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## Students reflect on society value, purpose



Before the first Rush Party in 2015, societies recruited at the residence halls. The Nu Delt Vikings' sign used in this 1981 Rush is still in use today. Photo: Archives

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Staff Writer

First-year students made a four-year decision Sept. 9. They ran to join their society brothers or sisters and were inducted into a new aspect of their lives at Bob Jones University. But when the Rush lights fade, what is it they were inducted into?

The official mission statement for societies says "societies exist to advance BJU's mission of developing Christ-like character by fostering peer relationships focused on serving God, one another, and the world around them."

Dr. Eric Newton, dean of students, said societies contribute to BJU's mission to educate the whole person.

"While something like societies is not academic, it is still part of the education," Newton said. "We always want student organizations to contribute to the educational experience."

*The Collegian* questioned 29 students about their views of society. Students' opinions varied greatly on the role and need for societies.

Some students said society was a way to build relationships and leadership skills. Other students said the purpose of society was spiri-

tual growth or community service.

Bradley Allweil, a freshman graphic design major, said he wanted a sense of brotherhood from society as well as friends to survive the pressures of college with.

Kathryn Webb, a sophomore health science major and member of the Cardinals, said she has enjoyed society and would participate even if societies were optional.

"I was able to make a lot of close friends through society freshman year," Webb said. "You can't really tell what it's like until you join it, but it's been all positive."

Katie Albert, a junior international study major and vice president of the Kangaroos, said her society sisters helped her connect to campus and opportunities to become involved her freshman year.

"Because of society, I see the value in other people's majors and other people's interests," Albert said.

"I think [society] gives you a good perspective on how God sees the world in that to each person he's given different talents and different abilities."

Jack Stern, a junior theatre arts major and member

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## Culinary students bring restaurant flavor to campus

ANDREW SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

BJU students longing for a home-cooked meal can satisfy their hunger at the Culinary Arts Bistro.

The Culinary Arts dining room, located across from the Printing Division, will once again house the Bistro, the equivalent of a full-service restaurant on campus.

The Culinary Arts Bistro features an a la carte (dishes served individually) menu with an impressive selection of foods including soups, salads, paninis, fettuccine with shrimp, blackened salmon, desserts and much more.

The menu will also feature gluten-free options.

The Bistro will be open Fridays from Sept. 22 until Nov. 10 from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. The restaurant will be closed Friday, Oct. 13.

The Bistro has been operated by faculty and students in the culinary arts program since 2004. In addition to providing customers with lunch alternatives, the program also provides culinary arts students opportunities to hone their skills.

Chef Rob Hansen, culinary arts program coordinator, described the intense, authentic conditions students working at Bistro experience.

"Unless you've stood on your feet for 10 to 12 hours at a time and worked in front of a 500-degree grill and had people yelling at you and wanting their food, it's hard to replicate real-world experience," Hansen said.

The Bistro seeks to provide that real-world experience by challenging students to prepare dishes for customers while under time constraints.

Chef David Miller, head of the Bistro program, compared the process of organizing the Bistro to the idea of organizing resources and

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Working at Bistro teaches students to balance creating quality food with meeting time restraints. Photo: Ian Nichols



## COLUMN



ABBY SIVYER  
Editor

Being the basic college student that I am, I headed to a bookstore for some concentrated study time this past weekend.

But also like a typical college student (and humanity in general), I am easily distracted.

I soon abandoned François Villon for the guilty pleasure of leather notepads, Kate Spade journals and shiny rose gold knickknacks.

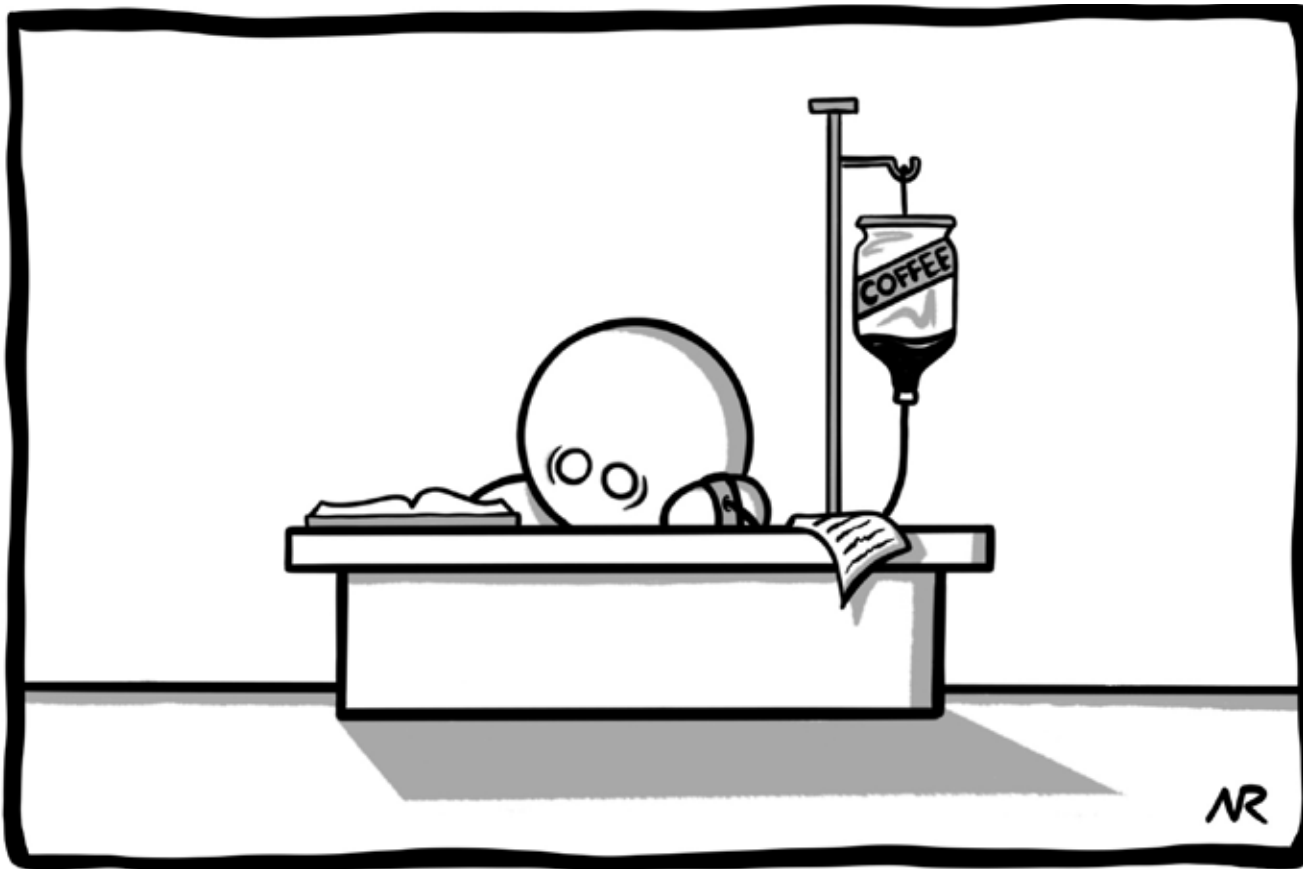
One fancy gold-trimmed planner caught my attention.

Stamped on the blush cover were the words "I really need a day between Saturday and Sunday," and I instantly wanted it. Never mind that I already had three planners; this was an obvious need.

My poor spending habits aside, the concept of perpetual three-day weekends intrigued me.

How much easier would my life be if I had an extra day to write? To do my homework? To catch up on sleep? To wash all those coffee mugs piled in the corner of my sink? (To my roommate, I'm so sorry.)

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### The Collegian Editorial

## Let our humanity unite, not divide: common humanity supersedes personal causes, labels

"Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto."

Translated: "I am a human being: nothing that is human can be alien to me."

Here, Terence, the Roman playwright, boldly states the universality of humanity.

Though he himself was born a slave, Terence actually connects himself to his own slavemasters because they, like him, were human beings.

High school students often study universality as a chief characteristic of literature and art.

But beyond the classroom walls, we find few mentions of it in a world where people are more defined by the causes and labels they adopt than their shared humanity.

Last semester *The Colle-*

*gian* staff attended a conference along with collegiate newspapers from around the state.

While participating in a group discussion, one student journalist said something that stunned us all.

"How can I as a white woman possibly understand a black man?" the student reporter said.

"How can I even understand what he's telling me as I interview him?"

Despite her comment, I don't think she was racist or sexist in the traditional sense: she wasn't claiming superiority based on gender or race.

After all, this reporter wasn't a product of the Old South or a fanatic member of the Ku Klux Klan.

She was a self-proclaimed progressive journalist and probably an avid feminist based on other comments she made during our discussion.

In reality, she was claiming her experience of having a different skin color and gender separated her so far from the human being she was interviewing that she couldn't even understand him.

Essentially, she was denying the universal elements of the human experience.

We remember thinking how sad it was to hear someone so genuine yet so misguided. But she was not alone.

The world always seems to emphasize what divides us, not what makes us the same.

Superficially we are endlessly diverse but ultimately the same.

While labels like Republican, feminist, prolife and progressive help shape our identities, no label can be as important as our humanity.

Of all creation, God made humans in his image and Christ is incarnate in a human body.

No matter our ethnicity, social status, IQ or political opinion, we are united by our fallen nature and our need for saving grace.

The Apostle Luke emphasizes the truth of our common humanity in Acts 17.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

## TALKBACK

## If you had a superpower, what would it be?



junior  
CAMERON WIEDELL  
"Mind reading."



sophomore  
DAVID BELL  
"Instant learning."



junior  
LYDIA STANLEY  
"Teleporting."



junior  
JEREMY KRAMER  
"Slowing down time."



sophomore  
JONATHAN BRYDEN  
"The ability to create coffee with my mind."

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While an extra weekend day is sadly impossible, the suggestion made me think about why I so often feel short on time.

Do you ever feel like that no matter how much you apply yourself, your work is never done?

I once heard the college experience compared to a hamster running on a wheel. Fairly accurate, I'd say.

So, what's the cause of our endless busyness?

Is it procrastination? Disorganization? Over-commitment?

Certainly these can all be contributing factors.

But I think there's a deeper reason we lead activity-obsessed lifestyles, and it's

because we've been brainwashed to do so.

Our fast-paced culture has trained us not to question busyness because it's the norm. It's just "life."

Our individualistic society places strong emphasis on personal success. We all want to be known for something,

## Eliminate the unnecessary.

to feel purposeful, to achieve great things, to change the world.

While this focus isn't inherently bad, it has the potential to encourage us to stretch ourselves too thin for the sake of our goals.

I'm not saying we should

stop striving for greatness. But let's not allow pride to blind us to our limitations. Limitations are not a bad thing—they're an expression of our humanity.

Don't feel pressured to take on more because you feel it's what's expected of you. Just because you might have friends who are involved in lots of extracurricular activities on top of full-credit loads doesn't mean that such a schedule is right for you.

It's okay to say no.

Eliminate the unnecessary and never apologize for taking time for you.

(And in case you're still judging me for wanting a fourth planner, I managed to talk myself out of it. For now.)

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### Kara Estelle | Senior | Nursing

**Q: How are you going to use your degree?**

"I want to be able to use all the science classes and knowledge I've learned and actually apply it to help people. I want to do something hands on. I'm not exactly sure what area of nursing, maybe into labor and delivery nursing or overseas and traveling nursing."

**Q: What are your hobbies?**

"I like soccer, woodworking and landscaping. The company I work for has greenhouses, so we actually grow all the plants we use. We have a retail side of it, and then we also go to multimillion-dollar houses, make designs and plant them."

**Q: What are your goals for this semester?**

"I'm trying to get more involved in my church this semester and to meet people there, instead of just getting involved in school activities and meeting people in school."

**Q: What is your favorite memory?**

"My freshman year my brother [Richard] came and surprised me for my birthday, and that was really cool because he stayed for a week and we got to do a bunch of stuff together."

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Staff Writer

The dreaded “freshman 15.” No one wants to gain weight in the first year of college, but few know how to avoid it.

The homework starts piling up, the stress comes and soon students do not have time to think about being healthy.

Melanie Schell, assistant professor in the Division of Natural Science and nutrition coordinator with Dining Services on campus, said to stay healthy, students should not think in terms of what foods to avoid, but what foods to eat.

Schell said this outlook gives the student a more positive outlook as opposed to a negative one. One popular idea is avoiding carbs helps maintain a healthy weight.

Picking the right carbs is more important than avoiding carbs entirely, according to Schell.

Schell advised against excess desserts and other foods

with high sugar content.

Students may also believe that they should avoid all fats.

Dr. Amy Hicks, assistant professor in the Division of Natural Science, said this idea is a misconception.

“Some kinds of fats are very good for you,” she said. “Fats in ice cream are going to be very different from fats in a grilled chicken.”

Hicks said that many fats help control weight. In the dining common specifically, Hicks recommended visiting the salad bar or getting steamed vegetables while avoiding breads and fried foods.

Schell recommended students eat when they are actually hungry instead of mindlessly eating, especially in the evenings.

Anna Daulton, a senior exercise science major and member of the Bruins soccer team, said she has tried to stay healthy by avoiding candy, soda and greasy foods. She said that they are unnecessary and easy to cut out of a diet.



Weight lifting not only burns calories but also jump starts the body's metabolism to burn extra calories post-workout. Photo: Ian Nichols

Schell encourages healthy snacking between meals like a fruit or vegetable.

“A well-placed snack be-

tween meals can actually help you avoid overeating at meals,” Schell said.

Light snacks before bed can be beneficial, contrary to popular belief, according to Schell.

Some students have the misconception that skipping breakfast is healthier for them because they consume fewer calories. But Schell said the best way to start the day is by fueling the body.

“If you want to avoid that freshman 15, you don’t want to be skipping breakfast,” Schell said. “Studies have shown that people who don’t eat breakfast tend to eat more during the day, resulting in weight gain. It is espe-

cially important for students to eat breakfast because the human body depends on that energy to fuel the brain. Exercise in the morning is also a good idea.”

Schell urges even students with busy schedules to make exercise a priority because the habits developed in college often carry over into adult life.

“Even if you take just a 10- to 15-minute break for a little bit of activity, it can refresh your mind and give you a renewed energy to help you continue studying,” Schell said.

Hicks said that students can exercise without feeling like they are abandoning responsibilities.

“Grab a friend and go walk around the track... study, talk scripture, talk about a class while you do that,” she said. “It can give stress relief and help to control weight gain.”

Schell emphasized the importance of water in a healthy diet.

Staying hydrated helps students’ brains to function better and immune systems to work better.

She recommends carrying around a portable water bottle and drinking at least six cups of water a day in addition to what students drink with meals.

Hicks agreed, saying that water improves the function of every organ in the body.



Opting for healthier foods can help students manage weight and improve academic performance. Photo: Rebekah Mierta

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starting a restaurant in three weeks.

According to Miller, most items on the menu, including the simpler dishes must present the students with some sort of technical challenge in addition to the challenge of operating a restaurant equivalent.

The combination of time-pressure with the action of cooking in a busy kitchen provides culinary students with an experience that is both challenging and enjoyable.

This year Bistro is staffed entirely by sophomore culinary arts students.

One sophomore culinary arts student, Melanie Smalley, described her eagerness to start training at Bistro.

“It’s nerve-wracking, but it’s also exciting because this

is what you’re maybe going to be doing for the rest of your life,” Smalley said.

The students make nearly all the food themselves.

“Except for a couple of things: gluten free bread and some of our tortillas, everything is made from scratch,” Miller said.

Smalley said the Bistro staff puts care into every dish.

“Your food’s going to be a lot fresher because we don’t have to mass-produce it as much,” Smalley said. “And you’re also going to get a lot [healthier] alternatives because you’re going to get home-cooked food.”

Customers can expect prices to be in the \$5 to \$8 range, the highest potential price being around \$9.

The Bistro now accepts credit cards as well as cash.



Bistro gives students the opportunity to shake up their lunch routines with a fresh meal prepared by fellow students. Photo: Ian Nichols



# DESIGN AND ORGANIZE: DORM EDITION



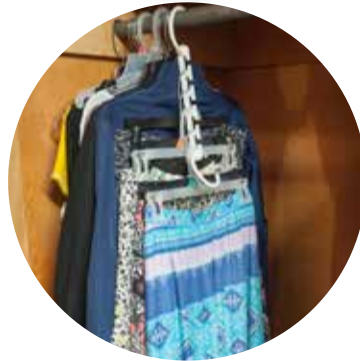
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Have an empty bunk? Pull out the mattress for the perfect coffee bar.



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Maintain privacy without sacrificing head space by building a PVC frame with curtains around the top of the double bunk.



3

Utilize vertical closet space and fit more clothes with cascading hangers. Don't feel like buying special hangers? Achieve a similar effect by looping hangers through soda can tabs.



4

Battery-operated fairy lights add whimsical ambience.



5

Free up drawer space by stacking clothes in a hanging sweater shelf.



6

Keep smaller items like socks organized by creating compartments in your drawers. Feeling crafty? DIY your own with cardboard.



7

Clear up floor space by transforming the top of the double bunk into a lounge/study spot.

## HACKS:



1

Use the desk drawer to make ironing less of a chore.

2

Roommate forgot to take out the trash? Tape a dryer sheet to the AC unit to quickly rid your room of stale air.

3

Do you often drop things down the crack between the double bunk and the wall? Stuff the gap with a pool noodle.





All menu items at Bex Café are fully customizable. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

## Bex Café gives fresh juice boost

ANDREW MILLER  
Staff Writer

From the colorful umbrella-covered tables outside to the brightly-lit walls inside, Bex Café & Juice Bar provides an atmosphere of cordial conversation and quality food and drink.

Sitting only a few streets over from the downtown Greenville area, Bex Café & Juice Bar is a small, peaceful café on the corner of Wardlaw and South Main streets.

The inspiration for Bex (short for Becky's) came when Becky Simon visited a juice and smoothie bar on a vacation to the Cayman Islands.

Simon opened the café in 2015 with a passion to offer a wide variety of healthy food selections with the freshest ingredients possible.

Manager Tyler Musselman said original recipes and the freshest ingredients he can find are what make Bex a unique place.

"If [food ingredients] sit there for more than a few days, I throw it out," Mus-

selman said. "I want whatever I serve to my customers to be the absolute best."

The menu boasts many fresh selections of coffees, juices and smoothies. The most popular smoothie concoction is called the "Unconventional," a creamy blend of milk, banana, blueberries, peanut butter, chocolate and whey protein.

The "Divine Detox" is one of the most popular juice drinks, featuring a blissful mixture of orange, pineapple, grapefruit, celery and cucumber.

Each menu item is homemade and original to Bex's creative staff.

Musselman said a new lunch menu and several new juice drinks will be introduced soon as well.

Bex's staff also enjoy chatting with regulars as they leisurely come and go. Musselman said customer service is incredibly important to him.

"Anybody comes in and no matter what we're doing, we drop everything," Mus-

selman said. "Our customer service is spot on."

With a friendly, inviting atmosphere and an eager

staff, the Bex Café and Juice Bar is a perfect haven for study, focus, and an exquisite, sweet smoothie.



Bex's smoothies are made with locally-sourced ingredients. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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## ONLINE ACCESS, WEB EXCLUSIVES AND MORE

## BJU art professor shares work at Indie Craft Parade

ABBY SIVYER  
Editor

Art enthusiasts gathered downtown last weekend for the eighth annual Indie Craft Parade, a festival that celebrates handcrafted goods made by vendors throughout the South.

This year the festival hosted 80 vendors, 20 local and 60 from throughout the Southern region. Categories included 3D and 2D art, apparel, fiber art and paper goods.

Lewis Carl, a faculty member in BJU's Division of Art and Design, displayed his work for the first time at Indie Craft.

"This was my very first time ever doing something like this," Carl said. "I was a newbie."

Carl said he used to sell his work in local galleries before moving to Italy as a missionary. Since his return to Greenville three years ago, Carl has been slowly working his way back into the art community.

Carl said that although preparing for Indie Craft Parade was a great deal of work, his efforts paid off.

"It was obvious that people were excited and they really enjoyed [Indie Craft Parade]," Carl said. "A lot of people make this their annual

tradition to come out and support the local artists."

Carl said he draws inspiration from his time serving abroad.

"My art is all based on my living in Italy, primarily Venice," Carl said. "A lot of my work are landscapes and cityscapes of the Veneto area."

Carl said that his art was an outlet for him after God abruptly moved him and his family from their ministry in Venice.

"We weren't really prepared to leave the ministry there," Carl said. "Diving back into art more full-time See **CRAFT PARADE** p. 8 >>>



Rebekah Griffith and Sarah Mohl were among the scores of students to attend Indie Craft Parade 2017. Photo: Rebecca Snyder



# Mission teams use athletics as language of ministry

KAYLA ROMEISER  
Sports Writer

Christians can serve God in many ways. One way, sports ministry, reaches people who are unlikely to be reached in other ways.

Dr. Neal Ring, athletic director for the Bruins, said Christian athletes can use sports to take the Gospel around the globe and across cultural divides.

“Sports is a way to break down barriers to bring cultures and individuals from varied backgrounds together,” Ring said. “Sports is a huge part of our society.”

Students and faculty of Bob Jones University reached multiple countries this summer through sports ministries.

Taking trips to Asia, Africa, Europe and South America, four teams used basketball, golf, baseball or soccer to bring the Gospel to locals.

A team of university students led by Dr. Neal Cushman, Seminary professor, visited the Dominican Republic.

Once there, the team split up—the women ministered to sexually abused women and children while the men partnered with Play Ball to minister to local baseball players.

Jonathan Groves, a junior university student, said the men’s team set up stations focusing on a specific baseball skill. Each day a gospel station, manned by a native pastor, delivering the Gospel to participants.



Dr. Neal Ring (far right) used his sports training to minister around the world this summer in the Philippines, China and Ivory Coast. Photo: Submitted

Groves said, even though he started picking up the language, not being fluent in Spanish was a little difficult while ministering.

Alexis Gonzales, a sophomore on the trip, said sports became the language the

team ministered through.

“Even though you don’t speak the same language, you can break that barrier with sports,” Gonzales said. “The kids saw the love that we had for them and that shared the love of Christ with them.”

The BJU Golf Team also ministered through a trip to Ireland, where they used both golf and basketball to help a small Baptist church reach out to its community.

Dr. Dennis Scott, head golf coach, said he and seven men from the golf team used exhibition golf matches with men’s or junior club teams to minister.

The team also gave out a book called *Golf’s Sacred Journey* that gave a gospel presentation and ministered to parents of the junior golfers, golf coaches and personnel at the golf course.

Pastor Shaun Abrahams, the pastor of the church the golf team partnered with, said the golf program answered his prayers by allowing him to make new contacts in the

community and increase the presence of his church.

“I have been able to give the Gospel to more men in these few days than I have been in the past four or five years,” Abrahams said.

Sophomore Kaelynn Hicks traveled to Medellin, Colombia, with a soccer missions group from North Carolina. The team partnered with a Colombian soccer club called Cosedecol.

The team traveled to different sectors in the city practicing with teams of kids aged 5 and older. They also had a few local teams scrimmage with them.

Ring took trips to the Philippines, China and Ivory Coast where he used basketball as a platform for ministry.

While in the Philippines, Ring worked alongside National Hoops, a ministry that uses three-on-three basketball tournaments to draw locals. Ring helped the program with its summer basketball camp by running basketball and gospel sessions with

the campers.

In China, Ring lectured at universities on the subject of basketball and ministered to students there.

Ring has visited Ivory Coast for the past four years. There, he helped at a training academy for basketball coaches as well as at a camp for young basketball players.

Ring said his work in the Ivory Coast is probably the most rewarding of the mission trips he has served on because he has invested so much time there and has been able to see many kids make professions of faith.

Scott encouraged all students to participate in missions.

“Getting people out of their comfort zone and seeing another culture is really important,” Scott said. No matter what your major is, your career path, even if sports aren’t involved, going on a mission team changes your perspective about ministry, about life, about the Gospel.”



Sports missions teams shared the Gospel with both children and adults on their summer missions trips. Photo: Submitted

## bruins spotlight

### 1 | What first got you interested in playing soccer?

“I just love playing sports and soccer was the first sport I played.”

### 2 | What is your favorite soccer memory?

“When I went on that missions trip to Brazil with the [Bruins] soccer team.”

### 3 | What are your favorite hobbies or pastimes?

“I like to play basketball, watch TV and hang out by the pool.”

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

“I want to get a job and start my career.”

### 5 | If you could visit any country, what would it be and why?

“Probably somewhere in Africa because I want to go on a safari.”



Lee Nichols

Accounting

Senior



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of Beta, said his involvement in other organizations on campus kept him from being involved in society.

"I'm a theatre major, so we do our shows and everything together," Stern said. "However, for maybe a Business major or a Bible major, they don't always have extracurricular activities that encourage their department to spend time together, and so society may be a good social outlet for [them]."

Josiah Long, a senior business administration major and chaplain of the Royals, said his society has responded well to his transparent approach to society prayer meetings and devotionals.

"[Societies are] kind of like a warm-up for church," Long said. "You're with a group of people who aren't exactly like you, but you still

have to get along. You find the bonds that join you together."

However, Jesse Unruh, a junior business administration major and chaplain of Omega, said his society sometimes struggles to maintain interest in society prayer meeting and Friday devotionals after a week of chapel messages and discipleship group.

Unruh said the most important benefit of society is leadership training, which he personally benefited from by serving as treasurer and now as chaplain.

Newton said societies serve multiple purposes including connecting students and giving students leadership opportunities.

"There are a lot of factors that go into it, so I would expect there to be a variety of student opinions about society," Newton said. "I still

think [societies] are a good thing to bring people together at a cross-section of major and background."

Students' ideas to improve societies included an increased focus on local outreaches, adding ultimate Frisbee to the list of society sports and making societies optional.

Silvia Lafferman, a theatre arts major and a member of the Tigers, said she loved her society, but she wished freshmen students were given more time to research and visit societies in order to make an informed decision.

Hanna Buckland, a sophomore theatre arts major and a member of the Colts, said making society optional may change the quality and attitude of society.

"Most schools have fraternities and sororities and



Ladies of Chi Kappa pose at their society rush booth in 1958. Photo: Archives

those are optional, and because it's optional the people who choose to do it are committed, so the atmosphere is different," Buckland said.

"Whereas, here we are required to be in it, so there's going to be a more apathetic environment already with the people who are in society."

Newton said Student Life is aware of this point of view.

"I wouldn't say [society is] perfect for everybody," he said. "Has it been considered to make it optional? Yeah, it's been talked about. But I wouldn't say seriously considered."

Newton said the idea was not further considered because of the opportunities society gives students to lead, interact and serve.

Several students said they wanted smaller societies to allow closer relationships and more involvement.

One student suggested allowing societies to add membership caps to their constitutions to allow societies to stay at their desired size.

Of the students interviewed, most said they would still choose to be part of a society, required or not. But several students said they might not attend every meeting if society were optional.

Societies once held a more central role on campus, serving as one of the chief ways for students to form relationships and become active.

Newton acknowledged that factors such as technology, opportunities to leave campus and the rise of other campus organizations have contributed to a change in perspective about societies.

"Having things for societies to do, [society] programming, was a bigger deal," Newton said. "It certainly

was a different day."

He also said the Bruins athletic teams have affected societies in some ways.

He also said intercollegiate sports have changed some society dynamics. But society sports are still valuable, as indicated by the high percentage of students participating.

Currently, 19 men's and 18 women's societies make up the 37 societies on campus that students under the age of 23 are required to join.

Societies have been a staple of student life since the early days of the University under Bob Jones, Sr.

According to a 1929 issue of the BJU magazine, the first four societies created were the women's societies Sigma Kappa Rho and Sigma Lambda Delta and the men's societies Chi Delta Theta and William Jennings Bryan.



Josiah Long, chaplain of the Royals, defends himself in a rousing game of toilet paper dodgeball. Photo: Ian Nichols

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was God's way of allowing me to heal."

Carl said he worked in primarily cardboard and fabric for the work he presented at Indie Craft Parade.

Carl said the ephemeral quality of cardboard makes it a intriguing surface to work with.

"Cardboard is not necessarily archival; it'll disintegrate," Carl said. "It even symbolizes how temporary our lives really are here on earth. Nothing is going to last."

Carl worked pieces of old clothing into some of his art by gluing the clothing to wood panels and painting on top of the fabric.

Carl said he starting incorporating clothing pieces into his artwork when he lived in Italy.

"Being missionaries we

didn't really have a budget for art. So I was very limited on my art supplies, my materials," Carl said.

Carl said he once found a series of large wooden panels that someone had left in a recycle bin and experimented with adding clothing scraps to make the surface stronger.

"I love how it turned out, so I started doing more and more."

Carl said Art and Light Gallery in the Village of West Greenville will soon be featuring his work and that he intends to eventually open an Etsy shop.

Carl is currently working on documenting his leftover inventory and will be posting "flash sales" on Instagram soon.

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Lewis Carl projects his experience as a missionary in Italy into his artwork. Photo: Rebecca Snyder