

# the Collegian

Vol. 33 No. 16 | collegianonline.com

Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614

## March honors, celebrates women's historical impact

Joanna Scoggins

STAFF WRITER

March 1 begins the annual celebration of Women's History Month, as designated by presidential proclamation in 1995.

This March is also the 32nd anniversary of the law passed by Congress under President Ronald Reagan declaring March as Women's History Month in the United States.

Dr. Brenda Schoolfield, chair of the Division of History, Government and Social Sciences, said she believes that a month to celebrate women's accomplishments is a month well spent.

"There is certainly reason for anybody to celebrate what women have done in history and throughout history," Schoolfield said. "To ignore

See **HISTORY** p.4 >>



Design: Ben Clemmons

03/06  
2020

@thecollegianbju  
/BJUCollegian

## THE WEEK

### Daylight Saving

Daylight saving time begins this week-end, so be sure to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.

### International Women's Day

March 8 marks International Women's Day.

### College Up Close

On March 12 and 13, BJU students will have the opportunity to host prospective students.

### CoRE Conference

CoRE Conference will take place March 9 and 10. See Katie French's article on page three for more information.

### Cosi Fan Tutte

Cosi Fan Tutte will be performed in Ro-deheaver Auditorium March 13 and 14. Tickets, which can be purchased at [bjuniversitytickets.com](http://bjuniversitytickets.com), are \$16 per adult and \$8 for students and faculty.

## Two Americans in China share perspectives on coronavirus

Jewel Schuurmans

STAFF WRITER

Two American men living in the two most highly populated cities in China have shared how the presence of the coronavirus directly affects their daily lives and the communities they live in.

The coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, began as a pneumonia of unknown causes and has progressed from a story of hundreds infected in China to a narrative of tens of thousands infected worldwide. As the question of a pandemic status jumps between headlines, many find the barrage of information and speculation alarming and wonder how the disease would impact their communities.

These two men, whose real names have been removed for their safety, gave



This Chinese taxi driver's sign is a patriotic and motivational message to the passengers. The bottom left-hand corner says, "Hang in there," or literally, "Show battle feelings." Photo: Submitted

their perspective on the situation in China.

One man, whom we will call "Matthew," moved from

Maine to China in 2017 as an ESL teacher and lives with his newlywed wife on the outskirts of Beijing, about 11

hours from the believed outbreak epicenter in Wuhan.

See **VIRUS** p.6 >>



Comic: Hanna Buckland

the Collegian

Bob Jones University  
Greenville, SC 29614-0001  
www.collegianonline.com  
www.facebook.com/BJUCollegian

The Collegian is the Bob Jones University student newspaper. The paper is published weekly with issues out on Fridays. For advertising information contact Jonny Gamet: (864) 242-5100, ext. 2973 jgamet@bju.edu All contacts © 2019 Bob Jones University.

Editor-in-Chief  
Troy Renaux

Content Editor  
Christina Laird

Staff Writers  
Anna Grace Casillas  
Katie French  
Callie Parker  
Vicki Olachea  
Daniel Quigley  
Andrew Schmidt  
Joanna Scoggins  
Jewel Schuurmans  
Sidney Seiber  
Olivia Thomas

Photo Editor  
Charles Billiu

Photographers  
Chris Harmony  
Robby Jorgensen  
Mark Kamibayashiyama  
Andrew Pledger  
Lindsay Shaleen

Staff Designers  
Ben Clemons  
Sam Hixson

Comic Artist  
Hanna Buckland

Web and Social Media Editor  
Hannah Davis

Advisers  
Betty Solomon  
Lewis Carl  
Hal Cook

Ad Manager  
Jonny Gamet

The Collegian Editorial  
Empowered Women Empower Women

Sexism. Wage gap. Sexual harassment. Human trafficking. Gender bias.

With International Women's Day next Sunday, Women's History Month underway and the #MeToo movement coming back into the media spotlight with the Harvey Weinstein trial and verdict, this terminology and more are often on the forefront of people's minds.

While we are blessed to live in a country where women can live and travel independently, participate in the political realm and voice their opinions, many women live in countries where these freedoms are not available.

For example, in Saudi Arabia, women can't marry without their male guardians' approval. Saudi women are required by law to wear certain clothing, cover their hair and limit make-up. The country only recently changed its laws to allow women to drive and to travel without a male guardian.

In comparison, women in America are empowered—a term meaning that women have the freedom to control

their own lives and make a difference in their society. But while we've improved significantly regarding respectful and equal treatment of all women, some issues are still unresolved.

In His day, Jesus elevated the status of women, which was countercultural. He spoke freely to women in a world where speaking to women—especially women who were not Jews—was shocking and frowned upon. He healed and taught women just as He did men. In a culture where women's testimonies meant nothing, He made sure that women were the first witnesses of His resurrection.

If Jesus treated and valued women equally to men, how much more should that encourage us to do the same? So we should all agree that men and women alike should be able to live safely, successfully and without discrimination.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case—here in America and even beyond.

But instead of protesting, complaining or simply waiting for change, here are ways to empower the women around

you—ways to make a difference, no matter how small, in the lives of women you know and love.

Support nonprofits that support women's issues.

One in three women worldwide face physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime, according to the World Health Organization.

Many nonprofits, such as the Carolina Pregnancy Center, Save the Storks and Destiny Rescue, focus on supporting and rescuing women and children in need.

Whether the nonprofit helps women and children out of abuse and human trafficking or supports women through pregnancy, they depend upon donations and volunteers to keep the organization running.

And there are others—organizations that help women improve business skills, that give children school supplies and that bring clean water to those who need it around the world.

Choose a nonprofit that supports the cause you're invested in, because women and children who are safer, healthier and better educated

will be more able to become successful and make a difference themselves.

Speak up for women in the workplace.

According to PEW Research Center, women are three times as likely as men to experience sexual harassment in the workplace. Additionally, 42% of working women say they have faced discrimination because of their gender.

If you see something that's not right, stand up for what's right. The more people who speak up, the more likely change will take place—and the workplace will improve.

Champion women.

When you see someone do something great, say so. Celebrate women's achievements in the workplace and beyond. Let their achievements inspire you and others to learn and improve. Advocate for a female coworker's promotion. Encourage them and give them compliments.

Jesus, in a time period where women were

See EDITORIAL p.3 >>

TALKBACK

Why is it important to observe Women's History Month?



Olivia Mulder  
JUNIOR

To inspire future generations with stories of women's success and the way they have pulled out of tough situations.



Jared Miller  
JUNIOR

I believe that too often the contributions of women that have impacted society today go unnoticed.



Abby Hutton  
JUNIOR

Women often go unrecognized in history books, so this month is the chance for their accomplishments to stand out.



Bethany Canterbury  
JUNIOR

It's important because little girls aren't learning about the accomplishments of women until they're a college kid like me.

Photos: Charles Billiu



»» From **EDITORIAL** p.2  
considered inferior, used women as moral examples to follow in His parables and teachings. In this male-dominated culture, Jesus valued women

as equal in the eyes of God and just as capable, smart, godly and hardworking. By building each other up and spreading positivity, you can encourage others to do the same and you

can help women to become more successful. **Show appreciation for women.** Many studies including ones done by PEW Research Center show that women

tend to do more household work and office "housework" compared to men, and this work frequently goes unnoticed and unpaid. Directly acknowledging this work allows women to be

seen at work and appreciated at home. So thank your coworker, mom, grandmother, aunt, sister, wife—any woman in your life who has helped or encouraged you.

## COLUMN



Vicki Olachea  
STAFF WRITER

I really like superhero stories. I love stories about people who have the power they need to really make a difference in the world. I love seeing horrible people get their due retribution. I especially love underdog stories, where the superhero is not as powerful as the villain, like in Marvel's Daredevil. I love

Matt Murdock for his exacting of justice, both through the legal system and outside of it. But I can only watch superhero stories. I am not extraordinarily powerful like Matt Murdock. But neither were Esther and Mordecai, and they saved an entire nation. Like fictional superhero stories, the story of Esther and Mordecai feels somewhat unattainable for me. I am ordinary, just like them, but I have not been given a position of great influence or power. When faced with injustices in this world, I feel powerless to right them. Every time I read the book of Esther, I find myself encouraged by the great story of God's power but unsure of my ability to participate in His redemptive narrative. Then during one of my readings I was struck by Esther 10:3, the very last verse in the book. This verse, after stating Mordecai's new position as second in command

in the entire kingdom, declares that Mordecai lived out his days "speaking peace to all his seed." And that is how it ends. With Mordecai "speaking peace." The phrase struck me as a bit anti-climactic. Speaking peace? Not "fighting evil" or "ensuring justice" or something equally as awesome as literally saving both the life of the king and the lives of all the people in his entire nation? What does "speaking peace" even mean? My first observation of the phrase was its use as a greeting. The word "peace," or "shalom," is a traditional Jewish greeting. Mordecai literally greeted his kindred, all the rest of his life. Anti-climactic, right? But then I realized that this may have been a big deal in Mordecai's time. The book describes just how awful it was to be a Jew in Persia. I mean, Mordecai literally had to fight for his life as well as those of his whole nation. Esther feared to reveal her

nationality to her own husband. Clearly it was not easy for Jews to be Jews under the Persian king's reign. Nevertheless, Mordecai never backed down. Although Esther did not reveal her heritage for a time, Mordecai seems to have taken a more declarative stance for his people. He may not have advertised, but Haman certainly knew that he was a Jew. Haman targeted Mordecai, and eventually his people, but Mordecai refused to compromise his beliefs. How long had Mordecai been speaking peace to his people? My guess is that Mordecai had been greeting his brothers and sisters long before he had a secure position of authority. He wished his brothers peace. He reached out to the people he could help. He used the traditional Jewish greeting, probably long before it was safe to be a Jew in his country.

As I wondered about Mordecai's stand, I remembered another somewhat striking phrase, this one at the end of Galatians 5:23. After the fruits of the Spirit comes the statement, "against such there is no law." No matter where you are, no matter what is going on around you, no one can stop you from speaking peace. No one can stop you from doing what God commands you to. No one can stop—or in their right mind, should want to stop you—from putting good into the world, whatever small amount you can, even if the good you can give is just a simple greeting. Mordecai did not need his position to speak peace. And even after he was given a position of influence, he ended the way he began, doing every amount of good in his power in even the smallest way. Speak peace.

# CoRE Conference tackles addiction epidemic from a biblical perspective

Katie French  
STAFF WRITER

BJU Seminary will host the 2020 CoRE Conference—"New Life: Hope & Help for an Addicted World"—to provide teaching on various subtopics of addiction including substance abuse, pornography, social media obsession and eating disorders. This year's conference will seek to educate and equip pastors, Christian school administrators and teachers, lay people and students about how to detect and deal with addictive behaviors. "The goal of the conference is to make connections between people who come from the outside, pastors [and] Christian leaders, along with our people who are here," BJU Seminary Associate Dean Dr. Neal Cushman said. All students are encouraged to attend the Conference, and service absences are available if they choose to do so. "What students



The seminary hosted the first CoRE Conference in 2015. Photo: Chris Harmony

should get out of [the conference] is a biblical view of life-dominating sins," BJU biblical counseling professor Dr. Jim Berg said. The acronym CoRE stands for connect, renew and equip. CoRE will provide biblical answers to address the real needs of people who feel that they have no hope. Conference speakers include both BJU faculty members and outside guests. Outside speakers include

Dr. Mark Shaw, founder of The Addiction Connection and a leading authority on biblical counseling for addiction; Dr. John Street, president of the board of trustees of the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors as well as chair and professor of the master of arts in biblical counseling at The Master's University & Seminary in California; and Julie Lowe, a faculty member at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation

and a top women's speaker on helping children and adolescents with addiction issues. Both BJU President Dr. Steve Pettit and Dean of the Seminary and the School of Religion Dr. Sam Horn will also speak on the topic of addiction equipped by their evangelism and church ministry experiences. Biblical counseling professors Dr. Jim Berg, Dr. Greg Mazak and Dr. Steve Cruice will also speak from their knowledge of the

subject based on counseling experiences. The CoRE Conference will consist of five general speaking sessions as well as three breakout sessions, each with five topics to choose from that will cover important issues such as temptation, social media addiction in young people and parents, biblical help for those struggling with eating disorders and for those struggling with OCD. Those planning to attend the CoRE Conference must register in advance in order to be admitted and will have access to free books provided at each session. Books will coincide with the topics addressed. Admission is free for BJU students and faculty, and the cost is \$75 for outside guests. The conference will be held in various buildings at BJU on March 9 and 10 with sessions beginning at 9 a.m. Visit [core.bju.edu](http://core.bju.edu) to register and for more information about the conference speakers and conference schedule.

# Pastor John Monroe reflects on BJU education

Callie Parker

STAFF WRITER

Many BJU students have sat under the ministry of Dr. John Monroe as they've attended the church he pastors, Faith Baptist Church.

In 2009, John Monroe



Pastor John Monroe graduated from BJU in 1988.

Photo: Submitted

became the head pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Taylors, South Carolina. Monroe graduated from Bob Jones University in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in pastoral studies and in 1990 with a master's of pastoral studies.

Although he graduated with a degree in pastoral studies, Monroe didn't begin in that major when he came to BJU in 1984. Monroe began as an accounting major.

However, God allowed him to experience some physical difficulties that made him decide to switch his major to pastoral

studies. Monroe also holds a doctorate of religious education.

Monroe said the impact BJU had on him as a student came mostly from the University's environment.

"I really received the discipline that I needed at that time in my life," he said.

He recalled the "physical crisis" the Lord allowed him to experience his freshman year. It was this time in his life, he said, when he really changed his goals to reflect what God wanted for him, and he credited the culture of BJU for allowing him the discipline to make that change.

In his role as head pastor, Monroe has the opportunity to make acute observations about the struggles of the 21st century Christian. Monroe believes the biggest obstacle for the Christian today is the "ease" with which temptations can be acted upon.

"The temptations that the world offers are far more

accessible in this day and age," he said.

Monroe explained how he sees this illustrated in the lives of some of the people he counsels. "Now you have accessibility [to sin] with the promise of anonymity, and that's a very dangerous combination," he said.

Monroe also suggests that because we live in the age of technology, the Bible is not as widely read as it should be. "We're losing some of our 'Bible literacy' in this culture," he said. "There are so many distractions that it's hard to get people to focus on what's important."

Monroe's advice to those who are entering or graduating from college and are wondering how to know God's will for their lives is simple: Just obey God today.

"I think we get caught up in big picture, and we can get overwhelmed," he said. "We have to bring it back down to the simplicity of obeying Him

today . . . I often tell my kids, if I can just manage to get done today what God wants me to do today, then I really believe I'll be where He wants me to be tomorrow."

With such a drastic major change as accounting to pastoral studies was, Monroe wishes to communicate the role each major plays in ministry. "Ministry is a mentality," he said. "A lot of times, we view ministry as what we do or don't do instead of who we are. We're called by God to be ministers of the Gospel, but if you don't have that mentality, you won't get it done."

Monroe encouraged college students to focus on how God can use their specific talents to further the Gospel. Not everyone has to be a ministry major, he said, but all Christians must be ministry minded.

Monroe and his wife Susan met in college. They have eight children and one grandchild on the way.

»» From **HISTORY** p.1

what women have contributed to society is to ignore half of the population."

The celebration of Women's History Month is spearheaded by the National Women's History Alliance. Each year, they have a special theme of commemoration.

Past years' themes have included honoring women in government and public service, women in business and labor as well as women veterans, anti-discrimination activists and advocates for survivors of human trafficking.

This year's theme is the "Valiant Women of the Vote," in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the

19th amendment in the U.S., which protects women's right to vote in the U.S.

The theme will honor not only those in the original suffrage movement in the U.S. but also those who fight today for the voting rights of others.

Schoolfield said early suffrage movement leaders saw the need for the right to vote as the key to getting other reforms accomplished. Women were active in reform movements such as abolition and the temperance movement, which argued to limit or outlaw alcohol consumption and production.

"When [Elizabeth Cady Stanton] initially proposed [women's right to vote], Susan B. Anthony said, 'They're

going to think we're ridiculous. But if we don't . . . call for the vote, what power do we actually have?'" Schoolfield said. "They worked tirelessly and of course passed away before they saw the fruits of their efforts."

The commemoration of Women's History Month began as a Women's History Week in 1982, but Schoolfield says its origins go back even farther than that.

"Women's History Month goes back to International Women's Day, which is March 8," Schoolfield said. "It was first celebrated in the early 1900s."

Schoolfield said women in the U.S. began to celebrate International Women's Day beginning in the 1960s,

followed by the United Nations in the 1970s.

"Women's contributions to society and culture have often been . . . not valued as much because they don't get money for it," Schoolfield said. "Women bear still the bulk of the responsibility for the unpaid labor that is required, that's necessary, for our culture to exist and continue."

Schoolfield said she looks up to all the nameless women in history, such as schoolteachers and nurses.

"Men have to work too, but women's work is something that has been overlooked as not as important," Schoolfield said. "Thus, we've had kind of an incomplete history of humanity. So, focusing on what women have accomplished

gives us a [fuller] picture of where we have come from and how we got to where we are now."

Schoolfield recommends looking up women in different fields, such as science, math, the military or social work, to celebrate Women's History Month, as well as reading Esther and Ruth or studying other women in Scripture.

"Even talk to the women in your family," Schoolfield said. "Talk to your grandmother. If you're lucky enough to have a great-grandmother around, talk to your great-grandmother. I think that will give you a richer picture of what life [was] like for your family."

## Honoring Women's History Month

# AMELIA EARHART

"Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."

Amelia Earhart, American aviation pioneer and author and the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean





# BJU cinema students take 2nd, 3rd place in 24-hour film competition

Daniel Quigley  
STAFF WRITER

Two teams of cinema production majors took second and third place in the National Religious Broadcasters' 24-hour film competition in Nashville on Feb. 26.

Competing against multiple Christian colleges, the eight students wrote, shot and edited short films within a single day.

Brandon Riddell, a senior, directed the second-place team of Gaby Gaduh, Paul Meyer and Emily Porter, all juniors.

Mark Kamibayashiyama, another senior, led the third-place team including junior Faith Boardman, senior

Chantel Dewar and sophomore Marshall Hammer.

Although Riddell has acted in a 24-hour project before and participated in other time-pressured film projects, he said directing this type of film was a new experience for him.

"[I wasn't] necessarily worried about functioning," Riddell said. "It's just different for me being a leader in this kind of environment."

The competition began at 9 a.m. on Feb. 25, and teams had to turn in a finished short film by 9 a.m. on Feb. 26.

"You have to write, shoot, edit, export and hand in a finished short film in the next 24 hours," Riddell said. "It's really down to just scheduling it all

out very tightly."

When the competition began, the teams were given elements they had to include in their films. All the short films needed to include a theme of hope, a balloon and the line "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift from God, which is why we call it the present."

"That's the whole difficulty with a 24-hour film competition like this," Riddell said. "You can't write it beforehand."

In order to prep for this event, Riddell said he thought through character ideas that his team could easily stick into a story the day of the event.

"It's hard to really solidify anything," Riddell said.

Additionally, Riddell tested



Marshall Hammer edits video in the competition.  
Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama



Brandon Riddell directed the second place team consisting of Emily Porter, Gaby Gaduh, Riddell and Paul Meyer.  
Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama

the equipment they used before heading to the competition. He shot footage and put it through the process they eventually used for their film. His team also gathered music and sound effects ahead of time.

"When we get to post-production, we can just throw it all together," Riddell said.

All the films from the competition will be available for viewing on Facebook.

In addition to competing, the eight students attended the National Religious Broadcasters convention for the week. The convention is the largest Christian communication event that gathers Christian media makers from radio, television and film industries together for screenings, workshops and networking.

Riddell said he was looking forward to seeing who he

would meet at the convention.

Speakers at the convention included Attorney General William P. Barr; Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee; Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos; former Arkansas governor and former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee; Dr. Jay Sekulow, counsel to President Donald Trump; actor Kevin Sorbo; Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias and film directors Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon, who directed films such as Unplanned and God's Not Dead.

The convention ran from Feb. 25 to Feb. 28.

BJU students have competed in the 24-hour competition in the past, placing first in 2018 and second in 2017.

North Greenville University, another South Carolina-based Christian college, placed first in the competition.

## FEBRUARY

Olivia Thomas  
STAFF WRITER

### Coronavirus Update

As of Wednesday this week, Coronavirus outbreak numbers continue to rise, and the number of affected countries has reached 70. The total number of cases worldwide is currently over 94,000 and the number of deaths is over 3,200.

There are currently over 130 confirmed cases and nine deaths from the virus here in the U.S. In China, where the outbreak began, officials reported only 125 new infections and 31 deaths this past Monday. This is the lowest number of infections and deaths reported since Jan. 20.

South Korea now has more than 5,600 confirmed cases and 35 deaths. Iran is up to almost 3,000 cases and 92 deaths,

while Italy reached 2,500 cases and 79 deaths. Japan, Germany, France, Spain and other countries have announced cases of the virus as well.

The International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern." Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar II declared a public health emergency in the U.S.

Li Wenliang, a Chinese doctor who is reported to have been the first to recognize and warn the public about the Wuhan coronavirus, died from the virus on Feb. 7, 2020.

**Germany Shooting**

The city of Hanau, Germany, was left shaken after a 43-year-old gunman shot and

killed nine people. The suspect opened fire at two shisha bars located in immigrant areas of the city. Police found the suspect dead in his home, alongside his 72-year-old mother. Both died from gunshot wounds.

**U.S. Election Update**

The Democratic presidential candidates debated in Nevada on Feb. 19. The six Democratic candidates had a heated debate, with Elizabeth Warren attacking Michael Bloomberg about his alleged history of sexism and Vice President Joe Biden and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar for their connections to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, also had heated discussions.

Meanwhile, U.S. Intelligence

Agencies warned that Russia might be attempting to interfere with the 2020 election. These reports come after Trump announced Richard Grenell, current U.S. Ambassador to Germany, would be stepping in as Acting Director of National Intelligence.

**Israel Election Update**

Israel had their third presidential election on March 2 after two elections in 2019. As of Wednesday, there was no clear majority. Results are expected to be confirmed by next Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu announced new plans to build thousands of homes in East Jerusalem, an area considered by the international community to be the capital for a future Palestinian state. Netanyahu's plan is backed by President Donald Trump's new Middle East plan,

which recognizes a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital. These announcements come as Netanyahu faces a criminal trial beginning March 17, two weeks after the election.

**Afghanistan Negotiations**

The U.S. signed a peace deal with the Taliban last Saturday. American peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar signed the agreement, which could result in American military withdrawing from Afghanistan.

However, since the deal, the U.S. conducted an airstrike against Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, who were accused of attacking an Afghan National Defense and Security Forces checkpoint, according to the U.S. military.



>> From **VIRUS** p.1

Matthew said he first started to realize the magnitude of the coronavirus outbreak when the government offered ticket refunds to discourage travel on Chinese New Year Eve.

Visiting one's hometown to see family during the New Year is an important tradition in China and is encouraged to facilitate family bonds for the good of society. Matthew said he knew the government wouldn't be discouraging travel unless the situation was serious.

Now his city is under strict regulations to prevent further spread of the disease, including barricades around every apartment complex and individual restrictions against non-residents.

To get through the single gate in his apartment's barricade, Matthew walks through a tunnel of diffused disinfectant.

"Once I'm outside, there's really no place to go except for the neighborhood store,"

Matthew said.

To reenter his apartment block, he submits to a temperature check, shows an ID card proving he lives there and passes back through the disinfectant tunnel.

Matthew said although everyone was very afraid early on, at this point most people are tired of staying home and want to return to work as soon as the situation clears.

For those who are still going to work, there are more precautions to limit the danger of exposure to and spread of the virus.

According to an English translation by thebeijinger.com of the official Beijing Fabu WeChat account, officials in Beijing released a list of rules for the workplace. The 10 safety rules include limiting elevator rides to 50% capacity, not facing others during meal-times and checking temperatures daily.

Mandatory preventative measures aren't limited to the workplace.



Residents must go through the disinfectant tunnel at the community gate in order to enter their neighborhood. Photo: Submitted

Another man, whom we will call "John," is an administrator at a large public research university in Shanghai. John said that not only are daily temperature reports mandatory in the university housing but that leaving assigned buildings is strongly discouraged and requires an explanation.

A recently implemented citywide health measure requires an app on people's phones that shows which public places they have been to and whether there have been infected people in those locations. John said without the app, you can't enter most places.

Regardless, there is not much incentive for leaving. John said many businesses have closed, including a shopping mall across the street from his building.

A large fence was built on its perimeter and a guard in a hazmat suit takes people's temperatures visiting the sole open supermarket and convenience store

inside.

John said the university usually houses about 10,000 students, but right now there are a few hundred at most. "The offices are closed, the campus dining halls are closed, everything is closed," he said. "My kids are also unable to return to school."

All schools in China are closed by order of the government, and students are taking their courses on a national online cloud classroom announced in a press release by China's Ministry of Education.

But according to China Comment, a state media website, maintaining routine education is not the only consideration of the government.

"The current fight against epidemics is a magnificent classroom for children," the article said. "We need to guide the younger generation to observe and reflect on reality and build a correct worldview, [outlook] and values."

Because of the thorough quarantine measures, traveling to or from affected countries is either difficult or impossible.

John's wife was in the U.S. visiting her sister when the epidemic began and doesn't know when she will be able to return to her husband and children, and Matthew faced a dilemma when he needed to temporarily exit China to renew his residency visa.

John said there can be a temptation to be afraid as well as irritable or impatient during unusual situations.

But despite the unknown, he said Christians are grasping the chance to share the Gospel.

"I'm thankful that God is sovereign over all these things!" John said. "We all need God's grace to continue to demonstrate the character of the Gospel."

Matthew said that he also sees the coronavirus epidemic as a big opportunity to talk about faith in God amongst the Chinese people, something considered taboo under normal circumstances.

"I think a general awareness of the frailty and brevity of life has been raised in the public consciousness," Matthew said.



This barricade blocks the road out of a rural village. Photo: Submitted

# sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 7 |   | 1 |   | 9 |   |   |
| 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   | 8 |   | 6 |   |   | 3 |
|   | 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 9 | 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 3 |   | 1 |   |   | 7 |
|   |   |   | 9 | 8 | 2 |   |   |   |
| 4 | 7 |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |
|   |   |   |   | 3 |   | 1 | 5 | 6 |



Garlic is in high demand in China as people add it to their cooking in order to boost immune systems. Photo: Submitted



# Bruins golf teams spring into tournament-packed season

Anna Grace Casillas  
STAFF WRITER

The Bruins golf teams are back in full swing as they enter their spring season.

The women's golf team hosted the Bruins Spring Invitational Tournament on Feb. 22 at the Rock Golf Club in Pickens, South Carolina, while the men's team opened their season on Feb. 24 at the Columbia International University Spring Invitational in Columbia.

The men's team entered the spring season hoping to rebound from a difficult fall, where they placed in the top three at only one event. The team is smaller this season, having lost two players at the end of first semester. The six remaining players will compete in five tournaments across Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina.

Isaac Childreys, a sophomore child growth and development major, said that since the spring season does not involve a post-season competition like regional or national championships, the team is using this season to rebuild and get experience for the national tournament in the fall.

"We have a couple freshmen on the team, so having them compete in tournaments like this is really good for experience and confidence,"

Childreys said. "We want to have fun and build so that we can hopefully compete next season for a national championship and put another banner on the wall."

Coach Dennis Scott said the colder weather often makes it challenging to post scores similar to those that the team shoots in the fall season. "Even with those conditions, we still have some competitive goals to reach and continually strive to improve with each tournament," Scott said. "I want the spring season to be motivational going into the summer off-season so the team members will come back in the fall at peak performance levels."

The women's team comes into the spring season after a historic fall season, with sophomore Kate Matthews, a business administration major, becoming the first female golfer from BJU to compete at the NCCAA National Tournament. She then became the first female golfer in BJU program history to earn All-American honors as she finished fifth overall at the tournament.

The team now hopes to carry the momentum of Matthew's successes into this season, as the team competes in four tournaments—one in South Carolina, one in Alabama and two in Georgia.



The Bruins golf teams were established in 2013. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

Coach Scott said the women's team has the strongest spring season schedule they have ever had. "They will need to rise to the challenge and keep a strong focus on improving with each round regardless of where we stack up against other teams," he said.

Rachel Brown, a sophomore nursing major, said the women's team has been working hard to improve and develop its game in order to prepare for the fall season. "I'm personally hoping this

season I'll be able to shoot my lowest score in a tournament," Brown said.

In the first tournament of the season, the Bruins Spring Invitational, the team finished in third place overall. On the individual leaderboard, Matthews finished second overall, only two strokes off the tournament winner.

Both the men's and the women's teams competed in the Faulkner University Invitational on March 2 and 3 for the first time in program history. The tournament

was held at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, the largest golf construction project ever attempted, consisting of a collection of 26 golf courses at 11 different sites across Alabama.

The Alabama golf course is named for its architect, Robert Trent Jones, who constructed or reconstructed 400 golf courses across the U.S. and in 35 countries around the world. More than three dozen of Jones' courses have been used in national and international tournaments.



Josh Swartz is a freshman biblical studies major. Photo: Chad Ratje

HEALTH  
& wellness  
TIPS  
with Melanie Schell

### Happy National Nutrition Month!

Yes, it's a real thing! March is the month which recognizes the crucial role that healthy eating habits play in our lives. The theme this year, "Eat Right Bite by Bite," implies each meal and each bite we take is an opportunity to make an improvement.

Also implied is the concept of slow but steady progression. It's not the wild sweeping changes that win

the day; those are often abandoned very quickly. It's the small steps that we take which give us the confidence to then take bigger steps, which then propel us toward real sustainable change in our health.

So take this new month as a chance to set one new health goal. Challenge yourself to change those bad habits, one bite at a time!



# Faye Lopez, Miriam Patterson and Terry Pettit find their callings at BJU

Jewel Schuurmans

STAFF WRITER

Women serving God at BJU find their own unique paths to accomplish God's will for their lives. Three BJU women who came to their ministries from different perspectives, expectations and backgrounds have found their callings to be family- and God-centered—whether in music, language or ministry.

Most of us know her from her regular appearance as the chapel pianist. Faye Lopez, faculty member in the Division of Music, started playing piano in junior church by the time she was 8 years old. At 12 she was working with her siblings to help a young couple start a church by teaching Sunday school and playing music, and in high school she got a job playing music for a

even if we have to work extra hard at something else," Lopez said.

After she graduated from BJU with an undergrad degree in church music and a master's in piano performance, she and her husband traveled for 12 years with musicians Mac and Beth Lynch on the Wilds Evangelistic Team led by evangelist Dr. Tom Farrell.

Lopez also helped them begin The Wilds' successful publishing ministry by writing music and compiling songbooks, Christmas programs and choral music.

After playing in a couple of churches and teaching piano students while raising her kids, Lopez returned to BJU where she has now been teaching and playing piano at Bob Jones University for 18 years.

Lopez is not the only alumna to return to BJU as faculty. Although Dr. Miriam Patterson, a faculty member teaching Spanish, thought she would return to her home in Mexico once she graduated from BJU, she found God calling her to stay at BJU with her future husband and pursue her passion for language.

When she graduated with an undergrad in French and a master's in personnel services, she took a teaching position at BJU while her future husband Jeremy Patterson finished his master's degree. He then took a teaching position as well. The couple has worked in the Division of Modern Language and Literature together for the last 15 years.

About five years into their marriage, her husband, after receiving his own doctorate, encouraged her to get her own. She acquired her doctorate soon after giving birth to her second of three children—one could even say during it.

She had almost finished her dissertation draft by the time she was in the hospital in the beginning stages of labor, and the doctor asked if they could bring her anything to make her more comfortable. "I said, 'A computer, please,'" Patterson said. "They were like, 'What?' and I said, 'I just need to complete this, forget about it and have the



Faye Lopez has been ministering through music since she was 8 years old. Photo: Andrew Pledger

baby."

So they brought her laptop, she finished and submitted her draft and gave birth.

Patterson said she balances her family and work with her keys. "When I come here to work, I open the door [with my keys], and I concentrate: this is work," Patterson said. "As soon as my day is done, I close the office, and I forget about work and go home."

Patterson and her husband decided to immerse their children in the languages they love and work in. Only Spanish and French are spoken in the home, and English is used at school. The Pattersons also bring their children with them to almost every University Language Association event, including foreign film showings.

Patterson said as much as she admires the role models she has in her life, her family with her husband and kids cannot be copy-and-paste.

"We are our own culture now, we're forming what works for us as a family," Patterson said. "And that's [true] for every single family; you take on things you learn from other people, but ultimately you do what feels right for you."

Terry Pettit said she and BJU President Steve Pettit also have a certain way they operate as a couple, and every couple is going to be unique. "I think it's highly individual," Pettit said.

She said she chooses to serve the Lord by supporting her husband, even if that means choosing to forfeit something she might want in order to make him successful.

"God always makes up for what you lose, and sometimes it's a timing issue," Pettit said. "Often God will allow you to do it later; often it's a 'later' thing more than a 'never' thing."

Pettit said she dedicated her life at a young age

through the loss of someone significant to her. "I told God, no matter what, I would serve Him," Pettit said.

Pettit said she did not grow up in a Christian home and that coming from a worldly environment contributed to her insecurity and stage-fright type of innate fear.

Pettit said she thanks God for bringing circumstances into her life that have forced the issue of trusting Him and not being afraid. Over time, she learned to trust God through difficult circumstances and ongoing health issues. "I think He has built my view of who He is and that God is bigger," Pettit said. "When people struggle, I often think they don't see God as very big in their lives."

To handle daily pressure and fears, Pettit said she surrenders them to the Lord and daily seeks to release them to God's care.



Terry Pettit and her husband came to BJU in 2014. Photo: Hal Cook

Christian organization.

"It's always a joy to help people sing more thoughtfully, to get their minds pointed to the text of the songs by the way you play," Lopez said. "I want to inspire people to worship more effectively in the way they think about what they're doing."

When she began to pursue college degrees in music ministry, someone shared concerns with her that she would not be able to make a living.

Lopez said that people in many artistic fields have this concern, but part of being image-bearers is reflecting God's life and beauty in us. She said the problem of financial stability can be helped by finding a second source of income. "If this is God's calling and this is our passion, we can follow that,



Miriam Patterson has worked in the Division of Modern Language for the last 15 years. Photo: Andrew Pledger