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## BJU joins global exercise initiative

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**Joanna Scoggins**

STAFF WRITER

BJU is joining over 250 universities around the globe in the Exercise is Medicine on Campus initiative to promote physical activity as a vital sign of health on college campuses.

Dr. Stephen Chen, chair of the Division of Exercise and Sport Science, said the University has recently registered to support the initiative.

Exercise is Medicine was founded by the American College of Sports Medicine as a global initiative to make exercise assessment a priority of medical professionals when caring for their patients.

Its goal is to encourage healthcare professionals to make physical activity a vital sign of health and to

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Bob Jones University joined the Exercise is Medicine on Campus initiative this year. Photo: Chris Harmony

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## THE WEEK

### Daylight Saving Time ends

Don't forget to "fall back" this weekend, setting your clocks one hour behind. Daylight saving was officially instituted in the United States on March 9, 1918.

### Fine Arts Contest Sign-up begins

Undergrads from all majors can sign up for contests in art, design, photography, composition and music. Check the intranet for more information. Finalists will be featured in the Annual Art & Photography Contest Exhibit and the Annual Music Contest Finals in April.

### ULA Film Screening

The University Language Association will be showing *Le Grand Méchant Renard* (*The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales*) on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in Levinson Hall. Subtitles will be in English.

## Public Safety gives BJU advice for traffic safety



Sterling Crowder, on a routine security detail, contacts dispatch on campus. Photo: Chris Harmony

**Olivia Thomas**

STAFF WRITER

With the increasing number of vehicles in Greenville and on Bob Jones University campus, it's important for students to know how to keep themselves and their fellow students safe while driving and walking.

Public Safety offers students a few tips for staying safe on and off campus.

The latest data from 2017 reports that in Greenville, there were 17,076 total vehicular accidents that year. Out of those accidents, 12,994 accidents involved some type of property damage, and

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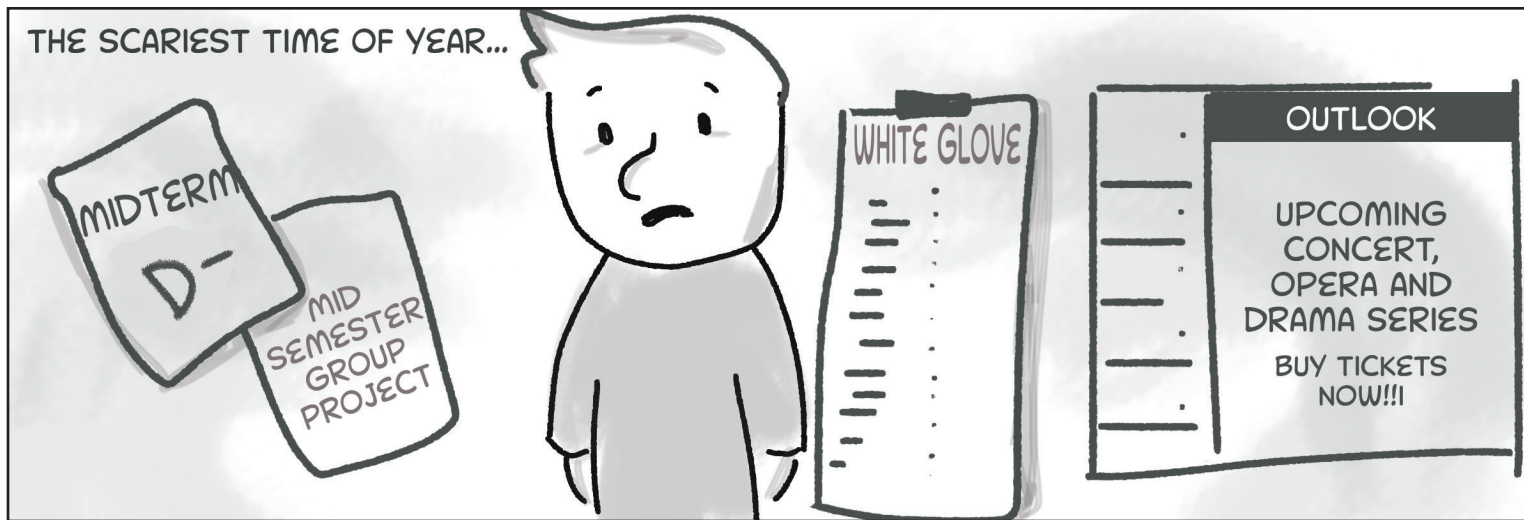
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### *The Collegian Editorial*

## Should we care about the environment?

A few weeks ago, a Swedish teen came to the United States to speak at a United Nations global climate forum. And the Internet went crazy. From memes to tweets, the Internet exploded, and Greta Thunberg was everywhere.

The topic she spoke about – the environment – is a divisive one, especially along political party lines.

The environmental debate is especially important to young adults. According to a United Nations poll, nearly four in 10 young Americans (Millennials and Gen Z) view “environmental issues such as pollution, health of the planet and oceans” as the most important subject for the United States to address in the next year.

That is a rather large percentage of America’s up and coming generation. Nearly 40% of young adults placed the environment ahead of human rights issues like freedom of speech, religion and press.

As Christians, we too

should care about the environment. While the degree of importance will change from person to person, there is a baseline concern that Christians should have, regardless.

Here are three reasons why.

### **The earth is the Lord’s, and we should take care of His gift to us.**

God created the universe. You don’t have to read too far into the Bible to find that out (literally the first verse). Finding man’s dominion over the earth is also easy to see. Psalm 8:5-8, Psalm 115:16 and Genesis 9:3 all demonstrate man’s dominion over the earth.

As stewards of God’s global garden, we should take care not to ravish it beyond use. We must tend to His gift to us. While we should certainly use the materials and resources available to us, we must be circumspect when we do so.

**God receives glory**

### **when we properly steward the earth.**

Imbued with creativity and intellect, humans have created jaw-dropping marvels, such as landing robots on a planet more than 40 million miles away from us. That’s not too lousy. And every time humans create more efficient procedures like Eli Whitney’s cotton gin or expand our horizons like the Opportunity rover on Mars, we put God’s glory on display.

Similarly, when we take advantage of the resources He has given us, we put God’s glory on display. God did not give us this planet for us to destroy. Instead, He wants us to use it and develop it in a way that preserves His wonderful creation.

### **Through concern for the environment, we can better witness.**

Christ commanded us to go into all the world and

preach the Gospel. Whether we become missionaries abroad or accountants downtown, we are all called to fulfill the great commission.

We are to witness to neighbors, friends and co-workers. There is no limit. By becoming involved in environmental issues, Christians can meet and witness to people they would never ordinarily know.

For some Christians, books are one of their passions. Thus, they can meet people at book clubs or libraries that the basketball enthusiast would never meet. Likewise, Christians who have a particular burden for environmental issues can meet people the booklover never would.

So, yes. Christians should be involved with the environmental concerns of our day, finding avenues through which they can act. And while the amount of involvement may vary, all Christians should care about God’s creation and how we steward it.

## TALKBACK

If you could have a meal with anyone, who and why?



**Dave Ritschard**  
SOPHOMORE

Andrea Bocelli. His voice is amazing, and he has inspired millions despite being blind.



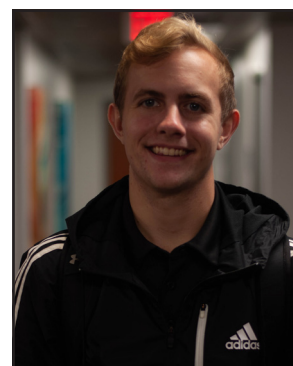
**Caroline Smith**  
SENIOR

My grandpa, he had Alzheimers before we could really talk, but his life is insane.



**Caleb Daniel**  
SOPHOMORE

Donald Trump. He’s a legend, and I would love to learn some things about business and making money.



**Aaron Church**  
JUNIOR

President Teddy Roosevelt. He was a very strong-willed president.

Photos: Charles Billiu



COLUMN



Katie French  
STAFF WRITER

Many have heard about the recent tragedy in Dallas, Texas, in which former police officer Amber Guyger accidentally killed her black neighbor, Botham Jean. Mistakenly walking into his apartment instead of her own, she believed him to be an intruder. She fired her gun, only to realize shortly after that she had made a fatal mistake. She received a 10-year prison sentence, which comes as no surprise given the gravity of the situation. Though Guyger’s mistake was devastating, she received a response that no one expected. In the Dallas courtroom, Botham Jean’s brother,

Brandt, made a statement. He told Guyger that he forgave her. Furthermore, he did not want her to go to prison. He wanted her to give her life to Christ and find reconciliation in Him. He asked to hug her and was granted his request. He wanted to show that he truly cared about her. “If you are truly sorry – I know I can speak for myself – I forgive you. And I know that if you go to God and ask Him, He will forgive you,” he said. “I love you just like anyone else. I’m not going to say I hope you rot and die, just like my brother did. I personally want the best for you.” To think that this man, under these circumstances,

spoke these words, is astonishing. It is hard to forgive your kin’s murderer, much less a white woman whose behavior may have suggested racial violence. This is the power of forgiveness. It is putting aside your own thoughts and desires and elevating others above yourself. It is losing someone but loving someone else in their place. It is going against the common reaction that others give and responding like few will. It is loving when there is no reason to show love. But how often do we do this? How often do we extend forgiveness for even the smallest of offenses? I think it is safe to say that petty attitudes and grudges often creep in. Though Christ forgave us,

we can’t seem to extend that same forgiveness in the capacity that we should. We fail, and that failure comes because we are sinners. Situations where people like Brandt Jean step to the plate and do what’s right can convict us of our lack of forgiveness and remind us that we should exhibit more. Eph. 4:31-32 says, “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” This biblical truth is what we should incorporate into our lives. We must forgive as Christ forgave us, even if it means reaching out our arms to the one who killed our brother.

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4,009 accidents resulted in a person injured – with 73 total fatalities. From the beginning of this calendar year to present day, there have been 27 reported vehicle accidents on campus. Captain Ken Coppins, a Public Safety officer, worked for the Greenville City Police Department for 15 years. For 13 years he worked in accident reconstruction, investigating the causes of and circumstances around accidents. After leaving the police department, Coppins went to work as a death investigator for the medical coroner’s office, where he saw many traffic fatalities. His primary tip for staying safe while driving around campus and around Greenville is to stay off the phone.

A cell phone, Coppins said, is one of the most distracting devices everyone carries with them. Texting, calling or scrolling through social media can take a student’s attention away from their surroundings just long enough to put them in a dangerous situation. “Is that one phone call worth risking your life or someone else’s life?” Coppins asked. “[Driving] with a device in your hands isn’t safe for you, nor is it safe for anybody else in your car.” Silencing a cell phone and putting it out of sight helps students avoid distraction while driving. Coppins said students need to remember to obey the campus 20 mph speed limit, pay attention to pedestrians, park in the assigned parking lots and avoid driving while in

a rush in order to be safe. “You have one job . . . to get yourself and the passengers in your car to their destination safely,” he said. Students walking around campus also need to stay alert to their surroundings. Coppins said he has seen many students step out onto a road without looking for traffic because they are texting or talking on the phone. To avoid such dangerous situations, Coppins said it is best to stay off the phone altogether when walking from one place to another. Public Safety patrols campus all day seven days a week looking for drivers and pedestrians who may be putting themselves or others in danger. But that isn’t always enough to keep campus safe. Drivers need to stay alert, and pedestrians need to be aware of any oncoming traffic as they walk around. “Our goal is to make sure the campus is safe for both pedestrians and automobiles,” Coppins said. “And it’s a cooperative effort on both sides, those who are walking and those who are driving.” That cooperative effort is important to the well-being of everyone on campus. Commander David Champ, a Public Safety officer, agreed with Coppins that staying off the phone



Sterling Crowder is a sophomore criminal justice major. Photo: Chris Harmony

is the best tip for safe driving. Champ also said driving defensively is important. Driving defensively, he said, includes obeying the speed limit, stopping at stop signs and lights, keeping music at a low level and not eating while

driving. Champ urges students to avoid taking risks that could cause a dangerous situation; taking that risk is not worth the damage it could cause the student or others around them.



There have been 27 accidents on campus this year. Photo: Chris Harmony

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# From Greenville to the green fields of baseball's largest stage

Andrew Schmidt

STAFF WRITER

The city of Greenville was home to one of the greatest stars of baseball, “Shoeless” Joe Jackson, former Chicago White Sox player with the third highest batting average in baseball history and the highest batting average of a rookie in a single season.

John Nolan, a guide with Greenville History Tours and BJU faculty member, said Jackson is a hometown hero.

“People embrace that he’s from here and are proud of it,” Nolan said.

To honor this famous citizen, Doug Young, a BJU graduate and former staff member, sculpted a statue of Jackson that was first placed at the corner of Main Street and Augusta in downtown Greenville. Young worked on the statue in Greenville City Hall, where the public was invited to watch the sculpting process.

Fluor Field, home of the Greenville Drive baseball team, opened in 2006, and the Shoeless Joe statue was moved to the ballpark in 2017. All that remains at the statue’s old location is a circular base made of bricks taken from the Chicago White Sox’s Comiskey Park after its demolition.

Joe Jackson’s life began in rural Pickens County, South Carolina, about 22 miles from Greenville, in July 1887.

Shortly after Jackson’s birth, his family moved to Greenville so his father could work at Brandon Mill, a textile factory. Jackson began working at the textile mill himself when he was about 7 years old and never attended school.

Brandon Mill sponsored a baseball team, as many mills and factories of the time did. At 13, Jackson began playing “mill league” baseball. This is similar

to the story told in *Milltown Pride*, a film produced by BJU’s Unusual Films in 2011.

Word of Jackson’s baseball skill, particularly his natural swing, began to spread.

Jackson’s first job in professional baseball came with the Greenville Spinners in 1908. The Spinners fell into a Class D league, the lowest

level of professional baseball.

Nevertheless, the \$75 a month Jackson earned playing for them was nearly double what he made in semipro baseball and working in the mill combined.

Jackson’s nickname came out of his time playing for the Spinners. After wearing cleats that were too small, Jackson got blisters on his feet.

Because of this, Jackson took his shoes off partway through a game and played the rest of the time in just his socks.

While Jackson never played barefoot again after that game, the nickname “Shoeless Joe” stuck.

Later the same year, Jackson’s contract was bought by the Philadelphia A’s.

The big Northern city made Jackson—who still could not read or write—uncomfortable, and he returned to the South as quickly as possible.

During the next few years Jackson alternated between

playing in Philadelphia and in the minor leagues in the South.

When the A’s traded Jackson to the Cleveland Naps in 1910, Jackson became much more comfortable in Cleveland than he had been in Philadelphia.

In 1915, the Chicago White Sox bought Jackson’s contract.

In 1919, Jackson became one of the eight White Sox players implicated in the betting scandal known as the “Black Sox Scandal.”

Nolan referred to this scandal as a cloud over Jackson’s career.

Both friends of Jackson and baseball historians are not sure how Jackson was involved in the scandal or if he was fully complicit in the scandal.

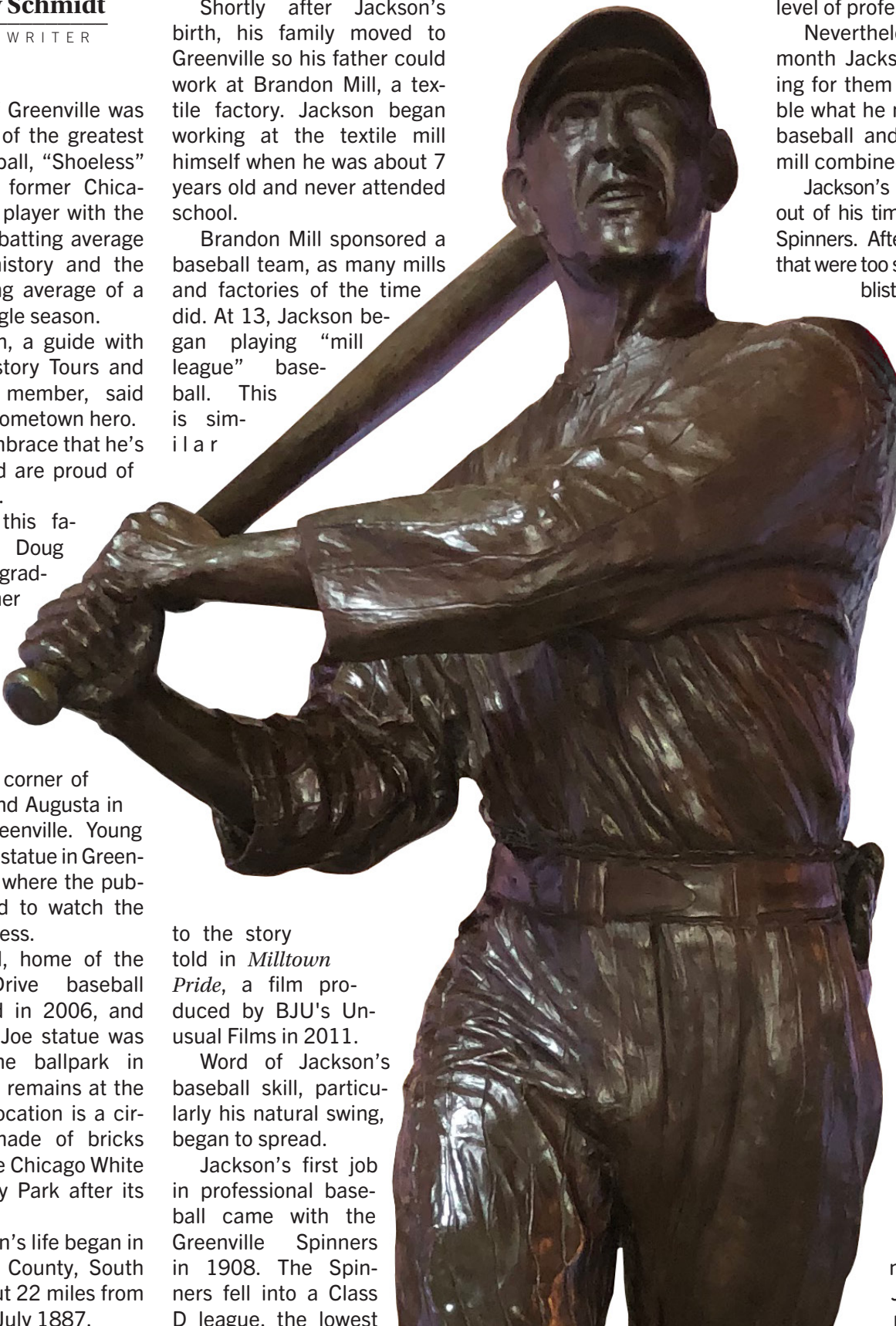
Nolan said that based on his good character on and off the field, many believe Jackson was treated wrongly.

Jackson was acquitted when he went to trial; nevertheless, the Black Sox Scandal ended Jackson’s career as a professional baseball player.

Jackson returned to the South after the end of his baseball career. At this time Jackson opened a dry cleaning business in Augusta, Georgia. He later moved back to Greenville and opened a short-lived barbecue restaurant. In his later years, Jackson ran a Greenville liquor store.

During his career Jackson was praised by other baseball greats of his time, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth.

Babe Ruth said, “I copied Jackson’s style because I thought he was the greatest hitter I had ever seen, the greatest natural hitter I ever saw. He’s the guy who made me a hitter.”



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encourage physical activity as an additional treatment to many medical conditions and as a preventative healthcare step.

EIM-OC is a focused initiative for college communities under the larger, global health initiative of Exercise is Medicine.

“What we want, basically, is to promote physical activity as a vital sign and for us to collaborate with students, faculty and staff to promote health and well-being,” Chen said.

Chen said he’s been aware of the initiative for several years, although the University

just began discussing implementing the initiative last year. “We decided to collaborate with some students in our major to get us registered,” Chen said.

The initiative is led by a team of faculty, students and health care professionals.

BJU’s team adviser is Vickie Britton of the Division of Exercise and Sport Science faculty. Local physical therapist and BJU alumnus Dr. Brandon Moss is the team’s healthcare professional.

Chen is the health fitness professional for the team which also includes two student representatives: senior exercise science major Bailey Martin and junior exercise

science major Hannah Hill.

While the initiative is new to the University, the team already has many ideas about implementing it on campus, including a fitness challenge for students to participate in.

Chen said their first step is a section of tips and advice related to physical activity in *The Collegian*. See page 6 for their first advice section.

“There are a lot of topics we can cover,” Chen said. “Our goal is to increase awareness and help students reduce the barriers, to start a program, or to maintain what they do to be physically active.”

Chen said they hope to have workshops on physical activity that will be open to

the entire campus.

They also plan to have health and fitness assessments in the human performance lab, currently located in the Davis Field House, which would include body fat and muscle analysis as well as aerobic and muscular fitness.

“Those are things we can assess if [students] want to know more about their body,” he said.

He said they also hope to provide one-on-one personal training to interested individuals on campus.

Student representative for the initiative Hannah Hill said she hopes to cultivate an atmosphere that encourages people to be more mindful

about physical activity as well as spread knowledge about why it is so important.

“I really do think that exercise is more than just a fitness or athletic type thing,” Hill said. “I think that the body, spirit and mind . . . are connected, and if one of them is suffering, the rest is going to suffer as well.”

Hill said the initiative raises questions for Christians about how they take care of their bodies as the temple of God. “If we are physically incapable of doing a task, or we’re unhealthy and not able to serve as much, or if it even shortens our life, what is that doing for the Christian faith and the cause?” she said.



# the beard



Mr. Jay Bopp



Quint Wallace, sophomore ministry and leadership major



Mr. Jordan Baun



Mr. Mark Vowels



Andrew Fox, freshman pre med major



Dr. Paul Radford

From Lincoln to Leonardo de Vinci, beards have been a staple among intellectuals. And so, in honor of today being the official start of No Shave November, *The Collegian* has decided to display campus examples of facial hair. Even though students cannot participate in No Shave November, we hope that these photos will spur you into greater care of your beards and will cause your facial hair to grow stronger in the Novembers to come.

Some evidence, by extremely reputable sources, shows that rubbing these examples to your face, especially chin and cheeks, stimulates hair follicles, making them fuller and longer, which some on campus desperately need.

We would encourage reverent viewing of the beards displayed below. May they inspire you to greatness and be a standard to which you compare all future facial follicles.



Faculty GA Isaac Bryden

November is coming...



# Kaleidoscope Concert provides campus preview to prospective students

## Preaching Conference

**Daniel Fuller,**  
sophomore Biblical studies major

“I remember meeting Dr. Ted Miller, and he was extremely friendly. Most of the judges were professors here. I really enjoyed how they cared about what I was speaking about. They were engaged when I was preaching, and that really made me appreciative of professors here.”

## Music Competition

**Haley Kessler,**  
sophomore keyboard performance major

“At High School Festival I really enjoyed getting to meet college students [and] getting to see friends who were my age [who would] probably be coming to college here.”

## Art Competition

**Anne Smith,**  
sophomore cello performance major

“It was cool seeing how much detail goes into a picture, getting [the judges’] feedback with creativity, and how important the title is for a piece.”

## Drama Competition

**Elise Snow,**  
sophomore Spanish major

“Being able to see that it’s not just my grandma and my mom that think I have a skill but that somebody that’s totally third party was able to look at what my director had taught me to do and the Lord had gifted me to do and say, ‘That is good,’ . . . That was really neat.”

**Sidney Seiber**  
STAFF WRITER

As the clarinet soloist finishes playing his piece on Rodeheaver Auditorium’s stage, the audience jumps in surprise at a sudden sound behind them—a 50-person choir singing in the balcony.

This would be something to expect from the aptly named Kaleidoscope Concert, which, much like the instrument of mirrors and glass, is a constant rotation of the talents within BJU’s Division of Music.

The concert will be held in Rodeheaver Auditorium on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

This will be the fourth year BJU will hold the Kaleidoscope Concert in honor of the High School Festival and Preaching Conference, a high school competition BJU hosts from Nov. 4 to 7.

Paul Jantz, the director of musical activities, is in charge of all the music events and the public programs for the event.

Jantz said the acts pop up in different sections of the building and range from the University Orchestra and University Singers to solo performers and instrumental ensembles.

Jantz said this fast-paced, energetic concert is meant to showcase the individuals and groups within the BJU’s music program.

The diversity in the performances is meant to showcase what high school students attending the competition could be a part of if they were to attend BJU.

When in high school, Daniel Fuller, a sophomore majoring in biblical studies, attended what is now the High School Festival and Preaching

Conference and participated in the preaching competition.

Until this semester, there was a competitive element to the preaching part of the event, but that has since been removed, and the event has become a conference for high schoolers to preach and be critiqued.

Though Fuller did not come to competition for music, he attended concerts like the Kaleidoscope Concert and found that he liked the brass performances. “I always liked the choirs that would play, like the brass choir, trombone choir [and] trumpet choir,” Fuller said. “I’m in the trombone choir now.”

Halsey Kessler, sophomore majoring in keyboard performance, also attended the Kaleidoscope Concert when she competed in the festival as a high schooler.

“It’s a fun concert to attend if you’re a high schooler or if you’re not,” Kessler said. “It’s just the coolest pieces that you can think of, and they put them all in [the]

same concert.”

Kessler said that even though it was scary to compete at High School Festival sometimes, she enjoyed the competing as well as meeting college students and other high school students who might attend BJU with her.

While at the High School Festival, Kessler got to meet most of the piano faculty, which was important to Kessler since it is her major now. Kessler said that since the faculty were the judges, their comments on her performance were especially helpful because it gave her an idea of what the faculty was looking for and how they taught.

Anne Smith, a sophomore majoring in cello performance, also attended the competition before she came to BJU as a student.

Smith said part of the reason she chose to attend BJU was because of her interactions with both the University’s students and faculty in BJU’s Division of Music.

Since the faculty judge the

competitions, Smith heard what her now current cello teacher thought of her playing when she competed.

She also had the opportunity to participate in side-by-side orchestra, a program in the High School Festival and Preaching Conference which allows high school students to practice and perform alongside the BJU orchestra for a concert.

“I was a part of the side-by-side orchestra, and I got to sit right alongside the [BJU] students,” Smith said. “They got to talk to you about what’s great about the music program and extracurriculars. It was fun getting to know other college students that I knew were going to be here when I came.”

High School Festival and Preaching Conference is not just an opportunity for high school students to compete in a competition. It is also a time for high school students to see if BJU is a part of what God has for them in their futures.



Paul Jantz is the director of musical activities. Photo: Chris Harmony

## HEALTH & wellness TIPS with Hannah Hill



### How many steps are enough?

Do you have a fitness watch, smart watch or app on your phone that tracks how many steps you take each day? Maybe every now and then, it even encourages or praises you. What is the big deal about counting steps, anyway, and how does it matter to a college student?

While there is no true golden number of daily steps for being active, tracking steps is a great way to roughly gauge your activity level as well as help you meet your health and fitness goals.

Research studies have found that an increase in steps taken per day is strongly associated with improving physiological and metabolic health.

Along with a decreased risk for chronic diseases, some health benefits associated with such improvements include reduced stress, better sleep and improved focus, all of which are invaluable for college students.

Find out which category you hit at the end of each day based on these classifications on the right.

steps per day	Classification
< 5,000	sedentary lifestyle
5,000 - 7,499	physically inactive
7,500 - 9,999	moderately active
≥ 10,000	physically active
≥ 12,500	very active

Tudor-Locke CE, Bassett DR. How many steps are enough? Pedometer-determined physical activity indices. Sports Med. 2004;34(1):1-8.



# BJU basketball teams prepare to transition between associations

**Anna Grace Casillas**  
SPORTS WRITER

Change. That word sums up the Bruins intercollegiate basketball program for the 2019-2020 season.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are in a period of transition as they change from NCCAA to NCAA DIII regulations. This year they are abiding by many NCAA DIII rules but will not official-

and DII schools as motivation for the team to do well against NCAA DIII competition.

"We beat USC Upstate a few years ago," Uwarow said. "We have beaten DII Erskine and Southern Wesleyan in the past years. However, we have never beaten a DIII school."

Uwarow also hopes the games against NCAA teams will prepare his team for the NCCAA regional championship.

Christian who happens to play basketball."

Going into this transitional season, both teams are focusing on basketball as a platform for ministry.

Daniel Fuller, a sophomore forward, is the outreach leader for the men's team. They have already held a basketball ministry at Faith Baptist Church in Easley. Each week the players also take turns driving and delivering food for Meals on Wheels in Greer.

Uwarow's philosophy for the team is, "Do what you can with what you have, where you are."

The team has devotions every day before practice, and each Sunday night, they meet in a classroom for a voluntary prayer meeting.

Uwarow said, "In the busy schedule of college life, we have found a way to be likeminded through studying God's Word together and by praying for each other as a student body."

LeViere said he pushes his team to compete hard, but that ultimate success is not measured by wins or losses.

"We want to win but in a way that doesn't point to ourselves," LeViere said. "I tell my team all the time that I want the other team to walk away saying that we're the nicest team they've ever lost to."



Rachel Clark rushes toward the basket. Photo: Ian Nichols

ly be in the NCAA. However, both the men's and women's teams are competing in several DIII tournaments to prepare them for the complete transition next year.

Women's head coach Mike LeViere pointed out that the teams started practicing about two weeks later than usual because they are now following the DIII practice schedule, despite still playing NCCAA teams as well as NCAA DI teams who start earlier.

"My supposition is that it's going to be a slower start," LeViere said. "We are also still playing in the NCCAA and some NCAA DI teams, and they've all been practicing forever. We're behind all of them."

Jessiann Wiedmann, a sophomore guard for the women's team, is looking forward to the change, even though she anticipates that it will take the team a while to adjust.

"DIII is a step up for us," she said. "But I think it is a good move for the program."

Wiedmann is excited for a new season to compete. "I am so pumped!" she said. "I feel a lot more confident in what I can contribute to the team this year to help make my teammates better."

Burt Uwarow, the men's head coach, used his team's history of beating NCCAA DI

"Our first semester is always tough," Uwarow said. "Our entire first semester schedule is comprised of DI, DII and DIII programs."

In addition to the transition from NCCAA to NCAA, both teams are welcoming several new players to their teams. The women's team has four incoming freshmen and one sophomore, while the men's team has nine freshmen and one incoming transfer.

"We have a large freshman class," Uwarow said. "They will have the opportunity to contribute immediately."

The men's team also has two players returning from injuries that prematurely ended their seasons last year – Nate Ellenwood with a torn Achilles and Chapman Harwood with a torn ACL.

Harwood, a senior guard, tore his ACL in the past two seasons and is looking forward to finally returning to the court.

Harwood's injuries have stretched him in the past two years.

"Honestly, going through one ACL injury is the best thing that could have happened to me," Harwood said. "I learned that Jesus is my identity in everything I do. I am not Chapman Harwood, the basketball player. I am Chapman Harwood, the



Jayson Barnhart practices during preseason. Photo: Andrew Pledger



Jessianne Wiedmann dribbles during a game last season. Photo: Sara Gingerich



Steve Pettit talks to the 2019-2020 basketball team during a preseason practice. Photo: Andrew Pledger



# Exploring the value of the core, part 2

**Daniel Quigley**  
STAFF WRITER

The BJU core, courses that each person who studies at BJU must take to graduate, attempts to prepare students to communicate, make decisions and live biblically.

Dr. Doug Garland, the director of assessment, said many students, desiring to get to major classes, undervalue the core during their undergrad years. But he said this attitude changes after graduation.

“One of the big things that we have learned from alumni is that the most valuable part of their education is not their major,” Garland said. “It’s the core.”

The core covers varied subjects, giving BJU students a liberal arts education. These subjects include writing, communication, history, economics, the arts, logic, philosophy and science.

“What we’re trying to do here is broaden people out,” Garland said.

Ashley Ellis, senior history major, said the core is important for education, especially biblical education. “Bob

Jones [University] does offer through their core classes a good basis of knowledge that prepares you for the outside world,” Ellis said.

Students are required to take nine credits of English courses. Which courses students take depend on what level students test into.

Two common courses include Composition and Rhetoric and Literature. In Composition and Rhetoric, students learn how to write and research academic papers. After taking that course, students in Composition and Literature work on analyzing works of literature and using the written word to express this analysis.

Noah Mansfield, senior computer science major, said the English classes he took helped his writing. “I struggled with English in high school,” Mansfield said. “It really helped me get up to speed quickly to a point where I feel more comfortable about my writing.”

Two speech courses typically bookend a student’s bachelor level education: Fundamentals of Speech

and another course, which varies depending on the major, from Oral Communication for the Professions to Classroom Communication and others.

Fundamentals of Speech gives students the chance to develop their oratory skills with multiple speeches, including one focused on informing and another on persuading.

Garland said the University emphasizes written and oral communication because of the positive results BJU’s education has shown in that area.

“We know from survey data that when our students get out in their professions, one of the things that sets them apart is their ability to communicate,” Garland said.

Foundations of Economics helps students understand both microeconomics and macroeconomics.

“Every occupation, every ministry has connections to financial things,” Garland said. “That’s why we take economics . . . to understand the broader economic system.”

History of Civilization is a two-semester course which works through world history, starting at 3500 B.C. and finishing at present day.

Garland said one of the main reasons history is required is to set each major within its historical context.

Themes in Western Thought guides students



Dr. Roger Bradley teaches Foundations of Economics. Photo: Andrew Pledger

through various western philosophers, including Plato, Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche.

Garland said this course allows students to identify how problems in their fields of studies fit within the history of western thinking.

Ellis said the Themes class, as well as the Bible course Apologetics and Worldview, are important to her history major because they cover material which will be expounded on more in history courses.

“It gives a very good base for learning more,” Ellis said.

Essential Science examines science through a biblical worldview, examining the science of evolution, cosmology and the environment.

Christianity and the Arts examines different art forms (including visual art, theatre, film and music) in relation to a biblical worldview.

Students also typically must take a math, science or computer science elective to round out their education.

Potential options for this course include (but are not limited to) Introduction to Computer Programming, Applied Statistics and Chemical and Physical Science.

Garland said the purpose of a math, science or computer science elective is to teach logical thinking, something everyone will use at some point in their lives.

In addition, the BJU core includes five required Bible courses: Old Testament Literature and Interpretation, New Testament Literature and Interpretation, Doctrines I and II, and Apologetics and Worldview.

Garland said the latter’s apologetics paper is the capstone project of the core, giving students the chance to show what they’ve learned through a paper about a controversial topic in their field of study.

Core requirements can vary, depending on a student’s major, but regardless of major, the core develops well-rounded, prepared professionals who leave BJU to work around the world.

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Dr. Brent Cook teaches both Themes in Western Thought and Apologetics and Worldview. Photo: Andrew Pledger



Students are required to take two semesters of history. Photo: Chris Harmony