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Charting a Path for Leadership



Speaking on the topic of charting a path for leadership, Dr. Stephen Jones addresses students during an afternoon leadership workshop on Jan. 22. Photo: Amanda Ross

Workshops to teach new topics, equip students as leaders

By: **ANDREW BUDGICK**
Staff Writer

Over the upcoming weeks, students will have the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills through a series of workshops sponsored by the Center for Leadership Development.

Every semester for the past several years, the University has offered a series of leadership workshops taught by faculty members. This

semester's workshops began on Jan. 22 with Dr. Stephen Jones speaking on charting a path for leadership development. In addition to the topics traditionally covered by these workshops, several new topics have been added this semester.

Mr. Chris Pennington, a graduate assistant for the CLD and the one who oversees the organization of these workshops, said the Uni-

versity has received positive feedback from students who attended the workshops. As a result, the workshops will be expanded.

"We had over 1,500 people attend [workshops] last semester," Pennington said. "We had a good response and we're pushing forward with even more speakers and topics."

New workshop topics include delegation, busi-

ness communication, vision casting and the role of social media for Christians, a workshop Pennington believes will be particularly helpful.

"Mr. David Lovegrove [who will speak at the social media workshop] is a really great public speaker," Pennington said, "and a big part of his job is teaching people how to use social media. He'll give some really great guidance on how to

use social media to further your career and the cause of Christ."

Not only does this semester's schedule include new workshops, but it also features a variety of speakers. For instance, chairman of the Division of Bible Dr. Dan Olinger will teach on biblical discipleship on March 5.

One of the workshops will also have a different format: the business com-

munication workshop on March 3 will have a panel of speakers, allowing for an active discussion.

Group leaders, room leaders and society officers will each attend at least one of the workshops, but all students are encouraged to attend any of the workshops. More information on times, locations and how to sign up for workshops is available on the BJU intranet.

Statistically speaking

Actuarial science offers risks, reward

By: **LEIGH KOSIN**
Staff Writer

Although one of the least known of the more than 60 majors at BJU, actuarial science leads to an exciting career — one that involves risk in everyday life.

According to Dr. Melissa Gardenghi, faculty member and chair of the Division of Mathematical Sciences, actuaries are people who know how to understand and control risk.

Actuarial science isn't a natural science but, instead,

falls under the category of mathematics. Gardenghi said actuaries are typically trained as mathematicians and must be proficient in calculus and statistics. "You can't flunk math and be an actuary," Gardenghi said. "But you don't have to have a degree in math to be an actuary."

According to Gardenghi, actuaries can calculate what to charge for things such as car insurance premiums by using statistics to predict outcomes. They will look at the past and find potential

causes of accidents and which drivers would be considered high risk. "This is why guys from the age of 16 to 25 pay higher car insurance than girls," Gardenghi said.

Other fields associated with actuarial science include health insurance, international business and mutual funds. An actuary can choose to work either exclusively for one company or as a consulting actuary who is hired by different companies to provide guidance when problems

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Senior Alex Smith and junior Rachel Hicks work math problems, a vital skill for actuaries. Photo: Dave Saunders

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By: **STEPHANIE SCHMIDT**
Copy Editor

No doubt you've seen it. It's all over Facebook and Instagram, and it's the very lifeblood of Snapchat. Cocked head, upturned eyes, perfect smile — it's what I call the "selfie face." It's the basis for hundreds of snaps and profile pictures. It takes a good deal of effort, but after about 300 attempts, we finally have it: the perfect picture.

But it's all a façade. Staged. Nobody really looks like that.

In a world where success equals fame, fortune and beauty, it seems we've developed a culture of "fauxthenticity." We create a phony image of ourselves, and that becomes our reality. We pack our profiles with flattering photos and post updates about all the wonderful things we're doing, to the point that you'd think we spend all our time dining at fancy restaurants and hobnobbing with celebrities.

We hide our real selves behind the mask of our technology in a desperate effort to make people think we're something special. We manipulate our social media accounts to present ourselves as better than we really are — the way we

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BJU president's MLK Day address reflects desire to embrace mission of cultural diversity, unity in Christ

The Collegian Editorial

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." Colossians 3:11

Dr. Stephen Jones offered a poignant reminder of this truth last week on a day set aside in honor of the legacy of one of the nation's greatest civil rights pioneers, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"When you look at creation, when you look at individual species ... there is incredible diversity, and that's God's idea," Dr. Jones said during chapel on Monday, Jan. 20.

As the current students of BJU, it is our privilege to follow in the steps of our president in furthering a new era of Christ-like love. While BJU released its of-

ficial position on racism in 2008, Dr. Jones' address to the student body is an invaluable step in solidifying the University's image as an all-inclusive institution.

"There are things in the University's past that I wish were not. And I wish it had been different," Dr. Jones said. "We had the light of Scripture, and we should have understood. We let society's views set our lenses."

While recognizing past wrongs and the hurt that was caused, the president has his sights set on a brighter future. "The past we can't change. We can say we're sorry for it and ask forgiveness for it. But the present we can make choices about."

It is now our responsibility to carry out this mission. After all, this isn't

merely Dr. Jones' mission, but the mission of Jesus Christ. Romans 3:22-23 says, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

The Collegian staff urges the entire student body to join in continuing the University's journey toward shedding an image that is no longer true.

The Bible clearly teaches us that believers are all equal in God's eyes. Romans 8:17 clearly states, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Racism is not just shown in

outward actions, however; it can manifest itself in our thoughts, in our feelings and in our hearts. Until we can change the way we think, we are still wrong. The Savior of the world never told a racist joke, nor did He think so much as one disparaging thought about a race apart from His own.

It is also our responsibility to reach out in new ways to the community around us. Dr. Jones shared his vision with us: "My burden for the University is that we increasingly — that our complexion as a university — that we increasingly look like the nation around us."

It's no secret that our University and the churches we draw from are not very diverse. Why is that? God

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WHAT'S AN ACTIVITY FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOU WISH YOU COULD DO IN COLLEGE?



gr.

ERIK HOWELL:
"Eat and sleep in class."



so.

SUSAN LEE:
"Play the 'burger game' (Korean version of rock-paper-scissors)"



fa.

DR. GARY WEIER:
"Pickup baseball games after school."



fr.

JERUSHA STANLEY:
"Trace people on paper."



fa.

MR. MARSHALL FRANKLIN:
"Play Red Rover and have a field day against giant girls."

Vespers to portray themes of trial, forgiveness through drama

By: REINA PEREZ
Staff Writer

The first Vespers of the semester will dramatize what forgiveness in the midst of trials truly means.

Written by Mr. Dave Schwingle and directed by Mrs. Becca Kaser, both theatre arts faculty members, the production will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in Rodeheaver Auditorium.

The production, titled “They Hear the Distant Thunder,” tells the story of Bob and Mary, a young couple facing a trial. When their baby is born with complications, their long-time friendship with Tommy,

the doctor who delivered the baby, is threatened. Mr. Ron Pyle of the theatre arts faculty will play the role of Tommy. Bob, played by staff member Zach Franzen, begins to blame Tommy for the baby’s difficult birth.

The story will raise certain questions in the minds of the audience members as they follow Bob’s life through this trial: Was Tommy really to blame for the complications? How will Bob deal with his baby’s complications? Will Bob be able to accept the child God has given him? Ultimately, the theme for this Vespers play is forgiveness.

According to Kaser,

the play portrays a theme common to our lives as Christians: we are all given difficult challenges and circumstances that we must walk through. We can react to the trials either by feeling sorry for ourselves, by trying to fix our problems on our own or by surrendering the trials to God and using them for His glory.

“We are supposed to accept [every] trial and look at it as grace and a gift from God to draw us closer to Him,” Kaser said. She hopes the audience will be encouraged by this truth.

Kaser desires for students to look at their own trials and see themselves in Bob’s char-



Zach Franzen, Jessica Bowers and Ron Pyle rehearse for next week’s Vespers, a play about forgiveness. Photo: Amanda Ross

acter. Other cast members include Mrs. Anne Nolan, a faculty member in the

department of theatre arts; Jessica Bowers, a graduate assistant; Mr. Steve Skaggs,

a staff member; and Matt Jones, a senior theatre arts major.

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wish we were.

We tend to convince ourselves that if we can just make people think we’re popular, successful and attractive, we really will be. Our motto becomes “fake it till you make it.” But in the end, it’s all an empty, superficial show.

All the same, we hope people are watching, don’t we?

An article published in *Computers in Human Behavior* likens Facebook to “a technologically enhanced mirror, reflecting a preoccupation with one’s own image, others’ reactions to this image and a desire to update the image as

frequently as possible.”

I often find myself checking Facebook over and over again after I post a new photo or status update, just to see how many “likes” I’ve received. I’m concerned with what people think of the image I’ve projected, and if they don’t respond favorably, I’m quick to cover it up with a new and hopefully better one.

Whether we realize it or not, our “likes” bolster our self-esteem, and we can’t get enough of that feeling of confirmation. Addicted to that feeling, we become masters of the oh-so-popular selfie face.

We must uphold the image we’ve created at any cost,

but if reality gets in the way, we may fold.

In a blog post, social media consultant Lilach Bullock tells the sad story of Internet marketer Bruceerven, who shot his 22-month-old son in the chest, then himself in the head after an argument with his wife. But the reason for his suicide was deeper than an argument.

News reports said Serven had used the Internet to portray himself as a maverick entrepreneur with his own motivational blog and Facebook fan page. But in real life, he had been unemployed for months and had recently taken a job as a forklift driver.

He had simply grown tired of living a lie. He could never make his life measure up to the one he had fabricated for himself, so he chose to end it.

But it didn’t have to end that way. Not for Serven, nor for us. We don’t have to live under the bondage of upholding an image, because, ultimately, we answer to God for what we do with our lives, not our 5,000 Facebook friends. And God looks at what’s real, not what we make up.

When God was preparing Samuel to anoint the second king of Israel, He advised, “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of

his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

So maybe it’s time to stop wasting time practicing your selfie face. Instead, we should work on developing our real, genuine hearts that God sees.

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forbid that it be because we have failed to love others and accept them as we have been commanded. Jesus not only respected other races, but He also boldly ministered to social enemies of His own people (such as tax

collectors and Samaritans). We can make a difference: let’s rally around the cause and uphold this year’s goal, “Reflect God,” by demonstrating how believers know no ethnic or racial differences.

In his final semester as president of BJU, Dr. Jones has set a course for us to follow.

“One savior, one God, one father. That’s who we are as Bob Jones University,” he said.

“That’s what we believe. And that, by God’s grace, is what we are committed to live out, today and in all the days to come.”

Week at a Glance | By: NATALIE WALTERS | Staff Writer

University Ski Trip

Activities & Organizations will host its annual University Ski Trip on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Wolf Ridge Ski Resort in Mars Hill, N.C.

The resort’s website lists 22 ski runs (nine greens, 10 blues, three black diamonds), five ski lifts and a terrain park.

The cost, which includes lunch at the resort, will be \$60 to ski, \$65 to snowboard or \$45 if you use your own equip-

ment. Plan to leave at 5:45 a.m. and to return to campus at 10:20 p.m. Kasey McClure, coordinator of Activities & Organizations, says reservations will be taken until noon on Monday, Feb. 3.

Career Fair

A career fair will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Riley Reception Room.

According to Dr. Steve Buckley,

manager of Career Services, “Now is the day of networking.” Job searchers are filling summer positions now, and “he who hesitates is left out.” The recruiters are specifically seeking BJU students to fill positions, so the networking opportunity is well worth your time investment.

Fine Dining Ticket Sales

Fine Dining Series tickets will be available for purchase from 2:30 to

4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Culinary Arts Building. Tickets for the five-course dinner are \$19 per person, not including gratuity. Tables are set up to accommodate parties of two and four. These dinners are served at 5 and 5:30 p.m. on seven consecutive Fridays, except for March 28 during the week of Bible Conference (Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, April 4).

MONDAY, FEB. 3

University Ski Trip
Reservations end

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Culinary Arts Building

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A Hero's 5K Race to honor, support Greenville veterans

By: ABI DICKINSON
Staff Writer

A Hero's 5K, a local race supporting Greenville veterans, will be held Feb. 1 on the Furman University campus.

This race was founded in 2010 to commemorate Spc. Geoffrey Whitsitt, a 21-year-old veteran from Greenville, who was killed in active duty in Afghanistan.

Geoffrey's mother, Debby Whitsitt, made a list of goals to help her cope with her son's death. The first was, "I will get out of bed every day," followed by, "I will take a step every day." Number nine in the progression was this: "I will build up to walking three miles by

Geoffrey's birthdate (Feb. 5)."

"It just so happens that 3.1 miles equals a 5K," she said. "Geoffrey is a hero; thus, 'A Hero's 5K.'"

To honor Geoffrey's sacrifice and raise awareness for all military personnel, A Hero's 5K donates all proceeds from the race to the cause of aiding veterans and their families.

This year's proceeds will be donated to two organizations: Upstate Warrior Solution and Patriot Rovers Inc. UWS is a South Carolina non-profit organization that guides veterans through the process of re-entering American life. They focus

on connecting warriors with resources and helping them find affordable healthcare and job opportunities.

Patriot Rovers aids soldiers who have suffered post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury during their service. They provide support through group meetings and psychiatric service dogs.

Besides donating to these organizations, A Hero's 5K also has direct contact with several Gold Star families in Greenville. These are families who have lost an immediate family member in military service.

"The reaction to the event is simply overwhelming

gratitude that the community still remembers their sacrifice," said Paul Howell, the race director.

The volunteers who coordinate this event are dedicated to honoring fallen soldiers and raising awareness for those who currently serve. The event's planners come from varied backgrounds and pool their experiences to develop the event.

"We really have a diverse core team, and most were at the planning table for the first race, second, third and now the fourth," Howell said.

Alongside them, approximately 30 more volunteers come to set up and tear

down the event, as well as man aid stations.

This race is the only one in Upstate South Carolina that is dedicated to honoring and raising support for veterans. "A Hero's 5K isn't just another 5K race that I run. It has purpose and meaning that you don't find in the typical races. This run is exciting, and I'm pleased to honor our military through every step," one of last year's participants said.

"Through the loss of our heroes, something lasting and meaningful arises — the aid for their brothers and sisters in arms still here. It's a mirror of

the Resurrection and turning death into life," Howell said.

The opening ceremonies for the race will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the start of the race at 8:50 a.m. Around 10 a.m. when all participants have finished, the closing ceremonies and awards will be held. Awards will be given to the top three male and female veteran racers as well as to the top male and female finishers in all various age categories.

For all those interested in participating in this race and supporting Greenville veterans, the registration fee is \$30 if you register the day of the race between 7 and 8:15 a.m. in the Timmons Arena at Furman University.

Money matters: a student's quick guide to managing finances, avoiding debt

By: ETHAN SANDERS
Staff Writer

"Budget." The word itself reminds most people, particularly college students, of the disagreeable tension between paying for today's expenses and saving for tomorrow's goals. Thousands of books and articles have been written on the subject of money management, but it's often hard to settle on an efficient, practical plan that actually works for you.

Mr. Jeff Bryson of the Division of Accounting has some practical advice for the modern college student in need of a money management plan. He offers four suggestions to manage spending and attack debt.

Consistently track your expenses.

The classic notion of a regular budget is falling out of favor with many financial advisers, as many individuals end up resisting the strict categories of the budget and

simply revert back to random, untracked spending. Writing down your expenses and knowing where your money is going can be much more effective than a standard budget, with its strict categories and paper tracking. "A standard budget can be useful, but with college students having such fluctuating expenses, it tends not to be practical," senior accounting major Elisabeth Black said. "I estimate the money I have coming in and the money going out (for bills, etc.). From there I have an amount to save or spend." Many different websites, such as mint.com and crown.org, can help you easily and efficiently track your spending, as well as save funds for the future.

Find the "leaks."

Many people, especially in the modern world of debit and credit cards, are not fully aware of where their money is being spent. You spend \$5 on a coffee

here, \$10 on dinner there, and you can quickly lose track of where your money is going. "For a 30-day period, track every dollar that you spend," Bryson suggests. "The idea is to find the holes in [your] budget where money is getting away from you and you're not remembering it."

Stay on track, but know your limits.

While it is important and very desirable to graduate from school debt-free, make sure you have the right balance between work and school. Don't stretch yourself too thin to pay bills that you lose sight of why you are in college in the first place. "There's a window of time to finish college," Bryson notes. "Just make sure you're aware of your debt load. You probably shouldn't have more [debt] than a year's worth of potential salary when you graduate."

Plan for the future.

As a college student, debt payment is crucial, but setting funds aside for the future, while also vitally important, is often forgotten. Well-known financial adviser Dave Ramsey suggests two steps for long-term preparation: create a \$1,000 emergency fund and save three to six months of living expenses. Saving money for your startup expenses is another excellent strategy. "It takes more to get started in life than you realize," Bryson said. "I would love to see a guy who has a wedding ring fund, or a young couple who is saving for their house down payment."

Too many college students have no idea how much debt they've incurred or how to balance a checkbook or how to plan for future expenses. But financial security is both wise and necessary. Take control of your spending and be mindful of exactly where your money is going.

ONLINE FINANCIAL TOOLS



This simple, elegant website is one of the most popular online money management tools. Mint works by accessing your bank account (don't worry, it's secure and doesn't have the ability to affect your balance) and reflecting changes based on categories you provide. The website is highly automated, easy to use, and a good time-saving tool.



Simple's motto is "Save with ease, spend with freedom." Simple is an actual online bank with checking accounts, debit cards and mobile apps. The purpose of Simple is to give customers easy, efficient and free banking, while also providing online tools to help with budgeting and tracking expenses. Members join the Simple community by invitation, which can be obtained via connecting with someone who already has an account.



Crown is a Christian website that exists to provide sound, wise financial advice. The website is full of financial resources, from budgeting tools to news articles to financial workshops.

Answers in Genesis affiliate to lecture during Saturday creation conference

By: SAMANTHA LOUCKS
Editor

Guest lecturer for Answers in Genesis Dr. David Menton will give two lectures at the University's Creation Science Conference on Saturday.

Menton earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry from Minnesota State University, and he earned his doctorate from Brown University. He has worked as a research lab technician at Mayo

Clinic and has also taught at the Washington University School of Medicine. Now, Menton travels throughout the U.S. and to international locations to speak on behalf of AIG.

At the conference on Saturday, Menton's lectures will focus on the evidences of God's work in His creation. According to Grace Denton, president of the University's Premed Association, Menton will give two lectures titled "Fearfully

and Wonderfully Made" and "Formed to Fly."

According to Denton, the goal of the conference is for attendees to gain a greater understanding of the evidences in nature that support a creationist worldview. Since the audience will consist almost entirely of students studying science and medicine, the conference will benefit attendees in preparing them to give an answer of See **CONFERENCE** p. 8 »

BJU to stream creation-evolution debate, feature panel discussion

By: SAMANTHA LOUCKS
Editor

The Answers in Genesis debate between Ken Ham and Bill Nye will be shown live on BJU's campus, and a faculty panel will conduct an on-screen social media discussion during the webcast.

Ham, a creationist and CEO of Answers in Genesis, and Nye, an evolutionist known as the "Science

Guy," will discuss a topic that has garnered much attention from the media: Is creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?

The webcast will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in Stratton Hall, and seating will be first come, first serve. Tickets are not required.

The on-screen social media discussion will be

conducted by four members of the BJU faculty: Dr. Dan Olinger, chairman of the Division of Bible; Dr. Ted Miller, faculty member of the Division of Bible; Dr. David Boyd, faculty member of the department of biology; and Dr. Bill Lovegrove, head of the department of physics and engineering. Students may tweet questions, and the panel's answers will be shown on screen during the debate.

RESTAURANTS WITH SPECIALTY MENUS

As gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian diets become increasingly prevalent, restaurants have begun to cater to these special diets. Here are some of *The Collegian's* favorite Greenville restaurants with menus that are a specialty dieter's dream.

GENGHIS GRILL



1140 WOODRUFF ROAD
GREENVILLE, SC 29607



At this Mongolian-style restaurant, customers create their own stir-fry with combinations of vegetables, meats, starches and sauces. Vegetarians can fill their bowls with a variety of fresh veggies for a meatless meal. Customers with gluten allergies can request that the chef cook their food on a gluten-free surface using gluten-free sauces.

RED BOWL ASIAN BISTRO



27 S. PLEASANTBURG DR. #30
GREENVILLE, SC 29607



The Red Bowl Asian Bistro has a gluten-free and vegetarian friendly menu, and caters to custom dish requests. Vegetarian or vegan customers enjoy meat-free options like Sesame Tofu and Red Bowl Fried Rice with vegetables. More than 100 gluten-free options use gluten-free sauces, rice and wraps.



BLUEBERRYFROG



624 S. MAIN ST.
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

If you're looking for a sweet treat that fits your diet, frozen yogurt may be the answer. Blueberryfrog makes all its organic yogurt daily, and no sugar is added to the preparation process. Both Greenville blueberryfrog locations often feature new flavors, such as cappuccino and white chocolate. Top your yogurt with locally grown fruit for a fresh, guilt-free dessert.

EVERYDAY ORGANIC



3225 N. PLEASANTBURG DR.
GREENVILLE, SC 29609



Featuring organic salads, sandwiches and soups, Everyday Organic's whole menu is prepared with all organic ingredients. Baked tofu, vegan samosas, gluten-free bread and vegan milkshakes are only a few of the many items available for customers with special diets. Vegan cupcakes and all-natural scones, muffins and cakes in the bakery case tempt customers to enjoy a cup of organic tea and a blueberry cupcake in Everyday Organic's quaint atmosphere.

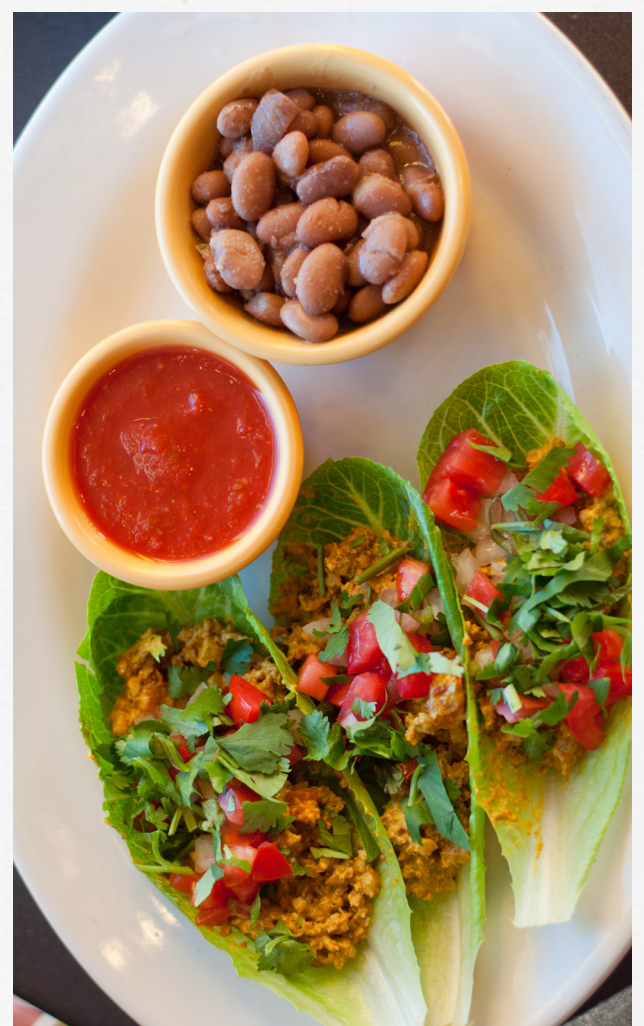
TORTILLA MARIA



115 PELHAM ROAD
GREENVILLE, SC 29615



Tortilla Maria, an organic Mexican restaurant, serves an entirely gluten-free menu. None of the restaurant's ingredients ever come from a can, none of the meat served contains hormones, and the water is even alkalined. Diners can build their own tacos, quesadillas or enchiladas, opting for vegetarian or vegan options, such as cheese enchiladas and bean tacos. One of the specials at Tortilla Maria is its wild rice salad, a mix of wild rice with quinoa, almonds, raisins, black beans and veggies. The menu also offers organic, freshly made smoothies.



Bruins women take 48-39 loss, end four-game winning streak

By: BRANDON VALADEZ
Staff Writer

The tables turned against the Bruins women’s basketball team Saturday, Jan. 25, in a 48-37 loss as they took on Pensacola Christian College, this time in Florida.

The Bruins stepped onto the court with a four-game winning streak, and BJU had swatted down the Pensacola Eagles by 17 points the week before at home.

Pensacola set the pace of the game, controlling play throughout the first half. The Bruins fought hard to gain the lead, but shots wouldn’t fall, and turnovers added to their deficit. Pensacola used

this to their advantage and raised the intensity, adding more points to the scoreboard. Pensacola led 28-18 at the end of the first half, capitalizing on BJU’s 14 percent shooting percentage.

After halftime, the BJU women got back onto their feet to pursue the win, and the Bruins closed the lead to single digits near the end. Victory was in sight for BJU, but the Eagles stayed just out of reach. Pensacola seized the game with an 9-point victory. At the end, the score was 48-39, and the Bruins added a loss to their record.

“This was one of the most

frustrating games for the whole team,” junior Kourtney Hoefler said, “because looking back, I don’t know if there are a lot of things we could have fixed skill-wise. We lost a lot of our mental toughness because when we came out, they were an entirely different team. We just need to be mentally tough, and we need to keep moving forward, making the next shot and looking forward to the next possession.”

BJU, still holding an impressive 15-6 record, will play the Clearwater Cougars tonight at home in the Davis Field House and will observe Military Appreciation Night.

10-point victory over Eagles gives momentum to Bruins men

By: TYLER PARSONS
Staff Writer

The Bruins men took the court Saturday night looking for retribution against Pensacola Christian College, winning 76-66.

Last weekend, the Bruins suffered a heartbreaking defeat as they fell just short of the Eagles 71-69. The Bruins would have to play calm and overcome the crowd in order to beat PCC for the first time in the young program’s history.

The Bruins felt that defense was going to be the key to victory Saturday night. As they began the game, the Bruins were calm, cool and collected. The Bruins’ defense was stron-

ger than PCC remembered, resulting in turnovers and bad shots from the Eagles.

While on the other side of the court, the Bruins were able to execute on drives and find open shooters. The Bruins even mounted a double-digit lead at one point, a feat neither team accomplished during their matchup last week. The Eagles unleashed a quick flurry of baskets near the end of the first half and cut the Bruins’ lead to six.

“We really just emphasized defense,” forward Kyle Turner said. “The first game we weren’t prepared for some of their plays, so we made some adjustments during practice that

threw them off their offensive game. This is key because they are a great offensive team.”

The Bruins continued to play with purpose as they exhibited lockdown defense and worked through their plays effectively. In addition to strong defense, another key to victory for the Bruins was their ability to shoot well from the free-throw line. The Bruins shot 18-21 in the second half.

The combination of effective offense, strong defense and consistent free-throw shooting took its toll against PCC.

The win lands the Bruins a 10-11 record. Next, they host the Clearwater Cougars at home tonight.

Cross-country team to compete in track, field events, emphasizes training for next season

By: ADAM GINGERY
Staff Writer

Following a successful first season, the Bruins cross-country team will begin track and field competition on Feb. 8, providing the athletes with opportunities to participate in spring events.

“Cross-country is usually in close conjunction with track and field, with the runners competing in the spring with distance

events on the track,” Coach Landon Bright said. “Track is a continuation of the fall season for them. I thought it was important to keep training and stay sharp through the year.”

The spring season will be a trial period of sorts for track and field, as the program is not yet official, and athletes are not eligible to qualify for the national championship. The possibility of adding an official

track and field schedule to the Bruins program exists, but no plans have been solidified.

Track and field for the Bruins includes the same athletes on the cross-country team and will focus solely on running events this season.

“Since most of our athletes are distance runners and cross-country runners, we will be focusing on the distance running right

now,” Bright said. “We are working to be ready for the fall [cross-country season].”

The Bruins, focusing mainly on the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter races for this spring, have placed a bigger emphasis on speed training to prepare for the upcoming meets. To put it in perspective, a 5,000-meter race is about 12 1/2 laps around the Alumni Stadium track, and

a 10,000-meter race would roughly equal 25 laps, run at an average time of 35 minutes.

While the current emphasis is on running, Coach Bright said he would like to see the Bruins participate in additional track events in the future.

“We would love to see the program evolve to include athletes who can compete in some of the other events, such as throw-

ing, jumping and sprinting. Maybe a few years down the road, as the Lord continues to grow the [BJU Department of Athletics], we can potentially see a full track-and-field program where all the events are represented by different student athletes who are gifted with those abilities.”

The Bruins will compete Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Green Valley 8K and 10-mile run.

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6:30 p.m. Clearwater
Christian College

Feb. 4
5 p.m. Southern Wesleyan
University

The Collegian’s 2014 SUPER BOWL Predictions

Bradley Nelson: “The Denver Broncos take home a double-digit Super Bowl win. If I had to guess the score, I’d say 34-24.”

Brandon Valadez: “The Broncos are going to win the Super Bowl. Peyton Manning has been there before, he’s a great quarterback, and he has a great team behind him. It’s going to be a good one.”

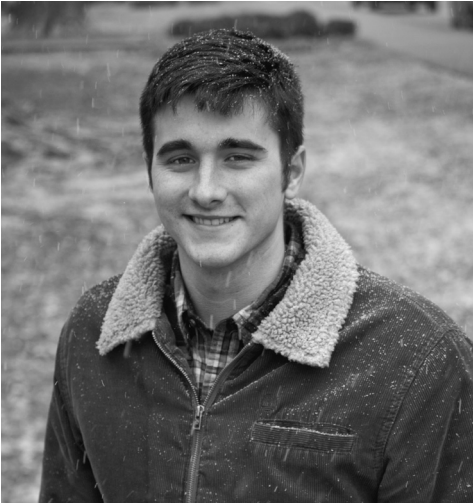
Tyler Parsons: “This year’s Super Bowl boasts the best offensive team in the league against the best defense. Seattle’s only hope is to shut down Peyton Manning and his record-breaking offense, but I don’t think they’re going to do that. The Broncos are going to win this one.”

Adam Gingery: “For the sake of dispute, I’m going with the Seahawks. They have the better defense, Richard Sherman has a huge chip on his shoulder, and underdogs have won the last four Super Bowls. Not to mention the Broncos are 0-3 in Super Bowls when they wear orange.”

Intramural Insider: peer coaching society sports

By: **BRADLEY NELSON**
Staff Writer

Coaching is seen by many as no more than a vocation, a hobby or an obligation. Although coaching may be placed in those categories at times, coaching can also be a very effective tool that Christians can use to influence the lives of those around them. Whether it's through intramural sports at college, a young group of kids at the YMCA or a full-time profession in sports, coaching can be used to challenge potential and show Christ.



Josiah Kilian coaches the Spartans. Photo: Molly Waits

Coaching intramural basketball is probably one of the last things senior Josiah Kilian of the Sigma Spartans needs on his mind. Juggling 16 credits, a fiancée and more than 15 hours of work per week, this business administration major has a lot on his plate. Yet he and many others make the decision each semester to coach their various intramural teams and to dedicate the necessary time and energy for it to pay off. So why coach? The answers are many.

"I am a player-coach so I am a lot more talkative out on the court, making sure everyone is in the right position and doing the right things. My leadership style is more hands-off," Kilian said. "Therefore, I only confront [my players] if something is dramatically wrong. So far, no major problems." Kilian said coaching and playing simultaneously does present a challenge. "I have to have my mind in three different places at once," he said. "I need to be focusing on what I'm doing on the court, while planning the rest of the game, and analyzing what has already happened." Planning to be married in less than a year, Kilian said he can use the team-building experience he has gained through coaching to help him be a better employee, church member and husband.



Danielle Hurst coaches the Gators. Photo: Molly Waits

Danielle Hurst, a senior elementary education major and member of the Chi Theta Upsilon Gators, is coaching her team this year in intramural soccer. "I've been coaching for several years, and each team is different. This year it has been great for my relationship with my players." Hurst student taught last semester, so she didn't have much opportunity to get to know the freshmen in her society, aside from in sports. "Most of the freshmen are playing soccer, and we have been able to build a relationship and to grow together in the sport and in Christ," Hurst said.

Like Kilian, Hurst is also a player-coach and reaffirms the challenges that it brings. "I am never 100 percent focused on my playing. I am always trying to be aware of how my players are doing and making sure we are all playing well together," she said. In the future, Hurst would like to coach an elementary or high school team, whether it be soccer, basketball or volleyball.



Jennifer VerWay coaches the Classics. Photo: Molly Waits

Jennifer VerWay, a junior elementary education major who coached volleyball last semester for the Pi Delta Chi Classics, also expressed concerns about player relationships. "Going into the season, I was worried that being the coach would hinder my relationship with the

girls. Overall, I felt that even with tryouts and playing time, my relationships were not affected negatively," she said. "I think coaching strengthened my relationship with the girls. I was able to help freshmen become part of the team and part of the society as a whole." As many coaches have related, VerWay expressed that a big challenge is "trying to lead girls who are your peers. I didn't want to be annoying, but at the same time I wanted to help the whole team by giving instruction." Another challenge VerWay faced was, like the others, playing and coaching at the same time. "I found it hard to put my emotions about the game aside so that I could be a stable leader for the rest of the team and make the best decisions for everyone." VerWay, who has already had some coaching experience back home, would like to get back into a similar program after she graduates.



Grad Kyle McVey is a teacher and coach. Photo: Submitted

Kyle McVey, a recent BJU grad who now teaches and coaches at Schaumburg Christian School in Schaumburg, Ill., was able to offer additional insight on coaching and the benefits it brings. McVey is the school athletic director and assistant men's varsity coach, and teaches history and PE classes, in addition to coaching junior varsity boys' soccer and basketball. McVey has been officially coaching for two years, since he graduated from the University, but also helped coach in high school as well as in college.

McVey, in response to why he coaches, stated appropriately, "I love the sport, both basketball and soccer, but specifically basketball. You have to have a love for the game, and I definitely have that," he said. "As a coach, I love the opportunity to influence the kids, my players, in the right direction. I love encouraging them in life and as a brother in Christ, and I love being an influence for those

years I get to coach them." McVey said playing college basketball helped him become a better coach for his players now. "Being able to play intercollegiate would have been fun, but we [Beta Gamma Delta] still had a very decent team. It helps now, knowing what works at a higher level, especially if the kids go to the next level; they can know what it's like."

McVey said the balance of being a friend and coach is a bit easier at his level, as opposed to a peer-to-peer level. "You are older than them and you shouldn't be 'buddy-buddy.' They need to call me 'Coach,' not 'Kyle.'"

McVey mentioned personal rewards that coaching brings. "I think the biggest thing is, the goal has to be the players. Coaching can't be about your own personal gain or moving up the ladder. The biggest reward, by far, is seeing them grow as a player; also, on the spiritual side, as they come to us and we can encourage them in Christ."

McVey did not hesitate when asked what piece of advice he would give to those looking to be coaches. "Talk to as many coaches as you can. Learn as much as you can. Take advantage of other coaches. Go to [coaching] clinics. Get out there and talk to other coaches and learn from them. They are almost always willing to help. You never stop learning, as a player or a coach. I'd say that's the biggest thing."

Mr. Denny Scott, head coach of the Bruins golf team, has insight when it comes to coaching. Most of what Scott practices and communicates can be found on his website, www.cspnonline.com, a coaching network that has grown to nearly 500 coaches in 35 states, as well as over half a dozen foreign countries. He has broken down some of his main points on basic coaching topics.

When it comes to coaching peers, Scott advised listening to your players and adapting to use their input whenever possible. He suggests avoiding the tendency to feel defensive if players question your decisions; admitting mistakes is important as well.

"Seek help and advice from experienced coaches, attend clinics, watch videos, read books, or observe Bruins teams practicing. Do something to keep improving and learning. And most of all, have fun!" Scott said.

Scott said his best advice for coaches would be that all coaches have sound philosophical foundations. Coaches should know why they coach, and according to Scott, that reason should be to serve others. "Coaching is not about building your resume, building a reputation, building a program or even building a 'winning tradition.' It's about building lives."

SPORTS BLURBS



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The NBA announced the 2014 All-Star selections who will play in the All-Star Game on Feb. 16. Kobe Bryant retained his fan-favorite status, as he was voted a starter despite playing six of the Lakers' 43 games. Bryant opted to sit the game out and defer to younger players. The East will start LeBron James, Paul George, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade and Kyrie Irving. The West features Bryant, Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry, Blake Griffin and Kevin Love.

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The 2014 Winter Olympics will begin with the Opening Ceremony on Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. Russia hasn't hosted the Olympics since the end of the Soviet Union in 1980. It's estimated that the games will cost Russia nearly \$51 billion, according to Business Insider.

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The United Steelworkers union and Northwestern's quarterback Kain Colter announced plans on Tuesday outlining the first ever union for college athletes. The USW has agreed to pay all legal costs associated with the effort, as Colter must win a court battle with the NCAA concerning labor and employee status.

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arise. Gardenghi also said the business of actuarial science is growing because of the greater amount of data provided through the Internet, and an increase in information lowers risk.

According to Gardenghi, a good actuary needs certain characteristics. Actuaries should have an interest in problem-solving, especially complicated problems, and they must be detail-oriented, willing to look for underlying factors in a scenario.

Gardenghi said John Nash (a notable American mathematician) won the Nobel Peace Prize because he recognized a well-known economic problem as simply a well-known math problem. He was willing to look at a complicated problem and dig deeper for the underlying cause.

Problem-solving is what Gardenghi loves about actuarial science. "I enjoy when you get to do problems that people care

about," she said.

According to Gardenghi, actuaries are credentialed by examination, and the actuarial field has 10 exams. She estimates that an actuary will spend anywhere from 300 to 400 hours studying for a single exam. In comparison, she said, those who take all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination typically study for 250 hours. To reach the top of the actuarial field, one must pass all 10 actuarial exams.

Gardenghi has passed two of the exams herself, and she said a couple of BJU actuarial science majors are already on their way toward the pinnacle as well, having already completed at least one actuary exam while attending the University. She also mentioned several graduates who are currently working in data and analysis. They were well prepared for their present careers thanks to their actuarial science degrees.

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their faith.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about specific evidences for God's handiwork in nature and how I can best apply this knowledge [as a] springboard for discussions about God with those people I come in contact with in my future career as a physician," she said.

Denton said hearing from an expert in the creationary science field would increase students' ability to support a Christian worldview. "Broadening our knowledge base allows us as believers to have more points of contact with others," she said. "And [that] can open up opportunities to speak a word for Christ."

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until noon, with a break for refreshments between Menton's lectures. University students are invited to attend, but priority seating will be given to PMA and UNA members. The conference will be held in Room 137 in the Howell Memorial Science Building.

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