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Bruin Daze will be a time to strengthen Bruin spirit and campus unity. Photo: BJU Marketing/Dan Calnon

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During the entire week of March 6, BJU is launching its first Bruin Daze.

The event was created as a reinvention of the Gold Rush Daze many BJU alumni

celebrated years ago.

Several campus events will be held throughout the week, including a blood drive, a food drive and a campus-wide game of tag.

Student leaders have worked hard to create and prepare for the week-long

event, and several other surprises not included in this article can be expected.

Bethany Davis, women's ISC Director, said Bruin Daze will add some excitement to a normal school week.

“Now that Bible Conference is over, I think we're all

kind of looking forward to Spring Break, but Bruin Daze will be a refreshing change to our normal routine of school,” she said.

Each day of the week will feature a special theme.

On Monday night, students will be able to watch

“Monsters University.”

On Tuesday, the student body will celebrate the 90th anniversary of BJU in chapel.

On Wednesday, a prayer and worship session will be held in the Activity Center.

Thursday will be Bruins Spirit Day. A Battleship event

will be held in the Olympic-style pool that afternoon.

The game involves putting canoes in the pool. Participants will use buckets to fill their opponents’ ships. The goal of the game is to keep your canoe afloat and to sink

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RED

Patriots/Colts
Spartans/Flames
Knights/Mustangs
Wolves/Seagulls
Lanier/Owls

GREEN

Panthers/Sailors/Ambassadors
Cavaliers/Bandits/Duskies
Stallions/Firebirds
Vikings/Kangas
Cobras/Pirates

WHICH TEAM
ARE YOU ON?

Rams/Tigers
Royals/Classics
Tornadoes/Wildcats
Skyhawks/Bobcats

BLUE

Lions/Eagles
Bryan/Dragons
Bulldogs/Bearcubs
Razorbacks/Cardinals
Basilean/Gators

WHITE

FRIDAYSCHEDULE

- 6 p.m. Dinner at Activity Center
- 6 - 7:30 p.m. Greek-themed games
- 7:30 - 8 p.m. fireworks
- 8 p.m. dessert and coffee, show pictures taken throughout the week, possible coffee and s'mores bar, popcorn, cheesecake squares, Greek truck

Breakfast in dorms – 9 to 9:45
1st Hour Class – 10 to 10:40 a.m.
2nd Hour Class – 10:50 to 11:30 a.m.
3rd Hour Class – 11:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
4th Hour Class – 12:30 to 1:10 p.m.
5th Hour Class – 1:20 to 2 p.m.
6th Hour Class – 2:10 to 2:50 p.m.
7th Hour Class – 3 to 3:40 p.m.
8th Hour Class – 3:50 to 4:30 p.m.

SPIRIT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 6: Movie Night
Tuesday, March 7: Free Donuts
Wednesday, March 8: Prayer and Worship
Thursday, March 9: Battleship and Bruins Spirit Day
Friday, March 10: Greek Games (and so much more)

COLUMN



KATIE JACKSON
Staff Writer

Can I be brutally honest?
Life hurts.

Sometimes we pretend it doesn't. We paste a smile on our face and go about daily tasks with the pain silently locked inside.

Only God sees the bleeding of our hearts. But are we meant to grieve alone? Is pain supposed to be hidden?

My family is broken. My unsaved father has chosen pornography over every other relationship in his life since I can remember.

He chose to deny reality and soak his mind with images that fed his sinful desires while locking himself in a prison of own choosing.

A prison without God or people.

Finally, when I was 12 years old, he admitted it—he didn't love me. He told me to my face. He wished I had never been born.

In that moment, pain never felt so real.

We all hurt. Maybe my story is similar to yours. Maybe it's completely different.

I don't know. But I do know this: in some shape or form, everyone hurts.

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The Collegian Editorial

Stop waiting for your "next big break": start giving your all now

Recently, a man in Melbourne, Australia, "accidentally" became a multi-millionaire by winning the lottery twice.

He said he accidentally entered the drawing twice with the same number—the number that was worth \$1 million in the U.S.

When's the last time you accidentally won \$2 million? Oh, never, you say?

Even more surprising is that this isn't the first time an incident like this has happened.

In 2013, another Melbourne resident won two different prizes from the same drawing. But her winnings of \$638,000 pale in the light of \$2 million.

When we poor college students hear stories like these, it's easy to think, "Wow, that must be nice." Or sigh, thinking about how we'll be "old and gray" before we make that

much money, if we ever do.

Because we are fallen human beings, it's our natural tendency to not want to work for our money, to have an "easy life" handed to us by the luck of the draw.

As Christians, we recognize that God commands us to work for our money.

2 Thess. 3:10 tells us that those who don't work should not eat, and Prov. 10:4 says, "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich."

After reading this verse, it's easy to understand why statistically 70 percent of lottery winners go broke within five years of hitting their big jackpot.

Pressure from family, friends and simply the overwhelming magnitude of their newfound wealth drive many lottery winners to develop costly drug and alcohol addic-

tions, gambling habits, or the misperception that they will now never reach the bottom of their money barrel.

And over half of those who hit the jackpot quit their jobs after their win.

We are created to work; therefore, we will not be satisfied with or blessed by lazy pursuits.

These principles of hard work can be applied to all areas of our lives, not just to jobs and monetary gain.

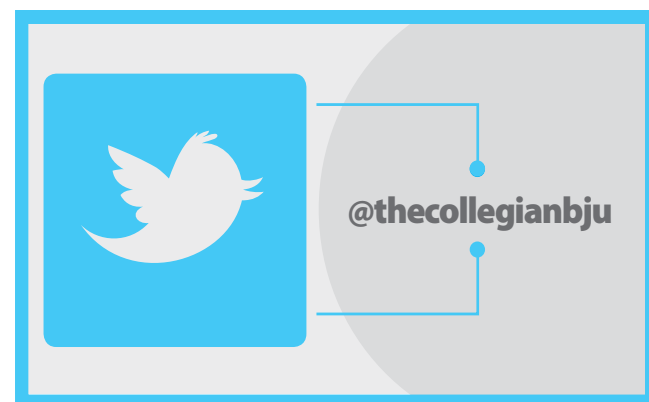
How much effort do you

put into your schoolwork? Your relationships with others? Your relationship with God?

Luke 16:10 says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

Instead of viewing daily tasks such as studying for a five-point quiz or taking out the trash as mundane, view them as a chance to be faithful in the little things.

Give your all, and rest in God's promise of blessings.



TALK BACK

What presidential cabinet position would you want?



sophomore
LAU CADET
"Attorney General."



freshman
CAILIN HENSLEY
"Secretary of Agriculture."



freshman
KAYLAH SMITH
"Surgeon General."



sophomore
MATT BEALS
"Feline Affairs."



junior
HANNAH ZAKARIA
"Secretary of State."

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Everyone has disappointments. But I also know that pain has a purpose.

Through my experience, God has used my pain to draw me closer to Himself and to give me a tool to share love with others.

I can honestly say that I have a better relationship with Jesus because I don't have a relationship with my earthly father.

I can recall countless nights of feeling God's presence so near to me as I cried myself to sleep because my heart hurt so deeply.

God has shown me His love through my heartache.

But because I am a flawed human being, simply knowing that I don't suffer in vain doesn't always ease the burden of that pain.

Yet, the truth is I don't have to hide my suffering. I don't have to pretend that life is sunshine and lollipops all the time.

And neither do you. Jesus didn't. John 11:35 says that "Jesus wept."

Jesus understands that life hurts. "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," Isaiah 53:3 says.

Jesus experienced the pain of his cousin being murdered, the pain of being misunderstood, the pain of being betrayed by the person who was supposed to be His best friend, the pain of His creation crucifying Him and the pain of His own Father turning away.

1 Peter 3:18 says, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

But Jesus' pain was the platform for His greatest ministry.

"Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God," Hebrews 12:2 says.

Without the horrible torture of the cross, there would be no Resurrection Sunday.

There would be no death to sin and defeat of Satan, and there would be no hope.

But Jesus chose to suffer. He suffered for you and for me. He suffered so that we can have victory over sin and death. He suffered so that Heaven can be our reality.

But He also hurt so that you and I don't have to grieve alone.

Through Christ, pain can be a beautiful tool.

Pain didn't triumph in Jesus' life. And it won't in mine. And it doesn't have to in yours.

Because through Christ's power, pain can be a beautiful tool.

A tool that draws your heart and my heart close to Jesus—showing the world that even though we hurt, the God we serve is more powerful than sorrow.

People need to hear that message. Jesus is love, and He is with us in the pain.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit," Psalm 34:18 says.

But people need more than a sermon of words. They need to know that someone understands—that

someone cares.

Maybe God has allowed you to cry because He wants you to wipe away someone else's tears.

Maybe God wants you to tell someone else that they are not alone in their heartache.

We are supposed to be Jesus' hands. Jesus washed the dirt off His disciples' feet. In that culture, washing feet was far from heroic. It was normal. It was even menial.

And maybe today, for you and me, washing someone's feet is not a dramatic sacrificial act.

Sometimes feet-washing is simply being transparent about life and real struggles.

Sometimes it is listening and being that shoulder to cry on for someone else.

Don't be silent about your pain. Instead of pretending life is perfect share your struggles and wash someone else's feet.

When you hurt, God is not crushing you, He is molding you with nail-scarred hands. Molding you for a higher calling that He has specifically chosen for you.

Isaiah 64:8 says, "But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Use the pain. Revel in Jesus and His perfect love for you.

Then reach out and love those who are suffering silently around you.

Yes, life hurts. But that's okay. Because pain has a divine purpose.

And that purpose can be beautiful if we will only let Christ shine through the cracks of our brokenness.

SNAPSHOT



PHOTO: IAN NICHOLS

JACOB MIKITA ■ SOPHOMORE ENGINEERING

"[Engineering] was a big inspiration from my grandpa. He was kind of like my hero growing up. He was a mechanical engineer and made microchips. I was very little when he passed away, but it [is] my goal to become someone like my grandpa.

"When I first came here, I was focused on just studying, getting things done, getting good grades. But I wasn't really satisfied with that. I was struggling more and more because the classes here are more difficult than I'm used to. I finally gave up and let God have control. And after that I started reading my Bible more and getting up early for Bible study. It changed my perspective about how to study—I actually enjoyed studying more [and] enjoyed life more from growing my relationship with God."

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your opponents' ships. Anyone can participate in this game.

"[Friday] will be like last year's Student Appreciation Day on steroids," Weathers said.

Faculty and administrators will start the day off by serving students breakfast in the residence halls between 9 and 9:45 a.m.

All 8 a.m. classes will begin at 10 a.m., and every class will last only 40 minutes.

Every student will be out of class at 4:30 p.m., and a free Greek-themed dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

On Friday, students may wear their team colors to class.

Friday night, the entire student body will gather on Stadium Field for a fun night of individual and group games—the "Greek Games"—to determine the winning team for the week.

All societies will be grouped into four teams, each with an assigned theme color—blue, red, green and white. Brother and sister societies will be grouped together, and each of the four teams will be equally numbered.

Weathers said these Olympic-style games were in-

spired by societies, since the name of each society harkens back to ancient Greece. Each team will have leaders to help guide the event.

The games will include a 4x100 relay, sack races, a competition to build the highest human pyramid and several other activities.

Christopher Zydowicz and Jane Smith will be the commentators for the games. They will be dressed in Greek togas and wreaths.

A week like this simply would not be complete without fireworks. The fireworks will begin after the Greek games and will be followed by coffee and a specialty des-

sert in the Activity Center. Curfew will be extended to midnight.

Kaipo Sotelo, ISC athletic director and senior exercise science major, is the game master for the event. He will be working with Smith and Zydowicz to help explain the games.

"The Bruin Daze are a fun way to unite the student body in friendly competition," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for everyone to get involved, and we're excited to show everyone what we've got in store."

Emily Weier, student body president and senior business

administration major, believes Bruin Daze will exceed people's expectations.

"I think it will be good for societies interacting with each other and forming bigger teams," Weier said.

Kayla Bullock, events coordinator, and Clay Bryant, university host, are organizing a campus-wide game of Tag for the week.

Pam Cushman, director of events management said having fun is unifying.

"Even though you study and work together, it's not the same as having fun together," she said. "Some of the best moments are made in events like this."



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Students to volunteer for women's crisis center

TORI SANDERS
Staff Writer

BJU students have a unique opportunity to contribute to the fight for life by volunteering for the 2017 Fundraising Banquet for Life on March 9, an annual event held by the Piedmont Women's Center.

The Piedmont Women's Center is a women's crisis center that offers reproductive healthcare in the Upstate.

The banquet is an annual fundraising event, and this year marks the banquet's 26th anniversary.

BJU's Community Service Council needs 90 volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Volunteers will help set up, clean up, greet patrons, work registration, usher and a variety of other activities.

Students will volunteer their services to the banquet from 4:30 to 11 p.m.

An email was sent out Feb. 22 from the CSC with infor-

mation on the event and a link to sign up for the event.

Josh Strubel, a senior engineering major and CSC director, explained what sets the Piedmont Women's Center apart from other pregnancy centers.

"What makes the Piedmont Women's Center so special is that they don't just instruct pregnant women to not have abortions—they offer solutions," he said.

Strubel said he was inspired by the message Dr. Sam Horn gave a few weeks ago on the sanctity of life.

"It's one of the biggest issues of our generation. We look back at slavery and wonder why nobody did anything then, but in a hundred years, people will look back and judge us for [abortion]," Strubel said.

The Piedmont Women's Center provides help for both women who are pregnant and women who have had abortions and need counseling.

The women's center also



The Piedmont Women's Center provides pregnancy-related medical services and counseling programs. Photo: Stephen Dysert

offers a counseling program for men who are experiencing emotional distress following an abortion.

In addition to this, the center also provides free pregnancy testing and ultra-

sounds.

The Piedmont Women's Center is a non-profit Christian organization that partners with various churches in the Upstate.

The Piedmont Women's

Center is dedicated to celebrating life by giving medical advice and services to women who may turn to abortion.

BJU's CSC is organizing the drive for volunteers. Sarah Darlin, a senior communica-

tions major, is the CSC representative directly in charge of the drive.

Women are expected to wear a dressy dress, and men are expected to wear a suit and tie.

Donate to blood drive and food drive to save lives

ANDREW MILLER
Staff Writer

BJU will host The Blood Connection next week, giving each donor the opportunity to save up to three lives by making a blood donation.

From Monday, March 6, to Friday, March 10, The Blood Connection buses will be open for donations from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

All blood donation participants will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

Along with the gift card, returning donors can bring their TBC card along with them to gain points that are redeemable for online rewards.

This semester, however, there will be an added incentive to donate.

Since the blood drive falls on Bruins Daze, participating teams will compete to donate the most blood. The men's and women's societies will be divided into four teams—red,

blue, green and white.

Team members who donate blood will score points for their respective team. At the end of the week, the points will be tallied up and added to each team's cumulative points from other activities.

Sarah-Paige Guerrant, a sophomore nursing student coordinating the blood drive, encouraged people to come prepared with student ID card and TBC donor card.

"As a nursing student working in a hospital, I've seen all these patients who need help and giving blood is a really great way to help them," Guerrant said.

In the U.S., someone is in need of blood every two seconds. According to The Blood Connection, for every one person donating blood, up to three lives can be saved.

Red blood cells can be stored for only 42 days, and yet the need is immense. Consistent donors are needed to

keep up with this life-altering demand.

For some students, it's more than the \$10 gift card, sugary snacks or "vein-glory."

"It's a great way to touch someone's life in some small way," said Kenrick Wong, a sophomore business administration major.

Wong first donated last semester and plans to continue donating.

If you are unable to help with this blood drive, Guerrant encouraged students to look into the community for more outreach opportunities.

"It's so easy to get involved if you just go out and look into the community," Guerrant said.

In fact, along with the blood drive, the SLC is giving students another opportunity to reach the community during Bruins Daze.

From March 6 to 11, the SLC is partnering with the Harvest Hope Food Bank and

Bi-Lo with the goal to raise 1,000 canned foods, toiletries and dry goods.

Community Service Council director Joshua Strubel stressed the importance of holding this food drive.

"Most of these places have a surplus of food around Christmas and Thanksgiving because everyone donates, but around March and April they start to run out," Strubel said.

The items needed will be

canned vegetables and meats, peanut butter, beans, toiletries and dry goods.

Pick-up locations will be in The Den, the dining common and the Center for Global Opportunities.



Camille Gullotta, junior accounting major, donates blood in The Blood Connection bus. Photo: BJU Marketing/Derek Eckenroth

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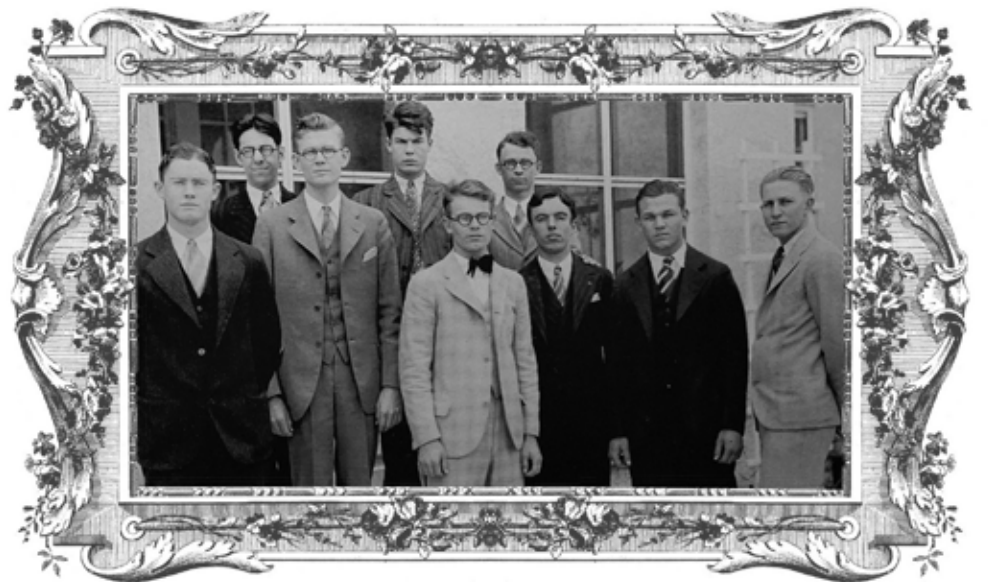
Fashion Flashback

Early Campus Fashion



The Mixed Double Quartette, 1929

Men commonly wore black double-breasted dinner jackets with long broad-pointed lapels and square shoulders for formal wear. Women's dresses, often accompanied by a shawl, were flowy and hit from below the knee to mid-calf.



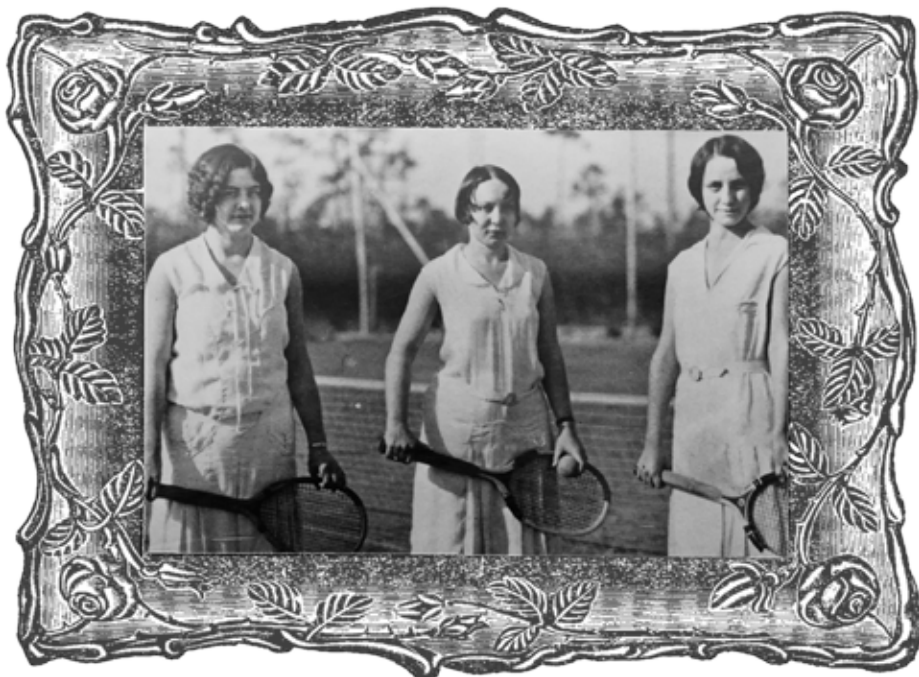
The first "Preacher Boys" class of 1929

Men's suits featured broad shoulders and wide lapels. Textures and patterns such as stripes, plaids, herringbone and tweed were all popular. Round horn-rimmed glasses were the style of the day.



The BJC 1931 baseball team, "The Swampers"

Baseball uniforms included a cap, knee breeches, knee-high stockings and soft leather cleats.



Girls Tennis Champions, 1930

Designers started making fashionable tennis outfits when tennis became a popular leisure sport in the 1920s. Outfits were simple and often featured pleated skirts.

(The future Mrs. Bob Jones Jr. is on the right.)



Candid shot of women dorm students, circa 1930

Women's day dresses were commonly cut with a flair, the hem hitting slightly below the knee. Both muted colors and patterns such as plaids, florals and polka dots were common. Shoes with thick heels and Oxfords were popular for daytime comfort. Hair was worn close to the head.



Caffeine: friend or foe? find a healthy balance

LUKE MCCORMICK
Staff Writer

Whether it's a Cuppa Jones coffee in the morning or a soft drink from a vending machine on the way to class, caffeine is a popular stimulant on campus.

But how much caffeine should we be consuming and from what should we be consuming it?

Melanie Schell, nutrition expert and BJU professor in the department of biology, said caffeine has both benefits and potential downsides in a person's diet.

Schell said consumers receive caffeine naturally when drinking beverages such as coffee, tea and soft drinks.

"It is something that is not added to these beverages," Schell said. "It is something that is naturally occurring in them."

Since caffeine is a natural stimulant, Schell said caffeine is attractive to those who wish to limit the number of additives in their diets.

Schell said research shows that caffeine also increases concentration, and it can be a way to incorporate more calcium in a diet by adding

milk or other dairy products to coffee and tea.

Schell said another benefit to caffeine is its antioxidant properties, which prevent disease in the body.

Although caffeine has many benefits, consumers should be careful in how they consume caffeine.

"Look for ways to add it to your diet without a lot of added sugars," Schell said.

"That's going to mean looking for brewed coffee that you can add sugar to yourself rather than designer coffee beverages like those of Starbucks with much added sugar."

Schell said the recommended limit for caffeine intake per day is around 400 milligrams.

This limit will be reached after two to three cups of coffee and more caffeine becomes less beneficial.

Schell said too much caffeine might result in ill effects like restlessness, insomnia, a racing heartbeat, muscle tremors or headaches.

"These unpleasant side effects can be different for every person," Schell said.

"Some people can have these side effects after just one

or two cups of coffee, but for other people it might take a lot more. It just depends on how tolerant you are."

Dehydration is a side effect of caffeine often not considered, Schell said.

Caffeine increases urine flow and can quickly dehydrate the body.

"For every cup of coffee you drink," Schell said, "you should ideally be drinking a glass of water as well."

For those who wish to reduce the amount of caffeine in their diets, Schell said gradually reducing caffeine intake is best.

"If you're wanting to reduce the amount of caffeine in your diet, do it gradually," Schell said.

"Don't go from drinking three to four cups of coffee a day to drinking none. That's not going to be very helpful."

Schell said consumers who just enjoy the ritual of a hot drink may wish to switch to lower caffeine teas in place of coffee or try "half-caf," a mix of half caffeinated beverage and half decaffeinated beverage.

"The key for caffeine is moderation," Schell said, "just like any other product in our diets."



Melanie Schell is a nutrition expert and BJU biology professor. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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**Have any ideas for
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Matthew Shannon

junior

Sports Management

bruins spotlight

1 | What got you into golf?

"A man by the name of James Wilson back in Oregon. He took me under his wing and taught me how to play the game."

2 | What are your hobbies or pastimes?

"I'm an outdoors guy. I love to fish, camp, and have barbecues with my family."

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

"It would have to be going to the national tournament down in Panama City Beach, Florida. Playing golf with my brothers on the team and hanging with the best coach I've ever had. That's tough to beat."

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

"As of now, I'm really interested in teaching and coaching. I love working with young people."

Bruins basketball teams wrap up successful season

AJ PAPAGNO
Sports Writer

There is plenty to be excited about for BJU Bruins basketball as both the men's and women's teams won regional championship titles.

The men's team finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-18 and 4-3 in conference games.

The men's team was the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament hosted by BJU last weekend.

During the final half of the season, the men's team went on an impressive eight-game winning streak, including three wins over NCAA rivals including Toccoa Falls College, Piedmont International University and Pensacola Christian College.

The NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament started last Thursday, but the Bruins didn't play their first game until Friday when they faced off against Trinity Baptist College.

The Bruins ultimately defeated Trinity Baptist 81-67 and made it to the South Regional Championship Game to play the Trinity College Tigers.

Some other highlights from the regular season included Marshall Riddle scoring his 1,000th career point as a Bruin and the Bruins' 89-62 rout of PCC at home.

During last week's semi-final against Trinity Baptist, Dustin Killough also recorded his 1,000th career point as a Bruin.

The Bruins women's team also had an exciting last half of the regular season.

The women's team finished the regular season with a 13-17 record and 7-2 in conference play this season.

The Bruins women's team had some struggles earlier this season as the team lost three starters at the beginning of the semester.

"We adjusted," coach Mike LeViere said. "We have nine freshmen and three sophomores."

Despite losing three starters, LeViere said he's seen some of the younger players step up their game.

"Kylee Leffew has really blossomed into a basketball player," LeViere said. "Rachel Clark has helped us with her knowledge of the game."

Some of the notable games for the women's team included beating PCC at home in what LeViere said

was "maybe the best defensive game we've played" and beating Columbia International University in two games this season.

LeViere also said the Bruins' loss to Vorhees College was a good game for the team because they played well as a team despite losing.

The biggest impact leaders for the women's team this season were seniors Hannah Tompkins and Sha'Ron Brunson, LeViere said.

Leviere said Tompkins did a great job in both team leadership and with her stats.

"She leads on and off the court," LeViere said.

Throughout last week, the women's team was preparing for their own South Regional Tournament.

LeViere said the final regular season game against Johnson & Wales was a good test for the Bruins.



Bruin Marshall Riddle scored his 1,000th career point. Photo: Ian Nichols



Bruin Sarah Thomsen carries the ball down the court while blocking an opponent. Photo: Rebekah Mierta

"We played a really tough team, and we were competing with them," LeViere said.

The team's practice time also tapered off as preparation for the tournament, and the team started watching films of their opponents to scout them.

The women's team entered the regional tournament as the No. 3 seed and handily defeated sixth-seeded Piedmont International University 88-29 to advance to the semifinals.

In the semifinals, the women's team played Trinity College and won 78-64 to advance to the South Regional Championship Game.

For the men's regional championship game, the Bruins narrowly edged the Trinity College Tigers 68-65 to capture the program's first ever men's basketball regional tournament championship title.

The women's team also won their first ever regional championship by defeating rival PCC 79-69 in an exciting game.

Both teams are hopeful as they are now headed to the NCAA Division II National Tournament which will be held in Ankeny, Iowa, on March 9 through March 11.

The men's team will play the Randall University Saints on Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m., and the women's team will play Maranatha Baptist University that same day at 4 p.m.

Both teams must win their games in order to stay alive in the tournament. A loss by either team will eliminate them from contending for a spot in the national championship game.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DIVISION II REGIONAL CHAMPIONS



MEN'S BASKETBALL DIVISION II REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

The Funnel Cake House features carnival-style food

IAN DYKE
Staff Writer

Located on North Pleasantburg Drive across the bridge behind the women's residence halls, the newly opened The Funnel Cake House serves a variety of traditional carnival-type foods as well as café drinks.

As the name implies, funnel cake holds a central place at The Funnel Cake House.

House-favorite funnel cakes come in two sizes—"baby" for those looking for a snack and "mamma" for those looking to make a meal of it.

Customers can customize their dessert with a list of common and not-so-common toppings like ice cream, jams, Nutella and condensed milk.

As the restaurant says,

"Your creativity is the limit!" Prices for funnel cakes with toppings range from \$5 to \$7.

But the menu includes more than just funnel cake.

The Funnel Cake House is also very fond of other fried foods: Oreos, mac and cheese bites, potato rings and even chocolate bars and cheesecake are fried and ready to eat in minutes.

Other menu choices include crepes, chocolate cake and cheesecakes.

Tony Handal, a member of The Funnel Cake House team, said fresh, natural and homemade best describes the restaurant's menu.

Customers can enjoy the free Wi-Fi with a cool or hot café drink in hand.

Fresh coffee, tea and hot chocolate are all available for



The Funnel Cake House offers a variety of funnel cake toppings such as jams and Nutella. Photo: Stephen Dysert

colder days while smoothies and milkshakes come in multiple flavors.

Formerly a Mexican restaurant, the remodeled build-

ing includes the front seating space and tables as well as a small back dining room.

Excited for potential business from BJU, The Funnel

Cake House frequently offers specials particularly aimed at BJU students and even advertised in The Collegian.

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Millennials and the facts behind the reading stereotype

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Freeloaders, text addicts, internet-obsessed millennials?

Sometimes it seems that other generations just can't stop picking on the notorious Generation Y.

No generation is flawless, but some stereotypes may need some fact checking.

For instance, the stereotype that millennials don't read.

A Pew Research Center study recently found that millennials are just as likely as older adults to have used a library or read a book in the last year.

In fact, 18-29-year-olds were the most likely of any age group to have read a book in the last year.

But what sets this generation apart as readers?

And what about readers

here at Bob Jones University?

Several professors in the literature and journalism departments gave their insights on what they have observed about the millennial generation in the classroom.

"I really think that students read as much, if not more, than they ever have," said Betty Solomon, a journalism and mass communication professor at BJU.

"It is not that millennials are not reading; they just read for a different purpose."

She calls them "functional readers," people who read looking for the answers to their questions and who search until a headline catches their eye.

In the media world now, the internet has helped people learn about news from around the world in a more accessible format.

However, Solomon pointed out that this is still a gen-

eration of readers and gave the example of the Harry Potter series.

"It spurred this generation to read more fiction," she said.

A 2015 study by the National Endowment for the Arts supported Solomon's point.

They found that not only do U.S. millennials read, but older millennials by percentage are the second most avid readers of any age group in the United States.

"I've been seeing a lot of studies online," said Dr. Bruce Rose, chair of the Division of English Language and Literature.

Rose is concerned that students are just skimming the surface of literature, however, and not engaging in deep reading, which is dangerous when students go to read Scripture and only engage the text on the surface instead of from a deep literary analysis.

"I really think that students' reading choices are so culturally driven today, much more so than people in the past," said Dr. Rhonda Galloway, a professor in the Division of English Language and Literature.

Galloway also enjoys connecting with her students in her classes on the popular young adult series but is concerned that students will not go further into the classics of literature.

"Our students do read, but they are more information driven in their reading rather than digging into a book for the value of the book itself," she said.

Galloway also said that our culture does not emphasize a depth of thought because that takes too much time.

BJU professors strive to cultivate that development of interpretation through the required literature classes,

Galloway said.

Which, she said, is thinking about what a work of literature means.

Rather than evaluate the entertainment value of the literature, Galloway encourages her students to think about the value that the piece has for the individual, especially from a Christian perspective.

"Ask yourself: why do I believe what I believe?" Galloway said.

"How does that impact my education and thinking on cultural issues and the evaluation of the sermons that I hear? Christians need to think deeply. What we learn in our literature classes really helps us in life."

Another professor in the Division of English Language and Literature, Dr. Brent McNeely, said he is thankful if the students read at all.

From there, someone can give the students an apprecia-

tion for more sophisticated literature.

"Some students tend to stick to one genre or two," Dr. Brent McNeely said. "They have what they like, and that is fine."

But he warns people about having an elitist attitude when it comes to reading.

Learning, he believes, can be accomplished in other ways, especially now as television shows are more sophisticated than ever, and people can encounter narrative in other forms.

So, why read?

"There is something in us that admires creativity," McNeely said, "and that love of aesthetic beauty—God gave us that—it is neat to see how works are organized. But why does *Finnegan's Wake* start in the middle? Why is *Time's Arrow* written backwards? Some works aren't organized, and it is fun to ask why."