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Aida to be “grand opera at its finest”



New sets, new costumes and new choreography make this semester's production of *Aida* BJU's largest ever. Photo: Amanda Ross

By: **ABI DICKINSON**
Staff Writer

This semester's presentation of Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida* will be the largest opera production ever to take place at Bob Jones University, with more actors, costumes and unique set pieces than ever before.

This opera has been a BJU tradition since its first performance in 1943. The upcoming production of *Aida*, 10 years in the making, will be the eighth time the opera has been performed at BJU.

The curtain opens on

a war between Egypt and Ethiopia. The protagonist, Radames, is the general of the winning Egyptian army. While in Memphis, he falls madly in love with Aida, the Ethiopian slave of the Egyptian princess Amneris, Radames' betrothed.

Unknown to Radames, Aida is actually the captured princess of Ethiopia. Radames then leaves for battle and conquers the Ethiopian army. He returns triumphant with the captured king Amonasro, Aida's father.

Amonasro commands Aida not to reveal either

of their identities to the Egyptians and convinces her, against her will, to get secret battle plans from Radames. When Radames realizes what he has done, he surrenders to the Egyptian priests out of a sense of patriotism.

Doomed either to be buried alive or renounce his love for Aida, Radames chooses death. Unbeknownst to him, Aida has escaped capture and has hidden in the vault prepared for Radames. The two reunite in the tomb and die together, while above, Amneris mourns and prays for Radames' soul.

Five distinguished guest artists will perform the main roles in *Aida*: soprano Indra Thomas will play Aida; mezzo-soprano Mary Phillips will play Amneris; tenor Clay Hilley will play Radames; bass Kevin Thompson will play Ramphis; and baritone Grant Youngblood will play Amonasro.

While guest singers are a part of all operas produced at BJU, a new aspect of *Aida* will be a guest conductor from the Metropolitan Opera, Maestro Steven White. White is a 1985 BJU graduate with a master's degree in

music from the University of South Carolina. His brother, David White, is the conductor of the Georgia Boy Choir who sang at a previous artist series this semester.

All members of the Collegiate Choir, Concert Choir and Chorale will perform in various roles. More than 100 choir members will participate in some capacity.

Aida, as with many operas, will be sung in Italian. To help with audience comprehension, English supertitles will be projected above the stage.

The opera will be

produced as closely to Giuseppe Verdi's original script as possible. "We've made a couple of musical cuts to bring the length of the opera under what it needs to be for our campus productions," said Dr. Darren Lawson, the stage director and program producer.

This production will be entirely original, meaning that the costumes, wigs and set pieces have been made specifically for this performance. All of these elements, including 220 costumes and more than 100 wigs, have

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Venom for a cure: Gila monster venom targets cancer cells

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The venom from Gila monsters can kill humans, yet it can also stop the growth of certain types of cancer. Which ones? Dr. Steve Figard and his independent study class intend to find out by making use of the eight Gila monsters in Dr. Chris Carmichael's serpentarium.

According to Figard, the venom from Gila monsters, the only venomous lizard in the United States, contains the protein helodermin, which inhibits the growth of

certain cancer cell lines.

The eight students taking part in the experiments wrote the proposal for this study on Gila monsters and cancer cell lines last December. Senior biology major Will Edwards said they were interested in this particular research project because of God's providence: BJU has a Gila monster colony and a cancer research lab. Instead of having to order venom or send venom out to a cancer research lab, the students can harvest venom and test it on cancer cell lines without leav-

ing campus.

In order to test the effect of helodermin on cell lines in a laboratory environment, the students rely on a three-step process.

First, the students collect venom from one of the eight Gila monsters. To do this, Carmichael offers a Gila monster a piece of cork, on which the reptile bites. As the Gila monster continues to gnaw on the cork, its lower salivary glands produce venom, which is then collected in a flask and refrigerated.

Second, the students

purify the venom, or isolate the helodermin.

Third, the students test the effects of the helodermin on different cancer cell lines.

Senior biology major Grace Denton said this three-step process provides unique opportunities for hands-on experience. "Being able to execute each step of the process represented a wide range of independent study techniques and applications not normally afforded to the average molecular biology lab setting," Denton said.

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Dr. Chris Carmichael extracts venom from a Gila monster. Photo: Photo Services

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By: **LEIGH KOSIN**
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Sixteen-year-old Makenzie Wethington had no inhibitions when she jumped out of an airplane on Jan. 25, 2014 — until her parachute didn't open. Wethington's story was quickly picked up by the media because somehow she survived her 3,500-foot plummet, suffering a broken back, fractured ribs and hips, damage to her liver and mild brain damage. As of last month, the *New York Daily News* reported that Wethington was already walking with assistance, and doctors expect her to make a full recovery.

Like Wethington, when I was younger, I was fearless. I didn't care. I didn't think. Just like most other children and some teens, I suppose, I assumed if it looked fun, it must be fun (and safe). I never jumped out of an airplane, but I remember playing in the Tennessee mountain brooks on family vacations during my elementary years. My brother and I would dash across the rocks, oblivious to the freezing mountain water below us. Sure, we fell in sometimes, but rarely, and it never stopped us anyway.

I miss the days when I could step out on the ledge of a mountain cliff or lean over a lighthouse rail at the beach and be completely unaware of the height. My mom, who

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Why Duke student's method of paying tuition is degrading, and how Christians should respond

The Collegian Editorial

News recently broke about a Duke University freshman who has chosen to pay for her tuition in a way that most students would never imagine. She's starring in adult films.

Voices praising and condemning the student (who is using the pseudonym "Lauren" to protect what little privacy she has left) have flooded the Internet after her identity was revealed by a fraternity member on Duke's campus. But perhaps the most notable aspect of Lauren's story is the fact that she sees nothing wrong with her job.

"I am not ashamed of porn," she wrote in a blog post explaining her experience. "On the contrary, doing pornography fulfills me." As a women's studies major, Lauren claims that American society upholds values that

suppress a woman's sexuality, whereas her job empowers her, setting her free to express her sexuality.

But Lauren's view of the adult film industry couldn't be further from the truth. In a *Huffington Post* article, sociologist Jess Carbinio strongly disagrees with Lauren's idea that "porn is women taking ownership of their bodies," writing that pornography affects women contrary to Lauren's views. "The porn industry does not provide sexual agency or choice to women, but rather is a social structure that confines and objectifies women," Carbinio writes.

As Christians, we should respond to Lauren's story in two ways.

First, pornography is wrong. Not only does pornography objectify women, it also enslaves both men and women in deep sin, often

resulting in failed marriages and minds imprinted with images that cannot be erased. Those who view pornography fracture human relationships and drive a wedge between themselves and God.

Nothing portrayed in the adult film industry represents God's design for men and women, and it unapologetically distorts the proper view of gender roles. It enslaves men and women under its power and particularly robs women of dignity and purity.

Second, how should Christians respond to Lauren's story?

Fellow students at Duke have taken to verbal attacks and insults: "So being choked, spit on and degraded is now empowering?" one commenter wrote on a CollegiateACB post. "I'd rather have my dignity and loans than work as a prostitute,"

wrote another.

Should Christians respond like the hundreds of harassing Duke students? A similar response may be tempting, because Lauren's industry has utterly ruined lives, and openly defends sin that can severely affect brothers in Christ — the thought is infuriating.

But instead, we should feel a burden for Lauren and those enslaved by pornography. This student represents millions of people affected by pornography, and her story should deeply upset us; but we should be careful so as not to communicate hatred toward viewers or participants of pornography. The burden for sinners should be coupled with a loving heart.

We as Christians must speak the truth in love, inviting fellow sinners to recognize their enslavement and turn

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Summer school, online classes help students catch up, get ahead

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According to 2014 estimates, the number of college students taking at least one online course in an academic year is now up to 5.5 million — a drastic increase from only 1.6 million in 2002. The number of BJU students studying online is also increasing, with a current average of 920 students taking 28 different courses every summer.

With the expanding number of classes on BJUOnline, it is becoming easier and more convenient to either work ahead or catch up on classes in the summer, in order to save time during the semester.

Registration for this

summer's on-campus session opens March 17, and the first of two online summer sessions begins May 19. Here are a few things to consider before diving into summer course work.

Time. For many students, one of the most attractive features of taking online classes is that it can free up time during the regular semester. "I took College Algebra and both semesters of History of Civ during high school," said Stephen Rohrer, a junior international studies major. "The courses freed up my semester hours before I even came to college, and they also counted for high school credit." Completing courses during the summer can allow

you to take different classes or become more involved in other activities during the regular school year.

Another key benefit of the online courses is the flexible class schedules. "I loved doing the work at my own pace," said Jordan Harris, a junior graphic design major. "Taking Bible Doctrines and History of Civ online in the summer definitely fit my style of learning." While most online classes have deadlines just like on-campus courses, the online setup allows for completion of discussions, papers and tests on your own time.

Although the course schedules are flexible, remember to evaluate how much time you will actually be able to devote to

studying, especially if you're planning to work at a camp or at a full-time job this summer. "Students need to plan 10 to 15 hours a week to work on the course," said Dr. Gladie Stroup, director of the Center for Distance Learning. "We have designed the courses so that students should be able to work. If they're taking more than one class, they should reconsider how many hours they're working."

Finances. How much are you planning on working this summer to pay off next semester's bill? Will you be able to afford online classes also? The price of a course from BJUOnline is currently \$330 per credit hour. "While the online courses

are very convenient, make sure you don't forget the cost involved," Harris said.

Availability of courses. The number of classes now available through BJUOnline is steadily increasing. Most of the BJU core classes, such as English 101 and 102, History of Civilization, Apologetics and Worldview, and Themes in Western Thought, which all students take during their careers at BJU, are already available on BJUOnline. Other courses that attract high student enrollment, such as Legal Environment & Ethics of Business, National Government and other business, history and Bible courses, are also available. "With the online courses, we want to

help high school students get a head start and help university students get caught up or work ahead," said Dr. Dan Smith, registrar.

Additionally, an on-campus session will begin Monday, May 12. Classes that will be offered include Modern Cults, Bible Doctrines I and II and English 102.

The resources available on BJUOnline and summer courses are both valuable and affordable; don't ignore the potential benefit of working ahead or freeing up your next semester. "The classes are extremely convenient," Rohrer said. "I enjoyed doing the work at my own leisure, especially since the courses were concentrated over a short period of time."

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been created on campus by students and staff.

"All the costumes and sets are new," said Meagan Ingersoll, the student assistant director. "We have giant columns and lots of steps and stairways."

The set, created by BJU students, is expected to be stunning in its intricacy. "Some of the scenes will change in front of the audience," Lawson said, "which is very special."

Another highlight of the production is the Triumphant March scene at the end of Act II. There will be more

than 200 people on stage during this scene. The choreography will be especially engaging, with tumblers and dancers performing incredible stunts.

"This is grand opera at its finest," Lawson said. "I know of no other universities that can pull off a production of this magnitude."

Performances will take place at 8 p.m. on March 18, 20 and 22.

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isn't fond of heights, would tightly grip the back of my shirt and attempt to tug me away from the edge.

But though I miss all those things, I'm finding it more and more difficult to ever want to do them again.

I don't know when I reached that turning point, going from carefree to careful. Maybe it was gradual as I experienced life, made mistakes and, hopefully, learned from them. I suppose that's usually what happens to all of us as we grow older. We tend to stop and consider all the possible consequences that could come from a decision, especially a high-risk decision. Age and experiences bring awareness, and awareness brings fears and

reservations.

But then we have a choice.

We can let those fears completely control us and prevent us from taking any risks, ever. But then we'd be like the one servant in the Gospel of Matthew who hid the "talent" his master gave him because he didn't want to risk losing it.

Or we can learn to harness our fears and aversions to make calculated and even well-informed decisions about what risks to take and how far to go with them. The other two servants in the parable took a risk and doubled their money because of it

(Matthew 25:14-30).

Analyzing every move first doesn't typically make things as fun. But it probably helps keep us alive longer.

I can't help wondering if Wethington will ever skydive again. Or if she does, will she be able to receive the same carefree thrill from it?

But if there is a "next time," I'm sure she'll be prepared. She'll jump, aware of the worst that can happen and have a plan, such as a back-up parachute.

She may have lost some of her ability to be blissfully oblivious to danger, but she gained a piece of experience

that can transform into wisdom if she allows.

We can still take the risks, but as we grow older, we gain more wisdom in deciding which risks to take. And sometimes, God may lead us to take a risk that leads us outside our comfort zone. Then we have the choice to either stay "safe" where we are, or to see how God can abundantly bless if we take the leap and trust Him to catch us.

But unlike the risks we choose to take, the risks God wants us to take will always bring us the most good.

Week at a Glance | By: ANDREW BUDGICK | Staff Writer

Student Body Sky Zone Activity

Students will be able to have some high-flying, late-night fun on March 21 at Sky Zone Trampoline Park, as the Student Leadership Council presents another late-night activity.

For \$15, students will have total access from 10:30 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. to Sky Zone's huge trampoline park, which features a foam pit, jumping areas, and

dodgeball and basketball courts. During the event, the SLC will also have a dodgeball tournament, which Patrick Beam, SLC event coordinator, said he is particularly excited about.

"I'm excited we have [the park] for two hours," Beam said. "It's exhausting, but fun. The SLC got to play dodgeball for 15 minutes, and it was a blast. We're excited to go back."

Tickets are available at the Activities & Organizations office.

Pre-Law Forum:

On March 20, attorney Butch Bowers will present this semester's fourth Pre-Law Forum and will speak on a topic that he has spent years studying and defending: free speech.

In a time when free speech is an increasingly discussed and controversial issue, few are as qualified to speak on the topic as Bowers. Bowers has served as the attorney to the governor of South Carolina and as a

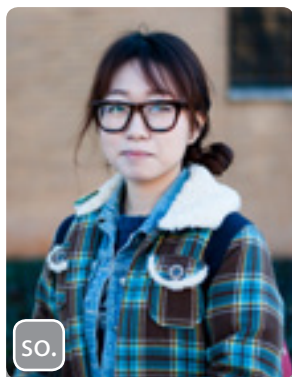
consultant to the Bush administration and has spent years of his career fighting for the First Amendment.

"Free speech is such an integral part of American society, so I think his talk will speak to people in communication, in law, in business, all kinds of people," said Randy Page, the University's director of public relations, who invited the speaker on behalf of the forum.

The event is open to all students and will be held at 6 p.m. in Levinson Hall.

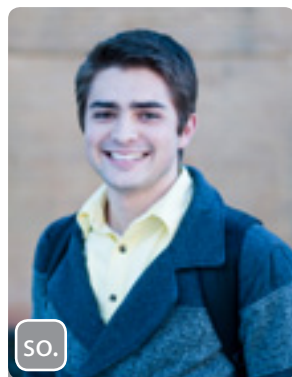
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WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?



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"Independent illustrator."



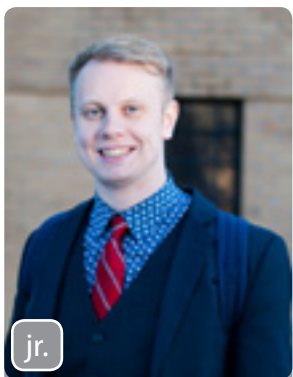
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ANDREW SMITH:
"To compose movie scores."



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HANNAH HUNTER:
"A barista and counselor near a beach."



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KRISTIAN RÖMER:
"Start a snowboarding ministry."



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REBEKAH NASON:
"Start a community theatre in N.H. as a ministry."

PHOTOS: Molly Waits

Grad-owned business makes online marketing ‘worthwhile’

By: **ANDREW BUDGICK**
Staff Writer

Worthwhile is a company that has always been a little ahead of its time: a fact that can be seen even in the name of its website, Worthwhile.com. Today, buying such a clear and concise website name would cost a fortune. But when Worthwhile came on the scene, the Internet was a bit less crowded.

The Internet has become such a part of our everyday life that it's almost impossible to imagine life without it, but in the early 1990s the Web was in its infancy, and people were only beginning to realize the potential of this new technology. Worthwhile began right on the cusp of this growth. It was in the mid-1990s that Jonathan Pait, co-founder of Worthwhile, began doing something that has led to the founding of many companies: experimenting.

While working as Dr. Bob Jones III's administrative assistant, Pait began dabbling with the Internet. At the time, the University was just beginning to create an online presence — the beginnings of today's bju.edu — and Pait was helping with the effort. In an endeavor to make the website more useful, Pait was attempting to take Scripture passages and put links in the text so

users would need only to click on a word to get cross-references and linguistics information. Today, such a feature is commonplace, but back then it was both a novel idea and an enormous undertaking.

Pait's ambition and ability with design caught the eye of then head of the computer science department, Dan Wooster. After seeing Pait's ambitious Bible project, Pait said Wooster exclaimed, "You can't do all that! It's going to kill you. I can find a student who could do that in no time!"

Thus began the partnership between Pait and Wooster: Pait would handle the design side, and Wooster would take care of the technical aspect.

The Internet has grown a lot since the '90s, and Worthwhile has grown right along with it. The company that started with three founders has expanded to 45 employees with offices in Charlotte and Greenville and now serves businesses all over the world.

As the Internet has become more and more crucial to businesses, the services Worthwhile provides have become equally as important. Initially businesses would come to Worthwhile and request only a website design, but now Worth-

while's process and relationship with businesses goes much deeper.

Companies still come to Worthwhile for beautifully designed websites, but as Wooster explained, the people at Worthwhile want to do so much more than make a website. "There's not a company, ministry or organization on this planet that doesn't need what we do," he said. "Whether it's web design, branding, programming, app building, they all need it. So what we do is find companies who realize they need us and partner with them."

It's in this business process that you can begin to see what makes Worthwhile different from other similar companies. Rather than waiting for businesses to come for help, Worthwhile proactively searches for businesses whose needs match the company's expertise.

Then, Worthwhile does a total evaluation of that prospective client, looking for problems that could be solved with technology. The client can then either accept Worthwhile's proposal or take the information gained from the evaluation and look elsewhere for help.

This unique practice reflects the idea of sticking to your standards, an important quality to the company's



Worthwhile has been in the business of online marketing since the early days of the Internet. Photo: Dave Saunders

co-founders and CEO.

Wooster emphasized the importance in starting a business by finding people who share your worldview. Whether you're looking for a partner to start a business with or hiring an employee, he said it's crucial to find someone with whom your core values align. "Ninety-five percent of our employees are BJU graduates. You come into some hard situations in business. You had better be on the same page philosophically," Wooster said.

Worthwhile has standards for the employees it hires, and it also has standards regarding those to whom it provides services. Though Worthwhile believes, as Wooster said, that every company needs Worthwhile's services, that does not mean Worthwhile is interested in working with every company. As CEO Dan Rundle explained, "We are going to draw lines based

on our values. Our values are creativity, curiosity, honor and service. There are plenty of companies that don't align with those, and we're going to choose to work with the ones who do."

Worthwhile is looking for companies who share three goals: user focus, co-creation and disruption. The company's website up sums these goals when it says Worthwhile is looking for "true partnership." Worthwhile wants to work with companies on a peer-to-peer level to bring substantial change to the company.

Worthwhile's striving for excellence extends even to its charitable work. Rather than trying to help every single organization that needs help with digital marketing, Worthwhile created Web for Good, a nonprofit organization that finds charitable organizations in need of Worthwhile's services. "The purpose of Web for Good is to select one ministry or nonprofit organization

each year that can get the full slate of our services completely free," Rundle said. "We've been able to do several projects, and it's been a blast. The team has really loved it, and we've been able to make a real difference in those ministries."

One organization Worthwhile has helped is A Child's Haven, a Greenville organization that seeks to help young at-risk children who have faced developmental challenges. Web for Good also assisted the I Do It For Foundation, an organization that helps to raise money for people in need.

In a world where compromising standards is commonplace, Worthwhile's goal is to stand in contrast. Whether it's choosing clients, employees or charity work, Worthwhile looks to go beyond what is easy.

As a company, Worthwhile seeks to do something that makes a lasting difference in the world: something that is truly worthwhile.

OFFICE INSIDER

Some office spaces can be dull and unexciting, an atmosphere that stifles productivity and inspiration; but the interesting collections of these BJU faculty and staff members make their offices stand out from the typical workplace.



Scott Bingel, Campus Store manager

A collection of classic John Wayne movies grew into a Western-themed world for Scott Bingel's office in the Campus Store. "I've always liked the cowboy persona and the Western theme," Bingel said. "I started collecting movies, and it just continued from there." Short-term missionary trips to Mexico and Arizona, gifts from family and friends, and personal purchases have brought Bingel his collection of John Wayne pocket knives, ornaments, cowboy-themed plaques, cacti, a buffalo statue from Buffalo, N.Y., and even a life-size cut-out of John Wayne — a gift from his sister.

"It's like a real, larger-than-life scrapbook," Sid Silvester said of his office space. Silvester's space isn't themed around one particular item; it's a conglomeration of items that represent important things in his life. Mock trial team trophies, sports memorabilia, coffee mugs, favorite calendar pages and posters about coffee line the shelves and walls in Silvester's section of the office. "It's just a place where I can be more comfortable and I can get away with more here than I can at home," he said with a laugh.



Sid Silvester, English faculty



Dr. Karen Rowe, English faculty

Dr. Karen Rowe began collecting teacups and saucers in the 1990s and found a home for her collection on the windowsill of her office. "They represent a more elegant time of manners and rituals to me," Rowe said. "They all have a story. They're old, and they're unique. I always thought the most beautiful table could be made if each person's place setting was different." While Rowe doesn't plan to continue adding to her collection, which features her grandmother's wheat sheaf patterned cup and a Dickens novel pattern, a new teacup or two may find themselves on the windowsill in the future.



Jon Andrews, Art faculty



Nancy McGuire, Mack Library staff

From collectible figurines and plush toys to ornaments and a business card holder, Nancy McGuire's collection of everything elephant includes more than 250 elephant-related items displayed in her office and home. "I was part of a birthday club, and they asked me what I collected," McGuire said. "At the time, my husband was still chairman of the [local] Republican party, so we had little pewter elephants all over the house, and so I said 'elephants.' After that, I got so many elephants from people that you wouldn't believe it." McGuire's elephant collection contains items from all over the world, including places like Italy, Africa and Mexico. Her collection continues to grow, and she plans to keep collecting "as many as can fit."

Jon Andrews describes his office space as an "eclectic mix of everything." Bones, a preserved albino lizard, random trinkets, pieces from nature, old books and even a taxidermied monkey make up the interesting décor in Andrews' office. "It's important to me as an artist to have inspirational stuff around me," Andrews said. "It helps me to be more creative, and I'm always gathering interesting stuff for my art." He has specifically bought items for his collection, like art replicas from Italy, and simply come across items while browsing thrift or antique stores. "It's the ones I happen upon that excite me the most," he said.

WHITE GLOVE CLEANING TIPS

white glove

It's Bob Jones University's version of spring cleaning. It's a time set aside to clean the residence halls, not only for the benefit of the students who live on campus, but also to create a welcoming place for coming visitors. White glove can be a stressful time, but it can also be a fun time. Here are some tips to make your white glove cleaning a little less stressful and a little more fun.

speed cleaning

Setting a time limit can make the cleaning go faster. Just take a timer, set it for a specific amount of time — even just 30 minutes — and devote all that time to just cleaning. Try to get a specified amount of cleaning done before the timer goes off. Once the timer goes off, you can take a break to browse Pinterest or Facebook, or chat with friends. After 10 minutes, come back to reset the timer for another speed-cleaning session.

small things first

Another method for cleaning for white glove is to accomplish the small tasks first. Take an hour or 30 minutes to clean the shelves, overhead cupboards, drawers, mirrors or any other smaller chore. You can save the bigger work for later and possibly work together with your roommates to get the job done.

keeping organized

Try cleaning in an organized manner, starting from one side of the room and working toward the other. By staying organized, you find that the work gets done somewhat faster, and you won't be running all over the place. Keep your cleaning supplies in the center of the room for easy access.

remember why you're cleaning

Another helpful tip to take into account while you clean is to remember the reason you're cleaning. Everyone knows that white glove precedes either High School Festival (for the fall semester) or AACs (for the spring semester), when visitors abound on campus. Keep in mind that you're cleaning to help welcome visitors and prospective students to campus. You should also keep in mind that you are cleaning the room to make it a more comfortable environment for you and your roommates.

Bruins captain sets example, earns respect as teammate



Zach Mercado shows his passion for the game on the court. Photo: Amanda Ross

By: **ADAM GINGERY**
Sports Editor

Splitting time among two school teams and a city league isn't easy for any basketball player, let alone scoring 32 points in the varsity championship game while maintaining other responsibilities off the court. But while most junior high kids were busy playing knock-out or heaving granny-shots, young Zach Mercado was a baller, already a seasoned veteran on the hardwood. Mercado wasn't new to basketball in the eighth grade. He had loved the

game since he was a little kid, and his parents made sure he could participate in youth leagues in their hometown of Phoenix, Ariz., throughout elementary school. A student at the small Christian school where his parents both worked, Mercado joined the junior high team in sixth grade and played for both the junior high and varsity squads in seventh grade.

He logged only a few varsity minutes that year, but the next season was entirely different. "Eighth grade was probably my best year of

basketball," Mercado said. "Eighth grade year, I had 32 points in the varsity championship game. We realized this team didn't really have much of a guard, so we pressured them and got a lot of steals. I ran out and got a bunch of layups. It was pretty crazy; my parents were quite proud."

The three seasons following his definitive junior high performance were increasingly frustrating for the young athlete. He was growing as a player, but his league was moving in the opposite direction. "The competition continued to drop lower and lower, and schools began to leave our league for various reasons. We were left without much competition." After remaining undefeated in conference play in ninth, tenth and eleventh grades, it was time for a change. "My junior year was especially bad. Halfway through the game, coach would take me and a couple of other guys out because we were beating a team by 40 and tell us not to score anymore. It just wasn't basketball."

Mercado needed only two more high school classes to graduate after his junior year and was already working at In-N-Out Burger in his free time. He planted a bug in his parents' ear about homeschooling and playing basketball for the local public school. But the decision was out of the family's hands altogether.

"That summer, the [Christian] school had to close for financial reasons, and enrollment was really down. I was disappointed. But at the same time, it allowed me to do what I had asked," Mercado said. The Christian school kid then found himself playing basketball for a 4A public high school. "[The members of the team] were really receptive, which was nice," Mercado said. "I didn't really expect that. There were nine seniors on the team, so there was a lot of fighting for playing time."

He already knew a number of the players from local pickup games, and he gradually gained respect and playing time before earning a starting position around Christmas. Not only did his on-the-court reputation grow, but his Christian faith also stood out as a testimony to his friends on the team as well. "They had me pray before every game [out] of their own initiation in the locker room," Mercado said. "And I had a lot of good conversations with guys on road trips when they'd ask me about different things or what I believe."

Following his senior year, Mercado was ready to take on college basketball at Northland International University. God had other plans, however, as Mercado suffered a back injury when jumping off of a wall the

spring before his first semester. "It hurt pretty bad, but I didn't really think anything of it," Mercado said. "After three months of not getting it checked out, I thought it would just kind of go away. It progressed into a herniated disc." Mercado, who was projected to contribute a great deal for the Northland Pioneers, was rendered nearly unable to walk before the season began and ultimately missed his entire first year of basketball there.

"Honestly, it was of God, because that enabled me to travel with one of their ministry teams the second semester of my freshman year. That kept me from having to work that summer to go back to school in the fall, and I was able to work at Camp Ironwood," Mercado said. He had always wanted to work at a Christian camp, but he got even more than he bargained for that summer. Carlisle Burch, a student from BJU, was working there as well, and little did Mercado know she would eventually become his fiancée.

The combination of academic interests and Burch started to turn Mercado's sights toward BJU, but he had already committed to playing for Northland his sophomore year. That season turned out to be a terrific comeback for him, and it included the biggest game of his career — on his birthday.

Mercado decided that his

time at Northland had drawn to a close, however, and he prepared to give up intercollegiate sports and embrace the intramural program here at BJU. That's when he got the text from Burch, saying that BJU was beginning intercollegiate sports.

"I was all ready to get into intramurals and play soccer again," Mercado said. "But when I heard that, I was like, 'Oh wow, that must be of God.'" Soon afterward, he discovered that rival coach Neal Ring would be running the new Bruins program and that Andrew Wingreen, from Northland, would be coaching as well. Mercado came to meet with Coach Ring and visit the school, and he was even here for the unveiling ceremony of BJU's mascot.

The rest is history still in the making, as Mercado leads his team through the South Regional Tournament this weekend. The Bruins captain has led his team from six wins last year to a regular season record of 16-14, and his hard-nosed, fiery style of play will set a precedent for generations of Bruins athletes to come. Just like the eighth-grader who scored 32 points in a varsity championship game or the high-schooler who had to earn the respect of a new team, Mercado will continue to battle the odds, earn respect for the young Bruins program, and honor Christ with his love of basketball.

Bruins basketball teams play at regional tournament

By: **TYLER PARSONS**
Sports Writer

When Bob Jones University announced the beginning of intercollegiate sports, the door to a new era was opened. With the announcement of the mascot came unity and a newfound school pride that brought students and faculty together to form what would become known as Bruin Nation. The university family could now rally behind a common athletic ideal and support teams that would bear the

name of their University. The intercollegiate athletics have come a long way since their debut, further than most skeptics anticipated.

This week, the BJU Bruins basketball teams play in the NCCAA South Regional Tournament. The women's team (No. 4) competed against Columbia International University (No. 5) at Emmanuel College last night at 6 p.m. The winner will play No. 1 seeded Emmanuel College today. The Bruins improved from a 10-16

record last season to an 18-10 regular season. This will be the Bruins women's second appearance in the playoffs, having played Emmanuel College in last year's tournament.

"Having a break from regular season games has been good for us," junior Kourtney Hoefler said. "We need to be mentally tough going into this game on Thursday, and having the break has refreshed us. We are ready to go."

The Bruins women faced off against Columbia Inter-

national University twice during the regular season and defeated them both times. "We can't let that go to our heads," Hoefler said. "We cannot mentally expect to win and check out of the game. Their team has gotten a lot better as the season progressed. Our team needs to be prepared for anything. We need to control what we can control and have mental toughness."

The men's team shares a similar story of tremendous improvement. The team's inau-

gural season ended with a 6-24 record, but better chemistry, more maturity and the simple addition of experience has carried the second-year team to a 16-14 record and a playoff birth.

Before the tournament, senior Evan Brondyke shared his expectations. "We need to control the tempo of the game," he said. "We are confident as a team that we can do well."

"We trust each other with the ball, and we trust our coaches. We need to strat-

egize in order to make them work hard on defense and limit their rebounds."

The Bruins men (No. 2) played against Carver College (No. 3) at Southern Wesleyan University last night at 5:30. The victorious team will play against the winner of the No. 1 Southern Wesleyan vs. No. 4 Columbia International matchup on Friday.

Unlike the women's team, the men have not had the opportunity to play against their opponent in the regular season.

Royals barely fend off Bulldogs by two in rematch, get 46-44 win

By: **BRADLEY NELSON**
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The Phi Beta Chi Bulldogs and the Pi Gamma Delta Royals closed their regular season schedules on Friday, March 7, with a rematch. The Royals, who beat the Bulldogs earlier this season by one point with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer in triple overtime, won by just two points in the last seconds of the game, 46-44.

Both teams started the game sloppily, as each team committed several turnovers in the opening minutes. The Bulldogs, with a size advantage over the Royals, looked to capitalize down low as sophomore Jordan Kelley scored several baskets in the paint, but the Royals jumped out

to a 13-8 advantage with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Although the Bulldogs fought hard to close the gap, the Royals expanded their lead to nine on multiple occasions. But Phi Beta wouldn't back down, and the Bulldogs held the Royals' lead to 27-18 at halftime.

Much of Pi Gamma's first-half success was due to the speed and aggressiveness of sophomore Zech Heneveld. Heneveld, who scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half, once again proved why he's a threat that needs to be contained. A versatile player, he scores off layups, free throws and from behind the arch.

The opening minutes of the second half started

with each team trading baskets and fouls. Early in the half, Pi Gamma freshman Stephen Laird, who had been guarding Phi Beta's Kelley in the post, picked up his 4th foul and was forced to withdraw to the bench, where he would remain until the last few minutes of the game.

Phi Beta took advantage of the opportunity and began to close the gap. The Bulldogs battled back to tie the game at 42-42 with just more than two minutes left in the game. Pi Gamma sophomore Ryan Hwang, who has kept the Royals afloat in several games, did his best to stop the Bulldogs from taking over and scored 8 of his 12 points at critical moments in the second

half. Phi Beta sophomore Billy Kauffman gave the Bulldogs a 44-42 lead with 1:05 remaining, and shortly afterward each team hit a free throw for a score of 44-43. Kelley earned what would have been a two-point lead for the Bulldogs with another free throw, but that shot was discounted because of a Bulldog lane violation.

Pi Gamma came down the court desperate for a basket or foul. But Laird was able to find his way to the basket off a Hwang assist and gave the Royals a one-point margin with six seconds remaining. The Royals then made a free throw, putting them up by two. Phi Beta is now 6-6, and the Royals are 7-5 after the 46-44 victory.



Royal Stephen Laird reaches for the ball over a Bulldog defender. Photo: Olivia Prairie

Men's golf starts spring season at Georgia tournament

By: **BRANDON VALADEZ**
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Four Bruins teed off the season on Monday at the Reinhardt University Spring Invitational in Georgia. BJU placed sixth in the tournament, which hosted seven schools and 40 golfers. Junior Clay Wiginton and sophomores Blake Counts, Micah Gold

and Kyle James represented the Bruins in the two-day tournament. Throughout the spring, the team will compete in eight tournaments in total, with the most distant tournament taking place in Tennessee.

Lack of good practice on the greens and the winds on the course proved to be a concern at the Spring In-

vitational. The four Bruins scored higher than their average and fell behind. "[This weather was] a little tougher for scoring conditions," Wiginton said. "On Monday the lowest was 71, one under par. We didn't play especially well, but I played better on Monday. I shot a 74."

Counts improved five

or six strokes each round and totaled scores of 84 on Monday and 85 on Tuesday. Gold scored 85 on Monday and 79 on Tuesday.

"It was a struggle for me," Gold said. "We had a good week of practice, but it was the first tournament,

so getting back into the swing of stuff was challenging. The weather was a little challenging because we practiced in cold, wet, rainy conditions, and then the weather was beautiful. But it was a little windy, and the ground was wet, so it was tough to get used to."

Seven more tournaments lie ahead for the team, and the team will travel to Georgia again on Monday to participate in the Savannah College of Art and Design Invitational Tournament, a two-day tournament.

"We had a really good first tournament as a team," Gold said. "Overall, it was a good tournament, and we are looking to improve this semester."



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1. PHI KAPPA PI RAMS

The Rams have the unique title of being the only undefeated team left at 11-0. With a lethal starting five and a deep bench, the Rams are the championship favorite going into the playoffs.

2. KAPPA SIGMA CHI KNIGHTS

The Knights, with the second best record at 10-1, have proved to be strong and calm in tense situations. The question now is whether the Knights can remain effective down the stretch in a win-or-go-home situation.

3. BETA GAMMA DELTA PATRIOTS

Although the Patriots have three losses, two have come from the Rams, and all three were decided by six points or fewer. Beta is quick and difficult to slow down, especially when their potent offense heats up.

4. ALPHA OMEGA DELTA LIONS

Omega's three losses are from Beta (two) and the Rams. The Lions are big, physical, and they play hard. Although foul trouble sometimes haunts the Lions, they have proved to be a tough team to overcome.

5. PI KAPPA SIGMA COBRAS

With four losses, the Cobras have shown signs of weakness. They have found a way past it, however, by proving themselves in a double-digit win over the Kappa Sigma Knights. The Cobras are a young team, but they are full of energy and dynamic on offense.

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Edwards agrees and adds that he's humbled by the opportunity to be involved in such a noble effort that reflects Christ's role as the ultimate healer. "Christ is the Great Physician, and we have the opportunity to follow His example and bring Him glory by what we are accomplishing in this class," Edwards said.

Currently, the students are testing the helodermin on two previously tested lung cancer cell lines. However, they also hope to test two previously untested cell lines, including a breast cancer cell line and a colon cancer cell line.

Ironically, while helodermin is not effective on all cell lines, the husband of the donor who funded the BJU Cancer Research Laboratory died of small cell lung carcinoma, which is one of the specific cell lines that is susceptible to helodermin.

Stories like this give the class inspiration to join in the effort to cure cancer, but Figard said the goal of this particular class is much simpler: to teach students about proper scientific research. He sees the class as a capstone experience that allows the students to put all of their knowledge from previous classes into practice.

As a research mentor, Figard is currently taking his students through experi-

ments that were originally performed in the 1980s and 1990s when scientists first started researching the interaction between Gila monster venom and cancer cell lines.

This summer three students will continue this research in a new eight-week program, Research Immersion for Undergraduates, that covers students' room and board while allowing them to earn academic credit. Figard said he's excited about this unique opportunity, which will be funded by the Science & Engineering Endowment Fund. He hopes to work on a number of subprojects, including learning how to harvest the largest quantity of venom, how to improve the purity of the venom, and why the venom inhibits some cell lines and not others.

While most of these experiments are reproductions of previously performed experiments, this is not Biology 101 where the experiments have cookie-cutter results. "Research is not scripted," Figard said. The students have to think beyond their instructions and textbook.

This unpredictability was particularly evident over Christmas break when Figard went to check on some previously harvested venom and was surprised to see that it had jelled. He removed it from the refrigerator, but it remained jelled. He contact-

ed herpetologist Carmichael, who then emailed his herpetology friends — the top in their field — but none of them had seen this happen before. They are still looking for possible explanations to this strange phenomenon.

Mysteries like these excite Figard, who looks around and sees a world of order created by a God of order. If something is not immediately clear, scientists must continue researching, Figard said, because God created the beautiful and orderly world for us to explore. And He has included seemingly insignificant things, such as the helodermin in Gila monster venom, for us to use in ways that honor Him. "He conceals things so that we can search them out and use them to glorify Him," Figard said.

For this reason, the theme verse of the BJU Cancer Research Lab is Proverbs 25:2: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."

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from their sin to the Savior. That means declaring both Christlike hatred for detestable sin and Christ-centered hope for all those who humbly seek God's forgiveness. May we never hinder viewers or participants in pornography by muting the truth about sin or by missing an opportunity to point them to Jesus Christ.

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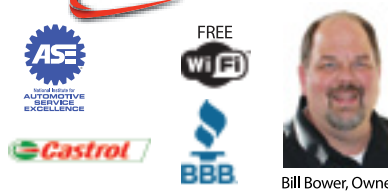


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