, was performed in November. Set in New York City in the 1920s, the play was a huge success and instantly became a favorite production of many students.



This year's lighting ceremony featured a new nativity scene, live streaming and the classic 12 Days of Christmas. Those who watched the ceremony in person or via live stream were able to take pictures of the event and text or email them to live@bju.edu. The pictures were then uploaded to BJU's Facebook page to give those not in attendance a better idea of what the ceremony was like.

At the end of the fall semester, Mr. Franklin announced the University would be seeking regional accreditation and is currently in the application process. Regional accreditation will allow graduates more opportunities for graduate schools, employment and various certifications related to their major, according to Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for academic affairs.

The dining common introduced new lines of food for lunch and dinner for a few weeks during March and April, to the delight of many students. The lines offered grilled items, pasta, breadsticks, pizza and desserts. Dining common workers said this was to test out ideas for the future renovated dining common.

SPRING 2012



Midnight Madness brought students and faculty together for the unveiling of BJU's new mascot, the Bruin. Face paint, T-shirts, Growl Towels and lots of cheering were the protocol of the night. It was a huge success according to the majority of students.



The classic musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, directed by Miss Karen Greenwood, was performed for the first time at the University. Despite challenges presented by the size and familiarity of the production, Miss Greenwood and her talented cast made it a resounding success.

Cobras rally in final game to capture volleyball title

By: ALLISON HARROD
Sports Writer

In a five-game series for the men's volleyball championship, the Pi Kappa Cobras were crowned the victors over the Beta Gamma Patriots.

From the first serve, the Cobras were going for the kill. Jon Edwards' strategic placement of the ball proved vexing for the Beta defense.

It seemed the Cobras were going to have an easy win after they took the first two games, but the third game initiated a turn of events. The Cobras were blindsided by an impressive Patriot offensive.

Beta's Tim Sterr ruthlessly spiked the ball and proved a bulwark for the Beta net, blocking any attempts by Cobra hitters. Beta's 22-16 lead began to diminish, however, with some out-of-bounds hits and a lack of communication.

The Cobras were on the verge of a comeback, but Beta's Joseph Wooster stepped up to serve and effectively sealed Beta's victory with an ace, sending the teams into Game 4.

The next game found the Cobras still scrambling defensively. Despite efforts by Jon at the net, hit after hit pummeled the Cobras' side of the court.

Beta took Game 4 and thus inaugurated the last game of the evening.

Carrying momentum from the previous two wins, Beta took the early lead in the final game.

With Beta leading 8-4 in the last set, the Cobras' engines ignited. The teamwork of Jon and setter Eric Brooks landed the ball far out of Beta's reach.



The Cobras' Andrew Paquette smashes a spike at Beta's Vlad Smolyanov and Jason McVey. Photo: Amy Roukes

Meanwhile, the Cobras' Nathan Zakariaen monopolized on the lack of Beta coverage, narrowing the lead to two points.

Mark Allamon proved invaluable to the Cobras, tying up the game with a beautiful hit into the back right corner.

After Jon blocked a Beta attack by Kyle McVey and returned it for the point, the Cobras were a single point away from victory.

The volley began, and Kyle went up for the point. Too much power, though, caused the ball to land just out of bounds, giving the Cobras the win and the hard-fought championship.



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CHAMPIONSHIPS REVISITED

From the soccer field to the basketball court and even the pool, Bob Jones University students competed in a variety of intramural sports this year.

Beta reeled in another Turkey Bowl title with a 2-0 victory over Omega, while the Classics defeated their rival Cardinals for the volleyball championship. The Tigers broke the streak of Cardinals' and Classics' titles by winning basketball. On the men's side, Sigma won badminton and Zeta Chi rounded off first semester sports as flag football champions.

The Colts finished on top as the water polo champions at the beginning of the spring semester. The basketball season saw another undefeated Beta team outlast a valiant effort from Zeta Chi in the most competitive basketball title game in years, with Beta prevailing 65-58 to win its fifth title in six years. The Cardinals clawed to the top of an extremely level playing field in women's soccer after the heavily favored Tigers faltered against the Bandits.

Minor sports heated up in March as Alpha won tennis for the fifth time in six years. Sigma won racquetball, and Pi Kappa won ping-pong to conclude the minor sports season. The softball diamond hosted Zeta Chi's sweep of Omega in the men's softball finals, and the Colts used an intense walk-off finish to top the Tigers on the women's side. Finally, Pi Kappa outlasted Beta in men's volleyball to deny the Patriots their third banner of the year.

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BRUINS TAKE ON GREENVILLE EAGLES

The BJU Bruins men's soccer team took part in an organized scrimmage against the Greenville Eagles Football Club over the weekend. Despite having almost no experience playing with each other, the Bruins led at halftime through Stephen Lovelace, who scored BJU's first unofficial goal. The Bruins ended up losing 2-1 but played well against a much more experienced team and showed great promise for their inaugural season.

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Morgan said.

For this production, Mr. Radford and GA Mr. David Bean, who plays Desdemona's cousin Lodovico, have worked to polish the fight choreography in the fight scenes and in a barroom brawl.

"Mr. Radford wanted a down-to-earth, gritty feel," Mr. Bean said. He explained that he has been experimenting and working with the actors to make the scenes more intense.

Mr. Radford described Othello and the men around him as elite soldiers who make quick work of anyone

who interferes with them. "I want to tell the story of who these men are through the fights," he said.

Othello does get violent, and Mr. Radford said he's trying to make sure the staging shows that reality without being too intense.

Mrs. Kaser said she's had to work on making her

being smothered on-stage realistic. "Getting involved in the character so that comes naturally is a challenge," she said.

Mr. Radford is also adding some special touches with Renaissance drumming and an original musical score by Mr. Brian Buda.

Through her discovery

of Desdemona, Mrs. Kaser said she can see correlations between the Shakespearean tragedy and her own life. "I've realized just how much of both Othello and Desdemona can be in any of us," Mrs. Kaser said.

Miss Morgan has also drawn lessons from the play's themes. "Do we give

those close to us the benefit of the doubt?" Miss Morgan said. "If you expect to see the worst, you will always be rewarded with that."

Dr. Polson said, "Anytime you do a great work of art like a Shakespearean play, you come away learning some things, and you come away enriched."

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coworkers—will be looking at our lives and seeing if they add up with our claims. When we tell our coworkers and others we interact with that we're Christians, they will look at our lives and try to see the similarity between us and our Savior. Some might not know exactly what being a Christian truly means, but they'll know whether our choices and conduct are consistent with how our Master lived.

And if they can't see a difference in us, our bad

testimony could shut the door to any openness toward Christianity more thoroughly than anything else could.

When I tell my new coworkers, wherever I end up working, that I'm a Christian, I suppose I can expect some variation of The Look, more subtle but still assessing. And as they watch the way I live, I don't want them to have to reach to find some minuscule similarity that marks me and sets me apart as Jehovah's.

I want it to be blatantly, overwhelmingly obvious.

When I say I'm part of Christ's family, no mat-

ter what other feelings my coworkers have about Christianity or me personally, I want them to be able to be completely confident in saying, "Yeah, I can see it."

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The University will continue its tradition of holding a special baccalaureate service on the Sunday morning prior to commencement. Each year, a speaker is invited to address the graduating class on the last Sunday of the school year.

According to Mr. Kyle Wilcox, special assistant to Dr. Stephen Jones, the address is a way to encourage students "to go out and serve the Lord with the gifts and training He has provided them." This year's speaker will be the Rev. David Brock, president of International Baptist College in Chandler, Ariz. The emphasis will be on focusing on the Lord.

Rather than inviting a single keynote speaker to deliver a commencement address during the ceremony each year, BJU invites graduates to share testimonies of

the ways God has used their time at the University to teach and encourage them.

According to Mrs. Susan Peck, assistant registrar, this arrangement puts the focus of the ceremony not on a famous person, but on those who have actually done the academic work—the graduates themselves.

Yet commencement isn't just for graduating seniors. Faculty and staff will watch as their students, employees and others they have impacted reach this huge milestone. Hundreds of faculty and staff members in the university

family invest themselves in students every year; for them, it's a rewarding time to celebrate with their students and see them go out into the next chapter of their lives.

According to senior Myrna Moore, who will graduate with a B.A. in radio and television broadcasting, God's strength brought her through the four challenging years.

"I could not have gotten this far without His strength and gentle hand guiding me every step of the way," she said.

IN THE KNOW

APRIL 29

Baccalaureate Service
10:30 a.m. in the FMA

APRIL 30

University exams continue

MAY 1

Presentation of *Vintage*
The Vintage will be presented to the University family Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the FMA.

MAY 2

Othello
First performance will be at 8 p.m. in Rodeheaver Auditorium. Shows continue through May 3.

MAY 3

Schol Bowl Championship and Award Ceremonies
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Nurses Pinning Ceremony
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MAY 4

Commencement
2 p.m. in the FMA

MAY 5

Creation Museum
The Creation Museum is offering BJU students free admission tickets the weekend of graduation. Please see the Intranet for more information.

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