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Bible Conference to encourage BJU

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This year's Bible Conference is themed "The God of all Comfort." The conference is a four-day event consisting of daily services, workshops and fundraising events. It starts the evening of Feb. 18 and continues through Feb. 21.

Between classes, homework, jobs and extracurricular activities, life at college can be a busy and stressful time for everyone. With so many projects and assignments to get done, it is easy to be overwhelmed.

But Bob Jones University's annual Bible Conference gives students, faculty and staff a chance to take a break and find strength in the Lord.

Randy Page, chief of staff at BJU, described Bible Conference as an important way to bring the entire campus together. Bible Conference also provides students with a time to rest and regain

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Evangelist Morris Gleiser spoke in chapel in 2018 and will preach in this year's Bible Conference. Photo: Hal Cook

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THE WEEK

Society Basketball Championship

The society basketball teams will compete in the championship this Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. Come to the Davis Field House and cheer your favorite team on.

Teach the World

On Friday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. the School of Education will host Teach the World to show students from all majors how they can make a global impact in education.

Alumni Day & Parents Day

Parents and alumni will be honored on Feb. 20 with various discounts at the Bruins Shop, The Den and the dining common.

A+D Exhibition: Art & Design Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception

Feb. 21 will mark the opening of the Art & Design Faculty Exhibition. The exhibition will be shown in the Sargent Art Building until March 13.

Valentine's Day is always a *date* to be remembered

Happy
Valentine's
Day!



Jewel Schuurmans

STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day, alternately dubbed "Singles' Awareness Day," is debated on all sides with opinions on its merit. Regardless of the debate, pretty much everyone can agree on a simple fact: love is weird. Sometimes the best way to cope is to laugh at ourselves and to let others laugh along!

Dr. Sam Horn, executive vice president for enrollment and ministerial advancement, said he thinks one of the

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Sidney Seiber
STAFF WRITER

Where am I supposed to be?

This is a big question that many people have coming into college, and I was among them. My brother majored in mechanical engineering. My sister majored in criminal justice.

And then there was me—not good at math, not great with criminals.

So since I did not know what I wanted to study yet, my parents told me to major in business administration, which was not exactly my passion.

I hoped to minor in something I enjoyed, so I scheduled a piano audition that I was

The Collegian Editorial

February is a time to reflect

Every year in February, our nation celebrates Black History Month. It is a month-long recognition of the black Americans who have gone before us and of the contributions they have made to our nation's society, culture and technology.

But every year, two competing views of Black History Month rise to the forefront of discussion. For some, Black History Month is a time for pointing out past injustices and for signaling their own understanding of cultural dynamics.

For others, it is a time of subtle complaints that Black History Month today is pointless, divisive—or worse—political. They have no problem with the idea itself but are wary of the political stances which are seemingly attached to the occasion's celebration.

Neither of these views realize the original purpose of Black History Month.

When U.S. President Gerald R. Ford announced the first Black History Month, he described it as "an opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

We would do well to remember the achievements of black Americans during February and

beyond, because they are not only achievements of black culture but also of American culture. There is no need to be trapped in the false dichotomy represented by these two views. The integrity of President Ford's original philosophy behind the occasion has not been corroded.

Black History Month should be a time when we commemorate American achievements made by black Americans. While Black History Month happens every February, our society often fails to look beyond politics in order to actually learn and honor black Americans and their contributions.

When was the last time we associated Black History Month with any name lesser known than Martin Luther King Jr. or Rosa Parks? If we are to make Black History Month valuable, we should take note of Americans like U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas or Daniel Hale Williams, who was the first surgeon to operate on the human heart.

Black History Month does not need to be a political issue but rather a time of genuine learning and commemoration.

To quote the words of President Ford, "I urge my fellow citizens to join me in tribute to Black History Month and the message of courage and perseverance it brings to all of us."

very anxious about.

Freshmen orientation arrived, and I was in a panic. As I was making my course schedule, I remember telling my adviser a thousand times not

to give me too many major classes because I was going to switch as soon as possible.

The next day, I went in for my piano audition—which I was ridiculously nervous

about—and promptly failed. After the audition, I was so disappointed. I thought the one thing that I could have

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TALKBACK

Matthew Castillas

SOPHOMORE

Cards. They last a long time and are a written form of love.

Emilee Wendorf

JUNIOR

Flowers. They bring beauty to the receiver's life, and it is a constant reminder of the giver.

Nathan Robinson

SOPHOMORE

Chocolates. They've always been something my parents and I bonded over while eating.

Emily Larsen

JUNIOR

Notes. It is a special gift from my family/friends that shows thought, meaning and love.

What's the best Valentine's gift? Chocolate, cards or flowers? Why?

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studied for myself in college was not a possibility, at least not that semester.

I felt so uncertain of my abilities, my future and myself.

But that is where God needed me to start so that He could show me who and what I could be certain of. I remember all the stress just

culminating, and I eventually asked God to guide me to where He needed me to be. That is all it took.

I called my sister Savvy, and after I explained the situation, she told me about a major she thought I would enjoy: journalism and mass communication.

The major taught you how to tell news stories through

writing, video and radio. I had always loved all those things, but I never thought I could major in them until Savvy told me how I could do it through the framework of the news industry.

I went to a meeting that was an introduction to the major in journalism and mass communication. This is where I met some of the major's

faculty: David Lurtey, Kathryn Gamet and Betty Solomon. They were all so kind and knowledgeable about the different elements of the major that I felt 10 times as confident as I originally did about choosing the major. I quickly changed my course schedule and made it official: I was a journalism and mass communication major.

Now, I am so thankful I was so uncertain. I am thankful that I failed that audition. I would have never run to God if I had felt even an ounce of confidence that I could find my way by myself.

He had to humble me and show me that if I run to Him, He will place me where I am supposed to be.

Alumnus William Parker uses BJU education at BMW, in personal life

Callie Parker
STAFF WRITER

In November of 2012, BJU alumnus William Parker began working as a parts advisor at Century BMW in Greenville. Parker had always had an interest in cars, and he was drawn to the variety of work opportunities available in the automotive industry.

Parker graduated from BJU in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in health fitness and recreation and in 2010 with a master in business administration.

Following his time as a parts advisor, he worked as a BMW Product Genius. In 2014 he left the retail side of the automotive industry and began his career with BMW of North America, LLC. Since then, he's held roles as an accessories sales manager, an after-sales area manager, and a senior accessories specialist. In 2018 he relocated from Atlanta to BMW's headquarters in New Jersey. He now serves as the service retention program manager for North America.

In his current capacity, Parker works to ensure that BMW owners, outside of their warranties, desire to service their driving machines at

authorized BMW dealerships.

Parker thinks his time at the University prepared him for his current job mainly through the relationship-building tools that he was encouraged to develop while earning his degrees. Additionally, Parker believes that the University prepared him greatly for his personal life. "While I was at Bob Jones University, I found a consistent focus on God and the Gospel," he said. "If I had gone to another university, I might not have some of the same values I have now."

Specifically, he considers the work ethic instilled in him by his parents and fostered by BJU to be a major aspect of his character today.

Parker thinks that the biggest obstacle he faces as a Christian in the secular workplace is the fight for focus. "You are constantly presented the opportunity to choose the creation over the creator," he said. "It's easy to start to want the things over the provider of those things."

He explains that while it would sometimes seem that the main point of being in business is making money, it is important to remember how God talks about money in the Bible.

"You've got to understand

the purpose of money and how that can conflict with what the world tells us."

Parker said he wishes he had more patience coming out of college when it came

marathon, not a sprint."

Parker feels that the most important thing to remember when thinking of God's will for our lives is that His timing is better than ours. His advice

front of you that the next task presents itself."

Though Parker works in New Jersey, he lives in Manhattan and is always in the mood for a quick walk to his



William Parker received his bachelor's and master's from BJU. Photo: Submitted

to job opportunities. "I wish I'd known that I needed to be patient with opportunities," he said. "The workplace is a

for current college students is similar. "The grass is not always greener, so become so good at the task you have in

favorite pizza place.

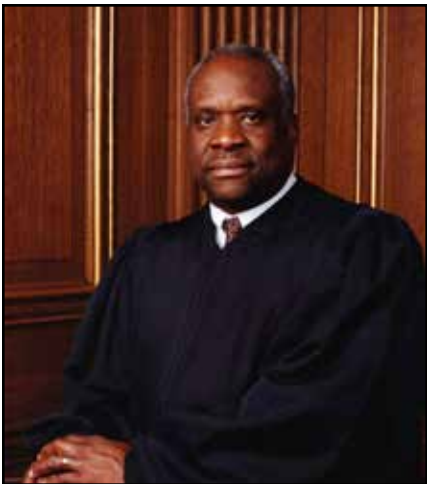
Parker attends Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Honoring Black History Month

CLARENCE THOMAS

It takes a person with a mission to succeed.

Thomas is the second African-American justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Appointed in 1991, Thomas has now been serving for 29 years.



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energy for the remainder of the semester.

"Christ and the Gospel are the cornerstone of everything we are," Page said. "I think [Bible Conference] is really a re-focus each year for us to take the time to reevaluate what's important in our lives. For so many of us, there are trials and concerns that we're going through, and I think so many times we just don't fully grasp how God truly is there as our comforter."

The speakers at this year's conference are Rev. Cary

Schmidt, the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Connecticut; Dr. Marty Heron, the executive vice president of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary; evangelist Morris Gleiser; BJU President Steve Pettit and BJU Chancellor Dr. Bob Jones III.

The purpose of the theme "The God of Comfort" is to encourage students to turn towards God during times of long hardships or struggles.

Morris Gleiser, who battled cancer in 2018, is centering his messages on the idea that no matter what kind of trial

believers go through, they can depend on the compassion and goodness of God.

"Satan has no new tricks, and he has from the beginning of mankind sought to make people question God's goodness," Gleiser said. "I think it's extremely important that [people] understand that God comforts us and that He hasn't forsaken us. He strengthens us so that we in turn can go and be a strengthening help to other people."

But God doesn't just provide strength and comfort during trials. He also provides guidance and grace, which

is one of the ideas Rev. Cary Schmidt will focus on.

Schmidt wants to encourage students to find God's purpose in suffering and trials and to gain a strong understanding of who God is by rooting themselves in the Gospel.

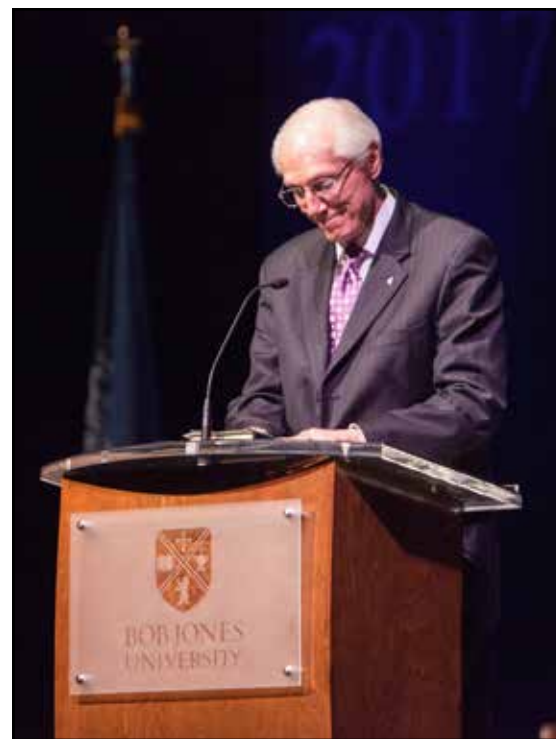
"Jesus taught us to expect hardship but just to know that He is bigger and stronger than our hardships," Schmidt said.

In addition to morning, afternoon and evening services, there will also be workshops on Thursday afternoon. Each workshop will focus on a different aspect or type of trial, aiming to teach students how to persevere through their struggles while relying on God for comfort and help. In addition to the various conference speakers, Carol Anne Clemons from Coffey Ministries will also lead a workshop on viewing grief in light of the Gospel.

There are also at least 50 different Bible Conference

fundraisers, many led by students, which provide students, faculty, staff and alumni a chance to raise and give money towards this year's goal of purchasing a new Stork Bus from the Save the Storks foundation.

BJU plans to donate the Storks bus to the Carolina Pregnancy Center to be used in the Greenville-Spartanburg area. Paul Issacs, the president of Save the Storks, started the hashtag "Find-YourFifty," which encourages students to contribute \$50 toward the Stork Bus.



Dr. Bob Jones III will be preaching in Bible Conference.

Photo: Stephen Dysert



Last year's Bible Conference theme was "Let us Pray." Photo: Morgan Roark

Schools around the world offer job opportunities to BJU students

Katie French

STAFF WRITER

Seventy-two schools from around the world will send representatives and feature displays at BJU's annual Christian School Recruitment Conference next week on Feb. 17 and 18 to engage students in various job opportunities.

The conference will provide students diverse Christian school exposure, with representatives of schools from China, Peru, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Schools have many job openings besides teaching positions, including positions in business management and sports, making the conference valuable to all students, not just to education majors.

Dr. Brian Carruthers, dean of the School of Education, encourages students to stop by the conference every year to build relationships with representatives from the schools. "Students who . . . went by as freshmen, then went back as sophomores and so on, begin



Sophomore English education major Carly Reuther attended the school conference in 2019. Photo: Hal Cook

to develop that relationship that ended up in a job," Carruthers said.

Director of Career Services Shawn Albert said students should come to the

conference with resumes and be prepared for interviews. "There are more opportunities [at the conference] than we have students to fill them," Albert said.

In addition to potential employment, the conference provides students with perspective. Carruthers said that from talking with representatives, students will gain

greater awareness of the issues that these schools are dealing with and how they can pray for them.

From a student viewpoint, Rachel Anderson, junior early childhood education major, said that she has really enjoyed making connections at the conference. "It is great to be able to hear the missions and beliefs of various ministries and fellowship with likeminded educators," Anderson said.

Students going to the conference will be asked to scan ID cards at the check-in counter that will record their attendance and provide access to printable name tags.

Students may download the 2020 School Directory, since printed directories will not be available at the conference. This directory can be found on BJU's Career Services webpage.

The conference will be held in the Davis Room of the dining common on Monday, Feb. 17, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.



Symphonic Wind Band Presents Valentine's Day Concert

By Joanna Scoggins

David Polar plays the trombone for the Symphonic Wind Band.

BJU's Symphonic Wind Band is celebrating Valentine's Day with a new concert, "Shall We Dance?" The concert is on Feb. 14 in Stratton Hall at 7 p.m. It is free for students, faculty, staff and members of the Greenville community.

The concert is inspired by 1951 musical *The King and I*. Dr. Bruce Cox, director of the Symphonic Wind Band, said he knew there was a medley of songs from the musical that he could use as a core tune for the concert. The other pieces in the concert are also dances to complement the medley from *The King and I*.

Cox said he put the concert together focused on a theme of lively, happy and varied music. "There was some music that . . . I had conducted several years ago," Cox said. "That came into play, and then there's one piece [in] the concert that I've always wanted to conduct."

That piece is the Robert Russell Bennett *Suite of Old American Dances*. "It's just very rhythmic," Cox said. "Part of the rehearsal process is making sure everyone understands and plays the rhythms together. There's hard hand technique."

Cox also mentioned the technical difficulties of the last piece they will be performing. The piece is a Jewish circle dance from a symphonic suite. "It's a piece called 'Wedding Dance,' and it's very difficult for the flutes and the clarinets," Cox said.



Dr. Cox has a DMA in trumpet performance and pedagogy from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Bennett's *Suite of Old American Dances* has become a favorite of many of the students in the Symphonic Wind Band.

David Polar, a junior music and computer science double major, said the Bennett suite is his personal favorite. "It contains five movements from rags to waltz-like to Western side-step type stuff," Polar said.

Polar, who plays trombone in the band, also said *Suite of Old American Dances* is the most challenging in the concert. "It's interesting music," Polar said. "Hopefully you'll come away feeling excited about the music you just heard."

Junior flute performance major Andrea Bell also said she prefers the Bennett suite because she loved the style. "It's just very happy," she said.

Bell, who is playing the piccolo, said Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances* is the most challenging for her. "It has a lot of notes, and it goes really fast," Bell said. "It's one that everyone recognizes, so there's that pressure that you can't miss any notes because everyone will know that you messed up."

The Symphonic Wind Band will be joined by a few alumni for "Shall We Dance?" bringing the number of musicians to over 50.

Cox said he hopes students attending the concert come away realizing that there are rich things in our culture worth pursuing with time and money. "It's worth going to a concert or a museum for the inherent value of that aesthetic experience," Cox said. "I want the audience to sense that they just witnessed something really special."



Andrea Bell plays the piccolo for the Symphonic Wind Band.



The Symphonic Wind Band will perform "Shall We Dance" in Stratton Hall on Feb. 14.

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great mysteries of the earth is how people fall in love. "You watch this guy and this girl, and sometimes it's really clear why they like each other," Horn said, "and sometimes I'm like, 'I don't know what she sees in him, but he better put a ring on that finger before she gets an eye exam.'"

Horn has a few funny stories of his own related to love. One night in 2016, night mail was delivered while Horn was visiting a men's residence hall, and he saw a head of lettuce in the mail with a paper tacked to it. He was so perplexed by it that he hand-delivered it to the door, and still to this day doesn't know the story behind it.

"I'd be kind of scared of a girl that sent me a head of lettuce in night mail," Horn said with a laugh. "I'd be like, 'Am I going to have to eat a lot of salad if I hang around you? What is this, is that a sign of health foods?'"

When Horn was pastoring, he came to the doctrine of divorce in his series on the Sermon on the Mount. "I looked



Jeff and Beth Adams have been married for over four decades.

Photo: Submitted

around Sunday morning, and everybody that was coming into church had flowers," Horn said. "And it hit me—this is Valentine's Day."

His executive pastor came up to him after the sermon that was focused on couples separating and said, "Pastor, what were you thinking? Did you realize it was Valentine's Day?"

"It was just one of those moments you don't ever live down," Horn said.

Even in a fallen world there is an amazing ability people have that no other part of God's creation has, Horn said. "[It is] to have meaningful and loving relationships with other image-bearers the way that God designed it," Horn said.

An Engagement "Takes Off"

Etienne Jodar, a BJU seminary student, had planned to take his girlfriend Millie, a 2013 BJU graduate, on a tour flight over Greenville for his proposal.

After their plans were canceled due to high winds, they



Etienne and Millie Jodar welcome Lydia Marie, born on February 10, 2020. *Photo: Submitted*

went for a walk around the Greenville Downtown Airport while he anxiously texted and called his friends who were helping him with a backup plan. "I was so stressed," Etienne said.

They headed to the nearby Runway Café, where Millie noticed two plastic chairs all by themselves (placed by Etienne's helpful friends), and they sat down together.

"He was so nervous," Millie said with a laugh. "He said, 'I have something really important to tell you, but I left something in the car . . . can I have the keys?'"

In a distracted flurry, he had forgotten the ring in the car!

Etienne ran back while Millie waited, and when he came back, he read a love letter to her. "Then he asked me to marry him, and he handed me the ring," Millie said. "And I said, 'Oh - would you like to put it on?'"

Etienne had also forgotten to get down on one knee. "I thought it was just in the movies," Etienne said. "It was the first time I did it, okay?"

Now Etienne and Millie have been married happily for two years and just had their firstborn last Monday, Feb. 10, 2020. They both laugh at their engagement story. "It was memorable," Millie said.

A "Fowl" Dinner

First-year adviser Phil Adams met his wife Valerie at The Wilds when he was working as a counselor and she as the administrative assistant for the director.

He was asked to house-sit for an elderly couple for a couple of weeks and decided to invite Valerie over for dinner.

"Why did I do that?" Adams asked. "I don't know what I was thinking; I had never cooked anything in my life."

With some emergency help from a friend, he got the chicken cooking nicely in the oven and set a pot of water on the stove for corn on the cob. His friend said cooking the chicken neck would make a nice gravy, so he started boiling it in a saucepan.

He left for a little while to pick up Valerie, and when they walked back in the door, the house was full of blue smoke.

The water had all boiled out in the saucepan, and the neck was welded to the bottom of the pan, smoldering black and billowing smoke. "I said, 'Okay, not going to be able to use that,'" Adams said with a laugh.

Attempting to recover, they cleared out the smoke, and he set the nicely cooked chicken on top of the stove for later. He turned on the burner for the corn and then started to give Valerie a tour of the large house while waiting for the pot to boil.

"We get to the far back corner of the house, and I hear this ka-BOOM," said Adams. "We came in the kitchen, and our chicken is on the floor in flames."

He had turned on the burner underneath the pan of cooked chicken instead of the pot of water.

All they could do was laugh, and, believe it or not, they actually ate some of the exploded chicken.

"Everyone that's ever heard that story has said, 'Wow, I think she married you out of pity,'" Adams said. "She knew I needed help. I needed someone to cook for me."

A Prank that was the "GOAT"

Business professor Dr. Jeff Adams met his wife Beth at a college youth group at a Methodist church. The people who ran the group let students come to study on their ranch, which they both took

advantage of.

At the time, Adams had an MG British Leyland, a little blue two-seater sports car.

"Really, God had to do something to it because I had so much pride in it," Adams said.

After studying, he came back to his car to find a polaroid someone had placed on the seat: a picture of a goat posed in the front seat of his prized sports car.

"The top was down, he had one of his hooves on my leather steering wheel and another one on the door," Adams said. "I was hot enough to fight somebody."

But when he heard it was a girl that did it, all he could do was walk it off.

Later they found themselves teaching junior Sunday school together, and they discussed the Bible every week. "It is actually the Bible that brought us together," he said.

Adams soon asked her out. Six weeks after their first date they were engaged, and within a year they were married. "She was the one," Adams said. "[And] she got my attention with a goat."

They have now been married for 41 years.



Phil and Valerie Adams met at The Wilds. *Photo: Submitted*



The Bruins men's basketball team currently has 17 players. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

Bruins teams' seasons begin with preparation and success

Anna Grace Casillas

STAFF WRITER

The Bruins teams were hard at work preparing for this semester's competition even before students began classes on Jan. 15.

Both men's and women's basketball teams continued practicing even during Christmas break, returning to Greenville the last week of break to play several games.

The basketball teams, as well as the track, shooting and golf teams, all compete during the spring semester,

and the other programs will continue to train during their non-traditional seasons.

The men's basketball team started strong in their NCCAA competition with a 5-0 record, defeating Trinity Baptist College, Johnson University, Pensacola Christian College and Toccoa Falls College. In all competitions, the team holds a record of 11-10.

Having already beaten each of their NCCAA rivals once, and PCC twice, the team hopes to continue their solid tournament play in their remaining two NCCAA games.

The men will play Toccoa Falls College on Feb. 17 and at home against Trinity Baptist College on Feb. 22.

One of the men's team's most notable performances came against PCC on Jan. 17. Supported by an energetic home crowd, the Bruins quickly pulled away from their rivals, eventually winning 111-79.

Elijah Cupples, a freshman business administration major, shot 7 of 8 from 3 and finished the game with a season-high 34 points.

The team beat PCC again



Bruins men's and women's golf teams compete during the spring semester. Photo: Derek Eckenroth



Brandon Jackson is a senior business administration major. Photo: Chad Ratje



Kylee Leffew has been playing for the Bruins women's basketball team since fall 2016. Photo: David Ruiz

on Feb. 8, taking their rival down with a score of 84-59.

The women's basketball team also got off to a good start in their conference with a 3-2 record, beating Trinity Baptist College, Johnson University and Toccoa Falls College. The team currently holds an overall record of 10-11.

Their two conference losses came against PCC on Jan. 17 (with a score of 60-69) and on Feb. 8 (with a score of 66-88).

Both the men's and women's basketball teams have had the opportunity this season to compete in several games against NCAA competition, including Wofford College and the University of South Carolina Upstate.

BJU will host the NCCAA Division II regional basketball tournament from Feb. 27 to Feb. 29 as both Bruins teams hope to advance to their national tournaments in Joplin, Missouri, from March 12 to March 14.

Dr. Neal Ring, the Bruins' director of athletics, urged students to come and support their Bruins basketball teams, especially during the regional tournament hosted in the Davis Field House. "We'd love for the students to come out and support our teams at all home games," he said. "They make a huge difference!"

The men's and women's

track and field teams will also compete this spring. In their fifth season of intercollegiate competition, they will participate in eight events, beginning with a preseason tune-up race on Feb. 8.

Last season the Bruins had several top individual performances and a strong showing across the various categories of competition, and this season they hope to improve on last season's strong performance.

The entire Bruins program, with its 15 varsity programs, currently competes in the National Christian College Athletic Association and is now seeking provisional membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III.

The initiative to attain NCAA DIII status was announced in October of 2017; since then, BJU has applied for DIII status. Ring said the program should hear from the NCAA regarding its status this February.

In an effort to make the potential transition to the NCAA smoother, the Bruins program has begun to play more games against NCAA competition.

In addition to the potential NCAA DIII change, the Bruins baseball program will begin in the spring of 2021, and women's lacrosse is scheduled to start in the spring of 2022.

School of Business offers new paralegal studies degree program

Olivia Thomas
STAFF WRITER

The School of Business began offering a new paralegal studies program this academic year.

After seeing several

conversations with attorneys in town, and they were like, 'If you all had a program, that would be a very positive thing,'" Hucks said.

At that point in time, BJU already had qualified faculty, interested students and supportive alumni.

"The Lord had everything lined up," Hucks said. "So the next logical step was we need a program."

This is the first academic year BJU has offered paralegal studies, which is available as an associate degree. This coming fall, BJU will also offer a paralegal minor. The minor is ideal for students majoring in a liberal arts degree

attorneys in the law firm," said Dr. Jeffrey Adams, a business professor at BJU who holds a law degree from North Carolina Central University. "I always say lawyers can do anything, but actually, the work is most often done by paralegals."

Skills like law research and writing, interviewing, knowledge of court systems and legal procedures are just a few of the skills that make paralegals so indispensable to attorneys. Communication and interpersonal relationship skills are also a large part of paralegal training.

But law firms are not the only places paralegals can work. Government organizations and businesses are also potential workplaces for paralegals.

Having such a variety of available positions creates job security for the paralegal student.

Kevin Collins, a paralegal studies major, currently works at BJU Press but began paralegal

studies as a backup plan.

"I love my job right now," Collins said. "But basically, looking to the future, if anything happened where I needed to do something else, I thought it was a good fit."

But possibly the most important and appealing aspect of becoming a paralegal is the ability to help others during a stressful time of life.

"Everything you do in life is all about loving others," Collins said. "Sometimes the legal profession gets a bad reputation, but you're basically trying to reach out and help other people when they have a time of need."

Paralegals and others in

the field of law have the power and skills to influence politics, business and other institutions that impact the everyday lives of people.

From defending innocent people in court cases to helping businesses create contracts, the possibilities are endless.

"One of the things we say in the School of Business is that we're training our students for the ministry in business," Dr. Hucks said. "[The paralegal studies program] opens the door for Bob Jones [University] to place Christian students in an arena that will allow them to have an influence."



Dr. Robert Hucks has 26 years of experience in business and entrepreneurship.

Photo: Chris Harmony

business graduates take positions in law firms in the local Greenville community, the BJU faculty saw an opportunity to create a new program specifically designed to train students for paralegal work.

Dr. Robert Hucks, the chair of the Division of Business Administration, was one of the early proponents of the paralegal studies program.

"We began having

such as English, history or math. Students take classes such as Civil Litigation and Property Law.

Because law is one of the fastest growing fields today, the number of job opportunities is also increasing. As assistants to attorneys, paralegals play a critical role in the legal system.

"[Paralegals] are more valuable than most of the



Kevin Collins works at BJU Press while he studies at BJU. Photo: Chris Harmony

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HEALTH & wellness TIPS

with Melanie Schell

Happy Valentine's Day, and More!

We are seeing red this time of year! But red isn't just for heart-shaped candy boxes and roses. Red is also a reminder that February is National Heart Month.

Taking care of your heart means developing life-long habits. Heart disease can begin at any age and research shows evidence of the beginning stages even in young children.

Making sure your diet includes heart-healthy fats, lean proteins and abundant fruit, vegetables and whole grains is crucial for a long, healthy life. Including at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise, five to six times per week, will lower your risk for heart disease even further.

Take care of your heart—for yourself and for those who love you.