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Christmas time is here!

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Choirs, orchestra to perform Handel's *Messiah*

By: NATHAN PITTACK
Staff Writer

Three of BJU's choirs, along with the BJU Symphony Orchestra, will perform a Bob Jones University Christmas tradition tonight at 7:30 in Rodeheaver Auditorium: a collaborative performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

Messiah, an oratorio composed by George Frideric Handel in only 24 days, is a large-scale vocal and orchestral work narrating the birth, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Charles Jennens wrote the libretto (the text of a long vocal work) based on the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer.

Usually performed every four years, BJU's performances of *Messiah* use the traditional cutting made by the late Dr. Dwight Gustafson, former dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication. Rather than performing the original two-and-a-half hour piece, this cutting includes the famous arias (a long, accompanied

song for a solo voice) and choruses typically found in *Messiah* performances.

Dr. Eliezer Yanson, faculty member in the Division of Music and director of the concert, said this year the Collegiate Choir will join the Chorale and Concert Choirs on the vocals, bringing the total number of choir members to 150. To round out the choir, four soloists will be featured throughout the piece. Mrs. Pam Dunbar of the voice faculty and Miss Rachel Dahlhausen, resident supervisor for Margaret Mack, will sing soprano and alto respectively. BJU graduate Mr. Jason Rush will sing tenor, and Dr. David Parker of the voice faculty will sing bass-baritone. In addition to the vocals, the BJU Symphony Orchestra has more musicians than in previous years, providing a fuller, richer sound.

Dr. Yanson is excited to present the *Messiah* to this year's BJU family and members of the Greenville community. "I first sang *Messiah* un-



Dr. Eliezer Yanson directs rehearsal for Handel's *Messiah*, typically performed every four years at BJU. Photo: Ethan Rogers

der Dr. Dwight Gustafson in 1997 when I was a senior here at BJU," Yanson said. "Seventeen years later, I get the opportunity to conduct *Messiah* with a choir of 150, four gifted soloists and an amazing orchestra. I'm thankful to

God for this incredible opportunity."

Messiah will be performed Dec. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Rodeheaver Auditorium. Tickets are not required for the event, and the performance is open to the public.



Harpists perform in Christmas Music with the Masters at the Museum & Gallery. Photo: Tatiana Bento

M&G: more than just art

By: ABBY SIVYER
Staff Writer

Most BJU students know BJU's Museum & Gallery from the brief tour they took as freshmen as part of the Introduction to the Arts course. But what students may not know is just how many opportunities the museum offers to learn, think, create and observe.

Erin Jones, director of the M&G, describes the museum as an educational entity that helps us understand the present by learning about life in the past. "Our collection isn't just about art; it's about everything that surrounds art," Jones said. "It's a message to the past and the people living in the past."

The museum has many special events planned for next semester at both the on-campus location and the satellite location in downtown Greenville. The M&G will be adding a few more pieces to its vast Bowen Collection of Antiquities, including armbands and bracelets from Pompeii and armor from King Nebuchadnezzar's day.

Jan. 21 marks the opening of a new exhibition on campus, "The Golden Age of Painting in the Low Countries." This exhibition captures ordinary life in the 17th century of Northern Europe and displays various themes such as maritime scenes and still life. The works will be

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By: **EMILY BRADLEY**
Staff Writer

Christmas is not the season of receiving; it's the season of giving.

I know this might seem cliché because we hear about this every Christmas, but Christians should be the biggest givers at Christmas. I am not referring to a dollar store gift or even a new iPad.

I am referring to a sacrificial gift: the kind of giving that should characterize Christians, that should be true in *my* life and *your* life, and that models Christ's sacrificial giving.

It is this kind of giving that is often forgotten at Christmas.

It is hard for me to be sacrificial because I am a selfish human being. It is hard for me to give because I prefer getting. It is hard for me to love because there is a lot of pain.

But God has been showing me over and over again that giving is not about me. He has shown me that He gives me the strength to do difficult and uncomfortable things. He transformed my life from sinner to saved sinner, and that was the most sacrificial gift of all, and I need to fol-

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The Collegian staff wishes the BJU family a Merry Christmas.



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TALKBACK

"WHAT ARE YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS?"



GABBY SALTER
Junior

"Getting up before sunrise to open presents."



ANDREW RAINER
Senior

"Pork chops on the grill with family."



EMILY MEYERS
Senior

"Making subs with my grandparents."



OLIVIA MATTHEWS
Sophomore

"Going to the beach and jumping off of the pier."



ALLISON SHEELEY
Junior

"Putting the Christmas tree up the night after Thanksgiving."

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I won't be home for Christmas

Two seniors to spend break outside U.S.



Meghan Sullivan and Caleb Cox will spend Christmas abroad in Costa Rica and China, respectively. Photos: Holly Diller

By: **ANDREW BUDGICK**
Staff Writer

For many students, Christmas break wouldn't be Christmas break without traditions, like gifts, fires, hot chocolate, and spending time with family. But traditions are made to be broken, and this Christmas several students are looking to break the typical holiday pattern.

The point of Christmas is to celebrate Christ's coming to earth to become a servant, so what better way of celebrating than doing our own acts of kindness? Meghan Sullivan, a senior elementary education major, will do just that this Christmas break as she travels to Costa Rica. This trip has been a long time in the making for Sullivan. During her high school years, she knew she wanted to do some kind of missions work. Over time God has shaped that burden into a more specific desire. After going on a couple of mission trips to Costa Rica over the past few years, Sullivan developed a burden for the impoverished orphans of the country.

Although 80-degree weather and being in a foreign country don't exactly bring a stereotypical Christmas feeling, Sullivan's trip won't be entirely devoid of the normal Christmas traditions. The parents

at the orphanage where Sullivan will be ministering write a Christmas play for their children to perform each year, and Sullivan will help with directing and playing special music for this year's performance. The children then travel around to various churches and put on their production.

Christmastime is a crucial time for ministry in Costa Rica, but not for the reasons one might initially think. As Americans, we associate Christmas with warm drinks like hot chocolate and coffee. Costa Ricans also think of coffee when they think of Christmas, but not because they're going to drink it around a fire. For an impoverished Costa Rican, Christmas is coffee bean harvesting time: the time when the area around the orphanage is flooded with people hoping to find a job harvesting beans. This influx of people means a host of lost souls who need the Gospel.

Before she found her passion for Costa Rica, Sullivan believed that Christmas was a time strictly for being at home with family. But learning that Christmas was a crucial time for ministry completely changed her attitude. "As soon as I heard that, I knew I had to find a way to get there at Christmastime," Sullivan said. "God completely changed my perspective."

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{SNAPSHOT}

Ioia Capelle | Freshman | Humanities
Majuro, Marshall Islands

Here [in the U.S.], some stuff you don't say because it will hurt someone's feelings. But there [in the Marshall Islands] you can say anything because people will just laugh about it. We're really honest with everything there. Here you really have to think before you say things. My mom said, "You have to stop being rude because that's what they will call you." I have to get used to holding back — like if someone asks me if their outfit looks okay, and I don't think it does. People are just very open and friendly back home. Anywhere we go, everyone says, "Good morning!" You feel like you know everyone because it's a small island. I'm proud to be Marshallese. But I'm also happy to be here. I'm grateful for the education I'm receiving, and I like how easy people make friends here. You can make friends just by smiling and saying, "Hi!" so I'm always smiling.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By: Margaret Stegall | Staff Writer

Dec 12

11:15 P.M. to 1:30 A.M. | Ice Skating Activity

The Student Leadership Council will host a late night of ice skating at the Pavilion Recreation Complex in Taylors from 11:15 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. tonight. Students can sign up at the Center for Leadership Development office beginning Tuesday, Dec. 9. The outing costs \$15 and includes transportation. The buses will leave from Brokenshire and Nell Sunday. Grab a friend or a date and enjoy the late skate!

Dec 16

8 A.M. to 5 P.M. | Senior Cookie Day

The Alumni Association will serve cookies and coffee to seniors in the Alumni Association office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. In addition to delicious cookies, apple cider and Starbucks coffee, seniors can enjoy a wintery photo booth and decorate a Christmas tree with memories from their time at BJU. The Alumni Association will save the mementos for the seniors' 10-year reunion.



Check, Please

By: SHERLYN LUCE
Staff Writer

Tandem Crêperie and Coffeehouse, located on Main Street in downtown Travelers Rest, is the type of place you would expect to see on Pinterest.

Fresh flowers sit on wooden tables surrounded by rustic metal chairs. The menu is listed in a handwritten script on a large chalkboard. The background noise is a mixture of sounds from an espresso machine and stovetop intermingled with the low hum of voices.

Kristen Hartman and her husband Brad, owners of Tandem, first got the idea to open a restaurant serving specialty coffee and crêpes after Brad raved about the crêpes he tried in Greece while he was in the Air Force.

When the Hartmans

found the building that would later become Tandem, it had been abandoned for seven years. But because they loved the location and the spirit of Travelers Rest, the condition of the building didn't stop them; they renovated the building in two years with the help of friends and family and opened its doors Aug. 1.

Tandem's interior, much of which was handmade by the staff, creates a relaxing environment with light wooden floors, tables of various sizes, a mixture of brick and white wooden walls and an open kitchen that allows patrons to watch their food being prepared by friendly employees.

The Hartmans named the restaurant "Tandem" because it embodied their goals to bring people together in their restaurant and to work together as a staff to serve delicious

coffee and crêpes. They even have a tandem bicycle on a shelf in the restaurant to drive the point home. Tandem's Facebook page often uses the hashtag #togetherisbest to emphasize that the restaurant can't function alone and that life is better when spent together with friends and family.

The food at Tandem is fresh and delicious and typically begins with employees grinding their whole-wheat flour to make in-house waffles and crêpes, which fall between \$3.50 and \$8.50. Patrons can choose between a sweet crêpe, such as banana nut or chocolate and caramel, or a savory crêpe, such as the Mediterranean or fiesta.

The apple crisp crêpe, filled with warm apples and caramel and topped with apple crisp topping and whipped cream, is especially delicious

at just \$6 for a dinner plate-sized serving.

Tandem also offers low gluten cornmeal and almond crêpes, as well as a variety of drinks, such as espresso, cappuccino, hot chocolate and handcrafted sodas.

Freshman Christine Harter said although Tandem is a little farther from campus than what she would usually drive, it's worth the drive time for the delicious food and reasonable prices.

Emily Etchison, an employee at Tandem who helped open the restaurant, says the best part about her job is having the opportunity to get to know people that she didn't know before. She loves learning the names, faces and stories of people who regularly come into Tandem and providing them with good crêpes, coffee and conversation.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2014



Feb. 7-23 - The XXII Olympic Winter Games held in Sochi, Russia.



Feb. 12-13 - BJU has two consecutive snow days.



March 18, 20, 22 - Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida* is the biggest opera production in BJU history.



March 8 - Malaysian Air disappears over the Gulf of Thailand.

February - Ebola outbreak begins in West Africa.



March 21 - Russia annexes Crimea.



Tandem Crêperie and Coffeehouse opened Aug. 1 in Travelers Rest.
Photos: Ethan Rogers

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low His example of giving.

There are so many ways to give this Christmas. You could get a group together to spend time at a rescue mission or soup kitchen. You could anonymously buy groceries for a family that you know is struggling. You could assemble a care package to send to soldiers on deployment. You could take time to talk to someone that you know needs encouragement. You could go to an elderly couple's home and sing carols to them and visit with them. You could help with a ministry outreach at your church. Most importantly, you could use the Christmas story to give the Gospel to an unbeliever.

These are just a few possible ways to get involved this Christmas. It is so easy to go from the BJU bubble to our home bubble and accomplish nothing but eating, having fun and sleeping.

Although eating, having fun and sleeping are advised,

they can be to a college student what kryptonite is to Superman. We can let our personal enjoyment get in the way of the most important thing: spreading God's love to the world.

In addition, do not just look at my list and decide there is nothing for you to do. Many opportunities await us, and these opportunities do not always fall in our lap. We might actually have to go out of our way to find them and go out of our comfort zone to do them.

The prospects are there, so we cannot hide from them but, rather, we must run toward them. We have one life to live for Christ so let's live it as He would live it; let's live it giving to others without thought of getting in return.

This Christmas, try to go beyond the traditional boxed and wrapped gifts and give someone a meaningful conversation, your time, groceries, a letter, music or, most importantly, the Christmas story.

lines flight 370
lf of Thailand.

July-August – ALS Ice
Bucket Challenge
pervades social
media.

June 12 to July 13- FIFA
World Cup held in Brazil.

Aug. 6 - Space probe Rosetta reaches
comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

Aug. 11 – Actor and comedian Robin
Williams commits suicide at 63.

Aug. 9 – Ferguson, Missouri, in turmoil fol-
lowing the shooting of Michael Brown by a
police officer.

Aug 19 – American journalist
James Foley beheaded by ISIL.

Nov. 4 - Election Day: BJU grad Asa
Hutchinson elected governor of
Arkansas, first BJU grad to become
a state governor.

Sept. 19 – University holds
investiture ceremony for Dr.
Steve Pettit as 5th president
of BJU.

Bruins fall just short of Barber-Scotia Sabres, 86-81

By: **CLAYTON THOMPSON**
Sports Writer

Coming off a five-game losing streak and an overall record of 3-7, the Bruins showed up raring to win at their Dec. 4 home game against Barber-Scotia College but fell short 86-81. Despite the return of freshman guard Dustin Killough, the Bruins were unable to snap their downward spiral.

The game began with both teams trading baskets and feeling out their opponents. With neither team able to jump ahead in the first few minutes, the score evened out after four minutes at 9-9. Despite having the flu, freshman Marshall Riddle contributed to the early baskets.

The Barber-Scotia Sabres raced ahead in the next 10 minutes, going on a 16-2 run.

A mix of three-pointers, jump shots, and layups gave the Sabres a double-digit lead. The Bruins called a timeout, but turnovers continued to plague the home team. Even with all the turnovers, the Bruins clawed their way back and trailed by just 13 points at the half. With the scoreboard at 45-32, the Bruins were within reach of the Sabres.

The halftime break gave the Bruins a chance to focus and mentally prepare for the final 20 minutes. Even after Barber-Scotia built up its lead to 17, the Bruins still hung on. Freshman John Reece and junior Kyle Turner lit a spark that eventually consumed the Sabres' entire lead. Combining solid defensive play with consistent shooting, the Bruins grabbed a one-point lead with 12 minutes remaining.

Growing their lead to six, the Bruins looked as if they could make it a come-from-behind victory.

But the Sabres sliced away at the Bruins' advantage. Hitting key free throws and three-pointers, the opponents held a one-point lead with six minutes left. The next three minutes had the fans on their feet as both teams battled for those precious game-determining points.

Despite incredible effort, a Bruin victory was not to be. The Sabres held on to their lead and eventually won the game by five points.

With an ending score of 86-81, the Sabres gained their second win of the season while the Bruins recorded their eighth loss.

Coach Neal Ring said, "I thought we showed some



Bruins point guard Ray Holden drives past the Sabres' defense. Photo: Holly Diller

great character tonight in being down as much as we were and chipping away at the lead

until we got it. Then we made some uncharacteristically bad errors, and it was frustrating to

watch our lead slip away, but that is part of learning how to play these kind of games."

Women's hoops: Bruins fall to Southern Wesleyan in 8th loss

By: **COLTAN SCHIEFER**
Sports Writer

The BJU Bruins women's basketball team fell to the Southern Wesleyan University Warriors Thursday night 64-56.

The Bruins fell behind early in the conference matchup due to a plethora of turnovers, and they were never able to completely recover. This Bru-

ins' loss followed a tough win at home against Johnson University just two days previous, eliminating any momentum the team had heading into the middle of the 2014-15 campaign.

Even though the Bruins fell behind early and eventually trailed by 16 points early in the second half, they fought valiantly to stay in the game.

Head Coach Mike LeViere said after the game, "I'm disappointed that we didn't get the win, but I am proud of our team for not giving up."

The Bruins slowly clawed their way back into the game but weren't able to catch up. Turnovers were a huge factor in the loss as the Bruins turned the ball over 31 times. "Our second half was much better

than our first," LeViere said. "Anytime we commit that many turnovers, it is going to be hard to overcome that and win. [There] are some simple things we can fix and do better that will change the outcome of the game."

With this game, BJU's record falls to 3-8 overall and 1-2 in conference. The win was only the Warriors' second

of the year as they rose to 2-4 after the victory.

Maggi Ford led the Bruins with 17 total points and three assists. Kendra Jeffcott recorded another strong game with 13 points, five rebounds and two blocks, to go along with three steals. Captain Kourtney Hoeffler represented a prominent threat for the Bruins in the paint as she pulled down

11 boards. Hoeffler has recorded four games this year with double digit rebounds.

The Warriors were paced by 14 points from senior guard Bri Seda. Chelsie Waters and Cayse Branyon both recorded 13 points for SWU. The Warriors eventually secured the win by clutch shooting from the free-throw line and limiting their turnovers.

Lions defeat Bulldogs in flag football, look to playoffs

By: **BRADLEY NELSON**
Sports Writer

The Alpha Omega Delta Lions defeated the Phi Beta Chi Bulldogs last Thursday night in men's flag football. The Bulldogs, going in with a 2-0 record, fell with a final score of 34-22.

The Bulldogs had previously defeated the Zeta Alpha Pi Hawks 49-39 and the Kappa Theta Chi Stallions 39-27. With offense being their strong point, they would need all they could get against the Lions. The Lions had played only one game prior to Thursday's matchup, defeating the Lanier Falcons 26-13 just two days earlier.

The Lions opened up the game with senior Ben Unruh connecting with fellow senior Conner Welby for a long touchdown pass. After missing the extra point attempt, the Lions were up 6-0. The Bulldogs then looked to take back the

lead against the Omega defense. After the Lions forced a fourth down, junior Bulldog quarterback Billy Kauffman ran for a first down, keeping the Bulldog drive alive. After another first down, Kauffman connected with junior Nathan Smith in the back of the end zone, tying the score at 6-6. The resulting two-point conversion from Kauffman to sophomore Daniel Ellerbrock gave the Bulldogs an 8-6 lead.

Omega answered when Welby ran for a big gain, bringing the Lions within striking range. Unruh then found Welby in the end zone, and after a two-point conversion Omega took back the lead, 14-8. With the half winding down, Phi Beta looked to take back the lead before halftime without giving Omega too much time to respond.

After running for a first down, Kauffman found junior Josh Bickel on the next set of

downs, and Bickel made a big run, bringing the Bulldogs within 10 yards of the goal line. After an incomplete pass, Kauffman was sacked for a big loss on second down, but an Omega penalty on fourth down brought the Bulldogs to the 1-yard line and gifted them a first down.

Nathan Smith ran in for the touchdown, tying the game at 14-14. After a two-point conversion, the Bulldogs regained the lead, 16-14. The Bulldogs held Omega on the last drive of the half and headed into halftime with a two-point lead.

The second half was Omega's half. After the Bulldogs came dangerously close to scoring on the first drive of the second half, the Lions took control and charged down the field. Unruh connected with junior Vince Wilson for a touchdown, and after the extra two points, the Lions gained



Omega's Vince Wilson makes a break down the field. Photo: Tatiana Bento

the lead, 22-16.

The Bulldogs then had a chance to answer, but the drive fell apart when a pass intended for a Bulldog receiver was tipped by Welby and then intercepted by Omega senior

Isaac Barcroft. Shortly after, sophomore John Wilson ran for a touchdown, putting Omega up by 12 points, 28-16. Each team scored another touchdown for a final score of 34-22, but it was the Omega

Lions who walked away with the win.

The flag football championship is set to be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 12:30 p.m. Participants will be determined this week.

CHRISTMAS AT BJU



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Bruins fall to Warren Wilson Owls

By: COLTAN SCHIEFER
Sports Writer

The Bruins men's basketball team fell Monday to the Warren Wilson College Owls in Asheville, North Carolina, with a final score of 77-61.

Despite close scores for most of the game, the Owls pulled ahead, handing the Bruins their seventh straight loss.

Hitting three straight shots from behind the arc, the Owls gained an early seven-point lead that left the Bruins scrambling. Working their way back up, the Bruins tied the game 17-17 with 12 minutes left in the first half. The Bruins kept the score close for the remainder of the half but were never able to completely catch up. The Owls stepped on the gas with a 10-4 run in the final minutes, leaving the halftime score at 34-28.

Freshman Bruin Marshall Riddle opened the second half with two shots, bringing his team within one point of the Owls. The Bruins kept the game close until the last 13 minutes of the game. With a series of missed shots by the Bruins and consistent scoring by the opponent, the Owls secured themselves a sizable safety net. They then flew away with the score, eventually winning the game 77-61.

After the game, Coach Ring reflected on the team's need for better defense and consistency. "We have to be better defensively," he said. "We also just needed to knock down our shots. We've still been plagued with inconsistency. We're still not there, but it is a long season, and we have a lot of learning and growing to do."

Riddle and junior Kyle Turner led the team with 16 and 15 points, respectively. The team had nine assists and seven steals, and the bench players contributed a solid 22 points.



Bruins struggle for consistency, fall to Bears

By: CLAYTON THOMPSON
Sports Writer

Struggling to find consistency, the Bruins women's basketball team dropped another contest Tuesday to Truett-McConnell College 58-43 in Cleveland, Georgia.

While control of the game passed back and forth throughout the first half, the Truett-McConnell Bears took a five-point lead into halftime. Due to a quick run at the beginning of the second half, Truett-McConnell took a large lead from which the Bruins could not recover.

The Bears relied heavily on freshman guard Anna Murr as she tallied 22 points, shooting five of 12 from behind the 3-point arc.

The Bears dominated in the post as they out-rebounded the Bruins 46-29.

On the Bruins' side, Maggi Ford picked up 14 points, and Kendra Jeffcott tallied 7 points with 10 rebounds.

Head Coach Mike LeViere was not pleased with the results of the game. "We got out-rebounded, and we didn't compete for the ball," he said. "Even if our shooting isn't falling, we have to play better defense and rebound and not turn the ball over like we did tonight. Doing those things will keep us in the game when we don't have a great night shooting."

Consistency is becoming a problem for the Bruins as they search for their fourth win of the 2014-2015 season.

LeViere still has time to turn the team around, but the task won't get any easier as the season continues to unfold.

Following a large gap over Christmas break, the Bruins have 10 games on the schedule in January alone, and the schedule is packed through the middle of March.

The Bruins women's basketball team is currently 3-9 for the season.

Student body program to bring exam-week laughs

By: CHLOE' ROLAND
Staff Writer

Students will be in for some much-needed exam-week laughs at Tuesday's student body program.

Ben Nicholas, a senior communication major who is in charge of the student body program, said this semester's program will be much smaller than the last one, using just six to 10 student actors, compared to last year's cast of 40.

Nicholas said he wants the program to be a surprise, which is a common trait for the December student body program. But Nicholas did give a hint at the subject material: "It's not a spoof off of an old movie, but we're kind of using well-known characters and concentrating on their time on campus close to Christmas break. There's a definite storyline to the program, and we want it as funny as possible."

Nicholas said the first thing he did when brainstorming for this year's script was to ask a group of students what they did and did not like about last year's student body program. He hopes to incorporate their praises and critiques into this year's program so the experience is as enjoyable as possible for students in the midst of their exams.

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Recruit, admit, enroll: behind the scenes of BJU Admission office

By: JESSICA PEREZ
Staff Writer

Nearly 2,500 students are currently enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at BJU, and out of all the departments on campus, only one has directly and personally interacted with every one of these students — the Admission office.

Gary Deedrick, the director of Admission, said the goal of the Admission office is to recruit, admit and enroll students. But it's not just about the numbers, he said. "We want students who we feel will be a good fit for Bob Jones University," Deedrick said.

The Admission office performs a variety of important tasks, such as creating recruitment strategies and recording potential students' information for recruitment purposes. Other branches of the Admission office consist of admission counselors and student callers.

Deedrick said there are eight full-time staff counselors who are assigned different parts of the U.S. Each counselor is responsible for recruiting the 200 students from their geographical section that are most likely to come to BJU,

whether through mailing information to them, calling them or emailing them.

Margaret Anderson, admission counselor for 14 states in the Northwest, said the role of an admission counselor is to serve as a middleman between potential students and the University, giving them someone to connect with and answer their questions. Anderson said counselors also give personal tours to interested students and travel to the area they are responsible for to visit schools and churches, which is also her favorite part of the job.

Anderson said counselors are responsible for students from their region during the recruitment and application process, up until the students arrive on campus, at which time the counselors hand them off to their academic advisers.

Deedrick said each admission counselor is also assigned two student callers who reach out to the students in their counselor's respective region who are not part of the 200 most likely candidates.

Sarah Twigg, a student caller for North Carolina and Illinois, said the role of



Juan Alvarado is one of the student callers who help recruit new students to BJU. Photo: Holly Diller

a student caller is to build relationships with prospective students by contacting students who express interest in BJU to give advice for college preparation and share the heart of BJU. Twigg said she enjoys dispelling myths prospective students believe about BJU and meeting new people through her job.

BJU President Steve Pettit also plays a large role in student recruitment. Deedrick said Pettit's many connections

to churches and pastors across the nation has helped to facilitate BJU's recruitment campaign this year. He personally contacts 10 to 12 prospects each week and travels every weekend, preaching and recruiting. "He is very engaged in the recruitment process," Deedrick said. "It is huge to have a president [contact students]."

Deedrick said BJU employs other forms of recruitment besides admission

counselors and student callers. Chuck Kittrell, a 1982 BJU graduate and current BJU representative, travels year-round to present the University. Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministry relations, is working diligently on re-connecting with pastors. Three ministry teams travel to schools and churches each school year. A choral and various band groups go on fine arts tours each semester. The executive wing schedules Friendship

Dinners across the country for alumni, prospective students and friends of BJU. And, finally, one of BJU's chief recruitment tools is its website, which continues to increase in traffic.

Deedrick said the most moving day of the year for him is the day of opening exercises when all the new students proceed into the FMA. "We see in a tangible way what the fruit of our labor has been for the last year or two."

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on loan to the University from a private Russian collector, Mr. Lev Grzhonko.

Also in January, the Heritage Green M&G location downtown will have monthly *ArtBreaks*. *ArtBreaks* are a catered lunch/lecture time that will feature a different speaker each month, covering various topics relevant to the Victorian Era. A boxed lunch is \$7, and the lecture is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Registration begins Jan. 7.

From March 1 – April 5,

the museum will host "Easter Story in Art: A Strolling Tour." This will be a self-guided tour for everyone to enjoy select works that focus on the life of Christ in honor of Easter. Audio guides about the pieces on display will be available for rent to teach those walking through the exhibits.

M&G curator John Nolan will present a lecture on Benjamin West in War Memorial Chapel March 12 at 5:30 p.m. Seven of West's paintings hang in War Memorial Chapel, making it the largest known

assemblage of his works. Admission to the lecture is free, and registration is not required.

March 26 will be Community Day for both the M&G at BJU and the M&G at Heritage Green. Admission is free for everyone and serves to honor BJU alumni and M&G friends.

In addition to special events, the museum also offers five educational programs under its "Arts Encounter" program for K-12 students. These programs include "Cultural Discovery Tour,"

"Homeschool Days," "Children's Christmas Celebration," "Kids Create!" and "Museum on the Move."

Donnalynn Hess, director of education for the Museum & Gallery, along with Mack Library director Van Carpenter, hopes to offer several Love2Learn cafés next semester. The café meeting would entail a 20-minute lecture derived from the *ArtBreak* lectures, followed by open discussion.

"I'm hoping to 're-frame' some of these [*ArtBreak*]

lectures for the students to enjoy," Hess said.

The café would meet in the library and include coffee as fuel for thought. Topics will range from 19th century housewives to the Victorian Era to Sherlock Holmes.

The Museum & Gallery also provides opportunities to learn new skills by developing media for the exhibitions.

"Our exhibitions provide lots of opportunity for professional development and collaboration," Hess said. Students are able to help with

media production by shooting and editing videos for the exhibitions, which Hess said gives them pieces to add to their portfolio and, hopefully, to present at a future Love2Learn café.

All university students receive free admittance to the M&G when they show their ID cards. So the next time you have a few minutes of extra time, stop by this campus gem, what Jones described as a "primary resource" rich in culture, history and so much more.

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Before this realization, Sullivan said she thought of becoming a missionary as a thing of the future.

"If you had asked me a year or two ago about going at Christmastime, I probably would have said that Christmastime is my time to be with family," she said. If things continue as they're going, this Christmas could be the first of many for Sullivan in Costa Rica: the leader of the orphanage asked Sullivan to consider taking over the orphanage in the future.

Sullivan will be in Costa

Rica for three weeks and will be at home for only a few days at the beginning and end of break. Sullivan said her family was a little wary of her being gone for such an extended period of time, especially during the holidays, but once it became clear that taking the trip was God's will for her life, they became more accepting of the idea.

Although it will certainly be a different sort of Christmas, Sullivan says she already feels at home in Costa Rica; she's ready to make some new Christmas traditions in a new country.

For most students, leaving the country would be a big, drawn-out decision, but for Caleb Cox, a senior orchestral instrument performance major, the decision to go to China during Christmas break happened in less than 72 hours. "I found out about the opportunity on Wednesday, and by Friday it was already confirmed that I was going," Cox said.

During his trip, Cox will have the opportunity to use his skills as a musician to help a friend possibly get a job.

Cox, along with a group of other musicians, both stu-

dents and professionals, will be playing in an orchestra under a conductor who is looking to turn a part-time job at a university into a full-time

position.

"Basically what we'll be doing is trying to play to make him look good," Cox said.

The trip will include a lot

of rehearsing and performing, but Cox said the group will also be doing some sightseeing as well during the short trip.

