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## Battle of the Bruins

BJU emerges with 86-84 victory in overtime



BJU Bruins fans and players celebrate the 86-84 victory after an exhilarating run in post-regulation play. Photo: Emma Klak

By: DAVID BARAL  
Sports Writer

In a showdown between two Bruins teams, the BJU Bruins men's basketball team captured a remarkable victory over the Piedmont International University Bruins, 86-84 in overtime.

Junior guard Zach Mercado led all scorers with 28 points, including three heart-stopping buckets in the final six minutes of the game.

BJU led 38-29 at half-time, thanks to excellent play from Mercado and sophomore guard Darnel Antoine.

Attacking the basket with determination that has not often been seen this season, Antoine and Mercado rebounded, passed and scored with authority.

PIU's guard Javon Summers made 14 of his 17 free-throw attempts, including nine of 10 free throws in the last five minutes of regulation to keep his team in the game.

"[PIU] played a great game tonight," coach Neal Ring said. "It was a shame a team had to lose tonight."

"We outscored them 18-5 in the last part of the first half, and a lot of that

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The American Academy of Educational Excellence will be built on 64 acres of land in Shanghai, China. Image: Submitted

## International school to create teaching opportunities in China

By: CAITLIN ALLEN  
Staff Writer

If you had the opportunity to teach at a school in China, would you take it? What if you could teach in English and had the opportunity to teach any subject? What if teaching in China was a wide-open mission field?

In the fall of 2014, you could be teaching at an international private school, the American Academy for Educational Excellence, in Shanghai, China. While BJU is heavily involved in the organization and setup of the school, the AAEE will be independent of the University. But it will use materi-

als primarily from the BJU Press. While Dr. Stephen Jones was in China in the fall of 2010, Shanghai officials asked him to help start an international K-12 school. Dr. Jones decided to explore the project and gave it to Dr. Bob Jones III, chancellor of the University.

Dr. Jones III appointed

several people to help him prepare for the new school, two of whom were Dr. Phil Smith, retired provost, and Dr. Mary Lamb, a faculty member of the Division of Nursing and Health Science. Lamb has much experience in China. She works extensively with the nursing school in Shanghai.

The school will be located on 64 acres of land in the town of Anting in the automobile district of Shanghai. The school will be equipped with new technology for classrooms and laptops for each of the students.

"We would like to have a center for the fine arts and sports as well," Smith said. Although building plans have not been finalized yet, they are definitely in progress.

The AAEE will be a kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school that accepts both international and national students — a very uncommon thing in China.

In the past, Chinese students have not been allowed to attend private schools. They are expected to attend the public school until the eighth grade. They are then tested and told whether they can continue their education in high school.

If students are not accepted into the Chinese public high school system, their parents look for alternatives for their education. Some go to trade schools, some are sent out of the country and some cannot re-enter Chinese public education. The AAEE will be an alternative school for these students, whether they passed the test or not.

For the first year, the AAEE will accept only students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. "These specific grades will give Chinese families the opportunity to start their child in a private school early or direct them to private school after they have taken their high school entrance exams," Lamb said.

The school administration is looking for teachers to teach all subjects ranging from math to history and from fine arts to English. Representatives of the AAEE will be present at the Christian School Recruitment Conference on Feb. 18 and 19.

Applicants will need to have one of the following by fall of 2014: a teaching certificate, a master's degree in education or a bachelor's degree with one year of teaching experience.



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By: ERIN KIMBRO  
Staff Writer

One day last semester, as I was walking to my residence hall, I observed a rather strange phenomenon. A friendly looking guy crossing the sidewalk several hundred feet in front of me suddenly stopped, turned and looked down into the drain grate he had just passed over. At first I thought he had dropped something, but he didn't seem confused or panicked — just diverted.

As I walked over to where he stood, the bonds of normal sidewalk etiquette went out the window. Curiosity had kicked in on my part, and on his part, there was the natural desire to explain his weird behavior. Human nature can be so predictable at times. Throw something strange in front of pedestrians, and they will almost all invariably do the same thing: stop, stare and speak to perfect strangers as though they were old friends.

This circumstance was strange. Down in the leaves at the bottom of the drain sat a raccoon. He had apparently climbed into the drain via a large pipe and was even then preparing to make his exit in the same way that he came.

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LOREN CRISP

Inefficiencies too extensive for U.S. Postal Service operations

The Collegian Editorial

On Friday, Feb. 8, the U.S. Postal Service released the financial report for its first fiscal quarter and announced a \$1.3 billion loss. This loss was actually mild for the agency, as the presidential election and holiday season boosted revenue. The Postal Service suffered a \$3.3 billion loss during the same quarter the year before. In the 2012 fiscal year, the Postal Service's total loss was \$15.9 billion.

On Feb. 6 — two days before the financial report was released — the Postal Service announced it would not continue to deliver mail, only packages, on Saturdays beginning in August. The change is slated to save the Postal Service \$2 billion per fiscal year.

According to Bloomberg, Postmaster General Patrick

Donahoe said the Postal Service has called on Congress for help. "The scale of our challenge requires major legislative reform to our business model," Donahoe said. "We do not want to be a burden on the American taxpayers."

But a \$15.9 billion loss seems to be quite a substantial burden.

Another attempt to cut costs is to remove more than 500 thousand Postal Service employees from the government employees health-benefits system.

But these changes can only help so much to get the Postal Service out of the red.

Richard Geddes, a Cornell University associate professor, said these changes won't save the Postal Service. He believes that altering its business model is the answer. "It's like if you reduce the costs of horses and buggies in the automobile

era," he said.

So not only will mail take one day longer to be delivered in mailboxes, Congress will most likely be forced to help bail out another inefficient government agency.

The Postal Service is one of the only government agencies that regularly advertises. Why? It desperately needs to generate revenue, and it has serious competitors that are exposing its inefficiencies.

Compare the Postal Service to UPS or FedEx. These private companies have adjusted to the issue of increasingly obsolete snail mail by shifting focus to speed and logistics. Even UPS's slogan boasts, "We love logistics."

Both UPS and FedEx offer extensive solutions for businesses and time-saving options for all customers, while the Postal Service is forced to decrease services for custom-

ers in order to cut costs.

And while UPS and FedEx have the resources that lend to financial flexibility (they have access to \$10 billion in capital at any time, according to Bloomberg), the Postal Service could only operate for 10 days with cash on hand.

Ultimately, UPS and FedEx have an incentive for efficient performance: profit. What does the Postal Service have besides a government to keep them afloat? It continues to exist only because it is a government agency, not because it operates under efficient and innovative business strategies.

If the Postal Service is to continue to deliver mail, its business model must change. Otherwise, it will continue to operate as an agency that siphons U.S. citizens' tax money and makes snail mail live up to its name.

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Gearing up for the Rush

With Gold Rush Daze less than a month away, the University begins to prepare for the eventful day

By: JESSI HARGETT  
Staff Writer

That special day that happens only once every four years is almost here: Gold Rush Daze with this year's superhero twist. So get out your red or green face paint, decorations and T-shirts to support your team. On March 12 students will wake up to a day filled with excitement, competition, laughter and surprises.

The two teams are divided by residence halls. Green Thunder includes Gaston, Creel, Johnson, Reveal and Brokenshire, while Red Lightning includes Sunday, Mack, Siddons, Ironside and Smith.

But Gold Rush Daze isn't just for residence hall students. Day students can choose a team on BJUSync. Just type "Gold Rush Daze" into the search bar, choose

"Gold Rush Daze Day Student Registration" and fill out the form.

New this year, Green Thunder and Red Lightning have their own Facebook pages, so support your team with a "like" and keep up with your team's news. Also, in the next few weeks, students will be able to buy paraphernalia such as T-shirts to support their teams.

A typical Gold Rush Daze begins at 9:30 a.m. when faculty and staff members show up at the residence halls with breakfast in bed for the students. Also this year, day students can stay in the dorms the night before Gold Rush Daze so they too can have the full Daze experience.

After breakfast, students can relax or get pumped up for the day's activities. At 11:45 a.m. students will meet on top of the parking garage

for lunch.

Next, at 1:15 p.m. the competition spirit gets a boost with a rallying parade of red and green vehicles from students, vendors and other groups from Greenville. This is the time to cheer, scream and get a little crazy. Assistant dean of mentoring and counseling Mr. Stephen Wetterlund said this year the judges will carefully watch the parade to award points.

Finally, the time comes for the battle between Green Thunder and Red Lightning. Students from both teams will meet at the athletic field at 2:15 p.m. to begin the athletic competitions.

Wetterlund said this year's team captains for Green Thunder are Johnson supervisor Mr. Ben Smith with Creel supervisor Miss Natalie Smith, and for Red Lightning, Ironside supervi-



Green Thunder and Red Lightning prepare to battle on Gold Rush Daze 2013. Photos: Submitted

sor Mr. Jay Cross and his sister, Mack supervisor Miss Laura Cross. Soon the captains will look over the "Gold Rush Daze Game Manual" and begin to prepare their teams for the intense competitions. "The goal is to get as many people involved as

possible," Wetterlund said. "Some of the games have up to 200 or more participants." Both Smith and Miss Cross are determined to lead their teams to victory. They said the competition this year involves other factors besides the games, specifically the decorations and the parade,

so the teams will have to step up to the challenge. To refresh after the games, the BJU family will have a Southern fried dinner in the Activity Center at 5 p.m. Though the day seems to See **GOLD RUSH** p. 8 »

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Soon, a couple walking from the opposite way approached us, and we inducted them into our momentary club. Then a fifth joined, and we all chatted about how the raccoon possibly crawled down the drain and where he might be heading. Then the phenomenon of nature went his way, and the reason for our band was gone. We parted ways.

Uncommon circumstances create a strange kind of bond among people. Sometimes that bond only lasts a few moments, but its effect is distinct. Since that day I have continued to think of this effect as "The Raccoon Effect."

It's not just that awkward laugh shared by people on the sidewalk when a squirrel starts freaking out directly in their path. The Raccoon Effect occurs whenever something (anything) unusual happens simultaneously to multiple people — something that demands a response.

Maybe it's the time the printer stops working when everyone is trying to print his or her English 102 theme four, or the camaraderie we all feel after being evicted from a building in a fire drill, or when a bird flies in a distracting pattern through the eaves of an auditorium occupied by thousands of people.

Suddenly you find yourself identifying with perfect strangers, because suddenly,

they're not perfect strangers. Suddenly, you've shared something — something beautiful, or uncomfortable, or just amazingly uncommon.

As Christians, we share that kind of bond before we ever lay eyes on each other. We share a common bond in uncommon grace.

For those of us who have grown up in godly homes and churches, the gospel doesn't always seem uncommon. The circumstances and ramifications surrounding salvation have been so emphasized (and rightly so) that coming across the gospel in our day-to-day lives gets no greater response from us than does a cough or a car engine starting up. It has become almost

commonplace.

But the gospel is anything but commonplace.

Salvation is a radical epoch in an otherwise despair-ridden web of human sin and condemnation, and it demands a response from all who encounter it.

It is beautiful in its simplicity, but it is far from ordinary. As Christians, we all live in its light, and yet we rarely stop to revel in it.

The gospel should have an effect on us — a unifying effect. No matter where we come from, we are united by a phenomenon that is very unnatural: we are united by love, grace and hope, and we share a bond that extends into eternity.

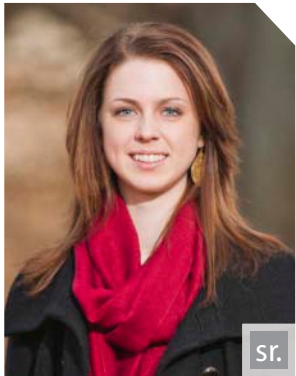
TALK BACK

What's your go-to study snack?



ANDY WOODARD

Peanut butter creme Oreos



SARAH KALMBACH

Pickles and strawberry Pop-Tarts



BRITTANY ROSENSKY

Cheese fried wontons from the Golden Wok



EVAN SMITH

Raisinets



IRENE POLK

Greek yogurt

PHOTOS: LUKE CLELAND

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By: Megan Whaley | Staff Writer

SYMPHONIC WIND BAND  
Tonight, 7 p.m., Stratton Hall

The Symphonic Wind Band will present "The Music of Love" on Feb. 15 for Valentine's Day in Stratton Hall at 7 p.m. Dr. Dan Turner, director of instrumental activities, said the music will feature popular love songs and pieces from Broadway shows like *The Phantom of the Opera*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Oklahoma*. The concert will not only focus on love songs but will also feature British folk songs that emphasize love of country. "It is very dramatic and delightful music," Turner said.

NEW CHAPEL SEATS  
Monday

Students will receive new chapel seat assignments that will go into effect Monday, Feb. 18.

EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
Thursday, 7 p.m., Stratton Hall

The University Educators Association will have a meeting Feb. 21 in Stratton Hall at 7 p.m. "This meeting will be different," said Dr. Nick Uwarow, sponsor of the UEA. The meeting will promote the opportunities for Christian education in China. Guest speakers will present the ministries they have in China. This meeting is opened to the entire student body.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL  
Friday

Societies that won the first round of the Scholastic Bowl competition will face off in round two on Feb. 22 at 11 a.m.



# Business major claims second place in worldwide competition

By: LEE MILLER  
Staff Writer

Senior business major Andrew Enjaian has placed second in a worldwide business simulation competition among college students.

This is the first time a BJU student has placed in the competition sponsored by Cap-sim Management Simulations, Inc.

Mr. Andrew Cropsey, faculty member in the School of Business, began assigning the simulation project in his Small Business Finance class eight years ago.

To complete the project, students create a business plan for an imaginary business.

While the project is required as a group assignment in class, students are not required to enter their project in the competition.

According to Cropsey, his class uses the entry-level form of the simulation program,

and students who enter the international competition also enter at the entry-level division.

"It requires students to take everything that they've learned in their other business classes and apply it around the business [simulation]," Cropsey said.

At the national competition, Enjaian competed against computer-simulated businesses in the first round. Then the top six teams competed head-to-head for eight rounds.

During rounds three through eight, Enjaian had one hour per round to make decisions about research and development, marketing, finance and total quality management.

"I had to devise a strategy to design, market, manufacture, and fund electronic sensors in low or high-tech markets," he said.

Enjaian said he was able to use a strategy

he had previously developed in class for the semifinal round. But during the final round, he had to create a strategy for which he had not extensively prepared.

"During the final round I used a strategy that I hadn't gotten to test as much, but [it] allowed more growth in both market segments and a steadier increase in both sales and profits over the long term," he said.

During the Jan. 28 University Business Association forum, Cropsey presented Enjaian with a plaque to congratulate him on his accomplishment.

Capsim released the results of the competition on Nov. 20. Enjaian placed second out of nearly 1,800 students from more than 280 schools.

Enjaian said the project and competition increased his business operations knowledge. "It really helped me understand how finance is important to running a business," he said.



Senior business major Andrew Enjaian placed second in Capsim competition. Photo: Submitted

Enjaian advises future competitors to get a head start on the project early in the semester before other class work starts to pile up.

According to Enjaian, by getting most of the project completed early in the semester, participants will be able to focus more on their team and on the competition.

## Recruiters to offer opportunities for employment in Christian education

By: JESSICA KANE  
Staff Writer

Representatives from 60 Christian schools will be on campus Monday and Tuesday evening in the Riley Reception Room to recruit teachers for the upcoming school year. While education majors are required to attend, all students are encouraged to stop by and take advantage of this annual opportunity.

About 200 teaching jobs will be available from 50 schools across the country as well as 10 international schools. Various staff positions will also be available.

"At most recruiting events, administrators are just connecting and collect-

ing resumes," said Dr. Steve Buckley, manager of Career Services. "The unique thing about the Christian School Recruitment Conference is that they come wanting to interview on the spot."

This year, for the first time, a reception will be hosted for junior and senior education majors prior to the conference. It will begin Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the Edwards Activity Room.

"We want our students to have conversations with [the recruiters at the reception] and become a little more at ease with this whole process," said Dr. Brian Carruthers, dean of the School of Education.

This recruiting event is

not only geared toward upperclassmen. Freshmen and sophomores can also benefit from the chance to develop relationships with Christian school administrators.

"We encourage all our students to go and meet these people, learn about them, look at their materials," Carruthers said. "That's how God begins to direct students [in] their futures."

Both Carruthers and Buckley agree that students who are serious about job hunting should come to the conferences in professional attire with copies of their resumes ready in hand. They also suggest that students leave their book bags at the door.

Students can prepare



A student visits a recruiter's table at the 2012 Christian School Recruitment Conference. Photo: Submitted

in advance by finding the list of participating schools located on the Career Services page on the BJU intranet. From there, students can explore the options and even email their resumes to schools in advance.

A new video, "Putting Your Best Foot Forward," is available on the Career Services page. This video highlights recruiting events to help students prepare in practical ways in order to make the most of these op-

portunities.

"The advantage of attending these recruiting events is to help you be a better steward of your training, of your preparation and of the opportunities in front of you," Buckley said.

## CAMPUS GEAR

### WOMEN'S WALLET

A wristlet wallet is almost a necessity for on-the-go women students who need the important stuff close at hand. Since there are so many options and styles available, you may need to try a few before deciding which one works for you. Just make sure it not only has a wrist strap but also space for a phone, identification cards, lip gloss and any other essentials. If you have an iPhone, the Michael Kors Essential Zip Wallet for iPhone 4s is just one of the many brand-name items compatible with the size and shape of an iPhone.

If you want to branch out from wristlets, try a small crossbody bag. These can hold more items and also leave your hands free. Plus, they can be easily worn along with a backpack. Besides Coach and Fossil brands, check out other unique varieties out there such as The Sak Handbag, Pax Leather Mini Crossbody.

### BACKPACKS

The Incase Nylon Campus Backpack includes many features perfect for the modern-day college student. In addition to a strong and durable construction, this backpack features plush faux-fur pockets in which to slip a 15-inch laptop and a tablet. A breathable mesh material as well as padded back panel and shoulder straps make the Incase backpack a comfortable fit. This backpack is stylishly sleek while still spacious. Look for it in local retail stores.



### DAY PLANNER

The Moleskine Large Soft Cover Daily Planner is unique in that it dedicates pages of space to each of your busy days. Across from a layout of the week are lined pages for unrestrained scribbling. Monthly planning is featured at the beginning of the book. Space is also available for an address book insert.



### WATCHES

Watches are essential for checking time without having to pull your cell phone out in the middle of a test. They also help to make a fashion statement. Try Target's Mossimo brand for approximately \$20 models in multiple styles. This brand makes chunky watches perfect for both men and women.

If you're the sportier type looking for a watch with all the bells and whistles to assist you in your daily run, check out Nike+ Sport Watch GPS. This watch keeps track of your speed, distance, pace, heart rate and calories burned while running. It tracks your running route and helps you mix up your routine. And you don't have to sacrifice style. This watch has its own unique look. These watches cost anywhere from \$149 to \$169.



### COFFEE THERMOS

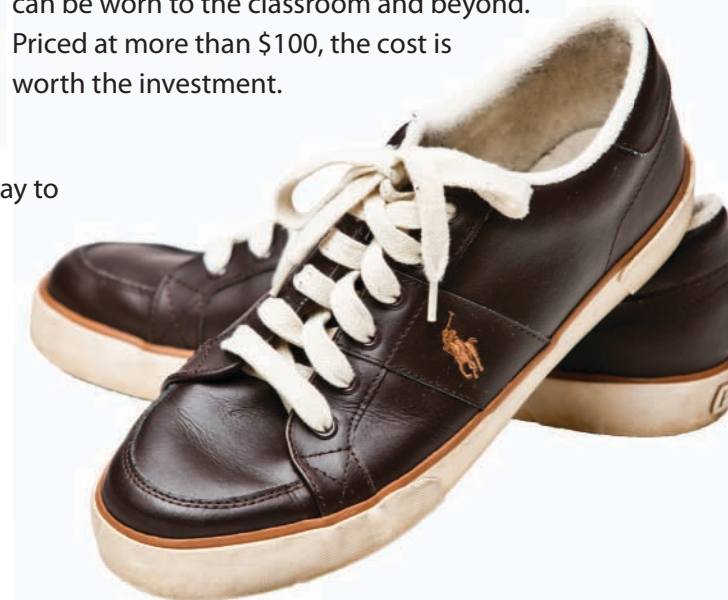
The 20-ounce REI Flip-Top Vacuum Bottle will keep your coffee hot for hours and is actually designed for both hot and cold drinks. Before latching the lid, press the button to close the flow of liquid. These two layers of protection help prevent your drink from spilling in your bag. The inside of the thermos is stainless steel and BPA free.



### MEN'S SHOES



Men's Polo Ralph Lauren Sneakers are a classy way to wear a more dressed-down shoe. Made with a molded insole for comfort and a skid-resistant sole for extra grip, these shoes are not only stylish but practical. Find them in either leather or canvas and in a variety of colors. They cost anywhere from \$60 to \$70 at full price.



Dr. Martens men's shoes blend comfort, durability and style. They feature thick, slip-resistant soles and sewn leather. This all-purpose shoe comes in a variety of styles, including boots and loafers. For those who prefer a more modern, streamlined look, try the Original 1460 DMC boot. But whatever style you choose can be worn to the classroom and beyond. Priced at more than \$100, the cost is worth the investment.



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was just on penetration.”

PIU led 66-61 with 45 seconds left in the second half and seemingly could not miss a free throw in the final minutes of regulation.

“Not one person on that bench thought we were done,” coach Ring said. “I think everybody on the bench felt like, ‘hey, we’re going to win this.’ And that was when we were down [by] four with under a minute left. It was great to see.”

Antoine made two layups on back-to-back possessions to keep BJU in the game. Mercado hit a 3-point shot from the corner with less than 20 seconds remaining to put BJU within one point. He then hit an NBA-range 3-pointer to tie the game with 5.6 seconds left on the clock. PIU missed a jumper at the buzzer, and the game went into overtime.

Both teams led in the extra period, and PIU grabbed a four-point lead with less than a minute left. Mercado hit another three to cut the deficit to one and then nailed a fade-away jumper with 15 seconds left. Mercado hit a final free throw with six seconds left to give his team the 86-84 victory.

“When you make two guys guard you, that creates that open shooter [and the] post-slide for an open shot,” Antoine said. “Just be able to get to the basket and when you do that, [it] collapses the defense and you have more space.”

It was Antoine’s two buckets that allowed BJU to be in a position to tie the game in the closing seconds of regulation.

“It’s really hard to explain, but sometimes you just get in this mindset,” Mercado said. “I didn’t realize I needed a three.” He said he was feeling it in the final moments, and it was almost as if he was alone in the gym.

“God blessed us,” coach Ring said. He gave all the credit to the Lord for the ability and stamina to win the most exciting game the Davis Field House has seen this semester. “We fought through a lot of adversity, we stayed relatively under control, and God just blessed us.”



High scorer Zach Mercado dribbles outside the 3-point line during Friday's overtime thriller. Photo: Emma Klak



The Piedmont Bruins guard against a layup attempt from BJU's Darnel Antoine. Photo: Emma Klak



Kourtney Hoefler takes a shot against Piedmont International University. Photo: Cayla Smith

## Bruins women continue home winning streak

By: DAVID BARAL  
Staff Writer

The BJU Bruins women's basketball team secured a first-half lead to win 51-34 over Piedmont International University. Freshman forward Kendra Jeffcott led BJU with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and fellow teammate sophomore forward Kourtney Hoefler added 12 points and 15 rebounds in a team effort that left the BJU Bruins on top.

BJU led 27-11 at halftime, despite the efforts of PIU guard Emily Buffalo. With five points and three assists, Buffalo had a hand in all 11 of her team's points before the break.

“[PIU] plays very well to their strengths,” BJU coach Mike LeViere said. “Emily Buffalo is a good player, and she controls the game for them really well.”

PIU went on a 17-6 run to start the second half and came within seven points before BJU managed to pull away.

“I was never really comfortable,” coach LeViere said after the win. “[PIU] plays hard for having few players,” adding that his team was eventually able to make some shots and settle down on offense.

“I think we just kind of focused,” sophomore guard Trisha Irving said of her teammates' response to PIU's attack in the second half. “We focused on being controlled and doing what we [could].”

Coach LeViere credited Irving with contributing in ways that didn't show up in the stat sheet. “We're working with her on managing the game, and she [had] a good assist-to-turnover ratio tonight,” he said. “Even though she doesn't have a ton of points, she's a good floor manager for us and did a much improved job tonight handling that.”

Irving said her biggest desire is to make her teammates better. “Learning what my role is — that's the biggest thing I'm learning [this season].”

## AROUND THE WORLD



1

**South Bend, Ind.:** The longest game in Big East conference history happened last Saturday when No. 25 Notre Dame beat No. 11 Louisville 104-101 in five overtimes. The previous longest game happened 11 years ago to the day and also involved Notre Dame, but it lasted only four overtimes.

2

**Bloomington, Ind.:** With recent significant wins in the Big Ten conference, the Indiana Hoosiers have retained the No. 1 spot in the AP Top 25 rankings. But the USA Today Coaches Poll ranked IU as No. 2, with Duke at the No. 1 spot. The Hoosiers currently have a 21-2 record.

3

**Doha, Qatar:** In preparation for next month's World Cup qualifiers, Spain beat Uruguay 3-1 in an international friendly last week. Spain won the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the 2012 Euro Cup and is on a 17-match winning streak.

4

**Singapore:** Startling news was reported on Monday that shook the soccer world. According to Europol, a criminal network based out of Singapore has been involved in fixing the outcomes of more than 600 international soccer games, including some games in the Euro Cup championship.

## WHAT 2 WATCH 4 BRUINS

2/16: WBB vs. Tennessee Temple University @ 5 p.m. (Senior Night)

2/16: MBB vs. Tennessee Temple University @ 7 p.m. (Senior Night)

## INTRAMURAL

2/16 Women's Soccer: Theta Sigma vs. Beta Epsilon @ 2 p.m.

2/16 Women's Water polo: Theta Pi vs. Beta Chi @ 9 a.m.

2/21 Men's Basketball: Sigma Alpha vs. Pi Gamma @ 7 p.m.

# TOP FIVE



## ONE

TEAM: Phi Beta

The Bulldogs have shown the ability to score with the freshman double threat of Jordan Kelley and Daniel Ellerbrock. They also bring intense defense and can handle the pressure of close games. They remain undefeated in the league after beating both Pi Gamma and the Rams. If they can keep the turnovers down and continue to get timely 3-pointers, they should be looking at a championship.

## TWO

TEAM: Pi Gamma

Led once again by shooting forward Bryce Allen, the Royals are a tough team to handle. Allen provides significant matchup problems with his height and skill set, and his supporting cast does a good job picking up the slack when the stellar forward struggles. Pi Gamma has defeated the Beta Gamma Patriots, and don't forget that they led for half the game against Phi Beta.

## THREE

TEAM: Phi Kappa

The Rams have earned a No. 3 ranking with a confident win over Beta Gamma, but their losses to Pi Gamma and Phi Beta leave them needing to prove they can win big games. With junior point guard Nathan Thomas at the helm, the scoring is spread evenly, and the Rams are a promising contender entering the second half.

## FOUR

TEAM: Beta Gamma

Losses to Pi Gamma and the Rams put Beta at No. 4, but don't forget about them just yet. Juniors Bruce Burkholder and Mark England are leading a team of many freshmen, and there is plenty of time to improve. The losses were within reach for Beta; look for them to be more of a threat as the season continues.

## FIVE

TEAM: Sigma Alpha

The Spartans have the size, skills and experience to be a contender, but not the schedule to prove it — yet. Other than a tough loss to Beta, the Spartans have mostly spent their time handily defeating minor teams. Look for them to prove themselves in their upcoming matchup against the Phi Beta Bulldogs.

## BOX SCORES

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO SCORES

Tri Epsilon defeated Chi Epsilon Sigma 9-1 • Theta Sigma Chi defeated Theta Pi Delta 4-0  
Chi Theta Upsilon tied Beta Epsilon Chi 2-2

### MEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCORES

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have come to an end, the fun keeps going. At 7:30 p.m. in the FMA the faculty, staff and administrators will present their version of student body, known as faculty body.

Wetterlund said this is a show students will not forget. The preshow, beginning at 7 p.m., whets students' appetites for what is to come. Wetterlund said past pre-shows included the appearance of Bob the Bobcat, random skits in different parts of the FMA, candy giveaways and a crowd camera.

"You get to see faculty do crazy, embarrassing things," Smith said. He said the last faculty body centered on a Wii theme with Dr. Stephen Jones playing different games that were acted out by faculty and staff members. The night included a surprise appearance from Patch the Pirate and Dr. Jim Berg swinging across the FMA as Indiana Jones.

After faculty body students will make their way out to the Athletic Field for a singspiration, spiritual challenge and finale fireworks.

Though it's just one day, Gold Rush Daze really is a daze of activities that leaves students exhausted yet filled with college memories. "The goal is for everyone to be involved and to make a memory they will carry with them through their college experience," Miss Cross said.

## Entomology class travels to D.C., tours Smithsonian exhibits

By: KYLE SEISS  
Staff Writer

They may be small, but insects often suffer a disproportionate lack of publicity considering the massive slice of life they claim in our biosphere. According to estimates published by the Smithsonian, for every human on earth, there are approximately 200 million insects.

Insects compose an impressive array of biodiversity, as members of the entomology class of the University saw first-hand at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Feb. 2. The Smithsonian houses more than 35 million insect specimens.

Dr. David Boyd, who teaches the entomology class of six senior biology and biology education majors, led the trip along with natural science professor Dr. Margene Ranieri. This is Boyd's second year organizing a class trip to the museum.

Their itinerary was a hectic one, as senior biology education major Katie Zevallos related. The class left on Thursday evening

and arrived in D.C. around 3 a.m. They stayed the night at the home of one of the students in the class, then headed to the museum early Friday morning.

The group toured the insect and evolution and origins exhibits and also got a behind-the-scenes tour of the entomology department there.

Zevallos spent time as a volunteer at the Smithsonian last summer and over Christmas break, so she had gotten to know some of the resident entomologists there who showed the class the facility.

The Smithsonian functions as a database of collected specimens and publications on entomology. It stores thousands of specimens that have yet to be classified and mounted, which is done with the help of volunteers like Zevallos.

The field of entomology coincides with many other disciplines in natural science, explained biology major Mike Gorham. "I wasn't expecting there to be that much in the field of entomology — how it was so collaborative and interdisciplinary," he said. "There [were] ecologists and taxonomists and biochemists — all of them working together."



Entomology students enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour in the Smithsonian. Photo: Submitted

Boyd described the practical impact the study of insects has on our daily lives. Scientists work to control the destruction some insects have on crops (sometimes with other insects!) and diseases spread by bugs like mosquitos and perform other research aided by the relative ease working with insect specimens provides.

While many scientists

study insects, fewer actually spend time in the field collecting and identifying new species. Boyd hopes that taking students on the trip and studying in class inspired some to pursue such work.

The group had hoped to make a few stops on their return the following day to collect some insects on their own, but the cold weather rendered many would-be

specimens dormant. As it was, a few students managed to find some bugs by turning over rocks. And Zevallos even collected a flying insect in a McDonalds.

"One of my goals [was] that my students be overwhelmed with the variety," Boyd said.

"It was jaw-dropping," Gorham said. "It's really gotten my interest going."

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