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## Second biennial Bruin Daze kicks off

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BJU students will participate in the biannual week-long competition called Bruin Daze from March 4-9.

Tori Conover, women's student body president, said Bruin Daze was created to unify the student body through a week of fun activities, special events and service opportunities.

"We had our first Bruin Daze two years ago, but it mimics the tradition of Gold Rush Daze that has been a part of Bob Jones [University] for many years," she said.

The student body will be divided into three teams by society. Each event and competition will be an op-

portunity for students to gain points for their team. Whichever team has the most points by the end of the week wins.

Katie Albert, a member of the Student Leadership Council, described Bruin Daze as an event that gives the students something fun and free to do with their friends. "The competition gives the campus an incredibly energized atmosphere," she said.

Natalie Larsen, a member of the SLC, gave a run-down of the week's events. On Monday, a week-long, campus-wide game of tag will start. Each member of the three teams will be competing to tag members of the other two teams.

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The Bruins teams participate in "mattress surfing" two years ago as part of Bruin Daze. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

## School of Business to offer two new programs

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Two new academic programs in the School of Business will begin in the fall semester of 2019: an associate degree program in paralegal studies and a concentration in entrepreneurship.

Dr. Robert Hucks, chair of the Division of Management, said the BJU faculty has had four main reasons for being excited to create and promote the paralegal associate program, a process which has been developing since 2014.

First, BJU faculty recognized the large job growth opportunities to be had for students in the paralegal field.

"It became very clear that one of the top professions available was in the area of [law], whether it be going to law school, becoming an attorney or being a paralegal," Hucks said.

Hucks also said the salaries for paralegals are higher than average for a two-year degree type program, creating a clear opportunity in this field for students.

Second, a survey the School of Business sent to local attorneys revealed enthusiasm

and support for the paralegal program. Hucks said the responses to the survey were nothing but positive feedback.

"They knew who we were, and they knew the students and the graduates that Bob Jones University was putting out and how well they were doing," Hucks said. "Based off our history . . . they were really excited that we would be training these paralegals."

Third, as the faculty discussed the program with ministers and parents to explore its potential value in a variety of fields, they realized that it could be conveniently designed to link with a bachelor's degree.

Hucks said that although it would be an intense four years for the student, the program is designed to allow students to take the paralegal courses alongside their current major and graduate with both their chosen bachelor's degree and the paralegal associate degree.

Hucks said taking the paralegal classes with another degree creates a clear path to employment regardless of the main field of interest.

If, for example, a student was to pursue a music degree but did not see an immediate

or long-term employment opportunity, he or she could use the paralegal degree to support the developing music career.

This application is valuable in several fields, including ministry opportunities that do not readily provide adequate financial support.

"It's a professional degree

that allows for a lot of autonomy, so a couple could go to the field as a church plant and have really nice jobs that do allow for them to minister," Hucks said. "Lots of jobs are a fit for the program across all of our majors and particularly with the ministry."

A fourth factor behind

the addition of the paralegal degree was the faculty who are available and eager to teach the classes.

Dr. James Brammer, faculty member in the Division of Management, will be an instructor for the new program. Brammer said he is one of two lawyers with

decades of legal experience who teaches full-time in the School of Business and will be teaching in the paralegal program as well.

In addition, some of the classes will be taught by adjuncts who have on-going legal careers.

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Dr. James Brammer discusses the new programs with a student. Photo: Charles Billiu



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The entire United States of America can be reduced to only three basic regions: soda, pop and coke.

The only way of objectively telling which of these regions you're in is to figure out which of the three labels is most commonly attached to soft drinks.

Sure, some trends exist; for instance, pop is generally more common in the North, and coke is more acceptable in the South, but these trends are not absolute.

Most counties and cities, however, have one label that they stick to and stick to violently.

In the Chicago area, where I come from, it would be a heresy to ask for anything other than "pop" when ordering a carbonated beverage. I proudly upheld my distinction as a proud north-midwestern pop-drinker. Until recently, anyway.

At a recent lunch I got up  
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## The Collegian Editorial

# Talented youth, higher authority and Nicolas Bourbaki

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Think over this quote. "Talented youth, unconstrained by higher authority, is a powerful force."

What do you think? At first glance, it sounds a bit revolutionary, like something said during one of the French or Russian revolutions. However, the quote, written by Michael Atiyah in a book review, is about the life of Nicolas Bourbaki, who revolutionized not nation-states but mathematics. Or rather, the book is about the individuals who wrote under the pseudonym of Nicolas Bourbaki.

Aside from its context, the quote is still very interesting. The subject is relevant to every student at BJU because it describes us—"talented youth."

While there are varying degrees of talent, no one can

say that they are without talent. God has endowed us all with some degree of talent, and no matter the amount, we should use that talent to our utmost to glorify God.

On this point, Martin Luther King Jr. said, "If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well."

The next part of the quote ("unconstrained by higher authority") requires a little more care. As Christians, we have higher authority in our lives—primarily God and, secondarily, earthly authority God has placed over us—Romans 13.

So, does this quote not apply? Are we simply talented youth constrained by higher

authority? Well, yes and no. We are bound to obey our authorities, but this doesn't have to be a restraint. Change the phrase to "talented youth guided by higher authority." Now, we have a one-eighty-degree turn. Instead, of the higher authority hindering (constraining) us, we are being helped by it.

The first view implies that higher authority constrains you so that you cannot be a powerful force. Like a sapling potted and set inside, the higher authority constrains growth like the ceiling would to the sapling.

However, a talented youth guided by higher authority appears more like a sapling that is braced by wire. The wire guides the sapling, causing it to grow straighter and stronger than it would have by itself.

What a difference. Even a tree unhindered by a ceiling and unguided by wire may

grow large. But when guided, there is a better chance for success. And though the unconstrained tree may end up becoming a powerful force, it may not be a good one. It may grow crooked and end up falling in an unwanted direction.

Poor guidance can have the same effect. There are any number of people and self-help books that will give advice. However, we must check this guidance against ultimate truth—God and his communication to us through His Word—to determine if we want to be guided by them.

But, by submitting ourselves—the talented youth—to guidance from higher authority, God and earthly authorities, instead of rebelling against them, we can become a powerful force for God and for the furtherance of His kingdom.

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# TALKBACK

If you could change your name, what would your new name be?



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"Penelope"



senior  
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"Callister"

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and announced that I was going to get some soda. While I was halfway through filling my cup, the realization of what I had just said set in.

I'm honestly still not sure what was responsible for my slip of the tongue. Most likely just increased exposure to the foreign term, "soda."

After the initial shock wore off, I realized that switching regional labels was a rather painless compromise. I also realized that maybe I had put way too much thought into the proper term of address for soft drinks.

Recently this revelation came to mind again, and it helped me realize that I place a weird amount of value on a lot of things that honestly

don't matter that much.

On the subject of regional identity, I remember coming to Bob Jones University a little over two years ago thinking that living in the South off-and-on for four years was a sacrifice I would have to make in the name of higher education. The South is home to overly friendly people, high humidity and red dirt and therefore was weird.

With time, I realized that what bothered me was not that things are "weird" in Greenville as opposed to the "normality" of Chicago. The problem was that they were different. With time, I adjusted to the humidity and came to appreciate the culture of Southern hospitality as a welcome change from the

business-only culture of Chicago. Honestly, I'm still not 100 percent sure how I feel about the red dirt, though.

I realized that I actually judge many things very superficially and am repelled by how they differ from what I consider "normal," rather than celebrating what makes them unique.

As humans, we like to create "us and them" type distinctions between ourselves and others based on our taste in food, clothing, entertainment, sports teams and thousands of other benign everyday things.

And we like to think these distinctions somehow make us superior to those on the opposite side.

As often as we use them

to create division, these subtle differences in the people and things around us play a key role in making life unique and interesting. And finding out why people value things differently than us can help us create strong and meaningful relationships with them.

It's humbling to think of all the knowledge, ex-

periences and opportunities I have probably missed due to excuses such as, "That's not what I do," or "I don't think about it that way."

These excuses can "pop" up in almost any area of life, from book and movie preferences to favorite foods, preferred weather and even the

right word used to refer to carbonated beverages.

As much as I may value those kinds of things as part of my personality, they really don't matter that much, and certainly not enough to alienate myself from others who think differently.

All this considered, I personally still think "pop" sounds best.



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# Study abroad programs provide valuable learning experience

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Every summer, Bob Jones University students have the opportunity to learn about new cultures firsthand while earning college credit through study abroad programs. BJU is one of many universities nationwide that provide study abroad opportunities for its students.

With the spring semester

in full swing and summer vacation fast approaching, students and professors are preparing for various study abroad courses.

A variety of reasons motivate students to consider study abroad opportunities. Some want to experience and learn about new places, and others are drawn in for the class credits they offer.

Ellie Myers, a sophomore

music education major with a Spanish minor, is going on the Spanish language study tour. "This study abroad opportunity will help me to finish off my minor," she said.

BJU offers study abroad courses in a variety of subjects including history, communication and foreign language. Dr. Paul Radford will lead a course to the UK for

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Students visit many historical sites on the study abroad courses. Photo: Submitted

## A Week at a Glance

### Saturday

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#### Gingery-Mack Scholarship Concert

The East Valley Travelers will perform for the Gingery-Mack Music Scholarship Benefit Recital Series on March 2 at 7 p.m. in War Memorial Chapel. The Travelers will perform various traditional tunes from the Appalachians. This concert is free to anyone who wishes to go, and all donations will go directly to the Gingery-Mack Music Scholarship fund for music majors at BJU.

### Wednesday

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#### Prayer and Worship Service for Students

The Student Leadership Council will sponsor a prayer and worship time on March 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. This will be a time of praying and worshipping God through singing. All students are invited to attend.

### Wednesday

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#### Faculty String Orchestra Concert

Various BJU faculty members will perform a concert in the War Memorial Chapel at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 6. They will perform various music by Johann Sebastian Bach. Esther Waite will play the flute on *Orchestral Suite No. 2*, and Nikki Eoute, David Parker and Stephen Scaub will perform *Wachet Auf BWV 140*. The concert will be conducted by Yuriy Leonovich.



## Faculty Spotlight: Al Carper

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Al Carper teaches in the School of Business and serves as liaison to the military ROTC program.

Carper teaches a variety of business and banking courses at the University, and his 20-plus years as a business manager in the U.S. Navy's Supply Corps made him the logical

choice for the program coordinator for BJU's Army and Air Force ROTC programs.

Carper started at BJU in 1973 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry.

One year into his undergraduate studies, he realized this field was not where his passion lay or where God wanted him to be.

After eliminating several

other potential options, Carper visited some business courses and found a sense of belonging. He changed his major to business and graduated in 1977.

"It was like a lightbulb went on," Carper said. "God was saying, 'I will for you to do this,' because I just enjoyed it."

After graduation, Carper was hired as Sales Development Manager for Clark Equipment Company, a fortune 500 company in Chicago after his wife at the time was hired at a Christian school in the area.

He worked at that position for a year and a half and then transitioned into working as manager of First Citi-

zens Bank in North Carolina for five years.

He worked on obtaining his master's degree from the McColl School of Business at Queens University.

During this time, he received a letter from the provost of BJU asking Carper if he would be interested in taking the position of one of Carper's former professors. This professor, upon retiring, specifically recommended Carper for the position.

Carper accepted and has served on the faculty at BJU for over 35 years before and after his military service.

For a time, Carper served as Bob Jones University's Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, but he chose to return to a teaching position in recent years.

The U.S. Navy Reserve gave Carper a direct commission in 1989. Carper then enrolled in the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia, and completed the academic program there. Carper's first military assignment was as Administrative Officer for the Naval Supply Center (NSC) in Charleston.

Carper held several other positions during his military career, including Executive Officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) units in Asheville, North Carolina; Greenville and Charleston, South Carolina; as well as Executive Officer for a Naval Overseas Air Cargo (NOAC) unit, Company Commander for Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (COM-NAVELSG) Cargo Handling Battalion Eleven, and serving as Logistics Officer for the Seabees' Naval Construction Force Support Unit Three in Gulfport, Mississippi.

In addition to these, he was mobilized to active duty under Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2003 through January 2005.

During this time, Carper was Commanding Officer for the Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS) in Norfolk, Virginia.

Carper eventually rose to the rank of Commander and received several awards for his service, including the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal and Navy Achievement Medal.

Carper sites Philippians 2:13 as his life verse: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

"All throughout my life, God has worked in mysterious ways," Carper said. "These are the things that I love to talk about in my classes . . . to share with students that they can be just an average student—you're not the straight-A, summa cum laude student—but God will use you."

Carper's wife, Jonna, died in 2017 after four years of struggling with cancer. In December 2018 Carper married fellow BJU faculty member Dr. Lisa Seibert, a colleague of his late wife. Carper sited the development of this relationship as another example of God's providential guidance in his life.



Carper teaches Business Spreadsheet Analysis. Photo: Joanna King



Carper and his class have a blast working in Excel. Photo: Joanna King

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communication credit, and Dr. Carl Abrams will lead a course to France for history credit.

Rebekah Church, a junior criminal justice major, plans to go on Radford's study tour. "My motivation for going on the trip, I would have to say, is to learn more about a different culture," Church said.

Two more offer foreign language credit. Dr. Jeremy Patterson will lead a study tour to France, and Dr. Amos Kasperek will lead one to Spain.

On Radford's communication study tour, students will explore multiple locations and listen to audio of the literature they will be learning about. They will have quizzes and reading assignments beforehand to help them connect what they've learned to the places they'll visit.

"I think the one major difference is that I'm actually studying up on everything that we're going to, and that's just going to come to life and be so realistic," Church said.

Patterson's French study abroad course will be focused in Paris and towns in the surrounding area. "For my trip, the students are all going to be studying Paris with me, but in

parallel, they're all going to be studying a different French town," he said. "So I'm excited to visit these other towns with the students and have them present the history of the town and get to know those towns and villages as well."

Abril Brito Mones is an English major going on the French language study tour. She said one of the things she is most excited about will be visiting and reporting on a local French town.

Students will also be active in a local church in France. To prepare, students memorize Bible verses in French, including the Romans Road. In addition to learning verses, Mones is preparing by reading books and listening to music in French.

Several study abroad courses are planned for next year for students to look forward to. To any students who are anxious about traveling, Marshall Oliver, a senior communication major said, "Make sure you have all the details and talk to someone who's done it before."

Students should also talk to the faculty members leading the courses if they want more information about any of the study abroad courses.



Dr. Amos Kasperek has led previous study abroad groups to Spain. Photo: Submitted





# Elijah's Harbor Christian Retreat

by CHRISTINA LAIRD

Elijah's Harbor, a Christian retreat in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, wouldn't be what it is today without the help of those willing to sacrifice of themselves to serve God.

Located in Greeneville, Tennessee, Elijah's Harbor is a perfect getaway location for Christian retreats and conferences or even for personal study of the Bible.

Joe and Pati Gatas, the ministry directors at the retreat, have dedicated their lives to serving God by serving other Christians. But because the retreat gives such discounted rates for pastors and other Christians to stay there, Elijah's Harbor had significant financial needs. When Mike Jackson, the owner of Elijah's Harbor, needed to sell the retreat, he wanted to sell it to someone who had the burden to continue the ministry there.

Dr. Nathan Crockett, professor in the Division of Ministries, and his wife, Abigail Crockett, discovered the need. Crockett said he and his wife were burdened to help believers from being burned out. "We're constantly doing good things, but we seldom take the time to pause, rest and reflect on God's goodness in our lives and the magnificent beauty of His creation," Crockett said. "When we visited Elijah's Harbor, we were so thrilled that Joe and Pati Gatas . . . had a burden that matched ours exactly."

Crockett said that he heard story after story from Joe and Pati Gatas of Christians who were refreshed by their stay at the retreat. "[We heard] story after story of transformed lives, saved

marriages and strengthened families," Crockett said.

After time and prayer, the Crocketts decided to buy Elijah's Harbor in late December. Since then, Crockett, now chairman of the retreat's board, has been making plans for expanded ministry there. "For example, we want to set up a scholarship for families who are in difficult valleys of life," Crockett said.

Besides this, Crockett said they'll be strengthening the retreat's board with godly men and women who have a burden for serving God. They also plan to update their current website to better show the work God has done through this retreat.

Gatas said he is excited with the new ownership and the changes that will be made. "God is great," Gatas said. "Only He could [have] made this happen."

However, the retreat has other needs besides financial. With such a large area including a mansion, a farm and several smaller houses, the retreat requires a lot of work to upkeep. Many different groups from churches and schools have gone to the retreat for various work weekends.

For the past couple of years, one such group has come from BJU. About once a year, around a dozen journalism and mass communication students travel to the retreat and volunteer their time and services for a mission work weekend. Today, the students leave for one such trip with David Lurty, faculty member in the JMC department.

Students and faculty in the JMC department serve at the retreat each year in order to help out the staff there. Gatas explained how significant the help the team gives is to his ministry. "The staff I have is small," Joe Gatas said. "So that Saturday, we get enough work done to save us about a week's worth of work."

Lurty has led volunteer students to this retreat since the fall of 2015. Lurty said that while there, the students volunteer in a variety of ways—from washing fences and windows to painting decks, garage walls and picket fences. "Looking back, it is amazing to see how much was accomplished each year!" he said.

Students will arrive tonight and enjoy a time of worshipping God and getting to know the couple who runs the retreat. Then on Saturday, the students will have the chance to help with anything the retreat needs.

While the trip is designed for the students to serve and bless others, many who take the trip say that they also find themselves blessed.

C.J. Billiu is a JMC senior who has been on the service weekend twice before. "I appreciated the remoteness of the location,"

Billiu said. "It gave us a moment to stop and breathe."

Billiu said the retreat's owners greatly blessed him when he was there. "[The Gatases] were inspiring because they found a way to use their natural talents in a ministry," he said.





Fireworks will cap off a full week of exciting activities. Photo: Derek Eckenroth



Bruin Daze features team competitions. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

At the end of an exciting Bruin Daze packed full of games, food and fun, the Greek Games will finish off the week with the final com-

petition between the society teams. Read this article below to find out more about the Greek Games specifically.

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Every building is a safe zone where no one can be tagged. Everyone on campus including students, faculty, staff, graduate students and graduate assistants can participate.

Monday evening, students can head to the Davis Field House from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. to play Battleship in the Pool. The water game is a competition between different teams in canoes to see who the champion of the pool will be.

Tuesday will feature the movie showing of *Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* at 7:30 p.m. in Stratton Hall.

On Wednesday morning, students will be served Breakfast for Daze. Students in the residence halls will get breakfast in their dorms, and town students will be served breakfast in the parking garage. Wednesday evening will feature a Praise and Worship Service in the Activity Center at 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, students will be encouraged to attend the two Bruins basketball games that day. There will be competitions, raffles and an Instagram challenge going on throughout the day. Students and faculty can also wear Bruins' gear with jeans to classes.

Friday will feature each of the three teams meeting for society led by their team leaders. Campus Tag will

end at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday is by Bruins, for the community day. The day's events will include three service opportunities, two off campus and one on.

Students can sign up for one of the opportunities and indicate what teams they are on so they can earn points for their team.

Larsen said the community day is a way for students to reach out to the Greenville community with love.

Saturday evening will be the Greek Games at Alumni Stadium. This will be the last opportunity for the three teams to compete for points. There will be smaller games and bigger games throughout the evening.

The winner of Bruin Daze will be announced, and fireworks will be set off at the Stadium at 9:30 p.m. At 10 p.m. there will be a winners celebration for the winning team.

Albert said that although every society will be placed on a team, participation in these events is up to the individual. "I don't think [students] will want to miss these events," Albert said.

Larsen encouraged her fellow students to get involved in at least one event during the week.

"You only have this opportunity every two years, so take advantage of it!" she said. "Your team wants you to join in! Have fun and go crazy!"

Larsen said she is excited to see students get involved with their teams, take pride in being a Bruin and have a way to do something that is out of the ordinary and fun.

Conover encouraged her fellow students to work ahead in their class work the week-end before the Daze so they can spend the week with their friends making memories.

Albert said she is most excited about Campus Tag and then the fireworks on Saturday night.

"I remember the constant feeling of paranoia during Tag two years ago," she said. "You just never know when you will have to drop everything and run for the nearest building to avoid being tagged out!"

Albert gave some tips on how to survive Campus Tag. "Stick close to buildings [which are out of bounds for tagging] and stay away from big, open spaces," she said. "And don't trust anyone!"

Larsen also she also

loved the huge game of tag and enjoyed watching random people running across campus trying to avoid being tagged.

Conover said things will be a little different this time because it is a different SLC and a different student body, but she hopes that this year's Bruins Daze will be just as good as the last one in 2017. "It was so hype!" she said. "I'm psyched that I get to be a part of it again before I graduate."

Larsen summed up the spirit and purpose of Bruin Daze and said that the week-long competition is a preview of what BJU is all about.

"We have a lot of fun, we are competitive, we love Jesus, we want to reach our community, we work hard and ultimately we are Bruins," she said. "Bruins Daze shows us what it means to be a Bruin."

For more information on the Bruin Daze activities, check your inbox for an email from the SLC from yesterday.



Students hang out in the Activity Center at last Daze. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

## Bruin Daze culminates in Greek Games competition

DANIEL QUIGLEY  
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The "Greek Games," a multi-game, Greek-themed competition between the Bruin Daze teams, will cap off Bruin Daze's week of school spirit at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Alumni Stadium.

Students from Red Rogues, Blue Thunder and Green Extreme will try to win the week for their teams before watching the post-game fireworks once the competition ends.

Katie Albert, women's ISC director, said the games will be quick affairs. "We're gonna have as many games packed into an hour and a half as we possibly can," she said.

Albert planned the Greek Games along with Natalie Larsen, the SLC event coordinator, and Drew Williquette, the men's ISC director.

Albert said they hope to

keep the Greek theme in focus. To do this, they picked games that make contestants "battle" in different ways, including a relay race, a chariot race and a trivia contest.

Additionally, according to Larsen, mattress surfing, a popular game from Gold Rush Daze, the precursor to Bruin Daze, will be one of the games. Students will ride a mattress carried by the ocean of their teammates, trying to beat the other teams to the finish line.

"What we're looking at right now is doing more games that have a lot of team involvement," Larsen said.

Larsen said the fireworks, which will begin at 9:30 p.m., will be similar to two years ago, lasting about 15 to 20 minutes.

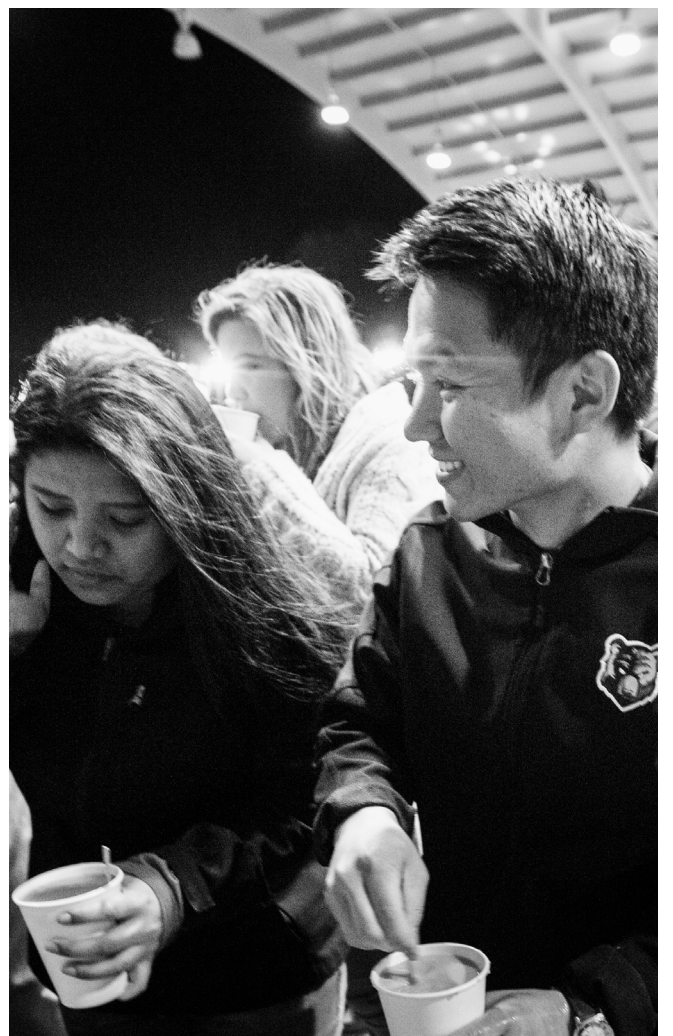
The event's emcees are being kept under wraps.

In addition to the society competitions and the fireworks,

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Teams celebrate their accomplishments two years ago. Photo: Derek Eckenroth



Students relax during Bruin Daze activities. Photo: Derek Eckenroth



Bruins teams make progress toward NCAA DIII membership

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Sports Editor

Bob Jones University’s transition to becoming dual-affiliated with both the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division Three (NCAA DIII) and National Christian College Athletic Association Division Two (NCCAA DII) will change a few things for the Bruins athletic teams.

As the Bruins athletic department prepares to move into the NCAA DIII, changes and expectations are becoming clearer especially to the coaches.

Overall, the transition from NCCAA DII to NCAA DIII will benefit BJU athletics, according to athletic director Dr. Neal Ring.

Ring believes the NCAA DIII brand will raise BJU athletics and the University as a whole to a higher level, aligning it with other academically strong DIII institutions; and it will draw more attention from potential student-athletes.

But with the brand comes changes and new rules. One of the main changes brought by the transition is post-season play. Post-season play includes regional and national tournaments.

With the transition, the Bruins teams will have the opportunity to qualify for either the NCAA DIII or NCCAA DII regional tournaments.

Teams will first qualify for NCAA DIII, but even if they do not win enough regular season games to qualify for the DIII regional tournament,



The men's cross country team became the regional champions last year. Photo: Hal Cook

they can still play in the NCCAA DII tournaments. However, if a team plays but loses in the NCAA DIII regional tournament, they are prohibited from participating in the NCCAA DII tournament as well.

The transition places Bruins athletics into a stronger league, changing the level of competition to get into the regional and national tournaments.

However, many BJU teams have been preparing for the transition by scheduling games with DIII universities in past seasons.

According to Dr. Chris Carmichael, head coach of the women's soccer team, the competition is going to increase even though the transition is from DII to DIII. “Sometimes people think DIII means not as good as DII or DI,” Carmichael said. “That’s not the case.”

Some DIII players could

have been DI players but may have chosen a DIII university because of an academic program.

Because the competition is changing, travel time will change as well. BJU will be the only DIII school in South Carolina. This means travel time will increase from two and a half hours to roughly three and a half hours one way.

The amount of time a team trains will also change. Preseasons will be shorter. According to LeViere, the basketball team’s preseason will be roughly two weeks shorter than its normal eight weeks due to NCAA DIII regulation.

The season will also be around five games shorter than this year’s 30 games.

The off seasons change as well because of NCAA rules. According to Carmichael, the women’s soccer team will be practicing five weeks in spring instead of the eight

they have in the past.

Another change will appear in the recruitment process. Currently, coaches can recruit whoever they want however they want and no matter the age. Once BJU transitions fully to NCAA DIII, that will change.

Coaches will be allowed to recruit only high school juniors and above. The way coaches contact potential recruits will become more regulated. Only so much contact can be made between coaches and recruits.

However, the way the teams play and the type of athletes that coaches recruit will not change. Coaches will still look for athletes who fit with BJU.

“How we train, how we play, our style of play, all those things, I don’t think are going to change a lot,” Carmichael said.

BJU’s athletic culture will stay consistent despite the changes brought about by affiliation with NCAA DIII.

Jonny Gamet, sports information director, said that the mission and core values of the department will not change. He said, “The DIII move just allows us to further expand our platform for ministry while elevating what we currently do in our athletics program.”



The women's basketball team played PCC on Jan. 18. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

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College and Coffee

Some would say you can’t have college without it!

Legend has it that a goat herder living in the area of Ethiopia first discovered the berries after noticing his goats becoming highly energized and not able to sleep at night after eating them.

But what about the health effects of this beloved beverage? Anything that should concern us?

Scientific research gives the nod to moderate consumption – yes, that energizing boost translates into mental alertness, which can be really helpful.

According to the Mayo Clinic, 400 mg per day (roughly 4 cups of coffee) is the recommended maximum for a healthy adult.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS TIP

By MELANIE SCHELL







Students play a variety of games during Bruin Daze. Photo: Derek Eckenroth



Professor Zydwicz dresses in style for the Greek Games in 2017. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

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Brammer said the up-to-the-minute experience these instructors will bring into the classroom is an amazing opportunity for students to be trained to work with someone just like their teacher.

“There is no replacement for someone who has lived it—and is living it—being the one who instructs you in the classroom,” Brammer said.

Brammer said the new paralegal program is a rare opportunity as a valuable and lucrative two-year de-

gree that prepares students to enter what could be a tough working environment.

“The legal world could be an especially difficult place for Christians,” Brammer said. “The legal profession still needs professional people who are showing forth Christ in what they do and to be well prepared, to be on top of their game and to be a positive testimony in that environment.”

When the paralegal degree is introduced, the new

entrepreneurship concentration in the School of Business will also begin. This is the fifth concentration to be added to the School of Business, joining the current marketing, human resource, general and finance concentrations.

According to Dr. Adele Dunn, professor in the Division of Management in the School of Business, entrepreneurship is taking an innovative idea and pulling together the resources and the people needed to bring it to fruition.



Brandon Jackson and other students meet with professors to discuss new programs. Photo: Charles Billiu

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—Katie Albert, women's ISC director

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the dining common will serve a special Greek meal Saturday night. “That Saturday night will definitely be a night you want to go to the dining common,” Albert said.

Albert said she wants the Greek Games to be a unique experience. “I want it to stand

as its own thing,” Albert said. “We’re trying to make it as big and as good as possible.”

Larsen said the purpose of the Greek Games is to have a final competition that’s team-based rather than the more individual-focused games of Bruins Daze such as tag and

capture the flag.

Albert said Greek Games was one of her favorite Bruins Daze activities in 2017.

“We know how special it was to us two years ago,” Albert said, “We want to make it that exciting for people who haven’t experienced it yet.”

**Have any ideas for  
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Dr. Hucks and Dr. Brammer discuss new programs at a business luncheon. Photo: Charles Billiu

“We sometimes think of entrepreneurship as just small startup organizations, but entrepreneurship is a much wider discipline,” Dunn said. “This concentration is relevant for artists and engineers and people in computing—it’s giving people a set of skills that they can apply in whatever discipline they find themselves.”

The concentration will include four classes: Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Finance and a capstone project to put into practice the skills acquired.

The related business faculty have their own entrepreneurial experience through investments, companies they have founded or positions they have held in corporations.

Dunn said the new con-

centration is the next step after BJU itself has practiced entrepreneurship for so long.

“It’s almost in the DNA of this school; we’ve been very innovative—entrepreneurial—in projects over many, many years,” Dunn said. “The annual Bible Conference fundraisers are an excellent example of that. Student are experimenting, solving problems and creating value: these are all entrepreneurial skills.”

Dunn also said our ultimate entrepreneur role model is the Lord.

“Our God made the world; He created this wonderful salvation plan for us,” Dunn said. “We should be inspired by that to be our very best entrepreneurs and use these skills for His glory rather than our own glory.”