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Commencement week to honor graduates

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Nurses Pinning Ceremony Thursday, May 7, 2 p.m.

The Nurses Pinning Ceremony will be held in Rodeheaver Auditorium Thursday at 2 p.m. A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the gazebo following the event and will be open to everyone who attended the ceremony. Additionally, graduates will be standing to greet family and friends in various areas near the Glory Garden and around the Alumni Building.

Family and close friends of graduating nursing students who have received tickets to the event are invited to attend the ceremony and reception. General seating for guests without tickets will open at 1:50 p.m.

Mrs. Lori Shrock, a faculty member in the Division of Nursing, said the Pinning Ceremony is a traditional event for university nursing programs and is an opportunity for the nursing staff to pass the torch to the next generation of nurses. "We're honoring what they've done so far and also what they plan to do with their lives," Shrock said. At the ceremony, the graduates will dedicate themselves to both the ministry of nursing and to the Lord.

Criminal Justice Recognition Ceremony Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m.

The third annual Criminal Justice Recognition Ceremony will be held in Levinson Hall Thursday at 4 p.m. The ceremony is open to the public.

BJU President Dr. Steve Pettit, who will speak at the ceremony, will present the graduating criminal justice seniors with a challenge coin, a historical form of recognition in the



Seniors and their families celebrate Commencement 2014 at BJU. Photos: Photo Services

military and law enforcement.

Dr. Mike Wilkie, a professor in the criminal justice department who initiated the recognition ceremony at BJU, said the challenge coin is a sign of completing the criminal justice program. One side of the coin has the BJU crest, and the other side has the inscription, "Standing valiantly for Christ," and Romans 15:4 to represent the students' biblical foundation. Wilkie said working in the criminal justice field is not just a job, and those who choose this field become "ministers of God for righteousness."

Baccalaureate Service Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held in

the Founder's Memorial Amphitheater Thursday at 7 p.m., and all BJU students must attend.

Dr. Sam Horn, vice president for ministerial advancement at BJU, will speak, pointing out that graduation should be viewed as a time for celebration, commendation and consideration. Seniors should celebrate this important accomplishment in their lives, be commended for enduring and persevering with the Lord's help and consider how God wants them to use their education for His glory. Those graduating, Horn said, "have an opportunity of a lifetime, like no other generation has ever had, to reach the world for Christ."

Horn sends a hearty "Congratulations!" to

every graduate. "We don't know all the things that you had to do to get here," he said, "but we know that God brought you here."

The Baccalaureate Service is a standard event at most universities and usually has an academic feel, but BJU uses this event to give a spiritual charge to graduates. Mr. Kyle Wilcox, special assistant to BJU's president, said the service has a spiritual focus and emphasis. Wilcox said the purpose of the Baccalaureate Service is to remind the seniors going out into the world that God's Word needs to be central and a priority for their lives.

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BJU Robotics Team prepares for international competition

By: NATHAN PITTACK
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The BJU Robotics Team will compete in the interna-

tional Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) June 5-8 at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Consisting of four engineering and information technology students, the BJU Robotics Team began five

years ago under the direction of Dr. Bill Lovegrove, head of the department of physics and engineering. Meeting every Thursday for two hours with individuals working on their own as well, the team builds a new or modified autonomous (unmanned and uncontrolled) robot that is run by a computer which uses laser sensors, a GPS and cameras to determine what path to take.

After countless hours of work, the team takes the robot to the IGVC in the summer to compete against 40 to 50 other schools. While some aspects of the competition focus on categories in robot design, the main event is an obstacle course on a field with traffic obstacles, construc-

tion barrels, fences and flags around which the robot must navigate. "Your robot has to discover the course and find its way through like a person would," Lovegrove said.

Although the competition offers cash prizes to the winners and great experience for all participants, the BJU Robotics Team also uses this weekend to display their Christian testimony. "We don't compete on Sunday, which is a general tradition and part of our philosophy," Lovegrove said. "We go to church on Sunday, so there are parts of the competition we don't get to be involved in."

For example, last year's robot was in the top six for its design. However, the final

design presentations were on Sunday, so the team opted for sixth place. Lovegrove said giving up a potentially higher placing is worth the sacrifice if it causes other competitors to wonder what makes the BJU Robotics team different from everyone else.

Another display of the team's testimony is their choice in their robot's name. Every year, the team chooses the name of a Bible character for the robot. Last year's was Isaiah; this year's is Judah. "It's a great conversation starter," Lovegrove said. "Often competitors ask each other, 'Why did you choose that name for your robot?' For us it's a great way to talk about the Scriptures and share our faith."



Dr. Bill Lovegrove checks students' work on this year's robot for the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition. Photo: Ethan Rogers

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By: CHLOE' ROLAND
Staff Writer

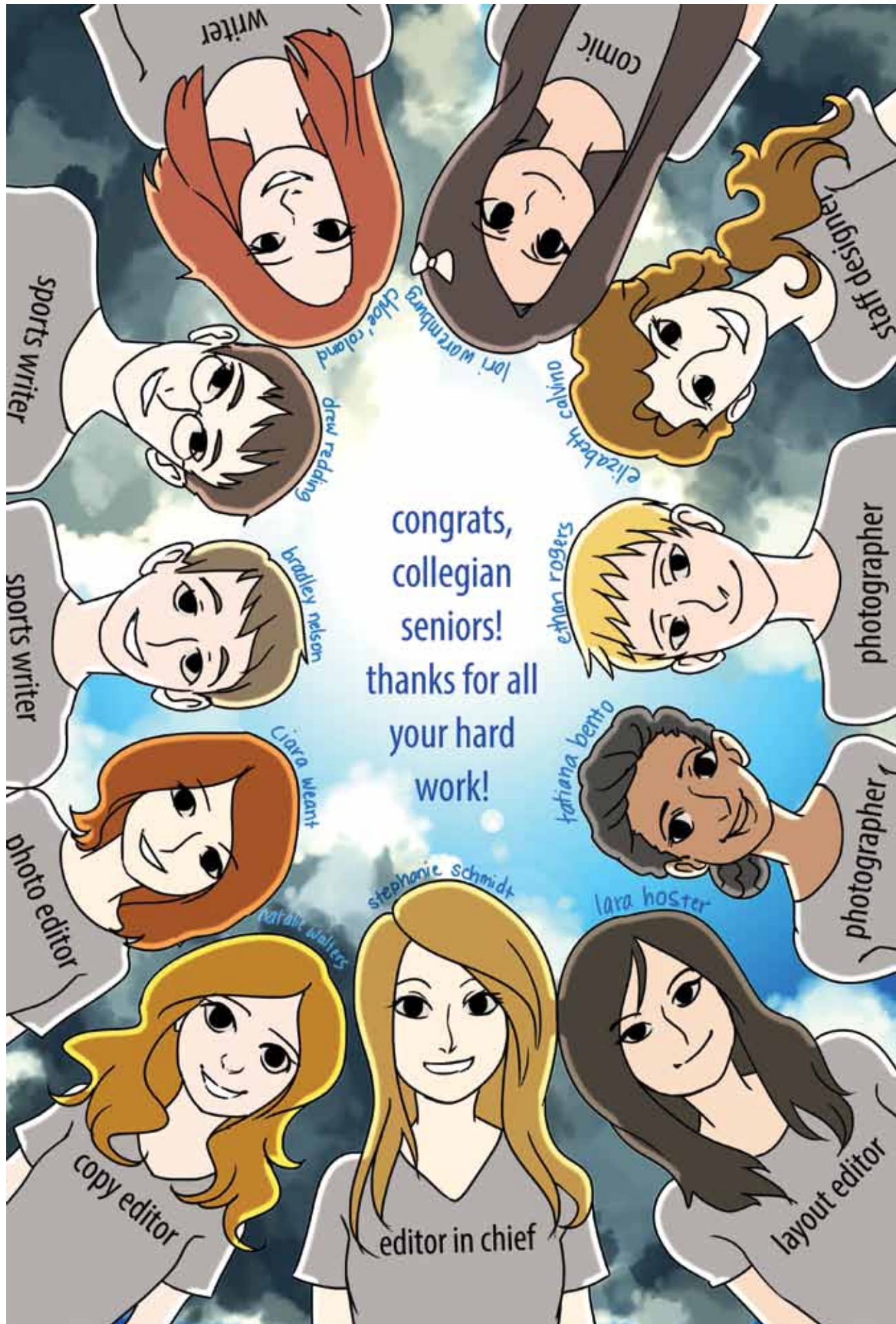
An epidemic is slowly spreading throughout the world. Teens were the original targets, but now the disease attacks anyone who allows it. Dramatic commercials should be made to remind people how important this issue is. Texting while walking continues to destroy lives.

I don't know about you, but I find walking in the halls after the bell rings incredibly annoying. Students walk out of their classrooms and automatically pull out their phones. If you're in the Alumni Building, walking down the stairs after the bell is a tedious task. People walk more slowly because they're busy checking their texts, social media apps or making calls. And half the time, people check their phones just because they're bored or don't like making eye contact with people.

When I'm walking to class and see another student glued to his phone, I walk toward him to see if he'll notice. A few times, we've bumped into each other because the person on the phone isn't paying attention. People usually feel awkward and say, "Sorry," but as soon as they walk away from me, they're back on their phone.

Phones and technology as a whole are great resources, but they can be abused. Phones, whether you're texting or calling, are a type of communication; they're not

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TALKBACK

WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



SAMUEL MORTON
Freshman
"Work as an EMT."



KAELEIGH SPARKMAN
Freshman
"Counseling at The Wilds in New England."



ERIC MOISANT
Junior
"Going to Guam to teach with my twin."



DR. BOB JONES III
Chancellor
"Vacation in the mountains of North Carolina, barbecues in the backyard, preaching overseas."



FAITH HENRY
Senior
"Working at a basketball camp and nannying."

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I went to the South Carolina branch meeting of the American Society of Microbiology at Furman University on April 11. One of my favorite topics was related to the measles virus coming back, partly because a lot of people don't believe in vaccines anymore because of religious reasons or false research. It was interesting to see the speakers and the Ph.D. professors in the audience debate the pros and cons of vaccines. It made me think from a different perspective. And I think that's really helpful for us believers too because if we cannot discuss issues from more than one perspective, even if it's the right perspective, that limits our ability to have a conversation with the unsaved. Religion, together with biology, is an emotionally charged topic, but if people can see that you understand their side of the argument, then they're going to be more willing to have a conversation with you.



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**Alumni Legacy Ceremony and Reception
Thursday, May 7, 8:30 p.m.**

The 10th annual Alumni Legacy Ceremony and Reception will be held in Stratton Hall Thursday at 8:30 p.m. after the Baccalaureate Service. Legacy students, seniors who have at least one parent who is an alumnus of BJU, are invited to attend the event with their families. The ceremony will recognize alumni of BJU and present medallions to the graduating seniors.

Mr. Jonathan Pait, manager of events and services for the BJU Alumni Association, said he hopes both the parents and seniors leave the ceremony feeling appreciated. BJU would like to thank parents for making the investment of

directing and guiding their children in their choice to attend the University and the seniors for choosing to attend, Pait said.

Weather permitting, a reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony on the lawn between the Student Center and Administration Building.

**Awards Ceremony
Friday, May 8, 8:30 a.m.**

An Awards Ceremony will be held in the Founder's Memorial Amphitorium Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Academic awards will be given to students who won contests within the various academic schools, and awards will also be given to societies, as well as to current and retired faculty and

staff for their service.

"The Awards Ceremony is the only time to publicly recognize individuals for their accomplishments," BJU registrar and director of educational services Dr. Dan Smith said.

This is the first year the Awards Ceremony will not include the Contest Rewards Honors Recital, where winners from several contest categories, such as speech and music, would perform. This year winners of the campus contests will not perform but will receive their award at the Awards Ceremony.

**Commencement
Friday, May 8, 2 p.m.**

BJU's 2015 commencement exercises will take place in the Founder's Memorial Amphi-

torium Friday at 2 p.m.

Approximately 640 BJU students are expected to graduate with varying degrees this May. The University will award associate degrees in four majors, undergraduate degrees in 54 majors and graduate degrees in 20 majors to graduating students this year.

Following BJU commencement tradition, selected members of the graduating class will give their testimonies after they receive their diploma. This is the first year that the Bob Jones University ceremonial mace, a symbol of authority carried by the president or a high academic official, will be used in a commencement ceremony.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

by Jessica Perez

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STUDENT BODY CHAPEL
11 A.M. | FMA

THEATRE ARTS: *THE WHITE ROSE*
7:30 P.M. | PERFORMANCE HALL

CHAMBER SINGERS
8 P.M. | WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

According to Dr. Warren Cook, director of the Chamber Singers, this 24-voice ensemble from the Chorale will be performing pieces of sacred text, particularly Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," which is a five-movement work with texts drawn from sacred Latin sources, each containing references to light. "Hearing this work by the immensely popular contemporary composer is a beautiful and most-satisfying experience," Cook said.

May
4-7

UNIVERSITY FINAL EXAMS
See Student Central for your exam schedule.

May
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STUDENT COMPOSITION RECITAL
5 P.M. | WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL
The program will consist of pieces composed by music composition students.

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NURSES PINNING CEREMONY
2 P.M. | RODEHEAVER AUDITORIUM

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY
4 P.M. | LEVINSON HALL

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
7 P.M. | FMA

ALUMNI LEGACY CEREMONY & RECEPTION
8:30 P.M. | STRATTON HALL

May
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AWARDS CEREMONY
8:30 A.M. | FMA

COMMENCEMENT
2 P.M. | FMA

BJU student, two professors train autism service dogs

By: NATALIE WALTERS
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This past Christmas Eve, a 4-year-old autistic boy went missing at his grandparents' house in Little Rock, South Carolina. Three days later, his body was found in a lake behind his grandparents' house where he had drowned.

Scenarios like this are not uncommon. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, accidental drowning from wandering and eloping accounted for 91 percent of the total U.S. deaths reported in children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) ages 14 and younger, according to nationalautismassociation.org.

To help counteract such dangers, Julie Nye, a BJU graduate, co-founded Dogs for Autism (DFA) in Greenville to train dogs to protect autistic children.

Three members of the BJU family are currently volunteering with DFA to train dogs to help guide and protect more autistic children: Dr. Mark Parker and his wife Joan, both faculty members in the Division of Music, as well as Rebecca Renner, a senior biblical counseling major.

RENNER CONNECTS WITH DFA

Renner, who received her dog, UMA, April 13, said even when she was in a crib, her favorite stuffed animal was a dog. "I was born with a love for dogs, and I always wanted to work with dogs, but I never thought it could be a career," Renner said.

Renner's opinion changed when she had a deaf baby sitter who had a hearing assist dog that saved her life twice: once when she was about to drive across the railroad tracks because the "No Crossing" sign wasn't working, but her dog alerted her; and another time when she was in a store and her dog heard the beeping of a fork lift behind her and alerted her to that as well. "Basically he gave her her hearing, and I saw the importance of what a service dog can do," Renner said.

This past January, after much prayer, Renner reached out to Vested Partners (VP), the parent company of DFA, and, after going to training classes with the Parkers for a few months, she received her dog, UMA, in mid-April. UMA goes everywhere with Renner, from classes to chapel to the dining common to the residence halls, where she sleeps in a crate next to Renner's bed in Margaret Mack 205. "It's been an adjustment, but it's been a lot of fun,"



Joan Parker (left) and Rebecca Renner stand with service dogs ULA (left) and UMA. Photo: Natalie Walters

Renner said.

Renner said the packed situations on a college campus, particularly during AACs week, are good for two reasons: UMA has opportunities to learn to focus in chaotic situations, and Renner has a chance to spread awareness about DFA. "People stop me everywhere and ask all types of questions," Renner said. "Some are obscure, but most of the time I just get to talk about the organization and the importance of [UMA's] job."

BREEDING AND TRAINING AT DFA

The DFA dogs have been selectively bred to pass on certain characteristics, Mrs. Parker said. In fact, the characteristics are bred so carefully now that more dogs from each litter are capable of being autistic guide dogs than when they started in 1991. "You can't necessarily control what you get, but when you get something good, then you try to favor that in breeding and pass it on," Dr. Parker said.

UMA and the Parkers' dog, ULA, are both from the same "U" litter of 10 German Shepherds that were born a little under two years ago and all have a name that starts with the letter "U." The DFA has gone through the alphabet with this naming method as a means of tracking the members of the different litters.

At five and seven weeks, UMA, ULA and the other dogs were tested for certain charac-

teristics and sent to their designated place—whether that be DFA, blind training, the Guide Dog Foundation, search and rescue or police academy—based on those characteristics.

Once the puppies arrive at the DFA they are assigned a volunteer who will take them home and provide 24/7 basic training, as well as take them to professional training once a week with VP Training Director Darlene Houlihan, who teaches them to "alert, block and search." Once the dog receives enough training, it will be assigned to a family and go through a week of intensive training with Houlihan and the family based on their autistic child's specific needs.

Dr. Parker said basic training involves different exercises that help train the dog's mind to focus and think about the process at hand.

For example, Mrs. Parker said she plays "Find the [insert object]" with ULA, which will later translate into "Find [insert child's name]."

Renner said she will help UMA learn to block by having a friend run toward the street and letting UMA block her, in imitation of an autistic child running toward traffic.

The commands the dogs obey are often in German or involve hand signals to prevent confusion. The German distinguishes the commands for the dog versus the commands for the child since parents often tell an autistic child to "sit" or "come." The hand signals allow a child

who is not verbally strong to learn the hand signals, and they allow the parents to command the dog in loud and chaotic situations.

While the early morning walks and the daily training can sometimes be tiring, Dr. Parker said the benefits are more than worth his time. "ULA will make a fabulous companion to an autistic child," he said. "And that's what makes us willing to give her up. You always get attached to dogs, but the rewards are so worth it."

THE NEED FOR DFA

DFA began after a mother was at the grocery store with her two children and her 4-year-old, who is autistic, started to run away. The mother had to set her 4-month-old down on the pavement to run after the autistic child and, afterward she said, "Something has to be done."

"Dogs are so important for families because it's another set of eyes and ears and, in this case, paws," Mrs. Parker said. She said she remembers one family who said the first night they had their DFA dog was the first night they slept through the night, as their child usually wandered and escaped from the house in the middle of the night.

Furthermore, 90 percent of parents with an autistic child end up getting a divorce, leaving a single parent to raise the child, Nye said. "These dogs allow them to function more fully as a single parent," Nye said.

An unofficial DFA survey in 2012 showed that 400 successful search-and-rescues have been completed by 38 grad dogs. Unfortunately, because of a lack of funds, 200 families do not have this extra protection as they are on the DFA waiting list.

"We do the logistical ability, the breeding stock and the expertise to produce many more service dogs than we currently do," Nye wrote on the DFA Facebook page. "What we don't have is the funding to hire the staff required for expansion."

The Parkers said volunteering with the DFA has given them the opportunity to get out of their bubble and meet with unbelievers in an area of common interest who they never would have had contact with otherwise. "It's all about serving others and showing them in a small way what Jesus Christ is like," Dr. Parker said.

For more information, email info@dogs-forautism.org. Please note: you are not allowed to pet UMA or ULA while they are working because that will distract them from their job.

Autism Service Dog Statistics:

1 in 68 are born with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the U.S.

48 of children with an ASD attempt to elope from a safe environment

2009-2011, **91%** total U.S. deaths reported in children with an ASD ages 14 and younger were from accidental drowning

40% of parents with a child with an ASD had suffered sleep disruption due to fear of elopement

400 successful search and rescues were performed by 38 DFA dogs in 2012

200 families are on the now-closed waiting list for a dog from DFA

Source: autism-society.org and nationalautismassociation.org



Renner poses with UMA in her dorm room in Margaret Mack. Photo: Submitted

Student Center Construction

At the beginning of the semester, the University began an effort to repurpose the second floor of the Student Center into a one-stop-shop of student services.

Up to this point, most students have seen the buzz of construction work around the area: cranes lifting, bulldozers coming and going and large trucks delivering construction materials. While many have seen these external signs of progress, few have seen what's going on inside the space where students used to gather to play games and socialize. To satisfy students' curiosity a photographer and writer from *The Collegian* received a tour to give students an inside look at the construction process and what's coming in the future.

The first step in the renovation process was to completely gut the area. BJU handled most of the demolition work in-house.

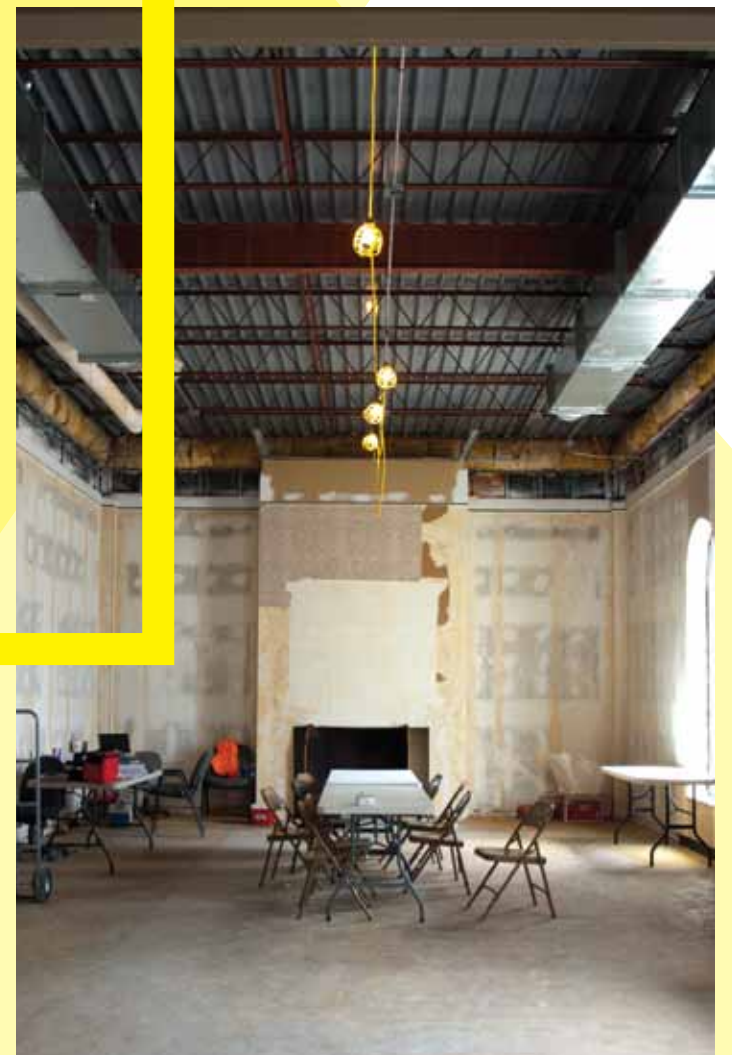
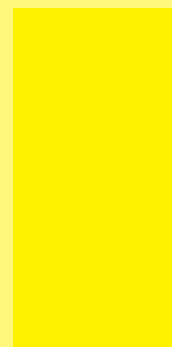
"We saved a significant amount of money doing our own demolition," said Tom Berg, director of Utilities and Energy Services at BJU.

With the demolition complete, the Triangle Construction Company, a local general contractor, has begun renovating the space into an area that will now serve a myriad of purposes. The majority of the functions currently housed in the Administration Building (the Business Office, executive offices, the Records Office, etc.) will be moving into the renovated upstairs area. Also some services, like the Admission Office, will be relocating from the Office Annex.

Randy Page, director of public relations at BJU, said the move will be beneficial for students. "Everything will be much more centrally located and convenient for students," Page said.

Page explained that now, instead of having to go all over campus for certain services, students can make a one-stop trip to the new office area. After the move, the Administration Building will be left empty, and Page said it will be demolished within a year and turned into a green space.

The University hopes to have the project completed by the time students return this fall, Berg said.



SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

MEN'S SOCCER

Oct. 10, 2014 – With 3.8 seconds left in the game, Ryan McCarty scored a tie-breaking goal to secure a 2-1 win over the Tennessee Temple Crusaders.

Nov. 28, 2014 – The BJU Bruins were awarded the NCCAA DI South Region Sportsmanship Award. Ryan McCarty and Travis Woodham were selected to the all-region team while Eric Moisant was selected to the NCCAA DI South Region all-tournament team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 6, 2014 – The Bruins secured their second win of the young season by defeating Southern Wesleyan University 3-2. With the match tied 2-2 late in the game, Natasha Walters finished a cross to give BJU the victory.

Oct. 10, 2014 – BJU thrashed visiting Tennessee Temple University 3-1 on Faculty Appreciation Night. Anna Daulton scored three goals for a hat trick, pushing her tally up to nine on the season.

Oct. 18, 2014 – On an emotional Senior Night, the second-ranked Bruins upset the top-ranked team in the country, Clearwater Christian College. Jenn Wise scored the lone goal of the match just 47 seconds into the match, and the Bruins held off the Cougars to improve to an 11-3-2 record.

GOLF

Sept. 23, 2014 – The Bruins golf team won their second straight title at Hiwassee College invitational; they won in their inaugural 2013 season as well.

Sept. 30, 2014 – Clay Wiginton set a school record, finishing in first place with a 66 (-6) in the final round of the NCCAA South Regional Tournament.

Nov. 4, 2014 – Clay Wiginton became the first Bruins golfer to reach the NCCAA national championship. He finished 35th overall in a field of 65 golfers from all over the country.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 7, 2014 – The Bruins men's team placed third at the Warrior Invitational at Southern Wesleyan University. Five Bruins finished in the top 25 with Nathan Zakariasen finishing sixth overall.

Nov. 1, 2015 – The Bruins placed first at the TFC Eagle Invitational at Toccoa Falls College. BJU had five members of the team finish in the Top 10.

Nov. 8, 2014 – Senior Nathan Zakariasen set a school record, finishing with a time of 25:29 for 16th place in the NCCAA National Championship race in Houghton, New York.

Nov. 24, 2015 – Senior Joshua Anderson and juniors Samuel Koenke and Daniel Marinelli received the NCCAA scholar-athlete awards. The award recognizes students who maintain a 3.4 GPA throughout the academic year.

Feb. 13, 2015 – The Men's cross country team was named as an NCCAA all-scholar team for the Fall 2014 semester, earning a team GPA of 3.44.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 27, 2014 – The Lady Bruins finished in second place in the Warrior Invitational at Southern Wesleyan University's hosted meet. Elena Wornom finished in 22:05 and placed seventh overall.

Nov. 1, 2014 – The BJU women overcame a short week of rest to finish second overall at the Toccoa Falls College's Eagle Invitational. The Bruins eventually went to the NCCAA National Championships.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 1, 2014 – The Bruins opened up the 2014-2015 season with an 88-69 win against Crown College. The Bruins went 8-9 from three-point range in the second half to pull away and secure the victory.

Jan. 31, 2015 – Just a day after their huge comeback win against Warren Wilson College, the Bruins beat rival Clearwater Christian College for the first time. Kyle Turner and Dustin Killough combined for 46 points to lead the Bruins to an 83-55 victory.

Feb. 27, 2015 – Kyle Turner scored 25 points to become the first Bruins athlete to score 1,000 career points for BJU. His performance sparked a 86-72 win over Piedmont International University.

March 12, 2015 – The Bruins defeated Columbia International University 97-93 for BJU's first post-season win in program history.

Colts crush Tigers to claim softball championship

By: **BRADLEY NELSON**
Sports Writer

The Theta Sigma Chi Colts won a resounding 12-4 victory over the Theta Delta Omicron Tigers Monday night to claim the 2015 women's intramural softball championship.

Both teams entered the game undefeated and were looking for one last win to end the year. The Colts made the championship games in both soccer and basketball earlier in the year, but were stopped short each time by the Classics. This time, the Colts looked to claim the title and refused to settle for second.

The Tigers have had a competitive year in sports, but failed to make it to the finals in soccer, basketball or volleyball. With the year coming to a close, the Tigers were also looking for that victory to cap off the year.

The Colts batted first, and after the first out senior Lind-

say Yessa hit a double to give the Colts a base runner. Freshman Grace Pannell then hit a double of her own, bringing Yessa home for the early 1-0 lead. After two pop fly balls made three outs, the Tigers had a chance to answer.

Tiger freshman Emily Yancey answered the Colts with a single to start off. Senior Bethany Chism recorded a double, bringing Yancey home to tie the score 1-1. Senior Rebecca Bredehoft then crushed the ball to bring Chism home, and the Tigers took a 2-1 lead before finishing the first inning with two more outs.

The second inning was tough on both teams, as neither scored, but the Tigers prevented the Colts from scoring any runs during the third. With runners on first and second, Bredehoft again had a strong hit that brought one runner home. Minutes later,

Bredehoft herself was ushered home as the Tigers took a 4-1 lead heading into the fourth inning. Little did the Tigers know that Bredehoft would be the last Tiger to cross home plate for the remainder of the night, as the Colts then took control.

The Colts answered back in the fourth with six runs, as several players made it across home plate, including Pannell, Yessa, fellow senior Brittany Rosensky, and junior Casey Peacock. Rosensky and Pannell both had triples in the fourth, contributing to the three-run lead taken by the Colts.

The Colts allowed three Tiger hits during the fourth, but the Tigers were unable to capitalize and headed into the fifth still down three.

The Colts dominated the fifth inning, as they once again brought several runners across the plate. Freshman Natalie



After falling short in soccer and basketball championships, the Classics finally claimed the softball trophy. Photo: Holly Diller

Pierce was the first to come home, brought in by a single from sophomore Hannah Wood. The game climaxed when junior Moriah Berry crushed a home run with bases loaded that brought

Rosensky, junior Caitlin Peacock, and Wood (an alternate runner) all home to give the Colts a 12-4 lead.

The Tigers had a hard fifth inning, with three straight outs. The Colts went scoreless

in the sixth inning, giving the Tigers one last chance to try to mount a comeback. It was not to be, however, as the Tigers once again had three straight outs, giving the Colts a 12-4 victory.



WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 8, 2014 – The Bruins found their first win of the season, topping Trinity Baptist College 65-61 in the Tip-Off Classic in Jacksonville, Florida.
Dec.13, 2014 –The Bruins found victory in a 48-44 win over Johnson University. The game was also a farewell to Bre Bullard, a graduating senior who captained the team since the start of the program in 2012.
Jan. 27, 2015 – Maggi Ford set a program record with 32 points, including 26 in the second half, as the Bruins capped a dramatic comeback with a 68-67 win over the visiting Johnson and Wales University.
Feb. 28, 2015– In the last game of the regular season, Kendra Jeffcott scored her 1000th career point and the Bruins overcame a slow first half to finish off Southern Wesleyan University 53-50. BJU eventually finished the season with an 18-14 overall record and a berth in the NCCAA D1 South Region Championship.

MEN’S INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Nov. 22, 2014 - The Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks advanced to the Turkey Bowl for their third straight year and defeated the Pi Gamma Delta Royals in dramatic fashion. The Razorbacks won the penalty shootout after sophomore Alex Kornivskiy blocked Pi Gamma’s seventh penalty kick.
March 13, 2015 - The Beta Gamma Delta Patriots (12-0) re-established themselves as an intramural powerhouse with a 72-66 victory over the Zeta Epsilon Chi Tornados (11-1) in the men’s basketball championship.
March 31, 2015 - The Pi Kappa Sigma Cobras prevented the Alpha Omega Delta Lions from claiming their third straight softball championship, defeating the Lions best two out of three games. The Cobras lost the first game, but rallied in the next two games to claim the series.
April 28, 2015 - The Pi Kappa Simga Cobras beat the Beta Gamma Delta Patriots 3-1 for the men’s intramural volleyball championship title.

WOMEN’S INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Oct. 25, 2014 - The Nu Alpha Phi Flames found victory over the Beta Epsilon Chi Cardinals in the women’s intramural volleyball championship. The Flames won a dramatic fifth set to win the championship.
Dec. 13, 2014 - The Pi Delta Chi Classics topped the Theta Sigma Chi Colts in the women’s intramural soccer championship. The Classics’ offense overwhelmed the Colts’ defense in a 3-1 victory.
April 10, 2015 - The Pi Delta Chi Classics defeated the Theta Sigma Chi Colts in the women’s intramural basketball championship.
April 27, 2015 - The Theta Sigma Chi Colts defeated the Theta Delta Omicron Tigers in the women’s intramural softball championship.



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John Dalrymple (left) and Blake Counts jump to block a spike. Photo: Ciara Weant

Cobras edge Patriots for title

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The Pi Kappa Sigma Cobras scored their second intramural championship title this spring with a 3-1 set victory over the Beta Gamma Delta Patriots in the men’s intramural volleyball championship.

In the first game, both teams exhibited understandable nerves on the championship stage. Pi Kappa had five serving errors that kept Beta within striking distance. The Cobras, however, relied on their height advantage to keep the Patriots at bay, and the Cobras topped the Patriots with relative ease to take a 1-0 lead.

The Patriots controlled the second game from the beginning. Beta pulled out in front quickly, but serving errors and inconsistent play allowed Pi Kappa to pull even at 14. What the Patriots lacked in size, they made up for in ath-

leticism, which helped them regain the lead and forced the Cobras to call a timeout with Beta up 23-20. Despite the timeout, Beta tied the match up 1-1 with a 25-23 win in game two.

It did not take long for Pi Kappa to rebound in the third game, as they quickly pulled in front 10-4. The Cobras took full advantage of their tall front line as John Dalrymple and Andrew Paquette began to hinder Beta’s ability to find open avenues to hit. The Cobras easily took game three 25-18, as the match headed to the fourth set with the Cobras up two games to one.

Finding themselves at a two-game deficit to open the fourth set, the Patriots capitalized on several Cobra errors to go up 24-18, only needing one more point to take the Cobras to a decisive game five. But the Cobras would not relent. The



The Cobras finished the 2015 volleyball season undefeated. Photo: Ciara Weant

Patriots were forced to use a timeout as their lead evaporated to a single point.

But the timeout did not halt the Cobras’ comeback as Dalrymple blocked a Beta spike to tie things at 24. The teams battled back and forth, building the score until it was tied at 31. The Cobras inched

ahead to take a 31-30 lead, and the lanky Dalrymple killed a well-placed spike to finish off the Patriots.

The Cobras finished their season undefeated and were able to take home their second championship of the semester with titles in both volleyball and softball.

BJU faculty offer advice to soon-to-be-grads

In a few weeks the seniors will depart from BJU, diploma in hand. As they prepare for the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of them, these BJU faculty members would like to offer some advice to the future graduates.

Dr. Linda Hayner



Dr. Linda Hayner, a faculty member in the Division of Social Science, said the most important thing is to stay in the center of the Lord's will. Even if you don't know exactly what the Lord's will is, stay where you are until He leads you elsewhere, Hayner said.

"Don't move until the Lord moves you," Hayner said. "The minute you start running ahead things go wrong, because we always make bad choices."

In accordance with her first piece of advice, Hayner also advises to wait on the Lord.

"If you want to be content and secure, then be patient," Hayner said. "Patience only comes with having to use it."

Hayner said that while you wait for God to show you the next step, stay busy with whatever He has given you in the present.

Third, Hayner advises to be open to the Lord's leading.

"Don't assume you know it all, because you don't," Hayner said. "And you won't know it all, even when you die."

Hayner said that God might have you do something outside of what you studied in college, because He might want to teach you something other than what you have learned.

"Never assume that your training is over," Hayner said. "Whatever you learn under the most pleasant or adverse circumstances, the Lord will use."

Dr. Rhonda Galloway



Dr. Rhonda Galloway, a faculty member in the Division of English Language and Literature, advises graduates to always keep God's Word your number one priority. Galloway, recalling the busyness of her first few years as she established her teaching career, said that your career can easily get off-course when your relationship with God is not right.

"When you're not in God's Word, nothing turns out right," Galloway said.

Second, Galloway advises that wherever God leads you, find a good church where you can serve. As you make new friends, Galloway said the ones you make at church are going to be the ones who uplift and help you in this next stage of your life. Galloway also recommends finding a small church ministry that needs your active ministry.

Third, Galloway strongly recommends creating a budget. Galloway said to make the first line on the budget your tithe to God and learn to live on 90 percent of your income.

"It's easy to get really messed up really fast if you don't start out with the right perspective," Galloway said.

Mr. Rob Loach



Mr. Rob Loach, a faculty member in the Division of Modern Language and Literature, said to make sure you pay enough attention to your personal life. This includes time in God's Word, your connection with other believers, and being involved in a church.

Second, Loach recommends keeping your family connections strong. "Family are the ones that are going to be there for you in the long run," Loach said.

Last, Loach advises being open to new friendships. Loach said that just as some high school friendships dissolved after you came to college, some college relationships will dissolve once you graduate.

"Be open to new friendships, but don't abandon the old ones that are worth keeping," Loach said.

BJU President Dr. Steve Pettit said first of all, the most important focus should be your personal walk with God.

Second, Pettit said to connect with a good local church that will be a spiritually nurturing community.

Third, Pettit said to really invest yourself into serving others.

"Make [serving others] the way you are versus becoming a self-oriented person," Pettit said.

Throughout his many years of travel with college-aged young adults, Pettit said this is the stage of life when you decide exactly what you believe, what you're going to do with your time, and whom you are going to serve.

"Life is about service, not about success," Pettit said. "Success is the number of people you can serve."

Dr. Steve Pettit



Mr. Mark Vowels



Mr. Mark Vowels, a faculty member in the Division of Ministries, first said to never stop being passionate about Christ.

"There should be a consistent sense of wonder that God really does love us and saved us, and that despite all of our flaws and weaknesses God wants to use us," Vowels said. "Never stop being amazed at the grace of God."

Second, Vowels said that life can be either fun or boring, and it is up to you to decide which it is. He recommends doing things that are fun, being yourself, and not trying to be something to please anyone besides Christ. Vowels said doing these things is important because it's easy to just fall into a routine.

"Life should be a journey of joy," Vowels said.

Third, Vowels said that relationships will always be more important than stuff. He advises to make good friends, to spend your life with people who love you, and to invest your life in people.

"You'll never regret the time you invest in people," Vowels said. "At the end of the day, it is only people that are eternal."

lite. Instead of grabbing your phone when you're walking by someone, greet them with a smile. You don't know what kind of impact you're making on someone's day.

Besides saying hello to strangers, consider leaving your phone in your room sometimes. Crazy idea, I know. But trust me, it's worth it. I've done it a couple of times for a few hours, and I was encouraged by the change. I was no longer staring at a screen, but interacting with people around me. Try it once to see how it goes.

And if anything, please don't text and walk. Not only is it rude, but you also look ridiculous.

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supposed to eliminate other kinds of communication. We live in an era where saying "hi" to strangers is awkward. But why? Saying "hello" or asking someone how their day is going isn't weird—it's polite.

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