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Programming team ranks 4th in North America

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Staff Writer

Bob Jones University's intercollegiate programming team ranked fourth in an international computer programming competition held last month.

The BJU programming team finished the 48-hour Hacker's Rank University CodeSprint3 programming contest in 36 hours.

While the students competed individually, each school that participated was ranked by the average of the top 10 scores from students in that school.

BJU ranked fourth in North America, below only the University of Washington, University of Illinois and the University of Central Florida, finishing ahead of schools like Georgia Tech and the University of Florida.

Fourteen students represented BJU in this contest, 13 computer science majors and one a math major.

According to Dr. Jim Knisely, the coach of the team and a faculty member in the department of computer sci-

ence, this contest took place online on campus.

Nine computer science students were split into three teams: BJU Bruins, BJU Bruins Too and BJU Bruins III. One team from Clemson came to compete as well.

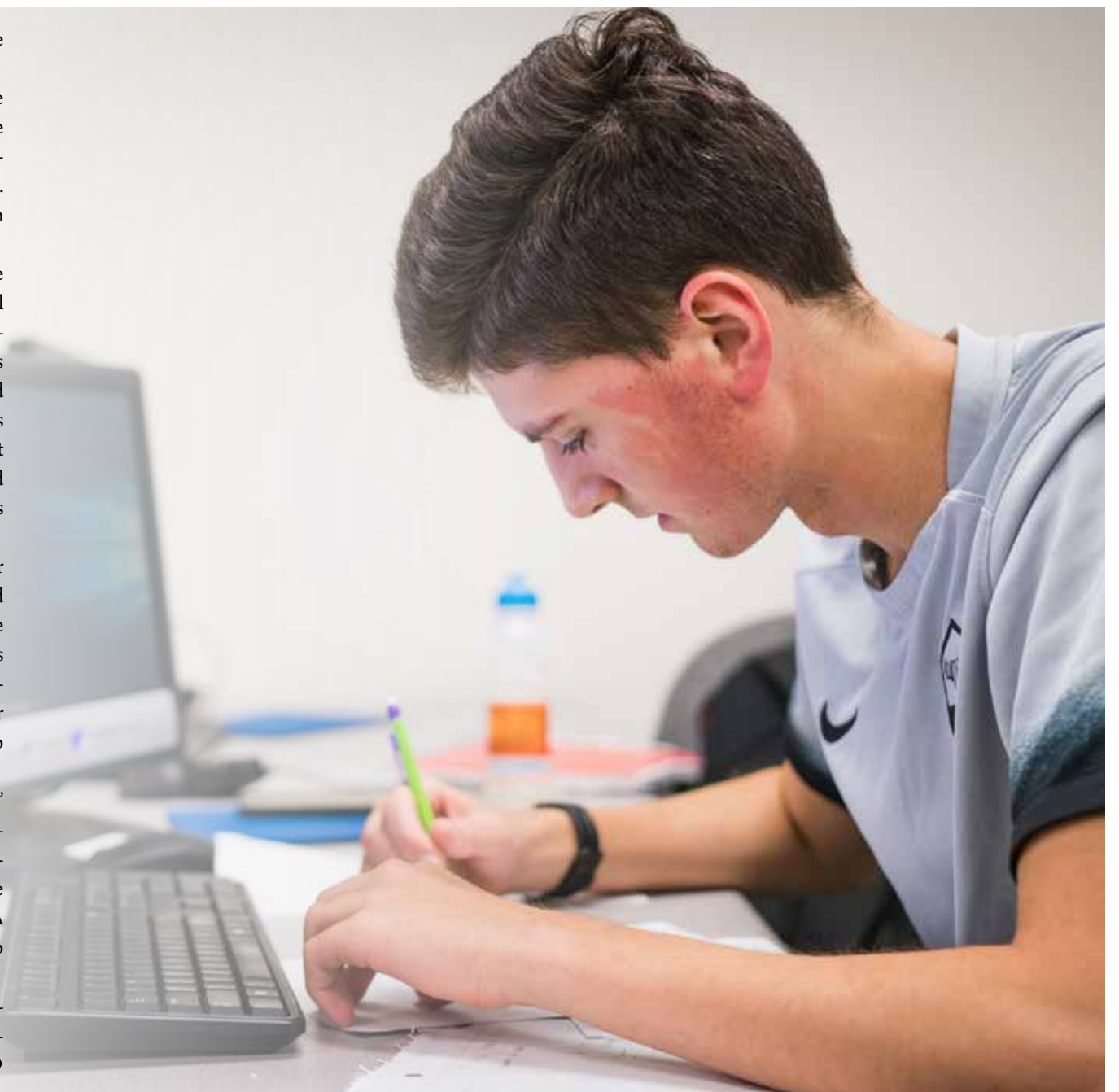
Knisely said that while the results are unofficial and will not be officially released until early November, it appears the BJU Bruins team finished fourth while the BJU Bruins Too team finished fifth out of 180 teams in the U.S. and 87th/98th out of 2,400 teams around the world.

Sam Henry, a junior computer science major and member of the team, said the team used each other's skills during the competition because no individual member had all the skill required to solve the problems.

"[We did] pretty good," Henry said. "Especially compared to last year, we've improved a lot, and the three [junior students on the A team] have another year to improve."

Henry said he looks forward to next year's competition.

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Joseph Patchen and his teammates finished the Codesprint3 programming contest at midnight Saturday, Oct. 1, after competing for 36 hours. Photo: Daniel Petersen

Aramark employees give back to Greenville community



Jeffrey Jones and Kelly Lein, Aramark Health Care Technologies at St. Francis Hospital, achieve their service goals. Photo: Submitted

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In an effort to give back to the community, 12 Aramark team members from around the state of South Carolina volunteered to take part in Aramark Building Community Day, Sept. 20.

Brent Wustman, the BJU Dining General Manager of Aramark, said the team worked at Gateway House, a mental health resource that supports people with mental illness achieve independence.

According to Wustman, the team conducted a beautification project on the front of the Gateway building that included building raised flower bed gardens, adding potted plants, shrubs and removing old fences.

Randy Redlinger, executive director of Gateway and a BJU alumnus, said the newly-installed gardens include flowers and herbs, which can be used practically in the clubhouse's kitchen.

"Brent was good about working with us to determine what herbs we could grow and bring in to actually use in our cooking process," Redlinger said.

According to Redlinger, the area where the raised gardens were built was originally a designated private smoking area before Gateway went smoke-free.

"It helped us turn what was an unhealthy corner of our program into a corner of wellness and growth," Redlinger said.

Wustman said Aramark

chose the Gateway House project because of the close relationship between BJU Dining Services and Gateway's work program.

"We have about 12 Gateway employees working for us at any given time throughout the day," Wustman said.

"They're a premium healthcare facility that is helping [the employees] get back into the swing of things, and we are actually their main location for that."

Redlinger said the event helped enhance the relationship between Aramark and Gateway House.

"We got to share with them about our program which helped us continue to enrich our partnership together," Redlinger said.

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COLUMN



ANDREW MILLER
Staff Writer

Cold. Tired. Wet. These were the first few words that came to mind as I awoke surrounded by the morning dew.

While daybreak pushed through the darkness of the previous night, the blades of grass I had once embraced now seemed less inviting after five sleepless hours.

Nearly 200 students slept, scattered around the lower soccer fields in those early morning hours as part of the first Exile Experience on campus.

While many ideas clouded our fatigued minds, one sobering thought dominated.

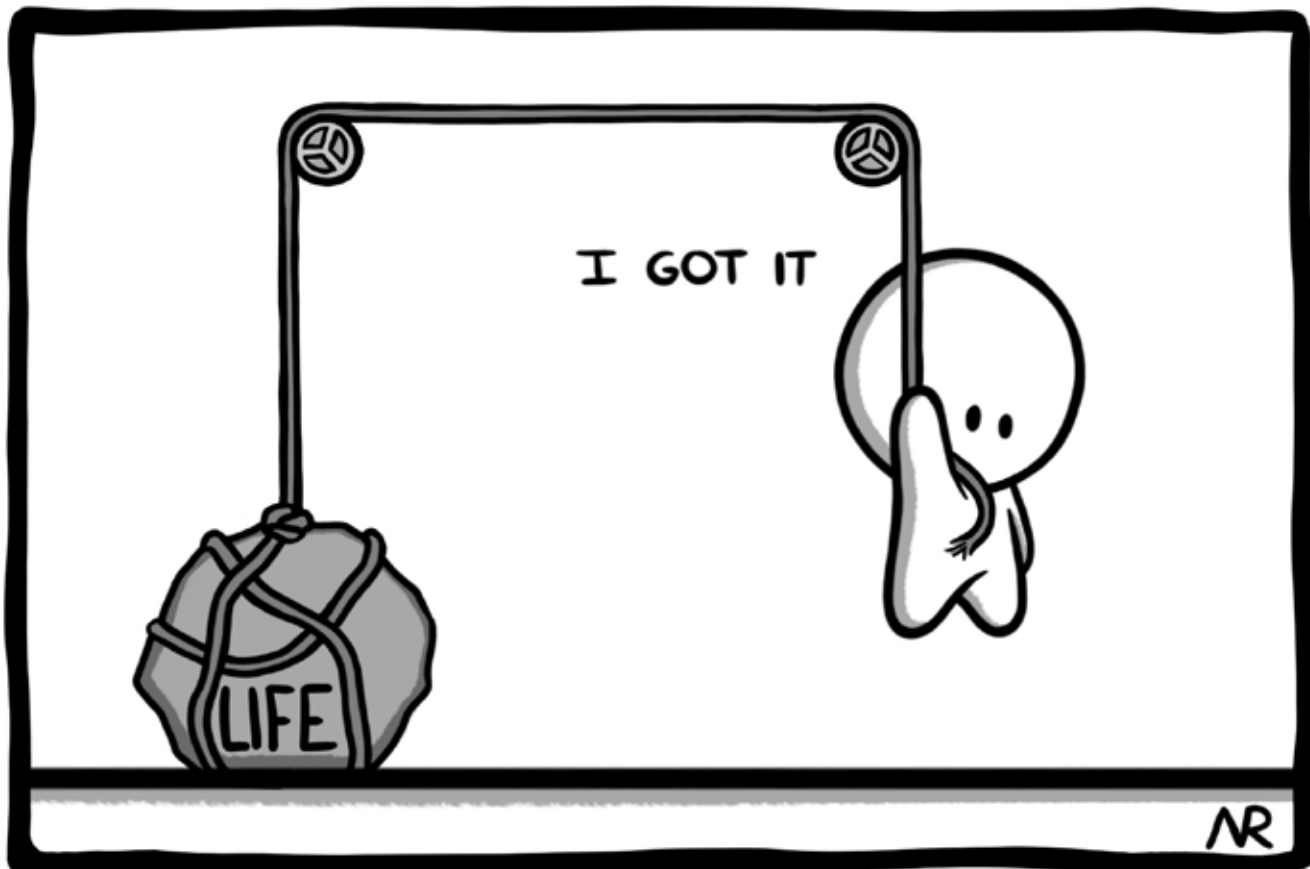
What we had experienced during that night is norm for hundreds of thousands of Christian refugees around the world today.

Each morning, they wake up and face an uncertain future. Some don't know where they will get their next meal.

Others live in constant fear of attack from ISIS or other militant organizations.

To say refugees have it rough is an understatement.

The Exile Experience was not only meant to give a
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The Collegian Editorial

Quitting not equivalent with failure

"Winners never quit and quitters never win."

"Pain is temporary."

"It never gets easier, you just get better."

No doubt these quotes are not new to you. Plastered onto scenic stock images, motivational quotes permeate our social media feeds.

Hard work and perseverance are highly-praised qualities in American culture. From our youth, we're taught that these attributes are all we need to achieve a prosperous, successful life—the so-called "American dream."

So we dream, we plan, we set goals and we expect our dedication to pay off.

But what about when plans don't turn out the way we originally expected?

What should we do when no matter how hard we work,

certain goals always seem out of reach?

An article in *The Washington Post* introduced an interesting Meetup group of Washington, D.C., residents who call themselves The Quitters' Club.

Founded by Justin Cannon, The Quitters' Club seeks to help people give up goals that have turned out to cause them more harm than good.

Cannon said he grew up believing that winners never quit and had always equated quitting with losing.

Cannon started to reconsider the importance of some of his goals, however, when the stress of them started to wear on him.

While the group members do help each other give up burdensome dreams, they also encourage each other to

not give up too easily.

Their goal is to help members decide which goals to toss and which ones to continue to work toward.

As Christians, we should approach goal making in the perspective of God's will for our lives to make sure our goals are those that God wants us to have and not simply our own desires for our lives.

As Dr. Pettit reminded us in his chapel message on Monday, Philippians 4:13 assures us that we can do all things through Christ, through His strength.

This truth encourages us that no matter how difficult a task or how unattainable a goal may seem, if it's what God has called us to do, He will provide the grace we need to succeed.

If your self-made goals seem to be creating more problems than benefits at every turn, maybe it's time to reevaluate them.

Quitting on goals you've set doesn't make you a failure.

When it comes to deciding whether to keep going or not, we must discern whether the goal is one we've set or if it's a God-given command.

For example, setting the goal of always getting your homework done several days in advance is commendable. But giving up on this goal for the sake of getting sufficient sleep or spending time with a friend in need doesn't mean you have failed.

While goals can help achieve success, pressuring yourself to fulfill them all no matter what is not always best.

TALKBACK

What do you like to do on a rainy day?



freshman
CRISTI GOLDFUSS
"Drink tea and paint."



senior
RACHAEL SUTTON
"Read a book."



freshman
PETER HICKS
"Play sports in the rain."



sophomore
JARALEE TORRES
"Sleep."



senior
NATE JOHNSON
"Play piano and violin."

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SNAPSHOT

What are your plans for after graduation?

"The dream job would be to travel the world studying animals in their natural habitats, studying ecosystems, basically doing field research. Which, you know, being a scientist in a world of evolution is always a party. Maybe work with Creation Museum/Answers in Genesis. I'm hoping, because I can research and travel, I might be able to get into countries that other people can't."

What is the biggest lesson that you've learned at BJU?

"People are fragile patchworks of pain, sorrow and joys, and dreams and hopes that all come together in, normally, very broken messes. And that's what makes them worth getting to know. In a lot of ways, that's what makes life workable."

What is one of your fondest memories?

"Hiking up to the top of glacier mountain on Mission Team West this summer. It's in the middle of Montana, smack in the middle of the Rockies. We climbed up a couple miles of snow fields, and we get up there and there's a lake right in the middle of these mountains that is half frozen with pine trees all over the place, snow barely melting, a stream of pure snow-water—we drank out of the water because it was snow turning into water and it was the freshest, best-tasting water you've ever had in your whole life. We got up there and we look out and you can see for hundreds and hundreds of miles of mountain ranges—you can't see far enough to see the end of it. And there were mountain goats too. That was a bonus."

Joshua Kilburn | Junior | Biology

PHOTO: DANIEL PETERSEN

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glimpse of what refugees face on a day-to-day basis, but focused specifically on the suffering many Christians endure for Christ's name.

Considering their persecution, there are many self-reflective questions we can ask ourselves. What would I be willing to endure for the sake of Christ?

Would I still praise God and refuse to deny my faith if my 9-year-old brother or 13-year-old sister were beaten to death in front of me?

If I were to be beaten so brutally that I could barely walk, would I still count myself fortunate to have suffered for the sake of Christ?

Even now, these are dif-

ficult questions to answer because until we truly experience that intense suffering, it's hard to say how any one of us would act.

But because we don't currently face brutal beatings or fear for the lives of our families, can we truly know what sacrifice for Christ means?

And does committing ourselves to living for Christ mean living a life of suffering for us? I believe there is a misconception even before asking the question.

Because of the Fall, we already live in a world of suffering. But by committing ourselves to living for Christ, we begin suffering for the right thing, the ultimate reason — the glory of God.

But what does sacrificing our lives for Christ and God's glory on BJU campus mean?

Perhaps we can begin to understand the meaning by learning everything we can about His Word and His world around us.

“By committing ourselves to living for Christ, we begin suffering for the right thing.”

We should study theology, science, art, history, business, education, health and anything that will equip us for a life of service.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that while students, facul-

ty or staff, we're on this campus and in this community for a purpose: God's glory.

In a more specific sense, sacrifice for God's glory means taking time to listen to that student struggling with academics, fighting illnesses

or worrying about their family back home.

Sacrifice means going out of your way to help a classmate on a project when he's stressed with every aspect of life.

Sacrifice means spending

the precious time God gave us by going out into the community around us and sharing the love of Christ.

Sacrifice means living unselfishly and continuously looking for opportunities to serve and love.

But striving to live worthy for Christ doesn't mean we're going to be instantly perfect.

We're going to mess up during our lives. A lot. But that shouldn't stop us from serving our God with all our heart, by His grace of course.

That doesn't mean we'll live a life of ease nor does it ensure we will be tortured and martyred for His name.

Committing our lives means we submit ourselves to God and trust He knows

what's best for our lives.

Like those Christian refugees and like many Christians living around the world suffering for Christ's name, I want to sacrifice my life so that others may see Christ.

If even one soul comes to the saving knowledge of Christ's cross, I will count my life as well lived.

During our Exile Experience, during that sleepless night on the fields, a speaker made a thought-provoking statement to us.

The fundamental difference between Christian refugees and us is this: *their lives are a daily reminder of the exile we are all living on this earth.*

How are *you* sacrificing your life for His name?



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Study abroad courses expand to Europe, Israel

DANIEL QUIGLEY
Staff Writer

While some students only daydream about going to far-away places, students have actual opportunities to have class in another country.

Study abroad courses enable students to receive college credits while learning more about the cultures of foreign countries.

In the past, the University has offered study abroad courses in Spain and England. This summer BJU will

offer two new opportunities to go to Europe and Israel.

Art faculty member Michelle Radford will lead a two-week art-focused study through Europe.

One week of Radford's trip will be spent in Barcelona, followed by another week cruising through the Mediterranean, visiting Naples, Rome, Florence, Cannes and Palma Majorca.

Students who participate in this trip can receive credit for either Appreciation of Art or an art elective.

According to Radford, benefits that students can gain from this course include learning to travel, improving a resume and gaining inspiration for students' own creative projects.

Radford hopes the course will inspire artists and widen students' understanding of art history, as students on the trip will be able to see masterpieces of art and architecture in person that they've only seen as photos in textbooks.

She also said studying abroad can broaden a believer's



The study abroad course to Spain immerses students in the Spanish language and culture. Photo: Submitted



Students studying abroad often stay with native-speaking host families for a month at a time. Photo: Submitted

er's concept of other cultures around the world.

"They're going to have contact with ... cultures that are so different than those they're used to, and I think that's really important for a believer," Radford said.

Those interested may contact Radford for further information.

The course in Israel will be a 500-level communication class open to all undergraduate and graduate students.

This study abroad course will be led by Dr. Mary Mendoza, a native of Jerusalem and member of the BJU communication faculty.

While the students will

visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River, the trip is more focused on the people than the biblical sites.

"The course is really meant to help you become a better communicator with people from other cultures," Mendoza said.

She hopes students who go on this excursion will gain empathy for people who are culturally different.

Interested students can find more information on the BJU Study Abroad Holy Land Facebook page.

Other options for study abroad are available as well.

BJU has offered a Spain

study abroad regularly for years, and students can always independently study out of country.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, chairman of the Division of Modern Language and Literature, strongly recommended students consider a study abroad course.

A study abroad course can even be life-changing, as it was for Dr. Patterson when he was in college.

"My own study abroad when I was a student was the most formative experience that I had," Patterson said. "I think that everybody who can afford it ... should do a study abroad."

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According to Wustman, Gateway employees may work for BJU Dining for up to two years.

"They usually work their way up from working in some place like [the Kalmbach room] to being a server or maybe eventually working in one of our retail locations," Wustman said.

Throughout the years, over 80 BJU Dining Services employees have been Gateway members.

Jeremy McMahan, a Gateway staff member who has worked closely with Aramark for around five years expressed his gratitude for the Aramark partnership.

"We're really grateful for Aramark," McMahan said.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to work with them, and we're grateful for what Aramark did outside to help beautify Gateway and help us continue to build a healthy environment."

Wustman said he met with some former employees of BJU Dining Services while working at Gateway House.

"While we were there, I was actually able to meet quite a few people who used to work here and was able to see that they are all working someplace now and living independently," Wustman said.

"They have moved on to the next level."

According to an Aramark press release, Aramark Building Community Day gives Aramark team members opportunities around the globe to spread health and wellness education and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Aramark has recently launched *Feed Your Potential 365*, a campaign aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles among all consumers, families in underserved communities and Aramark's customers, clients and employees.

As part of the campaign, Aramark established *Feed Your Potential 365 Clubs* around the country.

Aramark expects to connect with non-profit organizations around the world through its online curriculum promoting healthy food choices.



Adam Summer, an employee of Aramark Higher Education at Clemson and former BJU general manager, builds a raised garden for Gateway House. Photo: Submitted



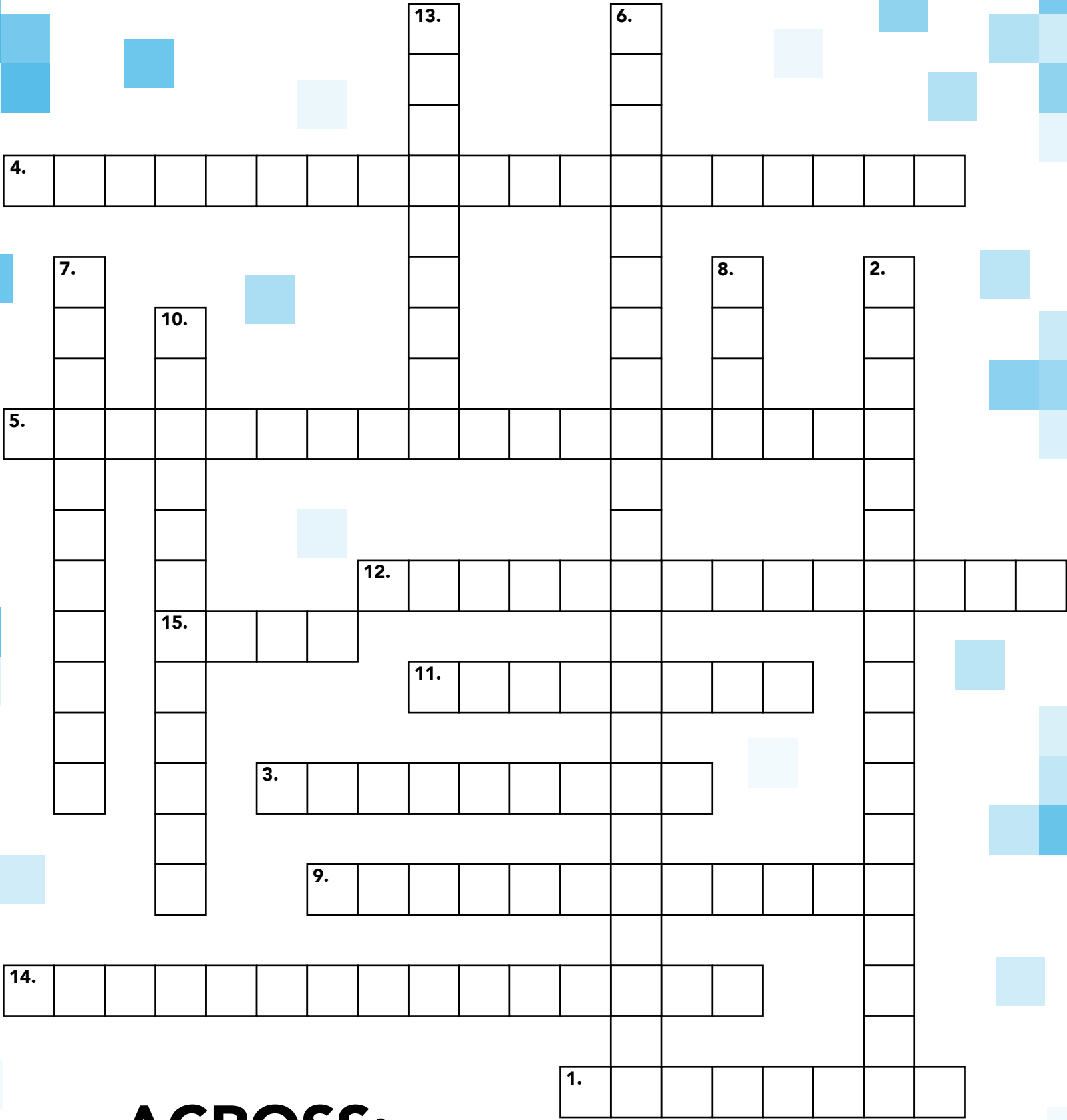
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ACROSS:

- 3. Anniversary *The Collegian* celebrated last year
- 8. Number of students in Bob Jones College's first graduating class
- 9. Current number of literary societies
- 10. Bob Jones College's original mascot for intercollegiate sport
- 11. A favorite instrument of Dr. Pettit
- 12. Number of seats in FMA
- 13. City in Florida Bob Jones Sr. was in when he decided to found a school
- 14. Live television interview show Dr. Bob III appeared on
- 15. First opera BJU put on after moving to Greenville

DOWN:

- 1. Bob Jones Sr.'s middle name
- 2. Dr. Pettit's favorite professional soccer team
- 4. Year BJU created Brody and the Bruins
- 5. Play Dr. Bob III and wife Beneth performed in together that sparked their romance
- 6. Current number of Bruins athletes
- 7. Person who named Bob Jones College

Reformation's influence reverberates in Bach, Luther concerts

ANDREW SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

The Reformation Concert with David Kim tonight and the Luther 500 Hymn Fest on Oct. 24 will celebrate the music of the Reformation honoring the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses.

These concerts will highlight the music of the Reformation and the dramatic and lasting impact the Reformation had on church music.

Martin Luther himself said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music

is the greatest treasure in the world."

The concerts will celebrate the works of Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach who both had close ties to the Reformation.

Before the Reformation, only priests in the Medieval Church sang worship music.

Sung in Latin, this music was not able to be understood by the average churchgoer.

The Reformers, particularly Martin Luther, introduced congregational singing to churches.

Dr. Paul Overly, a BJU professor of music history

and literature, said these changes to church music had lasting effects.

"It was like a musical revolution," Overly said.

"Any time you sing in church... we can credit the Reformation with the development of that.

"Any time that you have a hymnal in your hands, that's [because of the] Reformation."

All of the music in the Reformation concert was composed by J.S. Bach, including two pieces in which Bach used Luther's tune.

"You can't conceive the

work of Johann Sebastian Bach without the Reformation," Overly said.

The concert will feature the entire Bob Jones University Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Singers.

Key instruments in this concert will be the organ and the University's refurbished harpsichord.

The antique instrument was just recently restored to playable condition by Ed Rea, associate professor of piano, and his team of technicians.

Orchestra conductor Dr. Michael Moore said three of

the four works presented will feature David Kim, a violinist and the concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

"We have the opportunity to collaborate with one of the greatest Christian artists in the orchestral world with Mr. David Kim," Moore said.

Moore said the concert will open with Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, led by Kim.

The following piece, Bach's Violin Concerto in E Major, will feature Kim as soloist.

Moore said the second half of the concert will feature two works based on Luther's anthem "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God.")

The concert will also feature an organ prelude on the Reformation hymn tune, played by senior keyboard performance major Noah Vancina.

Moore said the evening will conclude with selections from Bach's elaborate Reformation Cantata No. 80 under his direction, with Kim in the concertmaster chair again.

Similar in theme, the Luther 500 Hymn Fest will be a choral performance by the Collegiate Choir under the direction of Dr. Fred Coleman, associate professor in the department of church music.

This concert will consist entirely of hymns that Luther wrote himself or introduced to his congregation.

Coleman said this concert, rather than requiring

only passive listening, is an active experience for the audience.

"It's really not a recital or concert so much as a lecture hymn fest, meaning the people get to sing," Coleman said.

Coleman said the concert will feature seven of Luther's hymns. Coleman will share historical background and context before each hymn.

Coleman said the choir will sing the first stanza of each hymn to familiarize the congregation with the tune, then the congregation and choir will sing multiple stanzas together.

"This is in keeping with Luther's philosophy that the church choir was to teach and assist the congregation in singing," Coleman said.

The finale will feature "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arranged by Dan Forest, BJU graduate and former music faculty member and composer of *Jubilate Deo*.

This arrangement will utilize Luther's original rhythm for the hymn rather than the one most churchgoers are used to singing.

The Reformation Concert with David Kim and the Luther 500 Hymn Fest are the first two concerts featured in the Museum & Gallery's Reformation Concert Series. The Concert Choir will present third and final concert in this series on Oct. 27.

"We are happy to partner with the Museum & Gallery to celebrate this momentous anniversary," Moore said.



Dr. Michael Moore directs BJUSO and the Chamber Singers in rehearsal for the Reformation Concert featuring David Kim. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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Bruins cross country teams on track for championships

KAYLA ROMEISER
Sports Writer

Many people may think cross country is an individual sport while others say it is a team sport.

Cross-country coach Landon Bright, however, believes the sport to be both an individual and team sport.

“Obviously, you are competing on an individual level, but your team relies on you every race so you have to show up,” Bright said.

“There is no hiding on the race course.”

Matthew Hopkins, a senior on the men’s cross country team, agrees.

According to Hopkins, the whole team matters on race day.

Each runner’s individual placement contributes to

the team placement because each opposing runner who is passed bumps up the team’s potential score.

At the same time, however, all the runners must battle themselves, pushing to beat their own personal record.

A team’s placement in a race depends on its first five members to finish.

The place a runner finishes equals the number of points a runner receives.

Once the top five runners of a team’s points are added, the team’s score is produced. That number is then used to determine the team’s placement in the race.

Although both a team and individual sport, cross-country still requires teams to work together.

Sarah Sheridan, a junior on the team, said the wom-



The current men’s and women’s cross country teams share Head Coach Landon Bright and often practice together. Photo: Hal Cook/ BJU Marketing

en’s team has gotten stronger since her freshman year.

Sheridan said more women have joined this year, times have gotten faster and

the team has competed better together.

“We kind of balance each other,” Sheridan said.

The teams do a variety of activities together, including team practices.

Freshman team member Hannah Peterson described the team’s training as varied.

“The practices are very early in the morning, which makes for some interesting conversations,” Peterson said.

“We do core workouts at least once a week in the afternoons, usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on individual schedules.”

For every practice, Bright lets the runners know ahead of time what the practice will entail and how fast he expects them to run.

“It’s a mix of easy, moderate and harder workouts depending on the day,” Bright said. “For a harder workout, we might do repetitions of

1,000 meters with around three minutes of rest at our goal race pace.”

Many of the cross-country runners have attested to the Christlike demeanor Bright has as he coaches.

According to the them, Bright differs from the coaches of other teams in that he doesn’t scream and yell from the sidelines.

Rather, they said, he encourages them and calmly lets them know what’s happening around them.

According to sophomore Joe Patchen, Bright has a good balance between being easy going and pushing the team members to succeed.

“I really like to make sure the athletes have an intrinsic motivation to improve,” Bright said.

So far this season, the team has enjoyed success.

The teams started the season off strong. At their open-

ing meet, the men’s team placed third and the women’s team placed second.

The men’s and women’s team then placed first and second, respectively, in the Warrior Cross Country Invitational.

The Bruins placed second at their most recent meet, the Koala Classic.

According to Bright, the first races were run on more difficult courses, so the times were not in the personal record range for the runners.

However, the team is healthy and has a great attitude, so they are looking forward to the rest of the season.

The team hopes to maintain a positive thought process this season and beat their personal records.

Together, Bright and the men’s and women’s cross-country teams aim to race to the finish line of the national championships Nov. 11.



Bruins athletes Molly Campbell and Sarah Sheridan persevere during an early morning run. Photo: Ian Nichols



Drew Buffaloe
Sports Management
Senior

bruins spotlight

1 | What first got you interested in golf?

“Playing with my dad and brothers as I was growing. I played [golf in both] middle and high school.”

2 | What is your favorite golf memory?

“Winning regionals this year and getting to go to nationals.”

3 | What are your favorite hobbies or pastimes?

“Bowling. I love bowling. That’s probably my number one hobby.”

4 | What do you want to do after graduation?

“Probably something with a sports business. Maybe start my own business somewhere.”

5 | If you could ask Jesus any question what would it be?

“What was it like to make the world?”

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tion and hopes the team will continue competing at the same high level.

He said the computer science program along with mentors like Knisely prepared him and the team to succeed in the competition.

Knisely said students who participate in contests such as these benefit in two ways.

“One is that they are developing a skill to help them to identify a problem and to be good at categorizing things,” Knisely said.

The other is the ability to think under pressure and to perform under [pressure].”

Students in the math and computer science fields will need these skills to succeed in their careers.

Knisely said one of BJU’s

international students who participated was encouraged by the good results because he realized that he could come to a Christian university and not miss out on any necessary education.

Knisely said over this last summer, a graduate school reached out to the him after being impressed with BJU’s results in similar competitions.

The representative from this graduate school said that BJU’s students are exactly the type of students they want in their master’s programs.

“It opens doors for [these students] in the future,” Knisely said.

Knisely said teams from other universities, knowing little about BJU beforehand, walk out knowing that BJU can compete at a high level.

“They might have one idea of us,” Knisely said. “But at least they know that we are serious about doing our best.”

“We are trying to demonstrate we are good stewards of what the Lord has given to us,” Knisely said.

Knisely said he has enjoyed working with this year’s team.

He said the team has shown great potential, and he looks forward to following the team as they compete in contests throughout this semester.

The team also competed last weekend in the IEEE Xtreme contest, a 24-hour international challenge.

The team is expected to compete in two more problem-solving competitions before the end the semester.



Students on the BJU programming team utilize each other’s expertise to solve analytical problems. Photo: Daniel Petersen



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Coffee enthusiasts find cozy escape at Bella Latte



A Milky Way latte is made with dark chocolate and caramel. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

ABBY SIVYER
Editor

From a simple cup of freshly roasted coffee to a sweet creative concoction, Bella Latte caters to the caffeine enthusiast.

Paul Melotte, owner and CEO of Bella Latte’s parent company Melotte Enterprises, opened the first Bella Latte in 2006.

Melotte and his wife, Sissy Melotte, describe themselves as “lifelong coffee aficionados” and now own three Bella Latte locations—one in Duncan and two in Spartanburg.

In addition to owning Bella Latte, Melotte is the proprietor of Mozza Roasters as well as several Wayback Burgers and Little Caesars locations.

Like any traditional coffee shop, Bella Latte serves the staples such as lattes, cortados and iced coffee.

For those who like their coffee on the sweeter side, however, the café offers an array of its own creations such as the “Snowflake,” a white chocolate mocha with spiced

brown sugar syrup and “Turtle Tracks”—a sugary blend of dark chocolate, caramel and macadamia nut.

Non-coffee options include chai, hot chocolate, fruit smoothies and iced green tea. Most drinks fall into the \$2 to \$5 range.

One feature of Bella Latte that has set them apart from competitors is the undertak-

ing of roasting their own coffee beans.

Coffees from around the world, including many single-origin coffees, are roasted in-house by Mozza Roasters at Bella Latte’s Spartanburg location.

Located about 20 minutes northeast of campus, the Duncan location of Bella Latte provides a cozy study

escape from the typical bustle of Greenville coffee shops.

The café is currently decked out with colorful fall décor and seats around 30 customers, with additional seating on the outdoor patio.

The Duncan location is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is closed Sundays.



Bella Latte uses a pour-over bar to brew fresher coffee. Photo: Rebecca Snyder