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Bob Jones University will launch its 2017 Bible Conference beginning Tuesday evening and continuing through Friday with the theme “The God of Hope.”

Classes will end Tuesday at 5 p.m. and will resume the following Monday.

Nathan Washer, executive assistant to President Steve Pettit, said he believes Bible Conference can be a significant time in students’ lives.

“Each year is a new opportunity for God to open our eyes to a truth we may have missed before,” Washer said.

“Our thoughts tend to wander away from God over the course of time, and this is a great time to lay aside and refocus on truth.”

For BJU students, Bible Conference is a time when they can put away thoughts of classes and focus on messages from God’s Word intended for them.

Natalie Odiorne, a sophomore exercise science major, is specifically looking forward to the messages of hope found in Creation.

“I’m really excited to hear Ken Ham speak, considering the science side of things and how it ultimately ties into the God of hope,” Odiorne said.

A variety of speakers will participate in the 2017 conference, including, Ken Ham, president and CEO of Answers in Genesis; Jeff Anderson, president of International Bible Conference, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Brent Belford, senior pastor

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Bible Conference draws a large audience of student body, faculty, staff, alumni and community members each year. Photo: BJU Marketing/Derek Eckenroth

## Genesis and the Gospel: Creation Education Conference

VICTORIA SANDERS  
Staff Writer

A special one-day educational conference focusing on creation and planned for Christian high school and homeschooled students will be held on campus Monday.

The conference, titled “Genesis and the Gospel,” will feature Ken Ham, who will also speak Tuesday at BJU’s Seminary Conference “The Church and the Battle for Biblical Creation” and also during the annual BJU Bible Conference.

Monday’s conference will be unique as it is geared specifically to precollege students.

The Genesis and the Gospel conference will cover a variety of topics that focus on the scientific history of the earth and how to defend the Christian faith.

In the first session, Ham will discuss how it is scientifically possible to explain that men walked the earth at the same time as dinosaurs.

Ham will also discuss how God created the dinosaurs, whether the dinosaurs ate fruits and vegetables, and if dinosaurs were able to fit on the ark.

In the second session, Ham will address how important it is to trust the authority of Scripture.

The session will focus on current events and compare how Scripture lines up with those specific events.

In the third session, Ham will explain “creation evangelism,” or how to use the concept of original sin to evangelize those in our current secular culture who are not believers.

Ham will explain to attendees how the Genesis account is critical to the Gospel.

Bobby Wood, BJU’s Chief Enrollment Officer, said the 2017 BJU Genesis and Gospel Conference is a way for the University to make connections with other, like-minded Christians who hold a literal interpretation of Scripture.

Wood said BJU is privileged to have a large number of Ph.D. scientists who are Young Earth creationists.

“We want people to see the benefit of attending a [university] that lines up with their biblical worldview,” Wood said.

“Ken Ham will show that BJU stands for a literal inter-

pretation of Creation,” he said.

All sessions will be held in the FMA.

Pam Cushman, BJU events coordinator, said the campus is expecting more than 3,000 guests for Monday’s Genesis and Gospel Conference.

ELISA CRAWLEY  
Staff Writer

BJU’s Seminary will host a conference titled “The Church and the Battle for Biblical Creation” beginning Monday evening and continuing throughout the day on Tuesday.

Featuring guest speaker Ken Ham along with BJU professors, the seminary conference will go deeper into the topic of Young Earth Creationism with a focus on its implications in science, theology and the church.

The idea for the seminary conference originated with science professors Brian Vogt and Bill Lovegrove when they attended a conference that promoted the Old Earth view of Creation as held by BioLogos, an organization of scientists, professors, and others who hold to theistic evolution.

Because BioLogos’ view stands in stark contrast to the position held by Bob Jones University and other organizations like Answers in Genesis, BJU decided to hold a conference focusing on the Young Earth, literal six-day view of Creation.

BJU seminary professor Jim Berg said, “BioLogos is gaining traction in evangelical circles. They do not believe in a literal six-day Creation, but rather they attribute Creation to theistic evolution which then carries implications for the issue of a literal Adam and Eve.”

The Seminary Conference, he said, is an opportunity to look at this topic in depth.

“Our position as a university is for a literal six-day Creation,” Berg said, “and it is the position that all of our science department, School of Religion and Seminary hold. This conference will equip the people at the front lines of this debate. Students, scientists and pastors will be able to have answers to all of the questions they may encounter.”

Isaac Bryden, a first-year seminary student studying theological studies, said, “I’m excited for the session with Layton Talbert on the historical Adam.”

Speakers include Ken Ham (President of Answers in Genesis and Creationist Apologetics), Dr. Bill Lovegrove and Dr. Brian Vogt (BJU science faculty), Dr. Layton Talbert and Dr. Jason Ormiston (BJU Seminary faculty) and BJU President Steve Pettit.

The conference begins in the FMA with session one at 7 p.m. on Monday Feb. 13 and sessions 2-7 in Rodeheaver Auditorium on Tuesday. The cost is \$25.

For more information, visit [seminaryconference.bju.edu](http://seminaryconference.bju.edu).

### Genesis and the Gospel

*Creation Education Conference*

**Monday, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Speakers: Ken Ham*

### The Church and the Battle for Biblical Creation

*Seminary Conference*

**Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. to**

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4:15 p.m.**

*Speakers: Ken Ham, Brian Vogt, Layton Talbert, Jason Ormiston, Bill Lovegrove, Steve Pettit*

### The God of Hope

*Bible Conference*

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. to**

**Friday, Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m.**

*Speakers: Jeff Anderson, Brent Belford, Ken Ham, Steve Pettit, Jim Tillotson*



## COLUMN



REBEKAH ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of Christmas Break, I went to Washington, D.C., with some friends.

As you'd expect in a big city, we saw several homeless people. Occasionally, they would walk up to car windows to beg.

That's always a difficult situation. Awkward.

Also as you'd expect, people avoided eye contact and sped away as soon as the light turned green.

One day, a homeless man walked by our car window, begging for help. As we started to drive away, my friend Anna broke the silence.

"And, somehow, life goes on."

That simple truth, spoken so tenderly, made my heart sink.

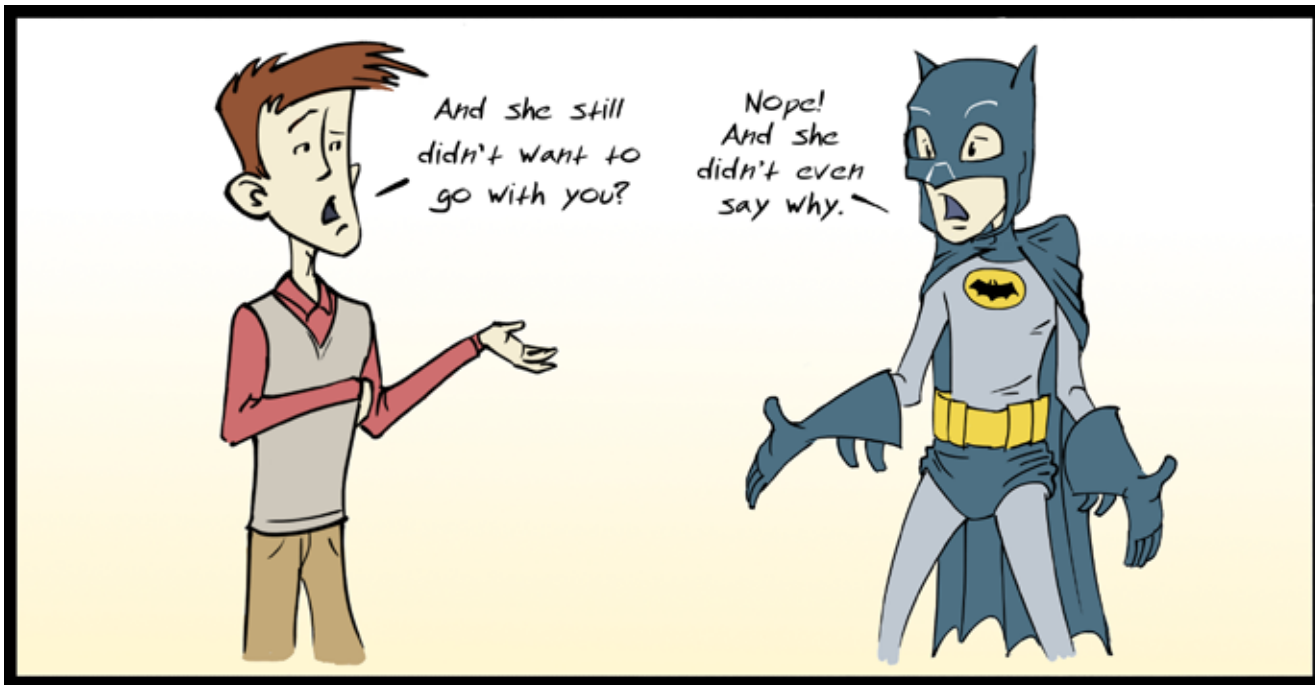
I would never see that man again. He'd held out his cold, begging hand. Had I clenched mine?

Ever since that moment in D.C., Anna's sentence has been tugging at my heart.

We pass people every day. Some of the faces we know, others we don't.

But what of the story behind the face?

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COMIC: JORDAN HARBIN

### The Collegian Editorial

## What's your 100-day plan? Aim high, keep your word, get busy

Exactly 2,400 hours and 144,000 minutes go by in the course of 100 days. A lot can happen in 100 days.

America is beginning to evidence the power of 100 days since Trump's inauguration three weeks ago.

President Trump's 100-day plan has flooded the media since November and caused much controversy.

His plan includes repealing the Affordable Care Act, strengthening immigration enforcement, reforming government and increasing American workers.

Regardless of whether you agree with his plan, we can agree on one thing—the man knows how to create a plan and get things done.

His elaborate plan scared many Americans because of the serious changes expected to take place in the short span of 100 days.

But what's wrong with aiming high? What's wrong with making the most of the time you've been given right from the start?

Sure, Trump has a mind of his own and doesn't conform to the cookie-cutter politician expectations, but he is making good on the promises of his campaign.

He is working fast to check off the boxes in his 100-day plan list.

Regardless of your political opinion of Trump, we can all learn something from him.

What can you do in 100 days?

First lesson, aim high. Having a plan for your life with specific deadlines nearly guarantees a successful start.

Set the objectives of your plan high, yet achievable. Don't worry if others think your plan is impossible.

If it is the right thing to do,

pray for God's guidance and strength, and go for it.

Second lesson, keep your word. Once you've set your goals, be sure to follow through.

Your plan is a promise to yourself to accomplish something worthwhile.

Keep your promises no matter how much you may feel like giving up—this builds character.

Third lesson, get busy. With a set plan and a determination to keep your promises, you can get to work.

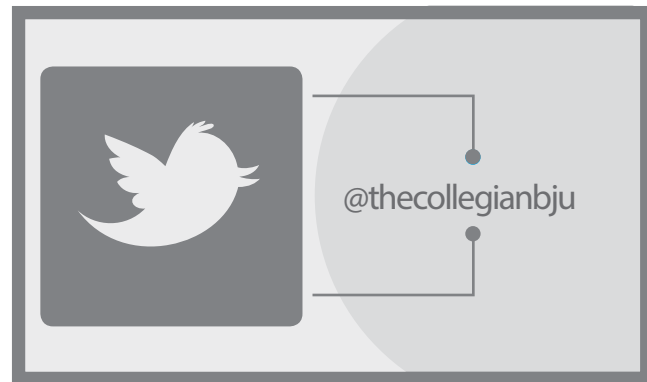
Don't waste one minute. Use this time on earth that God has given you to make a difference.

Too many people, Christians included, go through life without any sense of purpose or hope of bettering the world.

Don't be another body simply living life going through the motions.

As Christians, we have a purpose to fulfill—glorify God and point others to Him.

The beginning of your 100-day plan starts now. Go make a difference.



## TALK BACK

### What is the best thing that happened to you today?



sophomore  
BEN BREWER  
"I joined an artist series cast."



junior  
WOORIM KIM  
"I wasn't late."



senior  
ALEXIS SHOEMAKER  
"Someone liked my haircut."



junior  
MEI SWAN  
"Nap!"



senior  
PORTIA BAO  
"Classes."

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Think of the people you sit next to in class.

Do you know their stories? Do you even remember their names? Do you want to?

Often, I think about the people I walk by.

Like the little girl I passed at an airport last week. She was beautiful.

Her skin was dark and her thick, curly hair was tamed into two buns on her head. She wore name-brand clothes.

She was probably only 9 years old, but she already had enough confidence to mouth off to her mom. And mouth off she did.

Her mom, who tried desperately to keep up with her daughter's brisk pace, also wore name-brand clothes.

But her head was lowered and her shoulders sagged be-

neath some invisible weight.

I never spoke to these two, but they certainly made an impression on me.

What was their story?

Recently, I saw another homeless man in Philly. He wore a gray hoodie, pale blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

It was 29 degrees. He held a cardboard sign: "Homeless. Please help. Thank you. God bless."

Anna's words echoed in my head: "Life goes on."

As we drove past the man, I remember asking myself, "How can life just go on?"

I can't prevent it from going on. The going on is inevitable.

But ignoring the going on is definitely not what Jesus would do.

Who took a detour through Samaria to speak to an adulteress?

Who was too focused on the needs of sinners to eat?

Who gave up his evening to share the Gospel with a tax collector?

Who died so we could have life?

Jesus. He took the time to learn people's stories. He took the time to meet their needs.

The fact that we drive by, mildly irritated, averting our eyes probably indicates something unflattering about us, whatever the condition of the person is.

Should we make a contribution?

That's a complicated question. But I'm pretty sure we should notice more and care more.

Learn someone's story so that you will be able to share with them the wonderful story of Jesus.

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SNAPSHOT



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"I chose my major because I really want to make an impact on others for Christ. My grandparents both taught here for a really long time, and I constantly run into people who tell me what a great example and impact my grandparents had on them. My grandma taught speech here, and she's had a lot of health issues over the years. But she's always positive, and she loves people. And that's something that I just want to be able to do for other people, like pour into their lives.

"For me, just seeing the way such simple things, like loving your students, can make such a profound difference made me want to be a part of that. I'd love to teach in a foreign country. I've looked into several different mission teams, and I'm kind of thinking Africa."



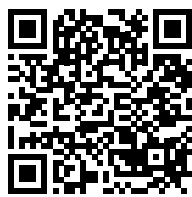
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As President Pettit mentioned in chapel, donations for the expansion of Faith Christian Academy in Yap, Micronesia, can be made using the following link.

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of Colonial Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Jim Tillotson, president of Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa, and Steve Pettit, president of BJU.

The conference will focus on the fact that hope is available to everyone.

The BJU website describes the theme this way: “Hope. We all want it. We promise it. We even lose it. Through the ages people have put their hope in everything from leaders, to wealth, to relationships—only to be disappointed. BJU’s Bible Confer-

ence 2017 will explore facets of God’s unchanging character and the resulting hope we find in Him.”

That hope will be evident as Ken Ham focuses on the importance of Creation.

“We live in a very secularized age,” Ham said. “Generations of young people, even from within the church, have been indoctrinated and inoculated against the truth of God’s Word beginning in Genesis.”

“Moral relativism permeates our culture and even much of the church. More than ever, God’s people need to be awakened to a foun-

dational problem that exists within our culture and church, and be equipped to defend the Christian faith and boldly proclaim the truth of God’s Word and the Gospel.”

All of the conference speakers have been preparing messages of hope.

“This year’s [Bible Conference] theme is particularly vital because we all need hope,” conference speaker Jeff Anderson said.

“We need a confident expectation that has nothing to do with political agenda, or economic certainty, or job security or positive thinking. We need to be reminded

that the God of Hope gives us confidence as we face an uncertain future.”

Speaker Brent Belford has specific expectations for this year’s Bible Conference.

“I am looking forward to Bible Conference this year because I know that God will equip His people through the Word,” Belford said.

“God will use Bible Conference this year to give us greater clarity regarding the nature of our hope as believers. While much around us seems dark and confusing, God’s Word provides hope that can inspire any Christian to shine forth as a light.”

Another important aspect of BJU’s 2017 Bible Conference is the offering.

All money from donations and offerings will be going to help Faith Christian Academy in Yap, Micronesia, build a new school building.

This building will serve as an education facility for the ministry, a typhoon shelter and a model for surrounding islands.

The total building cost is \$400,000. The 2017 Bible Conference offering goal is \$150,000.

“The opportunities for the Gospel in the Micronesian Islands is tremendous,” Washer

said. “As God blesses, others will see what God is doing and get behind these opportunities.”

“As God provides, this model can happen on many islands, reaching hundreds for Christ in a manner that will perpetuate itself.”

In the busyness of the semester, Bible Conference may seem like an abrupt interruption to some.

But it is the desire of everyone involved that this year’s Bible Conference will be a time where people can set aside the busy distractions of life and listen to what the God of Hope wants to say to them.

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## Tonight

5 p.m. Fine Dining Series | *Culinary Arts Building*

Guests will enjoy a six-course dinner and beverage for \$20. Tickets can be purchased in person today from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

7 p.m. Symphonic Wind Band | *Rodeheaver Auditorium*

With conductor Dan Turner, the Symphonic Wind Band’s performance will feature new and old martial music in “Bugles and Drums.”

## Saturday, Feb. 11

All day Senior Interior Design Exhibit | *Sargent Art Building, Exhibition Corridor*

Interior design seniors will present their works in “Petrichor” as partial fulfillment for the degree of bachelor of fine arts.

7 p.m. Strawberry DNA Extraction Experiment | *Science Building, 205*

The Collegiate Biology Association’s strawberry DNA extraction group experiment is open to faculty, staff and students. Two identical sessions will be held at 7 and 8 p.m., with a limit of 30 people. Participants must sign up in advance.

## Monday, Feb. 13

5 p.m. Bruins Basketball Games | *Davis Field House*

The women’s basketball team will play Erskine College at 5 p.m. and the men’s basketball team will play Montreat College at 7 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Guest Piano Recital | *War Memorial Chapel*

Performing on a modern copy of an Anton Walter fortepiano, guest Jee-Hun Han will be performing Beethoven sonatas and the Mozart Piano Concerto No. 13, K. 415 along with a BJU student string quartet. Dr. Kenneth Drake, internationally-known exponent of historic piano practices will give an introduction regarding the sound and mechanism of the early Viennese piano.

## Thursday, Feb. 16

## All day Alumni Day

Various discounts are available to BJU Alumni with an alumni card at the Bruins Shop, The Den and the dining common.

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## Willy Taco brings Tex Mex flavor to former Feed &amp; Seed

LUKE MCCORMICK  
Staff Writer

Are you hungry for delicious food and fulfilling atmosphere?

Willy Taco Feed & Seed is a new and vibrant Tex Mex restaurant near downtown Greenville.

Willy Taco, located on the corner of Washington and Laurens roads in Greenville, is only a six-minute drive from campus. Willy Taco is a sit-down restaurant with table service.

During busy hours, customers should plan for a short 15- to 20-minute wait as the restaurant is often full.

Willy Taco has a large lot with sufficient parking and the building itself is over 6,000 square feet.

The Greenville location of Willy Taco is a new restaurant, just opening in December of last year.

However, many in the Upstate are already familiar with the food and service Willy Taco provides.

The original Willy Taco is a popular restaurant in Spartanburg.

According to the Willy

Taco website, the restaurant was founded out of desire for a different dining experience in Spartanburg with fresh in-

gredients and flavor.

True to its name, the Willy Taco building was formerly a feed and seed store.

The restaurant has paid homage to the building’s history, mixing modern industrial design with an an-

tiquated theme. Feed signs hang from walls in several places while antique doors

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Willy Taco occupies the former Feed & Seed building and maintains that theme throughout the restaurant. Photo: Ian Nichols



# The Making Of A Collegian

**Reporting:** Writers conduct interviews both on and off campus. In addition to interviews, writers also perform online research, attend campus events and visit local restaurants to collect article content. Each writer works on two articles simultaneously—interviewing for and writing one while editing the other.

**Shooting:** From the newest popular Greenville restaurant to early morning track practices, our photographers stay busy capturing unique angles of campus and beyond. When all the shots are taken, the photo editor edits the photos for black & white and color.

**Designing:** The designers add to the newspaper's visual appeal by creating the photostory and other graphics. The layout editor arranges the copy, photos and graphics to draw readers to the most important information.

**Printing:** Once *The Collegian* is ready to print, the print shop staff checks the files for mistakes and then makes a DIP proof for the editor to look over. Next, print shop staff use the files to create plates, which then are sent to the printing press. The process from loading the plates to the printed product takes about one hour. The freshly-printed newspapers then sit out to dry before being folded, trimmed and bound into stacks.

**Delivering and Mailing:** The print shop prints 1,975 copies of *The Collegian* each week. One hundred of those are to account for potential folding mistakes. Of the 1,875 copies set for distribution, 136 are mailed from Florida to Washington state. The remaining 1,739 are distributed all around campus for the BJU family's reading enjoyment.

## Planning:

Each week, the editor compiles a list of article ideas, then divides the articles among the writers to begin the interviewing process.

## Fun Fact:

Staff members conduct Talkback interviews once a month at dinner time on Thursday evening and interview for Snapshot Friday afternoons in the Den.

**Editing:** Copy, photos, design and layout undergo multiple stages of editing before each issue is complete.

**Fun fact:** Unlike the normal printing process that requires paper be folded and trimmed in separate steps, *The Collegian* was designed 30 years ago to be folded and cut in the same step, cutting down on total production time.





# bruins spotlight

## 1 | What got you interested in golf?

“My stepdad really got me into playing golf. I didn’t start playing golf until I was a sophomore in high school and my high school started a golf team.”

## 2 | What are your hobbies or pastimes?

“I love pretty much every sport and follow a lot of them for fun.”

## 3 | What is your favorite memory from your time as a Bruin?

“My favorite experience was getting to go to the National Championship with all of my teammates my junior year. That was an experience I will never forget.”

## 4 | What do you want to do with your major after graduation?

“Right now I have a full-time job with the Greenville Drive. I plan on doing that after I graduate. I want to go and do whatever the Lord wants me to do with my ministry through sports.”

**MICAH GOLD**  
senior  
Sports Management

Have any ideas for  
*The Collegian*?

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## fun facts

### brody facts

- Brody is not allowed to speak. Rather, he communicates through expressive gestures.
- Because the temperature inside the suit rises to over 100 degrees, Brody wears a cooling vest under his costume.
- Brody is accompanied by a spotter at all times to clear tripping hazards out of Brody’s way, to make sure he doesn’t overheat and to make sure his interactions with fans go smoothly.
- Candidates to be Brody must perform a 90-second skit for a selection committee.

- Bruin is Dutch for “brown” and is used to refer to brown bears, most commonly the Eurasian brown bear (*Ursus arctos arctos*)
- The bruin has 42 teeth.
- The largest population of bruin bears in Eurasia can be found in Russia.
- In Ancient Rome, the bruin was used as a fighting animal.
- The largest recorded male bruin was 1,058 pounds and 8.2 feet long.

### bruin facts

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# Brody and the Bruins: the making of BJU's mascot

AJ PAPAGNO  
Sports Writer

Back in 2011 when BJU announced that the University would bring back its intercollegiate athletics program, the administration knew that BJU would need a mascot to represent the University.

In order to find a mascot and to get the student body involved, then BJU President Stephen Jones asked students to send in their suggestions for the new mascot.

"Dr. Stephen Jones gave us a primary objective of using the mascot selection to increase student unity and excitement," BJU's director of Marketing Communications, David Lovegrove said.

Lovegrove said that Marketing Communications (formerly Creative Services) thought a contest would bring everyone together, let them take part in the process and build anticipation.

"In addition, the number of entries for each option gave us a sense of how well-received

that option might be," he said. "Our desire was to make it as memorable as we could."

BJU's original intercollegiate athletic program started in 1928 when Bob Jones College was located in Florida, and BJC's mascot was the Swamp Angels until the program shut down several years later.

Swamp Angels was a choice some students had submitted for the mascot selection contest, but was ultimately not chosen as the new mascot.

"We certainly considered Swamp Angels, and a few people submitted it," Lovegrove said. "It wasn't a popular choice; most people viewed it as a fun part of our history and heritage, but not necessarily something we wanted to live with today."

Lovegrove said some other reasons that Swamp Angels was not chosen were because it would be difficult to portray visually, and geographically "swamp" fit better with Florida than it did with South Carolina.

"We also wanted people to take our athletes and teams seriously," Lovegrove said. "We wanted a name that was unique. We wanted it to portray power and dominance."

Lovegrove said that the mascot name also had to be easy to say in line with "Bob Jones University", and it also needed to be easy to illustrate in a logo.

Lovegrove said some names like Bobcats and Narwhals were ruled out because they were either too corny or unrelated to the school.

"The list was eventually narrowed down to Bruins, Lions, Griffins and Bluehawks," Lovegrove said.

After Stephen Jones made the final choice for the mascot, the marketing communications team began developing a logo and brainstorming for a big reveal that they named "Midnight Madness."

Valerie Girton of Marketing Communications said they purchased websites for each of the mascots they were seriously considering so no



Brody struck an unplanned "Usain Bolt" pose when entering the court for the first time. Photo: BJU Marketing/Derek Eckenroth



Roughly 200 students helped out with "Midnight Madness." Photo: BJU Marketing/Stephanie Greenwood



Now, five years after its reveal, students can find the Bruin logo all over campus. Photo: BJU Marketing/Dan Calnon

one would guess the final choice.

As a precaution and a joke, the marketing staff referred to the project at all times with the code name "Narwhal."

"We made everyone sign this pledge that we weren't going to talk about it outside of our group, because it had to be top secret," Girton said.

The staff even designed a T-shirt with a narwhal on it that said, "loose lips sink ships."

Marketing Communications also decided to increase the mystery by spreading false rumors.

"We thought it'd be really funny to plant false information, so we left pieces of trash around campus...that had sketches for bluehawks on it," Girton said.

"Back then Facilities was campus students; we were kind of hoping one of them would pick it up [and start a rumor]," she said.

To further build anticipation of the reveal, the marketing team released teaser videos on a website they named

projectnarwhal.com. The funny videos featured students and faculty presenting a case for their preferred fake mascot options.

The University also created a "candid camera" spoof with a speaker in the underground tunnels that would "growl" at those walking by. A surveillance van with a camera recorded the reactions to the sidewalk surprise.

The BJU family packed out the DFH for "Midnight Madness."

After the preliminary events of a dunking contest and student/alumni basketball game, the lights went out and the theme music, written by composer and BJU Press employee Brian Budda, began to play.

A video played that showed the mascot approaching the main court, then shut off as spotlights lit up an upper-level doorway.

The mascot burst through the doors, greeted by a full house of excited fans.

The bear made his way onto the court where he led a

group of students in the unrolling of a giant banner that finally revealed the logo and mascot name, the Bruins.

One more video played after the mascot's exit near the end of the night.

"We showed a video of Brody driving a car to Stephen Jones' house, getting out of the car, taking off the head and giving Erin a kiss," Girton said. "Everyone just freaked out. There were people who truly believed he was in the costume the whole time."

The name Brody was also selected by the student body.

"Students emailed me several hundred suggestions for the name, then we built a website for voting on them," Lovegrove said.

"We made it into a bit of a game, where you would see a name and vote for or against it; then another name would pop up to vote on, and you could do that as long as you wanted," Lovegrove said.

Eventually, the top-voted name was Brody and Brody the Bruin became official.

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# M&G closes temporarily, Heritage Green permanently

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On Jan. 27, Bob Jones University announced via a press release that both Museum & Gallery locations will be closing this February.

While the downtown location Heritage Green closed permanently Saturday, Feb. 4, the main on-campus location will close for renovations on Feb. 18.

The University estimates the renovations to the M&G building (one of the original buildings on campus which is now 70 years old) to last anywhere from 18 to 24 months.

Renovations will include work such as installation of new HVAC climate control and repairs to the interior and exterior walls. Although the M&G building will be saved, the University has not yet ruled out moving the M&G to an alternative location.

John Matthews, Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations, who along with M&G executive director Erin Jones is spearheading the closure and renovations, said that it is not uncommon for a museum to temporarily close for renovation.

Matthews said the main goal of the project is to make the museum even better while properly preserving the collection. “The treasure has got to be protected,” Matthews said.

While President Steve Pettit has reaffirmed in a public statement the University’s

continued commitment to the M&G collection, the BJU Board of Trustees voted in their October meeting to sell the collection’s non-religious pieces, including paintings and other objects of art.

The M&G is known for its religious collection, and these secular pieces are not on permanent display in the museum and appear only periodically around campus.

While the M&G building undergoes reconstruction, its collection will be on loan to other museums, businesses and individuals capable of caring for and enjoying the pieces.

Both Matthews and Jones expressed their eagerness to use the collection to further the mission of BJU and to create new friendships for the University.

Although Matthews said it is not the intention of the University to generate interest in purchasing the paintings, he did not rule out a potential sale.

During the period of renovation, M&G will focus on increasing its online presence under the leadership of Donnalynn Hess, Director of Education for the M&G.

“We’re looking forward to, during this time down, expanding our vision into the virtual world as well as the actual world,” Hess said. “When we reopen, we will be an even better resource for the community at large and the educational community.”

Under Jones and Hess,

the M&G has partnered with public educators and homeschool families to promote the arts. Certified teachers with M&G’s Museum on the Move outreach have taught in public classrooms from K5 to 12th grade.

M&G’s Homeschool Days draw hundreds of students to campus with interactive educational events related to the arts. M&G plans to continue its programs for public school and homeschool students even after its closing.

M&G reported serving 16,600 school-aged children last year alone, including 8,000 public school students. In addition, the M&G served thousands of visitors to both of its locations.

Jones expressed the sig-

nificance of the downtown Heritage Green location. “We have served the community. They do love what M&G is doing. We have touched thousands of lives through every outreach we have offered including Heritage Green.”

Jones remarked that the decision to open Heritage Green was a landmark step toward better relations between BJU and the Greenville community.

“The community is still constantly learning that we love them, we are interested in them, that we want to serve them,” Jones said.

Matthews and Jones said the University is expected to change its tax status to not-for-profit within months.

As a result, the Board of

Trustees brought M&G back into the University proper, and it will now operate as a university department rather than a separate entity. Jones said the effects on M&G will be minimal. And Matthews said M&G simply came back to its roots.

Staff cuts will follow the closing of both galleries. While approximately 40 student jobs at the museum will be absent from campus until the reopening, M&G graduate assistants are under contract and will be reassigned to fill other positions. Matthews assures that alternative student jobs exist on campus for affected workers.

The closing of Heritage Green will affect four full-time employees as well one

part-time worker. Full-time employees will be compensated with a severance package.

Elisa Chodan, M&G GA, expressed the staff’s reaction and Jones’ leadership throughout the closing process.

“In the past, [Jones] has always been very strong and encouraged us to keep trusting in the Lord,” Chodan said. “She has done that even now, but she has also been okay with [our] hurting.”

Jones said although this is a heavy-hearted time for the M&G staff, she is hopeful for the future. She reaffirmed her belief in M&G’s purpose and continued relevance and her faith that God will use the collection that He and the University brought together.



The campus M&G is scheduled to close for renovations on Feb. 18. Photo: Stephen Dysert



The Tex Mex restaurant Willy Taco offers a wide variety of flavorful tacos. Photo: Ian Nichols

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hang from the ceiling at the center of the main dining room.

According to the *Greenville News*, the five owners of Willy Taco bought the building with the intention to bring it back to life.

The Feed & Seed building has become a landmark in the Greenville area; it has been situated at the Washington Street corner since the 1930s.

The owners of Willy Taco invite all to take part in their “fiesta.” Willy Taco offers a relaxed and fun atmosphere centered on none other than its signature dish—tacos.

Each taco costs around \$3 to \$4 with the exception of the Tuna Cobra Kai, a \$6 taco with chili-seared yellowfin tuna, brown rice, shaved cabbage, dojo sauce, crushed cashews, pickled carrots and shaved radish.

Other popular tacos in-

clude the Crispy Avocado, a claimed favorite of *Southern Living* magazine.

The Crispy Avocado features tempura battered avocado, shaved cabbage, sweet chili sauce, microgreens, toasted sesame seeds, house crema and pico.

Besides tacos, other dishes include tortas or Mexican sandwiches, Mexican street corn, jalapeño cheddar grits, Tex Mex salads and more.

The Burrito Bowl 2.0 includes a hearty bowl of organic brown rice, ranchero beans, pico, guacamole, crumbled queso fresco, grilled corn, green onions, shaved jalapeños and frizzled onions for both a spicy and crunchy experience. The bowl is available for \$8.

Willy Taco is open from 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.