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Student organizations grow in number, provide value to campus

Com teams win at NRB contests

IAN DYKE
Editor

Imagine cramming everything you've learned in college into one day. Now add in a high-pressure contest, a cameo appearance from Vice President Mike Pence and an oversized check for \$5,000.

That description just about sums up the experience of seven students who competed at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention last week.

After competing for 24 consecutive hours, the cinema students won first place and the JMC took third in their respective competitions.

The cinema team moved up from last year's second place spot while the JMC team represented BJU for the first time in four years.

In addition to the teams that attended the event, another team of cinema students competed in an online competition hosted by the broadcasting organization.

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Daniel Kim, president of the International Student Organization, meets with his officer crew in the Center for Leadership Development. Photo: Esther John

KATE JONES
Staff Writer

Around 70 students are currently members of the Health Sciences Association, one of the most recently formed student organizations connecting like-minded individuals and

informing them about opportunities in their fields.

The HSA is nearing its second anniversary, according to president Daniel Vasquez, who identified its three major focuses as professional development, networking and spiritual development.

Faculty sponsor Dr. Jessica Minor said the association connects students to each other, the community and industry professionals.

Vasquez is partnering with other campus organizations to bring in speakers on key, applicable issues. Last

semester the Public Policy Organization, the Criminal Justice Association and the HSA partnered to host a human trafficking symposium.

Running a student organization takes much time and planning, but so does starting one. The 26 independent

student organizations that currently exist, have gone through the process and attest to its value.

Mr. Matthew Weathers, who works with students and faculty to develop student leaders in societies and See **ORGANIZATIONS** p. 8 »

How to counsel a friend who is struggling

ANDREW SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

People typically have at least one friend who is struggling with some sort of problem: an academic, physical, psychological, spiritual or personal difficulty of some kind. So how can a BJU student help the ones they care about with their struggles?

Learning to recognize the needs around you constitutes a critical first step to counseling friends in relation to their personal issues.

Dr. Greg Mazak, BJU psychology and biblical counseling professor, said, "My first assumption is that everyone's struggling. Every single person is needy, and every single person needs help." Dr. Mazak granted that some people struggle more than

others at different times, but held that everyone, regardless of position or experience level has struggles.

Dr. Mazak said Galatians 5 tells us the flesh is always struggling against the Holy Spirit. "Every one of us is in a constant spiritual battle, and the location of that battle is within you," Mazak said.

Concerning who the Christian should seek to help and when, Mazak said that God often providentially gives us opportunities to help those around us in a selection of different ways.

Encounters that we may interpret as "accidental" are often a way God has provided for us to be a blessing to someone else.

Another key element of helping someone who's struggling is compassion, ac-

cording to Mazak. Often this element is needlessly complicated by well-meaning people.

"One of the most compas-

sionate things I can do is ask a person 'how are you doing' and listen," Mazak said. That's not always enough, but that's

always the right thing to do."

Erika House, junior biblical counseling major, said listening is a powerful coun-

seling strategies.

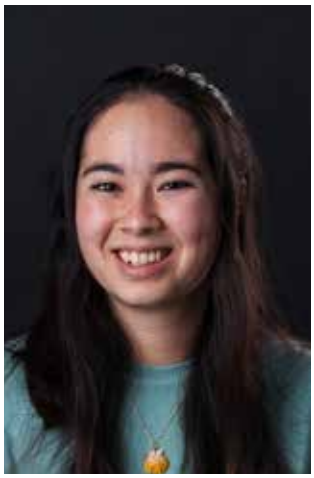
"I think the most important thing about counseling

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Daniel Hudson and Jason Holland share their concerns with each other. Photo: Robby Jorgensen

COLUMN



CELESTE GAUER
Staff Writer

Sleeping on the pavement outside the airport was not how I imagined the first night of my mission trip. Neither had I imagined that I would get chased by a cow, forget my passport, fall into a ditch and eat ants.

In my junior year of high school, I was blessed with the opportunity to go to Cambodia on a mission trip with seven other girls and our two sponsors. For two weeks, we served at the local orphanage and ministered to the Christian school founded by the missionary family we were visiting.

One particular day stood apart from all the other days of my trip. Other than my mission trip leader falling ill, the day started out normally with everything running smoothly: the song, the crafts and the games.

A teacher approached us and asked us to share the Gospel with the middle school students as well. We agreed but had forgotten that because of the way the

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AT THE END OF
THE WEEK



COMIC: FAITH TRAMMEL

The Collegian Editorial

Refugees prove hope is a human need

“Hope is the pillar that holds up the world. Hope is the dream of a waking man.”

The words of Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder have taken on a new and literal meaning for refugee families in Sweden whose children have fallen asleep.

Documented by photojournalist Magnus Wennman for *The New Yorker*, these Syrian asylum seekers have fled their war-torn homeland only to find that their children are suffering from a rare and mysterious medical condition.

The condition, known as resignation syndrome, has roughly the same symptoms as a coma. The children’s bodies are perfectly fine.

Their lungs continue to breathe, and their hair continues to grow. Yet the children remain in a sleep-like state.

Wennman’s heartbreaking photos have flooded the internet, depicting parents cradling their unresponsive loved ones and the make-shift hospitals which have housed the chil-

dren for more than a year.

The disease has baffled doctors who can find no physical reason for the children’s condition. The lack of a bodily cause has led doctors to believe the condition is a direct result of the trauma these children have experienced.

But the chief culprit doctors point to is “willed dying.”

These children who have already lost their homes and even families members have now lost their faith in the world and are choosing to die.

Having narrowly escaped the war in their homeland, they’ve found themselves in another war, one they can’t escape—a war for hope.

While we might not think of hope as essential to life, these Syrian children illustrate that hope, like food or water, is a basic human need. And these refugees are starving for it.

Throughout our college career, we have all heard constant news about Syrian refugees. We’ve heard countless broadcasts and read articles online.

I even knew the number of refugees displaced throughout the world was five million, nearly 25 percent of Syria’s pre-war population.

For many of us numbers are all they are. Knowing stats is easy; empathy is hard.

I just don’t think the human heart and mind are meant to comprehend that much sadness. How do you begin to understand the suffering of five million people?

News stories like these are invaluable because they illustrate problems in a concrete, manageable way. They remind us that we’re not dealing with statistics, but people.

How ironic that it took a story about sleeping children to wake me up to these refugees’ humanity.

The Syrian crisis is complicated and multidimensional. It’s hard for us as Christians and as students at BJU to determine our responsibility and responds to suffering around the world.

But any response we offer and our thinking on the entire issue must be informed by the shared humanity of our fellow image bearers and all that image implies.

While we may not have all the answers for the world’s political problems, as believers, we do know the Source of hope these refugees are starving for. And He knows each of their suffering. And I believe He cares. So as students at BJU, let’s care as well.

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DISAGREE?



TALKBACK

Name something you think
is overrated.



freshman
SONYA GOODMAN
“Open seating in chapel.”



sophomore
ROBERT MEYER
“Cats.”



freshman
ELISSA VAN WAGONER
“Movie sequels.”



sophomore
RACHEL POWELL
“Love songs.”



sophomore
ANDREW PARROTT
“Turkey burgers.”

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a friend is listening,” House said. Sometimes they’re not really looking for answers.”

Pearson Johnson, a counselor in the Student Care office, said there’s no cure-all for a struggling friend, but being a good friend can make a real difference.

“A peer can actually have a much more effective influence than a professional simply because a peer is walking through life alongside of their friend at the very moments that wrong thinking or temptation or trials happen,” Johnson said.

Katie Albert, a RA in Creel, said helping struggling friends is both difficult and highly rewarding. She said she often uses her past experiences and verse that have influenced her to point the girls on her hall to hope in Christ.

“It’s interesting how many times I’ve been exactly where they’re at,” Albert said.

You may not have all the

answers to your friends problems, but developing a supportive community plays a vital role in helping your friend.

In many of cases helping a friend is much simpler than people think.

Sometimes physical factors can significantly affect someone’s wellbeing. Nutrition, rest and exercise are all important to wellness.

Although these factors may not be the root of the problem, making sure a struggling person is getting enough food and rest will benefit them.

If there is a possibility that an underlying problem with physical or mental health exists, referring the friend in question to a physician may be a good idea in some cases.

“I want to talk to people about spiritual health and also physical health. It’s not really a question of which one, but ‘how can I help in both areas?’”

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Cambodian education system worked at that time, many of these students would actually be our age.

We had automatically assumed these “middle schoolers” would be in their early teens. My team and I had prepared activities only for younger children but, “We’ll be fine,” we told each other. “We’ll just wing it.”

However, our improvisation ended disastrously. The students walked in, and we quickly realized our mistake. Seventeen- and 18-year-olds are not exactly the age group that you would sing a children’s Bible song to, but we did.

A group of high school girls singing “Dig Down Deep” complete with hand motions was not exactly something these teens wanted to see.

We quickly cut the singing session after that first song and moved on to the activ-

ity which was building race cars out of water bottles. This seemed to catch their interest, and we excitedly passed out the materials. One of the materials needed was paint, and I have no idea why, but we had chosen acrylic paint.

One of the girls was desperately trying to get a paint bottle open and in doing so, splattered the paint all over us, the floor and our ukulele. And if you didn’t already know, acrylic paint does not come off with soap and water. One of the boys ran to the local gas stand and bought several bottles of gas. Each of us then had to douse ourselves in gasoline.

We hurriedly finished the craft and headed back to the orphanage where we were staying. Besides getting flour in my eye during a chaotic baking session, the rest of the day went well.

Several girls and I shared our testimony at a Bible study session that night before

leading the children in singing. It was amazing to hear the attendees testimonies as well and we ended the night with prayer.

Despite how disastrous my team and I viewed part of that day, God had worked past our mistakes. One teacher of the teens said we had blessed the group. And looking back at it, I can honestly say that may have been the most influential day of the trip.

You don’t have to have your own life together to reach people. It’s the reality and brokenness of who you are that will speak to them the most.

As Katie Davis, a missionary to Uganda, wisely said, “I have learned that I will not change the world. Jesus will do that. I can, however, change the world for one person. So, I keep stopping and loving one person at a time. Because this is my call as a Christian.”

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



REBECCA WILLIAMS

ORGANIZATION:

Student Leadership Council

TITLE: *Women’s Senior Class Representative*

YEAR: *Senior*

MAJOR: *Spanish*

“I had no clue what to major in, but I had to choose something before summer orientation. I took Latin my senior year of high school, and my teacher told me I should consider studying language more because I excel in it. When I chose to major in Spanish, I had no idea what I wanted to do with it, but I knew that I had peace about a major for the first time.

“I love being able to dig deep into my major classes and be able to use them in daily life. My TESOL Practicum last semester made me realize how much I enjoy teaching and building bridges with others through language, and teaching English abroad doesn’t seem like a distant goal anymore. I also have had a few opportunities this year to volunteer as a Spanish interpreter, and being able to use these skills in real life makes the past four years of studying worth it. Other than that, I’m so thankful for the chance to dig deeper than I thought possible in friendships this year.”

Senior Class Representative

“Senior rep? I never even dreamed of running for the position originally. A few friends told me that they had nominated me, and I laughed. But when I accepted the nomination and began to research the position more, I loved the idea of being able to be hands-on making a difference for our class of 2018. I enjoy the decision-making aspects of the role, but I really enjoy the chance to get to know our senior class better and represent them.

“Along with Andrew Carter, the men’s rep, I organize the Senior Class Gift and events for the senior class and collaborate on other projects with the SLC. But we’re not just event planners -- our job is to be a voice for the perspective of seniors, bridge the gap between students and administration, and reflect the desires and personality of our class in the Senior Gift and event plans.”

Students and faculty review Ministry Chapel's first year

JESSICA KAMPHOUSE
Staff Writer

"As Christians, we are all called to serve Christ whether that be through the local church or in some other capacity," Madeleine Lloyd, one of the 500 students in Ministry Chapel, said.

"I think this semester I feel like Ministry Chapel is not as strictly focused on the School of Religion majors."

The chapel provides the tools and focus that students in any major can use to prepare for ministry in their lifetime. It offers a focused, intimate and instructional setting that is different from the chapel held in FMA.

Dr. Nathan Crockett, a faculty member in the School of Religion said, "In the past, ministry-related majors would have these opportunities in their classes, but now majors in maybe business, history or accounting that want to go into seminary in the future, have these same

opportunities through Ministry Chapel," he said.

"Through Ministry Chapel, any major, and any gender can receive the instruction they want going into seminary."

Lloyd said that, as a student not in the School of Religion, she was reminded by Ministry Chapel of her responsibility to be advancing the Gospel no matter her occupation. "Through Ministry Chapel, God has grown my desire to serve others and invest in relationships in the light of eternity," she said, "Since my first semester attending, I feel more included now than before."

"The singing, the acoustics, that many people in that room at once, is powerful," Crockett said, "I've had students tell me that it feels very personal and intimate."

Announcements about upcoming ministry opportunities as well as a regular newsletter help students get even more involved in the lo-

cal community and beyond.

Examples of these ministry opportunities are camps and churches seeking counselors, piano players, youth pastors and other staff.

"We are often bombarded with requests from churches. Ministry Chapel allows us to announce these requests to students who would be interested," Crockett said.

All students are welcome to help with the events Ministry Chapel announces, even those who do not attend the chapel.

The newsletter tells of other opportunities that those in Ministry Chapel can help with, such as outreaches, mission trips, and door-to-door witnessing with various local churches.

Jana Raynor, a health science major at BJU said, "Ministry Chapel has improved us as a student body to be more aware that we are to keep our focus on things more important than our own lives," she said.

"I love that it is open to all majors, and not just those



Multiple students say the singing is the highlight of Ministry Chapel. Photo: Esther John

studying in ministry. It's accomplishing its mission by keeping people aware that we are to keep our focus on those around us and the

needs they have."

Lloyd said ministry chapel has pushed him to participate in more ministry opportunities. "I see a need in my

own life to be more involved in ministry because of Ministry Chapel." Lloyd said, "I believe because of that, it has accomplished its goal."

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The teams, which left early last week for the Nashville competition, each received a go-box containing a list of instructions, completion guidelines and seven energy drinks for the long day ahead.

The JMC team deviated from their original security story idea to a story on gun control. The story featured footage of a speech by Mike Pence, who was a headliner at the convention.

C.J. Billiu, a member of the JMC team and of the WBJU crew, said the competition forced his team to produce in one day what normally takes WBJU up to two weeks to create.

"It took a lot of flexibility and a lot of caffeine," Billiu said.

Billiu said he was glad to see a JMC team representing BJU again. He said he especially enjoyed showing up some rival teams who he said had possibly underestimated the capabilities of BJU students.

"This is the first time we've competed in four years," Billue said. "To pull a bronze, third place, out of it is pretty awesome."

The cinema students won first place for their film on adoption. Advancing the theme of hope, the film tells the story of two women who are revealed to be mother and daughter by the end of the film.

Caleb Murphy, the film's



Caleb Murphy, J.D. Surrent, Nicholas Yasi and Stephen Dysert (left to right) celebrate with their \$5,000-prize. Photo: Submitted



The cinema team races against the clock to shoot their short film. Photo: Stephen Dysert

director, said adoption is a concept that hits close to home for him and other Christian because of its parallels to the Gospel.

Other films had either strong cinematography or a strong narrative, according to Murphy. However, he said his team produced a film that walked the line between both.

Murphy compared 24-hour competition to producing his upcoming senior film. While the three-semester capstone project offers seemingly endless possibilities, those possibilities can stagnate production rather than drive it forward.

Murphy said the limitations in the competition actually helped him produce.

"The limitations forced us to come up with something creative," Murphy said. "It's scary to make a film in such a short amount of time, but it's also really fun."

Stephen Dysert, the film's cinematographer, said the competition was a welcomed break from his senior film.

He said he enjoyed working with fellow seniors who he otherwise would not have had a chance to work alongside.

Dysert said the team began to second guess their choice to pursue such an ambitious story. After the team's sponsor, Christopher Zydowicz, had to watch the film twice to get the story's point, the team was really doubting their decision.

When the time for the award ceremony came around, the cinema team's first-place award was the very last award to be announced.

"So we're sitting there on the edge of our seats not really expecting to win, not looking forward to coming back to Greenville as losers, and then they called out first place and it was us," Dysert said.

"It was a surreal moment as everybody clapped and they played our film."

Dysert said he was amazed by the progression the film underwent from a vague idea to a final product. He said winning the contest was both an emotional and humbling experience for him.

"I think the best part of it all, as awesome as it was to win the \$5,000 prize, was to see people tear up watching our film and to hear how people had enjoyed it," Dysert said.

Zydowicz said in addition to experience, the completion gave students an opportunity to have their work seen by the industry's leaders.

Thousands in the film industry attend the convention, and the BJU students were able to network with potential employers and contacts.

"I'm proud, very proud [of my students]," Zydowicz said. "We're not training them to stay here. We're training them to go out and be competitive. And this proves they're succeeding."

5 People you don't realize are influencing you...

Like the Fates in a Greek myth, these unseen puppeteers are controlling your every thought and word—well, maybe that’s a bit of an overstatement. But these five people have considerable influence over your present life, and chances are there’s more than one person on our list you haven’t considered. From what you see online to the way you interpret the Bible, together this small group of influencers affect almost every area of your life.

1 Betsy DeVos

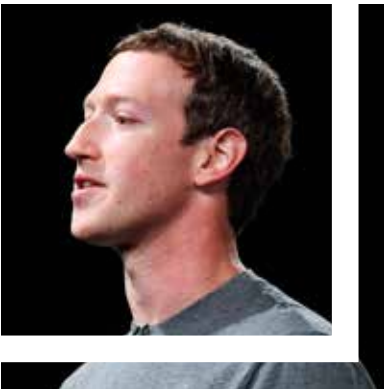


Position: *Secretary of Education*
15th in the presidential line of succession

As the head of a federal department, DeVos leads an army of 4,400 bureaucrats with an annual budget of over \$68 billion. She is ultimately responsible for setting the agenda and policies of the U.S. Department of Education, which has a direct influence on all college students’ lives.

DeVos and her department control billions of dollars in student aid, including the Pell Grant (the largest grant for undergraduate college students). In addition to student aid, DeVos also manages grant money set aside to fund initiatives at colleges and universities themselves. You know that professional test you probably have to take to earn certification--the NCLEX, Praxis, MCAT ect.? DeVos has a hand in setting their requirements.

Mark Zuckerberg 2



Position: *Facebook CEO*
Net worth: \$72.2 billion
Annual salary as Facebook CEO: *actually just \$1*

At just 33 years old, this social media giant has power over what billions see online. Zuckerberg co-founded Facebook while attending Harvard University and eventually left the Ivy League school in his sophomore year to further develop his brainchild. Currently, 22 percent of the world’s population has an active Facebook account.

Zuckerberg affected them all—and likely yours—when he changed Facebook’s algorithm for filtering newsfeed in mid-January. “We’re making a major change to how we build Facebook,” Zuckerberg said on his personal Facebook account. “I’m changing the goal I give our product teams from focusing on helping you find relevant content to helping you have more meaningful social interactions.”

As a result of the change, you’ll be seeing a lot more from your friends and much less from companies and organizations. In fact, some organizations are reaching less than half as many users with their posts as they were, with Zuckerberg to thank.

3 Lady Anne Radcliffe Mowlson

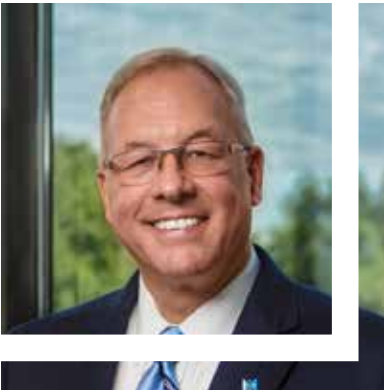


Namesake of Radcliffe College
The Harvard University’s endowment started by Mowlson has grown to staggering \$36.4 billion, bigger than many nations’ economies.

If you are in the majority of BJU students who receive financial aid and scholarships, you’ve been influenced by Mowlson. Having married the mayor of London, Mowlson inherited half her husband’s fortune when he died. The widow proved to be quite the entrepreneur, investing her inheritance in a successful business that she then managed herself.

In 1643, Mowlson donated some of her earnings to a young Harvard College to establish the college’s first endowment. Other wealthy philanthropists followed her example and began to fund scholarships across the East Coast. That tradition continues today with around \$46 billion given in scholarships to students in the United States each year.

Steve Pettit 4



Position: *BJU president*
Net worth: *Wouldn’t you like to know?*

Pettit might seem like an obvious choice for students on a campus where so many decisions run through him. It’s true that Pettit makes many of the decisions that affect us students every day. But we didn’t choose Pettit for our list because he’s BJU’s commander-in-chief, but he’s BJU’s evangelist-in-chief. Pettit’s job description actually includes “setting the spiritual temperature” of the University.

As president, Pettit personally chooses the two chapel themes for each semester, invites each year’s Bible Conference speakers, writes the devotional books each discipleship group uses and preaches in chapel at least once a week. A student who graduates after being at BJU for four years will have heard well over 100 sermons by the former fulltime-evangelist.

5 Your Friends



Only about **one in 12** friendships lasts.
*Americans report having around **nine** close friends.*

Growing up, you were probably told often by your parents to choose your friends wisely, warning that bad friends would create a domino effect of bad life decisions. At this point in your life, you can probably see that they were right. However, recent research suggests that your friends influence far more than just your character—they influence your health.

Friends share a lot of things, including eating habits, according to one study. That’s right, a study published by the New England Journal of Medicine found that having an obese friend makes you 57 percent more likely to also be obese. Another study by Flinders University found that older people who maintain a large friend group outlast those with fewer friends. When your parents told you to make friends, who would have guessed it would be life or death?

Behind the scenes of the NCCAA national championship

KAYLA ROMEISER
Sports Writer

Crowds watch each game with excitement as the NCCAA basketball championship continues. But what observers don't see is the all hard and sometimes tedious work that goes into hosting a championship.

According to assistant athletic director Wyatt Parker, the athletic department began preparing in the summer of 2017.

Graduate assistant Kristen Baisley works in the athletic office. Baisley said she

has spent between five and 10 hours a week on Nationals preparation, adding up to around 100-150 hours before Nationals will actually occur.

Jonny Gamet, The Bruins sports information director, said, "We spent weeks, months even, in preparation on certain things."

Athletic director Neal Ring said he's been working on the tournament since last year. Ring started preparation by submitting a bid to the NCCAA for BJU to host the tournament.

As soon as NCCAA's national office accepted the bid,

Ring and his small army in Bruins Athletics got to work.

He began lining up hotels for teams to use as well as recruiting sponsorships to provide financial support.

Once Nationals week began, the athletic office became a flurry of activity. The preparations began Monday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Parker calls the day's preparation "hard preparation" due to the intensity of the work.

On Monday, the Davis Field House staff prepped the main court, hospitality area and practice courts. This preparation sounds easier than it is.

Parker heads up the DFH staff. Working with him are 11 supervisors, along with even more student workers.

Each supervisor heads up a different division: laundry, locker rooms, team's practices, game officials, score table, game managers, skills competition, game floor cleanliness, tickets, concessions and food for the student staff.

Assistant director Kristen Baisley is one of the supervisors. She oversees the DFH student staff of about 90 workers.

In addition to overseeing the student staff, Baisley also handles ticket sales, schedules, staff training and food preparation for the staff.

"Running the tournament



Taylor Wilson stretching athletes' muscles in preparation for a game to prevent injury. Photo: Daniel Quigley

takes every last staff member in our department," Baisley said.

According to Baisley at least 22 divisions of workers have contributed to make the tournament successful.

After each game, Gamet collects game statistics and forwards them to the teams and national office. He also may write game recaps for other teams as well as the Bruins teams.

Gamet's team of around 50 workers also does a lot during games: take stats, man the

Brody team and sell tickets.

Parker, Gamet, Baisley and Ring assume managerial positions while the tournament takes place. They float around and fix anything that needs fixing.

According to Parker, "We're here to put out fires, so to speak. We take care of things that pop up during the tournament."

Baisley said around 200 people work during the tournament to keep things running smoothly.

After the championship game on Saturday, more work must be done.

Gamet's team will work quickly to compile an all-tournament team; photograph the national champions; send media files to their respective schools and the NCCAA and write game recaps for online coverage.

The DFH staff will work on cleanup. As Parker likes to say, "By lunch time Monday you won't even know the tournament was here."



Taylor Wilson uses weight balls to train her arm muscles. Photo: Daniel Quigley

HEALTH AND WELLNESS TIP

by **Melanie Schell**
nutrition professor

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month?

This year the theme is "Go Further With Food." Here are a few suggestions to help celebrate the month:

Attempt to go meatless for a whole day. Add a glass of low-fat milk with supper. Or find a new veggie to add to your list of favorites.

The possibilities are so colorful! Want even more inspiration? Check out the official website at EatRight.org.



Already planning to fill out a bracket for March Madness?

Submit a picture of your predictions to SportsEditor@bjuedu for a chance to be featured in next week's issue.



Sports Column

March Madness Predictions

JON ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

There have been boring Super Bowls, boring NBA Finals, boring World Series and boring college football playoffs. But I have never witnessed to my knowledge a boring March Madness.

March Madness has given us everything a sports fan could ever ask for: major upsets, blue blood matchups and Cinderella stories.

With the tournament looming just over three weeks away, many basketball fans are excited to see how this year's tournament will play out. Here are the teams that I believe will reach the Final Four.

Villanova—This tournament is won by teams with great guard play, and Villanova certainly has great guard play. Nova also leads the country in scoring at just over 87 points a game. Their backcourt is headed by two Wooden Award candidates in former 5 star recruit Jalen Brunson and Mikal Bridges.

Their other backcourt stalwart Donte Divincenzo would be the go to guy in the backcourt for many other teams. But this highly skilled guard has been forced to play third fiddle due to the excellence of Brunson and Bridges.

If this backcourt plays to the level we have seen them

play all year, Villanova may claim its second championship in three years

Virginia—This team has a history of not doing as well as they should. This year is different. They are playing great defense as usual, holding teams to just over 52 points a game. But this year, more than one guy is hitting clutch shots. A couple of years ago, the only real shot maker they had was Malcolm Brogdon.

Last year it was London Perentes. Before those two, it was Justin Anderson.

This year Ty Jerome, Kyle Guy and Devon Hall are all playing at a high level offensively, giving them their most well-rounded offense since the beginning of the Tony Bennett era.

These three also do a good job of protecting the basketball as Virginia has the lowest turnover total in the country.

Combine these three with the experienced front court of Jack Salt and Dominique Wilkins, Virginia is set to make its first Final Four appearance of the Tony Bennett era.

Michigan State—Led by sophomore guard Miles Bridges, Michigan State looks poised to make a run deep in the tournament.

With five guys averaging double figures, Michigan State has as balanced an offense as there is in the country. They rank third in field

goal percentage (51.3%) and third in three point percentage (42.1).

The team also leads the country in blocks with nearly 7.6 per game. Their defense is good, but not great, giving up nearly 65 points a game. However their offensive efficiency should be good enough to carry them to the final four.

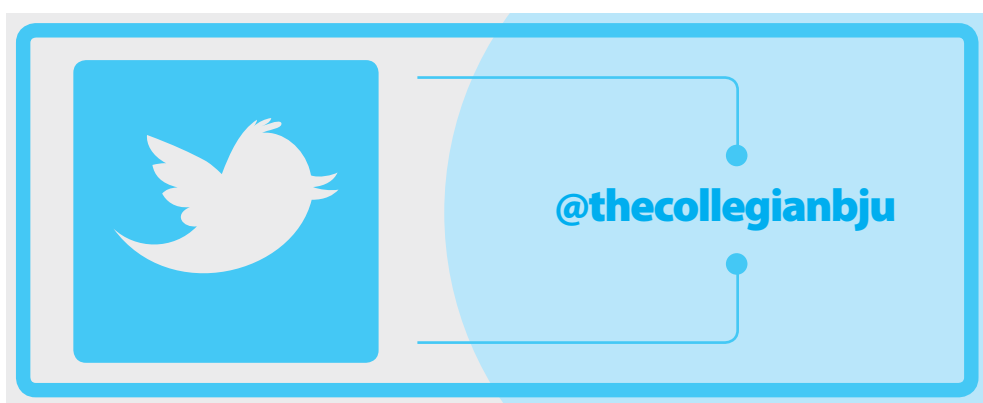
Xavier—Led by All American Trevon Bluiett, Xavier has put together one of its best seasons. As with my other top three teams, Xavier has three quality guards in its lineup: seniors Bluiett, J.P. Macura and sophomore Quentin Goodin.

Xavier has also gotten good production from its front court led by Kareem Kanter. Xavier is averaging 85 points a game and is making around 49 percent of their field goals.

They do a great job of not surrendering offensive rebounds as they are ranked twelfth in the country in offensive rebounding. Xavier is also a team that could be motivated by past failure.

After their blowout victory against Florida State in the Sweet Sixteen last year, they underperformed in the Elite Eight last year against Gonzaga.

Look for Xavier to be motivated by the failure and to advance deep in the tournament.



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Restaurant Review
Jianna



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Overlooking Falls Park in downtown Greenville, Jianna provides a savory Italian experience to the Greenville community. They are located about 10 minutes from campus at 600 N. Main St. Once guests reach the top

of the stairs, they are greeted by a cozy and well-lit dining area having a stunning panorama of Falls Park across the street. Pastel blues and whites offer an elegant yet homey ambiance. One of the distinguishing characteristics of Jianna is their mini open kitchen, where guests can watch the

cooks prepare their meal before them. A vintage-style slicer is also displayed where fresh prosciutto is sliced to order. Menu items include various traditional Italian dishes, such as potato gnocchi, varieties of fresh house-made pasta, char-grilled octopus, bruschetta, snapper. They also serve various paninis and other sandwiches during their weekend lunch hours.

Desserts include flourless chocolate torte, salted caramel semifreddo, white chocolate amaretto cheesecake, as well as various kinds of sorbet and gelato. Prices range from \$5 to \$22. The restaurant originated in San Francisco, where Michael Kramer, current head chef of Jianna, worked under Marc Valiani. Valiani owned a restaurant of the same name.

But when Valiani died in 2011, Kramer opened a new restaurant and called it Jianna in his honor. Jianna is part of the Table 301 Restaurant Group, which includes Soby's, The Lazy Goat, Passerelle Bistro and Nose Dive among others. Together these restaurants support local farms such as Greenbrier, Bioway Farms and Broken Oak Organics. More information can be found on their website, jannagreenville.com, or on Facebook and Instagram. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 9 p.m., Friday 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

»ORGANIZATIONS p. 1 university associations, says more groups are on the way. Qualifying student associations are focused in an academic department, have written constitutions and are helped by a faculty sponsor.

Weathers believes associations enhance a student's value of education. "Join as many as you think you might be interested in," said Weathers. Assess which organizations are more personally beneficial and enjoyable. Then over the four years, narrow organizational involvement to the best ones.

Some of the current leaders of various organizations have found their times involved in their organizations to be extremely beneficial.

Kristen Baisley is president of the American Choral Directors Association. "Student organizations benefit students by providing them with a small community of

colleagues centered around a united interest," Baisley said. Katrina Holly of The Bond: Chemistry and Physics, has learned to apply her head knowledge in context. "I believe that student organizations act as a bridge between undergraduate learning and the actual work of the career world," Holly said.

"Student organizations are opportunities to better yourself and put to work what you've learned in the classroom," said Jeremiah Jones, president of the University Marketing Association.

"You are able to get involved and pursue your passions while giving you great experience to put on your resume."

Tyler Knutson, president of the Criminal Justice Association, sees his investment in the CJA as one of the most worthwhile investments in his college career.

"By participating in stu-

dent organizations, members are presented with exclusive co-curricular, field-specific learning experiences and a wide range of networking opportunities, both with other members of their organizations and with professionals already employed in their major-related field," Knutson said.

President of the University Nursing Association, Rebecca Teruel, has gained skills through the UNA that will benefit her as a person and a nurse. "I believe that student organizations can create a camaraderie amongst the members who may have never interacted otherwise," Teruel said.

Grace Fryml, president of the University Business Association, has learned much about leadership through her organization. "One person, a lot of times, can't change the world, but a few people working together? That's another story," Fryml said.



Murals and interesting wall art add to the restaurant's sophisticated ambiance. Photo: Rebecca Snyder



Heavy cloth napkins are a feature of Jianna's vintage chic style. Photo: Rebecca Snyder



Jianna's downtown location is a hidden gem on Main Street. Photo: Rebecca Snyder