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Ministry class launches new vision

MELODY WRIGHT
Staff Writer

A summer of prayer by Dr. Nathan Crockett and his discussion with pastors has led to the launch of a five-fold vision for the ministry class.

Crockett was asked by Dr. Sam Horn, vice president for ministerial advancement, to develop a fresh, more intentional vision for the class. The purpose of the new vision is to clarify the previous values and make the students aware of how BJU is developing them for full-time service to God. "We're trying to equip them with a number of tools to be better prepared," Crockett said.

The ministry class consists of men whose majors are within the School of Religion, such as Bible and cross-cultural studies. On Mondays and Wednesdays, ministry students of the same classification meet for specific classes related to their ministerial training. On Fridays at 10 a.m., all underclassmen and first- and second-year seminary students meet together in Stratton Hall for a time of singing, inspiration and encouragement. Along with other experienced men in the ministry, speakers include Drs. Steve Pettit, Horn and



Members of the ministry class gathered at the annual Rooted & Grounded conference in September at the Conn farm in Ohio. Photo: Submitted

Crockett.

One of Crockett's goals for this year is to make all students aware of the Friday ministry class meeting. The class is open to men of all majors who may be interested in full-time Christian ministry or who may want to learn how to use their major as a ministry to others. Students can audit or register for the one-credit class.

Out of the new five-fold vision, shepherding is the main focus Crockett has for the ministry class this year.



"We're trying to bring in a lot of people who have been in ministry and have been pastors and who say, 'here's what it's like out on the frontlines,'" Crockett said. BJU strives to provide students not only with Bible training, but also with the practical skills and tools needed for all aspects of ministry.

All ministry students are involved in an outreach, complete a church internship and create a ministerial portfolio.

"True leadership is service," Crockett said in sharing

his vision for the class. BJU encourages the ministry students to serve everyone they meet.

Luke Hollis, president of the ministry class, has participated in several ministries. Last summer Hollis worked as an intern at Trinity Baptist Church in Concord, New Hampshire. Since his freshman year, he has served at Hope Baptist Church, an inner-city church in Anderson, South Carolina. Hollis has also worked as a teen counselor/team leader at Camp CoBeAc

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The Hub to combine student services in one location

PAIGE BAGBY
Staff Writer

After a long summer under construction, the former Riley Room has been transformed into the new Student Services Hub, the centralized location for the student services previously offered in the Administration Building.

Now instead of having to search for assistance among multiple offices, students can get help in one location from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dr. David Fisher, vice provost and chief administrative officer of the University, has high hopes for The Hub. "The Hub desk is to be a one-stop shop, . . . a one-stop place where students can come and have their needs met," Fisher said.

And a one-stop shop The Hub will be. The new location will have four major offices students will frequent. The Admission office,

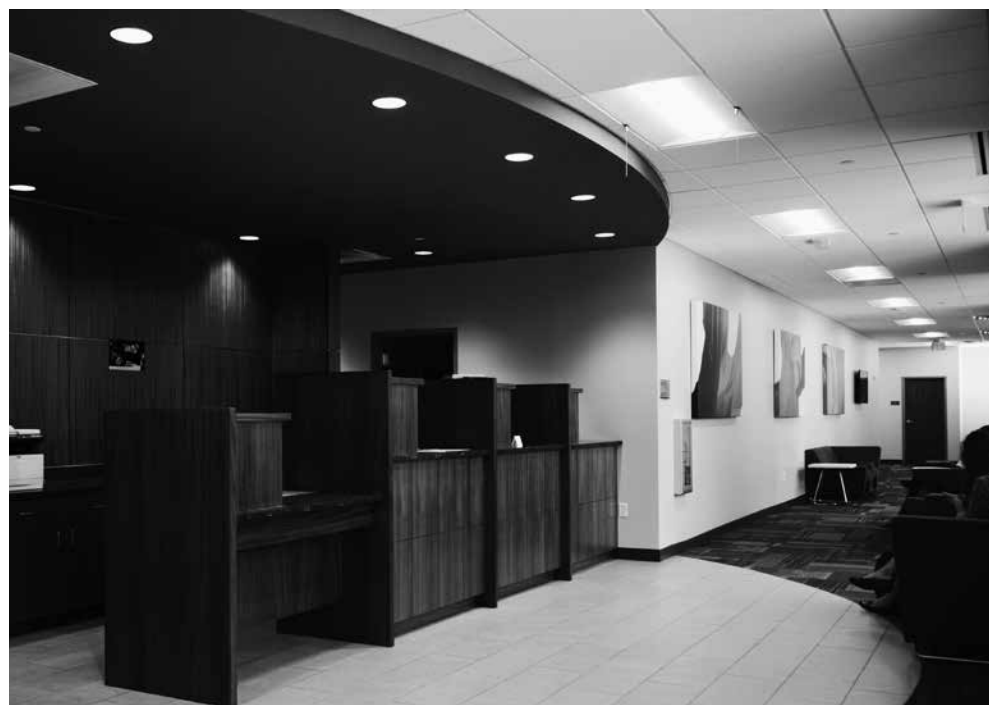
which is moving from the Annex Building behind the dining common, is one of the offices that have made the move into The Hub.

The other offices not only upgraded their locations, but also their names. The Registrar's office, formerly the Records office, will be responsible for preparing transcripts, working with checksheets and more. The Financial Services office, formerly the Business Office and Financial Aid, will also set up operation in The Hub.

Financial aid was the first function to begin full operation in The Hub, making the move last Friday. The Registrar and the rest of Financial Services were the next to move up, completing their transitions Oct. 5 and 6. Admission was the last to make the move Tuesday after final preparations were completed this week.

The Hub will feature three Student Service representatives who will help students with

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The Hub is now ready for business in the former Student Center. Photo: Holly Diller

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ANDREW BUDGICK

Web Editor

“Resume virtues” and “eulogy virtues.”

Those are the terms *New York Times* columnist David Brooks uses in his book *The Road to Character* to describe the two kinds of values people are seeking in life.

On one hand, there are the resume virtues, which Brooks describes as “the skills you bring to the marketplace.” These are the kinds of skills seniors are seeking to add to their resumes. Eulogy virtues, on the other hand, are “the ones talked about at your funeral.” These virtues are the things people remember about you once you’re gone: Were you a kind person? How did you love other people? Were you a person of integrity?

Brooks posits that, although both sets of virtues are necessary, in our minds we all know the eulogy virtues are more imperative. However, despite that knowledge, our culture has it switched. Brooks says that since the end of WWII, Americans have become more self-focused and by extension, more resume-virtue focused. Brooks wrote his book trying to fix that thinking in his own mind and in the minds of others.

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- Ready for Anything -



COMIC: MANNY JUAH

Where is God in tragedy?

The Collegian Editorial

On Thursday, Oct. 1, a gunman entered Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, and killed 9 people in classrooms while injuring seven others. According to witnesses, the gunman made students stand up if they identified as a Christian. One of the injured students recalled that the gunman said “Good, because you’re a Christian, you’re going to see God in just about one second” before killing them.

During this situation and in other similar events, such as the shooting of Christians in Charleston, South Carolina, many people questioned

where God was in the midst of tragedy.

But God has not abandoned His people nor has He disappeared. He is faithful to His people, even in the midst of tragedy.

Amos 3:6 says, “Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?”

An instance of tragedy does not mean that God has lost control.

In a sermon in 2005, John Piper said that “Satan is his most powerful enemy and does much evil in the world, but he must first get God’s permission, and none of his actions is outside God’s governance.”

This does not mean, however, that God is evil. There is His inherent good and perfect will that works all things for His people’s good (Romans 8:28), although we may question and wonder why an event occurs.

Piper said that “the times of greatest human evil have often proved for many to be times when God is most needed and most self-evidently real.”

But why does God allow this evil to occur?

Evil entered the world when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. Since then, trials and tragedies have given glimpses of sin’s effects

on our fallen world. Piper writes, “The natural world is shot through with horrors to wake us from the dreamworld of thinking sin is no big deal.”

And yet in the calamity, we see glimpses of the Gospel and God’s love and mercy as well.

Christian author Lee Strobel wrote that “Though suffering isn’t good, God can use it to accomplish good.”

Through tragedy, Christ can be seen through the testimonies of His people. Tragedy causes people to turn to God for comfort and meaning in events that seem meaningless.

“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.” (Psalm 34:18)

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"I'm very interested in different cultures and languages. I like to see other cultures and getting to see what life is like in different places.

I want to go to China and teach English as a second language. It's a way to do missions, but without being an exact 'missionary.' I can't see myself planting churches, but I love to teach. It gives me a chance to travel, to help people and show them who God is."

SARA SMITH
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PHOTO: HOLLY DILLER

Fall for Greenville returns

JEREMY KRAMER
Staff Writer

Downtown Greenville will be humming Oct. 9-11 this year as the annual Fall for Greenville festival transforms several streets into a center for fall fun.

Visitors from all over Greenville, Pickens, Anderson and Spartanburg counties are expected to attend the autumn-themed community gathering of vendors, sponsors and guests.

The event sponsored by Pepsi and OneMain Financial

will take place downtown, on Main Street from East North to River streets, and the streets will be lined with vendors and activities for all ages.

In the past, the highlight of the festival has been the food, and that theme is expected to continue this year.

Coffee Underground, Gigi's cupcakes, Joy of Tokyo, Kilwin's Chocolate Fudge Ice Cream, and Mellow Mushroom Pizza will all bring their businesses out to the festival, among several others.

In total, over 40 businesses are coming out to celebrate,

and almost 250 menu items will be available to visitors.

This year, the festival is not just for adults; kids can also get out and have fun.

The Nationwide Insurance Kids' Area on East Broad Street will have activities and rides filling a whole block, including a merry-go-round, climbing rock wall and tree-house slide.

Competitions also factor into the festival, and vendors will have the opportunity to participate in various contests including a culinary challenge from US Foods Inc. and a tent-

decorating challenge.

Visitors to the downtown Greenville are welcome to come out to Fall for Greenville at no charge, and all entry and entertainment is free for the entire weekend.

Tickets to use as currency at the various vendors can be purchased online.

Tickets are \$5 for a sheet of eight, and if a customer purchases \$50 worth, an additional sheet is free.

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their service needs and act as liaisons between students and departmental specialists.

Kelly Martin, a student service representative, is one of the three who have been trained to help students with their needs.

"We are there to provide excellent, professional, friendly and timely service to students, faculty and staff, visitors [and] prospective students," Martin said.

To help the student body understand how to use The Hub to its fullest, student service representative Daniel Muller has been preparing a new webpage for the campus intranet.

This page will help students know which services are available at The Hub and will help them to streamline their lives at the University.

The Hub isn't just for business though. Cindy Clements, another student service representative, looks forward to being able to interact with the student body in her new position.

The new kiosks, redecoration and seating arrangements will allow students, faculty and staff to interact with each other in a comfortable, professional atmosphere that the administration hopes will bolster productivity and efficiency in the University.

Have any ideas for The Collegian?

email to editor@bju.edu

WEEK AT A GLANCE

by Bridget Nee

Oct
12-14

SUMMER MINISTRY CONFERENCE
THE DAVIS ROOM IN THE DINING COMMON
MONDAY, OCT. 12: 6 – 9 P.M.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13: 10 A.M. – CHAPEL;
AFTER CHAPEL – 9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14: 9 A.M. – CHAPEL;
AFTER CHAPEL – 5 P.M.

Oct
15

MEDIA FORUM
5 P.M. | FA 101

ROBIN BLACKWOOD OF JEFF DEZEN PUBLIC RELATIONS WILL SPEAK ON CAREER PREPARATION, INTERNSHIPS AND THE EFFECT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Oct
16

FIRST ROUND OF SCHOLASTIC BOWL
11 A.M. | VARIOUS CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Oct
13

UNIVERSITY MARKETING ASSOCIATION MEETING
7 P.M. | LEVINSON HALL

WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. TOCCOA FALLS
5:30 P.M. | ALUMNI STADIUM

MEN'S SOCCER VS. POINT UNIVERSITY
7:30 P.M. | ALUMNI STADIUM

Oct
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U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND CONCERT
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THIS CONCERT IS FREE TO BOTH STUDENTS AND THE PUBLIC, BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW TIME. TICKETS CAN BE REQUESTED AT ARMYFIELD-BAND.COM OR AT (864) 241-1634.

Faculty Spotlight: John Nolan and Lewis Carl

NOELANI DEBSKI
Staff Writer

The Division of Art has gained two new faculty members this semester. Mr. John Nolan and Mr. Lewis Carl both have many years of practical experience to bring to the classroom.

John Nolan

John Nolan, the curator at the Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University for 20 years, has begun a dual role this semester, adding assistant professor in studio art to his duties. In the past he has taught one class per semester, but this semester his teaching includes Draw-



Nolan has been a curator for 20 years. Photo: Kayla Pierce

ing I, Human Anatomy Drawing, and Art Appreciation.

"It's brought on a whole new dimension for interacting with the students and seeing development and growth throughout the semester," Nolan said. "That's been really rewarding, and I look forward to more of that this year with more classes and more opportunities to influence [students]."

Before his life at BJU, Nolan grew up in Toledo, Ohio. He is the youngest of three children and was always interested in art. He attended Bowling Green University to earn his bachelor of fine arts degree in painting and drawing.

As a sophomore Nolan heard the gospel clearly presented and accepted Christ as his savior. While visiting Bob Jones University with a friend, Nolan said the Museum & Gallery particularly impressed him. Upon graduating from Bowling Green University, he applied for a GA position at BJU.

Nolan has worked at the Museum & Gallery since he began part time as a graduate student. He shadowed Dr. Bob Jones Jr., learning all he could about the history of the collections and art pieces. When Dr. Bob Jones Jr. died, Nolan took over as curator.

For the past two years, he has been filling in teaching classes, and this year he is teaching full-time while still fulfilling his role as curator. He also is the owner and founder of Greenville History Tours, which operates downtown, taking people on walking, driving, trolley and culinary tours around Greenville.

Nolan lives in the Greenville area with his wife Anne, also an alumnus and faculty member, and their four children.

Lewis Carl

Lewis Carl, a 1997 graduate of Bob Jones University and missionary to Italy for five years, has taken a new position as assistant professor of graphic design. "I'm excited to be able to engage with students and hopefully impact them to be Christian artists engaging in the different areas of the arts for God's glory," Carl said.

Carl grew up in the "corn and bean fields in southwest Ohio." His parents encouraged his artistic talents, and his twin brother helped fuel the fire with friendly competition. Starting in the fifth grade, he was homeschooled using the BJU Press curriculum, so deciding on BJU was easy.

He graduated in 1997 with his bachelor's in graphic design. Carl then continued his education by getting his master's in studio art.

Carl started teaching basic drawing courses until he felt God's pull into missions. His family had taken multiple trips to Europe, and those trips had given him a love for Italy, but he wasn't at peace.

"I struggled understanding how God could use an artist on the mission field or in ministry in general," Carl said.

However, in 2002 he resigned and did a one-year internship in Venice. "It was just crystal clear that God wanted me there, and I just fell in love with the people, fell in love with the country, the culture, the language— everything!"

Carl and his wife, Sarah, moved to Italy in



Lewis Carl teaches three classes this semester. Photo: Kayla Pierce

2010. Carl spent almost five years there co-pastoring a Filipino church. However, God moved again last December when He called them back to the States.

Last spring Carl was an adjunct professor once again teaching basic drawing classes at BJU. "My life had made a big circle," he said. This summer he worked on multiple pieces for December's Living Gallery, and then took the position this fall as assistant professor of graphic design.

"[It's] a little weird to be back . . . to jump into the mission field and then jump out of it and come back where I started is incredible," Carl said.

This semester he is teaching Fashion Illustration, Illustration, and Foundations II. Carl is also a faculty adviser for The Collegian.

He and his wife, Sarah, recently celebrated the birth of their third child. Though they are unsure of what God has planned for their future, they are happy to be back in Greenville.

"If God continues to open up those doors, we'll walk through them, but for now we've planted ourselves here, and we're thrilled."

Summer ministry fair offers service opportunities for students

NOELANI DEBSKI
Staff Writer

The Summer Ministry Fair, consisting of more than 40 organizations from all over the country, will be held from Oct. 12 through Oct. 14 in the Davis Room, formerly the Family Room, located in the dining common.

According to Dr. Nathan Crockett of the Division of Ministries in the School of Religion, fall is the ideal time for camps to start recruiting summer help for the next year.

For those students who feel camp counseling isn't for them, there are other ministries at camps such as photographer, horse wrangler, handyman and kitchen staff. Kyle Frederick, a junior Bible major said he realized he didn't have to be a spiritual giant in order to counsel. "I was very much afraid of counseling at camp," Frederick said, "but God used me as I was."

Crockett stressed that by visiting the fair there is "absolutely no commitment at all."

Both Crockett and Mr. Jon Barbrow, executive as-

sistant to Dr. Sam Horn, said to pray about choosing from among all of the ministry options.

Even if it's not for you this coming summer, maybe it will be for the summer after that. After college, it isn't nearly as easy, but while here you have summers set aside and free time built in to your schedule so these ministries are a possibility.

Crockett said many students he speaks with either during or after summer say their work was thoroughly enjoyable.

Devon Forman, a junior Bible major said camp is stretching and tiring, but he doesn't regret his decision.

"In the end, getting to see God work both in others and yourself is well worth the time and energy spent," Forman said.

Finances are a major reason for not working at a camp, Barbrow said, but students almost never regret sacrificing the extra cash.

"Everything that you think you're going to have to give up, God always works to provide

that and more because God can do so much through so little," Barbrow said.

Speaking of his personal experience of working for a camp in Wisconsin after his freshman year, Crockett recalled the Lord stretching and growing him. "On paper there weren't tons of reasons why I should work at this camp," Crockett said. However, he

strongly felt the Lord's leading to go.

Visiting the fair does not obligate you to work, but keep your options open, Crockett said, and listen for God to speak. Students can stop by at specified times to visit the booths, learn more about the ministries, speak with the representatives and pick up information pamphlets.

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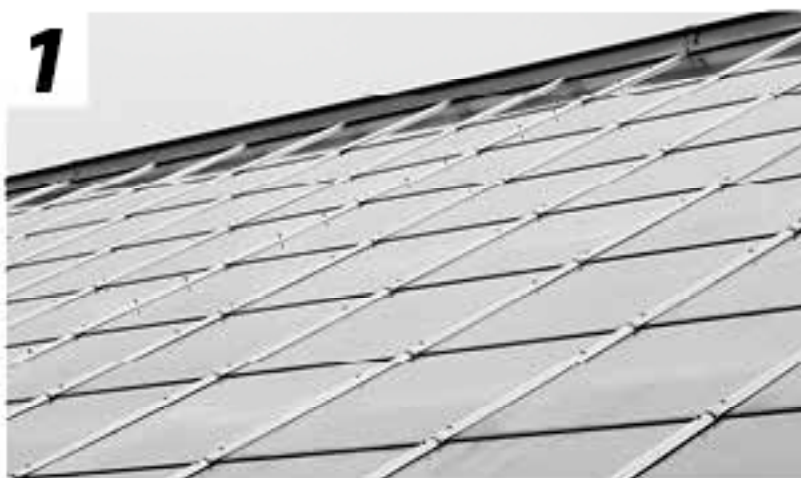
Who? Any students interested in summer ministry opportunities
Where? Stratton Hall
When? Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 9 p.m.
What? The goal is to allow a select few camp directors to really share their hearts with the students on the value of giving a summer to camp ministries. There will also be a Q&A time and a refreshment afterwards.



A student ministers to a camper at Camp Joy. Photo: Submitted

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Think you know the BJU campus? Test your knowledge with these close-up shots from around campus and see how many you can guess correctly. Email **editor@bju.edu** with your answers of what each photo depicts and its location **by Friday, Oct. 16**. The person who sends the most correct answers will **receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks!**

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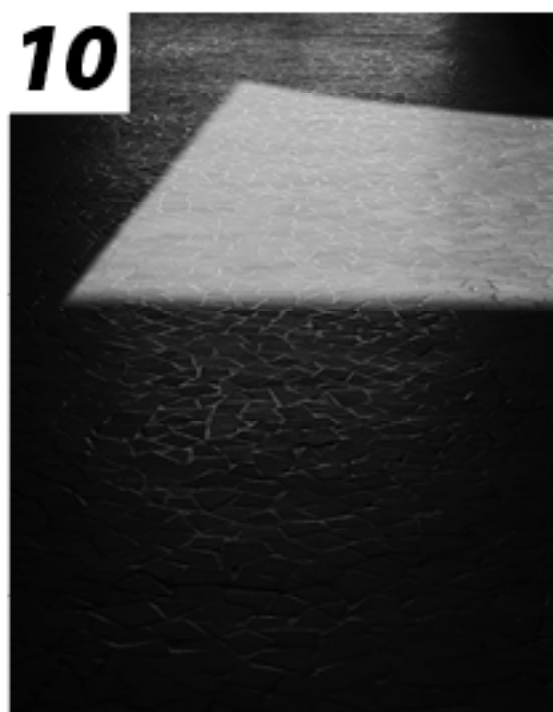
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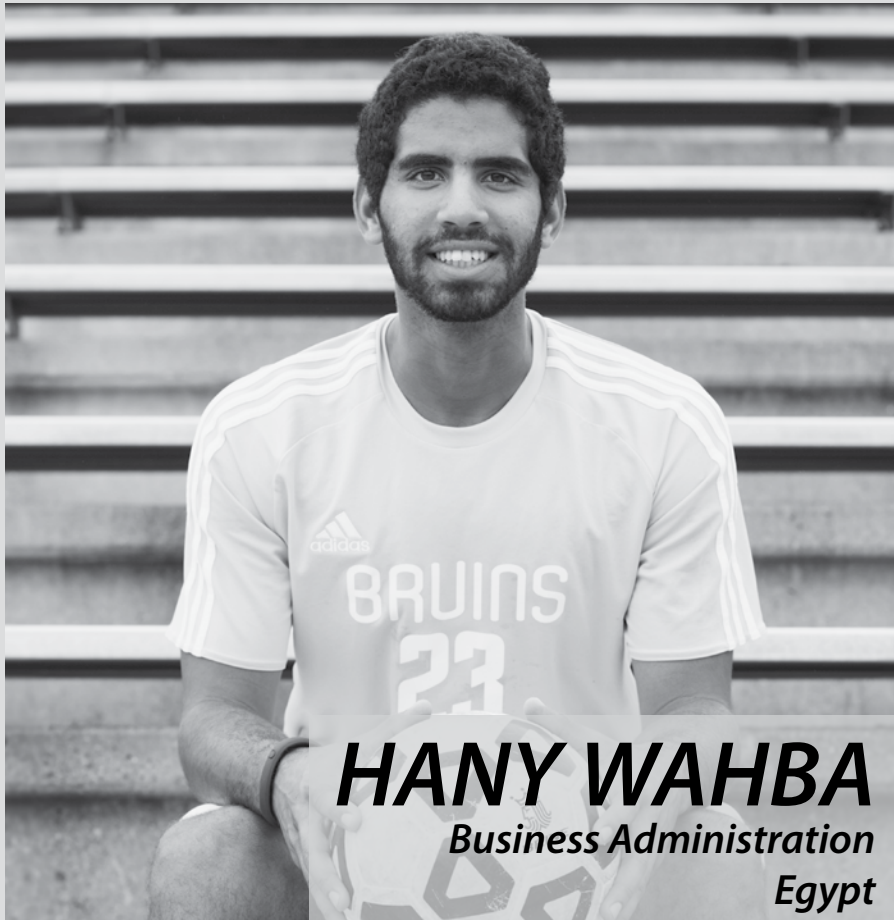


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How many years have you played soccer? 1

Soccer was always there. It is a part of Egyptian culture. My older brother used to take me to play soccer with people that were five years older than me.

What is a random fact about you? 2

My actual birthday is Sept. 14, but my dad wanted it to be the 18th, because that is his birthday as well. So he put on the birth certificate that I was born on the 18th, despite being born four days earlier.

What is your favorite thing about BJU? 3

The faculty. They have invested so much time in me academically, personally, and spiritually. Personally, they have helped a lot with my busy soccer schedule.

When were you saved? 4

I was saved when I was 15 at a camp in Egypt. Jesus' love and the crucifixion clicked for me on that day.

What do you enjoy most about the team? 5

Coach McCormick is personable and relatable. The team is like a brotherhood. Practice is intense, but it has stretched me in ways that I have never been stretched before.

BRUINS' SPOTLIGHT

Classics defeat the Cubs

JEREMIAH JONES
Staff Writer

The Pi Delta Chi Classics defeated the Beta Chi Omega Bear Cubs in Monday night's volleyball game at the Davis Field House. The win improved the Classics' record to 2-2 on the season.

The Bear Cubs started the set by serving with intensity. However, the Classics quickly took over the set with strong serves and excellent teamwork. Sophomore Kaeleigh Sparkman led the Classics with several powerful serves. The score stayed even early on, but the Bear Cubs' setter placed a perfect ball into the

back corner to take the lead. The Classics retaliated with several amazing spikes. The Classics' junior Kelly Ward also had several spikes that gave the Classics an advantage.

Despite a close set early on, the Classics began to pull away. Junior Morgan McCarty came to the line and served two aces to continue the Classics' domination. The first set ended with the Classic winning 25-8.

"I thought the overall morale of the game was fantastic, and our passing has definitely improved," McCarty said.

The Classics served first in the beginning of the second

set, but the Bear Cubs served an ace to counter. Freshman Libby Coats had two hard spikes in a row for the Classics as they began to pull away in the set.

The Bear Cubs' effort never waned, but they could not overcome the Classics. Ward, the Classics' athletic director, ended the set with a mighty spike to win it for the Classics 25-14.

"Our teamwork has definitely improved, and we have been talking a lot more," Ward said. "We've had a lot of fun as a whole, and our net play has been really strong this year; a lot of blocking, a lot of kills... it is really exciting."

Gold places third in tough tourney

BOBBY BISHOP
Sports Writer

Despite Micah Gold's third place finish, the Bruins' men's golf team came in eighth place overall at the Union College Bulldog Invitational Tournament in Pineville, Kentucky.

The Bruins traveled to The Wasioto Winds Golf Course to compete against St. Andrews University, Montreat College, Bryan College, Milligan College, Savannah College of Art and Design and Berea College in a two-day tournament.

"I knew going into the tournament that it would be a strong field," Coach Denny

Scott said of the competition. "While we had focused on putting our strongest team at regionals last week, our focus for this tournament was gaining individual competitive experience for some of our team members who had not played at regionals."

The team struggled early to adapt to the sloppy, narrow course. The final score for the first round was 319 (Gold - 73, Smith - 80, Blake Counts - 83, Kyle James - 83, Edward Robinson - 93). The Bruins finished with an 11-stroke improvement over the previous day with a total team score of 308 (Gold - 71, Tyler

Smith - 73, Counts - 81, James - 83, Robinson - 88). This was enough to earn an eighth place finish for the Bruins.

Micah Gold, the team captain, had a quality 144 two-day total (73, 71) and was named to the all-tournament team.

Reflecting on the tournament, Gold said, "I was coming off a good week at regionals, and I just took that momentum into this week and ran with it. Right now the Lord has been blessing all the hard work I put in over this summer and this season, and everything is starting to come together."



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Colts falter in 2-0 loss to Cardinals Tuesday

COLT SCHIEFER
Sports Editor

On Oct. 6, the Beta Epsilon Chi Cardinals prevailed over the Theta Sigma Chi Colts in dominating fashion, winning the first two sets to take home the victory. With the win, the Cardinals improved to a 3-2 record overall.

In the first set, both teams committed several errors and the score stayed close early on. With the game tied at 7, the Cardinals went on a streak, running the score up to 14-9 and forcing the Colts to call a timeout. The Cardinals controlled much of the play early on, and most of the Colts' points came off unforced Cardinals' miscues. The score ran up to 17-9 before a Colts' resurgence narrowed the gap to 18-14. However, the Cardinals soon pulled away, winning the first set 25-16.

The second set mirrored the first. The Cardinals jumped out to a quick 7-3 lead by controlling most of the play and setting each

other up well. The Cardinals' Lauren Peek strung together several strong serves, pushing the score up to 15-7, when the Colts called another timeout. The timeout proved effective for the Colts, as they captured the next point after a long volley. They used that momentum to jump back into the game as they narrowed the margin to 21-18. But the Cardinals quickly took charge and won the second set 25-20, winning the match 2-0.

Despite the loss, the Colts still have high standards for the rest of the season. Explaining the lopsided outcome of the match, Bethany Davis said, "It has been a long time since we last played, and we beat ourselves because of missed serves."

The Cardinals were excited about their performance. Sophomore Brooke Smith said, "We finally got our rotation down, and, with all of us knowing where we were supposed to be, it really helped with knowing where to be and at what time."



The Colts' Bethany Davis receives the ball. Photo: Kayla Pierce

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Saturday, October 24th

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Beginning today, the Culinary Arts Bistro will serve sit-down lunches at the Culinary Arts Building every Friday from 11:45 a.m. until 2 p.m. for seven weeks. The menu includes short-order foods such as soups, salads and sandwiches. The average price of each item is \$5.



PHOTOS: STEPHEN DYSSERT

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cational systems spend more time teaching the skills and strategies you need for career success than the qualities you need to radiate that sort of inner light,” Brooks writes.

Throughout the rest of the book, Brooks looks to historical examples to find people who have walked the road to character, who through struggle and hardship began to radiate that “inner light.” With examples such as Douglas MacArthur, George Eliot, and St. Augustine, Brooks uses a diverse list of examples, not to show perfect people, but

to show people who through struggle have made it further down the road of character than most.

Several things struck me while reading *The Road to Character*.

First was the book’s author. Brooks, 54, has had a winding spiritual journey. He is a professing observant Jew, but recently his writings have signaled a draw towards Christianity—several statements in the chapter on St. Augustine are hard to picture being written by an unbeliever. Whatever his true religious views, it was refresh-

ing to have a member of the media—especially someone from a paper not known for its conservatism—draw attention back to the importance of godly character.

As someone who is surrounded by Christian influences, I can forget that unsaved individuals are aware of the emptiness of their ways. The book was a good reminder that unbelievers are searching for truth. Brooks states that he wrote the book “to save his own soul.” The media needs more individuals who remind the public of what truly matters in life.

Second, I wish I could have had Brooks’ book back in 2012, my freshman year of college—unfortunately, the work wasn’t published until 2014. Nor would my freshman self have likely been mature enough to receive Brooks’ message.

However, the work might have greatly affected my mindset going in to college. Growing up in a Christian environment, I was accustomed to rules. My parents set guidelines for me, my school was regulated, and church taught me the do’s and don’ts. By the time I was ready to enter col-

lege, rules were old hat. I knew I would be placing myself under a number of guidelines when I enrolled at BJU, but how different could college be from my childhood?

To me, rules had become like guardrails on the side of the road—there for my benefit and safety, but I don’t really think about them while I’m driving.

But Brooks’ book awoke me to the fact of how grateful I should be that I live in an environment where I’m encouraged to progress down the road of character. In the book he describes how little

our culture values personal discipline. Yet the culture I live in every day teaches me just the opposite.

Now I’m not saying I’m going to pull out my dog-eared and highlighted Student Handbook every day and memorize my favorite rules. But now instead of being oblivious to, or even burdened by the rules, I’ve tried to build more of an appreciation for them.

After all, shouldn’t I be grateful for a University that wants me to have both an impressive resume and an impressive eulogy?

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in Prudenville, Michigan.

“Honestly, my heart for the class this year is that they would catch a vision for the Gospel and how it is needed around the world and in our backyard,” Hollis said.

There is an abundance of ministry opportunities in the Greenville area in which the ministry students can participate.

“If you want to join a large church and learn from spiritual giants like music minister Ron Hamilton, pastors Mark Minnick or John Monroe, you can do that. If you want to get plugged in with a jail ministry with a handful of needy teens, you can do that, and everything in between,” Hollis said.

Also, BJU offers its students a strong core in liberal arts. “Paul strove to be all things to all men,” Hollis said.

In addition to the valuable Bible and ministry classes, the

ministry students are educated in a wide range of subjects that will help them connect with various people from all different walks of life.

The ministry class at BJU

provides its students with a unique educational experience that will strengthen their walk with God and better equip them to serve Him through various ministries.

“If we could do nothing else than to let these guys see the need for and power of the

gospel, I think we will have been successful,” Hollis said.

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