

LUKE MCCORMICK Staff Writer

University chancellor Dr. Bob Jones III will perform the role of Shylock, moneylender and chief antagonist in Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice*, in three performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Rodeheaver Auditorium.

The play is directed by Jeff Stegall of the theatre arts department who will also play the role of Antonio.

According to Stegall, *The Merchant of Venice* was the first Shakespearean production performed at Bob Jones College in 1930.

This year's production will be the 14th time BJU has performed the play.

Dr. Bob Jones Jr. played the role of Shylock the first 12 times the production was done, and Dr. Bob Jones III took on the role for the last two productions.

Stegall said Dr. Jones is an excellent cast member who arrives at rehearsals well prepared and with ideas for Stegall's consideration.

"It always makes for a great process when the actors don't just wait to be told what to do," Stegall said.

"But they also bring ideas that the director can look at and shape into the final product," he said.

In *The Merchant of Venice,* Bassanio and his friend, the merchant Antonio, negotiate a loan from Shylock for Bassanio to court the wealthy heiress Portia.

The play is considered one of Shakespeare's more complex and controversial works since Shylock is a Jew living in an anti-Semitic culture.

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BJU secures tax-exempt status after 34 years

IAN DYKE Staff Writer

"When I came here as president and I met with our cabinet in our first meeting, I made it very clear where I stood on the race issue," Thirty-four years after the landmark Supreme Court decision to remove the University's tax exemption due to its former interracial dating policy, over 200 publications covered the resolution of the story that drew national attention throughout the 1980s into the early 2000s.

Although the policy was rescinded nearly 20

years ago by then-President Bob Jones III, the board of trustees and the administration began to seek to reestablish tax exemption in 2014 when Pettit assumed the office of president.

According to Chief Communications Officer Carol Keirstead, securing tax exemption was one of Pettit's core initiatives. "[Establishing tax exemption] was President Pettit's priority," Keirstead said.

"He saw the benefit of it. And somebody coming in See **TAX EXEMPTION** p.8 **>>**

President Steve Pettit said Wednesday, Feb. 15, during the 2017 Bible Conference.

"And so I decided at that time we were going to seek back our tax-exempt status because we don't believe [the policies we once held]. That's not what we believe."

In meetings since he became president, Pettit told faculty, staff and alumni that regaining tax exemption was one of his top priorities.

His announcement from the stage of Founder's Memorial Amphitorium was the first time students heard the official news. Shouts of support and extended applause followed.



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ELISA CRAWLEY Staff Writer

The summer of my freshman year I was a hostess at a brick oven pizza restaurant. The pay was minimal and I didn't make tips, but I slept till 9 a.m. and had unlimited bread rolls.

Located in Boston, the restaurant shared a plaza with a local ice cream chain, a liquor store, a CVS and a bank, and every night after my shift I would sit on the curb of the plaza path and wait for my dad to pick me up.

Usually I would call my boyfriend and I enjoyed the time I spent waiting, but one night in late July he wasn't available to talk.

That night was a Saturday, and the restaurant had been in its usual chaos for hour after hour. In the end, I had spilled oil and flour on myself, and my legs hurt, but we all pulled through.

I walked out of the restaurant and assumed my usual perch on the sidewalk, waiting for my father's arrival.

That night some staff were out smoking and because I had already rejected their invitation out and I needed some time alone, I moved farther down the plaza toward the See COLUMN p. 3 >>

Before Midterms

The Collegian Editorial Stop judging, comparing—base your worth on what God says

Confidence. Beauty. Selfesteem.

These may come naturally for some, or not so much for others.

We live in a country obsessed with how we look and how we feel about ourselves.

We rate people's level of attractiveness in our minds, or worse, aloud.

We compare our beauty to theirs, making ourselves feel better or worse.

others to be carbon copies of Hollywood's "beauty."

We must put our best face and body forward to fit in with the flawless pictures on Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

In the past, only celebri- found in Christ. ties faced the critical eye of the judging public. But now, we all live in the public eye.

So, we strive for unrealistic levels of beauty.

Women master the latest contouring techniques. Men hit the gym for gains. We fix our hair just right—not too frizzy, not too flat. We wear the trendy clothes and shoes.

The ugly truth is we're obsessed with beauty.

Stop it. Stop comparing yourself to others. Stop trying to be something you're not. Stop basing your happiness on appearance.

Confidence and self-es-We expect ourselves and teem are found when we stop chasing superficial beauty.

> Sure, we feel nice in a new outfit on a good hair day. But, that happiness washes off in the shower at the end of the day.

Genuine self-esteem is

Most of us have heard this before. It's not a new concept in Christian circles. But that's because it's true.

Don't misinterpret that

to mean you can never own fashionable clothes, work out or wear makeup.

It simply means that we shouldn't base our happiness and worth on those things.

We should work on making our hearts beautifulbeautiful in God's eyes.

It's a challenge to spend as much time reading about our worth and God's expectations as we spend getting ready,



After Midterms



judging others and measur-

ing ourselves by the world's

Lord seeth not as man seeth;

for man looketh on the out-

ward appearance, but the Lord

not just a beautiful face. See

yourself as God created you-

an image-bearer of God. And

Craft a beautiful heart—

looketh on the heart."

lift others up in love.

God told Samuel, "The

standards.

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How would you

describe this winter



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DAVID ARBUCKLE • SOPHOMORE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"I want to work at a juvenile detention center and be a Christlike father figure to those in the detention center. My father is the role model in my life, because he has always been there for me and gives me great life advice. I want to be a light for Christ to those who are in need—to show them that there is something better out there than committing crime. I always wanted to help a lot of people out in life, and one of my good friends back home is a cop. So I hang out with him a lot, and that's pretty much why [I chose criminal justice].

"God has shown me this year that I need to have more patience for those around me. He has also shown me that without Christ I can do nothing—that I need to concentrate more and have Him help me through my life. A lot of times I feel like I can do things on my own, but I realize that I can't do anything on my own. God has to help me through it."

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liquor store.

The staff in there knew us well, and because I had been sent in once or twice to buy a lighter, I didn't feel any less safe there. Or maybe at that age, my fear hadn't truly set in.

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Ride after ride on the subway and runs in the city had made me used to unwanted attention, and I was confident that I knew how to avoid trouble.

I sat myself at the curb of the sidewalk. The immediate 100 or so feet was flooded with light, and cars zoomed past beyond the parking lot.

A few minutes later, a couple walked into my vision, at the far side of the lot.

They walked with a distance in between each other and their pace was faster than normal. The man's face was contorted in apparent anger, and suddenly I heard him yell something at the woman.

She looked defeated, in a black dress, carrying her heels. The couple hadn't been in the restaurant and there was no car in sight, so I figured they must have walked from a house or apartment nearby. She looked upset, but her smudged mascara was dry on her cheek.

I began to feel uneasy. They stood about a car's distance apart. He threw his arms in the air and continued to yell. She slowly began walking towards the plaza, towards me.

"I see him as a man that under different circumstances would have just been a shrewd businessman," Jones said. "But in this situation, he is a very bitter and vengeful person."

Jones said Shylock will do anything for his god of gold, but he hopes to portray the character in a way that helps He made no move to stop her, but instead his anger was slightly assuaged. I began to see that divine providence could be placing me in a position to help.

She came up to me and asked if I had a cigarette. At this time I was the only one outside on the plaza, and I didn't smoke. I looked at her and very sincerely apologized. She moved on inside the liquor store.

A few minutes later she came out empty handed and walked towards the man.

Doing nothing is not an innocent decision.

He saw her and began yell-

The whole time I had sat

Slowly a darkness devel-

ing again but kept his distance,

and they walked away into the

frozen. Waiting. But it was

oped inside of me. I had failed

her. In that short span of time

I was given multiple opportu-

nities to at least ask: "Are you

perate request and step away,

but I have no idea what I had

my care, and I failed to follow

His example and show real

walked away from.

compassion.

All I did was reject a des-

God put a person right in

So, now, this is the only

darkness.

too late.

okay?"

voice I can give her. I can tell others that doing nothing is not an innocent decision. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and even stopped a harlot's death sentence.

Sometimes reflecting Christ doesn't start with giving the Gospel, but with attending to a person's immediate physical needs.

Of course, Jesus did more than that. When he asked the weary to come to Him, He gave them more than an immediate sensation.

> But, at the same time, he performed physical miracles that changed peoples' lives on earth forever.

My slow reaction was not just a failure to help someone in need, but it was also a

failure to reflect Christ.

Since then, I have only experienced one similar situation in a movie theater later that summer.

My boyfriend and I chased the couple down when they left early, the man yelling and the woman crying, but they disappeared before we could have decided whether or not to call the police.

I still pray for both women whenever they come to mind. I've prayed for their forgiveness and for God's.

I pray for their safety and I pray for bravery for me and for society and for the church. So that next time any of us can step in and be a voice.

act from observing the negative traits that many of the characters portray.

"Hopefully our relationships will be stronger by observing some of the negative character traits not just of Shylock but of other characters who oppose him as well," Stegall said.



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This production is set in 1953, a time long after the life of Shakespeare.

Stegall said the modern setting forces the audience to examine all of the characters' backstories in a post-Holocaust Europe instead of in an Elizabethan setting.

Stegall said the production will focus on Shylock's negative character traits instead of his Jewishness.

Jones said the complexities of Shylock as a character present challenges that make him a enjoyable character to portray. the audience understand why Shylock behaves in the way he does.

"I believe when you portray a character, you should try to get inside his head in the best way you can and then convey him to the audience as the author has written him to be," Jones said.

"That's the thrill and the challenge of it all, to make him human to the audience."

Jones said he hopes the audience can take away from the performance the fact that evil does receive its due rewards and the error in the greediness and vengefulness of Shylock. Stegall said he hopes the audience will learn how not to The Collegian · March 10, 2017



ANDREW MILLER Staff Writer

When chef Alex Wong came to the Greenville area from Malaysia 20 years ago, he had no idea what the result might be.

Little did he know that his future would include owning several Asian cuisine restaurants, including the popular Yellow Ginger.

After opening a Chinese restaurant and serving as chef at the Hyatt Regency, Wong opened YAP, a downtown Greenville Malaysian restaurant.

Because rent for a downtown location is expensive, Wong decided to open his current restaurant—the Yellow Ginger at 2100 Poinsett Highway. Serving Chinese, Indonesian, Malaysian and Singaporean food, as well as cuisine from Hong Kong and Thailand, the Yellow Ginger has become a popular dining spot for students.

Chef Wong credits some of the popularity to his large array of unique Asian delicacies.

"There's always something for everyone," Wong said of the variety.

Customers can enjoy dining from platters originating from several different Asian countries, and can choose from five levels of spiciness.

Appetizer options include homemade egg rolls, Singapore calamari, pork pot stickers, crispy shrimp tempura and fried tofu.

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Yellow Ginger Asian Kitchen offers array of Southeast Asian cuisine



Located 10 minutes from campus, Yellow Ginger offers dishes reflecting the flavors of Southeast Asia. Photo: Ian Nichols

Science students present cancer research in Columbia

KATIE JACKSON Staff Writer

Paige Heiple and Lauren Watts, senior BJU students, presented a research project at Southeastern Undergraduate Research Conference in Columbia, S.C., on Jan. 27 and 28.

Their report was one of only 12 oral presentations out of the 62 teams attending SURC.

Heiple and Watts, both biochemistry and molecular biology majors, presented their findings on the University of South Carolina's campus.

Those attending their presentation included the other attendees, many of whom mer internship program with Cayman Chemical Company in Michigan.

The project focused on creating an anti-cancer agent by synthesizing a molecule, called Ski2, which stops cell growth in four different cell lines.

They were following a synthesis process that has been outlined in the "Journal of Medicinal Chemistry," but their goal was to perfect the results as much as possible.

"Our goal was to optimize it so that the process could get a better end result," Watts said.

The students then used part of it the BJU labs and equipment ogy Prog for around eight hours a day. Dr. Robert Lee, a BJU Cayman. faculty member in the departments of chemistry and phys-

"This was a really good experience," Heiple said. "It gave us valuable lab skills that we will both need in our prospective fields."

Watts said this experience really boosted her confidence in the lab.

"I [have] now done these techniques over and over and I [feel] really confident doing them," Watts said.

This internship has opened up opportunities for future internships and careers for both students.

Watts was recently accepted into the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Tennessee as a part of its Pediatric Oncology Program. Her work will be similar to what she did with used in PET and CAT scans so that professionals can better see tumors.

Heiple is currently applying for a summer internship with Cayman Chemical Company, and she is being considered for the position.

The fact that she is in the consideration process is very special for Heiple because Cayman normally only accepts students in a master's or doctoral program.

"As an undergraduate, just being considered [for this internship] is a real honor," Heiple said.



are doctors, scientists or students.

Heiple and Watts' research ments of chemistry ar was begun as part of a sum- ics, was their mentor. She will be involved with cancer research by working with compounds that will be



Paige Heiple and Lauren Watts present their research project at SURC. Photo: Submitted



DORM FOOD HACKS

When it comes to preparing food in the residence halls, students get creative. With no ovens or stoves found in most dorms, residents make do with what they have. Here are some ways to get creative with just a coffee pot, microwave and even an iron.

BROWNIE RECIPE

2 tbsp. butter, melted 2 tbsp. water ½ tsp. vanilla extract 1 dash salt 4 tbsp. granulated sugar 2 tbsp. unsweetened co-coa powder 4 tbsp. all-purpose flour

Directions:

1. In a 12 oz. coffee mug, add water, butter, vanilla and dash of salt. Whisk well.

2. Add cocoa powder, whisk well. Add sugar, whisk well. Add flour, whisk well.

Microwave for 60 to 90 seconds. Center should be slightly molten. Careful not to overcook.
 Enjoy!

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• RAMEN RECIPE

1 can of vegetable soup

1 packet of ramen

Directions: Cook the soup in bowl covered by a paper towel for 1 minute in the microwave. Cook the ramen according to the directions on the package and then stir them into the soup.

For some students, one of the most frustrating things in college is the lack of baked goods. With a mug and a trip to the snack room, anyone can become a dorm room pastry chef. The internet has dozens of microwavable recipes available. With a quick google search and the proper ingredients, students can create everything from a quiche and lasagna to cake and brownies. All of these meals and desserts can be made in minutes.

1. Taco: For nights when students need a meal with minimal to no cleanup, a taco in a bag is the perfect option. Simply microwave ground beef for 30 seconds and add to a bag of Doritos or Fritos. Toppings like lettuce, tomato or taco sauce can then be added for flavor.

2. Ramen: Perhaps the most stereotypical food found on college campuses is ramen. While ramen does come with flavor packets, students can make ramen have even more flavor by adding in extra ingredients. Chicken, frozen vegetables, frozen wonton, eggs and onions, can all be added to spiff up a bowl of ramen.











Perhaps the most inventive cooking tool found in the residence hall is the iron. An iron can be used to create paninis or grilled cheese sandwiches.

1. Grilled Cheese: Butter the outside of the sandwich, wrap the sandwich in foil, place it on a flame-proof surface (like an ironing board) and iron press each side.





COFFEE POT METHODS



A coffee maker is already the most important staple in any dorm room, but few people know that a coffee maker with a carafe can be used in a variety of ways.

1. Eggs: To make boiled eggs, all you have to do is place a raw egg in the carafe of the coffee maker, fill the machine with water and run it through a cycle or two. In 10 minutes you will have a fully boiled egg.

2. Rice: This can also be made in a coffee maker. All you have to do is place rice in the carafe of the coffee maker and then add the specified amount of water into the carafe with the rice. Leave the rice on the burner until it has become tender and almost all of the water has evaporated.



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AJ PAPAGNO Sports Writer

While spring semester society sports are dominated by basketball and volleyball, minor sports such as water polo are sometimes forgotten.

Water polo pits two teams of seven against each other, each side consisting of six field players and one goalkeeper.

All field players play both offense and defense with the intent of throwing the ball into their opponents' goal.

Players must throw and catch the ball with only one hand while treading water in a unique style of kicking where the swimmer's legs alternate one-legged breaststroke kicks, called the "eggbeater kick."

The creation of the game, orginally called "aquatic football," is generally credited to Scottish swimming teacher William Wilson in 1877.

The game was first played in the United States in 1888.

Originally, water polo players rode on floating barrels that resembled mock horses and swung at the ball season, there are only two with mallet-like sticks.

The game was named "water polo" since this method of play slightly resembled equestrian polo.

sport attracted crowds of up to 14,000 to national championship games at prominent sporting venues such as Madison Square Garden.

Fighting between players was common until 1897 when American rules for play were formed to curb violence.

The game has been an Olympic sport since the Paris Games in 1900 and has traditionally been dominated by European countries.

The women's societies compete in a water polo season that is just over a month long, starting in the end of January and ending in the beginning of March.

At the end of the regular teams that remain undefeated-the Pi Delta Classics and the Pi Delta Classics 2 team, both with a 5-0 record.

The Classics have had a By the late 1890s, the very successful and impressive season and have shut out their opponents in four of their five regular season games, their smallest victory being by seven points.

> The only game where they allowed the other team to score was against the Classics' 3 team, which they won 5-3.

> The Classics will hold their first playoff game of the season against the Theta Delta Omicron Tigers this Saturday.

Outside of the Classics, another team that has done well in water polo is the Theta Mu Theta Bandits.

The Bandits are in second place in their division behind the Classics 2 team with a 2-2 record at the end of the regular season.

The Bandits had an impressive 5-4 win against the Beta Epsilon Chi Cardinals in the regular season and also had some tough losses to the Classics 2 team and the Chi Theta Upsilon Gators.

The Bandits will play in the water polo playoffs this week.

Their first game will be Saturday against the Cardinals, who will be out to avenge their regular season loss.



Great Britain defeated Belgium in the final of the 1908 London Summer Olympics. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

WOMEN'S WATERPOLO DIV. 1						WOMEN'S WATERPOLO DIV. 2					
TEAMS	W	L	Т	PF	PA	TEAMS	W	L	Т	PF	PA
CLASSICS 1	5	0	0	37	3	CLASSICS 2	5	0	0	13	2
CLASSICS 3	3	1	1	10	5	BANDITS	2	2	0	5	4
AMBASSADORS	2	3	0	0	21	CARDINALS	2	2	1	14	11
TIGERS	1	2	2	8	12	GATORS	1	2	1	1	8
KANGAS	0	2	2	2	9	COLTS	0	2	2	0	0
FLAMES	0 stat	3 VISTICS AS OF MAR	1 CH 18, 2017	0	7	BEAR CUBS	0 stat	2 ISTICS AS OF MAR	2 CH 18, 2017	1	9

bruins spotlight

Kylee Leffew sophomore

Middle School Education

I | What got you into basketball?

"I started playing in seventh grade. I didn't want to play basketball at first. My dad made me play and would send me to basketball camps, and then I started liking it."

2 | What are your hobbies or pastimes?

"I like hiking, playing the piano and running. I also enjoy watching the Butler Bulldogs play basketball they're my favorite team."

3 | What's your favorite thing about playing for BJU?

"Getting to know my teammates. They are like family to me."

4 | What do you want to do with your major after graduation? "I am a middle school math and science education major. I want to teach and be a specialized tutor."

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AJ PAPAGNO Staff Writer

With society basketball season coming to a close, society volleyball is taking the center stage for intramural athletics at Bob Jones University.

The regular season for men's and women's intramural volleyball officially starts on March 3 and will end on April 1 this year.

A playoff for the volleyball season will begin immediately after the conclusion of the regular season.

For men's society volleyball, the teams to beat this season will be the Beta Gamma Delta Patriots, the Pi Kappa Sigma Cobras A team and the Lanier Black team.

Last season in men's volleyball, the Cobras went undefeated all season and won the championship against the Patriots with a score of 3-1.

For the women's societies, one of the teams to beat will be the Pi Delta Classics A team.

Laura Gaston of the Pi Delta Chi Classics A team said some keys to her team's success this season will be serving and communication.

"The keys of success are serve and serve receive," Gaston said. "As long as we do that and communicate with each other clearly, we will be unstoppable."

Luke Davis, who plays for the Bryan Bears, says that communication and having each player play to their strengths are key for the Bears to do well this volleyball season.

"We will need to communicate on and off the court, and each individual player needs to play to his strengths and stay away from his weaknesses as much as possible," Davis said.

"Every player is needed because each player has his own role on the team. But I think there are two players we will be looking at to lead the team," Davis said.

Davis said those two players will be sophomores JD Surrett and Matt Smith.

But even more so than that, Davis said that his society must honor God above

all else.

"First, we need to make sure we do our best to glorify God," Davis said.

Kimberlee Ranck of the Nu Alpha Phi Flames A team said she draws inspiration from University of Michigan head football coach Jim Harbaugh, who said, "Realistic expectations in life are that we are going to be better today than we were yesterday, be better tomorrow than we were today. That's the key for success: to work."

"We are all striving to be part of something greater," Ranck said, "and I feel that volleyball is a way for us to come together as a team and give our all on the court for not only each other, but for the honor and glory of God who gave us our talents." Lauren Johnson of the Flames B team said in order to succeed, their team needs to be unified.

"Instead of being a team that just has a bunch of star players, we want to be one that works well together as a unit," Johnson said.

"This happens when each member is doing her job well, communicating, and putting the team first."

Johnson also said that each player's attitude plays a role.

"We've got a great group of girls, sweet and excited to play the game they love," Johnson said. "That translates onto the court: we've got fire!"



Kathryn Ferro and Alexis Shoemaker of the Bandits prepare to send the ball over the net. Photo: Rebecca Snyder





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Two entrée favorites include the Pad Thai and the Mee Goreng, a steamy assortment of stir-fried lo mein noodles, tofu, bean sprouts, green onion and a fried egg.

Other options include Pad Prik, made up of bell pepper, onion, green bean and mushroom with a kaffir lime chili sauce and Yellow Ginger Delight, a chef creation of shrimp, scallops, chicken, beef and mixed vegetables with chef's brown sauce on a crispy noodle bowl.

Dinner entrée prices range from \$10 to \$13.

The restaurant also offers a long list of lunch specials, served with an egg roll, priced at \$7.95 and served until 3 p.m. every day.

To top off the experience, the interior of the restaurant reflects the authenticity of the food. Upon entering the room, the eyes are captivated by Asian paintings hanging on the walls.

The staff, attentive and

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new could grab it and run with it. And that's what he did."

Securing tax exemption has been a two-and-a-halfyear process of consulting legal and tax experts as well as people knowledgeable about non-profit organizations.

The resulting plan was to divide the BJU ministries into two individual organizations, BJU, Inc. and BJU Education Group, Inc.

BJU, Inc. will contain non-profit entities, the University and the BJA Elwelcoming, wait on tables that are comfortable and close, providing for easy conversation.

All in all, the Yellow Gin-

ger offers friendly service, a conversational atmosphere and a truly authentic Southeast Asian food experience. The restaurant is closed

on Monday, open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.



Asian decorations add to the unique atmostphere of Yellow Ginger. Photo: lan Nichols

ementary School, while BJU Education Group, Inc. will contain taxable entities, BJA High School, Middle School, BJU Press, and the BJU Dry Cleaners.

The two separate organizations have made legal agreements to allow Facilities and other departments to service both BJU, Inc. and BJU Education Group, Inc.

While BJU, Inc. will operate under the existing Board of Trustees, BJU Education Group, Inc. will be governed by a new eight-member board consisting of Pettit, two executive vice presidents and a

board member as well as four external members.

Keirstead said that with the diverse interests of BJA and the BJU Press, the board needed a diversity of knowledge and experience including the business knowledge the four external members bring to the table.

Public relations director Randy Page said that although the restructuring is complicated, the effects on day-to-day life on campus will be minimal and students will probably not notice the change.

While tax exemption will

allow the University to apply for some federal grants that were previously unavailable, Page said the main reason to reestablish tax exemption was to allow donors the ability to deduct their charitable donations. Keirstead and

donations. Keirstead and Page both believe that consequently donations to the University will increase.

"Most colleges and universities have large endowments," Keirstead said. "We are at the disadvantage of not having built an endowment. [Pettit] knew we needed to have a better financial base to move forward. Obviously if donors can get a tax exemption, you have more donations. It's reasonable."

On Feb. 23, the University emailed alumni, a large portion of the University's donor base, describing the change in tax status and the resulting change in structure. Keirstead and Page said the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Dr. Bob Jones III, BJU president when the University lost tax exemption, expressed his personal support for regaining tax exemption.

"Unquestionably, having [tax exemption] again is going to be beneficial," Jones said. "So I am happy about the prospect of that [benefit]."

The last three BJU presidents and the Executive Board have repeatedly reaffirmed that the former policy was wrong.

Page echoed Pettit's sentiments from the 2017 Bible Conference.

"As a country, as a state, as an institution, we have grown. It is exciting for me to see [growth]," Page said.

"There is change, and that change is a good change. And that's where we want to be."

Have any ideas for *The Collegian*?

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nooks and crannies

» office of the chancellor «

Behind Mack Library and along Library Drive, a small road sign marks the Office of the Chancellor, which includes a long hallway and two assistants' workspaces. Dr. Jones III's office was repurposed from the former president Stephen Jones' house in 2015 to accommodate Dr. Bob after his office in the Administration Building was demolished. From Dr. Bob Jr. and Dr. Bob III's lifetimes of travelling, souvenirs from around the world reflect his ornate style. Missing from the office is Dr. Bob's signature bearskin rug and taxidermy, which was among the items that could not make the transition to the smaller space. Dr. Bob confessed to enjoying the convenience of working close to home a 200-foot walk.



Although smaller, Dr. Bob's new home office still features many beloved treasures from his travels. Photo: Rebecca Snyder