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BJU to host annual AACCS competition

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Staff Writer

Roughly 2,000 competitors from about 200 schools will come to the American Association of Christian Schools competition in Greenville next week. This year will mark the 36th year that BJU has hosted the AACCS competition on campus.

It wasn't always this way. Originally the AACCS (made up of 38 state or regional associations) began in Florida in the 1970s, according to Jeff Walton, the executive director of the AACCS.

Not long after that, BJU requested to host the competitions on campus, making it beneficial to both the University and AACCS.

Walton grew up in a pastor's home and has held jobs in the scholastic world. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education from BJU.

In 2009, Walton took over the executive director position for AACCS. He travels every year from his office in Tennessee to the nationals in Greenville.

Walton has direct responsibility for the AACCS competition, putting him in charge of the awards program and the rest of the staff that travels with him to BJU to assist in the competitions.

Walton and his staff try to plan the big picture of the competitions five years in advance in order to cut down on any last-minute surprises.

When AACCS ends this year, Walton will meet with his group and fill in the blanks for next year, planning it down to the details.

Walton and his staff hold meetings to talk about changes made, how they worked out and what changes need to be implemented in the future.

They also look at a 12-month calendar of activities that have to happen before the next

year's competition.

About a month before the event, it's crunch time. Walton keeps in contact with David Orr, the Welcome Center manager, through the year before, but a few weeks out, Walton and Orr speak with each other as often as six to eight times per day.

"An intense amount of planning and a tremendous amount of coordination take place between the University and AACCS leadership," Walton said. "But having done this for about 35 years, it goes extremely smoothly."

The national competitions will be held in various locations on campus from Tuesday, April 12 through Thursday, April 14, with an Awards Program held Friday morning.

Walton encourages university students to be welcoming. He said by befriending the visitors and providing guidance to them, university students can largely impact the experience that high school students have.

» Student influence during AACCS

by Bethany Williams, editor

While here, the AACCS competitors will interact with many BJU faculty and staff who can have a positive influence on them. Admission counselors also do a great job of providing information as college choices are being considered. But there is one valuable source of influence on our visitors that you may not have considered: you.

Peer influence – the impact that you can have on your visitors – is arguably the most influential experience the high school competitors have during AACCS week, according to BJU president, Dr. Steve Pettit.

"We all know that people are influenced by people...so peer influence of college students on teens is [strong]. The experience they have here will indelibly mark them on whether or not they would be interested in coming here. Everyone here knows that sometimes [AACCS] can be a stretch, but it's also one of our best opportunities."

Dr. Pettit gave a few practical tips for positively influencing the high school students staying with you this week:

1 Have a servant's attitude.

"If we have an attitude of serving them, as we should as a Christian, and help them and converse with them, then I think we can have a great influence on them. Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve."

2 Have a good first impression.

"It can be very simple things like being super friendly and super helpful in having a bed prepared for them to live on that you've actually thought of in advance, writing a note saying 'we're glad that you're here' and a bag of [candy]. Your first impression is a lasting impression."

3 Take time to learn about them.

"You would think that everyone would learn their names, but they don't. Find out enough about them. Learn their names, where they're from, what grade they're in, and try to connect with them." «

Campus Spotlight: Cashiers spread smiles

BOBBY HULL
Staff Writer

Working as a cashier at the dining common can be tiring yet rewarding.

Three dining common cashiers swipe cards and clean and maintain the front entrance. On top of their normal duties, they also provide a ministry to students, faculty and other guests who come through their lines.

Kathy Tovrea (Miss Kathy) serves as cashier during breakfast and lunch shifts.

She has worked for the dining common for 44 years and has worked for Aramark since it took over four years ago.

Tovrea is from Illinois and first came to

South Carolina as a BJU student studying elementary education.

Working in the dining common, Tovrea discovered she liked working with college students more than elementary students.

When not swiping cards, Tovrea is busy with other tasks.

"I don't stand [still] very much; I keep moving," Tovrea said. "There's always something to do like refill Grab n' Go or clean the windows."

Working as a cashier has always been a ministry for Tovrea. "I feel like if I can encourage [students, and they] can encourage me, then it's a win-win," Tovrea said.

She tries her best to remember names.

"I work really hard at it, and I don't have

a good memory," Tovrea said. "But when I finally get someone's name, they smile, and it just makes it for me."

Brenda Arnold works after Tovrea, from lunch until dinner.

She has worked in the dining common for over 10 years. Arnold first came to South Carolina to enroll her children in Bob Jones Academy.

Aside from swiping cards, Arnold is responsible for cleaning all of the bathrooms and tables. During the lunch and dinner rushes, she helps swipe cards to help keep lines moving.

Arnold said she enjoys the afternoon because there is not a huge rush to swipe. She

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Brenda Arnold (left), Janice Guth (middle), and Kathy Tovrea (right) all enjoy interacting with the students. Photo: Bobby Hull

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ANDREW BUDGICK
Web Editor

Joseph Overton proposed a theory for policy change that bears his name: The Overton Window. The term may be unfamiliar, but in the recent political climate, the theory has seen a resurgence in popularity.

Essentially, what the Overton Window proposes is that, at any given time, there is a limited spectrum of opinion that is considered politically acceptable.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy (where Overton worked as vice president) describes the Overton Window this way: "This 'window' of politically acceptable options is primarily defined not by what politicians prefer, but rather by what they believe they can support and still win re-election. In general, then, the window shifts to include different policy options not when ideas change among politicians, but when ideas change in the society that elects them."

Imagine a square and the inside of the square are the individuals who hold what would be considered "politically acceptable" opinions.

On the fringes outside of the square on the right and

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COMIC: MANNY JUAH

The Collegian Editorial

Expectations of quick solutions may hinder our spiritual growth

The Millennial Generation needed within seconds. is spoiled.

With the technology available today, it's hard not to be. Smartphones, laptops, iPads, iPads and even some video game consoles all can connect directly to the Internet at the touch of a button.

Information is available right there at our fingertips—immediately.

Our generation has become used to the quick response system of Google magically finding the exact answer

But is this how we should treat our spiritual life?

Too often do we try to

throw our spiritual growth into the same category.

Like with technology, we become frustrated when we don't see immediate results or growth in our own lives, but we don't take the time to pursue change.

We want growth and recognize that we need change, yet we yet we struggle because "working out our salvation with fear and trembling" takes time and diligence (Philippians 2:12-13).

Growth in our spiritual

lives requires God's gracious enablement and our daily, conscious effort.

We need to purposefully take the time out of our schedules to pray, meditate on Scripture and fellowship with other Christians.

Patiently and continually seek out God.

Spiritual growth cannot come immediately like an app update on an iPhone, where we hit a button and let the technology take care of the rest.

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WHAT IS NEXT ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?



senior
RYLAN
HOLMES
"travel the world"



senior
CRYSTAL
ROGERS
"skydiving"



sophomore
ANDREW
MILLER
"visit Iceland"



freshman
CHRISTIANA
ERGINO
"visit Ireland"



freshman
OMAR
ZEPEDA
"ride in a hot air balloon"

PHOTOS: KAYLA PIERCE



SNAPSHOT

I have a passion for helping people. Most people want a career because they have to have a job to make money, but I want to really do something more with my life and be able to say that I actually did something for someone else.

I volunteered at a hospital when I was in high school. The volunteer coordinator helped me meet the nurses and make a lot of connections, so that was a major factor in my choosing a health field.

Even if you think you want to do something, God might have a different plan, and He will always guide you and help you to find what that is.

LAUREN COWLES // FRESHMAN // HEALTH SCIENCE

PHOTO: HOLLY DILLER

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left sides are the extreme opinions. Both extremes are trying to pull the window in their direction, thus pulling their opinions in the window and making them generally accepted by society.

The acceptance of homosexual marriage is a good example of the Overton Window in effect.

Not that many years ago, the idea of homosexual unions being legally recognized would have been an extreme opinion, outside the Overton Window.

But liberals, through a strong media presence and outspoken politicians, were

able to drag the window in their direction.

Soon homosexual marriage entered societal acceptance for many, and this acceptance was confirmed by the recent Supreme Court decision.

The Overton Window moves much faster than it used to. In the past, society changed slowly and deliberately. For example, it took decades for the American population to decide slavery wrong. But in our times we've seen the window pulled very quickly—especially towards liberal agendas.

Issues like gay marriage and the legalization of marijuana have seen major changes, with fast, sweeping sup-

port. Technology has greatly increased the speed at which opinions are disseminated, thus creating an environment where opinions are indeed changing rapidly.

So how should Christians respond to living in a country where they increasingly find themselves on the outside of the Overton Window?

First, we shouldn't fear being in the minority. The Bible is sometimes criticized for its comments on subjects like the treatment of women and slavery, when in reality, for the time period it was written in, the Bible took very polarizing positions on those subjects.

Jesus' treatment of the

woman at the well and the Apostle Paul's statements about commonly-held beliefs and traditions would have certainly been outside the Overton Window for their time.

Ideas and popular opinion will ebb and flow with time, but Peter says in I Peter 1 "The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever."

The idea of "being on the right side of history" gets thrown around a lot these days.

I would much rather stand with a Book that's endured for thousands of years than with a hashtag that's been trending

on Twitter for a few months.

Second, as Christians, we can't simply acknowledge that the Window is moving; we should do something about it.

Liberals aren't the only ones trying to pull the Window lately.

At another end of the political spectrum, Donald Trump, a pseudo-conservative, is certainly doing his part to move the Window: many of his opinions wouldn't fall into what most would generally consider as opinions accepted by the greater population.

Unfortunately, this is not the kind of movement of the Overton Window we as Christians want to see either.

In John 13:35 Christ said Christians would be known because of the love we have for one another, not for the political party we support.

In a country deeply divided on many issues, where the Overton Window is virtually being split in half by political camps trying to drag it towards their respective ideologies, Christians should take a different tactic.

Rather than being worried about passing on our political ideals, we should focus on pointing the country and our individual communities to Christ through our humility, supporting those in need and inspiring self-sacrifice.

Student Voice: Is it virtual reality or fatal fantasy?



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Sony announced the release date of its latest PlayStation Virtual Reality for October 2016, which is more reasonably priced at \$399 compared to the HTC Vive at \$799, and the Oculus Rift at \$599.

"Discover a new world of unexpected gaming experiences with PlayStation VR," the PlayStation website said. "Redefine your expectations of immersion in gaming with moments so intense your intuition takes over."

"Step into incredible virtual worlds and overcome new challenges in extraordinary ways. Greatness awaits with PlayStation VR."

While a majority of gamers are ecstatic about the latest VR gaming technology, which includes a headset and camera, other gamers who haven't yet

experienced VR are slower in adopting this new product.

For those experiencing the awesome world of virtual reality for the first time, they should be aware that they may also experience motion sickness, nausea, disorientation and blurred vision.

Kimberly Voll, senior technical designer at Radial Games, expressed her concerns.

"We really need to look hard at the effects of long-term exposure to VR, the psychological effects and what we can say about the power of our VR experiences," Voll said.

It's no joke that VR technology gives you an unforgettable experience, but what impact does VR really have on the body and mind?

"It starts to feel like it's real stuff around you, and your brain starts to believe that it's

real," said Dr. Richard Marks, senior researcher and head of PlayStation Magic Lab at Sony Computer Entertainment.

The bigger question is this: how long should gamers allow their minds to live in a fantasy world?

Without getting into the complex argument of whether or not Christians should play video games, I believe the danger of continually putting yourself in a nonexistent world is very real.

We don't give video games the credit they deserve for possessing an unusual power. The human mind is very visual, and images can evoke certain emotions within us.

Whether that emotion is joy, sadness, excitement, fear or anger, VR games have the special ability to make us feel how they want us to feel.

This emotion-evoking

experience is attractive and potentially addictive. This addiction is ultimately an idol that the gamer worships and serves, placing its importance above real-life responsibilities and relationships.

As Christians, we are commanded that absolutely nothing should come before God in our hearts.

Also, gamers develop an unhealthy emotional attachment with imaginary characters through role-playing. This causes the person to feel more connected with the virtual version of himself and less content with his true self.

I believe that the biggest danger of video games, especially with the newly designed VR, is the lack of personal interaction it encourages.

When playing their game, most people don't want to be

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From orientation to graduation, choirs foster close friendships

ABBY SIVYER
Staff Writer

Each of the many BJU choirs is unique in size, student classification and musical style, yet they all provide opportunities for students to cultivate relationships.

Freshman Drew Williquette said he joined University Singers for the experience of singing in a different type of choir, as he previously had sung only in church choirs.

Williquette said he has made many friends through choir and enjoys the occasional singspirations and activities the choir members have together. Williquette said he appreciates the diversity of students who compose University Singers.

"There are a lot of different majors represented, but we have that common bond in that we all love music and we all want to learn music," Williquette said.

Dr. Eliezer Yanson, director of University Singers and Lyric Choir, said one aspect of University Singers that helps freshmen make friends is the

size of the choir. Yanson said the choir is especially large this year, currently numbering 114 students.

In addition to size, Yanson said the regular University Singer lunches help students get to know each other better. Because the choir practices right after chapel, many of the choir members go to lunch together before their next class.

Senior Alex Barnhart has been in University Singers and the Collegiate Choir, and he is now in Concert Choir.

Barnhart said she has enjoyed moving through the various choirs with students who started in University Singers with her.

"Having an outlet in music and singing is one thing, but it isn't nearly as much so if you're not enjoying the people that you're singing with," Barnhart said.

Barnhart said she has been able to meet people from many different majors that she wouldn't have been able to meet had choir not brought them all together.

"We're all from different majors, but we work together

to make something really beautiful," Barnhart said.

Barnhart said she is still best friends with her choir buddy from her freshman year.

Senior Hannah Brown is in her second semester of singing in Chorale, and she also sang in Concert Choir for three semesters.

Because she transferred to BJU second semester of her sophomore year, Brown said this situation made it a little harder for her to become incorporated into choir than if she had started off in choir as a freshman.

However, Brown has toured with both choirs, and she said the choir trips really helped her get to know her choir members and make solid friendships. Brown said she especially loves the experience of singing with trained singers in Chorale who really enjoy what they're doing.

"It's amazing to be a blessing to people by doing something we love," Brown said.

Sophomore Kalista Matthews spent her freshman year in University Singers and is now in Collegiate Choir.

Matthews said through choir she has had the opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall and at the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N.C.

Matthews said she loved how the choir trips brought the students closer together, and she was also excited to continue on to Collegiate Choir with so many people she already knew from University Singers.

Matthews said choir is a unique atmosphere for establishing relationships.

"There's a different kind of relationship there than you have with someone you sit in class with," Matthews said, "It's a different atmosphere."

Sophomore Ben Knoedler, a member of Concert Choir, said he has developed good friendships in choir through the many hours spent together in practice each week.

In addition, Knoedler said the choir usually gets together for an activity each semester to get to know each other better. Knoedler said his favorite aspect of choir is the literature they sing.

"We do all the best choral



Members of the Chorale crowd in for a selfie. Photo: Submitted

composers, and I'm studying to be a choral composer, so I like to see all the literature that comes through," Knoedler said. "We sing 10 or 15 new songs every couple months."

Senior SaraRose Lefler participated in choir her freshman year.

"As a freshman, it was a great opportunity to share

memories and experiences," Lefler said. "It felt like a family." Although Lefler's schedule has kept her out of choir after her freshman year, she still has friends from the experience.

"I met most of my initial friendships in choir, and I kept some of those friendships all four years of college," Lefler said.

War Memorial Chapel: a remembrance through the years

REBEKAH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Hundreds of students walk past War Memorial Chapel every day, most having little idea of how many purposes it has served since its completion in 1947.

It has been home to countless celebrations, such as weddings and concerts. But it was a much more serious event—World War II—that caused the chapel to be built.

Dr. Bob Jones III, chancellor of BJU, said, "The school opened here in 1947, two years after the war was over."

Under the GI Bill, soldiers received free education—deferred pay. "We were just

flooded with the veterans," Jones said.

The administration wanted to honor and remember the service of these United States veterans, so they built the War Memorial Chapel. Jones spoke solemnly about the soldiers' experiences.

"Carnage and death was every day for them," he said. "They'd seen things that nobody should ever have to see."

Because the soldiers carried haunting memories of war, the school determined to get them ready for eternity.

But the chapel became more than just a memorial. It was the site of many wedding ceremonies.

"That has been one of the

primary uses," Jones said. "My wife and I were married there."

On Commencement Day, many graduates would exchange regalia for veils and suits and wait outside the chapel for their turn at the altar.

Weddings took place nearly every hour, one after the other in order to accommodate graduates whose families could only make the trip to Greenville once.

The weddings honored the chapel's "no kissing" policy. As in all military chapels, it is considered disrespectful to kiss in the building.

Today, the chapel is most often used as a concert hall or for special meetings. Students can participate in recitals and

concerts and enjoy the incredible acoustics for which the chapel is known.

A small lobby is located just outside the doors of the chapel itself. The walls of this room are lined with plaques honoring deceased faculty and staff members.

Jones said the most intriguing feature of the chapel is the collection of Benjamin West paintings.

"Most people don't have a clue how rare and special those seven paintings are," he said.

John Nolan, curator of the Museum & Gallery and member of the art faculty, traced the fascinating history of the chapel's paintings.

Benjamin West is considered America's first great painter and the first American artist to train in Europe.

"He had a big ambition to go to Europe and learn from artists over there," Nolan said.

Overseas, West grew in popularity and was eventually appointed painter for the King of England, George III.

He wanted to do religious pieces, but they had been non-existent in England since the Reformation because the style was associated with Roman Catholicism.



A faculty meeting being held in the 1980s. Photo: Photo Services

"West wanted to change it," Nolan said.

The king commissioned him to do a series of religious paintings for a chapel in Windsor Castle. West came up with a 12-painting plan.

Nolan said West worked on this project for 20 years, but the chapel was never built.

West was still favored by King George III, but the king started having mental health issues. Eventually, the plan was abandoned.

West died in 1820, the

same year as his best friend, George. After he died, the paintings were given to his family and his studio was turned into a museum.

The family contacted the American government and offered them to be purchased for the start of a national gallery. Congress declined, so the paintings were put up for auction in London.

The paintings were bought by Joseph Neeld and hung in the Grittleton House in Eng-

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Student Leadership Council

[announcing the 2016-2017 crew]



STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS:

EMILY WEIER

FUN FACT: I played an entire intramural basketball season without scoring, and it wasn't because I wasn't trying.

NATE HUDSON

FUN FACT: I grew up in Austria and am an avid snowboarder!



ISC DIRECTORS:

WILL PEEK

FUN FACT: I am the first Bruin male athlete to compete in two sports (soccer and cross-country).

BETHANY DAVIS

FUN FACT: I sleep with my hands over my face.



EVENT COORDINATORS:

KAILEY HOLLOWAY

FUN FACT: When I was 12 years old, I fell off a galloping horse and got a stage four concussion. I promise I'm fine now.

BOBBY KERN (NOT PICTURED)

FUN FACT: I hiked the Grand Canyon in third grade and got chased out of the last part by a cougar.



SLC TREASURER:

LORIN PEGRAM

FUN FACT: I can name every member of both the US men's and women's national volleyball teams.



SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

ROCCO STUHL

FUN FACT: I've had pizza in seven different countries, but my favorite is in Philadelphia.

HANNAH SMITH

FUN FACT: I keep spare wasabi packets in my wallet, and I use them frequently.

(Not Pictured):

MISSIONS ADVANCE

KENNETH DRISCOLL
ANGELINA ZIMMER

CSC DIRECTOR

KAIPO SOTELO



The original decor of WMC was very different from today's Benjamin West collection. Photo: Photo Services

Beta triumphs over Spartans, 2-0, in volleyball

NATALIE ODIORNE
Sports Writer

The Beta Gamma Delta Patriots' volleyball team crushed the Sigma Alpha Chi Spartans in two sets.

Sigma started with the first serve, but they soon lost the serve and the point to Beta. Deon Vidal scored the first point for Beta with a powerful hit from the right side.

Beta stayed ahead through the entire first set, but Sigma was not far behind.

Beta's technical skills were superior to Sigma's skills, but Sigma did not lose heart.

Simple mistakes cost Beta some points. Although their hits were powerful and difficult to block, the hits were more like loose cannons, as

Beta struggled to keep the ball in play.

Sigma's Will Gingery stayed strong at the net. He blocked multiple hits and scored with some hits.

Beta's libero, Ashton Goad, kept his team's spirits up. Goad also was the main communicator for the team.

With the score 13-9, a long volley was played for the next point.

Sigma worked hard with multiple good passes and hits, but Beta won the point though when Vidal blocked Gingery's hit.

Sigma started to make a comeback with Beta needing only one point to win the set. Sigma showed intense effort and good serving, but this was not enough to overtake Beta.

Beta took the first set 25-14.

Beta served first in the second set. The first few points for both teams were scored off mistakes including four hits out of bounds, a net violation and service errors.

Beta continued their powerful hitting, but struggled to maintain their accuracy.

Sigma fell behind soon into the second set. They were able to gain a couple of points off Beta's mistakes and a block by Gingery.

With Beta up 15-8, Beta knocked a Sigma player right off his feet with a powerful hit, bringing the score 16-8. But Sigma did not let this deter them. They responded with an intense hit of their own.

Sigma fought hard and



Sigma's Ben Killian attempts to tip the ball through a double Beta block. Photo: Kayla Pierce

never gave up, but Beta proved to be the stronger team. They took the set 25-12, winning the match in two sets.

Beta did not flaunt their win. As the team came together after the game, they congratulated each other and talked about areas that they

needed to improve.

The Beta Patriots will look to carry their momentum from strong game play into the rest of the season.

Omega Lions are defeated by Beta Patriots, 25-14, 25-11

BOBBY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The Beta Gamma Delta Patriots defeated the Alpha Omega Delta Lions in two sets during a Tuesday night match.

At the beginning of the first set, both teams went back and forth, trying to establish an upper hand. Lorin Pegram and Deon Vidal led the Beta squad while John Wilson led Omega.

Beta's Deon Vidal killed a spike to make it 7-7, and Beta's Pegram followed it up with another powerful spike.

The Patriots' Kirtis Yurchak also contributed several strong spikes, and Beta went up on a 14-8 run. Brent Hansen was a key player for Beta down the stretch, as Beta handily won the first set 25-14.

In the second set, Omega started off well with Will Peek setting up Karl Walker for a kill. The Lions formed an early 5-2 lead.

However, Beta quickly stormed back. Ashton Goad tied up the game on a serve before hitting an ace on his next serve to give Beta the 7-6 lead.

Beta and Omega battled, but after a powerful spike by

Beta's Pegram, Beta was up 19-11.

Beta continued the momentum. Mike Meroff, Beta's sophomore setter, showed improvement through the second set, while Abe Crow and Will Sowers also looked solid. Beta continued their run and won the second set 25-11.

"I thought we really came together tonight," coach Pegram said. "We did a great job of putting the ball away. Our passing could use some work, but all in all it was a great match for us."

"We really worked hard today," Ashton Goad said. "Our

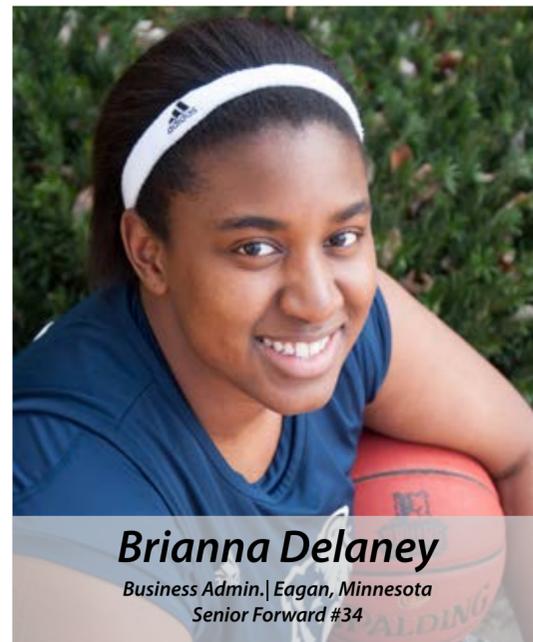


Omega's Karl Walker sets the ball to a teammate. Photo: Bobby Hull

bench guys looked good out there and are really getting

better." With the win, Beta im-

proved to 2-0. Omega moved to 1-1 with the loss.



Brianna Delaney
Business Admin. | Eagan, Minnesota
Senior Forward #34

BRUINS' SPOTLIGHT

Who do you want to model your game after? **1**

I love watching Tim Duncan because he is very fundamental in his footwork.

What is your favorite class so far this semester? **2**

I love Ethics. Anything with Dr. Cook is amazing. Got to give him a shout out.

What do you enjoy about the team? **3**

I really love team trips. You get a break from school, and we just have a lot of fun. There is something about the chemistry of the team that makes you want to be with them all the time.

What do you enjoy most about BJU? **4**

My favorite thing is the people. I went to a college before without a lot of Christians, and my coach wasn't supportive of my religion. Here it is really easy to talk to people about Christianity without being bashed about it. I really love the attitude of this environment.

Alpha faces Phi Beta in quarterfinal

JEREMIAH JONES
Sports Writer

The Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks defeated the Phi Beta Chi Bulldogs in an intense quarterfinal round of men's intramural softball. The Razorbacks came into the game with a 2-2 record and took a 15-4 win on Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs began the first inning with their first two batters getting thrown out at

first base. Due to an Alpha error, Josh Roach doubled, driving in two runs. In the bottom of the first, Andrew Netz hit a fly ball to left for a base hit, and Stephen Bruce had a base hit that drove in Netz for an RBI.

As the second inning started, Roach hit a sharp grounder that the third baseman couldn't handle, leading to another run. The score was 3-3 after the second.

The Bulldogs' Matthew

Beals started the third inning with a base hit. A hard line drive was hit to Alpha's third baseman, but his throw was wide and rolled out of play.

Alpha led 6-4 going into the bottom of the third before adding six more runs.

The fourth inning didn't look good for the Bulldogs as their first three hitters grounded out at first. In the bottom of the fourth, Alpha's Brad Miller killed a long ball

for a three-run home run, and Alpha led 15-4 at the bottom of the fourth.

Alpha's strong defense prevented the Bulldogs from making a comeback, and the game ended with a 15-4 Alpha victory.

"We had a few errors in the infield, but overall we did a good job," Alpha's coach Jadan Kashi said. "Our goal is to take it one game at a time, prepare well and go for it all."

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Bruins running team is right on track

JEREMIAH JONES
Sports Writer

The Bob Jones University Bruins track team recently competed in the Terrier Relays at Wofford College in Spartanburg.

Even though the Bruins are still building the program, they represented the University well, as they were able to

compete with some of the best teams in the league.

The Lady Bruins had a good showing as they competed in the 1500-meter race. Deborah Spannagel led the team with a time of 5:35.23 to place 48th place overall.

Molly Campbell had a good meet as well with a time of 6:03.69 for 57th place overall.

Daniel Marinelli and Matthew Hopkins represented the Bruins in the 1500-meter race, and Jonathan Bright took on the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Marinelli came in strong with a time of 4:15.58 to finish 23rd overall. Bright had a solid finish with a time of 10:54.46 and 13th overall.

"Overall, I felt we looked a little tired today, but I think

that was a result of a harder workout last week," Coach Landon Bright said. "We've been working pretty hard the last couple weeks, so I gave most of our athletes the day off for this one to get rested."

The Bruins will be competing in the Southern Wesleyan University Invitational in Central, South Carolina on April 9.

Bruins golf team rebounds from rough tournament start

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The Bruins bounced back after a rough showing in the first round to place seventh in their latest tournament at Doublegate Country Club.

"I'm not used to giving up," Bruins' captain Micah Gold said. "I never have, and I never will. After an embarrassing opening round, we wanted

to go out there and play solid

golf. We knew one bad round weren't going to make the rest of them bad and that confidence and positive attitude was crucial in coming back."

Matt Shannon recorded the Bruins' first birdie of the day.

But after that, the Bruins had several bogies amid their inconsistent play.

The Bruins' score as a team after the first round was 328 (Smith-79, Shannon-80,

Counts-84, Gold-85, Robinson-85).

"The team played a solid first round," Coach Dennis Scott said. "I wanted each of them to improve their scores in round two. This can be difficult to do when the first two rounds are played on the same day. Fatigue sets in, making it difficult to maintain mental focus and concentration."

In round two, the Bruins improved by nine strokes with

a team score of 319 (Gold-77, Shannon-77, Counts-82, Smith-83, Robinson-83).

This was a spectacular turnaround considering the difficulty of playing 36 holes of golf in one day.

In the third and final round, the Bruins improved even more.

Micah Gold birdied three of the last six holes helping the team finish with a 314 team score (Gold-74, Shannon-79,

Smith-79, Counts-82, Robinson-89), which put the Bruins at seventh place.

Gold's birdies helped him personally achieve 12th place overall in the tournament.

"I was extremely pleased that we improved our team score with each round," Coach Scott said.

"It was a strong field of teams, and I feel like we are getting very close to being consistently competitive with

some of these larger scholarship schools. We still need to build more depth into the program through recruiting a few more solid golfers, but I am pleased with what this group has been able to accomplish this spring season with the level of competition we have played."

The Bruins' last match of the spring season will be on April 9 at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Greenville.

Nu Delta Chi Vikings overthrown, 2-0, by Lanier Black

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The Nu Delta Chi Vikings fell to the Lanier Falcons in two sets after an intense battle for victory.

Both teams played with a lot of heart and energy. But Lanier's powerful, accurate hits and serves put them through to victory.

The Vikings started the first set with the serve. Jon Gallant served an ace, but Lanier came back quickly with a nicely placed tip. Lanier trailed behind the Vikings by a few points for most of the first set, despite placing strong hits from Kaipo Sotelo, Rio Oshiro and Nathan Schell.

Although Lanier's hits

were strong, the Vikings' height allowed them to block many of them. The Viking's blocks and smart placing of the ball kept them in the lead.

Lanier fought back to tie the set at 12-12. From there, they quickly gained a sizeable lead. With Lanier up by six points, 18-12, the Vikings called a timeout to refocus.

Lanier continued to stay ahead of the Vikings, and the Vikings never gave up, but Lanier took the first set 25-15.

Both teams showed an intense energy going into the second set. The teams went back and forth throughout the entire second set. Lanier started with an early lead, scoring off of many solid blocks and hits.

Sotelo faked out the Vikings' blockers multiple times by going up for a hit and then only tipping the ball. This did not deter the Vikings' blockers, however. They adjusted to the ball and were able to block some of the tips.

Towards the middle of the set, Lanier started to make some simple mistakes. This allowed the Vikings to make a small comeback with good serves and volleys.

With Lanier up 17-13, the teams went into a long volley for the next point. Multiple players made impressive plays and saves, but Lanier captured the point with a powerful hit from Oshiro.

The Vikings struggled to get more points on the board.



Lanier Black's Nathan Schell sends the ball back to the Vikings. Photo: Bobby Hull

Lanier continued to take back possession, but with only two points left for the win, Lanier served the ball into the net.

The Vikings seized this op-

portunity to close the gap. Another intense volley ensued.

Both teams demonstrated strong blocks, passes, sets and hits, but the Vikings lost the

point when a player hit the ball out of bounds.

On game point, Lanier served an ace, winning the game in two sets.

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interrupted. “Just one more level” is a commonly heard phrase.

But one more level eventually turns into one more ignored phone call, skipped lunch date and missed family time.

What was once the source

of fun will soon be the cause of sleep deprivation, stress, depression and seclusion.

While gaming can be a fun way to relax and enjoy some downtime, it should be done in moderation.

I believe freeing your mind to wander around in a fantasy world is dangerous.

Gamers allow themselves to enjoy the nonconsequential life of being a character while ignoring the very consequential life around them.

Why focus your attention on a world where nothing truly matters when you could make a positive difference in someone’s (or your own) life?

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said the calmer atmosphere enables her to interact with students more personally.

After Arnold, Janice Guth takes over as cashier from dinner time until closing.

Guth has worked for BJU in different positions including BJU Press, customer service and the admission office for 14 years.

Guth is originally from Philadelphia and came to South Carolina in 1997 while her son was a student at BJU.

Guth said she enjoys being a cashier for Aramark because of the chances to interact with students.

When she worked for BJU, she and her husband were chaperones for many of the student outings.

“I just loved being with the students,” Guth said.

Students have said they enjoy the warm greetings they receive from the cashiers.

David Dickinson, a sophomore composite social studies education major, said he appreciates that they take the time to remember his name.

“They have always been friendly,” Dickinson said.

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land. By the 1960s, the family occupying the house needed money, so they put them up for sale.

Dr. Bob Jones Jr. learned of the auction. A local, anonymous Greenville donor provided the money to purchase the paintings. They came to the U.S. in 1963 and were restored to their original vibrance and glory.

Nolan said the entire story is amazing, but two facts in particular stand out to him.

First, the paintings, originally intended for a chapel that was never built, are now in our very own WMC.

“Second,” Nolan said, “the size of our chapel is within a few feet of what was planned at Windsor Castle.”

WMC was built in 1947, long before the West paintings

were purchased.

Of the 18-piece original collection, only 12 of them exist today. WMC is home to seven of them.

“To have all those together still assembled is pretty remarkable,” Nolan said.

The chapel is filled with these precious Benjamin West paintings, but they aren’t the only items with a story.

Dr. Ed Dunbar, chair of the

Division of Music said, “We had wanted a [pipe] organ in the chapel for many years.”

After receiving Dr. Bob’s permission to search for this particular type of organ, Dunbar began looking in the classified ads.

He read about a church in Arizona that was constructing a new building.

However, the architect of the church had forgotten to

make room for their five-year-old pipe organ.

“It was [less than] half the price of a new organ, and it was almost the exact same design,” Dunbar said.

A donor came forward with some money, and the administration received permission to use the money to buy the organ. The organ was installed in WMC in 1988.

Dunbar is amazed at how

God provided the pipe organ. “He promises to meet our needs, and he brought the need to us,” he said.

War Memorial Chapel is much more than a concert hall. It has become a treasured icon of the University’s history.

Today, the chapel stands as a beautiful testimony to God’s outpouring of unexpected blessings to meet our needs.