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## Students gain experience in government and public policy

## USpeak expands student voice

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USpeak is an online platform that enables students to communicate with the administration about university-related topics.

The platform is available to any BJU student, and it can be accessed by logging in to the USpeak page on the BJU Intranet. Once logged in, a student can type and submit ideas, questions, problems and praise anonymously.

The platform sends the student's feedback to the USpeak inbox, where members of the Student Leadership Council review the submissions and take inventory of all requests.

The SLC members then respond to the submission within the USpeak platform, and the platform automatically sends an anonymous reply to the student. Students receive a response to their USpeak feedback within

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Tori Sanders, Nathan Swaim, Bekah Anderson, Randy Page, Carter Henderson, Josh Casillas, Brad Shepard and Joey Koffman strategize for SCSL's fall session. Photo: Kayla Jacobs

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Ten BJU students will travel to Columbia on Wednesday for the fall session of the South Carolina Student Legislature.

The South Carolina Student Legislature enables college students to learn the pro-

cess of government and openly discuss public policy issues.

Delegates from colleges and universities across South Carolina form a mock state government—a fully-functioning legislative body complete with a Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court and executive officials and staff.

Randy Page, BJU chief of staff and staff adviser for the legislature, said the legislature is a fantastic way to meet peers from other institutions in South Carolina. “It definitely challenges your worldview,” Page said.

Bradley Shepard, a senior university student and governor of the legislature this

fall, said he joined the legislature because he wanted a venue to articulate his beliefs outside of the campus population. “[SCSL] is the highlight of my semester here,” Shepard said.

Although the atmosphere is very political, BJU strives to maintain an outstanding reputation at this event.

“Whereas some universities tend to try to shove liberal ideology—or even conservative ideology—down people's throats, . . . [BJU] tries to be very respectful of other beliefs,” Shepard said. “The question I ask myself is, how do Christians insert themselves into that kind of

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## Skillman sisters find ministry to many in bluegrass music

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Mariah and Madison Skillman, BJU students known across campus for playing bluegrass with Dr. Pettit, released a music album with their family and toured many churches and music festivals over the summer.

The Skillman sisters began playing music at young ages—Madison at 4 and Mariah at 2. Both sisters sing, but they play different instruments. Madison plays the fiddle and Mariah plays the guitar.

The other family members learned their instruments later. Their father picked up the bass, their sister began the mandolin and their mother started on the banjo.

Their little brother, who does not play an instrument

yet, recites Bible verses on the CD and when they play in church.

“We don't know what instrument he'll play yet,” Mariah said. “But he's already able to be part of what we're doing.”

The Skillmans' family band, Blackberry Blossom Farm, released an album over the summer titled “Mama's Apron Strings.” To work on the album, Madison sat out of school a semester, helping her sister with the mandolin and arranging music.

Half of the album is made up of hymns while the other half is made up of traditional bluegrass songs, including a bluegrass lullaby written by Madison Skillman and her mother.

Madison's music training at BJU assisted her with composing the piece.

“I started as a freshman voice performance major,” Madison said. “I couldn't read music, but the (faculty), especially Dr. Custer, were very pa-

tient and helpful and helped me grow as a musician.”

The family toured this past summer for six weeks, beginning in their home state

of California and ending at BJU. Together, they played at Rocky Grass, a bluegrass festival in Lyons, Colorado, where the group placed third

and Mariah placed third in the guitar category. Mariah said it was an unbelievable, surreal experience.

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The Skillman sisters, Mariah and Madison, perform in a variety of venues both on and off campus. Photo: Kayla Jacobs



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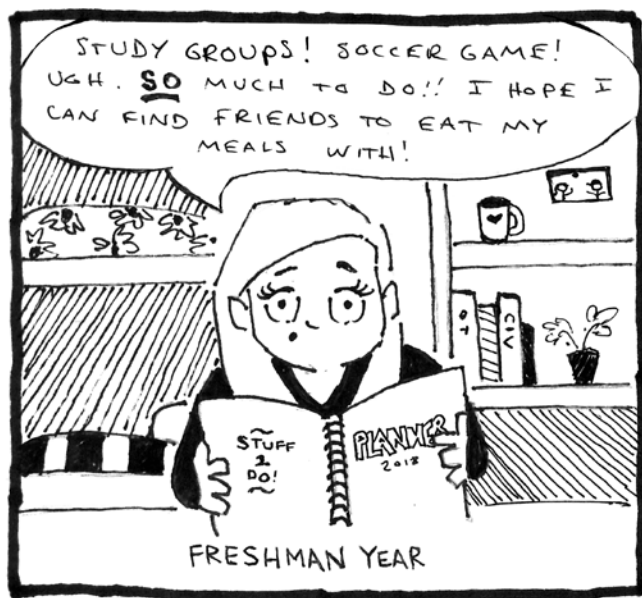
Having grown up in a Christian home and attended a Christian school, I expected a secular workplace to be filled with persecution. But when I started my first job during high school, I discovered that this was not always the case.

I think sometimes—especially in America where we have freedom of religion—Christians unintentionally exaggerate the amount of oppression they feel.

Because of this, I grew up with the perspective that as soon as I stepped out into the world and people found out I was a Christian, I would be made fun of and isolated from others.

This made me quite nervous starting my first job. Not only was I going to be working at Starbucks—an outspoken company when it comes to controversial topics—but I also lived in New England—the most unchurched region of the entire United States.

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COMIC: MAX BURAK

## The Collegian Editorial

# Technology and our everyday life

Technology has become nearly inseparable from daily life.

Most of us wake up to the sound of a phone alarm. After hitting snooze, we roll over onto our pillows and scroll through Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for the next 5 to 10 minutes.

And the rest of our day practically revolves around technology.

Our assignments are online. Our quizzes are online. Our papers are typed. Our communication is primarily through email, texting or phone calls. Our journals are online, often in the form of blog posts.

Our food can be ordered online. It could be argued that parts of our identities are online in the form of social media profiles. Our calendar is digital. Even our Bibles are online.

It's no wonder that people who lose their phones often walk around as if they've lost a limb. In a way, our cell phones have become a part of us.

And yet, it's good that we embrace technological pursuits. In fact, we should be creative and explore the world God made because we bear His image (Genesis 1:27).

But it's essential that our generation learn to unplug. We shouldn't be so dependent on technology.

In many ways, our personal devices have become a social crutch. Often, we walk around campus in between classes with our phone in our hands.

We text or we scroll. And some of us hope that, in doing so, we'll avoid eye contact with peers to avoid small talk.

Many of us feel bored or awkward if our environments

get quiet and we don't have a phone in our hands to distract us or keep us occupied.

The point is, we must maintain control of our technology. And though it's impractical to handwrite every paper or replace every text message with snail mail, we should explore ways to unplug from technology.

Spending time with nature, for example, is extremely restorative. Take more walks or spend your weekends studying outside or hiking Black Balsam.

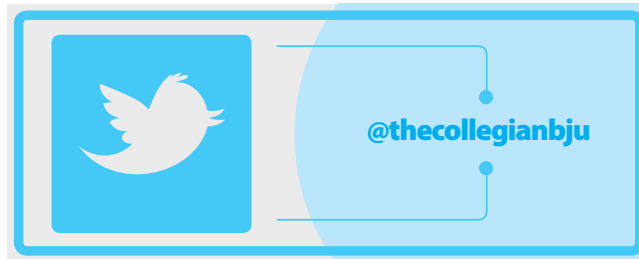
You can also read more books, play an instrument or listen to music. You can also

establish individual challenges, such as choosing not to text on the sidewalk between classes or choosing to eat entire meals without touching your phone.

Talk to Dr. Gary Weier, who teaches the course Media and Society, about taking a full or partial media fast.

Above all, we should renew our minds in Christ. The only way we will truly be able to clear our minds and escape the stresses and distractions of life is by running to Christ.

Whatever the case, let's find ways to unplug from our technology and hit "refresh" every once in a while.



## U-TALK BACK

WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST THING YOUR ROOMMATE BROUGHT TO COLLEGE THIS SEMESTER?



sophomore  
**KEVIN ROMAN**  
"Various kinds of duct tape."



junior  
**SYLVIA LAFFERMAN**  
"A broken lamp."



sophomore  
**ANDREW AMBURGEY**  
"Picture frame of the Incredible Hulk."



sophomore  
**MORGAN MATTISH**  
"A stuffed dodo."



freshman  
**DANIEL LEIFORD**  
"A cricket stick."

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three to five business days of the initial submission.

Haven Zakaria, the SLC's social media manager, said the SLC leaders meet with BJU President Steve Pettit every month and inform him of USpeak feedback and ideas that students have submitted. "It's nice to know your ideas are heard," she said.

Ian Dyke, the SLC communications director, said the platform was initiated three years ago and has been used ever since. Dyke said the most frequent submission category is ideas and the second most popular is problems.

"We get a full range of comments," he said. But of all the comments the SLC receives, Dyke said the least used topic is praise.

"I wish students would leave more praise," he said. "If you like something on campus and you want to see more of it, praise it!"

Dyke said the SLC welcomes any kind of feedback. Positive comments are just as helpful as negative ones because they allow the SLC to better represent student opinions to the administration.

Dyke also said a common misconception is that students think that USpeak is

not anonymous because they have to log in with their student ID. He said the reason students have to login with their student IDs is to prevent people who are not BJU students from using USpeak.

He also said the USpeak system prevents the SLC members from seeing the ID information of any student who sends in a submission.

He said even when the SLC member sends an email response to the student, he or she still does not see the student's email address or any other kind of identification.

Dyke explained that this is why every email response from the SLC to a student begins with "Dear BJU Student" and not the student's name.

Tori Conover, women's student body president, explained the process SLC members go through when responding to a USpeak submission. She said that two members of the SLC are assigned to USpeak every week to keep up with it.

She said some feedback requires the SLC to communicate with members of the administration.

In some cases, they forward the message to a member of the department that can best answer the feedback.

"We serve as the middle men of communication," she said.

Conover also stressed the fact that the USpeak platform is completely anonymous. "You login in with your student ID," she said. "But we don't see the email address, and we don't know who the response is going to."

Zakaria said SLC members read and respond to every single USpeak submission.

Zakaria said the platform is a really good way for the administration to hear student ideas. "If you want something to change that is definitely what [USpeak] is there for," she said. She also said the administration wants to know what kind of change BJU students want to see.

Dyke also shared details on an event called USpeak Kiosk that is taking place later this month. Dyke said tables will be set up around campus, and iPads will be available on the tables for students to submit comments.

"We want to target people who have heard of USpeak but haven't had a one-on-one interaction with it," Dyke said.

To go along with this year's gratitude theme, a few iPads will be set aside at the event for students to only leave praise.

Dyke encouraged students to take advantage of USpeak to communicate with the admin-

istration. "[The Student Leadership Council] is just trying to have a conversation with the

students," he said. "USpeak is the single most powerful tool that students have."



BJU should start offering an EMT class.

Yo so why isn't the gym open 24 hours? The boys need gains at all times, my peoples.

Printers in the dorms?

I would love to see more student-body-wide prayer and worship meetings. Maybe like once a month?

Make your voice heard by visiting [uspeak.bju.edu](http://uspeak.bju.edu)

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The reality is that my coworkers respect me for who I am and what I believe, and I discovered that a secular workplace is a perfect opportunity to share my faith with people who may never grace the doors of a church.

My coworkers quickly realized I was different—namely, I talked about going to church and I didn't swear. But instead of steering clear of me, they treated me just like anyone else.

This surprised me. For the first time in my life, I was outside my Christian circle, but I was being treated the same.

I did have the blessing of having one Christian coworker as well. This gave us the opportunity to talk about our churches, beliefs and opinions.

For me, I was thankful to have a coworker who be-

lieved the same things as I did—not only did this keep me accountable, but it also allowed us to have spiritual discussions that our other coworkers overheard.

As my coworkers got to know me better, they started asking me questions about what I believed and what the Bible said.

I have learned so much from these experiences—how to explain spiritual concepts to people who did not grow up learning about God and how to have a better grasp on why I believe what I believe.

I've been asked who Cain and Abel were, if I could list the Ten Commandments and what Jesus did on earth. I've had to thoughtfully explain my positions on alcohol, marijuana, abortion and tattoos.

One time, a coworker literally asked, "What does John 3:16 mean? I saw that on something the other day, and I've been meaning to ask you."

What a perfect question! I was able to clearly share the

understands the concept of God and spirituality, but in a much different way than I do.

However, he has been open to my beliefs and is interested in learning about religions other than his own.

Through my friendship

“I have been able to share the love of Jesus with people who might never hear about the Gospel otherwise.”

entire Gospel message with him at that time.

My coworker Rishi has been the most interested in Christianity. Coming from a strong Hindu family, Rishi

with Rishi, not only have I learned about a different culture and perspective than my own, but I have also been able to clearly present my beliefs to him at length.

This past year, Rishi even came to my church with my family and says he wants to come again.

Interestingly, I did not have to seek out most of my opportunities for deep spiritual conversations because God allowed my coworkers to initiate many of them.

While I talked about God and tried my best to show Jesus' love to them, I rarely started deep spiritual conversations because I did not want to force them to have a conversation they didn't want to have.

But because people could see my Christian character, these perfect opportunities to share the Gospel presented themselves to me. I tried to get to know them for who they were. They saw a

difference in me and wanted to know why.

Persecution does still happen—I have seen a few instances of it throughout my time at Starbucks. But it has been so far and few between that it is insignificant.

While not every moment in a secular job is perfect, the chances I've had to share my faith with my coworkers and customers by far outnumber the few times I've felt any kind of suffering. In addition, I've made friendships that I can cherish.

In an area that has lower church attendance than anywhere else in the entire country, I have been able to share the love of Jesus with people who might never hear about the Gospel otherwise.

God has truly given me a unique opportunity to grow and share my faith—and I'm thankful for every second of it.



# Homecoming fundraiser brings in \$6K for nonprofit

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Students, faculty and volunteers launched BJU's first-ever Bruin Dive as a part of the Homecoming fundraiser for this year's choice nonprofit, Let There Be Mom.

The first part of the Bruin Dive took place on Saturday morning during U.Day. Children picked out and decorated over 500 little stuffed bears

to be dropped from a lift.

The second part of the event took place during halftime of the Bruin's game on Saturday night, where a helicopter dropped the bears onto the field.

Many societies and other student organizations participated by purchasing the bears. Epsilon Zeta Chi was recognized for being the society who purchased the most Bruin bears.

All the proceeds from the Community Service Council's Bruin Dive, the Homecoming T-shirt sales, the dunk booth and the University Marketing Association's corporate sponsors went to this year's Homecoming fundraiser choice, Let There Be Mom.

BJU presented over \$6,600 to Kipra Anderson, founder of Let There Be Mom, during halftime of the men's soccer game.



Students from departments across campus volunteered to run educational booths for children. Photo: Abby Anglea



A large portion of the money for this year's fundraiser was raised on U.Day. Photo: Abby Anglea

Julie Fenn, senior business administration major and president of the UMA, said over 30 students were involved in planning and running the event. She said many members of the UMA were involved, and many students taking marketing classes volunteered to help with the Dive.

Fenn said her fellow UMA council members spent many hours planning the Dive.

"We worked very close-

ly with the CSC on this event," she said. "It's given us [UMA] a really good opportunity to work closely with other student organizations on campus and establish relationships for future projects."

Alyssa Whaley, a junior communication student who has a personal understanding of the mission of Let There Be Mom because of her father's passing when she was young, said she enjoyed being the event coordinator for the Dive.

"It's really cool being a part of this event planning," she said. "Especially when it's for a charity that I'm so passionate about."

Whaley said she was excited the Dive and the whole fundraiser was going to help an organization that means so much to her and other BJU students.

"Just because you may have never heard of Let There Be Mom doesn't mean it can't have an impact on people you know," she said.

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environment in a positive way?"

Victoria Sanders, a senior university student and communications director of the legislature, said it teaches her how to network and communicate.

"Not everyone thinks the same way you do," she said. "I have to learn to figure out common ground and figure out how to get bills passed."

Page said students have incredible opportunities to build relationships through the SCSL. "[Others] see we're different," Page said.

He explained that students are able to meet people outside their normal spheres of influence and have conversations about their biblical perspective on life and various issues.

Delegates from BJU have written bills on various topics, including topics such as increasing the gas tax, allowing concealed carry guns for teachers after extensive training sessions and improving the foster care system.

Currently, Sanders is working on a bill that would ban abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be found.

Upon first joining student legislature, BJU students are

paired up with an experienced delegate so they can get training on how to write their first bill. Sanders said she was thankful for this format.

"The first semester I did [SCSL] I was immensely nervous," Sanders said. "[BJU] does a really good job training new people."

Students who join the legislature learn to write bills, present them and work with others to get them passed.

"Having to argue [your bill] in front of 70 peers in the State House is really intimidating," Sanders said. "It's a great way to brush up on your public speaking."

Page emphasized the importance of writing bills well and not taking the easy road. He said if a student picks an easy topic, he instead asks them to choose something more challenging.

"I don't believe I've done my job with delegation members unless I'm really stretching their ability," he said. "[I] encourage them to think outside the box, to look at innovative options for the problems that face South Carolina."

While it is a mock debate and the bills the students pass are not real, the bill books are

presented to some members of the actual legislature and to the governor.

"South Carolina, as great a state as it is, has some real problems to overcome," Page said. "[Our delegation members] are looking for bill ideas, reading the papers and seeing what issues there are."

One year, a bill students passed in SCSL actually became law in South Carolina. Linda Abrams, former BJU adviser for SCSL, said that South Carolina's tax-free weekend in August for back-to-school shopping originated from the legislature.

South Carolina's current governor, Henry McMaster, was at one time a student legislator. This year, McMaster will be addressing the students.

"We're really psyched about it," Shepard said.

Looking into the future, Shepard said he is most looking forward to supporting a friend of his from Charleston as she runs for governor.

He said if she wins the position, she will be only the fifth woman to be the governor of the SCSL in over 60 years. Shepard is excited for this chance to change the current pattern.

"I believe the best person for the job should get the job, and I know [my friend] is that person," Shepard said. "She is brilliant, she is passionate and she knows the constitution better than anyone. I am going to throw my full support behind her for governor."

Additionally, BJU will be hosting its very first student legislature workshop for the entire Upstate of South Carolina on Nov. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Fifteen colleges that are not a part of the South Carolina Student Legislature have been invited for a mock stu-

dent legislature on campus.

Shepard said the goal of this workshop is to show other colleges what SCSL is like and to convince them to join the legislature.

The spring session for SCSL is typically held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

## Have any ideas for The Collegian?

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Waking with a start, you hear an RA coming down the hall to start inspecting the residence halls for White Glove. You glance around your room, remembering that neither you nor your roommate, who is nowhere to be found, has started cleaning.

Don't worry. The Collegian is here for you. While we would never promote such procrastination, the *Collegian* staff has compiled advice from BJU students to help you conquer your White Glove cleaning in a quick, effective manner—no matter how late you start.

First and foremost, remember that White Glove will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27. The residence halls will be inspected beginning at 5 p.m.

Josh Till, a hall mentor in Johnson, said freshmen and transfer students, who haven't yet experienced White Glove, shouldn't stress out. He said that, as long as a diligent effort is made, students will be fine. Till also said to be sure that all laundry is put away. The room may be immaculate, but laundry that is not folded in drawers or hanging in closets automatically causes the room to fail.

Till said buying disinfectant wipes would be a good idea as the bathrooms will run out of paper towels quickly. He also said to give yourself plenty of time for laundry because the washers and dryers will soon have long lines of students waiting to use them.

Tyler Stinedurf, a hall mentor in Johnson, said students should clean underneath their mattresses. Trash and odds-and-ends can often fall down the bed corners and accumulate underneath the mattress.

Lydia James, an RA in Creel, said to clean the room a little bit every night the week leading into White Glove so that the weekend of White Glove isn't overwhelming. James said, "Talk with your roommates and divide the checklist sooner rather than later."



# HOW TO SURVIVE WHITE GLOVE

BY SETH JOHNSON

## TIPS

"The purpose is to give the roommates a chance to really clean and organize their room halfway through the semester."

- Start early. ◆
- Do laundry as soon as possible because lines form fast. ◆
- Buy some disinfectant wipes. (They save time and are useful all semester.) ◆
- Play Disney music to keep you going. ◆
- Check underneath all the mattresses because the RAs will. ◆
- Clean out the cabinet tracks. ◆
- Dust the light covers and smoke alarm. ◆
- Vacuum last. ◆
- Plan something fun for afterwards. ◆
- Hide underneath the double bed and scare your RA (at your own risk.) ◆

Drew Bond, a senior who has yet to fail White Glove, said the tracks for the cabinets are easy to forget but need to be dusted.

Kenny Burkholder, an RA in Johnson, said it's best to save vacuuming for last.

Molly Wilson, a junior journalism and mass communication major, suggested playing Disney music to keep you energized as you clean.

Rachel Anderson, a sophomore early childhood education major, said it's important to work ahead. "Definitely do your laundry way ahead," she said. "And leave that morning free to work on it."

CJ Billiu, a senior journalism and mass communication major, recommends finding something fun to do after White Glove. That way, you'll have something to look forward to while cleaning. He also said that if it's a nice day, you can open up the window and let the fresh air come into the room.

Hannah Moody, an RA in Mack, said, "For freshmen, expect to do a lot of cleaning you may never have done before." She said, "Also expect to clean much more thoroughly than simply room job."

Moody said students new to White Glove should ask for advice from upperclassman who have been through White Glove.

Kara Hobi, an RA in Creel said, "For [women], if you're organized, expect to spend at least a few hours on White Glove." She also said, "For disorganized [women], it may take substantially longer."

As for men students, Hobi said to make the best of the 30 minutes you'll likely spend on it.

Ashley Anderson, a dorm mentor in Gaston, "The purpose is to give the roommates a chance to really clean and organize their room halfway through the semester."



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Mariah enjoys performing music as a family. “You have to work through things,” she said. “It really forces you to get together and draws you closer.”

Madison said that, although playing as a family is different than playing with President Pettit, there are some similarities.

“It’s definitely a different dynamic, but it’s not that different,” Madison said. “It really reminds us of playing at home.”

The sisters’ partnership with Pettit began slowly. The two girls approached Pettit

together and requested an opportunity to play together. Later, they began playing their instruments together in his office once a week.

This year Caleb Rollins, freshman Bible major, and Mitchell Beck, senior biology major, joined the group. They then produced a music video and performed in the Homecoming talent show under the name BJU Grass.

Mariah said she enjoys performing with the Pettit group. “I love getting to know the people in our band more here at school,” Mariah said. “Through the music you get

to know each other so fast.”

Madison agrees. “It really unites very different people,” she said.

The album “Mama’s Apron Strings” by Blackberry Blossom Farm is available in the Bruins shop and on the independent music store website, cdbaby.com. It was recorded at New Wine Sound Studio in Apple Valley, California, with well-known producer and audio engineer Eric Uglum, who has worked with famous musicians like Allison Krause and Nickel Creek.

Blackberry Blossom Farm will reunite this coming May.

## WBJU affinity reunion encourages alumni to reconnect, look forward

JO ELLEN WALKER  
Staff Writer

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of WBJU, the university’s radio and television station, the WBJU affinity reunion hosted during Homecoming weekend drew one of the largest groups of alumni to ever attend a Homecoming affinity reunion.

Over 200 alumni attended the event. Among these were graduates of the broadcast engineering, radio and television and journalism and mass communication programs, particularly those who worked with the WBJU or WMUU radio stations.

The reunion was held in the Davis Room of the dining common on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Meagan Ingersoll, BJU’s director of alumni and parent engagement, said affinity re-

unions give graduates an opportunity to reconnect with friends, roommates, coworkers and peers who weren’t in their graduating class.

She said that while the university alumni relations office arranges class reunions, affinity reunions are self-initiated by graduates interested in catching up with old friends. “Those who have that affinity are the ones really getting to put on their own event,” she said.

Randy Erickson, a 1978 broadcast engineering graduate working for Jackson Dawson marketing firm in Dearborn, Michigan, initiated the WBJU reunion and worked with current JMC faculty to organize the event.

He created a Facebook page to inform people of the event and to invite graduates of the JMC, broadcast engineering and RTV depart-

ments from the past 50 years.

Erickson came up with the idea when he came for his 40-year class reunion and the Show My People television choir affinity reunion in 2017.

While Erickson enjoyed both reunions, he enjoyed the affinity reunion even more, because he felt they had something more in common.

“Of the 40 people from the class of ’78, I really only knew about six or seven, but with Show My People, we worked together,” he said. “It was kind of a band of brothers and sisters.”

David Lurtey, a current member of the JMC faculty, did much of the preparation for the reunion. He said the reunion wasn’t only like a typical reunion where people reconnect with old friends around refreshments.



Visiting alumna Julie Wilson uses some of the old equipment that was on display at the reunion. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

## SUDOKU

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Donations from alumni from the 1990s will fund a project dedicated to Laura Pratt, former JMC faculty member. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

It was meant to be a time to interact with old equipment, rekindle fond memories, reconnect graduates with BJU and show them the future of journalism.

Lurtey enjoyed looking through the many old photographs, recordings and equipment from the journalism department. “It’s been a lot of fun to put together and think through how God has blessed us over the years and how God has provided for us,” he said. “I’m just honored that I could be a part of this.”

Various memorabilia from days gone by were on display in the Davis Room of the dining common. Graduates recounted a time when they learned to use equipment that’s no longer in use today.

One of the items on display was a fully-functioning Associated Press teleprinter, which alumni could use to rearrange and print news sto-

ries just as they did when they were in university classes.

Alumni also had the opportunity to put on a short, live radio program using a record player and operating board built by the late Bill Greaves, a former faculty member.

The reunion was not just a time of reminiscing but of looking to the future of journalism and the JMC department at BJU. Erickson invited grads to give to the JMC Next Generation Fund to support BJU’s current JMC department.

He reminded grads of how they had been impacted by the department and how they could continue to impact the next generation of journalism students through new equipment and expansion of the department in the Gustafson Fine Arts Center.

Several alumni from the 1990s donated money for furniture for the lobby of the

JMC wing, which is located on the second floor of the Fine Arts building.

The project will begin before the end of the semester, and it will include a comfortable seating area for students and faculty of the department. The JMC lobby, once refurbished, will be dedicated to Laura Pratt, a former faculty member who was instrumental in the founding and development of the JMC programs.

Kathryn Gamet, JMC faculty member, spoke at the reunion about the future of the department.

“We will continue to grow and adapt and change as the industry changes,” she said. “We truly can’t predict what the future looks like, but we know it will change, and we have to be willing to grow and change with it.” She noted specifically the big role social media will play in the future of journalism.



## Athletic department to welcome second trainer to program

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The athletic director of the Bob Jones University Bruins has announced that St. Francis Sports Medicine will provide a second athletic trainer for their program.

Since the founding of Bruins intercollegiate sports in 2012, Taylor Wilson has been the only athletic trainer.

The addition of a second trainer has been a goal for several years according to Jonny Gamet, Bruins sports information director. He appreci-

ates St. Francis Sports Medicine, calling them “an absolute lifesaver for our department.”

Their generosity is especially appreciated as the athletic department has been reviewing the budget this year.

Originally, Athletic Director Neal Ring was considering a fundraiser to hire a new trainer, but St. Francis provided the trainer as community outreach for no additional charge.

Current BJU athletic trainer Wilson previously worked at the University of Colorado where she was one

of 10 trainers. She worked with their cross-country team which is one of the top 10 best teams in NCAA Division I.

She moved to South Carolina in 2012 and applied for the position at Bob Jones University, excited for the new challenge.

When she started, the Bruins had four teams and now six years later, the school has 15 teams including the new additions of baseball and softball next year.

Wilson said, “I’m doing the workload of three athletic trainers.”



St. Francis is providing BJU with a second athletic trainer for no additional charge. Photo: Daniel Quigley



Taylor Wilson, athletic trainer, cares for student athletes from 15 sports teams. Photo: Daniel Quigley

Students interested in the athletic training field can help her with the workload as assistants.

Wilson explained the application process and said she’s excited for another trainer. St. Francis receives applicants every year, and they’ll narrow it down to who would fit best at Bob Jones University.

Then the candidate will be interviewed by Neal Ring. Wilson thinks it might take a while before someone is selected because the pool of applicants is smaller now than in the summer.

Wilson knows it would be nice to share the load; one trainer could be out at the field while another stays in the training room for the other teams.

Wilson is loved by the student athletes, and many agree that although she’s had a heavy workload of more than 50 hours a week, she does her job efficiently and lovingly.

Lauren Mukenschnabl, a junior volleyball player who frequents Wilson’s training room for various injuries, said, “Taylor goes above and beyond her job requirements

in taking care of her athletes. I’m happy to call her my trainer, as well as my friend.”

The department sees the addition of a second trainer as not only benefiting Wilson but also enhancing the care of each student athlete.

The care they receive now will be doubled and allow for more one-on-one therapy and rehabilitation.

The Bruins staff is excited for what the future holds. With the addition of baseball and softball next year, the athletic trainers will have their hands full.

## Scholastic bowl showcases students' academic abilities

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While most intramural competitions at Bob Jones University focus on athletic prowess, the scholastic bowl allows students to test their brainpower against students in other societies.

BJU held its first scholastic bowl in 1984, and the bowl has been a staple of intramural competition at the University ever since.

Initially the scholastic bowl was created by Dr. Bob

Jones III to be a fun activity for students while exams were still being graded manually by professors. At the time, the final round was held in Founder’s Memorial Amphitorium in front of the entire student body.

Dr. John Matzko, faculty member in the Division of Social Science, has been involved with the scholastic bowl for the duration of its existence. He currently is responsible for selecting the questions for the bowl.

Although the purpose of

scholastic bowl has changed greatly over the course of BJU history, it is still very relevant to many members of the student body and is still an integral part of society culture.

Phil Arcuri, a senior humanities major, is a member of the Sigma Alpha Chi Spartans’ scholastic bowl team.

Arcuri said his personal experience and interest in random facts sparked his interest in the bowl.

He said the bowl is about more than just general knowledge, but that it also tests your



Scholastic bowl is an opportunity for students to challenge their knowledge and academic stamina. Photo: Daniel Petersen



Three representatives of Bryan compete in scholastic bowl for their society. Photo: Daniel Petersen

memory and processing speed and strengthens your ability to think under pressure.

According to Arcuri, scholastic bowl provides a unique way for students to get involved in their societies in a different way. “I think it’s definitely a way for students of all types to come together,” he said.

Arcuri also said that contrary to common stereotypes, the bowl is not just for “nerds,” but can be an enjoyable activity for a broad demographic of students.

“You don’t have to be the

smartest kid in your society to do it,” he said. “Just go out, have fun and get involved.”

The questions included in the bowl encompass a wide variety of academic topics, including mathematics, Bible, history, art and other common liberal arts subjects.

The bowl’s participants are not required to do any studying or preparation for matches and are not informed about the nature of the questions ahead of the time.

This ensures the competition is purely a challenge of a student’s knowledge. This

also keeps participation in the scholastic bowl from adding too much pressure to the already somewhat hectic nature of college life.

The very nature of scholastic bowl challenges students in the area of team building.

Since students can’t really prepare for a scholastic bowl match, they can instead collaborate and strategize as a team in order to ensure a strong performance in the round.

The first round of this year’s scholastic bowl will be held on Oct. 19 in the Alumni building during society.



# BJU Orchestra to perform Symphonic Hollywood music

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World-renowned guest conductor Richard Kaufman will conduct the BJU Symphony Orchestra for the Oct. 25 Concert, Opera and Drama Series program "Symphonic Hollywood: the Music of John Williams."

The orchestra has been preparing for this event under the direction of Dr. Michael Moore, chairman of the Division of Music.

The program Kaufman will direct includes a selection of classical and film concert music.

Kaufman, who is originally from Los Angeles, began his career playing in the Peter Meremblum California Junior Symphony.

He has played the violin for numerous films, including *Jaws* and *Saturday Night Fever*. He has also directed numerous symphony orchestras in major cities in the United States and around the world.

Dr. Moore said Kaufman brings a great deal of knowledge and wisdom about John Williams. "[Kaufman] is an

expert in John Williams' music," he said.

James Thatcher, a world-class French horn player, will be the guest soloist for the concert.

Thatcher began his career in Mexico City when he was 16. Since then, he has played for over 3,500 motion pictures and primarily plays for film studios.

Moore said Thatcher is a prolific recording artist who lives in Los Angeles and has collaborated with John Williams in the past.

"He is going to be performing some [pieces] from classical repertoire just to showcase his incredible gifts," Moore said.

Kaufman said that having started playing the violin at 7, film music has always attracted his attention.

Over a phone interview, Kaufman said, "Love of film and classical music have always been a part of my life."

He said he was playing as a violinist at the movie set of *Jaws* when he met John Williams. Since then, Kaufman has admired Williams, both as a composer and as a person.

"Williams' music is extraordinary," he said. Kaufman said audiences love it and that musicians enjoy playing it as well.

The concert will consist of two parts. Kaufman said the first half will feature classical concert music by composers like Mozart, Rossini and Strauss.

A few pieces included in this selection are Overture to *William Tell* and Rondo: *Allegro vivace* from Concerto No. 4, K. 495.

Music from films will dominate the second half of the concert. Out of all the pieces that will be performed Thursday, Kaufman said some of his favorite pieces are "Flying over Africa" from *Out of Africa* by John Barry and "Theme" from *Jurassic Park* by John Williams.

"They are great pieces of film music," Kaufman said. "They represent two of Hollywood's finest composers."

Symphonic Hollywood will be Kaufman's first time conducting at BJU. Kaufman said he is honored to by the invitation to participate with the BJU orchestra for this concert.



Kaufman first visited campus a year ago. It was during that visit that he met Dr. Moore. Although his first visit to the campus was fairly recent, Kaufman said he has known about BJU for many years.

Kaufman said he has es-

pecially admired the University's emphasis on fine arts. He said he looks forward to coming to campus and working with the orchestra and is especially excited to hear this selection of film music being played by the BJU Symphony

Orchestra.

"I think film composers have a real gift for writing great melodies and writing wonderful orchestrations and using the orchestra and using all the colors of the orchestra," Kaufman said.

# Missions Advance encourages, supports missions

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Every Monday and Thursday, members of the student body gather on the second floor of Alumni to pray for and encourage missionaries.

These students are gathering for a Missions Advance meeting. And though they don't leave campus during meetings, these students are actively participating in mission work by obeying Luke

10:2—a verse which encourages believers to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into the harvest.

Janice Driscoll, a senior educational studies major, is the director of the organization.

She said, "My job as director is to encourage in our student body an interest in prayer for missions." Although the organization doesn't send out mission teams, it is actively involved in missions.

Missions Advance meetings are held every Monday and Thursday at 9 p.m. in Alumni 217 and are open to the entire student body.

Jordan Baun, director of outreach and evangelism in the Center for Global Opportunities, said, "It's a great time to come out, pray for what God is doing all across the world."

The organization invites guests to speak at the meetings in order to increase

awareness of what missionary work is like and how people can pray for missionaries. The speakers are usually missionaries who are visiting the States or students and faculty members who have done missions work overseas.

Earlier in the semester, people who were a part of this summer's mission teams shared their experiences about what God taught them during the trips.

Missions Advance works with multiple mission boards including Gospel Fellowship Association, Gospel for Asia, Biblical Ministries Worldwide, and several other groups.

These groups put them into contact with missionaries who are willing to speak at the meetings.

Two of the most recent speakers have been missionaries from Ireland and Peru. They shared what God is doing in the world and how He is working through their ministries.

After the missionaries spoke, they shared their prayer requests with the students. Jewel Schuurmans, a freshman English major said Missions Advance meetings

emphasize praise, prayer and information.

The prayer meetings are especially encouraging to the missionaries because they are surrounded with other believers praying for them, but the meetings can be encouraging to students as well.

Driscoll said the weekly meetings are a great time to shift our focus from all the things on our plate at school to the things God is doing around the world. "We can pray and we can be encouraged and we can encourage other believers that we've never met before just by praying for them."

Missions Advance hopes to raise student awareness and understanding of missions so they can pray for missionaries more effectively. Joanna King, a sophomore graphic design major said that meeting the missionaries in person helps her to remember them in prayer. The missionaries also inspire students to join the BJU mission teams which will be sent out by the CGO in the summer of 2019.

Missions Advance hosts several events throughout the school year. The most recent

event was a collaboration between Missions Advance and the ministerial class: the Underground Church Experience.

Elliot Martin, the Missions Advance event coordinator, said, "Lots of thinking, planning, looking at how churches around the world worship and a lot of prayer" went into the event.

Baun said he was very excited to go and that he hoped it would be an experience to remember. One student who went to the Underground Church service last year, Nate Karamon, a sophomore actuarial science major said the service was very simple, and the focus was spending time with God.

During Global Opportunities Week, Missions Advance also hosted a showing of *Dispatches from the Front*, a film series that gives a glimpse into the lives of missionaries and the work they do to reach unsaved people.

An event to look forward to next semester is the International Food Festival where Missions Advance will work with the International Student Organization to raise money for the Bible Conference fundraiser.



Missions Advance gives students a dedicated time to collectively lift missionaries up in prayer. Photo: Robby Jorgensen