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## It's A Wonderful Life returns for third run

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Staff Writer

Returning to the stage for the third year is the Christmas production, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Drama*. In addition to being a third performance with director Anne Nolan's original cast on Dec. 11 and 12, this play is also the first to appear in all three of BJU's theater venues—Performance Hall, Stratton Hall, and this year in Rodeheaver Auditorium.

When attendees enter the auditorium, they will be immediately transported to a Hollywood radio station in the 1940s and welcomed by the station's host. The attendees will soon feel like they are a part of a live studio audience, humming the station's easily memorable jingle. A couple of surprises during the pre-show and intermission also await the audience.

"It's a radio play," Nolan said. "It's not going to be your typical play where there's a set and characters who stay that character throughout."

Each character plays a famous movie actor (real and fictional) portraying the characters  
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*It's A Wonderful Life* is the only production that has appeared in Performance Hall, Stratton Hall and Rodeheaver Auditorium. Photo: Photo Services

## 'Tis the season for making memories

MELODY WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Many people believe the myth that money buys happiness, especially during the holiday season. But the greatest gifts of Christmas aren't the ones found under the tree.

The memories made with friends and family will live long after the Christmas tree has been packed up and the lights have been taken off the house. Memory-making grants all the fun of Christmas without starving the piggy bank.

A great start to the low-cost Christmas fun and memories is decorating the Christmas tree with family. Afterwards, try playing a game of charades or Monopoly as an alternative to expensive activities.

Anna McKee, a sophomore biology major, and her family start the holiday fun right away. "We always get our Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving. We decorate our house and put up stockings for the kids," McKee said.

The McKees spend Christmas Day with their grandparents, making a big breakfast and reading the Christmas story. "Then we open presents and have a treasure hunt

for the last present," McKee said. They spend the rest of the day eating, talking and playing games with the family.

Charlotte Brown, a senior apparel, textiles and design major from New Hampshire, also enjoys Christmas traditions with her family. They buy their tree from a neighbor for only \$10. Brown and her family cut their own tree, drag it back to their house and decorate it.

Another way to save money over Christmas break is staying home and making gifts while making memories during the process.

"The week before Christmas, Mom and I bake lots of cookies and fudge. We put it in little boxes and take it to all the neighbors on our hill," Brown said.

Each year the Browns tack a felt Christmas tree advent calendar to the wall. "Every night leading up to Christmas we do a devotional together, and we get to put up a felt picture that pertains to the devotion," Brown said. This fun countdown to Christmas Day is also a great reminder of Jesus' birth long ago.

One low-cost way to make



Students demonstrate an inexpensive way to have fun and make memories: Dutch Blitz. Photo: Kayla Pierce

memories with loved ones requires only a vehicle and a tank of gas. Driving around the neighborhood or town, looking at the inflatable reindeer sleighs and plastic manger scenes, is a free way to get in the Christmas spirit.

There's nothing like being crammed in a minivan full of over-excited children admiring the lights to kick off the memory-making fun.

Bethany Pritchard, a sophomore graphic design major from South Carolina, enjoys the holiday lights with her family and Sunday school class. "Our family always takes our Sunday school class to go see the 'Laurens Lights,' and then we ride around town to look at different house lights," Pritchard said.

Staying inside and drinking mom's famous hot cocoa

while watching the Christmas classics is also tons of fun. Why pay to go see a movie when all the best Christmas movies are available on television? *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* are two of the many classics free to enjoy every Christmas season.

"We always watch certain old Christmas movies, make apple pie and ice cream and

decorate the tree the day after Thanksgiving," Pritchard said.

When planning low-cost Christmas activities, don't stray too far from home. Nothing could be more fun (and piggy bank-friendly) than enjoying the holidays with those beloved human beings we like to call family.

After all, home is where the heart is, and home is where the best memories are made.



## COLUMN



BRIDGET NEE

Copy Editor

I had the chance to spend Thanksgiving break with my best friend's family for the third time.

Since I live too far away to make traveling home practical, they've opened their home and included me in their family traditions since my sophomore year.

Even as I was taking full advantage of the delicious cooking, Netflix and just general feeling of home, I couldn't help realizing the coming change ahead.

That was the last time I would celebrate the holiday with my "second family." And while I'm incredibly happy to spend it with my own family again, the idea of the coming change still made me sad.

Awhile ago, someone asked me if I wanted my life to be the same 10 years from now as it is today.

It wasn't hard to come up with an answer.

Even though I enjoy my life very much right now, I don't exactly want to be living in the res halls when I'm 32, completely consumed with studying and never cooking my own food.

So if that's the case, why is dealing with change so awful?

Let's face it, the majority of us will never be placed in a

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## -It's That Time of Year-



COMIC: MANNY JUAH

*The Collegian Editorial*

## Surrendering to fear leads to giving up critical thinking

*The Daily News* has caused quite a stir since the San Bernardino shooting, slamming Republican politicians for praying for the victims with a front page that screamed "GOD ISN'T FIXING THIS."

The issue attacked politicians who refuse to enact stricter gun-control laws, calling them cowards.

(A few days later, it published another edition—complete with kittens and puppies—satirically declaring, "For those of you who have been offended...everything is awesome.")

In a rare prime time address straight from the Oval Office Sunday night, President Obama reassured Americans shaken by the shooting.

He urged the nation not to give in to fear. We at *The Collegian* support this statement.

But what is not giving in to fear? What exactly is being asked of us as citizens?

It is all too easy in the face of the unknown to blindly

trust a leader and give up personal control and critical thinking. It's easier for us to accept than to stand out from the crowd.

It is also all too easy to hide or amend our beliefs in the face of popular opinion and headlines that question our faith.

Both of these responses are giving in to fear. Succumbing to the peer pressure of popular political opinion is no better than giving in to the fear produced by terrorists.

As Christians, we know prayer is, in fact, one of the best things we can do in a situation such as the San Bernardino shootings.

Appealing to the Creator for help, wisdom and comfort is in no way useless.

Miracles have happened as a result of prayer, and God waits to hear from His people.

Giving in to fear also comes in the form of giving up long-term rights in exchange for short-term protection. We

need to think of the long-term ramification of our actions.

*The Collegian* encourages the student body to think critically and biblically before adopting a new idea or changing your mindset.

Don't allow fear, either of the unknown, of terrorists or just of people's opinions, to alter your core beliefs.

*The Daily News* was correct

in its evaluation that everything is not "awesome."

But the answer is not to turn our backs on God and attempt to fix everything in our own power.

The answer is to ask Him for His strength as we minister to the hurting.

Remember, God hasn't let go of His Creation. That's one thing we never have to fear.

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## TALKBACK

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT CHRISTMAS BREAK?

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THOMAS  
WETMORE  
"going home"junior  
ALEX  
BARNHART  
"Germany and Paris"junior  
SAVANNAH  
FROST  
"doing stuff in the snow"senior  
ASHLEY  
LANE  
"moving into new apt."junior  
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RAILING  
"seeing my family"

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"My mom is an elementary school teacher, and I graduated from a really small Christian school. I had the opportunity to work with all the different age groups. I learned that there's a lot of stuff that I can learn from them, and I enjoy teaching them.

I think it's important to walk into a classroom and realize that each of these kids knows a little bit more about something in life than I do. I need to take into account their experiences and how they look at life and incorporate that into teaching. I believe that the best way to learn is to relate it to your past experiences."

## SNAPSHOT

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PHOTO: HOLLY DILLER

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movie-like, life-or-death situation. We won't have an arch nemesis to defeat, won't be the world's only hope of survival and won't topple an evil galactic empire.

We don't really have to fear epic battles that will forever change our future.

Instead we battle change on a much smaller scale.

As freshmen, a good number of us fear having to move

out of our childhood homes. (Ironically, as seniors, we usually fear having to move back.)

We fear the change that comes with losing close relationships or failing at something important.

Honestly, sometimes we even fear a change in chapel buddies.

Heidi Grant Halvorson, Ph.D., a social psychologist and author of several books, explained that we fear change

because we subconsciously assume longevity automatically equals goodness.

"[People] genuinely believe (often on an unconscious level) that when you've been doing something a particular way for some time, it *must* be a good way to do things," Halvorson wrote. "And the *longer* you've been doing it that way, the better it is."

In November 2010 the *Journal of Experimental Social*

*Psychology* released a study exploring the effect age had on people's perception of value.

The results revealed that in everything from ancient acupuncture to art to "gustatory evaluations" (they did a chocolate taste-test,) people consistently rated something as better when they believed it to be older.

But just because something is familiar and comfortable doesn't make it better.

If we had stayed in the comfortable routines of high school, we never would have had our horizons broadened.

If all of our friends stayed the same, we never would have grown into the people we are now.

But sometimes we aren't able to see the good in the change.

Think of Joseph. He definitely went through a major change for reasons that were

not apparent at the time. But God in His sovereign wisdom used it for good.

In cases like those, trusting God is key to having peace and keeping our attitudes right. It helps to remember you're not facing it alone.

So no matter the change, always keep that 10-year perspective in mind.

I'm pretty sure no one else wants you still hanging around here 10 years from now either.



# Merry Christmas

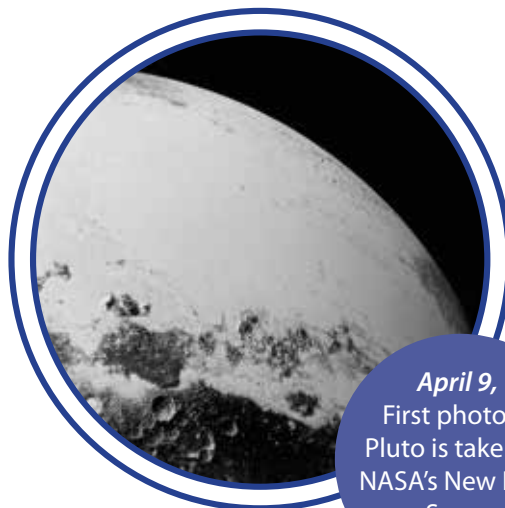
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# Year in Review 2015



**Jan. 18,**  
Deflategate  
kicks off with the New  
England Patriots being ac-  
cused of tampering with foot-  
balls used in AFC Championship  
game, leading to suspension  
and later reinstatement of the  
Patriots' quarterback, Tom  
Brady.



**April 9,**  
First photo of  
Pluto is taken by  
NASA's New Hori-  
zons Spacecraft.



**May 10,**  
BJU Univer-  
sity Singers perform  
at Carnegie H.



**Oct. 8,**  
Floods due to  
heavy storms from  
hurricane Joaquin devas-  
tate parts of South Carolina,  
causing more than \$1 billion  
in damage and at least 19  
deaths, putting South  
Carolina in a state of  
emergency.



**Oct. 19,**  
*Star Wars*  
*Episode VII: The Force*  
*Awakens* makes over \$50  
million in pre-ticket sales,  
shattering the previous record  
holder, *The Hunger Games*,  
which made roughly \$1  
million in pre-ticket  
sales.



**Oct. 21,**  
BJU hosts its  
annual Homecom-  
ing class reunions,  
Bruin Nation 50  
Wish fundraiser  
for the intercol-  
legiate games.

## Be SMART: how to make and keep New Year's resolutions

ANDREW BUDGICK  
Web Editor

Once the over-indulgence of the holidays comes to an end and the calendar opens to a fresh year, it's time for the age-old tradition of New Year's resolutions.

Whether it's more-books-less-Netflix, more-gym-less-Ben & Jerry's or more-money-less Starbucks, everyone has some area of life that needs adding to or subtracting from. But how?

What needs to happen by next Dec. 31 so you can actually set a new New Year's resolution instead of setting the same one you've been making for years?

### Change the name.

It's hard for us to imagine doing anything for an entire year. Looking at such a huge time frame can be intimidating and overwhelming.

It's like when professors hand out syllabi at the beginning of the semester: completing all the homework and projects seems impossible.

But you don't do all those tasks at once. You spread them out and little by little get them done in sections.

Maybe instead of New "Year's" resolution, it would be better to set a New "Month's" or even New "Week's" resolution. God commands us to trust Him one day at a time. He'll sustain us day to day, if we're willing to trust Him.

### Don't get cynical.

The words "New Year's resolution" have become synonymous with words like "failure," "unrealistic" and "never-going-to-happen."

But if you start out mentally with one foot in and one foot out the door, then you're doomed from the start.

It's true that many resolution makers will not keep their resolutions. But as John Norcross, a psychologist at the University of Scranton, said in a New York Times article, making a resolution is half the battle.

"You are 10 times more likely to change by making a New Year's resolution compared to non-resolvers with the identical goals and comparable motivation to change," Norcross said.

So don't let the cynic inside of you get you down. Sure, you might fail, but at least you've recognized you need to change and are taking steps to change.

But here's how to change those good intentions into real results.

### Be specific.

"I'm going to watch less TV," or "I'm going to go running more often," are good starts, but they're not specific enough goals.

Making goals as concrete as possible will make it more imaginable and therefore, more doable. Also, don't focus just on the negative thing you're cutting out.

By eating less junk food for instance, you're adding feeling healthier, losing weight and having more energy.

### Don't let a few failures end your goal.

It's the New Year's resolution cliché of starting off strong, missing a day here and there and then quitting altogether.

According to a British study in 2009, it takes 66 days of doing an activity to make it a habit. Other research says that number could be closer to 22 days—it really varies from person to person.

Either way, once something is a habit, it will be much less of a burden because it's just a part of what you do. But you'll never make something a habit if you give up after a few failures.

Also, for Christians it's important to remember that sheer will power won't be enough. Depending on the strength of the Spirit will save a lot of futile effort and frustration.

### Let technology lend a hand.

There's a whole host of apps out there that can help you see your new goal all the way through to the end.

An interesting one is StickK.com. StickK uses "commitment contracts" to help users keep their resolutions.

You set up a goal and have a friend act as the "referee" to make sure you're sticking to the goal, and if you don't complete the goal, there

are various penalties for failure.

For financial goals Mint.com is a great app that lets you easily see where your money is going, and it also allows you to set budgets to keep spending under control.

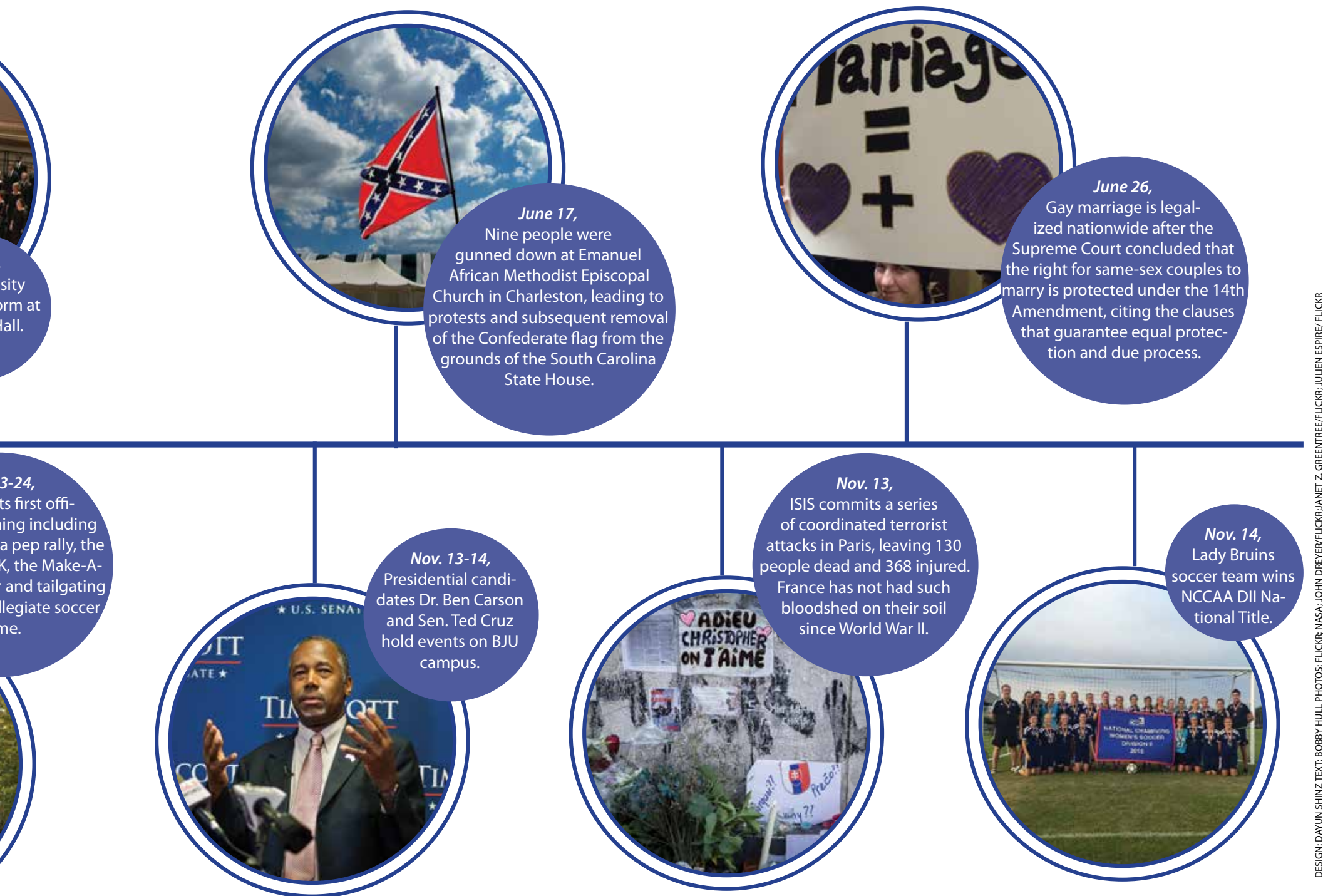
For individuals looking to be more consistent with devotions, the YouVersion Bible app also allows users to get daily push notifications with Bible verses.

For fitness goals there's the obvious choice of apps like FitBit and JawBone that let you record and monitor your daily activity—a great way to see progress and get encouragement.

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# Christmas plans are as diverse as students

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At the end of the fall semester, most students are looking forward to a nice, relaxing Christmas break. For many, this means going home and spending time with family. Some students have relatively short road trips ahead of them. Vikki Rollings, a freshman elementary education major, will be returning to her home in Sumter, South Carolina. For the first week of vacation, Rollings will be bringing university friends for a brief visit home. Then the celebration will begin in earnest with cinnamon rolls for Christmas breakfast and reading the Christmas story. The fun will continue even after the presents have been exchanged and opened. "We usually end up throw-

ing trash at each other," Rollings said, referring to the used gift wrap. Many students will be leaving the state, however. To the South, freshman creative writing major Lauren Heilman will return to her home in Alabama. According to Heilman, Christmas wouldn't be complete without a traditional trip to Fantasy and Lights at Callaway Gardens, the home of the Azalea Bowl. There, Heilman will enjoy light displays and other Christmas-themed activities with her family. To the North, Jess Howe, a sophomore criminal justice major, will be relaxing in New Jersey where she and her family spend quality time with her mother's relatives. "We have a family party that we do Christmas Eve," Howe said. On top of spending time with family, Howe said her

family also tries to make an annual trip to Philadelphia to enjoy the holiday decorations and other activities together. Other students will be going to the Midwest. Bethany Fichter, a sophomore Christian ministries major, enjoys spending her Christmas in Michigan with her extended family. According to Fichter, music plays an important role in her family's Christmas celebration, which includes a nursing home ministry with a Christmas carol sing. Stephen Field, a second-year cross-cultural studies graduate student, will also be returning to Michigan to enjoy his family's unique set of holiday traditions. The Field family will enjoy Chinese for dinner on Christmas Eve in honor of his grandparents who started the tradition and fondue on Christmas day. His family even has a different twist on

opening presents. "We do the Christmas pickle ornament," Field said. With the Christmas pickle, Field's mother will hide a pickle ornament on the Christmas tree, and the person who finds the ornament first will open the first gift. However, not every student will be able to return home for the holidays. For instance, Kimberly Cornelius, a sophomore

Christian ministries major and daughter of missionaries currently living in Dominica, will be making the 24-hour drive to Texas this December to spend time with her brother and sister-in-law and her nephew. Amid the celebrations and enjoying time with family, Cornelius hopes to enjoy a warm Christmas in a more unique way. "We're going to try and

ride horses on the open range," Cornelius said. Instead of returning to Australia where his parents are missionaries, Paul Kwok will be spending his Christmas break in Colorado. While in Colorado, Kwok will be visiting with his aunt and uncle while enjoying his first winter in several years. "I really want to see the snow. It's been ages since I've seen the snow," Kwok said.

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# Alternatives to traditional foods offer new options

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The holiday season is one of the best times of the year for festive foods.

However, those with special diets may not be able to enjoy many of the traditional recipes because of the ingredients they contain.

But this does not mean they are left out from delicious dishes; modified recipes for long-time family favorites and new, nontraditional dishes can make holiday meals excellent and easy for special diets.

## Gluten-free

Avoiding gluten may seem difficult in a season brimming with stuffing, pies, Christmas cookies and other holiday must-haves.

However, it is possible to leave gluten out of favorite dishes without leaving out any flavor.

Because gluten-free prod-

ucts are widely available, leaving the gluten out of homemade recipes requires substituting gluten-free ingredients for their wheat-containing equivalents.

Baking a pie can be as easy as using gluten-free flour and other gluten-free ingredients.

To include a starch in a meal, some staples for gluten-free eating include potatoes, rice, squash and quinoa.

Corn products can also prove helpful—but as always, it is important to check ingredient lists.

## Vegetarian/Vegan

For those following vegetarian or vegan diets, recipes tend to be very creative. Many well-known meals can be made easily with vegetables or meat substitutes, such as Tofurkey, Quorn or Gardein products.

A normal turkey can be replaced by a meatless Tofurkey roast, complete with stuffing,

or a homemade pistachio and cranberry nut roast.

Even recipes like Turducken—a chicken inside of a duck inside of a turkey—have clever meatless counterparts. The “Vegducken” has the same structure, yet is composed of butternut squash, eggplant and zucchini.

Cauliflower can be a deceptively similar substitute for chicken in a traditional orange chicken recipe.

Vegans can also enjoy meals and baked goods that use dairy-free substitutes.

Milk can be replaced with a number of alternatives produced from soy, rice, potato, oat and almond, among others.

Butter can be substituted by using dairy-free margarine.

Substitutes for cheese, yogurt, sour cream and cream cheese are also available, such as in soy-based products.

## Diabetic

Diabetics may face a special challenge during the holidays as they are surrounded with high-sugar food. Yet this does not mean they should be left out from enjoying holiday meals with friends and family.

Meals can be planned to keep healthy balances using fruits and vegetables, whole grains, non-fat dairy products, lean meats and fish.

A variety of desserts are also available that are perfectly proportioned and contain low amounts of sugar to make them diabetes-friendly.

Sugar-free sweeteners also play an important role in keeping desserts both sweet and healthy in nature.

From orange baked ham to butternut squash soup, and from gingerbread cookies to fruit cake, diabetic-friendly holiday meals and desserts can be both healthy and delicious.



Fresh fruits are healthy alternatives to sugary holiday treats. Photo: Kayla Pierce

# Lady Bruins bounce back with win over Wildcats

BOBBY BISHOP  
Sports Writer

The Lady Bruins bounced back from a two-game losing streak with a big win on Tuesday night against Johnson and Wales University, defeating the Wildcats 76-52.

In the first quarter, senior Maggi Ford started the game quickly with back-to-back buckets,

and the Lady Bruins moved the ball well and found open shots. On the defensive end, they forced the Wildcats to take difficult shots. At the end of the first quarter, Bruins freshman Sarah Thomsen hit a three to give BJU a 17-11 advantage.

In the second quarter, the Lady Bruins held strong defensively. They forced several turnovers and allowed the Lady Wildcats to score

only nine points. By halftime, the Lady Bruins had pushed their lead up to 41-20.

“The most encouraging thing was that we knew we really hadn’t clicked offensively yet, but we still had the lead [going into halftime],” Coach LeViere said. “We hadn’t played our best basketball, and so we knew we could play better. Our defense led to our offense and helped us build the lead.”

In the second half, the Wildcats tried to fight their way back into the game, but the Bruins’ suffocating defense prevented the Wildcats from making a serious run. Sha’Ron Brunson hit three shots from behind the arc in the second half, building the Bruins’ lead to 56-36 by the end of the third quarter.

The Bruins’ defense held fast throughout

the fourth quarter, and BJU came away with a hard-fought 76-52 win.

“This win was really important for our team,” Ford said. “We met a lot as a group and then with coach coming into this game because we’d be frustrated in knowing we could play so much better. Tonight, I feel, will catapult us going forward to continue to play better.”

Ford led the Bruins with 20 points, Bhrianna Jackson had 13, Kendra Jeffcott scored 11 and Hannah Tompkins contributed 10.

The Lady Bruins also out-rebounded the Wildcats, and their defense forced a total of 24 turnovers for the night.

Next, the Lady Bruins will take on Mid-Atlantic Christian University Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Davis Field House.



Brianna Delaney puts up a shot for the Bruins. Photo: Holly Diller

## CHRISTMAS AT BJU



The University welcomed the Christmas season with *Living Gallery*, the Lighting Ceremony and the IQ Radio broadcast.



## Rams defeat Razorbacks in thrilling 40-39 win

JEREMIAH JONES  
Sports Writer

The Phi Kappa Pi Rams defeated the Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks in a flag football game Saturday morning. The Rams took away a 40-39 win to improve their record to 1-1 on the season.

The first half began as the Rams kicked off to the receiving Razorbacks. The chilly weather proved to be a factor in play as both teams dropped several passes. Alpha's quarterback Aaron West released several strong throws, mobbing the Razorbacks quickly up the field.

West threw a strong pass to sophomore Ryan Mumey who ran into the end zone, but the Rams kept the Razorbacks' lead to 6-0, as Alpha could not convert the extra point. Garrett Coker led the Rams' defense and sacked West twice in a row, while Rams' quarter-

back Micah Gold ran the ball in to the end zone, giving the Rams a 7-6 lead.

West responded with a beautiful long throw to the end zone for a touchdown, putting Alpha up 12-7. But Gold and the Rams struck again, giving them a 13-12 lead at halftime.

The second half was just as close as the first, as the Rams' senior Ryan Anderson ran the ball in for a touchdown. The Razorbacks retaliated once again, however, as West handed the ball off to junior Andrew Netz, who sprinted to the end zone to put the Razorbacks up 20-19.

Alpha's defense had no answer for Anderson, though, and he ran another ball to the end zone for another touchdown, giving the Rams a 27-20 lead.

On the next possession, Alpha tied the game up at 27-

27, as West threw a nice pass to Colin Rygh who found the end zone. Alpha struck again, as West found Netz in the end zone to put Alpha up 33-27.

The Rams had to score quickly to stay in the game, and Thian Thang added a run to the end zone, tying the game at 33-33. But Alpha's Dakota Price fought back with an aggressive run for a final Alpha touchdown.

On the final possession, Gold threw a perfect ball to Thang, who scored to tie the game at 39-39, pending an extra point. The Rams picked up the extra point easily, giving them the 40-39 victory.

"For not many practices, I think the guys played very well," Rams' coach Benjamin Arcalas said. "The defense was good in the action point situation. The extra points really kept us in the game."



Alpha quarterback Aaron West protects the ball from Rams' defender Garrett Coker. Photo: Kayla Pierce

## Bruins fall to Wildcats in fifth straight loss

JEREMIAH JONES  
Sports Writer

The Bob Jones University Bruins fell to the Johnson and Wales University Wildcats on Tuesday night at the Davis Field House. The Bruins' 71-68 loss dropped their record to 6-5 on the season.

The Bruins started strong in the first half as Tre' Tipton won the tip off. The Bruins' defense was fantastic in the early minutes of the game, but the Wildcats' Ricky Porter countered by hitting six out of seven field goal attempts while going 2-2 on free throws.

For the Bruins, Kyle Turner went 6-7 from the charity stripe in the first half. Tipton had five ferocious blocks in the first half to keep the Bruins in the game.

With just a few minutes left in the half, Porter threw down a huge dunk to give the Wildcats the lead.

At the half, the Wildcats led 34-32. Turner led the Bruins with 12 total points, while Tipton recorded six rebounds.

The second half was a fight for the Bruins as they looked to overtake the Wildcats. BJU

came out moving the ball well as Marshall Riddle slid the ball to Turner for an easy layup. With 10 minutes to go, Justin Matthews threw down a monster dunk that gave the Bruins momentum to get back into the game.

The Bruins' frantic efforts to get back into the game fell just short. With .9 of a second left, Dustin Killough nailed a last-gasp three-pointer for the Bruins, closing the gap to three, but the Wildcats held on to win 71-68.

"They just did a better job of getting to their spots," head coach Neal Ring said. "I thought we did a good job, and we shot 35 free throws. We were getting to the rim. It wasn't like we were standing on the outside shooting."

Ricky Porter had a huge game for the Wildcats, putting up 35 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

For the Bruins, Kyle Turner had an impressive 19 total points, and Tre Tipton pulled down 11 rebounds. As a whole, the Bruins shot 38.5 percent on field goals, and 68.6 percent in free throws.

The Bruins will next face Piedmont International University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on Friday, Dec. 11.



Kyle Turner jumps to make a shot over the Wildcats' defense. Photo: Holly Diller

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## NEWS

## Welcome Center informs, assists on campus

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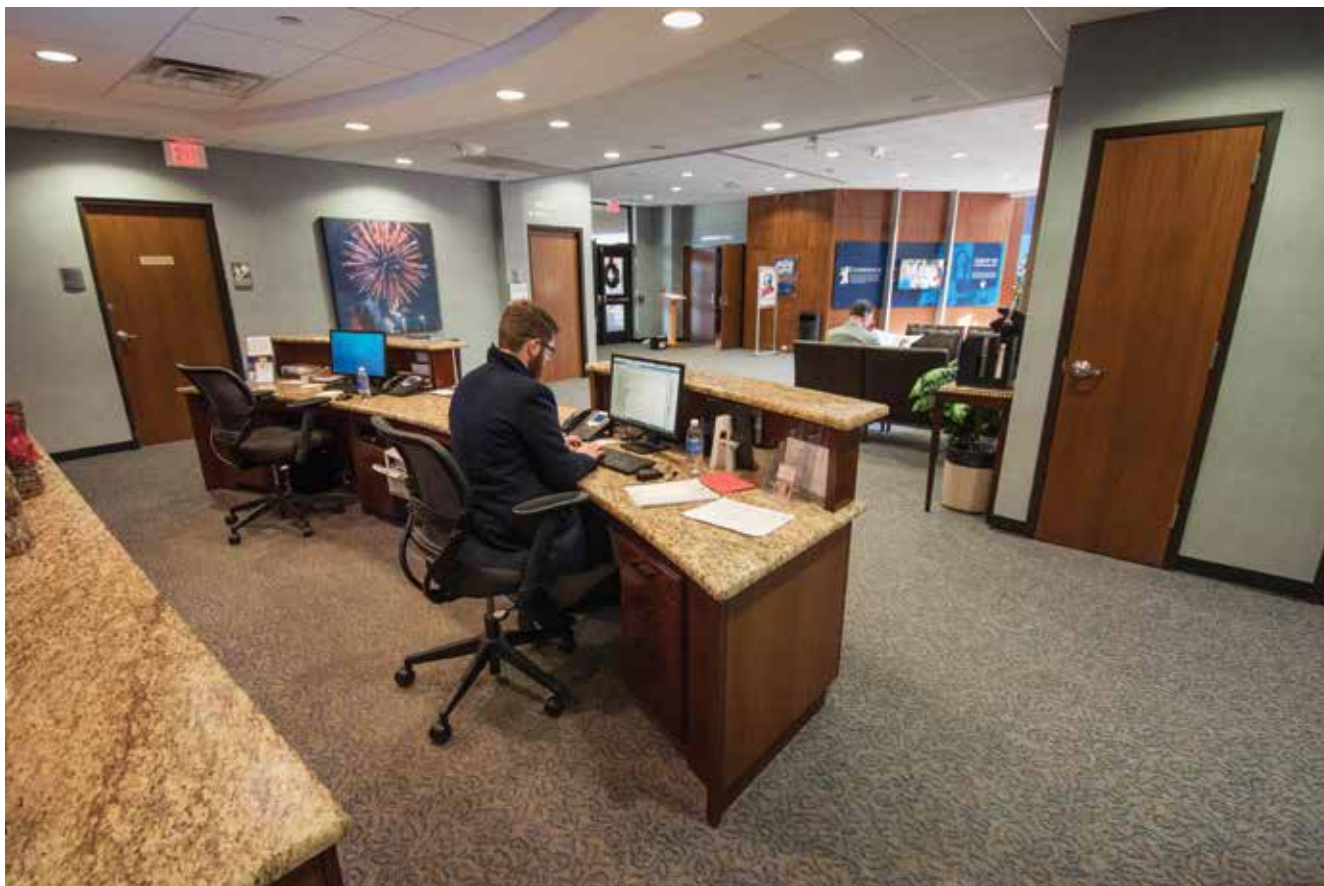
The Welcome Center: you may know it as the place to receive your new Bruin Nation SK T-shirt or the place responsible for giving tours around campus, but the Welcome Center is more.

Located on the first floor of the Student Center, the Welcome Center is not just a desk, but also an area dedicated to serving people.

The forerunner to the Welcome Center, the “Information Desk,” was located in the Administration Building, but in the fall of 2010, the Welcome Center opened in its current location, carrying many of the same responsibilities and adding some new ones.

Student ambassadors are university students who work for the Welcome Center. Their job includes leading tours, arranging reservations for guests in Campus View Apartments, answering phone calls, ushering for chapel and fine arts events, arranging prospective student meetings with faculty/staff and with admission counselors, and much more.

“We work closely with Admission to best promote our programs to those visiting the campus,” said Clay Bryant, a senior communication major.



Clay Bryant works as a student ambassador at the Welcome Center. Photo: Stephen Dysert

#### Inform prospective students

“We are here to serve prospective students,” said Mr. David Orr, the Welcome Center manager. The tours student ambassadors give highlight what BJU is really about. They are personalized for each audience, complete with personal stories of how certain classes and professors have influenced each ambassador individually while at college.

Though these prospective

students can visit at any time, they also can attend College Up Close, Preview Days, High School Festival, AACCS and more.

Welcome Center staff have already started planning the College Up Close recruitment event happening in February after Bible Conference.

They think through every aspect of what will best serve the students (both current and prospective).

According to current stu-

dent ambassadors Clay Bryant and Kayla Bullock, the ambassadors play a key role in all of these events.

They help out by greeting guests, staging activities, assisting guests in choosing classes to visit and making sure that all the guests end up back on the BJU motor coach the following Saturday morning.

#### Assist current students

Though a majority of their work is for prospective students, they are really a service

for everyone. The Welcome Center aims to assist current students, faculty and staff. They are a center of answers for any questions you may have whether it’s how to get to the pavilions or where the bathroom is located.

According to Orr, even if the staff does not have an immediate answer to a difficult question, they know where to find the info or to connect them with someone who can best help the situation.

“[We are] here to help people,” Orr said.

#### Greet visitors

The Welcome Center is many times the first point of contact for guests of Bob Jones University and the first door they walk through. It is also a center of hospitality and service for guests coming to see *Living Gallery*, to visit the M&G or just to experience what campus is like and see the sights.

Student ambassadors have had the chance to share the Gospel with some visitors and tell how God is using BJU in the world through graduate testimonies. This makes the Welcome Center not just an office of campus, but an outlet for ministry opportunity.

“We try not to connect with a guest just to ‘sell the University,’” said Bryant. “That’s not our job. We connect with them because they’re a fellow image-bearer. We want them to see how Christ is working here at BJU, and we’d love for them to want to be a part of that.”

“[Our] main goal is to connect guests with the people of BJU, the place of BJU, and the programs of BJU,” Orr said. “Hopefully [we can] leave them feeling that we are a University dedicated to service and hospitality.”

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from the *It’s a Wonderful Life* story.

Sterling Street impersonates Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey; Rebecca Gossage plays Mary Bailey as well as crowd voices. Ben Nicholas plays Clarence as well as 12 other characters, and Peter Anglea plays more than 14 characters.

“We basically have the setting of a radio studio—a carpet on the floor, a couch and some chairs for the actors to sit in when they’re not at the [microphones],” Gossage said. “We have four or five microphone stands set up and two big tables set up with the props.”

Unlike traditional radio shows with a Foley artist (who makes the sound effects at the prop table), the actors make their own sound effects. Anything from shoes on a plank of wood or foil on a comb for a siren, to a mini door with a bell, or cricket and car noises will be created live.

Because of the live aspect of this show, rehearsals and performances are never 100 percent the same.

Colton Beach, music coordinator and accompanist for the second time, said the music is emotionally based, reflecting the actors’ interpretation of the script.

“I get to basically play whatever I want. There’s no music written up; I have a script that I’m basically reading off of, but I’ll just write sad music [or] edgy music in the corner if there needs to be a cue or underscoring,” Beach said.

Gossage said music is a prominent feature of this production, accompanying the radio show theme, but it is not a musical. George and Mary still sing “Buffalo Gals,” but most of the singing is commercial jingles in between scenes.

Anne Nolan, director of the play and professor in the theatre arts department, said the play was originally a student play directed by Hope Ingram in 2012.

Department head Ron Pyle’s desire to expose high school students to the theatre arts major during High School Festival made the second production possible.

Since the cast was still in Greenville, a few refresher rehearsals and a new accompanist made the play performance ready.

The cast takes Rodeheaver’s stage, performing *It’s a Wonderful Life* for the third time on BJU’s campus. This cast, composed of GA’s and staff members, is relatively small compared to most productions.

“It would be really easy to come in here and say, ‘Oh, it’s a big stage let’s make it a big spectacle,’ and there’d be lots of big fancy trees and decorations and the story [would] get lost,” Nicholas said.

Even though *It’s a Wonderful Life* is obviously not a biblical story, multiple applications can be drawn from it that are compatible with Scripture.

Nolan and the cast focus on conveying them more than any humor device—the truth within the story matters most.

“It’s the story of redemption; there are so many biblical truths of being lost and given a second chance—grace and love and trusting in what you need to when you get in those low points,” Nicholas said.

Gossage and Street said that people might be like George who don’t travel or build big things, but they impact each other in the daily,

simple acts of life.

Despite past or current circumstances, people should consider who has been impacted because of their circumstances. Big or small, everyone impacts somebody.

“The message of this whole story is is that man is thankful for this wonderful life that he has,” Nolan said. “The universality of this play is making us step back and think, ‘Life isn’t that bad after all.’”

Nolan reflected on her life and those around her, concluding that trials vary from person to person: from the freshman struggling to adjust to college life, to the senior who doesn’t know where to go after graduation, or the 40-year-old lady in church who recently lost her husband to cancer.

Each of these people will find common ground when they consider whose life they have impacted and who is impacting their life.

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### “what’s your favorite part of the play?”

#### Sterling Street:

*“I think my favorite scene is when he cries out to God. Whether you’re a believer or not, I think we’ve all been there; that’s really personal to me. I know what this feels like, to feel that I have nothing left but God. There are so many ‘fun’ moments, but that’s fun for me because it’s truthful.”*

#### Colton Beach:

*“My favorite part is when George Bailey is out in the cold and searching for answers, and he just wants someone to understand. He goes to the library and is talking to Mary and she doesn’t know who he is because he doesn’t exist and he’s so frustrated and she’s screaming and threatening to call the cops—they nail it every time.”*

#### Ben Nicholas:

*“I play an Italian restaurant owner called Mr. Martini, so he ends up sounding a lot like Mario. It’s a really fun, unique voice to do.”*

#### Rebecca Gossage:

*“My favorite scene is probably the telephone scene where George finally tells Mary that he loves her and makes the decision to stay in Bedford Falls and marry her. It’s really sweet and dramatic.”*

#### Meg Jones:

*“One of the scenes I love is the one where George goes home after discovering what people’s lives would’ve been like without him in it. After all the years he spent helping his friends, they finally have a chance to help him.”*

#### Peter Anglea:

*“I voice over a dozen major and minor characters in the story. For an entire page or two of the script, it’s just me! I switch between Joseph the angel, Uncle Billy, Mr. Potter, and Peter Bailey all in rapid succession. It’s a challenge...but it’s a lot of fun.”*