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Picnic with President Pettit

President, administrators to mingle with seniors at annual picnic

By: ABBY SIVYER
Staff Writer

With graduation less than a month away, seniors will soon be walking across the stage of FMA to receive their diplomas. But before donning their caps and gowns, seniors have the opportunity to relax and mingle with BJU administrators and fellow classmates at a picnic hosted in their honor this Thursday on the front campus lawn between the Alumni Building and Wade Hampton Boulevard.

The senior picnic, which serves as an informal send-off for the future graduates, dates far back into BJU's history; Dr. Bob Jones III remembers the picnics taking place when he was a young boy. Traditionally the event is held at the president's house, but this year the picnic will be held in the grassy area on front campus since President Pettit's yard

on back campus is not large enough to accommodate the number that typically attends.

Along with the president, many other administrators attend the picnic each year. Dr. Gary Weier, executive

The picnic is a drop-in event that lasts from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., allowing the seniors to come and go at their own convenience. Kyle Wilcox, executive assistant to President Pettit, said the picnic's

"Dr. and Mrs. Pettit want this to be a fun and casual way of saying 'Congratulations!' to all the seniors for their hard work and upcoming graduation."

-Kyle Wilcox, executive assistant to President Pettit

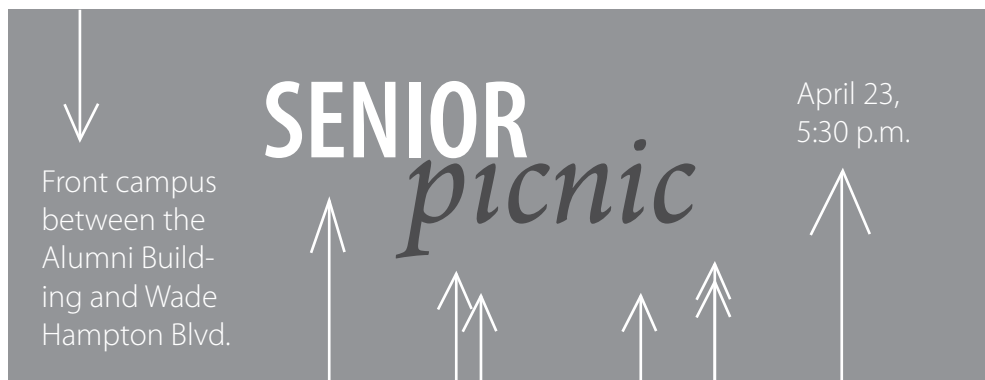
vice president for academic affairs, Mr. Marshall Franklin, executive vice president for operations, and Mr. John Matthews, vice president for advancement and alumni relations, are among those who regularly come to interact with the soon-to-be alumni. Numerous former faculty and staff members will also be invited to attend, including the chancellor Dr. Bob Jones III.

organizers are working on possibly having live music at the picnic, and party favors will be handed out to the seniors as they leave.

Wilcox said the Pettits are eager to greet seniors at the picnic. "Dr. and Mrs. Pettit want this to be a fun and casual way of saying 'Congratulations!' to all the seniors for their hard work and upcoming graduation," Wilcox said.



Former BJU president Dr. Stephen Jones fellowships with senior students at last year's senior picnic. Photo: Photo Services



Stratton Hall to Carnegie Hall: freshman choir to sing in NYC

By: ANDREW BUDGICK
Staff Writer

The University Singers, comprising approximately 80 BJU freshmen, have a couple of things to sing about: a concert this coming Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall and, following commencement activities May 8, a trip to New York City to perform in several schools and churches and in premier concert venue Carn-

The performance will feature pieces by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Dwight Gustafson and others.

Yanson said he is most looking forward to the performance of Mozart's *missa brevis* (a short mass), which will feature four graduate students as soloists. "To my knowledge, this 20-minute work has never been performed on campus," Yanson said.

Productions (MCP), which was seeking choirs to send in audition tapes for a chance to perform at Carnegie Hall. Yanson sent in tapes featuring each of the four University Singers' choirs he has directed since 2010.

"I sent out the recordings with a let's-see-what-happens mindset," Yanson said.

To his pleasant surprise, the company quickly respond-



Sam Brown plays piano as the University Singers rehearse for their upcoming concert at Carnegie Hall. Photo: Ciara Weant

"I guess it's like playing soccer at Wembley Stadium or playing in the NCAA final four."

- Dr. Eliezer Yanson, director of University Singers, on Carnegie Hall concert.

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Wednesday's concert will follow the theme "God with Us," which will be exemplified through pieces like "Ride on, King Jesus," "He, Watching over Israel" and "Abide with Me," said Dr. Eliezer Yanson, a faculty member in the Division of Music and director of the University Singers.

BJU's Stratton Hall, which can hold around 300 people, will seem small to the University Singers after they perform in Carnegie Hall, which can hold around 2,000 people.

The opportunity to perform at this renowned concert venue arose several years back when Yanson spotted an ad from the Manhattan Concert

ed with an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall in 2015.

The choir will set out on its journey the evening after commencement, when roughly 60 students from University Singers will pile into buses to make the 18-hour journey to New York.

The group will rehearse on Saturday for its performance

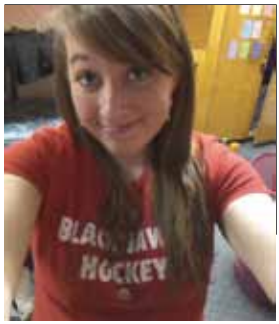
on Sunday. Lydia Zeller, a freshman biblical counseling major and member of the choir, said the first rehearsal will be when she starts getting nervous. "When I stand on the stage and see a gigantic empty room full of chairs that I know will be full of people, it will make me nervous," Zeller said.

Brennan Brennecke, a freshman information See **USINGERS** p. 3 >>



Stephanie Russell, Jenna Privett and Kristy Stodola rehearse. Photo: Ciara Weant

COLUMN



By: **STEPHANIE SCHMIDT**
Editor

Have you ever had one of those crazy, wonderful, scare-you-out-of-your-mind experiences where you learn more in the space of about 10 minutes than you have in probably the past 10 months?

Something like that happened to me toward the end of the first semester of my sophomore year. I had changed my major from biology to journalism and mass communication at the end of freshman year, and I was taking an introductory JMC class called Fundamentals of Electronic Media.

One of our final projects for the class was to produce a live 10-minute radio broadcast. When the day came to perform the show, I was ready for it. I had practiced loading my CDs, working the soundboard and performing the semi-improvisational speaking parts until I could almost do it all in my sleep.

I walked confidently into the broadcast room, sat down at the soundboard and when the timer clicked on, I began my show. For the first seven minutes of the broadcast, everything flowed seam-

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COMIC: LORI WAREMBURG

When stress overwhelms, trust in Christ

The Collegian Editorial

As the AACS high school competition is ending and finals are beginning, one characteristic seems to be the most common in the lives of BJU students around this point of the semester: stress. A study conducted by The Associated Press found that eight out of every 10 college students have experienced daily stress within the past three months of the survey.

So many things can cause stress at this point of the semester. Grades, relationships, health problems, preparing for life after graduation, finding a job for this summer and so many other variables affect each student on campus. Right now, each student on campus is preparing for finals week, whether it's finishing last projects or starting study guides and planning finals week schedules. For a student, finals week can be one of the most stressful weeks of the semester because of the pressure to do well on multiple exams in a few days and end the se-

mester well.

Stress shows itself differently in each student as well. Headaches, eating problems, neck and back pain, changes in sleep patterns are all symptoms of stress. Stress adds a variable into a person's daily routine that is out of their normal pattern, and their body feels the pressure and tries to adjust in different ways.

Symptoms of stress for some students go even further than changes in normal patterns. A study conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago found that 10 percent of college students are given a diagnosis of depression. According to Dr. Keith Ablow, a psychiatrist and member of the Fox News Medical A-Team, depression symptoms in college students include loss of appetite, falling grades, falling self-esteem, decreased interest in social life, excessive or low amounts of sleep and confusion.

The UIC study also found that suicide is the "second leading cause of death in col-

lege populations." Suicide warning signs include changes in behavior, lost interest in activities, withdrawal from friends and family, and a sense of hopelessness.

These effects of stress are not something far from the campus of Bob Jones University. Many students undergo stressful situations and respond by lapsing into old sin habits, self-destructive behavior or anger toward others.

Stress is practically inevitable as a college student, but what is important is the way you handle it. As Christians, we know that we are not alone in any situation. God doesn't just dump us in a situation and watch us drown; through life's trials He is our true Lifeguard keeping us afloat. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you." Because we are Christians, we know that we can rely on Christ to help us through every trial. With stress, it is vital that we don't give up or give in to the temptations that come through stress, but that

we use those trials to build our relationships with God.

Instead of mentally and physically shutting down under the stresses of life and the end of the semester, remember to always make time for the important things. Exercise, healthy eating and adequate sleep should not be neglected.

But beyond taking care of our bodies, we must fully rely on God for the strength to get through the semester. We must meditate on God's Word and not neglect to take time to pour out our hearts to Him in prayer. He knows every little thing about our lives, every situation that we're going through, and every emotion that we're feeling.

Isaiah 26:3-4 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

Only He has a peace that can comfort us when life is tough or hurts the most.

TALKBACK

"WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL SPRING BREAK ACTIVITY NEXT YEAR?"



DYLAN BATES
Junior
"Go fishing."



VIOLET MULLENEX
Sophomore
"Go to Charleston."



ANDREW FOX
Junior
"Take a bike trip across the U.S."



SARAH MANLY
Sophomore
"Take a trip to Disney World."



ANNA BARKER
Freshman
"Go on a hot air balloon."

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After commencement, I’m going on the BJU mission team to Antigua from May 12-26. I’ve been on one other mission trip before in high school, but this will be the first time out of the country for me. In Antigua, we’re going to be running a radio station for two weeks as well as ministering with the missionaries there in schools and churches. As a journalism and mass communication major, I’m excited to be able to use the skills I’ve developed in school these past three years in a situation where I can share Christ.



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technology major and choir member, shared Zeller’s sentiment. “I don’t think I’ll be nervous until I actually get into Carnegie Hall and actually walk into the concert hall,” Brennecke said.

The choir will perform

a mixture of pieces from its “God with Us” concert and from its performances last semester.

Brennecke, Zeller and Yanson all acknowledged what a privilege performing in the historic concert hall will be.

“A lot of music majors

don’t even get an opportunity like this,” Brennecke said.

“It’s going to be crazy to be able to say ‘I performed in Carnegie Hall,’” Zeller said.

“I guess it’s like playing soccer at Wembley Stadium or playing in the NCAA Final Four,” Yanson said.

Stratton Hall Concert

April 22 | 5 PM | BJU
Free and open to the public

Carnegie Hall Concert

May 10 | 2 PM | NYC
Tickets available at carnegiehall.org

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lessly. But then I cued the CD player to start the final song, and everything fell apart.

The first few lines of the song played just fine, but then the CD began to skip uncontrollably. Then it stopped.

I panicked.

“What am I going to do?” I said to myself, thoughts racing. “This song is scheduled to

play for two more minutes. I can’t just have dead air for two minutes!”

So with trembling fingers I pressed “play” again, and the same thing happened. Play, skip, stop.

The “no dead air—ever” principle had been so firmly ingrained in me that I just kept pressing the “play” button. Play, skip, stop. Play, skip,

stop. This went on for the remainder of the two minutes the song had been scheduled to play, and when the clock hit nine minutes, I jumped right into the show’s conclusion.

I walked out of that broadcast booth still shaking all over from those 10 minutes of sheer terror and was met with a thunderous round of applause from the entire class

who had been listening in the next room.

“I didn’t know what to do,” I stammered. “It just kept skipping.”

I was afraid I had utterly failed the assignment. But my professors assured me that I had done the right thing, and Mr. Lurtey, one of the class’s professors and a master of all things technological, even ed-

ited the song (*sans* skipping) into the broadcast’s recording, which I still keep tucked away in a drawer as a memento.

So what seemed to me at the time to be a complete disaster turned out to be one of the most memorable and rewarding learning experiences of my college career. And come to think of it, my entire four-year experience here at

BJU has been a lot like those crazy 10 minutes, with countless lessons packed into a very short time.

Time and time again, I’ve seen the lessons I learned during that 10-minute broadcast play out in my BJU experience. What are they? Persistence, calmness under pressure, doing what you know is right no matter how hard it is—the list goes on and on.

But more than that, I learned some important things about God. God doesn’t ask us to be perfect. He simply wants us to do all we can with what He’s given us. So if that means pressing “play” over and over again until a two-minute slot in your radio program is over, press that button with all your heart and *don’t* give up.

Are you feeling stuck right now, like your CD keeps skipping and you can’t make it stop? Then just keep pressing your “play” button—keep persevering, keep doing what you know is right and keep trusting God. Life is hard and can be a bit overwhelming at times, but when things are the hardest, that’s when God is using your situation to teach you and mold you into the person He wants you to be.

My “10 minutes” here at BJU are rapidly drawing to a close, but I will take the valuable lessons I’ve learned during this time with me wherever God calls me in life.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

by Stephanie Schmidt

April 17

CONCERT CHOIR 7 PM | WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Concert Choir, one of two upperclassman choirs at BJU, will perform a spring concert in War Memorial Chapel tonight at 7.

SKY ZONE ACTIVITY 10 PM

The Student Leadership Council will host a late-night activity tonight at the Sky Zone indoor trampoline park. The cost is \$10 and includes entrance and transportation. You can sign up for the event at the Center for Leadership Development Office in the Student Center.

April 18

SYMPHONIC WIND BAND 7 PM | RODEHEAVER AUDITORIUM

The Symphonic Wind Band will present a patriotic concert celebrating America and her greatness. “Lest We Forget” will feature the music of Robert Jager, Col. John Bourgeois and John Philip Sousa.

April 20

GROUP LEADER/ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER MEETING 7 PM | STRATTON HALL

All students who will be serving as group leaders or assistant group leaders for the Fall 2015 semester will meet April 20 at 7 p.m. in Stratton Hall.

April 21

SCHOLASTIC BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP 7 PM | LECTURE B

Sigma Kappa Rho vs. Bryan

April 22

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: PERSEVERANCE IN HARD TIMES (DR. BOB) 4 PM | LEVINSON HALL

BJU Chancellor Dr. Bob Jones III will speak on the topic of “Perseverance in Hard Times” for a leadership workshop hosted by the Center For Leadership Development April 22 at 4 p.m. in Levinson Hall. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register for this workshop on BJUSync.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS 5 PM | STRATTON HALL

April 23

SENIOR PICNIC 5 PM

THEATRE ARTS: THE WHITE ROSE 7:30 PM | PERFORMANCE HALL

BJU hosts SPCA Collegiate Meeting, *The Collegian* staff wins 15 awards

By: SHERLYN LUCE
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 10, Bob Jones University hosted the South Carolina Press Association Collegiate Meeting and Awards Presentation in Levinson Hall. Students and staff from *The Collegian* at BJU and other colleges in South Carolina attended the meeting.

The meeting had three main sessions. Josh Awtry, editor of *The Greenville News* and *Asheville Citizen-Times*, spoke about the newsroom of the future. Awtry talked about the history of journalism and gave suggestions on how to engage people in the community. Steven Bradley, the news editor of *The Journal in Seneca* talked about the power of community journalism. Susan Simmons, editor of *The Greenville Journal*, spoke of her own experience in the news industry and gave tips on how to be an effective journalist.

"I found the conference fascinating," said Andrew

Budgick, a junior journalism and mass communication major and staff writer. He said it was exciting to listen and learn from the speakers who are living and working in the changing journalism industry.

Lori Waremburg, a senior cinema production major and comic artist, said the meeting gave her a taste of what the journalism field is like. "I believe that learning about other fields of study is beneficial to better understanding people and the world around me," Waremburg said.

At the awards presentation, *The Collegian* staff received 15 awards for news stories, editorial writing, specialty page design, photography, a humorous illustration portfolio, *The Collegian* website and for general excellence.

Budgick won first place for a news story about the self-driving golf cart in the engineering department at BJU. Budgick said winning the award was a nice sign of progress and that it was nice to see

that his writing has improved since he began writing for *The Collegian*.

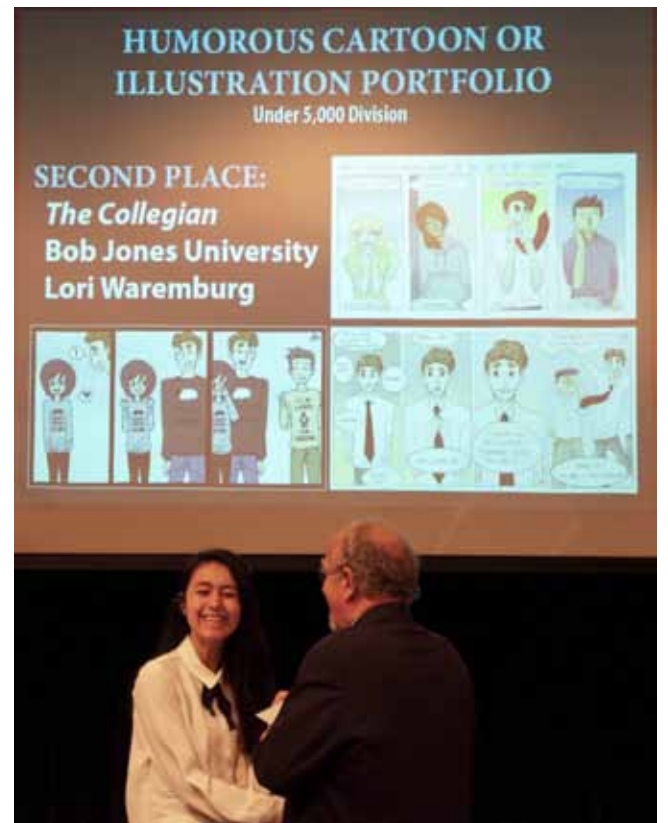
Waremburg won second place for a portfolio of her comics that are published weekly in *The Collegian*. "Winning the award gave me a great sense of accomplishment," Waremburg said. She said that having her comics recognized as art makes creating them worthwhile. "I believe God gave me this skill to develop for His glory," Waremburg said. "And that's why I'll continue drawing."



Josh Awtry, editor of *The Greenville News*, talked to students about the future of the newsroom. Photo: Tatiana Bento



Andrew Budgick, staff writer, and Lori Waremburg, comic artist, win awards at the SPCA Collegiate Meeting held in Levinson Hall. Photos: Ciara Weant



Bill Rogers, executive director of SPCA, speaks at the meeting. Photo: Tatiana Bento

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION COLLEGIATE CONTEST WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Andrew Budgick | News Story
Josiah Henry | Specialty Page Design
Dave Saunders | Sports Photograph

2ND PLACE

Samantha Loucks | Editorial Writing
Molly Waits | Photograph
Molly Waits | Sports Photograph
Lori Waremburg | Humorous Cartoon or Illustration Portfolio

3RD PLACE

The Collegian Staff | General Excellence
Clayton Thompson | Sports Story
Elizabeth Calvino | Specialty Page Design
Dave Saunders | Photograph
Molly Waits | Sports Photograph
The Collegian Staff | Website

HONORABLE MENTION

Holly Diller | Photograph
Holly Diller | Sports Photograph



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BEST APPS FOR STUDENTS

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1. iHomework

Are you the type of student who needs everything organized? iHomework allows you to keep track of homework assignments, grades, reading assignments, schedules and much more. iHomework now integrates Questia, an online library, to help students find articles for assignments. iHomework costs \$1.99 and is compatible with an iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Mac. iOS must be 5.1 or later.



3. Google Drive

Having all your documents in one place is convenient and clean. Google Drive is an app that allows users to share files, store documents and edit them. Google Drive includes Google Docs as well as Google Sheets and Google Slides, which has spreadsheets, drawings, presentations and more. Google Drive is free and available on iOS and Android platforms and devices. Josh Hurst, a junior computer science major, said his computer science class uses Google Drive to share diagrams, ideas and notes. "[Google Drive] is convenient for large groups of like-minded people to share similar ideas," Hurst said.



2. Evernote

If you enjoy taking notes on your laptop, Kindle or iPad, consider downloading Evernote. With Evernote you can collect web pages, write short or lengthy notes, present your presentations and much more. Evernote keeps your notes, photos and PDFs organized and available anywhere. Evernote is free and available for iOS, Android, Windows Phone and Blackberry. If you want more features, Evernote Premium is available for \$5 a month.



4. Quizlet

If you're in History of Civilization or a language class, then extensive memorization may haunt you. Quizlet can help with that! Quizlet is a flashcard app that lets you make flashcards on its website and sync them with your phone. Quizlet also designs games to help you learn your flashcards. Quizlet also lets you study offline, which is convenient if traveling by plane or on the road. Quizlet is available for android, iPhone and iPad users for free, as well as online at quizlet.com.

5. Pocket

Pocket was launched to help people save videos, articles and more from the web to enjoy later. Your saved articles and videos can be available on multiple devices and platforms—iPhone, iPad, Android, Mac, Kindle, Google Chrome and many other options as well. Pocket integrates with more than 500 other apps, including Twitter, Flipboard and Zite. Pocket is free and available online or on the App Store.



6. Trello

Have you ever wished you had whiteboards in your dorm room to organize your research papers or group projects? Trello is an app designed to organize big projects, whether you're working on your own or with others. On Trello your projects are organized onto a board where you write details about your project on "cards." These cards let you make checklists of what to do and add comments, photos, videos or PDFs. You can also see who's working on what by labeling cards or color coding them. Trello allows you to sync between devices and is available for free on iOS platforms and laptops. iOS must be 7.0 or later.



CLASSICS vs Colts

Classics top Colts, win basketball championship



Anna Daulton makes a layup for the Classics. Photo: Holly Diller



Ginny Gause dribbles past Tori Anderson. Photo: Holly Diller



The Classics celebrate their win over the Colts in the 2015 women's intramural basketball championship. Photo: Holly Diller

By: **BRADLEY NELSON**
Sports Writer

The Pi Delta Chi Classics defeated the Theta Sigma Chi Colts 42-38 in the women's intramural basketball championship Friday night.

The game was close throughout and saw numerous lead changes and ties in both the first and second halves. The Colts were first to get on the board as senior Ginny Gause put in a basket 45 seconds into the game. Gause had a very productive night, leading all scorers with 15 points.

The Classics kept pace with the Colts throughout the first half and never fell down by more than three points. The Classics had five players score, and all five contributed in both halves. Classics freshman Rebecca Teruel had

10 points on the night, with eight of those coming in the first half.

At the end of the first half, the Classics found themselves up by three, and headed into halftime with a 20-17 lead.

At the start of the second half, the Colts came out of the break on a 6-1 run to go up 23-21, prompting a Classics timeout.

Following the timeout, neither team scored for almost three minutes before Teruel was able to find her way to the hoop and tie things up at 23-23. Sophomore Kristen Haertlein added a jumper before freshman Anna Daulton put in a 3-pointer to give the Classics their largest lead of the game at five, 28-23.

Colts freshman Moriah Green played a vital role in the Colts' offensive success, as she pulled in rebounds all

night, including several on the offensive side. Green had 10 points on the night as well, including eight coming in the second half. Green responded to the Classics' run to cut the lead to three again, and Classics senior Tori Anderson answered back with a 3-pointer to go up 31-25. Green was not done yet though. She posted up three more times over the next several minutes, including a basket that tied the score at 34-34 with under three minutes to go.

Gause was able to break the tie in the Colts' favor when she put in a jumper, giving the Colts a two-point edge. Haertlein answered for the Classics just seconds later, to tie it again at 36-36. Anderson then put in a shot to push Pi Delta up by two. Daulton also got in on the late-game action when she added two more,

giving the Classics a 40-36 lead with under a minute left to play.

It was once again Gause who responded with an impressive basket that brought the Colts within two, 40-38, with 27 seconds remaining. The Colts were forced to foul, and it paid off as the Classics missed the free throw, giving the Colts one final chance to either tie or take the lead. The Colts drove the ball down the lane for a close shot attempt, but sophomore Kelly Ward was there for the block, denying the Colts a shot to tie with four seconds left.

The Colts then fouled Daulton, who hit both free throws, giving the Classics a 42-38 lead with just one second left. The Classics won the game 42-38, to claim the intramural basketball championship.

BJU men's soccer team begins training for 2015 season

By: COLTAN SCHIEFER
Sports Writer

The BJU men's soccer season might not start until this fall, but head coach Jesse McCormick has already begun preparing his team in anticipation for the year ahead.

In fact, the coaches have been preparing for several months. "In all honesty, as soon as the [previous] season ends," McCormick said, "[I] sit down with an assistant coach, and we evaluate what things went well this past year, and we evaluate what we need to do."

Despite the rough campaign a season ago with the Bruins finishing with a 5-13 record overall, McCormick is optimistic about the coming season.

Two former Bruins have rejoined the team's roster for the coming season: Derek Doran and Matt Moore.

Moore, a rising senior, was the leading scorer for BJU during the 2013 season and will be instrumental in the Bruins' attack in the 2015 campaign.

This spring, the returning Bruins have already begun to build up their fitness level and teamwork for the upcoming season.

On April 11, the Bruins played two scrimmages against Southern Wesleyan University and Columbia International University. Despite having never defeated SWU during the first three years of the program, BJU beat SWU 1-0. Ryan McCarty scored the lone goal on an assist from Matt Moore.

The Bruins followed that scrimmage with a 2-0 win over CIU. Moore was instrumental again, as he cut through several defenders before assisting John Wilson on the opening goal. Bryce Colon then finished off CIU with a goal assisted by Ryan

Woodham.

During the summer, the Bruins are expected to maintain the endurance and fitness that they built during the spring. McCormick developed a set of programs for the Bruins to complete over the summer months. The coaches even created a separate program for players who expect to work fulltime at home or plan to work at camps throughout the summer and will have limited time to work out. The conditioning and workout programs will allow the team to focus on footwork and play during the preseason.

The Bruins will have been conditioning and practicing all spring and summer, but the real test will be the first day when the players get back to campus in the fall. On the first day of practice, McCormick conducts fitness and endurance tests that include timed 2-mile runs that must be finished in less than 12 minutes. The players who are in the best



The Bruins are already hard at work preparing for the 2015 soccer season this fall. Photo: Photo Services

shape coming out of the summer will have the first chance to prove themselves in the scrimmages leading up to the regular season.

Besides advanced preparation, another reason for his optimism for next season is the rising sophomore class. The large number of players with a year in the system allows for greater depth off the bench, as well as retaining chemistry built among

the players over the past year. "We have a great core group of sophomores coming back," McCormick explained. "The strength this next year is in the number of the guys returning, and [the returning players] coming together as a unit."

The Bruins even spent a weekend at The Wilds in Brevard, North Carolina, to come together as a team. They built team chemistry as they volunteered with various tasks

around the camp and later built camaraderie and trust as they completed a high ropes course.

The 2015 season may be several months away, but the preparation for it began immediately after the 2014 campaign drew to a close. For Coach Jesse McCormick and the Bruins, Aug. 27 and the beginning of the regular season cannot get here soon enough.

Lanier Falcons top Stallions, win in two sets

By: BRADLEY NELSON
Sports Writer

The Lanier Falcons A team defeated the Kappa Theta Chi Stallions Monday night in two straight sets.

Each team came into the game with a season record of 1-1, both having lost to the Beta Patriots. In the end, the Falcons proved too much for the Stallions as they captured Lanier's second win of the

year.

The first set was close at the beginning, but the Falcons quickly pulled ahead 13-6. The Stallions had a few in-net violations and several hits out of bounds, but the Falcons controlled the game with their effective spiking and tip-overs.

The Stallions made a small comeback and pulled within four at 15-11, but Lanier quickly stomped the compe-

tition. Going on a 10-1 run, Lanier pulled away to finish out the first set 25-12.

The second set was closer than the first, and the Stallions took the lead early on. Kappa Theta was able to capture a 6-2 advantage after capitaliz-

ing on several Lanier mistakes, but the Falcons then made six points straight to go up 8-6. Stallions senior Kyle Smith recorded a spike to bring his team back within one, but the Falcons would keep on rolling.

Spikes from sophomores

Rio Oshiro and Samuel Sotelo were very effective against the Stallion defense who blocked several spikes throughout the match but were ultimately no match for the Lanier power-hitters. Lanier pulled ahead 20-12 with the end in sight

when the Stallions made one last comeback attempt.

The Stallions were able to come within three at 21-18, but the effort was not enough, as the Falcons went on to win 25-19, handing Theta Kappa its second loss of the season.



Rio Oshiro of Lanier jumps to make contact with the volleyball. Photo: Ethan Rogers

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White Rose: play follows brave student in WWII era

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Staff Writer

Do you enjoy historical plays peppered with humor? Then come see *White Rose*, a play about a courageous woman during the time of WWII, which runs April 23 through May 1 at 7:30 p.m. with an extra 2 p.m. performance on Saturday in Performance Hall.

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-John Cox, director of *White Rose*

Director John Cox, a senior theatre arts major, said this play is set in Germany under Hitler’s rule and is based on a true story. The main character, a college student named Sophie, along with her brother, anonymously distributes pamphlets titled “White Rose” that speak against Hitler. Both Sophie, played by

Meredith Hamilton, a senior theatre arts major, and her brother are discovered and arrested. Their arresting officer and interrogator, played by Matthew Ryan, a staff member who works at the BJU Press, must decide whether to execute them in obedience to his superior officer, a devoted Nazi played by Jason Houtz,

a junior Bible major, or to set them free.

Cox said the play is relative to college students, since the main character is a college student. “It’s a play about life,” Cox said.

Hamilton said she thinks the play’s emphasis on the slow, subtle progression into evil will cause students to re-

evaluate their beliefs about evil.

“[Students] can expect to think about the consequences of good men doing nothing,” Cox said.

However, this play doesn’t come without its share of humor. Hamilton said it promises a lot of laughs and will be a great study break for students.

Cox and Hamilton are both involved in *White Rose* to fulfill the requirements for their senior project as theatre arts majors. Hamilton said she is hoping to grow as a performer through this play and has enjoyed being able to work closely with a director who pulls out aspects of the character she hadn’t thought of before.

“I’m excited to see the culmination of all the people involved,” Cox said, “and seeing places I can improve.”

Tickets can be purchased online through BJU Programs and Productions.



Jason Houtz, playing a Nazi, and Meredith Hamilton, playing a brave student, rehearse for *White Rose*. Photo: Tatiana Bento

Scholastic Bowl Finals Sigma Kappa Rho v. Bryan



Sigma Kappa Rho and Alpha Gamma Tau compete in the 2015 Scholastic Bowl semifinals. Photo: Ciara Weant

By: MARGARET STEGALL
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Fierce competition often implies rough contact sports, but the annual BJU Scholastic Bowl gives students an opportunity to compete fiercely using only their minds. This year, Sigma Kappa Rho is headed back to the finals, along with the Bryan Bears, in Lecture B on April 21 at 7 p.m.

The Scholastic Bowl, a BJU tradition, is a competition where contestants are asked questions from several categories, such as history, science, art and BJU trivia.

The first contestant who answers the question correctly earns points for his or her team. If neither team answers correctly within the time limit, no points are given.

Bettie Griffith, a senior English major, is competing on the Sigma Kappa Rho team again and is looking forward to the excitement of competing for another chance at the coveted title. “The audience energy was electrifying,” Griffith said.

Bryan Bears team member Matthew Hughes, a senior history major, has been com-

peting on the Bryan team for several years and said he loves experiencing the competition with his teammates. “There’s a lot of fun with the team members,” Hughes said. “You sit right next to somebody else and share in the thrill, challenge and intensity of a game like Scholastic Bowl, and that contributes to a kind of almost telepathy.”

All students are welcome to attend the final competition. The competitors feed off supportive audience energy, and who knows, maybe you’ll learn something!

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