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High school students stand by to perform at last year's AACCS national competition. Photo: Photo Services

## BJU rolls out welcome mat for AACCS visitors

By: SHERLYN LUCE  
Staff Writer

Over 1,500 visitors from Christian schools across the nation will arrive on campus this Tuesday through Thursday for the American Association of Christian Schools national competition. They will compete in five different areas: music, speech, art, academics and Bible.

While the increase in the campus population may make the dining common a little more crowded and the residence halls a little noisier, this annual event is an opportunity for BJU students to show the love of Christ to their guests.

Kristen MacMillan, a

freshman nursing major who attended AACCS during her senior year of high school and participated in the speech competition, said AACCS had a positive impact on her decision to attend BJU. Attending AACCS helped her to experience what student life is like at BJU, and at the beginning of her freshman year, she said she already felt familiar with the campus.

MacMillan said it's important for BJU students to reach out to the AACCS visitors. "It means a lot to the visitors when college students reach into their lives," MacMillan said. "What may seem like a small thing to you, is huge to

[visiting] students."

Dr. Greg Kielmeyer, associate dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication and coordinator for the speech competition, encourages BJU students to have an attitude of "joyful service." He also encourages BJU students to go out of their way to make the guests' stay in the residence halls comfortable and convenient.

"AACCS is a family relationship of mutual service," Kielmeyer said. Many of the Christian schools that participate in AACCS have a close relationship with BJU and are staffed with BJU graduates, Kielmeyer said.

Mr. David Orr, director of the Welcome Center, who works to coordinate the AACCS event, said BJU and AACCS work especially well together because of their shared emphasis on Christian education.

BJU students can be a tremendous help to visitors, Orr said. He encourages students to be hospitable to the guests on campus during the week.

AACCS gives students an opportunity to impact someone's life for Christ, Orr said. Orr also said that as we were one time strangers to God, and He welcomed and received us, we as Christians need to treat any person that

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### MR. DAVID ORR, DIRECTOR OF THE WELCOME CENTER, OFFERS A FEW PRACTICAL WAYS TO HELP AACCS VISITORS:

- ❏ Put a creative sign on your door to welcome your guest.
- ❏ Take a few minutes to get to know your guest.
- ❏ Leave a candy bar on the bed you've prepared for your visitor.
- ❏ Invite your visitor to a meal in the dining common or The Den.
- ❏ Buy your visitor a coffee in The Den.
- ❏ Attend one of your guest's competitions.
- ❏ Invite your guest to exercise or play a game in the DFH.

## Six musicians blend voices, talents in Opus 6 ensemble

By: CHLOE' ROLAND  
Staff Writer

Opus 6, the official vocal ensemble for the voice department, will hold its final concert of the year Saturday at 7 p.m. in War Memorial Chapel.

The program includes the following: an approximately 15-minute-long opera piece sung in English; three early Renaissance pieces, each sung in different languages—German, French and Italian; a piece by Mozart; three spirituals, arranged by Dr. David

Parker, who directs the group; a men's number and a women's number that follows pieces written by Randall Thompson; and, finally, a fun song called, "Name That Tune."

The six members of the group are Olivia Daniels, Kristin Frazier, Jocelyn Lindmark, Stephen Rinard, Jonathan Fraga and Michael Seibert. Parker directs the group, while Mrs. Christa Habegger, a faculty member in the Division of Music, accompanies. Parker said he thought of the name for the ensemble when he was

browsing the Internet and saw that one school had named an eight-singer ensemble Opus 8. Parker decided on a smaller group, and Opus 6 was born.

Olivia Daniels, a senior voice performance major who sings first soprano, has been in Opus 6 for two years and said she enjoys the opportunity to sing in the ensemble. "What I have enjoyed most about Opus 6 is the ability to make beautiful music with wonderful people," Daniels said.

Daniels said the smaller  
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Dr. David Parker leads Opus 6 in rehearsal for the group's concert Saturday night in War Memorial Chapel. Photo: Ethan Rogers



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By: **ANDREW BUDGICK**  
Staff Writer

If you're reading this, then like me, you probably lead a pretty average, ordinary life, and that's OK. Sort of. Let me explain.

You may have taken offense at those two adjectives; people don't like to think of themselves as average or ordinary. But think of your life in relationship to where your childhood-self would have wanted to be by the age you are now. Perhaps a pro athlete, an astronaut or a millionaire business owner.

But if you're reading this, you're most likely not any of those things.

Most of us realized we probably wouldn't be astronauts when we couldn't get our sixth-grade volcano science projects to work. Most of us stopped dreaming of being the next Michael Jordan after air-balling a 3-pointer in front of our friends in a junior high basketball game.

I quickly realized the earnings from my sports career would probably

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## Compromise on Indiana RFRA law leads to slippery slope for religious freedom

*The Collegian Editorial*

The state of Indiana has been in an uproar lately, following Gov. Mike Pence's signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The law states that the government cannot "substantially burden a person's exercise of religion," and has drawn significant backlash from those who believe the law provides grounds for discrimination against homosexuals on the basis of religion.

Gov. Pence and other initial supporters of Indiana's RFRA have been lambasted by critics, and the state has been slapped with travel bans, boycotts of its businesses and even a sarcastic commercial stating that Indiana is a "great place to be a bigot."

But those who called for the law's overhaul aren't telling the whole story. The Indiana law was nearly identical

to the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act passed by overwhelming majorities in both houses of Congress in 1993. In fact, Indiana is one of 20 states to have passed a similar law since the federal act was passed.

Nevertheless, on April 2, the law was amended to include language clarifying that it did not in any way protect discrimination based on sexual orientation. The problem with this is that, while the original legislation did not necessarily protect discrimination, its revision may allow the government to force Christians to tacitly support ceremonies and lifestyles that go against their faith.

The popular idea that RFRA gives Christians license for discrimination is a gross misinterpretation of the act. As written, the law doesn't

protect discrimination, and it shouldn't. Rather, it protects Christians from being forced to endorse lifestyles that are contrary to their beliefs.

Christian radio talk show host Janet Parshall put it this way: "If someone who dealt with same-sex attraction walked into a photographer and said, 'Would you take my picture?' I don't think the photographer would ever stop and say, 'Wait, first fill out this form and tell me your sexual orientation.' That is the farthest thing on their mind. That is the last thing they would want to do."

But, Parshall continued, if the individual asked the Christian photographer to photograph his or her homosexual wedding, the individual would be asking the photographer to participate in, and in that way, support the ceremony. And

that's where the problem lies, Parshall said.

The new language added to Indiana's RFRA takes another step down the slippery slope toward religious suppression. It strips Christians of the very protection the law was originally designed to give and leaves them little to no defense in court when faced with discrimination lawsuits.

So what is our course of action in such bleak circumstances?

In a society that seems determined to destroy our religious liberty, we must be equally determined to preserve it. To those who accuse us of discrimination, bigotry and hate, we must show the grace, mercy and love of Christ. We must be firm in our stand for Christ, yet do so in a way that will attract the lost to Him.

## TALKBACK

"WHEN IT COMES TO COOKING,  
WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALTY?"



**STEPHEN LYNN**  
Senior  
"Cookies."



**HEIDI HENDRIX**  
Junior  
"Puerto Rican food."



**DR. DAVE FISHER**  
Administrator  
"Takeout."



**BRITTANY WEBSTER**  
Senior  
"Ramen noodles."



**ANDREW CARTER**  
Freshman  
"Chewy chocolate gingerbread cookies."

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SNAPSHOT

Ethan Rogers | Senior |  
Cinema Production | Taylors, SC

Sometimes I walk around campus and I see all the different types of people and I wonder, “Where did they come from? How did they get here? Why are they here?”

I just find it really awesome that everyone has their own unique story. And as a cinema student, I find that very inspiring to tell my own unique story in ways that other people can relate to. One of the things that we have to do as cinema students is tell other people’s stories, but tell them in unique ways that everyone can understand.



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comes into our lives the same way that Christ treated us.  
BJU students can also help outside the residence halls by volunteering to help with the AACS competition. “Each area needs a lot of student volunteers,” Kielmeyer said. If students are interested in volunteering for AACS, they can contact one of the AACS

coordinators: Mr. Dan Kirsop, the coordinator for music, Dr. Greg Kielmeyer, the coordinator for speech, Mr. Jay Bopp, the coordinator for art, Dr. Alfredo Deambrosi, the coordinator for academics, and Dr. Jason Ormiston, the coordinator for Bible.  
AACS is a group effort on the part of thousands of people to allow the guests to

have a wonderful competition experience, Kielmeyer said. Students can help by hosting events and setting up and tearing down the rooms where competitions take place. Slots to volunteer for events are one to two hours long. Students can volunteer to help with setup earlier in the week or to help with the AACS events on Wednesday and Thursday.

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size of the six-person ensemble allows the members to focus more attention on perfecting their harmony. “The perk of being a part of a smaller ensemble is that we are able to dig deeper into developing a harmonious blend,” she said, “and building in musicianship, which can be more difficult to cultivate in a larger ensemble.”

Stephen Rinard, a senior voice performance major who has sung in Opus 6 since he was a freshman, said the smaller size can be challenging as well. “You have to find the balance between letting your part be heard, while also blending in order to make beautiful music,” Rinard said.  
Rinard also said singers have to pay careful attention

to the music in a smaller ensemble. “You can’t just coast through and hope it will sound good,” he said.  
Opus 6 rehearses after chapel on Tuesdays for about an hour. The group usually performs during Bible Conference, as well as at two Christmas concerts—one at Grove Park Inn in Asheville and one at the Lighting Ceremony.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By: Abby Sivyer

April 10

CHAMBER HARP ENSEMBLE  
5 P.M., STRATTON HALL

The Chamber Harp Ensemble will perform a concert today at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall. The ensemble will perform a variety of music, including a few Bach pieces, some sacred selections and a newly discovered work based on Welsh folk songs. Some of the works will be performed as a full eight-harpist ensemble, while other pieces will be smaller chamber works.  
FACULTY STRING RECITAL  
7 P.M., WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
The Faculty String Chamber Group, under the direction of Dianne Pinner of the department of instrumental studies, will present a concert this evening at 7 in War Memorial Chapel. The group will perform pieces by Dvorak and Schumann.

April 11

OPUS 6  
5 P.M., WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

April 13

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: CRISIS DECISION MAKING  
WITH GUEST SPEAKER BEN TICE  
3 P.M., LEVINSON HALL  
BJU graduate Ben Tice will present a leadership workshop on the topic of Crisis Decision Making Monday at 3 p.m. in Levinson Hall. A law enforcement officer serving in the South Carolina Upstate, Tice will share some of his on-the-job experiences that require constant quick decisions in crisis moments. Tice will seek to educate students on how to make good and quick decisions in everyday life.

April 13

STRING CHAMBER GROUP  
5 P.M., WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Eleven students organized into three groups will perform a variety of pieces in a string chamber concert Monday at 5 p.m. in War Memorial Chapel. A trio of violin, cello and piano will perform a piece by Korngold, a string quartet will play two movements of a Mendelssohn piece, and a quartet of violin, viola, cello and piano will perform one movement of a piano quartet by Brahms.

April 14-16

AACS NATIONAL COMPETITION

April 15

UNIVERSITY SERVICE DAY

April 16

AACS AWARDS PROGRAM  
7 p.m., FMA





## Bagels for lunch? Greenfield's offers New York Style bagels for breakfast and lunch



Greenfield's Bakery and Deli offers Greenville a breakfast and lunch spot for bagel lovers. Photo: Ethan Rogers

By: HANNAH SMITH  
Staff Writer

Hidden away in a Laurens Road shopping center, Greenfield's Bagels and Deli offers delicious bagels for breakfast and lunch seven days a week.

This deli offers a delicious variety of bagel flavors that include cinnamon, chocolate chip, blueberry, cheese or spinach, topped with your favorite spread. Although bagels are the specialty of this deli, lunch includes scrumptious deli sandwiches and soups, as well as vegetarian and kosher options.

Founded by the general manager Robin Greenfield over 13 years ago, this no-frills eatery has already become a Greenville area tradition, and

for good reason. Simple yet charming, Greenfield's has an endearing family-friendly environment. Customers are considered friends and are treated accordingly. The interior is clean and comfortable, and plenty of tables are available if you wish to eat inside. In addition to walk-ins, Greenfield's accommodates takeout, delivery and catering.

Greenfield's doesn't just offer a wide variety of bagels, but also a variety of ways to eat them. Enjoy a traditional breakfast bagel with homemade cream cheese, an omelet on a bagel or add some fresh deli meat for a delicious mid-day bagel sandwich.

And if you're tired of traditional cream cheese, try

veggie, cinnamon raisin or jalapeno (if you're feeling adventurous). Greenfield's has something for everyone.

Priced fairly, Greenfield's offers a dozen bagels for \$10 and deli meat sandwiches for \$7.50. The sandwiches are packed with one-fourth pound of fine quality meat, served on your choice of bread with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle spear and your choice of salad or chips.

Whatever you decide, the bagels are guaranteed to have the perfect balance of crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside, so come to Greenfield's and treat yourself to a special breakfast or a hearty sandwich for lunch.

For those who appreciate a **NEW YORK STYLE DELI**, look no further than **GREENFIELD'S** to satisfy those **Big Apple** appetites any day of the week.

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from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays,  
from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and  
from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## Students minister through music at juvenile detention center

By: NATHAN PITTACK  
Staff Writer

If you walk through the Fine Arts Building after 5 p.m. on a weekday, your ears will be filled with the sounds of the musical talents of your fellow BJU students. And some of these students are using their musical talents to witness to the lost at the Greenville Juvenile Detention Center.

The detention center ministry was introduced to the student body by Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministry relations, during chapel in the 2012-2013 academic year. McAllister said he had a burden for these lost young people and wished for them to see the light of the Gospel. At that time no BJU students were visiting the detention center, and McAllister urged students to consider this min-

istry opportunity.

A meeting was held in Lecture Room B of the Alumni Building, and many students showed up to hear more about the potential ministry. One of these students was Savannah Maskell, who was a freshman music education major at the time. When the decision of who would be on the team was made, Maskell and several of her friends joined.

After the team's formation, the group of seven put their heads together to create a unique ministry that gave music lessons and demonstrations to the young people at the detention center.

"Most of [the team members] were music majors," said Maskell, now a junior. "We thought, 'Why don't we do a music class for them and use musical activities and les-

sons?'"

Now, every Saturday at 3 p.m. during their hour-and-a-half time slot, the group teaches the young people, whose ages range from 12 to 16, about melody, harmony, rhythm and more. The group teaches these lessons through instrument instruction, group participation and brief lectures. Afterward, they play a game, which often relates to the lesson.

Before the team leaves, however, they give a spiritual challenge. "[The challenge] usually focuses on the Gospel because the [young people] are in and out within weeks," Maskell said. "[The young people] are not there for months, so we want to give the Gospel to them as much as possible." The last 10 minutes or so are spent fellowshiping with the



The juvenile detention center music team's ministry includes a music class and spiritual challenges. Photo: Tatiana Bento

young people and answering any questions they have.

After two years of music lessons and relationship building, the team has seen several of the young people come to Christ. Last year there were a few whose sentences lasted a few months, and two of them were saved as a result of the

music ministry's influence.

Maskell said one of the greatest impacts the team has on the young people is its consistent presence on Saturdays. "The [young people] see all of our familiar faces and that we love them," Maskell said. "They know that we're taking time out of our weekend for

some reason, and they're kind of boggled by that."

If you are interested in joining this ministry, you can contact Savannah Maskell or Nathan Murphy at SMASK041@students.bju.edu and NMURP100@students.bju.edu respectively for more information.

# Have any ideas for The Collegian?

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# FAVORITE STUDY SPOTS & STUDY TIPS

by: Jessica Perez

*We've reached that point in the semester where projects are getting bigger and classwork is getting harder. Are you looking for the perfect study spot to boost your productivity and focus? No single environment works best for everyone, so you have to find out what works best for you. From the great outdoors to off-campus locations, here are a few different options to try!*

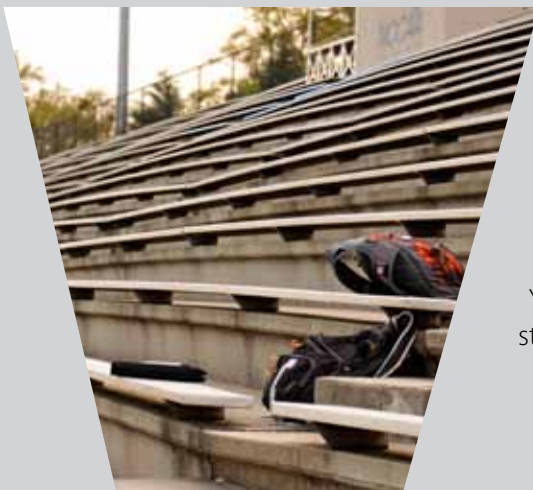


The Den is a favorite study spot for many students, particularly when it comes to group projects. The long tables and circles of chairs in The Den lend themselves nicely to group meetings. Matt Lovelace, a junior information technology major, said he enjoys studying there because of the atmosphere and easy accessibility to refreshments. Sometimes all it takes to study better is a little snack, especially if you have Dining Dollars left!

## The Den

## Starbucks

Starbucks is another classic study spot for college students. The aroma of coffee, subtle lighting and distance from all the distractions of campus create a perfect atmosphere for studying. Hannah Hunter, a junior communication major, said she prefers studying there because she can plug in her headphones and focus, while still being around other people, allowing her to be both productive and social.



A unique study spot on campus is the Alumni Stadium bleachers. Whether day or night, this spot offers a pretty view, fresh air and the opportunity to run out any stress your homework may cause! You can do both your exercising and studying all in one place.

## Stadium Bleachers

## Mack Library

For students who like their peace and quiet while studying, the Mack Library is your ideal location. Take your pick of seats from comfy chairs or individual desks, plug in your headphones and, as of last semester, even eat a snack while you work! Accessibility to computers, printers and books for research makes this a convenient study spot.



Want to study in an open space where you can catch a few rays of sunshine? Try the Gazebo by the Alumni Building. Tables and a peaceful environment make this location conducive to studying for students who enjoy being outdoors with friends.

## Gazebo

## Panera Bread

If you want to catch a meal and study for a couple of hours at the same time, try Panera Bread. Anja Maunula, a sophomore nursing major, said she loves to study there because the restaurant offers free refills on tea and serves delicious pastries. She said Panera doesn't have the commotion of a normal restaurant and even offers secluded corners that are perfect for peaceful, uninterrupted studying.





# Tigers extinguish Flames in quarterfinals, win 38-15

By: COLTAN SCHIEFER  
Sports Writer

In the women's basketball intramural quarterfinals Monday night, the Theta Delta Omicron Tigers defeated the Nu Alpha Phi Flames by a final score of 38-15.

As the final score indicated, the No. 3 seeded Tigers dominated the No. 6 seeded Flames for most of the game. In the first half, both teams attempted to push the ball up the court in search of easy transition baskets. But neither team was able to consistently capitalize on the quick tempo

during the first half.

The Tigers demonstrated excellent passing and offensive rebounds to jump to a 10-4 lead midway through the first half. The quick transition opportunities eventually began to fall for the Tigers, as they took a 24-8 lead into halftime.

Again in the second half, the Tigers dominated the floor. The Flames could not find strong scoring opportunities against a tough 2-3 zone defense used by the Tigers.

Over seven minutes passed before the Flames were

able to find a basket in the second half. The Flames were unable to get the ball into the post and resorted to low-percentage perimeter shots.

Most of the Tigers' points in the second half came on quick transition layups. The team's strong zone defense caused an abundance of turnovers, leading to easy offensive opportunities at the other end of the court.

Senior Becca Bredehoft led the Tigers with 12 total points as the Tigers improved to 5-1 overall. The Flames finished their season 3-4 overall.



Emily Yancey of the Tigers dribbles past Leanne Gibbs of the Flames. Photo: Tatiana Bento

## Lanier opens volleyball season with win over Pi Gamma in two sets



Lanier players jump for a volley from Pi Gamma. Photo: Holly Diller

By: DREW REDDING  
Sports Writer

The Lanier Falcons A team defeated the Pi Gamma Royals in two sets, 25-19 and 25-18, in their first volleyball game of the season.

Last year, the Falcons finished undefeated at 6-0, sweeping all but one match they played, before falling short of the championship. Lanier undoubtedly will again be trying to battle into the championship this year.

Lanier started quickly in the first set of the match, jumping out to an early 6-1 lead, and kept a fairly strong lead for most of the game. The Royals struggled despite a size advantage in their front court.

Lanier then stretched out its lead 10-3 before Pi Gamma was able to make a 5-1 run with the help of improved play in the front, as well as

several miscues by the Falcons, who looked helpless to keep the ball in bounds. The Falcons recovered from their mistakes, however, and once again stretched out their lead before finally winning 25-19.

The second set was a different story. The Royals came out looking like a completely different team. They were much more organized than they were in the first game and were working much better as a team to set up good plays.

The two teams exchanged

blow for blow, neither team gaining any ground on the other for the first few plays. Soon, though, the tide began to turn in Lanier's favor, fueled by a stellar performance by sophomore Samuel Sotelo, who took over the game.

With the score tied 8-8, Sotelo sparked a 10-4 run for the Falcons, helping them gain an 18-12 lead.

The Royals sought to make a comeback in the final few exchanges, but ultimately fell short, losing 25-18.

## WORKOUT TIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Bethany Williams

### 1 Make a realistic workout plan.

As a college student, your whole life seems to revolve around schedules. Although your schedule changes every day, be sure to plan your workout times in advance. Scheduling helps keep a consistent plan and allows you to make sure you have time to do the exercises you want during your workout. Also, if your workout isn't already part of your regular schedule, you will be more likely to skip it.

### 2 Have a workout buddy.

Whether it's weightlifting or running, you'll tend to be more motivated with a buddy. A friend can help motivate and push you when you feel like quitting or make sure you don't get hurt when you're working with equipment.

### 3 Start out slowly.

When you start a workout schedule, don't try to accomplish everything at once. If you're lifting weights, start out with a low weight and work on perfecting the correct techniques. If your jump right in with high weights, you could injure yourself by using poor form.

### 4 Don't forget cardio.

Cardio is mandatory for good health. Weight training alone isn't sufficient to get fit. Make sure to run or bike to complement your weight training. If you are just starting out again, start with 10 to 20 minutes and work up to longer times.

### 5 Set achievable goals.

Without a reasonable goal, you're more likely to become discouraged or to quit all together. Set goals that are achievable within two to six weeks instead of long, multiple-month stretches. Look at your schedule and see how much time you have to commit to a goal; if you set a large goal but only have two hours a week to work out, it probably won't happen. Make sure your goals are specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic and timed (SMART).

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By: **BRADLEY NELSON**  
Sports Writer

Buster Douglas. Juan Martín Del Potro. Y.E. Yang. Rulon Gardner. Leon Spinks. James Braddock. Texas Western. Milan High School.

Although you may never have heard of any of these names, they all have something in common. At one time, each name was an underdog who was given virtually no chance of winning against a higher ranked, better known, more powerful and favored opponent. Each one, however, defeated their opponent to make history as one of the biggest upsets ever recorded.

The list goes on, and it will continue to grow as future sports powerhouses fall to never-heard-of nobodies who become somebodies overnight.

It's what makes for some of the best and most powerful movies to hit the big screen, whether fictitious or historical retellings: "Glory Road," "Remember the Titans," "Chariots of Fire," "Rocky," even "Sandlot," a favorite childhood movie for many Millennials. All these movies tell the incredible story of a person or team who overcame tremendous odds to win it all on the big stage.

Why are these stories and tales always met with such excitement and enthusiasm? Why do we love seeing these people and listening to them retell the moment? What makes us eagerly anticipate

the next "great moment?" If you're like me, it's the fact that it just doesn't happen very often, and you may just be able to witness history while watching it unfold, whether in person or, more likely, on TV.

In addition to the privilege of being able to witness such a rare moment is the sense of achievement it instills within us. When we see everyday people accomplish great things, such as upsetting a highly favored opponent, it gives us hope that we too can succeed against great odds.

Who doesn't get a sense of joy when seeing a little-known team from the middle of nowhere defeat a better trained, better known, and probably better skilled team that is expected to win? I sure do. These are the stories which we remember for years to come.

I'm a brother who is four years younger, 7 inches shorter and generally less skilled than my older brother; maybe that's why the "underdog" mindset is instilled within me.

Growing accustomed to losing from sports to board games and everything in between, losing was something I became quite familiar with growing up. But it made winning—at anything—all the sweeter. Winning over and over was never something I had to worry about. Not to say I ever lost my competitive spirit, but after a while, losing almost becomes routine. So when winning was in sight, I found extra motivation for a last push that just might propel myself to victory.


That is why I love the story of the underdog. Sometimes it makes the viewer feel good inside. Sometimes it arouses a sense of patriotism or appreciation of the "little guy." Sometimes it just makes us believe that we ourselves can succeed, even when the odds seem to be stacked against us.



TWEETS OF THE WEEK



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 **Brody the Bruin** @BrodyTheBruin · Apr 1  
BOOYAH!!! #bubblewrap

 **Brandon Hudson** @BrandonHudson · Apr 4  
@BJUedu Thank you for sharing the #LivingGallery with us on the web. It was a powerful reminder of the power of The Gospel!

 **Joshua Goodwin** @JoshuaGoodwin8 · 8m  
Quote of the night by Quinn Cook: He wasn't focused on his 5th win but was focused on getting our first. #CoachK #Leadership #DukeNation



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LAST WEEK'S ISSUE?  
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never amount to much more than the fruit snacks and juice boxes my entire elementary team received after games.

Have you dreamt of becoming the next Steve Jobs? He was worth \$125 million before he was 25 years old; you're probably not going to get there.

If at this point you're worried that this column is going to turn into a "don't give up on your dream" pep talk, don't worry; it's not. Because frankly, it's a good thing we all gave up on those childhood dreams because they were pretty foolish ones. In reality, the majority of us aren't remotely talent-

ed enough to become any of those things anyway, despite what our well-meaning mothers may have said.

If you spend your whole life being anxious about missing out on superlatives—greatest, richest, smartest—you'll miss out on the excellence of the ordinary things that surround you.

I think most people get that, though. College campuses aren't filled with students moping around because they'll never be Neil Armstrong or Michael Jordan. But I do believe many campuses, including this one, are full of students who have taken 'settling' too far.

Instead of bummed-out flunky astronauts and wannabe NBA players, we have business majors who are fine with having a job they hate as long as it pays the bills. We have people in majors not because they're passionate about the subject matter, but because they've heard the "You're majoring in that? Good luck working at McDonald's for the rest of your life!" jokes so often they're scared of pursuing what actually interests them.

Classrooms are filled with people who refuse to try anything new unless they're sure it'll look good on a resume. For many students, college is nothing more than a hoop to

jump through on the way to obtaining a modest American dream.

And I'm not alone in my thinking. In his book *Excellent Sheep*, William Deresiewicz, a former professor at Yale University, decries the current state of higher education and the kind of students it's producing: "In 1971, 73 percent of incoming freshmen said that it is essential or very important to 'develop a meaningful philosophy of life,' 37 percent to be 'very well-off financially'" (not well-off, note, but *very* well-off).

But now Deresiewicz says those numbers have flipped. In 2011 only 47 percent of fresh-

man considered developing a "meaningful philosophy of life" as important, while on the other hand, 80 percent considered becoming very wealthy as important.

"For well over 30 years, we've been loudly announcing that happiness is money, with a side order of fame. No wonder students have come to believe that college is all about getting a job," Deresiewicz says.

So while the college experience might not turn you into a professional athlete or the next CEO of Apple, it does offer something else even more important. It offers you four years to experiment, to

figure out what you're passionate about and to fail and learn from those failures. That means trying things you may or may not be good at and taking a class because you're curious about the subject matter, not just because you're after a letter grade. College is about becoming a whole, well-rounded person.

Don't see college as an obstacle between you and your future, because God has placed you here and given you this unique opportunity to learn and grow here. Don't waste that. God has also given each of us specific gifts and talents. Find those and use your college years to develop them.



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