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BJU opens school at University Center

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The grand opening of BJU's new location for the School for Continuing, Online and Professional Education was held Wednesday afternoon at University Center Greenville on Pleasantburg Drive.

The newly created school, known as SCOPE, brings together several components of BJU's online educational offerings. SCOPE also brings new programs and an increased emphasis on reaching post-traditional students and working professionals both in Greenville and beyond.

Although SCOPE has been in place offering courses to post-traditional students since September 2018, the grand opening Wednesday was a way to celebrate the new facility BJU now has in the University Center.

Other Upstate universities at the University Center include Furman, Clemson, Anderson and USC Upstate.

SCOPE is led by vice provost for strategic initiatives and academic dean Dr. Beverly Cormican.



BJU relocated SCOPE to University Center Greenville. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

Dr. Steve Pettit, Dr. Gary Weier, Dr. Beverly Cormican and David Taylor, the president of the University Center, participated in the opening.

Guests were also invited to tour the newly completed

SCOPE office suite as well as the common areas of the University Center.

SCOPE will manage all the University's previously offered online courses as well as add several new pro-

grams especially for post-traditional students.

Cormican defined the post-traditional student as typically those 25 and older who are working or have work experience and who

study full-time or part-time.

"They are seeking accelerated ways to get their degree," Cormican said.

Post-traditional students only online, Cormican said now outnumber traditional SCOPE plans to offer some students in the United States See **SCOPE** p. 3 »

educational system, according to Cormican.

Although currently all SCOPE courses are offered

The importance of black history month at BJU



Martin Luther King Jr. is an iconic figure for Black History Month.

DANIEL QUIGLEY
Staff Writer

Since Black History Month became nationally recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976, Americans have learned more about the vast contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States.

However, much more education can occur, including among students on the campus of BJU.

At BJU, the discussion of race and Christianity reopened after Pastor Ben Gordon spoke in chapel in January on the topic of racial reconciliation from a Christian perspective.

Charrise Lane, sophomore communication major, said she appreciated having Pastor Gordon speak in chapel.

She said this was a great way of bringing the topic of racial reconciliation before the student body. She suggested showing historical videos to the student body on black history.

Lane also suggested focusing an artist series on black artists as another way to turn BJU students' attention to the role of blacks in American society and history. "Black history is American history," Lane said.

After his chapel message in January, Pastor Gordon told *The Collegian* that many college students still are not as well educat-

ed in black history as they should be.

"Unfortunately, we have to have a black history month because the advancements and highlights of black individuals throughout history are not taught in normal history," Gordon said.

Gordon, who believes racial reconciliation is a gospel issue, stresses unity in the church and God's love of diversity.

"God really is an inclusive God of everyone," Gordon said. "His gospel plan is for everyone."

Dr. Mark Sidwell, professor in the Division of History, Government and Social Science, agreed with Gordon.

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JO ELLEN WALKER
Staff Writer

When I meet someone for the first time, I always find myself coming to conclusions about their life and character before they even have a chance to show me for themselves.

Sometimes my impressions are in the person's favor, but more often I find myself focusing on the negativity.

It doesn't take me too long to realize how wrong my first impressions were of newly made acquaintances as I get to know them better.

When I think back to the first time that I met one of my now closest friends during my sophomore year of college, I had no reason to believe we could ever be friends.

I thought that we had nothing in common. I also thought that she didn't

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The Collegian Editorial

New: Opportunity or Obstacle?

New isn't an unfamiliar word to anyone.

Neither is experiencing something new; coming to college in the first place is something new.

And while at college, many things change.

New schedules replace old ones, and new roommates come each year—for better or for worse.

Then, graduating college and starting a career is another new experience.

Just look at today's issue—published on the first day of a new month.

BJU has recently created two new schools, SCOPE and the School of Health Professions, and new students are adjusting to a new way of life at Bob Jones University.

Not to mention, BJU is going to open a new golfing center.

In a world of change, new

can sometimes become old.

Sometimes, all we want is for everything to stay the same in order to keep ourselves sane.

But life typically isn't like that. We have all experienced new in various areas of life.

Just this semester, *The Collegian* got new co-editors and writers and designers and photographers. (So, forgive us for any mistakes.)

Our lives' changing and becoming new isn't inherently bad, though.

After all, think about our new life in Christ and the new relationship we can enjoy with Him as Christians.

However, sometimes we might think of change as an obstacle to be overcome instead of an opportunity to be embraced.

Despite our worries about change, sometimes a change in perspective can

be a healthy thing.

Instead of feeling stressed about overcoming new circumstances, we can ask questions such as, "How can I grow from this?" or "What opportunities are now open to me?"

Changing our perspective on how we view change and the newness it brings, however, isn't always easy.

When circumstances become difficult and turn for the worst, it is a rare person who sees an opportunity to embrace it for good. But that's exactly what God wants us to do.

In Romans 8:28, Paul speaks to believers about how God works everything for good.

Paul says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

So while new circumstances and change are often intimidating or even problematic, remember that every season of life brings change and that, if we trust God, He will bring us through everything. And we will be better off for it.

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The Collegian?**

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TALKBACK

What are you looking forward to this semester?



sophomore
DJ EFTING

"Coding with raspberry pi's (note: they're small computers)"



freshman
RACHEL WEAVER

"Assisting in coaching volleyball"



sophomore
ISAAC EBLING

"My counseling class"



freshman
DANIEL CONE

"Meeting new friends"

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courses onsite at the University Center in the near future.

Cormican also mentioned a few features of SCOPE, such as flexible credit requirements that account for credits students might already have as well as frequent course availability so students can fit classes into busy schedules.

Dr. Jeremy West, online facilitator and associate dean of SCOPE, said the school

now offers approximately 110 courses with plans to expand that number significantly to meet the needs of different types of students.

Students can earn dual-enrollment college credit, complete undergraduate degrees and master's programs and earn credit and noncredit certificates through SCOPE.

A new online option includes an RN to BSN program, allowing students with a registered nursing license

to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Carol Keirstead, BJU chief communications officer, said SCOPE also offers certificate programs that allow individuals to take college courses without being enrolled in a degree program.

These certificates improve their qualifications for employment and can enhance their performance in current jobs. Certificate programs are often common in areas such

as healthcare, technology, education and leadership.

"[Certificates] are becoming very popular in helping people gain more knowledge for a job or ministry," Keirstead said.

SCOPE currently offers a graduate certificate in biblical counseling with plans to add more soon.

BJU is emphasizing the development of non-credit courses in areas such as project management.

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want to be my friend.

As I got to know her better this year, I learned that we both love peanut butter with chocolate, we both have a fear of dogs and we both know how to make each other laugh.

Most importantly, I realized that her love for God and her desire to grow into His likeness made her a friend I could turn to in times of discouragement, doubt and fear.

thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."

God created each person as a unique reflection of Himself for my good and to bring Him glory.

I know better than anyone how desperately I need God's mercy and grace to cover a multitude of imperfections in my own life.

My impression of her changed so much in just one semester that we even have decided to be roommates our senior year.

In this past year specifically, I have learned that differences between other people and myself are a good thing.

Working at a camp this summer opened my eyes to many of my own shortcomings.

God's grace and love poured out through other people in spite of myself.

My way of doing things isn't always the best way.

I have learned that I can get so much practical and spiritual help from my interactions with other people.

I have found myself filtering my view of others through the message of Psalm 139:14-15.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are

As Psalm 139:2-3 says, "Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways."

In light of that reality, I need to humbly show the same boundless love and kindness to others.

I have learned to thank God for bringing people into my life I would otherwise choose to avoid.

God has ways of working in my life that I may not immediately see.

I should thank Him for giving me these people who challenge and encourage me along the path of life.

While I have not perfected the art of graciously accepting people the way they are, I hope to become better as time goes by and as God continues His transformational work in my heart.



BJU's new location for SCOPE is a few minutes from campus. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

A Week at a Glance

Friday

1st

ULA Film Screening

The University Language Association will show the Chinese film *Uproar in Heaven* in Levinson Hall tonight at 7 p.m. The film, also translated as *Havoc in Heaven*, won the award for the most outstanding film at the International London Film Festival in 1978. The animated film humorously retells a classic Chinese story known as The Monkey King, where a mischievous monkey rebels against the emperor of heaven.

Friday

1st

BJU v. Trinity and North Greenville

The Bruins men's basketball team will play Trinity Baptist College tonight at 7 p.m. The team has an 5-14 overall record with a 4-1 record in conference. The team will play North Greenville University Saturday at noon. The game will be held at NGU, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday

5th

Career Fair Days

The annual Career Fair will take place this Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 5 and 7, in the Davis Room of the dining common. The Career Fair provides an opportunity for employers to connect with students looking for full-time, part-time and summer employment as well as internships. The fair will be open from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 5 will focus on criminal justice, health science, STEM and education majors, while Feb. 7 will focus on business and communication majors as well as those looking for graduate schools.

Friday

8th

Fine Dining Series

BJU's Culinary Arts department will host the first of its Fine Dining series Friday, Feb. 8. The event will be held in the Culinary Arts building and will consist of a six-course dinner. The series will have a variety of themes including American, Italian, French and Mediterranean. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be paid using cash, check or an ID charge.

NEWS

David Kim performs Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*

JEWEL SCHUURMANS
Staff Writer

David Kim, violinist and concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra, performed Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* with the BJU Orchestra for a ticketed event Thursday in War Memorial Chapel.

All proceeds from ticket

sales were dedicated to music scholarships for BJU music students.

Having such an accomplished artist perform live on BJU campus not only attracts attention from the community but also brings in money for music scholarships, according to Dr. Michael Moore, professor and

head of the department of music education.

"It's not every day that we have this opportunity," he said.

Moore said the concert also inspires music students to continue their studies.

"Our goal is to steward opportunities and resources to bring students to BJU

who are committed to pursuing and sharing God's beauty through music and musical excellence," Moore said.

Katherine Taylor, second chair first violinist in the BJU orchestra and a senior music major, said the Gingery-Mack Music Scholarship she received from BJU solidified her decision that going to BJU was God's will for her.

In addition to being a world class musician, Kim is a professing believer who dedicates his talents to Christ.

Taylor said, "It's so cool to see someone who's so high up in their field with such a strong Christian testimony."

[Kim] is just the most humble, gracious Christian brother and [a] wonderful artist," Moore said.

This is the fourth year Kim has performed on campus and taught masterclasses at BJU.

Moore added that Kim has become a wonderful friend of his over the years that Kim has performed at BJU and worked with BJU students.

"[It's] pretty cool when you have a concertmaster of one of the greatest orchestras in the world partnering with you like this," Moore said. "It's a privilege that we don't take for granted."

Each year that Kim comes and performs at BJU, he teaches several masterclasses.

Some of the BJU music majors and minors have the opportunity to have lessons with Kim.

Basically, Kim teaches a public lesson but with only three or four students. Students will play for him, and Kim gives comments on how they can improve.

MaryKatherine Brown, concertmaster of the BJU symphony and senior music major, has taken private lessons from Kim. "[Kim's] amazing," Brown said. "I can't wait to have him back."

Moore played the harpsichord in the concert and directed the famous piece *Four Seasons*, a collection of four small violin concertos that represent the four natural weather seasons.

"It's picturesque, I think, in a word," Moore said. "It's groundbreaking from a compositional standpoint and historical standpoint."

It is not often Moore plays in the orchestra himself.

However, he said he enjoys the challenge of keeping his performing skills up.

"Just the joy, purely the joy, of making music together with our students is something that I just value and consider a privilege," Moore said.

Moore also said it is a great learning experience for BJU students to see an artist of Kim's caliber come and interpret a classic piece such as Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

Moore emphasized the benefit of listening to music performed by a live artist.

"[You] can go back to [your] dorm and put [your] earbuds in, but that becomes a passive—typically a very passive—experience," Moore said. "A live performance takes you to new places that you could never experience [by] just listening to a recording."

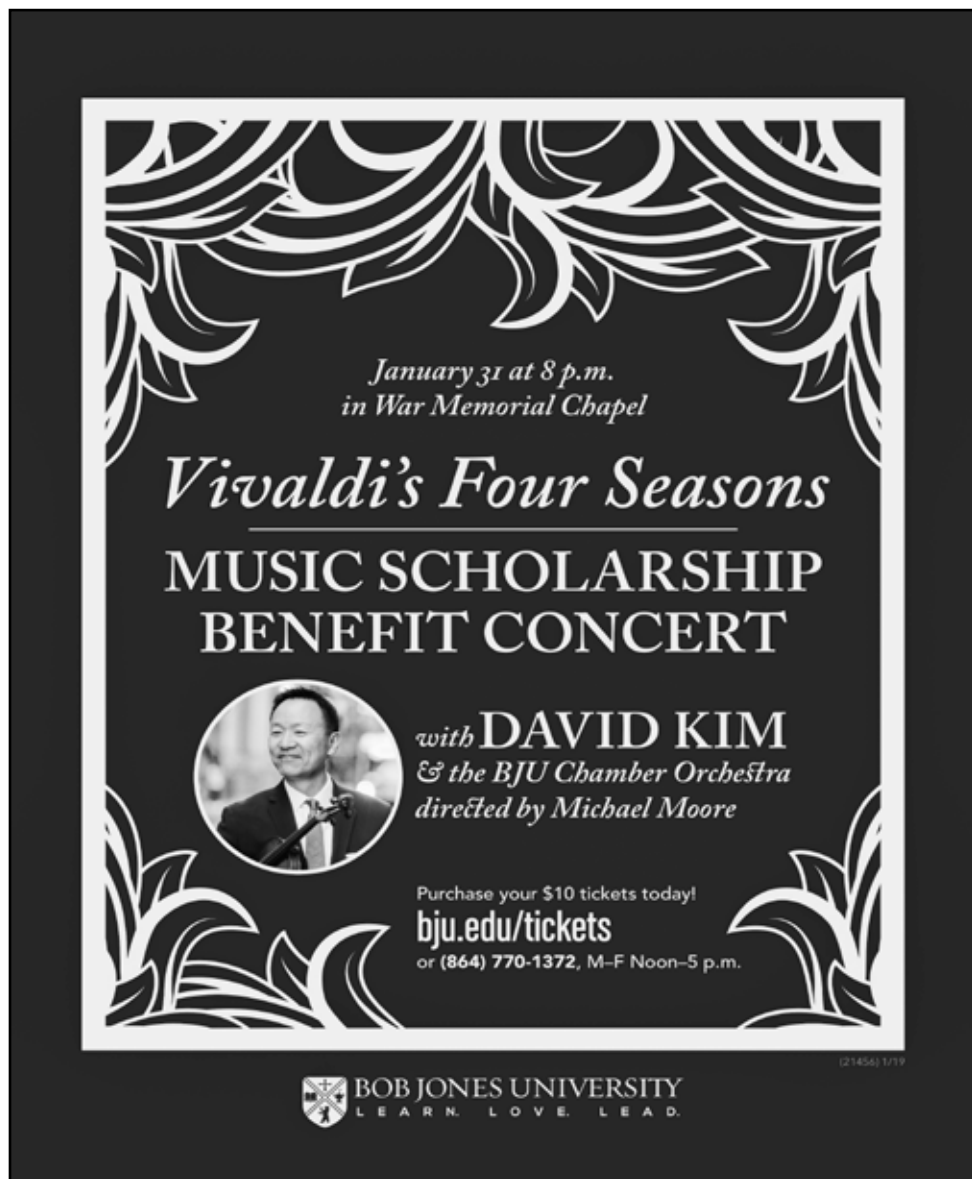
Through opportunities such as this concert, students have the chance to learn more about their field of study. They also have the chance to recognize how valuable music is to God.

Brown pointed out the importance of music, saying that music is an integral part of who we are as image bearers of Christ.

"As a musician you're not necessarily there rendering a service," Brown said. "You're not there to sell yourself."

Brown said playing music is giving a gift back to God and to others that He first gave to us.

"All of our occupations, whether it's writing or music or medicine or law, are all so important for the church," Brown said.



New, transfer students reflect on mid-year transition

TABITHA LEAMAN
Staff Writer

This spring semester, 19 new and 20 transfer undergrad students arrived on campus, ready to begin their academic career at BJU.

Their first experiences of BJU are a little different from the students who came in the fall semester.

They missed many of the events of first semester, such

as the opening ceremonies and society rush.

Additionally, they don't sweat through the humid heat of August.

Instead, thanks to January's often wet weather, they must quickly adjust to Greenville's sideways rain.

Despite these differences, these students' stories about how they came to BJU and their first impressions of the University

are very similar to the students who arrived for the fall semester.

Five new students shared with The Collegian their journeys to BJU and their experiences here so far.

James Gonzales, a sophomore computer science major who transferred to BJU from the University of California, Davis, said he first learned of BJU from his parents who both attended the University.

Gonzales said he chose BJU because he knew it was a good Christian university where he would receive a good education.

He also said he was able to change his major easily because he was transferring to a new university.

"There were a lot of pluses," Gonzales said.

Gonzales only made up his mind to transfer to BJU in December, so his move was quick.

According to Gonzales, one of the biggest differences between BJU and the university he used to attend is the difference in size.

He said the BJU class sizes are a lot smaller.

"This is a positive difference," Gonzales said. "It makes learning a lot more fun and interactive."

Gonzales said he likes his professors and the general attitude on campus. "The professors here are really a pleasure," he said.

When asked what his favorite part of BJU is so far, Gonzales said, "Dr. Brent Cook."

He said Dr. Cook makes Themes in Western Thought, a philosophy class many students take, fun.

Caren Pratt, a sophomore communication disorders major, is also a transfer student.

Pratt came to BJU from Landmark Baptist College in

Haines City, Fla.

Pratt said she first heard of BJU through someone she knows who attended BJU, so she googled it.

She said she was looking for a university that was like her old one.

Pratt also said that she came to BJU in the spring semester because it is easier for her to get a student visa in the Bahamas, where she is from, for the

spring semester than for the fall semester.

"I didn't want to waste any more time [once] I knew this was what God wanted me to do," she said.

Pratt said that for her, the only difficult part of starting in the spring semester is having to take certain classes out of order, such as taking Bible Doctrines II before taking Bible Doctrines I.

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James Gonzales is a transfer sophomore. Photo: Daniel Quigley



Caren Pratt is a transfer sophomore. Photo: Daniel Quigley

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“[Black history] has been an ignored topic,” Sidwell said.

Sidwell is the author of a book about black church leaders called *Free Indeed*. He wrote this book to show that the black church, while associated with social activism, also has a strong evangelical faith.

Sidwell identified black

historian Carter G. Woodson as one of the first people who suggested that we should pay attention to black history.

Woodson wanted to write his dissertation about black history, but his professor did not believe there was any black history to be studied.

“[Woodson] was deter-

mined he was going to recover black history,” Sidwell said.

According to history.com, in 1915, Woodson, along with Rev. Jesse E. Moorland, founded what would become known as the Association for

finally officially recognized Black History Month, he credited Woodson.

Bailey Green, freshman biology major, said she liked the idea of having guest speakers on campus during

"Black history is American history," said Charrise Lane

the Study of African American Life and History.

This organization, in 1926, sponsored a week in February to look back on black history.

This week was sponsored 50 years before President Ford officially recognized a celebration of black heritage. The second week in February was chosen to coincide with both Abraham Lincoln's and Frederick Douglas' birthdays.

When President Ford

Black History Month.

Bailey also suggests going out and serving the community, especially focusing on the black community.

“Reflect,” Green said. “Be aware what this month means to us.”

Feb. 19 will offer another way to learn more about black history with an artist series event on campus.

On this day, BJU will host the American Spiritual Ensemble, a majority black



Charrise Lane is a sophomore communication major. Photo: Daniel Quigley

musical group that performs traditional African American spirituals. Filled with lauded solo performers, the group's goal is to keep the spiritual alive.

In addition to remind people of Black History Month through this article, *The*

Collegian will also be featuring short biographical articles about several important historical black figures throughout the month of February.

Looking towards next week's issue, we will be featuring Phillis Wheatley.

SLC presidents talk about upcoming semester

CHRISTINA LAIRD AND
SETH JOHNSON
Editors

Before second semester causes you to hole up in your favorite study spot and not leave for days, *The Collegian* staff wanted to give a little perspective on how the rest of the academic year looks.

Daniel Kim and Tori Conover, the Student Leadership Council men's and women's student body presidents this year, recently gave us a bird's eye view of the semester.

Kim and Conover both said they hope to emphasize the SLC's theme of gratitude even more second semester

than they did first semester.

While the SLC did put on several events concerning this theme of gratitude last semester, such as the Give Thanks, Give Pie event, they want to focus on it further.

“We want to make [the theme] more intentional,” Kim said. “This theme of gratitude is a lot bigger than we think it is.”

Kim mentioned 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as an important verse about gratitude.

“I really wish by the end of this semester that students would be able to rejoice in God, daily be in prayer . . . and be grateful in all circumstances,” Kim said.

Conover said that the

SLC intends to provide students with more opportunities to show their gratitude in specific ways.

“We want to make it tangible and provide students with opportunities to put feet to their gratitude,” she said.

The first student body chapel this semester, which was on Jan. 31, also focused on gratitude.

Ignite continues to be a major event this semester.

For the first Ignite last semester, Kim said that he expected maybe 50 people at most to show up for the night of games and singing praises to God.

Instead, over 200 people ended up attending.

“The Lord blew my mind with what He can do,” Kim said. “So I'm actually really pumped for [Ignite].”

The first Ignite this semester was on Jan. 25 at 10 p.m. on the athletic fields. The SLC is planning several more exciting Ignite events this semester.

Bible Conference is another big event in the life of the student body.

This year's theme is “Let Us Pray.” Conference speakers will preach how to become spiritually minded, sensitive to sin and holiness.

With a few days off from classes, students will hear from a variety of speakers on the subject of prayer and will also be able to relax a bit.

Some of the speakers for this year's Bible Conference are Aaron Young, Armen Thomassian, Tom Farrell, Rand Hummel, Harold Vaughan.

Conover said there are also a lot of events students can participate in for the year's Bible Conference fundraiser.

“A lot of student body events will be through society fundraisers,” she said.

Some fundraisers double as society activities that students can enjoy while also raising money for this year's cause.

Some of the fundraisers that usually happen every year include Johnson Burgers, Sunday Smoothies, Smith Steaks, and the Run or Dye 5K.

For the official Bible Conference fundraiser this year, students will be raising money for the new recreation center that will replace the current Bruins Shop in the Den.

Students will benefit from this rec center with the opportunity to play games and connect better with friends.

Another event the SLC is looking forward to is Bruins Daze, which happens every other year at BJU.

Bruins Daze is a week-long celebration packed full of exciting activities for

students.

Bruins Daze, scheduled about halfway between Bible Conference and spring break, gives students a chance to connect with other societies and have fun through competitions.

Conover said the last Bruins Daze two years ago, in March 2017, was probably her favorite part of that entire school year.

“There were Olympic-style competitions, there was a fireworks show, and they did battleship in the pool,” Conover said. “It's just a very exciting, big week.”

While this year's Bruins Daze won't be exactly the same, societies will divide into teams and compete against each other in the “Greek Games.”

In addition, Conover said there will be plenty of exciting opportunities for students.

This year, Bruins Daze will be March 4-8.

Conover said the University calendar is a lot more crowded second semester compared to first semester.

“I feel like the spring semester is harder academically for people,” she said.

With several Ignite events, Bible Conference, Bruins Daze, spring break and more, the semester will definitely be busy, but it will also be worthwhile.



SLC prepares for new school year in leadership. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/ BJU Marketing

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The biggest difference for Pratt was the size of BJU, but in the opposite way from Gonzales.

"The Bible college I went [to] was very small," she said. "Everyone knew each other's names, who was dating and where they were from. Here it's like, 'Oh I've never seen this person before.'"

Pratt choose her major because in the Bahamas, there is only one speech pathologist.

Her original choice for a major was biblical counseling, but she chose communication disorders instead.

"Through a series of events, I felt like the Lord wanted me to do speech therapy," Pratt said. "I googled what major do you need to get to get a speech therapy license, and it was communication disorders. That's ultimately how I found BJU."

Pratt said the best experience she has had at BJU so far is when she lost her ID card.

She said she talked to her resident assistant, who recommended Pratt check her email before reporting the lost card.

"I decided to check my email," Pratt said. "I lost my card at 1:50 p.m., and by 1:56 p.m. I had an email saying, 'Hey, I found your key.' I was like, 'Thank God! I thought I

was going to starve! That really stood out to me."

David Cai, a freshman middle school education major, first learned about BJU from his pastor and the internet.

From then on Cai said he wanted to attend BJU. "I did get accepted by other universities, but I had my path set toward BJU," he said.

Cai came to BJU in the spring semester because he

to BJU.

"At first it was a bit scary because I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I had heard good things and bad things, but I ended up deciding that I had to see for myself."

He said the only things he found to be true of BJU are the good things.

"I like the food," he said. "The dorms are better than I expected, my roommates are nice and my professors are

which helped pave her way financially.

Crute said coming to school in the second semester was a little disorienting, and she felt that the freshmen who came in the fall had more time to get to know people.

"Sometimes I feel slightly out of the loop, but I am making friends," she said.

Crute used BJU curriculum as a child and decided to come to BJU when the time came. She visited the University a few times during high school.

"I got to kind of experience what college life would be like," she said. "So, I wasn't coming here cold turkey. I kind of knew where everything was."

Crute said she was expecting to be pushed to academic excellence at BJU, and she has found that to be true.

She also said she was excited about the University's biblical worldview.

"I've already seen that in my classes and in the chapel messages," she said. "They are really practically teaching how to apply the Bible to everyday life and that's really important."

Crute said her favorite part of BJU is residence hall life.

"It's nice to spend time

"BJU really has a fantastic community, and I've come to really love it."

said Daniel Rathbun

had some trouble getting a student visa from Saipan, where he is from, and was not able to come in the fall like he planned.

He said starting in the spring semester has been a little difficult.

"It feels that I'm cutting in in the middle of everything," Cai said. "I don't want to mess things up."

Thankfully, Cai said he starting to get the hang of things.

He had never visited the University before and was a little nervous about coming

good."

Cai said his favorite part of BJU is the time he spends with others.

"It's really fulfilling, especially all the testimonies and all the things they say that encourage you," he said.

Natalie Crute, a freshman composite social studies education major, also heard of BJU from her pastor, a graduate of BJU.

She worked through the fall so she could start school this semester. She was also awarded some scholarships



Natalie Crute is a freshman. Photo: Daniel Quigley

with the girls, and you can relate to each other because you all have classes," she said.

Daniel Rathbun, a freshman history major, is also experiencing his first semester of college.

Rathbun was also working during the fall semester to save up enough money to begin his college career this spring semester.

He said he was a little nervous about meeting new people and being at a new place, but he is enjoying his time here.

"The college life was always something I wanted,

and was told I would enjoy, and that was very accurate, because I really love it," he said.

Rathbun said he also loves the social aspect of college.

"BJU really has a fantastic community, and I've come to really love it," he said.

Rathbun said he is looking forward to being able to grow in his friendships and grow in the Lord.

"I had not been keeping up with my devotions before coming here, but since I started here, I had the constant reminder to do my devotions," he said. "I really appreciate that about this school."



Ashlyn Stevens, Mollie Tune and Jonathan Clater walk to classes. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/ BJU Marketing



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Bruins golf team to use new indoor practice center

KAYLA ROMEISER
Sports Editor

A new indoor practice facility for the intercollegiate golf team is expected to open this spring; the facility is something head golf coach Denny Scott has envisioned for at least three years.

The new golf facility, funded by sponsors and donors of the Bruins' Foundation, will be located in the basement level of the cabinet shop behind the BJU Press Distribution Center, between the Activity Center and the Campus Cleaners.

The project began mid-January when the BJU facilities department cleared out the old printing presses and classroom chairs that were stored in the basement.

What Scott calls phase one is predicted to begin in March. Phase one includes the major renovations of the building: the installation of AstroTurf, placement of indoor hitting bays, furnishing of the team room and the start-up of a digital launch monitor.

Most of the indoor golf facility will be fitted with one of three types of AstroTurf. The three different types will mimic the different cuts of grass on a real golf course. Two types of turf will mirror two different heights of grass,

but the third will mimic the outer fringe of a golf course. Two large hitting cages will be placed in the facility as well. The cages are designed to allow the golfers to practice their full swings without having to walk far to retrieve the balls. Nets and pads line the inside of the cages to soften the hit of the golf balls and protect the area around the cages.

The team room will be outfitted in such a way that allows the team to hold meetings and review video footage. The room will also serve as a rest area if team members decide to take a break from practicing to rest or work on schoolwork.

The final step of phase one will be the installation of a digital launch monitor called a TrackMan. This portable device will allow the team to track ball measurements such as the spin rotation, acceleration and velocity both in the facility and out on the green.

Phase two will add the installation of a golf simulator to the facility. This simulator will be used in the hitting bays. It will allow players to project a popular golf course onto the back wall of the cage and play as if they are on the course itself.

The facility will make prac-

ticing easier for the golf team. Previously, the team spent hours traveling off campus in order to get some swings in or play a game. With the new facility, they will be able to do both without having to travel. The team will also be able to practice whether rain or shine.

Having the golf facility is also a good recruiting tool for the university. It will allow BJU to host golfing summer camps that are able to take place on campus, rather than off campus.

The facility itself will be used mainly by the Bruins golf team. The building will be key card or password protected, but Scott may grant entrance for special events or circumstances. For instance, local high schools might request to practice every now and then, or societies might wish to host an outing there. Similarly, golf team alumni could come back to take a few swings.

The project budget totals approximately \$80,000, with phase one costing around \$50,000 and phase two costing nearly \$30,000. The funds for the project come primarily from generous donors and sponsors. Phase one's fundraising is almost complete, and the implementation of the phase will begin soon.



BJU golfer drives on the green. Photo: Hal Cook/ BJU Marketing



BJU golfer Chloe Jefferson chipping on the green. Photo: Hal Cook/ BJU Marketing



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Not all hearts are for Valentine's Day!

Did you know that February is American Heart Month? Even as a student, you can make positive choices that will have a cumulative effect over your lifetime – simple choices like taking the stairs whenever possible, choosing a juicy piece of fruit over a cookie, or enjoying a meatless meal occasionally. Taking care of your heart, beginning when you're still fairly young, is a winning strategy that pays back with huge benefits!

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M. JUDSON'S BOOKSELLERS REVIEW

by ANDREW SCHMIDT



Anne Smith and Molly Jorgenson enjoying coffee at M. Judson's Photo: Robbie Jorgenson

M. Judson's Booksellers, located at 130 S. Main St., features a cozy bookstore and café inside the same building, making it an enjoyable weekend retreat for bibliophiles and coffee enthusiasts alike.

M. Judson's neoclassical external architecture gives it an almost museum-like appearance, particularly due to the columns and steps in the front. Its central location in downtown Greenville not far from Falls Park makes it an easy place to walk in off the street and browse.

The interior of the store is relatively small but is arranged in a way that does not feel cramped. Merchandise is spread across shelves and tables around the shop and organized by theme or topic. Several windows overlooking the brick alley to the right of the building provide light and warmth.

The shop also contains some interesting reading-themed decoration. Perhaps the most noticeable example of this is the bookstore's counter, which is made of classic books tightly packed together in a bookshelf-collage of sorts.

Despite the limited space inside, the bookstore boasts an impressive selection, including literary classics, current bestsellers, cookbooks, books on local history and more. M. Judson also sells a variety of small gift and accessory items, such as pencil cases, pens, bowties, keychains, and more.

There is also a children's reading room in the back of the store, featuring children's books, stuffed animals, and small toys.

The café features a traditional selection of hot beverages, including tea, cappuccinos, lattes and more as well as a selection of pastries and baked goods.

Several tables with two-to-four chairs each stand close to the café counter so that guests may sit to study or enjoy their drinks and pastries. The shop also has three or four comfortable armchairs dotted around it for patrons to sit down with a book.

The shop is just under three miles from campus, about a 10-minute drive. Street parking can be found on Nearby Court Street, and the Richardson Street garage and the West Washington parking deck both offer free parking on the weekends as well.