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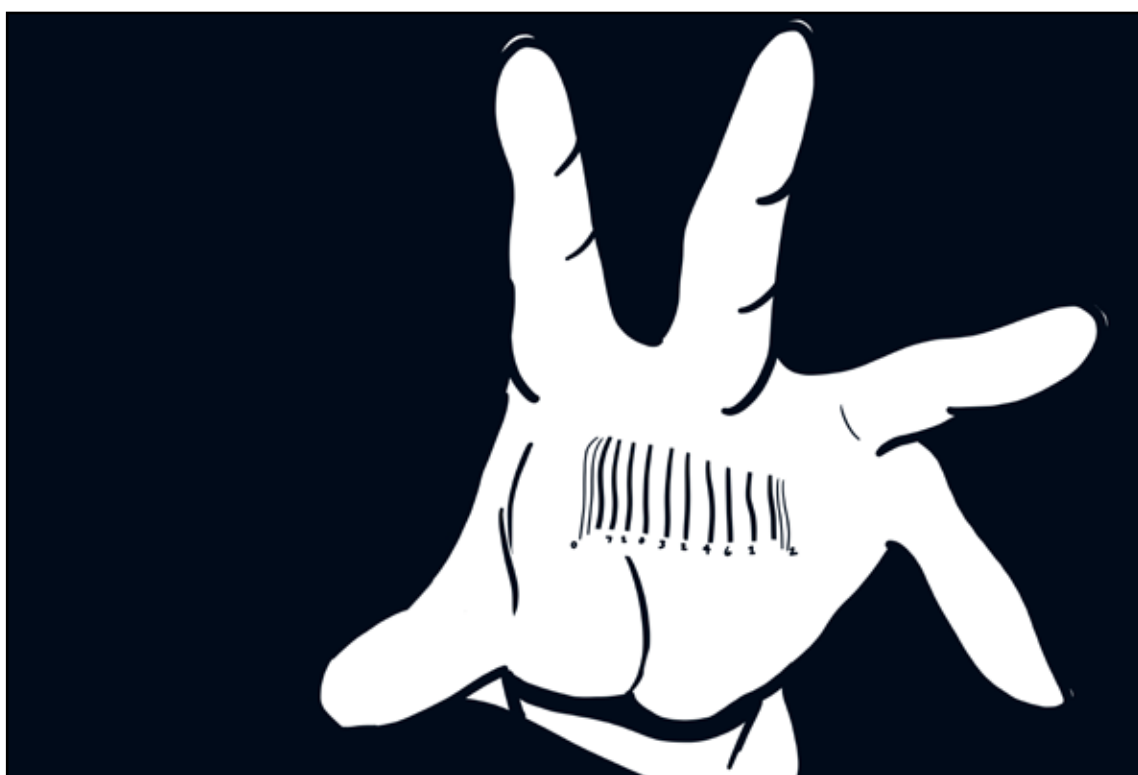
STAFF WRITER

Human trafficking is on the rise in the Greenville area, and BJU students have opportunities to help stop it.

Students can start by educating themselves on the issue. According to statistics from Lyn Jordan, the development coordinator for SWITCH, an organization dedicated to ending human trafficking in the Upstate of South Carolina, South Carolina stands at No. 1 in the nation with the highest level of human trafficking activity.

Within the state, Greenville County has the second largest influx of human trafficking cases, with Horry County

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Human trafficking victims, treated like merchandise, can't always reach out for help. Illustration: Alicia DeMott

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THE WEEK

BJU men's soccer vs Carolina University

The Bruins men's soccer team will play Carolina University at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19. Masks are required for in-person attendance.

New Student Grade Report

First semester freshmen will receive their five week grade report on Student Central on Sept. 22.

Global Opportunities Week

Global Opportunities Week is Sept. 21 through Sept. 25. The week includes a Community Outreach Fair, special workshops and a prayer rally.

Course Withdrawal Deadline

Sept. 25 is the last day to withdraw from a course as a "W" or to change a course from credit to audit. Course withdrawals can be made at the Registrar's office in the Student Services Hub until 5 p.m.

Revised semester calls for creative scheduling



BJU student Anna Tuttle studies in the gazebo. Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama

Madison Floyd

STAFF WRITER

With the changes made to BJU's fall semester allowing students to complete their

work before Thanksgiving, students are finding ways to cope with fewer breaks along the way.

Dr. Matthew Weathers, director of Student Leadership &

Organizations, said due to the threat of COVID-19, the University did not want students going home for Thanksgiving, interacting with thousands of people and coming back to

campus for finals.

"We'd rather have one semester together and then have a long break," Weathers said. "It was purely for COVID-related reasons."

By beginning two weeks earlier than normal and foregoing the Labor Day holiday as well as the highly anticipated first-ever fall break originally scheduled for October, students will still complete the standard 14 weeks of class.

BJU students are used to having breaks within the semester to rejuvenate. This semester, students will have two days of rest, Oct. 15 and Nov. 18, but will also have to adapt to find time to rest throughout the semester. Daniel Conn, senior class representative, said,

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Joanna Scoggins
COPY EDITOR

Facebook is a cancer.

One of my friends told me this several months ago, but I did not agree. I'm a writer and a journalism and mass communication major. Social media has become a huge part of the mass communication world. I've studied it in classes. On a professional level, becoming proficient at navigating the ins and outs of almost any social media platform is essential.

On a personal level, I have friends and loved ones spread out all over the globe. I love being able to stay in contact with them, to wish them happy birthday, to see pictures of my cousin's kids a few states away. I enjoy sharing memes and cool videos with my friends. I like seeing the communities that are built by pages like Overheard. I can enjoy people's creative works and share my own. I get to reflect on memories, to publicly honor those who have had an influence on my life, to laugh with those I love who are thousands of miles away.

What could be cancerous about that?

Except that's not all I get to do. On any social media

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The Collegian Editorial

Black Panther star leaves legacy

The recent death of 43-year-old Chadwick Boseman, an American actor best known for his portrayal of King T'Challa in the movie *Black Panther*, provoked widespread expressions of grief and acclamations of his career accomplishments and the values he stood for.

Boseman, a South Carolinian, spoke as an alumnus at the 2018 Howard University commencement to share some of those values. At the time of the address he had been aware for two years of what would come to be terminal colon cancer, but he had chosen to keep his battle with cancer private as he continued to pursue what he described as personal purpose. Personal purpose, he said, is worth pursuing over the consuming details of career decisions.

"Purpose is an essential element of you, it is the reason that you are on the planet at this particular time in history," Boseman said. "Your very existence is wrapped up in the things you are here to fulfill."

College students, the most vulnerable age group to indecision, often feel the clash between the idea of one's ultimate "destiny" and the usually less-exciting necessity of career-oriented decisions. The opposition between practicality and idealism is a common conflict that leads to uncertainty. We know we should not stifle personal inspiration for the sake of fiscal success, but we also should not avoid responsibility to follow our whims.

A 2017 report by the U.S. Department of Education revealed 30% of undergraduates change their major within three years. In a survey sponsored by BestColleges, 214 out of 817 college graduates said they would change their major to follow their passion and 205 said they would change it to get better career opportunities.

In addition to the indecision that can generally paralyze young adults, young Christians in particular can be tempted to choose to be stagnant in expectation of God's divine direction. They forget that biblical principles are given to guide the use of their free will, not deter it.

Regardless of career, Christians can always fulfill our ultimate purpose by glorifying God. Staying inactive will only limit the spheres of influence we have. There is a time for deliberation and seeking counsel, and then there is a time for action. There is just as much opportunity for Christians to fulfill our purpose in failure as in success, and sometimes the defeat is what furthers us the most.

As Boseman, a man who knew he was dying, said, "Sometimes you need to feel the pain and sting of defeat to activate the real passion and purpose that God predestined inside of you." He quoted Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

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TALKBACK

What is your favorite instrument and why?

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"The human voice, it has the most pure and natural sound."

Anna Kelly
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"Piano, because it calms my soul."

Austin Bates
JUNIOR
"Piano, because you can play multiple notes at once."

Ben Weber
JUNIOR
"Voice, because I can play it and it's the most fun."

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platform, but on Facebook specifically, I get to have a voice. I get to communicate in a permanent, worldwide way at the touch of a button.

I also get to have ears. I can read people's opinions, beliefs and convictions simply by scrolling. I can tune in to thousands of conversations about thousands of different topics with thousands of different opinions.

And those two things can be very dangerous.

My friend told me Facebook was a cancer after I came away from scrolling through my feed almost in tears. I was rapidly losing respect for people I loved based on what they posted on Facebook. Sometimes it was angry political posts or harsh condemnation of opposing views. Sometimes it was "fake news" or conspiracy theories with unreliable sources shared as if they were fact. Sometimes it was personal attacks on other people or myself.

Sometimes it was simply a different opinion on something I felt strongly about.

I didn't let myself cry for very long, however. Instead I wiped my tears and set fingers to my keyboard. I broke hard and fast personal rules I had abided by since I first created a social media account at age 16 and started posting pointed, angry posts over different current events. I started commenting on posts or worse, responding to negative comments. I kept scrolling, and I kept getting angrier.

In the past, I had used my Facebook primarily to share posts praising God, prayer requests, or just a funny story I hoped would make someone laugh. Now I was calling people out, shouting my opinion from the rooftops, and in the words of my friend, "being emotionally manipulative."

I felt powerful. I felt like a suffragette standing on the soap box, fighting for what

I believed in without caring what it did to other people's opinions of me, my reputation or my testimony. I had a voice, and I was going to use it to shake the world awake so they could see why they were wrong.

After all, that was biblical, wasn't it? Proverbs says that an open rebuke is better than hidden love. We are called to speak truth, are we not? How are we supposed to share the Gospel if we don't speak? How are we supposed to share the truth of God's word if we don't use our voices? How are we supposed to promote love if we don't open our mouths?

Except that's not what I was doing. Proverbs also says, "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." Many, many verses in the Bible caution against opening your mouth. Why? Because "he that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." Because "he that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but

he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction."

Because "death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Is it wrong to express your opinions on Facebook? Was I sinning by standing on my metaphorical soapbox?

Yes and no.

I had to find a balance. The pen is mightier than the sword, indeed. I'm a communication major. I spend my days sitting in front of a computer, writing literally thousands of words a week. It's my job, my delight and what I believe is my calling from God. But when I let myself and my pride get in the way, it can also be my destruction.

When I speak the truth in love, then I am following Scripture. But if I am passive-aggressively posting my thoughts in response to a difference of opinion with someone else, rather than approaching them personally, I am not following the dictates of Scripture.

I still struggle with this. I scroll through Facebook, and I get angry. I get sad. For me, finding balance looks like scrolling less. It looks like evaluating the motivation and attitude behind my posts. It looks like stepping back and thinking before posting in the heat of the moment.

And it looks like sharing my praise of God far more often than my political opinion.

Is Facebook a cancer? I don't think so. It's an extension of the tongue, and therefore powerful: hard to control. It can be used for good, just like your words can be. But while it holds the power of life, it also holds the power of death.

As with all communication, find the balance of speaking truth in love. Fight for what you believe in, but do it in the right spirit. Find your soapbox, but pour over your speech in prayer and caution before you step up to the platform. Your words are powerful. Treat them with the care and respect they deserve.

WHAT IS IT? | ULA

Jessica Lovely

STAFF WRITER

The University Language Association is a student-run organization that provides help and language-learning opportunities to all Bob Jones University students.

Any BJU student can be a member of the ULA with no membership dues. In addition, any student taking a foreign language course is automatically admitted to the ULA as a member. The languages represented by the organization are the ones the University offers as classes—Chinese, French, German and Spanish.

Daniel Hudson serves as ULA student president with four additional officers—Virginia Gilbert, Melena Jenks, Rachel Franklin and Mikenzie Glover—each representing one of the languages offered at BJU.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, chair of the Division of World Languages and Cultures and faculty sponsor for ULA, said, "We want to give a variety of opportunities to our students who are taking language and culture courses."

As one of these opportunities, the ULA will host a linguistics seminar Oct. 13 at

7 p.m. in Levinson Hall, focusing on language change and how languages develop over time. Dr. Grace Hargis from the Division of English Language and Literature will be the keynote speaker.

Hudson said linguistics seminars connect linguistics to the study of modern languages. "At [BJU] there has not been much interaction between the linguistics and world languages departments . . . and it made sense to me that those studying individual languages should also think about the study of language itself," Hudson said. "There are so many overlaps between the two fields."

The ULA also does film screenings in various target languages and will have two different screenings in the 2020 fall semester. The first screening will be a French film, and the second will be in German, with English subtitles provided at both screenings.

Another learning opportunity is language dinners every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in the dining common. Some students use these dinners to develop their own language skills or expose themselves to other languages. Others use

the time at these dinners to fulfill the conversation time requirement for their language course.

Katelyn Lain, a junior English major with a Spanish minor, met several of her conversation partners at language dinner. "It gave me good conversations with people that were at lower levels but also higher levels as well," she said.

A new opportunity at these dinners is the incorporation of

American Sign Language. ASL students are now able to converse and practice with each other at the language dinners.

ULA encourages students to try attending church services or participating in ministries conducted in the students' target language. This allows students to be immersed in their target language and see the cultural differences fleshed out in worship and fellowship.

Lain said the reward for learning languages is talking to people. "Language is all about people," Lain said. "If you care about people, then you'll want to be around different cultures and different personalities."

Hudson said, "We don't just study languages or have the ULA so we can have fun, we do it because there is serious and wonderful work to be done studying part of God's creation; so we can bring Him glory."



BJU students Lili Genatt and Casandra Gollihar communicate in sign language. Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama

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having the highest number.

According to the South Carolina attorney general's office, the number of human trafficking cases in South Carolina has increased 363% since 2018. This may be explained by Interstate 85 and Interstate 95 running through South Carolina, which are major corridors for transporting victims to other states. The Internet has also accelerated the growth of the human trafficking industry.

Human trafficking is defined as one person being sold to another, and it can happen for a variety of reasons, including sexual exploitation and enslavement. According to statistics from SWITCH, the global human trafficking industry earns \$150 billion annually, with \$90 billion of those profits coming from sex trafficking. The U.S. is the source of 99% of that \$90 billion.

The average entry age for a trafficking victim is between 12 and 16 years old, and many victims can continue to be trafficked into their 30s. While most victims are women and girls, 25% of victims are male. Trafficking can happen in any place including clubs, massage parlors, malls and neighborhood corners. There are 10 strip clubs, 17 illegitimate massage parlors and 22 escort services in the Upstate of South Carolina alone.

Any person can be a trafficker. Many victims are trafficked by a member of their family, their significant other or another person they are familiar with. In most cases the

trafficker has developed a relationship with the victim over time in order to better coerce or trick them into trafficking, according to Greenville County Sheriff's Officer Jonathan Bastoni.

South Carolina is No. 1 in the nation for familial trafficking, according to Zaina Greene, the executive director for SWITCH. Victims are often trafficked by people close to them rather than being snatched by strangers.

"What we are looking for is unhealthy relationships, whether that be a boyfriend whether that be a best friend," Greene said. "It can be male, it can be female. It can be young, it can be old."

The magnitude of these numbers can seem astronomical, but South Carolina is improving. Shared Hope International, which releases a report card regarding the status of human trafficking in each state in the U.S., named South Carolina the most improved state in 2019.

So, what can BJU students do to combat the growth of these crimes and continue improvement?

First, students need to be aware of the situation. Jordan said receiving a good education and being able to recognize the signs of abuse and exploitation are crucial.

Victims of trafficking and exploitation may display sudden shifts in behavior. They may appear anxious, withdrawn or detached. They may be excessively monitored or controlled by a family member or an older partner. And

they may have inconsistent schedules or be unable to tell another person details about their daily lives.

Second, students should be aware of their own activity both online and in the community. Students should go with a group of people when leaving campus, and while off campus they should be aware of the surrounding area and any suspicious people that may be around. When on social media, students should be cautious about who they are interacting with especially if the other person is a stranger.

Last, students can donate to organizations who provide victims of human trafficking with living spaces, transportation, personal necessities and the means to purchase food, clothing and toiletries. Organizations located in South Carolina include SWITCH, Doors to Freedom, Lighthouse for Life, Palmetto Family and Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center. The BJU Community Service Council donated to SWITCH for the homecoming fundraiser in 2019.

To all BJU students as well as any victims of human trafficking or friends and family members of victims, Jordan had one thing to say.

"There's hope," Jordan said. "Make a call. Call us because we can help."

If a student believes someone they know is being trafficked, they should contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline or the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force.

TRAFFICKING STATS

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry globally. \$90 billion of that is sex trafficking. The U.S. is the source of 99% of that \$90 billion. Strip clubs are a form of trafficking and exploitation.

The Attorney General's office says HT cases in SC increased 363%. One website advertised over 3,700 local women for sale.

1 (888) 373 7888 National Human Trafficking Hotline or text 233733 (BeFree)

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1960 Senior Class Gift

The mural above the entrance to the Science Building is a mosaic featuring the various branches of science. The piece, which includes the smaller mosaics on either side of the large panel, was designed by former BJU art faculty member Emery Bopp. It was assembled by the art department, including former faculty members Darell Koons and Carl Blair, as the 1960 class gift. A stem and leaves, a microscope, an atomic model and other symbols reference the sciences, while the words "day unto day uttereth speech" and "night unto night showeth knowledge" provide the context of science as a form of glorifying God.



1998 Senior Class Gift

The two-piece relief panel on the entrance to the Sargent Art building depicts Creation week in intricately sculpted brick. The piece features monochromatic lines and patterns woven in harmony to feature the sun, stars, plants, animals and humans associated with each day of Creation week. Jay Bopp, chair of the Division of Art + Design, said David Appleman, an artist and former BJU faculty member, sculpted the work out of wet bricks which were then fired and assembled. The piece was made as the 1998 class gift.



2020 Senior Class Gift

The abstract climbing vine mural in the Mack Building runs extensively along the wall of the lobby staircase from the bottom floor to the top. Nathan Hutcheon, art director in the marketing department, worked on the project with Laurilyn Hall, who teaches interior architecture and design and was consulted for work on the new Mack Building. The two were approached by a few seniors who wanted to make a gift from the class of 2020 that would have some lasting impact, Hutcheon said. The seniors collaborated with Hall on the theme for the piece, drawing from studies on the impact of nature on the healing process as well as the biblical motif of Christ as the origin of life.



The Murals: Three Senior Class Gifts

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"I think this is something new to adapt to for students who have been here for years."

Conn advises students to stay close to God, spend time with friends and find time to get their studies done. "The biggest thing that helps me get through a busy semester is having a good schedule," Conn said.

Some students are unhappy about this decision while others do not mind the change. Weathers said a big concern for students is missing out on Christmas at BJU. "Some students have made requests that we have Christmas before leaving campus for Thanksgiving break," Weathers said. "Some are

happy because they get to go home and have more time with their family."

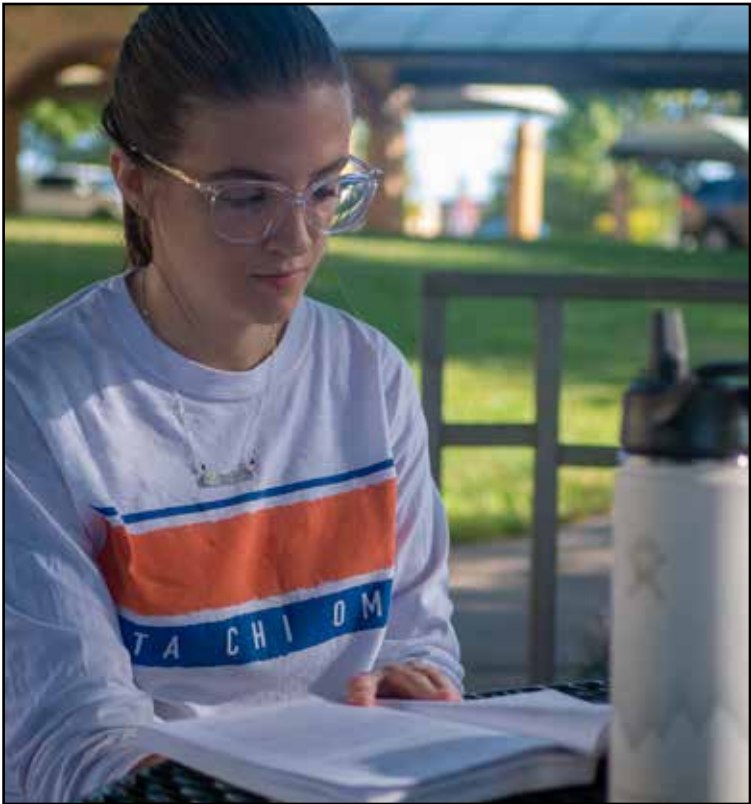
Aline Zimmer, women's student body president, said students should be intentional with their time and get homework done early. "Pray for strength and have consistent time in the Word," Zimmer said. "Find encouragement from the church and allow your church family to build you up."

Philip Adams, a freshmen adviser, said students should prioritize their assignments as well as their health and social life. "Time management is something students need to focus on because it is easy to lose motivation over time," Adams said. "It requires a lot of self-discipline, and you

have to have a mindset to keep going and not give up."

Weathers said when it comes to students' time, they should invest rather than spend. "Invest in whatever helps you to be refreshed," Weathers said. With a busy semester with few breaks, Weathers said it is crucial to focus on one day at the time. He advises all students to take a break by participating in Bruins Spirit Week in October.

Weathers' advice for students is an anonymous quote, "There's daily grace for the daily grind." "It is essential to have faith in God and remember that his mercy is new every morning," Weathers said. "God knows that students need daily grace."



Emma Pope reads her textbook. Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama

Library changes catalog for efficient resource access



Mack Library has hundreds of thousands of books, periodicals, reference materials and more. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

Katie French
STAFF WRITER

BJU's Mack Library is now using a new catalog system that allows students to search for material on every available resource at the same time.

The library's new catalog system is called INDY, short for Information Discovery. Students can use INDY to search for resources in Mack Library as well as over 50 library members of PASCAL—a partnership of South Carolina academic libraries. In addition, INDY provides access to journal articles from any database that the library subscribes to. "It combines all of the available resources into one search," said Bryan Tyson, Mack Library's technical services coordinator.

Students can request any resource outside of Mack Library through PASCAL Delivers. If unable to locate a

resource through PASCAL, students can request an interlibrary loan that may extend to a number of libraries, including some located in museums and on military bases.

BJU has had some unique experiences through this system. "Probably the most exotic [interlibrary request] we [have had] in the recent past was from the National Library of Czechoslovakia," Tyson said. This library requested a book on art forgery that Mack Library was able to provide them on loan.

Mack Library has also implemented a new hold system. Now, rather than having to physically retrieve a book off the shelf, students may make a request online and pick up the book when available. "It's another service we can offer

to help students have a more convenient research experience," Tyson said.

Tyson encourages students to visit the library for assistance in searching for resources on various topics or even just to find a quiet place to study.

Many books are on reserve as research resources for projects in specific classes and can be checked out for two hours. Professors can also place copies of their own books on reserve for their students, often upperclassmen. These books are called "personal reserves" and can only be used in the library building while checked out for the two-hour time frame.

To gain access to the Mack Library's online resources and its new catalog system, students can visit library.bju.edu.

STAFF PICKS

Dr. Miriam Patterson
Professor in the Division of World Languages and Culture

What Do I Know About My God? by Mardi Collier
"That book has been very encouraging and inspirational. It is very practical too, and it gives great advice about knowing more about God through the reading of the Scripture."

Dr. Alan Benson
BJU Vice President for Student Development and Discipleship

Lectures to My Students by Charles Haddon Spurgeon
"These 28 chapters bring to light Spurgeon's keen insight and sharp wit as he shares profound wisdom and sage advice about life and living."

Dr. Robert E. Lee, Sr.
Faculty member in the Division of Natural Science

Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results by James Clear
"[The book] shows many examples [of] how a daily intentionality (be one percent better every day) makes huge long-term improvements."

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BJU student Lydia Campbell looks for a book. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

Bruins welcome freshmen team members to rosters

Zachary Haynes

STAFF WRITER

Bruins have recruited 77 freshmen or transfer students to eight of their sports teams this year, ranging from baseball to cross country and volleyball to basketball. These three freshmen are just a few of the promising athletes joining the Bruins' ranks.



Micah Hennegan was born in Barriguda, Guam. Photo: Hal Cook

Freshman soccer player Micah Hennegan is ready to take the next step as a new player on the Bruins' men's soccer team.

Born in Barriguda, Guam, Micah had multiple opportunities to play soccer before coming to Bob Jones University. In Guam Micah had the opportunity to play soccer for Guam's national team. Through this experience he was able to learn and grow as a player. He traveled to many different countries and gained valuable experience that now helps him with his time here at BJU.

Micah said that moving to the States to play soccer has created a challenge.

"One of the challenges is [that] in Guam and across the world, the soccer is more strategic . . . but over here at BJU and in the States, soccer is a lot more physical, and that's something I have to adjust to," Micah said.

Though this is a new challenge, Micah is confident he can succeed as a freshman this year on the team.



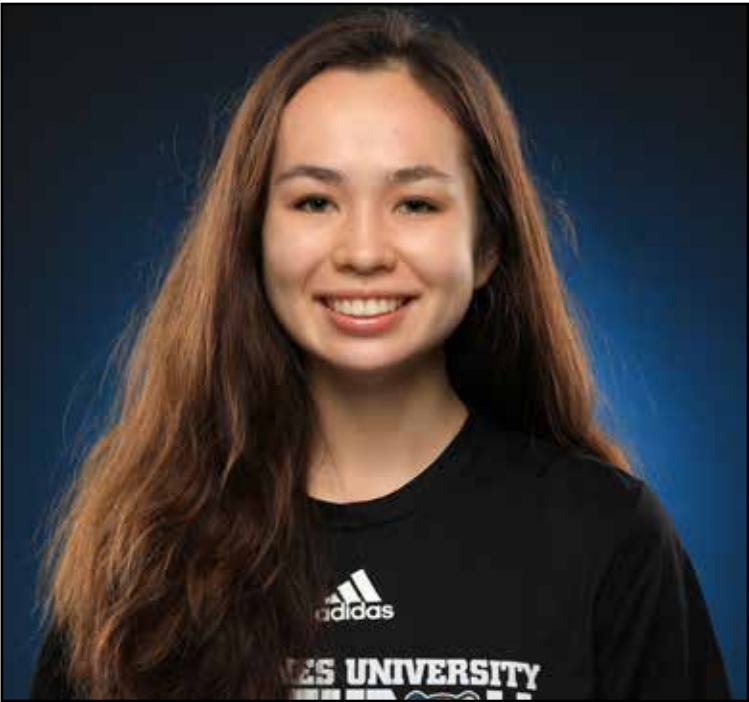
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Freshman volleyball player Aya Cathey has had an interesting journey on her way to Bob Jones University.

Aya lived in Japan for the first 10 years of her life before moving to her home in Yona, Guam. During her middle school and high school years she was a multi-sport athlete. She ran cross country and played soccer and volleyball, but later on in her high school years, she decided to put all her focus into volleyball.

After deciding to come to BJU, she was met with a dilemma: should she run cross country or play volleyball? "Playing cross country has always been in the back of my mind, but I knew God wanted me to play volleyball for BJU this year," Aya said.

While she is currently on the reserve team for volleyball, Aya hopes to improve this year and help the team for the upcoming year and the years ahead.



Aya Cathey is from in Yona, Guam. Photo: Hal Cook



Katelyn Ashmore is from Canton, Georgia. Photo: Hal Cook

Katelyn Ashmore, freshman soccer player, is excited to get her first season underway.

Born in Canton, Georgia, Katelyn has been playing soccer since she was young. Through her high school years, she played junior varsity soccer for one year and varsity for her last three years. This year one of the challenges she is excited to face is improving on the technical aspects of soccer.

"Speed is definitely one of my strengths for soccer, but with that speed I've never been the most technical or skillful when it comes to the ball," Katelyn said. "That is one of the things I really want to improve for this season."

Katelyn will be working hard to improve upon the skills that she knows and the new skills she is trying to learn.

HEALTH + WELLNESS Tips



Jonah Woo
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Exercise Boost

Finding the time to get your blood pumping can be difficult with a stressful and busy college workload, but the benefits of physical activity are worth the time. Exercise is a quintessential aspect of life. By exercising regularly, you not only

boost your mental health and mood, you also lower your risk of serious health complications like heart disease. Besides, participating in outdoor activities allows you to take off the stuffy mask and enjoy time in community with others.

Staff spotlight: Hal Cook photographs BJU's essence



Hal Cook has photographed the BJU campus, its students and everything related for 18 years. Photo: Hal Cook

Abigail Vork

STAFF WRITER

Students may know Hal Cook as the man who took their headshots the past two weeks, but his role is much more extensive.

The man behind the camera is the supervisor of the photo team in the marketing communications department at BJU. The work of the photo team involves documenting events and BJU offerings for BJU published materials, social media and the website.

"My primary purpose here is marketing and making

sure things are running smoothly [in that department]," Cook said. Another big part of his role is helping student photographers understand what good quality work is and getting their work shot and delivered on time. He works as the photography adviser for the *Vintage* and *The Collegian*.

Cook said he didn't plan to work at BJU when he graduated from the business program in 1990 and began his career in commercial photography. "My bread and butter was product photography,

shooting little trinkets," Cook said.

Cook said his time working in commercial photography taught him what good quality work looked like. He realized that there were not many Christians in the field. "My desire was to come here and train Christian photographers to go out and work in the workplace and spread the Word," Cook said.

Cook began working at BJU in 2002. His role initially consisted of shooting for *Vintage* and all BJU academia as well as doing portrait

photography. At that time, weddings in War Memorial Chapel happened every Friday and Saturday through the summer and once a month during the academic year. Cook would photograph for the school during the week and then work a wedding on those weekends.

When BJU created a photography minor, Cook taught multiple photography classes on top of being a full-time photographer for the University. Although he has since stepped away from teaching classes to be a full-time photographer,

he has assisted in a photojournalism class and enjoys getting to see students gain practical knowledge through the classroom experience.

Cook said that every teacher should be able to promise at the beginning of the semester that they are going to do their best to teach something to the students that they do not already know. One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching in the classroom for Cook is the satisfaction that comes from teaching students something they did not know and seeing them finally get it. "The joy was always seen when the lightbulb came on," he said.

Cook's job also entails working with important people in the community. "The responsibility is there," Cook said. "The privilege is there. It's a full package."

Because of the nature of his job, people Cook has never met have stopped him to comment on his work. "It just goes to remind you that what you do, whether you realize it or not, is getting watched," Cook said.

Cook believes that the most recent thing he photographs should, in a sense, be his best and most exciting work. He fondly remembers photographing the Bruins' starting season as well as Othello, which hit the front cover of the Sunday paper. He credits his success to the work of collaboration. "It's not just what I have done. It's what other people have done with me and working together as a team," Cook said.



Hal Cook graduated from BJU. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



Hal Cook takes a picture of BJU student Gretchen Seelenbinder. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen