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Public Safety educates students on campus safety

CHRISTINA LAIRD Staff Writer

Active shooters on campus. Belongings getting stolen. Fires in buildings.

These are some of BJU students' top concerns regarding safety on campus.

In light of the recent hurricane, the question of safety is more prominent on students' minds than it may have been before.

What if the hurricane had hit our campus directly? Or what if an active shooter came on campus? How do we protect ourselves from those who might want to do us harm?

It is important to be aware of not only what BJU is doing to protect us from these dangers but also what we can do for ourselves.

Public Safety Chief Joseph Mulnix explained that for emergency situations, the University uses the emergency notification system to alert students, faculty and staff.



Brandon Lurtey utilizes the public safety radio. Photo: Hal Cook/BJU Marketing

The emergency notification system is most often used during bad weather, but this system can also be used in

Mulnix said one free tool students can use is FEMA, an app maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA gives emergency alerts, information and general safety tips for any lo-

cation you specify. "[FEMA] tells all the information a person should know to be best prepared," Mulnix said. "I am very impressed by it."

Mulnix uses FEMA for hurricanes and other inclement weather and suggests students look through the app

to learn more about what to be aware of and what to do in various emergency situations. Students can download the app, called "FEMA," in their app store on their mobile device.

Mulnix suggests entering public safety's direct dial number, 864-770-1311, in your phone in case of emergencies. This will prevent you from having to search for the See SAFETY p. 4 >>

BJU Bruins, PCC Eagles continue friendly athletic rivalry

JO ELLEN WALKER Staff Writer

Since the creation of the first BJU Bruins athletic teams in 2012, a friendly rivalry has grown between the Bruins intercollegiate teams and the Pensacola Christian College Eagles.

Erin Jarvis, a junior business administration student, has been on the Bruins volleyball team since its formation three years ago.

"It's honestly just a friendly competition," she said.

Jarvis said her team tries to focus on playing games against PCC just as they would any other game.

Jarvis mentioned the intensity in the Davis Field House when they played against PCC on Sept.14 and how hard it was to focus on the game.

She also pointed out how important it was for the team. "It was really good, especially for the freshmen, to get that

taste of...[the] pressure on us," she said.

"Coach always tells us, 'don't focus on what's going on in the crowd; you have a job to do," Jarvis said.

The team tries to just have fun and put on a good show for the crowd.

"We're here because this is our platform together," Jar-

Dr. Brenda Schoolfield, an avid Bruins supporter and the faculty athletics representative, said this rivalry stems not just from athletics but also from the demographics of the universities

Both PCC and BJU are roughly the same size, and both print Christian education materials.

Schoolfield said the competition seems to have an overall positive vibe.

"Our crowd is so focused on being Bruins-centered," Schoolfield said.

Support from Bruins fans

overwhelmed the Eagles when they played on BJU campus last weekend.

"We don't need a cheer squad," Schoolfield said. "People are standing up, and they're shouting."

While this can be intimidating for the opposing team, it creates a sense of unity and encouraging support for the

Daniel Heffernan, a senior business administration major, has played a huge part in supporting the Bruins teams the past three years.

He sees his contributions as a way of showing appreciation for the hard work they put into practicing and playing every game.

Heffernan drove a van full of supporters down to PCC last year when the Bruins played against the Eagles.

He has also gone to support the Bruins teams at other schools throughout the

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Jared Simmons dominates the soccer field in a home game last season against Pensacola Christian College. Photo: John Smoker

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SAMANTHA VEIRA Staff Writer

Imagine, you've been preparing to go on a mission trip for months and you've finally touched down in Chincha Alta, Peru, a region roughly two hours from Lima and two hours away from the likelihood of running into anyone fluent in English.

This was my experience in the summer of 2015.

Of course, we had people in our group who spoke Spanish, and the missionaries who were hosting us knew English. So we had translators, but they couldn't be everywhere at once.

Everywhere we went, we stood out. Our group stood out so much, people would approach us asking all kinds of questions, the most common of which was "are you Americans?"

Our strangeness alone served as a really good conversation starter. So much so that people would approach us no matter the situation to find out what we were doing.

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The Collegian Editorial

How technology is shifting our focus to trivial things, and how Christians should respond

Last Tuesday a certain public figure made the "life-changing" discovery of eating milk with her cereal for the first time. The topic became a headline that managed to trend on social media and caused a stir on whether or not it should even be considered important enough to be news.

Ridiculously trivial headlines are just one symptom of a growing online culture of focusing on the insignificant. Couples on their phones at restaurants has become a common sight. The average American spends an entire 24 hours a week online.

People would rather snap a photo of their food and share it to social media to garner likes and comments before they would interact with their friends and family. In fact, the 25th most used hashtag on Ins-

tagram is "food" with 252.4 million posts.

How should we as Christians and good stewards of our time treat technology? Rejecting the use of technology is not a viable option. Most modern jobs require constant connection to the internet. Social media can be a powerful tool to engage with friends and acquaintances and spread the Gospel.

One solution is to limit the amount of time we allow ourselves access to technology. When the time we allow ourselves to be connected is limited, we are forced to prioritize to do only the necessary things on the internet.

Taking a break from technology can also help believers find time to meditate on God's Word and pray. With busy college schedules, most students will admit they

struggle to find quiet time alone with their Heavenly Father. Rather than filling the small gaps in our day looking at screens, we can fill our minds with fellowshipping with Him.

Along the same lines, another solution is not just to limit our time with technology, but to refocus ourselves on what is important.

God calls us to be different from the triviality of the

world in Romans 12:2—
"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

In order to lead a correctly balanced, godly life, we ought to recenter our focus on what's eternally important rather than on what can gratify us temporarily.



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"Being a teacher doesn't mean you know everything... It's just fun to be able to learn even more."

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

BY SETH JOHNSON

Born in Barge Memorial Hospital but growing up in Japan in a missionary family, Dr. Jeremy Patterson has lived a life full of diversity. He moved back to the states when he started college at BJU. Patterson was a print journalism major. "My idea was to go back to Japan and be a bilingual journalist and help out in some small church," Patterson said. "I liked it so much more in Japan; it was my home." After graduating with his undergrad from BJU and then getting his masters, he worked at the BJU Press before leaving to do his graduate studies. Patterson returned to BJU and became the division head of the Modern Language and Literature department four years ago.

He and his wife, Dr. Miriam Patterson, who is also a BJU grad and professor of Modern Language, have three children. When their first

son was born, they wanted him to grow up bilingual, learning Spanish at home and English at school. After talking with some friends, however, they decided to go for three languages instead of two. So, he speaks with his children in French while his wife speaks with them in Spanish.

Patterson stays busy, splitting his time with family, church and the University. "I don't have that much free time," Patterson said with a laugh. "I read a lot when I have time. But, most of my free time is spent with my family now." Patterson will also be leading the first study abroad trip to Paris, France, this coming summer.

One of his favorite parts about teaching is actually learning. "You learn so much more when you're studying something to teach it," Patterson said. "Being a teacher doesn't mean you know everything. It means that you have to get your mind around something to be able to go to the classroom and present it in a coherent, intelligent way. It's just fun to be able to learn even more."

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When there were more curious people than translators, some people would try talking to rest of the group.

Maybe they thought we knew more Spanish than we were letting on, or maybe they just wanted to hear our hilariously bad attempts at small talk. I'm not sure.

Everyone was so interested that our group visited seven schools even though we had only made arrangements to visit four.

In a way, we were experiencing a missionary's dream: a bunch of people interested in anything we had to say.

Unfortunately, most of us could barely make small talk. We did our best, handed out tracts, played games with the kids and talked as much as we could.

A few members of our group were able to communicate fairly well even though they weren't fluent, to the point that with some patience, they could hold full conversations.

They attributed this to putting a lot of effort into Spanish class.

My friends' knowledge of the language combined with the frustration of being unable to really talk with many of the people I met, inspired me to take Spanish classes in college.

My goal is that, someday, I would be able to communicate with more people, both here and abroad.



School of Education coordinates Washington Center Day

GERSON PETIT Staff Writer

Washington Center Challenge Day, an outreach event dedicated to serving students with special needs, will be held Friday, Oct. 5 in the Davis Field House.

Dr. Brian Carruthers, dean of the School of Education, said the Washington Center Day Challenge is a collaboration between BJU's Division of Teacher Education and the Washington Center, a Greenville County school for students with severe intellectual disabilities.

Every year, Washington Center brings students with special needs to the BJU campus to participate in this Olympics-style event. Carruthers said Washington Day compassion. Challenge is modeled after Each Washington Centhe Special Olympics.

In true Olympic style, the event will begin with a triumphal procession and a ceremonial lighting of the torch. Following the opening ceremony, the children will participate in a series of athletic events.

Beom Koh, a junior sports management major, said he's loved participating in the event. For Koh, his favorite part is giving the children hope that they can participate in the activities. He said he likes to encourage them to try in spite of their disabilities.

Koh said he views Washington Center Challenge Day as an opportunity to show Christian love and

ter student will be partnered with a BJU student, who will stay with the child for the entire day. This one-on-one arrangement will provide the children with personalized

Carruthers said the collaboration between the students and their BJU partners makes the day truly successful. "It really allows the student from Washington Center to have a positive experience here on campus."

Jared Lane, a junior composition major, said the event provides a great opportunity for BJU students. He has participated in Washington

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BJU students serve special needs students from Washington Center in an Olympic-style outreach. Photo: Daniel Petersen

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Center Challenge Day twice. "From the perspective of professional development, it gets you exposed and interacting with [many] different kinds of special needs," Lane said.

This will be the fourth year that Briana Whatley, a senior middle school education major, has participated in the Washington Center Day Challenge. For Whatley, helping with the event is always a rewarding experience.

She especially enjoyed pulling a bicycle for her school student. Whatley said

that, even though the student wasn't actually pedaling, he loved the illusion of riding a bike by himself. "That was the most fun thing," she said. "Our kid loved it."

Aside from partnering with Washington Center, the University collaborates with the Greenville County Recreation District, which provides much of the funding and equipment for the event.

Carruthers said all students from both the Division of Education and the Division of Exercise and Sport Science get to participate in this event.

Carruthers said he has appreciated the opportunity to work with Washington Center and the Greenville Recreation Department. "Washington Center really appreciates [our collaboration]," Carruthers said.

He said it's something the divisions look forward to each year. "It's just a great opportunity for our students," he said.

BJU students will start setting up the night before the event. They will fill the Davis Field House with balloons to give the children from the Washington Center a warm welcome.



BJU students are paired with special needs students and help them participate in games and challenges. Photo: Daniel Petersen

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appropriate number in an emergency. If using a campus phone, you can also use the campus extension 1111.

Public safety patrols campus 24/7 the same way Greenville police patrols the city. They employ part-time and full-time officers who are registered through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Mulnix said he is not as concerned with the threat of a fire or natural disaster as much as he is for students' personal safety.

Compared to other universities and colleges, BJU sees significantly less crime. "Campus is a very safe place," Mulnix said.

However, since the biggest issue of crime on campus is theft, Mulnix said students should take their locks seriously.

"That room is your home," he said. "Most of us at home lock our doors."

If you have any important items in your room, Mulnix suggests keeping the room

locked when you are away for any length of time. While the residence halls are still very secure, he is interested in seeing if the locks help cut down on the amount of theft that takes place.

Carmen Montes, a student public safety officer, also attested to the safety of BJU's campus.

"Public safety has rules in place for safety reasons," Montes said. "Not allowing visitors after cufew and controlling speed limits on campus, for example, both contribute to campus safety. Personally I think the locks in the dorms are a great addition. They make it safer because no one has access to your room other than your roommates."

For off campus situations, Mulnix emphasized the importance of situational awareness. "Don't be glued to your phone," he said.

When walking to and from your car—especially when you're alone—it is im-



portant to be aware of what is happening around you.

Mulnix gave a real-life example from last semester about how important it is to be aware of surroundings. He said a faculty member was

at a store near campus when she noticed someone suspicious lingering nearby. She quickly got into her car. The man tried to open the door after she got inside, but because she was aware of her surroundings and had locked the doors, she was able to get away without harm.

For more tips on campus safety, visit home.bju.edu/services/publicsafety/safety-tips/ or download the FEMA

app on your smartphone. Mulnix will also be doing two sessions on active shooters in Levinson Hall at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 18. For last year's video on active shooters, visit home.bju.edu/life/sfoc.php.

Safety Advice

- If you're walking by yourself at night off campus, consider carrying a small can of pepper spray.
- Don't be so attached to your cell phone that you become oblivious to your surroundings. Practice putting your cell phone in your bag or in your pocket when you're walking outside, especially if it's dark or you're in a parking lot.
- Trust your instincts. If a person or a situation makes you feel uncomfortable, say something about it. Contact public safety immediately if you think you or someone else is in danger.
- Never expose your valuables to the public eye. Make sure you're always aware of your wallet's location.
- Use your social media platforms with discretion. It is definitely possible to overshare, so make sure you filter the content you share and prioritize your own personal safety. Protect your own privacy!
- When you're walking in a parking lot, keep the key in your hand so it's easily accessible in case of emergency.
- According to Greenville police records, pickpocketing and purse snatching crime rates increased significantly between 2016 and 2017. It's important to keep your belongings secure, especially when you're off campus in downtown Greenville.



Luke Davidson, public safety officer, patrols campus. *Photo*: Robby Jorgensen

Artist Series



Haley Kessler, Katie Johnson, Anne Smith, Molly Jorgensen, Elly Smith, and Katie French

"I like that [Artist Series] contributes to my liberal arts education. I enjoy Artist Series because it broadens my knowledge of literature and classical music."

Sophomore, Rachel Anderson

"[In my personal experience] I was exposed to many different types of music that I wouldn't otherwise have chosen to listen to. It's also a way to make memories."

Senior, Cassie Taylor

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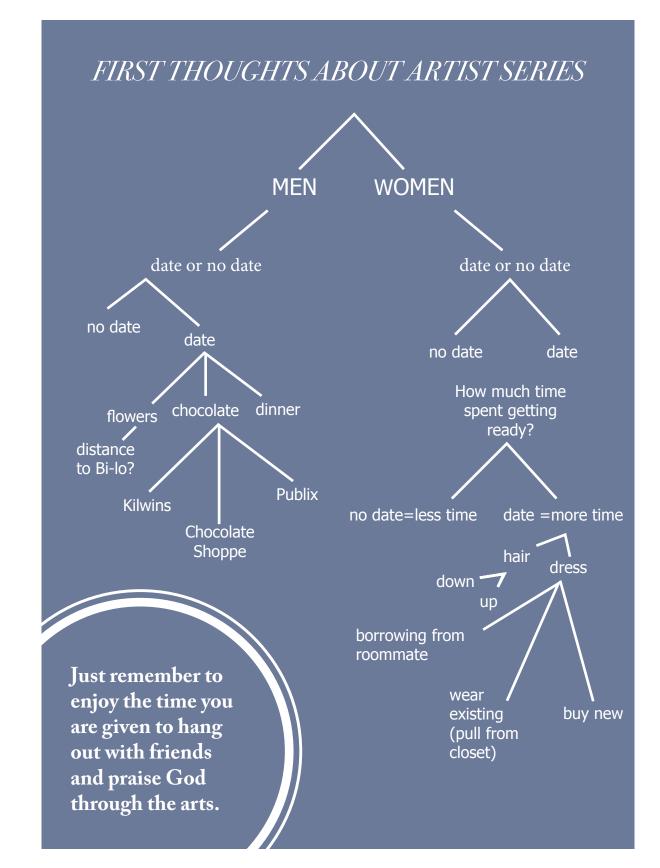
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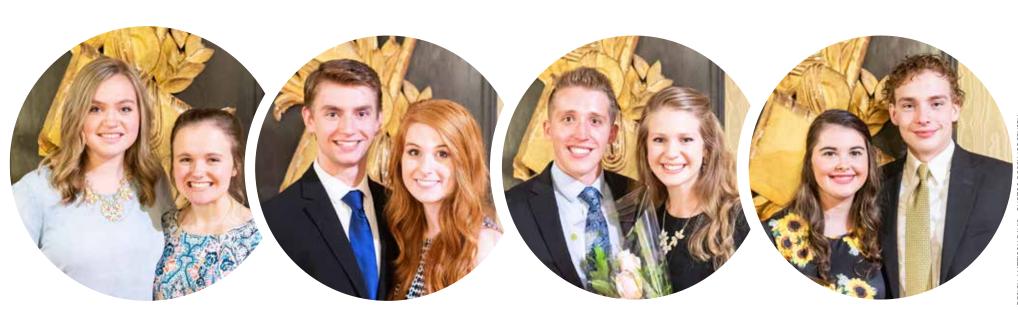
A: "Walking five miles to get flowers from somewhere once."

Senior, Ethan Hansen

"I think [it is] good to be forced to dress up really nice and figure out how to be presentable and go to a sophisticated event."

Junior, Nathan Baughman





Molly Jorgensen and Katie French

Daniel Petersen and Jessica Blattel

Grant Hermetz and Joy Herr

Elizabeth Kral and Lane Camfield

Students to serve in Farm Fest youth outreach next week

ANDREW SCHMIDT Staff Writer

Farm Fest, a fall festival and evangelistic meeting designed specifically for teenagers, gives BJU students an opportunity to work with hundreds of teens in a fun, carnival-like environment.

Farm Fest features a wide range of carnival games, a volleyball and soccer tournament, skits and three evangelistic services. This year's Farm Fest will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Harvest Acres located at 355 Log Shoals Road in Greenville.

This festival, which has been operated by The Wilds for about five years, was formerly organized by BJU and has been a long-standing yearly outreach of the Uni-

Farm Fest will allow many BJU students to get involved with organizing and streamlining the event.

On the day of the event, students can volunteer to help organize several of the games and activities. Jordan Baun, director of outreach at the Center for Global Opportunities, estimates that the University will need about 150 students for the event.



Willie Partin, Matt Herbster and Matt Taylor perform for about 800 teens during Farm Fest. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/BJU Marketing



BJU students minister to teens at the Farm Fest outreach event, sponsored by The Wilds. Photo: Kayla Pierce/BJU Marketing

Baun also said the days leading up to Farm Fest present a lesser-known opportunity to help. The Wilds needs students to help set up facilities, activities and equipment for the event on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons preceding Oct. 6. Baun said these are particularly helpful ways for societies or discipleship groups to get involved in local outreach.

Volunteers will also have opportunities to influence the teens through their Christian testimonies and through one-on-one interactions with those participating in Farm Fest. Baun said The Wilds anticipates hosting around 800-1,000 for the event.

Baun said, "It's a terrific time to take all of the things we've been hearing here on campus and use those in a one-on-one situation where you're able to give the Word of God to people and share the Gospel with them."

Baun also said it's an opportunity for students to give back to a ministry that could use help and that many of them may be familiar with.

John Branham, a senior university student who worked at last year's Farm Fest said he enjoyed his experience. "There were a lot of people that I personally talked with that you could tell, just talking with them, that they were just soaking up the compassion that you show them or the attention you were giving them," Bran-

University Educators Association connects ed majors

SAMANTHA VEIRA Staff Writer

The University Education Association is a student organization that connects all of the different majors within the education department.

As UEA President Ashlyn Stephens said, "UEA exists in order to give other education majors opportunities and experiences to benefit their future teaching career that they wouldn't get in the classroom here."

A representative from each major is selected in order to spread information and ideas through the department.

Stephens' role as president is to be a go-between for the students, the professors and off-campus professionals.

The UEA is planning to host a retreat later this year for representatives, officers and staff sponsors.

This retreat will cover the goals and planned events for the year, and it will function as a meet-and-greet to welcome many new members



President of the UEA Ashlyn Stephens leads a kick-off breakfast. *Photo*: Rebecca Snyder



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into the association.

Vice president of the UEA, Sarah Fournier, said, "We just want them to know the mission of UEA, some of our events for the year and also just what their job is going to look like."

Last year the organization refreshed their slogan to be "Equip, Challenge, and Connect."

Fournier said this slogan reflects the association's desire to give education majors the tools that they need to be successful both as students and as future teachers.

Meetings are to provide insight on teaching techniques, give students hands-on experience, and bring in professionals to talk about current issues.

This year's focus, as well as many of the events, are yet to be decided.

Reed said UEA's focus is on classroom preparation. "We can't develop leaders if we never give them the opportunity," she said.

The UEA often hosts simulations, which allow the members to experience issues from a student's point of view.

This semester, the UEA will host an English as a Second Language simulation, which will take place in the fall.

This simulation will show students some of the challenges ESL students face in the classroom in order to raise awareness of the issue and to discuss ways to ad-

The simulation will provide excellent experience in addressing a widespread phenomena in schools across the

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"Whenever your team plays in another team's home court, it's so much more difficult than when you're playing on your own," he said.

Heffernan said sometimes just having the support of their fans may be the key to swinging the game in favor of the Bruins.

In the past, Bruins Spirit Day has contributed greatly to the positive mood and community-minded ideals of BJU students, faculty and staff.

"It's an opportunity for everyone to pull together," Schoolfield said.

Jarvis feels honored to have the support of so many people and is so proud of how far the Bruins teams have come since their creation.

"We're supposed to be doing it for God, and we're representing our school, so we want to make sure the school has a worthy reason to support our team," Jarvis said.

Schoolfield recognizes the value in concerts and events like the Lighting Ceremony, but she said an evening spent cheering on a sports team can be just as inspiring.

The intense energy level that fills the stadium at athletic events provides spectators with an invigorating experience rather than the more calming experience they would have at a fine arts event.

Spirit Day is an especially good way for freshmen to find their place in the BJU community and make connections they wouldn't make otherwise.

Schoolfield said that during the first few weeks of school, Bruins games provide overwhelmed students with a change of pace and a nice break from studying.

Schoolfield said Spirit Day unifies the student body in a different way than intramural athletics.

"There's something really exciting about the whole school supporting a team," Schoolfield said.

While intramural sports are an integral part of society life and BJU culture, Bruins athletics bring the entire University together.

The strength and unity of so many people fuel the Bruins teams on to some amazing wins.

Students, faculty and staff view Spirit Day as a chance to support the Bruins teams and show off their favorite Bruins gear.

"Students get out of it what they put into it," Schoolfield said.

While Bruins home games and Spirit Days cannot be compared with Thanksgiving and spring breaks, Schoolfield said they are still good opportunities to strengthen ties within the Bruins family.

Spirit Day in particular is a great way for the BJU family to support their Bruins athletic teams.

BJU vs PCC Women's Volleyball Sept. 9 2016

Men's Soccer Sept. 16 2016 WIN



WIN

Women's Volleyball Nov. 4 2016 WIN



Women's Basketball Feb. 25 2017 Regional WIN



Women's Basketball March 10 2017 **National LOSS**

Women's Volleyball Sept. 22 2017 LOSS





Women's Volleyball Nov. 4 2017 WIN





Women's Basketball March 10 2018 **National LOSS**





Women's Volleyball Sept. 14 2018 WIN



Men's Soccer Sept. 29 2018 TBD



Donovan Lewis gets first touch on the soccer field in a game against the PCC Eagles.. Photo: John Smoker/BJU Marketing

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BJU adjusts class dress code, introduces business casual

SETH JOHNSON Staff Writer

Over the summer, BJU announced that it had switched its class dress code to business casual and had made a few changes to casual attire.

While the switches haven't changed much for men students, women may now wear pants to class.

Abby Davis, a culinary

arts junior, thought the move was a good decision by BJU.

"I look at this as just another way [BJU] is preparing us for our future," Davis said. "In the workforce today, business casual is typically the standard, so I am happy to be implementing this into my daily routine in preparation for my future."

Molly Wilson, a junior journalism and mass communication major, said the change hadn't really affected her.

"It really hasn't bothered me because I like wearing skirts," Wilson said. "I have one pair of pants."

Victoria Vaughan, a sophomore criminal justice major, said, "I haven't worn pants."

On the other hand, Amanda Francis, an English education major, said, "I haven't worn a skirt yet."



The change to business casual allows students greater options in clothing choices. Photo: Hal Cook/BJU Marketing



Mrs. Brenda Hansen finds business casual a practical option for teaching. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/BJU Marketing

Ali Zimmer, a sophomore, said she thinks the change in dress code is a very good improvement. "I still really enjoy wearing my skirts, but I think it's really nice to have pants," she said.

Jessica Lovely, an English education major, echoed this

"It hasn't really affected me that much except for the fact that on windy days it's good to be able to wear pants," she said.

Pablo Rivera, a Christian ministries major, said, "I feel like it's a good change." He admitted that he was skeptical at first. "But it's definitely turned out to be better than I thought it would be."

Rivera said it will all depend on the students and if they meet the expectations of the new changes.

Carlos Santana, a senior computer science major, said the change hasn't really changed the atmosphere around BJU.

"Bob Jones will always be Bob Jones, regardless of what people wear to class," he said.

However, Santana said the switch is beneficial because it's what the business world

He also likes the fact that sandals are now a part of casual dress.

Justin Howell, a sophomore information technology major, said, "I think this is a good step forward."

Most students seem to enjoy the flexibility the switch brings to their weekly routine.

Racheal Grady, a junior cinema major, said, "I enjoy that there is an option."

Picnic causes seniors to reflect on college experience

DANIEL QUIGLEY Staff Writer

The senior picnic, organized by the Presidential Office, was held last night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the activity center.

Joel Bauman, men's senior class representative, said the picnic demonstrated the care the University has for seniors.

After about a month of school, the seniors took a break from their busy schedules to fellowship with each other at the annual senior nior class appreciation breakfast today.

"The presidential office is kind of taking care of us and showing their appreciation and gratitude," Bauman said. "And it makes me as a student feel loved and welcomed."

The breakfast, organized by Bauman and Emily Rose Zhang, the women's senior class representative, allows students to grab homemade donuts, coffee and hot chocolate between 8 and 9:30 a.m. today.

According to Bauman, the picnic is a good time to

dents and encourage each other to keep going.

"I'm excited for this weekend to reflect on what God has done in my life and how he's really used the past couple years to shape my desires and affections," Bau-

In a similar vein, both Drew Williquette, a senior Bible major, and Joy Kamibayashiyama, a senior communication major, reflected on their times at BJU.

Williquette and Kamibayashiyama both wish picnic Thursday and at a se- reminisce with other stu- that they had been better



Jules Young enjoys reflecting with other seniors at last year's senior picnic.

Photo: Carter Henderson/BJU Marketing

about balancing academic and social life. Kamibayashiyama said that it's difficult to build relationships while in school even though it's obvious that both friendship and education are important.

"I'm still trying to find balance between having those very significant relationships with people that actually will last past college and doing my best school-wise," said Kamibayashiyama.

Williquette found it difficult to find time to invest in people's lives after getting involved in extracurricular activities. "I wish I had taken more time to get to know more people," Williquette said. "But that is something I'm going to try to do more this year."

Kamibayashiyama said she grew in a variety of ways while she attended BJU, including the areas of discernment and her spiritual life. "I know for a fact that I'm completely different from when I started," she said.

Williquette grew in his understanding of people through residence hall life, classes and leadership. "It's just been a very valuable lesson, learning how other people work and learning how to work along with them well," Williquette said.

Some of Williquette's leadership positions included being his society's chorister and chaplain, and he currently serves as the men's intersociety council director. He has also participated in multiple choirs.

Kamibayashiyama also involved herself in choir, and she has been a part of a choir every semester. She also has helped with some outreach events including the Special Olympics. She said that students should take advantage of the opportunities that are given at BJU. "There are a lot more ways to get involved on campus than you think there are," Kamibayshiyama said.



Last year's seniors enjoyed fellowshipping at the senior picnic. *Photo:* Carter Henderson/BJU Marketing