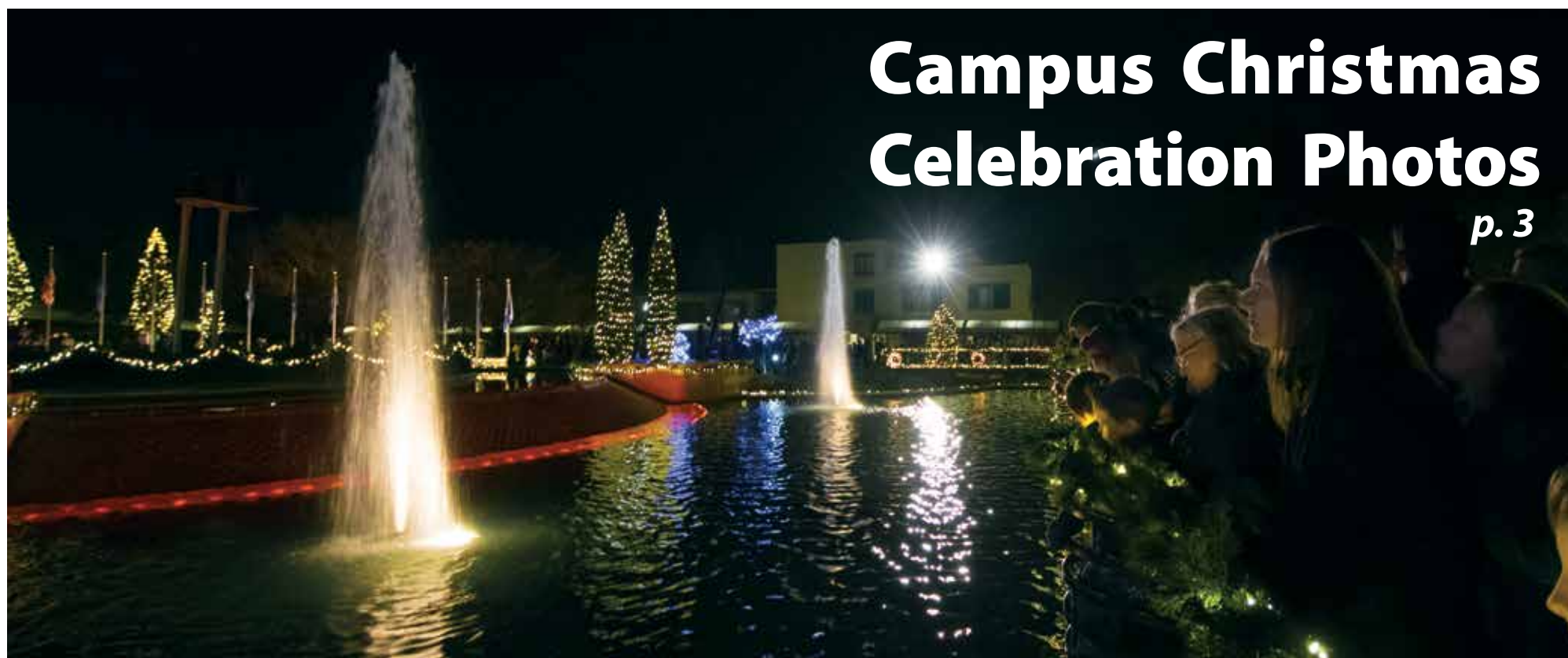


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Students enjoy the annual lighting of Bob Jones University. Photo: Dan Calhoun, Photo Services

## Student Body to entertain with funny videos

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 Staff Writer

This semester's student body play will be different from anything BJU students have performed in the past.

This time, Hannah Smith, women's senior representative, has coordinated a production that will give every student the opportunity to get involved.

The beginning of this "play" will involve a dramatic entrance by the host, who will announce the theme: funniest campus videos.

"This year, we wanted the program to be a true representation of the student body, meaning every student has an opportunity to be one of the stars," Smith said.

"The goal is to compile

funny campus videos in the same format as the show America's Funniest Home Videos," she said.

Smith said in today's world of smartphones and Snapchat, many humorous moments have been captured for the enjoyment of others.

Since this student body play will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, students will have

had several days to record humorous footage on campus.

All students were invited to submit their own videos with the chance for them to be shown in a 15- to 20-minute video—a compilation of several individual video entries—in front of the entire student body.

When the video is over, the host will give the student body a chance to vote on the

top three videos.

Students will be able to submit their votes via texting.

Once the votes have been submitted, the host will come back on stage to announce the top three funniest videos.

The host will call the video producers up on stage and will play the winning videos one more time.

The winner of this student

body video challenge will receive a \$100 cash prize.

Emily Weier, women's student body president, said she's excited about this semester's funniest campus videos challenge.

"It's something fresh and new—something anyone can be a part of," she said.

"If you're looking to get involved, here is your chance!"





## COLUMN



LUKE MCCORMICK  
Staff Writer

On Christmas Eve of 1914, British troops, entrenched along the front lines of World War I, heard singing in enemy German camps.

The song they heard was "Silent Night, Holy Night."

In a rare moment of unity between warring parties, the British joined the Germans in song from their own trenches beginning the famous "Christmas Truce of 1914."

Christmas morning, soldiers from both nations shook hands in "no man's land" between the two trenches.

Men who had been shooting at each other for months suddenly began exchanging gifts and playing soccer.

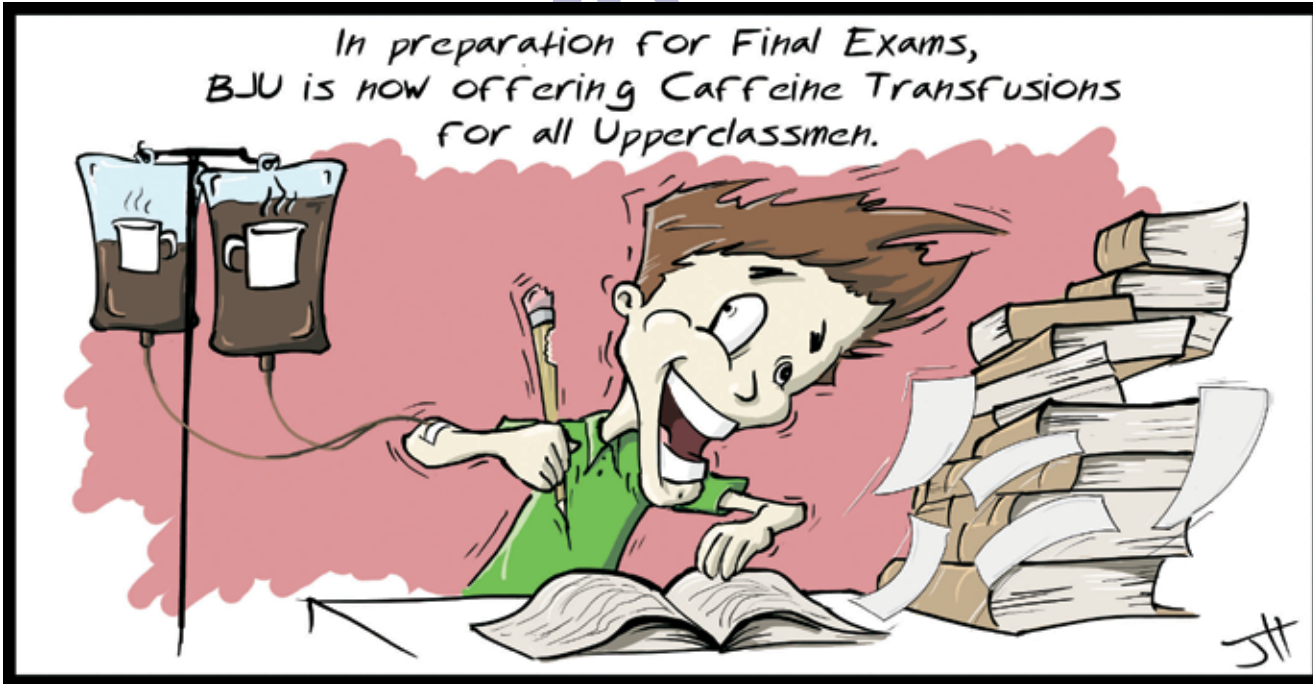
Each side saw the humanity of their enemies and the common ground they shared.

Unfortunately, the war did not end during the holiday. The next day new friends picked up their guns and resumed the bloody conflict.

Christmas is a special time. We don't fight at Christmas; we love. We don't take during Christmas; we give. We do not put up our defenses at Christmas; we open ourselves up.

During Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ.

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### The Collegian Editorial

## During this busy commercial season, be kind to employees

Imagine that finals are over and you're back home.

You've slept a few days and now are ready for some Christmas shopping.

Traffic is a mess. You get stuck at the same light for five minutes and why is every single Christmas station playing "The Chipmunk Song" at the same time?

Finally you get to the mall and weave up and down, up and down the rows hunting for a spot.

Inside, the mall is more packed than the dining common after chapel.

The first store doesn't have the sweater for dad in his size, and the scarf mom wanted is out of stock.

You're so annoyed you decide to buy everyone socks.

The checkout line is wrapped all the way around the store.

Thirty minutes later you get to the registers and realize

you left your coupons at home.

You think to yourself, I should have stayed in bed and ordered this all online.

All of the annoyances that have been slowly building spill out of you in a rude remark to the cashier.

He greets your outburst with a cheery smile and a "Happy Holidays."

Did you have a bad day? Maybe it wasn't the best.

A few hours of holiday madness can make the most patient person a little irritated.

But think of the retail workers who deal with the craziness for hours, days, weeks without end. And no matter how they're treated, they have to be kind in response.

Yes, they're being paid, but that doesn't excuse your rude behavior.

During this Christmas season, make a special effort to be kind to workers. Smile. Say

thank you. Be patient.

If they take tips, consider tipping them even if you normally don't.

The employees are not robots but real people with feelings and frustrations of their

own. Don't be the one who ruins their day.

Going out of your way to be kind is one of the simplest ways to show Christlike love and promote the true "reason for the season."

## CHRISTMAS FACTS

- ❄ More than three billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. every year.
- ❄ When added together, the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas total 364 gifts.
- ❄ The world's tallest cut Christmas tree was 221 feet tall, according to the Guinness World Records.
- ❄ Christmas trees are usually about 15 years old before they are sold and approximately 30-35 million cut, real Christmas trees are sold every year in the U.S.

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## TALK BACK

## Which faculty member would make the best Santa Claus?



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DOMINIC PALERMO  
"Mr. Daulton."



sophomore  
TINA NJOROGE  
"Mr. Vowels."



senior  
MARY STROUP  
"Dr. Chetta."



senior  
DESTRY EDWARDS  
"Dr. Olinger."



senior  
SARAH MANLY  
"Mr. Hucks...He's got experience."

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We celebrate the greatest gift God ever gave to us, and we celebrate the beginning of the course that led compassionately to the cross.

As the angels sang to the shepherds in Bethlehem “peace on earth” and “good will toward men,” we will also find peace and good will in the birth of Christ.

Throughout the years, Americans have always found reasons to disagree.

The Federalists and Democratic Republicans battled over the role of government

when our nation first began.

Democrats and Republicans battle over the role of government in our nation today.

Ideologies have pushed entire sections of the country apart. Elections display just how divided our nation is politically.

Many become consumed with the victory of their candidate; they equate happiness with the success of one person.

On social media, neighbors throw insults at each other. In the streets, we see protests, riots and violence.

Somewhere along the way

we have forgotten that we are all Americans; we are all on the same side.

We have differences, but we also have our common ground. We may think differently, but we share the same burdens.

We all have fears. We all have dreams. We wake up each morning in the greatest experiment of free government the world has ever known. We wake up to our loved ones, to our blessings and to our hardships.

As the soldiers of the Christmas truce shared mis-

ery and fear, Americans share much with each other. We just have to look around.

This Christmas is a time we can heal divisions. We can stop fighting, and we can start loving. We can stop taking, and we can start giving. We can let down our defenses, and we can open up to those who disagree with us.

Together we are stronger. Unity is not easy to achieve, but it is a worthy cause in which to strive.

We can find a way to shake hands in our own “no man’s land,” but we must first reach

out to those with whom we have disagreed.

We may never agree, but we can disagree in love.

We can find hope and achieve unity through the Gospel story.

Whatever the future of our country holds, we can treat each other with kindness and civility.

Unlike the “Christmas Truce of 1914,” Americans do not have to resume hostilities when the holidays end.

We can stand for our principles, but we can do so with respect and love.



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# Christmas @ BJU



The University provided free gingerbread cookies to students last Friday as part of the day’s Christmas festivities.



Christopher Rawlings along with the other ushers passed out a “reverse offering” of candy canes in last Friday’s chapel.



The Christmas tree on front campus is the main focus of the Christmas lighting display.



A student plays Christmas carols in the Dining Common.



## 2016 Highlights

Feb. 12

Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill met to ratify the Havana Declaration. The leaders of the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox Churches greeted each other with kisses in an airport near Havana, Cuba. Among other things, the joint declaration condemned the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and parts of Africa. The historic meeting is the first between the two churches since The Great Schism nearly a thousand years ago.

April 23

This marked the 400-year anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. The bard is arguably the most famous author in the English language. Acclaimed even in his own day, Shakespeare wrote directly for Queen Elizabeth and King James—cited by historians as the most powerful people in the world at that time.

June 23

The United Kingdom moved to leave the European Union. Over 71 percent of eligible voters participated in the referendum, and 52 percent of UK voters voted to leave the EU. Officials have suggested that to completely untwine from the European Union could take up to six years. The world is yet to see all the repercussions of the monumental decision.

July 26

Hillary Rodham Clinton officially became the first female presidential nominee of one of the two major parties. The former first lady, New York senator and secretary of state celebrated her historic nomination in Philadelphia just miles from Independence Hall—a symbolic location in the minds of many supporters.

Aug. 5-25

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad, the 2016 Summer Olympics were held in Rio. The appearance of a "Refugee Team" surprised the world. Although the team won no medals, they succeeded in calling attention to their struggling home countries. The United States led in the games with 121 total medals and 41 gold medals followed by Great Britain with 67 total medals and 27 gold metals. The United States won its 1,000th gold medal competing in the Games.

Nov. 8

Donald J. Trump became the 45th president of the United States. The unforeseen victory was announced between 2 and 3 a.m. following Election Day. President-elect Trump took to the stage in the early hours of the morning to address not only his base, but for the first time as future-President of the United States.



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## Biology students present cancer research in D.C.

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Staff Writer

After months of research, testing and preparation, Hyohyun "Esther" Park, a senior cell biology major, presented a poster on her cancer research project in Washington, D.C.

Park presented along with Deanna Fry, also a senior cell biology major, at the American Institute for Cancer Research on Nov. 14-16.

Dr. Steve Figard, who is BJU's director of Cancer Research, accompanied Park and Fry.

Park was able to participate in this year's American Institute for Cancer Research Conference because the results of her experiment had not been documented by anyone else.

Among the many scientists and graduate students, Park and Fry were two of the very few presenters who are still undergraduates.

Fry said they were able to represent BJU and ultimately Christ in a positive way through their excellence.

"There were a lot of posters presented. Most [of the other presenters] hadn't heard of Bob Jones [University]," Fry said.

"Most of the schools were like Ohio State or Harvard or Purdue—big universi-

ties. And then here's little Bob Jones [University], and we're presenting with the rest of them. And our results are just as good as theirs."

Park said this trip showed her the quality of the education she is receiving.

"I was able to enhance my knowledge in the subjects I have been taking at BJU," Park said.

"The quality of this school's education is really superb. I found myself being able to learn and apply what

I've learned."

Park's study began the summer of 2016. Both Park and Fry were part of Research Immersion for Undergraduates (RUI), a cancer research team on campus headed up by Dr. Steve Figard.

This program is designed to help undergraduates refine their scientific ability through hands-on research.

Throughout the summer, Park studied almond nuts and their effects on cancer—

specifically gastric and colon cancer.

Because Fry's summer research endeavors were not successful, Park continued her research on her own when the fall semester began.

Finally, two nights before the submission deadline to American Institute for Cancer Research, Park said that she was able to get good data. Park had to write and analyze her data in two days.

"I basically pulled an all-nighter," Park said. "But I

am so thankful to my teachers who helped me write the data and to my director who helped me analyze the data."

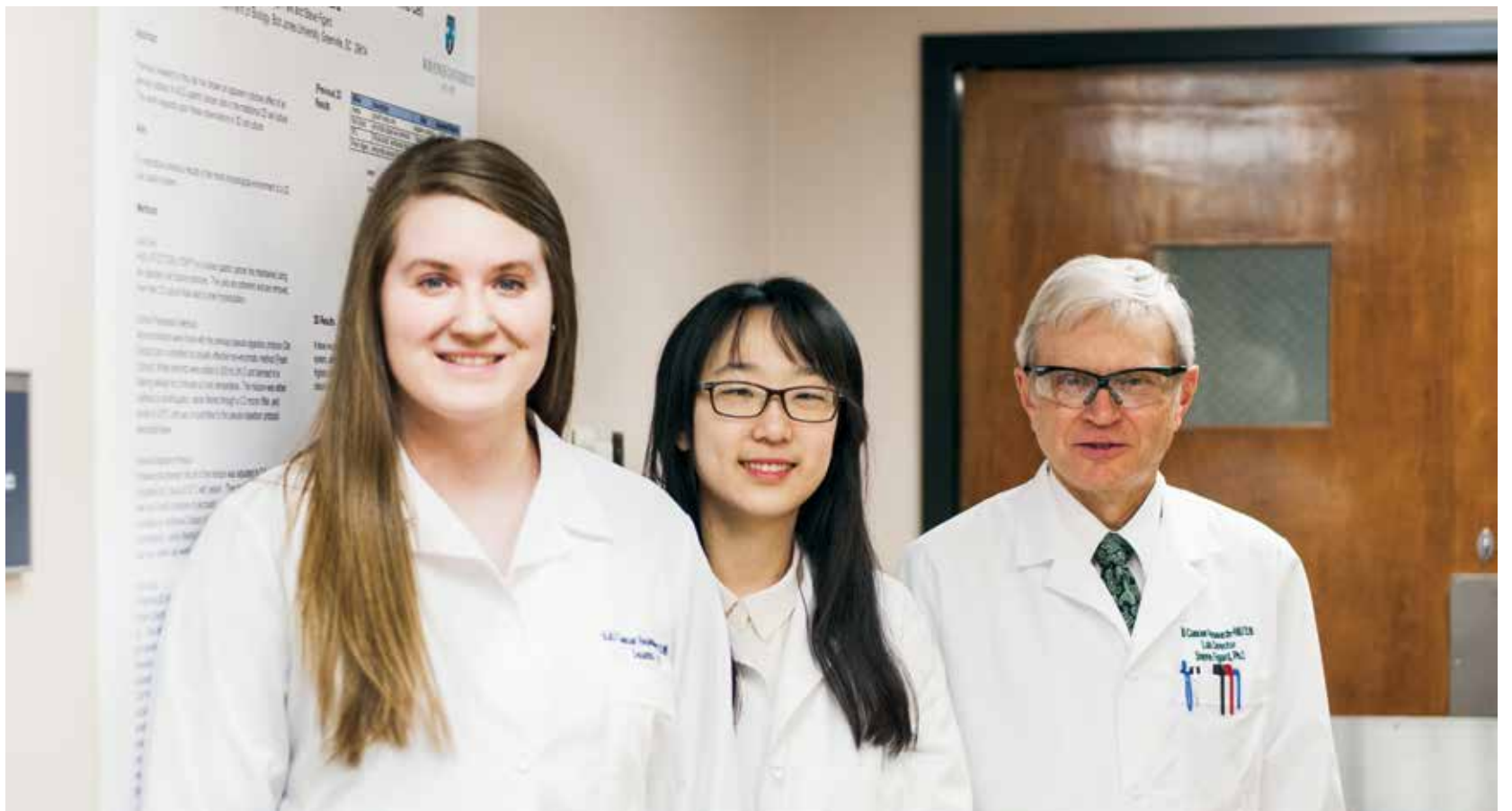
Park received the news that she was accepted early in October.

Park views her work on cancer research from a biblical perspective.

"What I found fascinating about my project over the summer was that I was able to find and demonstrate God's love for us through even nuts," Park said.

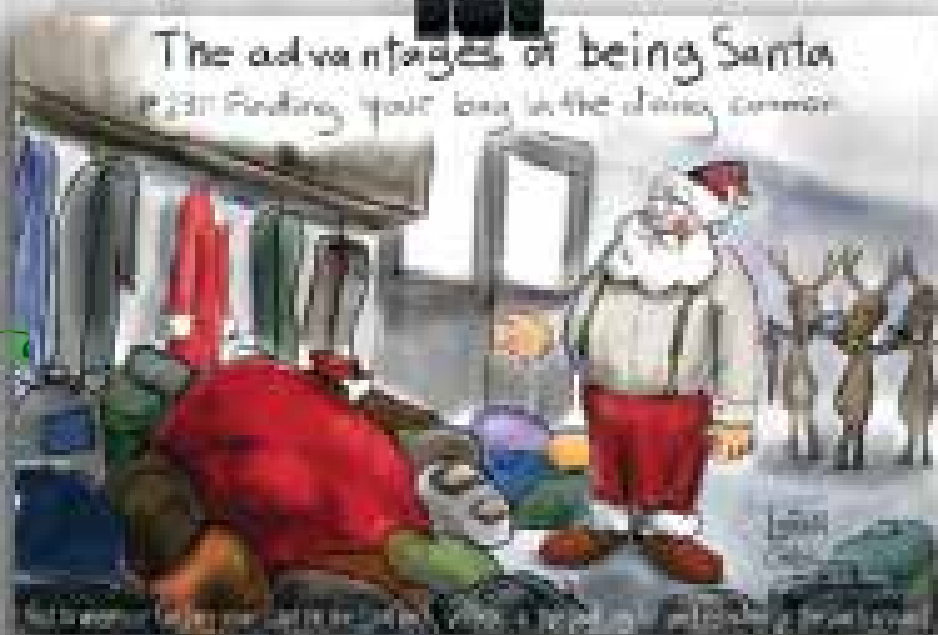
"The Fall affected us and our health. Cancer is a mutation happening in your body and that is one of those aftermaths of the Fall. But God knew that before we sinned, so He designed nuts to have cytotoxic agents [that fight against cancer]. I think it demonstrates God's love really well."

Both Park and Fry are thankful for this opportunity to present. "It was a wonderful experience," Fry said.



Deanna Fry, Hyohyun (Esther) Park and Dr. Steve Figard traveled to Washington D.C. to present Park's research. Photo: Ian Nichols

COMICS OF  
CHRISTMAS PAST







The Razorbacks defeated the Falcons in overtime, making it an exciting game. Photo: Rebecca Snyder



The Seagulls became second-time champions, defeating the Classics in penalty kicks. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

## Razorbacks, Seagulls triumph in 7v7 championships

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Sports Writer

After several weeks of playoff games, the men's and women's intramural 7v7 soccer season concluded last week with their championship game Thursday night.

The men's 7v7 championship game featured Lanier Falcons (Black) vs. Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks B-team, and the women's featured the Phi Delta Chi Classics and the Zeta Tau Omega Seagulls.

The Razorbacks defeated the Falcons 5-4 in the men's championship game.

The Razorbacks led 4-1 at one point before the Falcons rallied to tie the score and send the game into overtime, where the Ra-

zorbacks eventually won.

The Razorbacks started their season off with impressive 10-2 and 8-1 victories over the Kappa Sigma Chi Knights and the Kappa Theta Chi Stallions respectively.

The Razorbacks finished the regular season 12-2, their only losses coming from the Alpha Theta Pi A-team and the Lanier Falcons (Black).

In the playoffs, the Razorbacks started their playoff run with a 5-1 win over the Pi Gamma Delta Royals in the quarterfinals and then went on to defeat the Alpha Theta Pi A-team in a rematch of a game they lost in the regular season.

In the championship game the Razorbacks got the chance to avenge their only

other regular season loss by defeating the Falcons.

The Seagulls, who won last year's women's 7v7 championship, entered the women's 7v7 playoffs with a 12-3 regular season record and finished third overall in the regular season standings.

Throughout the season, the Seagulls were able to shut out their opponents in eight of their 15 games, including a 14-0 shutout win against the Theta Alpha Chi Owls and a 12-0 shutout of the Chi Theta Upsilon Gators.

The Classics' regular season was even more impressive than the Seagulls', finishing undefeated at 15-0 and at first place in the standings.

The Classics were also able to shut out

their opponent seven times during their regular season games.

The playoff run for the Classics started on a high note when they defeated the Theta Mu Theta Bandits 6-0 in the quarterfinals and then the Theta Delta Omicron Tigers in the semifinals.

The Seagulls defeated the Nu Alpha Phi Flames 6-5 in their quarterfinal matchup and then beat the Theta Sigma Chi Colts 5-3 in their semifinal game to advance to the championship game against the Classics.

The Seagulls and Classics finished the second half of the championship game tied at 2-2 and took the game to penalty kicks where the Seagulls won 6-5, making them 7v7 champions for two years in a row.



Seagulls player and Classics player go against each other for the ball. Photo: Rebekah Mierta



Razorbacks player attempts to steal the ball from Lanier player. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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### 1 | What got you into volleyball?

“My sister played when I was 6 and I enjoyed watching her games.”

### 2 | What are your hobbies or pastimes?

“I love to read and hang out with my friends.”

### 3 | What did you enjoy the most about volleyball at BJU?

“Getting to know the girls and getting to play together and bond.”

### 4 | What are you looking forward to about Christmas break?

“Being back home in Colorado and having a white Christmas.”

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Chuy's opened its first restaurant outside of Texas in Nashville in 2009. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

## Chuy's blends borders with Tex-Mex cuisine

ELISA CRAWLEY  
Staff Writer

Located on Woodruff Road in Greenville, Chuy's is a Tex-Mex restaurant that has won the hearts of the greater Greenville area.

On a Saturday night at prime time, customers can find waits as long as two hours although the weekdays promise a shorter wait.

Chuy's started in 1982 in Austin, Texas, in an abandoned Texas barbecue joint.

Chuy's has grown into a family-friendly venue whose menu is full of American twists on traditional Mexican food, including enchiladas, burritos and chalupas.

The restaurant is colorful with various pieces of art, patterns and knickknacks.

The restaurant is packed with unusual decorations, intricate patterns and a nacho bar served out of a car trunk.

The founders had a vision to create a fun Tex-Mex experience for its customers.

At first glance, Chuy's on Woodruff looks like a cross between the other Greenville American-Mexican restaurants and a colorful Cancún tourist resort.

But inside, colorful wooden fish are hung in a current pattern on the ceiling, the floor tiles are shaped into creative patterns giving the restaurant a tropical feel.

And there are also pictures of Chihuahuas. Lots of them.

Chuy's menu offers salads and soups, but the menu centers on its burrito, enchilada

and taco combinations.

They advertise their burritos that are "Big as Yo Face" priced from \$8 to \$11.

Appetizers, including nachos and quesadillas, range from \$7 to \$11.

The menu also includes steak burritos from \$11.29 and fajitas (chicken and beef) from \$13 to \$15.

The combos are recommended and are all around \$10. Overall, the plates are large and full.

"My burrito was very spicy," BJU student Hephziba Citlali Hernandez Hernandez pointed out, "and the portions are very big."

Overall, Chuy's provides a clean and colorful dining experience, a family-friendly atmosphere and a plentiful dinner on a budget.



Chuy's combines colorful decorations and tasty food for a unique Tex-Mex experience. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

## Finals week: eat, sleep, study, repeat

TORI SANDERS  
Staff Writer

With finals just around the corner, students feel the pressure of college.

Finals can be worth many points and oftentimes can dramatically improve, or damage, semester grades.

But, as with anything else, some helpful tips and tricks can ensure that the material studied will stick.

Perhaps the most important tip that can be offered is to allow yourself enough time to study.

It can be tempting to cram for the final the night before, especially with all the other projects and exams going on, but this should be avoided.

Organization is key to making sure that there will be enough time to study for each subject.

Write down exam times and even go as far to include specific study times in your schedule. This will ensure

that enough time will be spent studying for each subject.

When it comes to figuring out what material to study, the best thing that can be done is to meet with professors to review old tests.

Cumulative tests can seem frightening at first but combining through past quizzes and tests will act as a guide when picking out the important material.

You'll be able to keep your focus on key points and concepts that will most likely be seen again on the final.

Study groups are another great way to study, especially if you have questions or struggle with focusing on the material.

Other students may be able to clarify concepts that you previously didn't understand or point out new ideas that will make retaining the course information easier.

Talking through the course's concepts with other students will help information stick for the final exam.

Keith Sawyer, a professor at Washington University, researched why study groups outside of the classroom are so effective at helping students retain information.

His research revealed that study groups allow students to personalize lecture notes. Students can make the notes their own.

Sawyer's study found that it's difficult for students to absorb and retain the information from lectures even while taking notes.

The writing is sometimes more of a distraction than a help, Sawyer said.

The interaction within study groups aids students' absorption and retention of the material gathered from lectures.

Students are notoriously known for foregoing sleep in order to cram in some extra study time.

This practice may seem as if it would help since it frees up more time, but it actually

hurts students in the long run.

According to research conducted by the University of Michigan, sleep deprivation has been linked to lower GPAs. This is because a lack of sleep has been shown to affect concentration, memory and even one's ability to learn.

When sleep is sacrificed, there is more at stake than just the difficulty of waking up.

Dr. Philip Alapat, medical director at Harris Health System and assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine, insists that sleep is necessary for doing well on exams.

Alapat recommends that students should have eight to nine hours of sleep the evening before exams and that this can be achieved by making sure to plan ahead for exams.

While getting eight to nine hours of sleep may be next to impossible for some students, staying up late should be avoided. Research has shown that neglecting sleep will do more harm than good.



## TILL CHRISTMAS BREAK!