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Ministerial students have worked together to organize "Rooted and Grounded," a Bible conference for high school young men. Photo: Creative Services

Student-led conference to converge on Ohio farm

By: KYLE SEISS
Staff Writer

In response to the growing need for teen discipleship, senior Bible majors Caleb Phelps and Michael Conn are organizing (with the help of the University) the first "Rooted and Grounded" conference on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The organizers welcome young men from high schools across the Midwest to spend

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From snakes to soccer

How Coach Chris Carmichael balances his roles as Bruins women's soccer coach and science faculty member

By: CAITLIN ALLEN
Staff Writer

Dr. Chris Carmichael—also known as "the snake guy"—is the new head soccer coach for the Bruin women, as well as a member of the science faculty. His years of experience with soccer and snakes have made him an ideal fit for both the BJU athletic and natural science departments.

Collegian staff writer Caitlin Allen spoke with Coach Carmichael to learn more about his two very distinct roles on campus.

What do you preferred to be called?

My students call me "Dr. C.," and my players call me "Coach."

What do you do besides coaching?

I'm a teacher in the division of natural sci-

ence. Part of my job is helping to start a new zoology program for the University, beginning with a large snake collection.

How many snakes does the University have?

We have more than 100 snakes that I brought here. We use them to educate students that want to work with animals. Because I'm a herpetologist, students can work with me and get some experience.

Do you have a hobby besides snakes?

I love hiking, fishing, kayaking, boating and canoeing. I'm also a dog fanatic.

Do you have a family?

My wife of 23 years, Sharon, and I have 10 children who range from ages 2 to 22. Our

oldest daughter is married and has two kids, so I'm also a grandpa.

How long have you been playing soccer?

I played all the way through college and continued to play on a few traveling teams after I graduated, but I realized that coaching is what I really love to do. I was the head men's soccer coach for three years at Malone University in Ohio.

What's your favorite part of coaching?

I enjoy starting new programs and watching them develop. The ultimate reward for me is watching the players use skills on the field that they've learned in practice.

What's your favorite soccer team?

As far as club teams, Barcelona. For na-

tional teams, I go for Spain because they're a very possession-oriented team.

What are the Bruin women doing well?

On the field, we defend as a unit really well. We're able to shut down top opponents for a good part of the game.

What do you want to help the Bruin women improve on?

If we can shut down goal kicks and corner kicks, then we should be very competitive.

How can we, as fans, better support you?

I wish I could recruit those Narwhals for every game! I appreciate the clear and strong support for the Bruins and the fact that it isn't anti-support of the opposing team. I think the support we're getting from fans is amazing.



The Bruin women's soccer team poses with one of Coach Chris Carmichael's pythons. Photo: Amy Roukes

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By: JORDAN WELLIN
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When I was in sixth grade, there was a popular catchphrase that nearly all the girls in my class used. Whenever someone (usually a boy) asked them a stupid question, the girls would pull out their oh-so-cool signature response: “Talk to the hand.”

Looking back, this phrase sounds ridiculous and fairly idiotic. But oddly, “talk to the hand” has achieved a comeback of sorts in the past few weeks, though not from a sixth-grade girl.

Quite the opposite, actually. While speaking at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., Clint Eastwood, the 82-year-old actor and director, came up with his own version of the once-popular insult: “talk to the chair.”

For nearly 12 minutes, the Oscar-winner talked to an empty chair occupied by an invisible President Obama.

Actually, “talk” is too strong a word. The speech was more like a random conglomeration of rambling, muttering and growling.

Most people would agree that Eastwood is a great actor and director. He’s won four Academy Awards and



has been nominated for countless others. But politics is not exactly his area of expertise.

As insane as Eastwood’s speech struck me, things didn’t get much better on the Democrats’ end of things.

Instead of showcasing a bona fide Hollywood icon, the Democratic National Convention invited young actresses to introduce President Obama before his big speech at the DNC last week. Never mind that Scarlett Johansson, Kerry Washington and Eva Longoria are movie stars with no political experience. Never mind that the time they occupied could have been used to feature a real politician or real American heroes—say military personnel, for instance. What mattered most

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Dems waste opportunities at DNC

The Collegian Editorial

By this point in the presidential race, many of us are just ready for it to be over. But last week’s Democratic National Convention made even the most campaign-weary individuals pay attention to the election coverage.

What could have been an opportunity to unite the party by focusing on a strong economic vision for the next four years turned into an parade of speakers bashing the GOP and focusing on the most controversial issues.

According to a Gallup poll from August, 65 percent of Americans consider economic problems the most important national issue. Less than 1 percent said they were most concerned with abortion or gay rights. Still, the Democrats chose to harp on these topics in some of the most key DNC speeches.

Then, of course, there was the scandal over the omission of “God” and “Jerusalem” from the party’s platform and the frantic push to add them back. After calling for a vote three times because the delegates were so closely split on the matter, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced that the original wording would be reinstated, but the announcement was met with booing

from many of the delegates. This fiasco earned the Democrats the nickname “the party that booed God” from several in the media.

Overall, the convention, which was supposed to solidify Democratic support of the Obama campaign, actually made some Democrats question their party loyalty. First Lady Michelle Obama specifically appealed to blacks and Hispanics Wednesday. But as Fernando Cabrera, a pastor and politician from the Bronx, told blackchristiannews.com, many such minority communities are religious and are against gay marriage and abortion. This fact, added to the almost-omission of God, could be detrimental to the Obama campaign.

Several of the convention speeches accused the Republican party of being unwilling to cross party lines to work with Democrats. But by putting such heavy emphasis on the most controversial wedge issues, the Democrats hardly seem ready to compromise either.

In order to recover from this oddly extremist convention, the Democrats must stop alienating undecided voters by slipping into radicalism and instead push issues that Americans care about most. Whatever their next move, they must make it fast: Election Day is only 53 days away.

TALK BACK

What’s the scariest place on campus?



JOSH GUZMAN

Backstage in Rodeheaver Auditorium



CHRISTIAN SHOCKLEY

The back stacks of the library when they’re dark and deserted



KATIE VANDERKOOI

The cosmetology lab because of all the mannequin heads



KATHY ANDRONOVICH

The Jerusalem Chamber in the library



TIM ENDEAN

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New café finds inspiration in classic films

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Old Hollywood posters and movie props adorn the walls of The Silver Screen Café, creating a vintage collage of classic films at the recently-opened restaurant located on Wade Hampton Boulevard.

Restaurant owner Jim Tanner's love for movies inspired him to create the eatery, which features movie décor from the '30s through the '60s. Tanner had previous experience in the restaurant industry but wanted to open his own place. He thought a Hollywood-themed restaurant would be unique to the area. "Greenville has a lot of restaurants, but no one has done this theme before," he said.

Located less than a minute from campus, The Silver Screen Café is a taste of old Hollywood. From the walls to the menu to the tabletops, every part of the restaurant displays a piece of filmmaking history. On the walls, a reproduction of Dorothy's ruby red slippers hangs alongside *The Wizard of Oz* memorabilia. Across the room, black birds perch on a branch, representing Alfred Hitchcock's film *The Birds*. Dozens of other vintage movie posters deck the walls and tables, including *Casablanca*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Red-and-white-striped popcorn boxes also add a decorative touch to the tabletops.

As for the food? It's a box office hit. The menu offers a variety of breakfast and lunch items, all featuring the names of movies and actors. Customers can enjoy soups, salads, paninis, burgers, quiche and wraps. Some menu favorites include "The Groucho," a



The Silver Screen Café offers a varied assortment of breakfast items, lunch dishes and gourmet pastries, all with a classic Hollywood theme. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

classic Reuben sandwich; "Mr. Chicken Fruit Plate," chicken salad served with fruit; and "The Fellini Panini," made with chicken, mozzarella and parmesan cheese and sun-dried tomato pesto.

The Silver Screen Café also has a bakery, offering tasty options including chocolate and blueberry scones, cream-filled pastries and chocolate pecan pie.

The food and atmosphere combine to provide customers with a memorable dining experience. "We were looking for casual dining with good food and good service," Tanner said in regard to his vision for the restaurant. Not only does he want to offer service with a smile, but he seeks to invoke a sense of nostalgia within his customers. He hopes to educate customers about classic films and remind them of old movies they haven't seen in years. Tanner would love to hear customers say, "Oh, I forgot about that movie. I think I'll go home and watch that again," he said.

If the food and nostalgia aren't enough to motivate the student body to try The Silver Screen Café, the restaurant also offers a 10 percent discount off entrées for BJU students.

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was attracting young voters and driving up television ratings.

If anything, the two political conventions reminded us of this: we live in the age of the celebrity. We can't buy shampoo unless an actress recommends it. We can't get a prescription unless Mr. Hollywood approves it first. And we can't vote for a political candidate unless he or she is endorsed by a household name.

It's a trend that's been ongoing since 1956, when Nat King Cole became the first celebrity to speak in support of a presidential candidate (Eisenhower) at a national political convention, setting a precedent for

celebrity involvement at future conventions.

But the problem isn't just with the celebrities themselves, though that's often a huge part of it. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect is the obsession our culture places on A-list celebrities who have no business speaking for a cause in which they have little experience or knowledge.

Sure, there are the rare exceptions of Hollywood elite who have successfully made the leap from A-list celebrity to A-list politician (Ronald Reagan most notably, Arnold Schwarzenegger least notably). Eastwood even served as mayor of the small town of Carmel, Calif. for a brief stint in the '80s.

Still, how refreshing

would it be if actors stuck to acting and politicians stuck to politicking, allowing Washington and Hollywood to exist in their separate spheres? It's wistful thinking on my part, I know. But both places are bad enough on their own. And when they come together, matters are only worsened.

Ultimately, it took a tirade spoken to an invisible man in a chair to bring the matter of celebrity credibility to light again. And it'll be hard for anyone to top an act like Eastwood's for a while.

But then again, this is Hollywood and Washington we're talking about. Stranger things have happened before. And they're bound to happen again sooner or later.

WEEK at a GLANCE

By: ERIN KIMBRO
Staff Writer

► NATIONAL MARIONETTE THEATRE Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Stratton Hall

Beginning Thursday evening, The National Marionette Theatre will be on campus to perform Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Showings begin Thursday at 4 and 7 p.m. and continue with showings at 4 and 7 p.m. on Friday and 2, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. The production will take place in Stratton Hall and tickets for general admission can be purchased at the Programs & Productions box office for \$5.

The Syrotiak family of Brattleboro, Vt. runs the National Marionette Theatre and tours the U.S. yearly performing in various locations and venues. Last year they visited BJU for the production *Pinocchio*. Mr. Rod McCarty, stage manager for productions on campus, called that production a success, saying it was enjoyable not only for children, but for adults as well.

► ICE CREAM SOCIAL Friday, 7 p.m., Gazebo

The adage "everything old is new" will be applied tonight as students gather for the 1920s-themed ice cream social at the gazebo. The cost for the social is \$3 and will include a choice among three ice cream flavors with unlimited toppings from a wide variety of common favorites. The décor will feature the exact ice cream bar used in the film *Milltown Pride*, as well as other themed props from the film department.

Joslyn Rozema, one of the student leadership council's event coordinators, encouraged students to come and enjoy the eve-

ning. "This event is different from others because it's not structured, strictly speaking," she said. "You can come and go as you like. You can enjoy it with a large group of friends or perhaps just your boyfriend or girlfriend."

Casual attire is appropriate and students can bring blankets to sit on the grass. Throughout the evening various lawn games will be available, including croquet and bocce ball. In addition, the Greenville Textile Heritage Band, which features authentic period repertoire, instruments and costumes, will be performing 1920s-themed music from 7 to 8 p.m.

► SCCT PERFORMS THE SOUND OF MUSIC Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Peace Center Gunter Theatre

Last Friday, the South Carolina Children's Theatre began performances of the Broadway favorite *The Sound of Music* at the Peace Center in downtown Greenville. Last presented by SCCT in 2009, the musical returned by popular demand and will have showings this weekend and next, finishing on Sept. 23. Tickets can be purchased online at www.peacecenter.org. Michelle Ward, director of marketing at SCCT, believes the show appeals to all ages.

"Whether you're 2 or 92, SCCT has something for you," she said.

University making headway in accreditation process

By: LEE MILLER
Staff Writer

“How long will the regional accreditation process take for BJU?”

This is a question many have had since it was announced last semester that the University would be applying for accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The University must go through two cycles of gathering data to present to the accrediting board before it can apply for accreditation, according to BJU director of institutional effectiveness Mr. Phil Gerard.

Each cycle lasts one year, and this semester marks the beginning of the first cycle for BJU.

Mr. Gerard said the process includes two

assessments: macro and micro. The macro assessment involves proving that the University is committed to its mission. That includes evaluating, improving and accomplishing the goals of the mission.

The micro assessment deals with every program BJU offers. “On the academic side, every major has to be assessed,” Mr. Gerard said. “On the non-academic side, every department has to be assessed.”

During this process, each department will identify desired outcomes and produce evidence that it is achieving these outcomes. “Accreditation and assessment are a lot about continued improvement,” Mr. Gerard said.

Mr. Gerard said that based on an analysis of the submitted evidence, the department must show where it needs to improve for the next year.

The evidence for academic programs is

being examined by 20 faculty assessment coordinators under the leadership of Dr. Doug Garland, director of assessment.

The coordinators work with faculty to reach the outcomes. “A lot of that work has already been done at the beginning of the school year,” Mr. Gerard said.

Staff assessment manager Mr. Mark Beam is working with the staff departments to identify outcomes and complete assessments.

Once BJU meets the requirements to apply, it will take anywhere from as little as 18 months to as long as four years for SACS to make its decision on accreditation for BJU.

Although BJU only recently started the application process, it is not a new topic among its leadership.

“Leaders here at BJU have always been familiar with the accreditation process,” said Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for

academic affairs and overseer of the accreditation process.

In 2006, BJU became nationally accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), where Dr. Weier serves as a board member. Dr. Weier said that once the administration became convinced that SACS regional accreditation would support the University’s mission, they believed it was the time to move in that direction.

“The thing that is most important is SACS’ emphasis on mission,” Dr. Weier said. He said that SACS would help BJU be more focused on fulfilling its goals.

“As long as it encourages us to [fulfill our mission], and as long as it doesn’t impede upon our ability to be who we are from a biblical standpoint, we’re excited about the possibilities,” he said.

Students explore outreach ministries

By: CARLIE MALDONADO
Staff Writer

So you’re a freshman and you’ve been hearing a lot about joining an outreach ministry. You’ve also had the opportunity to visit numerous local churches. But figuring out how to get involved can be overwhelming and intimidating.

Take a deep breath and realize that there are people all around who can help you sort out the options.

Finding Opportunities

Most students become involved in a local church or outreach that they learned about through word-of-mouth. If you’re a residence hall student, ask your roommates and residence hall leaders about their ministries. They may have experience and suggestions to point you in the right direction. Also, the bulletin boards on the first floor of each residence hall display a list of churches.

Some of these churches provide transportation, and the boards show when and where to catch the bus for services. Otherwise, try directly contacting the church in which you are interested. Many times, a secretary or staff member will have a list of the university students already attending their services who are willing to provide transportation for other students.

When looking for an outreach ministry, one of the first opportunities you’ll hear about is your society’s outreach. Societies are usually closely affiliated with at least one outreach ministry. Find out more details from your officers. If you are looking for ministries that specifically need help, visit the university intranet. Go to “Life at BJU” and then to “Outreach Ministries” in the lower right hand corner. Next, click the “Opportunities” tab for a list of ministries that need

volunteers.

Finding the right church and the right outreach ministry often goes hand-in-hand. Men’s Student Body Chaplain Ben Hicks believes that one of the best ways to participate in an outreach ministry is through a local church.

What to Look For

How will you know if a church or outreach is right for you? At first, visiting a variety of churches is a good idea. However, don’t get into the habit of drifting around.

With both church and outreach, show your ability to be faithful and committed. Once you find a church you enjoy, look for someone on the pastoral staff and ask some questions. Look for opportunities to serve.

Rachel Campbell, women’s student body chaplain, found a church whose needs matched her God-given talents. If a ministry is too large for everyone to have a chance

to contribute or if a local church’s needs are already being met by regular local members, finding a different ministry might be best.

Why Get Involved?

Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of outreach ministries, works to make students aware of the opportunities available. “It’s important to be sure you’re in touch with unsaved people to give them the Gospel and not get cloistered inside another Christian bubble,” he said.

The motivation behind outreach ministries is to get the focus off ourselves and onto spreading the Good News we have received. “There’s got to be built in the habit of learning how to give the Gospel, how to reach different types of people, how to relate to them,” Dr. McAllister said. “We’ve got to keep scheduling time to do specific things so that we don’t get turned inward in our Christian lives.”

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GETTING TO KNOW *Greenville*

Greenville offers a wide variety of restaurants, activities and locations for a relaxing time away from school. Whether you're a new student or an upperclassman who has yet to venture out into the city, here are some places and events to check out during your free time.

Feeling the need to get off campus for a few hours?

Outside Recreation

Reedy River Falls

Reedy River Falls flows through the downtown area and creates a perfect place for picnics, casual walks or just sitting and relaxing at Falls Park. A trip to the falls would not be complete without a stroll across Greenville's suspension bridge, the Liberty Bridge, which overlooks the falls. Falls Park also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, such as charity walks and food festivals.



Paris Mountain

Paris Mountain, located a little more than five miles from campus, provides a place for those who feel the urge to get back to nature or want adventure in the great outdoors. The park provides hiking trails ranging in difficulty, boating of different kinds, bicycling and picnic areas. Admission to the park is \$2, and hours of operation depend on the time of year. So whether you need a location for your next society outing or just want a day in the fresh air, Paris Mountain offers a variety of activities for everyone.



Arts/Crafts



First Fridays

Throughout the year on the first Friday of every month, different local galleries and art museums invite guests to participate in the First Fridays art experience. Many art establishments, which are listed online along with their addresses, are open to visitors from 6 to 9 p.m. The purpose of the event is to introduce the public to different local artists and their work. The items on display include a wide variety of art, ranging from watercolor paintings to jewelry.

Food



BBQ

Although Greenville offers a variety of tasty restaurants, the city ranked third for "Best Barbeque" in a top 10 list by Livability, a website that provides reviews on small and medium-sized U.S. cities. The survey mentioned Henry's Smokehouse and Smoke on the Water as two places to find some of the best barbeque in the United States. But don't be afraid to venture out and try some of the other BBQ restaurants in the area, such as Tom's BBQ, Mike & Jeff's BBQ and Mutt's BBQ.

TD Saturday Market

If you're looking for some home-grown products or just a fun Saturday excursion, the TD Farmers Market in downtown Greenville offers a wide variety of foods, shopping and activities for everyone. Along Main Street on Saturday mornings through the month of October, farmers from the area sell their home-grown products from 8 a.m. until noon. And those who want to sharpen their cooking skills can attend cooking demonstrations by local chefs beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sports



Greenville Drive

The Greenville Drive, a Minor League baseball team, calls West End's Fluor Field its home, where students can go and watch one of America's greatest pastimes. Although the team's season has already ended this year, games will start up again next spring. Tickets can be purchased online, on the phone or at the ballpark.

Road Warriors

Hockey fans can visit the BI-LO Center beginning Oct. 19 to see the Greenville Road Warriors face off against their opponents. The team's season carries through March. Tickets can be purchased online, and prices vary depending on the size of the group and seating.

Offense dominates as Bruin women notch first win ever

By: ADAM GINGERY
Sports Writer

The Bruins left their scoring woes at home as they traveled to take on the Tennessee Temple Crusaders in Chattanooga on Saturday. The BJU women's soccer team answered many questions about whether their ball control and possession struggles would continue as they came up with four goals in a commanding victory over TTU.

"We need to control the pace of the game and keep possession," the Bruins' Becca Luttrell said. "If we play our game and do it well, we can beat any team we face." Luttrell initiated the scoring 15 minutes into the game, and Jennifer Wise followed three minutes later to make it 2-0. Jill Iles scored third with a last-second goal that sent the Bruins into halftime carrying a 3-0 lead.

The Bruin women controlled the field for the second half, allowing the



The Bruins' Liz Stolvoort battles two Lions players for the ball during Thursday night's loss to FHU. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

Crusaders only one goal near the end of the game. Bruins captain Sarah Porch scored the final goal with five minutes left to finalize the score at 4-1.

The victory followed a tough 2-0 defeat by Freed-Hardeman University at home Thursday, in which the Bruin women were outshot 19-7 and couldn't seem to generate any offense or score past the TranSouth player of the week, goalkeeper Abbey Adkins.

Errant passes and lack of possession haunted the Bruins on the field, and slippery conditions early in the game didn't help either.

The Freed-Hardeman Lions scored on a corner kick 25 minutes into the

second half, then tacked on one more goal at the end of the game.

"We are getting killed on corner kicks right now," Coach Carmichael said. "Probably 90 percent of the goals scored against us are from corner kicks. We need to do a better job of getting to

the second ball."

The BJU women's soccer team will attempt to carry Saturday's offensive momentum into Alumni Stadium on Friday when it attempts its second win of the season against the Toccoa Falls Eagles.

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9/17 Bruins (women) vs. Johnson University @ 5:30 p.m.
9/17 Bruins (men) vs. Johnson University @ 7:30 p.m.

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Bruins capture first official win in program history

By: DAVID BARAL
Sports Writer

The Bruins snatched their first win in intercollegiate sports with a 2-1 defeat over the Freed-Hardeman University Lions last Thursday night.

The first half was filled with multiple goal opportunities for both teams as Matt Moore led the charge for the Bruins and Christopher Campbell fired away for the Lions.

Bruin goalie Cam Lawson barely got a finger on a vicious shot that banged off the post in the 16th minute, and Bruins fans held their breath as the ball rolled across the front of the goal before going out of bounds.

BJU was anxious to score, but couldn't find a way to put the ball past FHU keeper Zach Johnson.

The Bruins' Joel Cave held the defense together as the Lions attempted to push their way toward the goal. Cave cleared a critical shot as the halftime clock wound



The Bruin men celebrate their first victory after defeating the Freed-Hardeman Lions Thursday night. Photo: Emma Klak

down, keeping the Lions scoreless and saving Bruin morale. With the score tied at zero, the second half started much the same as the first.

But in the 66th minute the Lions' Campbell fired a free kick straight through the BJU defensive wall to give Freed-Hardeman the lead. Lions players showed

signs of their eight-hour bus ride fatigue as many of their players began cramping, and Captain Tafara Tinarwo left the game after a collision with a teammate.

The Bruins took advantage of the Lions' misfortune in the 77th minute as Jordan Allen stabbed a loose ball into the back of the net to equalize the score at 1-1.

With less than 10 minutes left on the clock, freshman Travis Woodham charged the net with the ball and threaded a cross to Mark Bonikowsky.

Bonikowsky took the shot, but a Lions defender deflected the ball away from the net and back to Bonikowsky, who didn't hesitate to send the ball straight back to the goal to put the Bruins in front to stay.

So how did it feel to score

the first game-winning goal in Bruins history? "It feels really good," Bonikowsky said. "I'm thankful the Lord gave me the opportunity to play and the opportunity to score a goal."

Coach Jesse McCormick was excited to get the first win early in the season and gave the Lord the praise and the glory for the historic event.

The Bruins added another win on Saturday when they beat the Tennessee Temple Crusaders 7-3. They look to keep their winning streak going this Saturday when they travel to face Georgia Gwinnett College.

AROUND the WORLD

New York, New York: After a two-hour match, tennis star Serena Williams captured her 15th Grand Slam title Sunday over top-ranked Victoria Azarenka.

Hollywood, Northern Ireland: Rising golf star Rory McIlroy staved off greats like Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson to win his second straight PGA title. Despite the difficult course, McIlroy shot three birdies on the closing nine to finish 20-under par.

Columbus, Missouri: Business student Steven Mankofsky, 22, failed in his attempt to break the record for running a marathon in a suit. Due to the 80-degree temperatures and high humidity, Mankofsky finished the race in 5 hours and 6 minutes, well over the current 3 hours and 24 minute record.



Chamonix, France: Young grape farmer François d'Haene survived a cold, sleety rain to win this year's North Face Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc ultra marathon. After a last minute course change, d'Haene slogged over the 100k-plus course in the French Alps to win the race with a time of 10 hours and 32 minutes.


Denver, Colorado: Despite much speculation, quarterback Peyton Manning proved his worth after a year's absence. Manning threw his 400th touchdown pass, joining Brett Favre and Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to do so. He led the Broncos to a 31-19 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in week one of the NFL season.

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Election 2012

Students prepare to submit absentee ballots

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In 53 days Americans will be flexing their Constitutional muscle by deciding whether or not there will be a new president.

Election Day 2012 is Nov. 6, and it will be the first time many in the student body will be eligible to vote for a presidential candidate.

“Voting makes me feel like part of the political process,” said first-time voter Carrie Jacques, a junior history major. “It’s important because our founding fathers wanted to let the people decide our leaders.”

Casting a ballot goes beyond just a civil liberty for political science professor Mrs. Linda Abrams. “Biblically, God puts us into a system of government and we’re expected to be good citizens – and in our system, voting is part of that,” Mrs. Abrams said.

Mrs. Abrams said knowing about the political system is part of being a good steward of what God has given to us. “We have to care enough to vote,” she said.

Before students go to vote, however, they must first be a registered voter.

To register to vote, students will need to go through the procedures their states have in place.

The Office of Student Services has put a page on the intranet detailing how students



The Collegian staff polled 50 students (25 women, 25 men) to see how many could identify these political figures. The percentage of those who answered correctly is indicated next to each picture. See how many you recognize, then check out the answers at facebook.com/BJUCollegian.

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can register in their home state. To access this page, click on the “Student Services” link in the left sidebar. Once on the Student Services site, search for “voter registration.”

After registering to vote, students who live outside the Greenville area must request an absentee ballot by mail. The process of requesting an absentee ballot also varies by state.

Mrs. Abrams said most states allow for absentee ballot requests 60 days before the election, but it’s important for students to check their state regulations. The time to request an absentee ballot is running short. “It needs to be done right away,” Mrs. Abrams said.

Deciding who to vote for is the next step in the election process. Mrs. Abrams said there are some biblical principles that can be

applied to choosing a candidate to support. “Somebody who is just, somebody who is fair, somebody who is honest: those are all characteristics that you look at,” she said.

Being an informed voter is another key aspect of the voting process according to journalism and mass communication professor Dr. Heidi Campbell, who teaches Media and Politics.

Dr. Campbell believes that part of the Christian duty of being salt and light to the world is preserving Christian values. Therefore, Christians should be informed on which candidate will best protect those values. We must not blindly make decisions that could have lasting effects on our nation and our civil liberties, she said.

Dr. Campbell said a good way to become

informed is to check candidates’ websites to find out where they stand on certain issues.

Using a voter guide, like that prepared by the Christian Coalition, is a way to compare and contrast where candidates stand on issues. Many of these guides can be found online by doing a web search for voter guides for individual states.

If a candidate has been in politics before and has a voting record, paying attention to that voting record is another way to learn about him or her, Dr. Campbell said.

She pointed out that candidates can legitimately change their positions, but position changes should be a red flag.

“That should at least give you pause to consider maybe there is more here that I need to look into,” Dr. Campbell said.

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a day at the Conn family’s farm in Jeffersonville, Ohio. Additional logistics are available on the university website under “Youth Events” on the “Events” page.

“If 100 come, we’d be very pleased,” said Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministerial training and outreach.

Only 20 percent of spiritually-involved students at Christian high schools in the United States maintain that involvement after

graduation, according to *Already Gone*, a book recently published by Answers in Genesis.

The situation has progressed beyond being a problem, Caleb Phelps, ministerial class president, said. “It’s a crisis.”

Caleb said he hopes more students realize they can initiate outreach programs of their own. “[Students] say, ‘I wish I could do more,’” he said. “Then go ahead and do more.”

“We have an outstanding

senior ministerial class,” Dr. McAllister said. “This was totally their own initiative. I hope that’s just representative of the attitude across the student body.”

Dr. McAllister said Caleb, Ben Hicks and Aaron Berry (all senior Bible majors) will each preach 20-minute sermons, along with Dr. Dan Olinger and Mr. Nathan Crockett of the Bible faculty. Dr. McAllister, Dr. Royce Short and Mr. Kerry McGonigal will also attend as part of a forum.

Twenty students will go along to help run the event, but Michael said he hopes the entire student body will support the conference with their prayers. And Dr. McAllister hopes students from the region will help spread the word about the event to their youth groups back home.

Unlike Farm Fest, the annual outreach run locally by the University, “Rooted and Grounded” will focus more on discipleship than evangelism.

And while a basketball tournament and a few other activities are planned for the conference, worship will have a heavier emphasis than at Farm Fest as well.

Michael said there are two goals they hope to accomplish through the conference: instill an attitude of Christlikeness in future church leaders and encourage those considering ministry as their life’s work.

“I think it’s going to be great, especially for the ministerial students,” Dr.

McAllister said. “They get to preach and be used of God.”

“Rooted and Grounded” comes from Ephesians 3:17-19, the theme passage for the event. Paul tells the Ephesians that he prays “that Christ may dwell in your hearts freely; that ye [be] rooted and grounded in love.”

The name works well with the event being held on a farm, Michael said. “Just like when my dad plants in the springtime, harvest time will come.”

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