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Faculty speak on today's social issues

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The first of three Faculty Forums scheduled for this semester, "Can Culture Cancel History?" was presented in Stratton Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The next two forums, "Protest and Democracy" and "Medicine, the Media and Politics," will take place Oct. 27 and Nov. 10, respectively.

Dr. Gary Weier, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said the significant events taking place in our country make it critical to model biblical thinking by addressing the issues in these forums.

He and other faculty also believe that engaging the events of today and evaluating them in a biblical light is part of the unique educational experience offered at BJU.



The six participants were socially distanced on stage at the Oct. 20 forum. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

Linda Abrams, faculty member in the Division of History, Government and Social Science, said, "We want to illustrate that there's biblical teaching that speaks into these current issues . . . and

how do we interact with people with whom we disagree."

Weier said another reason these forums are so important is because so much of our generation's information comes through social media

where many times people present only extremes or biased views. This content gets views and likes on social media because of its sensationalism, but it causes great harm

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Downtown restaurant opens amid pandemic



The Maestro Bistro & Dinner Club is located at 104 S Main St. Photo: Olivia Thomas

Vicki Olachea

STAFF WRITER

As students returned to Bob Jones University last August after a long period of isolation, community and connection became especially important. For Maestro Bistro & Dinner Club, a new restaurant in Downtown Greenville, that same need for community became the driving force behind a triumphant opening during the pandemic.

Arielle Salley and Samuel Dominguez, the married couple who own the restaurant along with Salley's mother, Nicole, originally planned to open their restaurant in March. They were celebrating

the upcoming launch when they got a call from a friend telling them to turn on the TV. With mounting horror, they watched as the governor shut down Greenville's non-essential commercial activities as a precaution against COVID-19.

One of their first thoughts, Salley said, was what to do with all the food they had ordered for the opening of the restaurant. Since most of the inventory purchased for an upstart restaurant is perishable, they found themselves eating well during quarantine—but decided to share the overflow with the community.

"We cooked for the community, we cooked for our

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THE WEEK

Concert Chorale

The BJU Chorale, led by Dr. Warren Cook, will present its annual fall concert today at 7 p.m. in FMA. Programs are available on the BJU Division of Music Facebook page.

Ignite

Ignite will be held tonight from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Women's Volleyball

The Lady Bruins volleyball team will play Brewton-Parker College at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The game will be livestreamed.

Spring Semester Preregistration

Spring semester preregistration period opens on Oct. 26. Students will receive an email from the Registrar's Office informing them when they can submit their trial schedules.

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COLUMN



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I learned a new take on perspectives through the story of an anesthesiologist who claimed that God Himself was the first in her profession. If you questioned her, she would explain: in Genesis 1, God put Adam into a "deep sleep" in order to operate on his rib.

So, God was the first anesthesiologist. And through this unconventional take on God's work in the garden, I began to consider the value of perspective—specifically the value of alternate perspectives. This question eventually took me to Ephesians 4.

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The Collegian Editorial
Purity extends beyond virginity

Christian college students are faced with the challenges of purity in their lifestyles on a daily basis. While the concept of purity involves so much more than just virginity, the two are often unfairly equated.

Jesus says in Matthew 5:28, "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." This verse immediately lumps acts such as viewing pornography and indulging in sexual fantasies and lust into a category of sins that defile one's purity of heart and mind. We know that explicit song lyrics, sexual jokes, and immoral sexual contact in movies, television or books are wrong. But we don't think of them as damaging our purity because we're not doing those things: the character on the screen is. These excuses damage our purity just as swiftly as sex outside of marriage.

Christians are called to be "holy" or "set apart" in purity as Christ is holy. Sexually, this means being pure in body, heart and mind, but ultimately purity means letting our love for God and others be manifested in our lives. How we guard our bodies, minds and hearts sexually is an outworking of this purity, but purity should also be seen in many more aspects of our lives. 1 Peter 1:22 says, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

Because purity means so much more than just virginity, this concept is crucial for those who have been sexually harrassed, abused or raped. Our purity is not affected by the choices of others and does not depend on whether or not we have been sexually abused. God

does not judge us for the wrongs done to us by others.

For example, Jesus Christ was physically, mentally and emotionally abused during His trial and crucifixion and He knew and loved His abusers more than we will ever love or know another human being. The emotional trauma of being abused by someone you loved that much is unthinkable. Christ was stripped and made to remain naked on the cross for around six hours. This forced indecent exposure was humiliating and degrading, and by modern standards, a form of sexual harrassment. Yet Christ was still pure. If He had not been pure, he would not have been able to take the punishment for our sin. But Christ was, is and always will be the standard of purity and holiness.

He cleared the way for all of us to attain purity. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," says 2 Corinthians 5:17, and this applies to sexual sin as much as to any other. Our sins, while they must be repented of and turned away from, are covered by the blood of Christ! Christ showed love and compassion to those struggling with sexual sin. In fact, He was descended from several women and men who also struggled with sexual sin - Rahab, Tamar, Judah, David, Bathsheba, Solomon and more.

God doesn't justify sexual sin, but He does give hope for those struggling. We are made clean through Christ of all our sins, including sexual ones. "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11).

TALKBACK

Why do you like going to Bruins games?



David Bush
FRESHMAN

"Because it's fun and we beat PCC."



Nina Gasparik
JUNIOR

"I love cheering. The hype. The fans."



Jahn Horgan
FRESHMAN

"You gotta be out there to support your team & your friends."



Gracie Woodfin
SOPHOMORE

"I like the unity aspect and the memories I make with friends."

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In Ephesians 4:1-6, Paul exhorts the church to live together in unity because we are all one body. This emphasis on unity encapsulates the differences we have in perspectives; occasionally, those differences in perspective are on how to live out the Christian life.

For example, some churches differ on how often we should observe the Lord's Supper. Since the Bible does not directly state how often the Lord's Supper should occur, Christians choose to dwell in harmony despite their different opinions on the issue. Both brothers serve the same God, Who has saved them (Romans 14:3).

These kinds of differences are a strength of the church, for two reasons: one, they keep us from the danger of becoming stagnant, and two, they provide us with a variety of ideas.

First, alternate perspectives keep us from becoming

stagnant. They don't change the truth; they only refine our knowledge through defense of the truth. Not hearing these alternate perspectives leaves us in danger of groupthink. Christians should learn to love each other despite differences on how to apply biblical truth, just as Christ loved us despite our imperfection.

My brother or sister in Christ may have a view that simply annoys me. But this difference in view keeps me from making a wrong interpretation of the Bible and then never challenging that idea. What if the other view is right? As we all strive to discern God's Word correctly, listening to alternate perspectives on that Word forces us to search the Scriptures to be sure of our beliefs. In Acts 17:11 the Jews of Thessalonica were praised for fact-checking Paul himself, who wrote Scripture, on doctrine.

Second, our differences also become a strength through variety of ideas. We

have morals that are directly revealed in the Bible as right or wrong--such as God's principle of the sanctity of human life ruling out abortion. But there are other issues that are not directly revealed in Scripture, such as how to go about fighting the sin of abortion.

Here is where our differences become our strengths. One Christian may be comfortable with running a crisis pregnancy center in opposition to abortion clinics. Another might not be able to do that but may believe directly changing the laws allowing abortion is the better way to end it. Neither perspective is wrong. In fact, both are ways to promote God's principle of life. While differences in perspective may seem something we must learn to cope with, they may actually be a source of strength for the church as a whole.

And as we learn how to deal with differences in the church, we are prepared for

dealing with differences in perspectives in the world.

Dealing with alternate perspectives in the church is inherently different from dealing with those in the world, because in the church we agree on God's authority and truth. But the lesson of the two strengths of perspectives in the church can teach us valuable lessons on how we should deal with others outside the church.

First, learning to love our Christian brothers with different perspectives teaches us to love those in the world with vastly different perspectives. In the non-Christian world, there are a lot of perspectives, many searching for answers to life's biggest questions, crying out for an audience. We are not here to give an audience to falsehoods; but we do need to point people to the Gospel, from wherever they are. Often the best way to start is to learn where they are, perhaps by listening to these

questions.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:18-23 that he became "all things to all men," so he could save some. He famously put this to use on Mars Hill, when he preached to the people of Athens using their own religion as a reference point. If we are to be wise in giving the Gospel, we need to know our audience's perspective.

Second, we learn to discern what we can value in an alternate perspective and what is wrong. Some issues we simply may never have personally experienced, making it difficult for us to know exactly how to communicate God's truth to someone with questions on that issue. Hearing the perspective of someone who has directly experienced an issue can be valuable to us in reaching out to that person with God's truth.

In the end, learning to listen opens up doors to new ideas and new opportunities for the Gospel.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Gamet balances ministry, family

Ashley Dougherty

STAFF WRITER

Kathryn Gamet, recently named head of the journalism and mass communication department, guides students along their career aspirations in JMC and works to incorporate her family into that ministry.

Since high school, Gamet said she has loved different forms of communication. She took communication classes, had experience in public speaking and wrote for the school newspaper. Gamet said she knew she enjoyed looking for news and finding stories, but she wanted to mold these passions into a career.

Gamet said, "I competed [at BJU] as a high school student in the high school festival competition in the TV editorial where I got to write my own script about a current event and then perform it in the TV studio." This competition opened new doors for Gamet. "I loved it, and I loved the aspect of looking for the story, writing the story and performing the story," she said.

After discovering this passion, Gamet wanted to become a reporter but said that God changed and directed her path. After graduating with a bachelor's in radio and television, the program that preceded the current JMC major, Gamet stayed at BJU to

get her master's in broadcast management while working as a graduate teaching assistant. "I really loved teaching, and I never thought I would," Gamet said.

After she finished her master's, BJU offered her a position in the JMC department. "I

realized I could still be in the field I love while also helping others love it too," Gamet said. She began her work as a full-time faculty member in 2009.

Today, Gamet focuses on the video and broadcasting side of JMC. Gamet said, "I advise [students], and I also

work with the TV staff . . . and give feedback on stories they have created."

Gamet said, "During a normal year, it probably wouldn't be much different than what I've been doing . . . but this year, it has been a lot of researching and planning for

our program review." Every five years, each department goes through a program review year to evaluate their current status and where they can improve.

Gamet's favorite thing about her position is being able

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Kathryn Gamet teaches one of her two sections of Fundamentals of Broadcasting in the JMC department TV control room. Photo: Olga Manyak



WHAT IS IT? | PPO

Madison Floyd

STAFF WRITER

The Public Policy Organization on the campus of BJU is giving students a better understanding and appreciation for politics through livestream events, a voter registration drive and reviving debate teams.

Jonathan Valadez, senior international studies major and president of the PPO, said, "The Public Policy Organization is a student organization dedicated to helping students think critically about their ideas and opinions that

they hold." While the organization has been in existence for five years, Valadez is attempting to restore the organization to the original value its now-graduated founder, Micah Chetta, intended.

For example, the organization used to host annual voter registration drives, something that Valadez was able to restore this year.

"It went fantastic," Valadez said. "We registered more than 100 students to vote." The PPO has continued to host several successful events this semester, including the recent livestreams

of the presidential debate and the vice presidential debate.

The PPO will also be hosting an event with U.S. Representative William Timmons on Oct. 26 in Levinson Hall at 6:30 p.m. Timmons is the representative for the 4th District of South Carolina, where BJU is located.

The PPO is also going to bring back debate, which used to play a big role in societies. Communication faculty member Jeanine Aumiller will assist members in organizing their points logically and thinking critically on subjects.

Brenna Wynn, senior communications major and vice president of the PPO, said she hopes the organization will help students communicate their ideas better and discuss different opinions on issues without coming across as aggressive and unprofessional.

"We want certain skill sets to be developed," Wynn said. "No matter what career or what you end up doing, once you graduate, you're going to have times where you might disagree with a coworker or someone else about a different topic." Wynn said she wants the organization to be easily accessible to students. "We want there to be an open discussion so that students can vote with a biblical mindset," Wynn said.

Ryan Parimi, a junior English major and student coordinator of the PPO, helps plan special events throughout



Ryan Parimi hands out questionnaires. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

the year, like the presidential debate viewing in the activity center that over 300 students attended.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," Parimi said. "We want to create the opportunity for students to have the ability to see both sides of something. In the time we live in, it's really easy and really common to see everything from one point of view." Parimi encouraged anyone who wants to learn about how our government works and learn about public policy to join the PPO.

Linda Abrams, a faculty member in the Division of History, Government and Social Science and sponsor of PPO, teaches political science courses at BJU,

has served on several political campaigns and worked as a political commentator for several national and international media outlets. "My role in the PPO is to provide advice and make sure that the organization stays on track," Abrams said.

Abrams said the purpose of the PPO is to promote civic responsibility. "Political issues do matter," Abrams said. "Who we elect and what those people represent is what is put into law." Abrams said Christians have a civic responsibility to participate and be aware of culture and politics. "We're trying to look at both sides using critical thinking to come to conclusions about various issues," Abrams said.



Senior Joseph Sell attends a PPO meeting. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



Information on the spring 2021 debate team was given to new and returning students who attended a mixer hosted by the PPO on Oct. 18. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

Dining In

Students at college are often away from home and good home-cooked meals, but many students find creative ways to make good food without spending too much time or money. Bob Jones University students shared some of their best recipes and food tips for eating well in the dorms.

The microwaves in the dorm snack rooms are one of the easiest tools available for making good food. Many students scramble eggs, make quesadillas, cook vegetables and bake mug cakes in the microwave. Ramen, a staple food of college, can be cooked in the microwave and combined with butter, garlic and frozen vegetables to make a delicious soup.

Ingredients like some fruits, vegetables, lunch meats and bread can be brought from the dining common. Others can be easily bought at the store and stored in mini-fridges or cupboards.

Rice cookers, small slow cookers and small blenders are also useful tools to invest in for students who want to make delicious and filling meals from scratch. Here are some students' favorite recipes.

Macy McArthur's Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients:  Cook Time: 15min


- 1 rotisserie chicken, shredded
- 1 block of cream cheese
- 1 cup of buffalo sauce
- 1 cup of ranch
- 2 cups of cheddar cheese

Rice Cooker Banana Chocolate Chip Pancakes

Ingredients:  Cook Time: 30min

- 1 package of pancake mix
- Water, according to directions on pancake mix
- 1 banana
- 1 handful of chocolate chips


Rice Cooker Brown Sugar Oatmeal

Ingredients:  Cook Time: 20min

- 1 cup of old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
- 1 handful of pecans

*Add cream if preferred

Katie French's Blender Peanut Butter Banana Smoothie

Ingredients:  Cook Time: 5min

- 1/3 cup of almond milk
- 1/2 banana
- 2 tablespoons of peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon of honey

Laura DePace's Rice Cooker Mac 'n' Cheese

Ingredients:  Cook Time: 20min

- 1 cup of pasta
- 1 cup of water
- 1/3 cup of milk
- 1 cup of shredded cheese
- 1/4 cup of cream cheese

Laura DePace's Rice Cooker Mac 'n' Cheese:

Pour pasta and water into rice cooker and let cook according to pasta instructions. Drain excess water after noodles are cooked. Add milk, shredded cheese and cream cheese. Stir before serving.

Macy McArthur's Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Dip:

Add chicken, cream cheese, buffalo sauce, ranch and cheddar cheese to slow cooker. Cook until cheese is melted, stirring occasionally. Serve with chips.

Rice Cooker Banana Chocolate Chip Pancakes:

Add water to pancake mix according to package instructions and mix well. Slice banana. Add pancake mix and sliced banana to rice cooker. Add chocolate chips and stir. Cook in rice cooker until underside is browned. Flip pancake and cook until underside is browned. Serve with syrup if desired.

Rice Cooker Brown Sugar Oatmeal:

Add oats and water to rice cooker and let cook. Add brown sugar and pecans and stir. Add cream to taste if desired and serve.

Katie French's Blender Peanut Butter Banana Smoothie:

Add all ingredients into a small blender and blend until mixture is at a desired consistency. Add more ingredients to taste.

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Kathryn Gamet

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to see students grow. She gets to know students as freshmen, then watch as they follow God throughout their futures.

"I get to teach the freshman level course[s], and then I also get to teach courses the whole way up," Gamet said. "I love getting to see people come in with no knowledge of the program . . . and progress through and grow, and then get jobs in the industry."

Gamet shares this passion with her husband, Jonny Gamet, whom she met when both were students at BJU.

"He was in the same major, and he was my cameraman when I was an anchor," Gamet said. Jonny Gamet now works as the BJU sports information director for the Bruins and as an adjunct faculty member in JMC, teaching a social media management course.

One highlight of the Gamets' ministry at BJU is leading the Antigua mission team every other year and working with the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse. "I love that because it is a practical application of using your skills and ability in ministry," Gamet said. Their four children travel with

them on the mission team, and the Gamets also involve their children in another ministry they lead—their church's youth group.

Balancing a busy career and family life can be difficult, so the Gamets have made it a priority to involve their children in their work. "That's always an interesting balance," Kathryn Gamet said. "I love teaching; I also love my kids. And ultimately, they're my top priority." Gamet brings her children to Bruins games to support their father, and she also introduces her children to most of her students.

"I love that they have people to look up to like my students, the athletes, the Antigua team, who are older of course, but also take an interest in their lives," Gamet said. The Gamet children enjoy being involved in their parents' careers and daily work lives.

"I don't choose a ministry or job over them," Gamet said. "We're all in this together."



The Gamets with their four children Julia, Olivia, Josiah and Noah. Photo submitted

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when it is the sole source of information on current events.

"Social media by its nature gives us a very incomplete picture," Weier said. His desire and the desire of other faculty and staff is for this type of discussion—modeled by the faculty forums—to take preeminence over social media and allow spiritual understanding and cultural context to influence the conversations of Christian students, whether the people they are engaging agree or disagree.

"Can Culture Cancel History?" included speakers Dr. Lonnie Polson, Dr. Brent Cook and Dr. Brenda Schoolfield. Polson is a faculty member in the Division of Communication and has taught as a faculty member in the division for 38 years.

Cook earned his undergraduate degree in history and has

conducted extensive research on the indigenous peoples of North America, and Schoolfield is the chair of the Division of History, Government and Social Science.

In addition to these faculty members, Dr. Toney Parks, Sr. Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Greenville, joined the discussion. Through pastoring for 29 years and filling the role of chaplain for the Greenville Police Department, Dr. Parks has gained experience and a depth of social understanding that was an invaluable addition to the forum.

The second forum, "Protest and Democracy," will occur on Oct. 27 and include Lillian Brock Flemming. Flemming is one of the first three African American women to graduate from Furman University. She was a distinguished educator

in Greenville and was the first African American woman to be elected to the Greenville City Council, where she is currently the longest serving member.

Weier said it's valuable to have members of the Greenville community join in to

discuss current events. "[They provide] depth of knowledge and personal experience that . . . will help all of us to understand the significance of these events and how we should think about them."

The third and final faculty forum will be held in Stratton

Hall at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10, the Tuesday after the 2020 presidential election, and will discuss "Medicine, the Media and Politics." This forum intends to examine how the coronavirus, a biological issue, has become a political issue—especially one that is so divisive.



Weier served as moderator for the first event. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

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Bruins runners set program bests

Katie French
STAFF WRITER

Cross country teammates Hannah Peterson and Caleb Davis were both influential in helping their teams break program records at the Koala Invitational in Columbia on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Hannah Peterson, senior elementary education major, broke the program record for a 6K race, 3.7 miles, placing fifth with a time of 23:38.0 and bringing the Lady Bruins to 3rd overall at the Koala SC Classic. Peterson has had other achievements in cross country as well, most notably making the all-American team at nationals last year since she placed into the fifth and final spot on the team.

Peterson describes the few moments before the race as

some of the hardest and most intense. "Waiting for the gunshot is probably the scariest part of the race," she said. Peterson said the race itself is more of a mental game than a physical one. Runners have adequate training but need to maintain positive mindsets to carry them through the race.

Peterson's running experience began after a friend encouraged her to pick up the sport when an injury prevented her from continuing to play volleyball.

Peterson did not initially consider cross country a competitive sport. Once she started running, Peterson said she realized she was mistaken and has developed a love for running competitively. "It is really cool to see how God can use an injury to turn me from one sport to the sport that I am

in now, and how I can love it even more than I did volleyball," Peterson said. Peterson is completing her fourth season at BJU. She has attended college nationals every year.

Caleb Davis, senior sports management major, was the top finisher for the Bruins, placing 21st overall in the 8k race, five miles, with a time of 26:47.1 and setting his own personal record. The men's cross country team placed 3rd overall at the Classic, setting a new program best. Davis has placed all-American in the last three nationals.

Davis realized running was for him after participating in a 5K in fifth grade and ran every year in high school and college. Davis said he really enjoys the social aspect of running with others and likes the competition of cross country as well. His goal this season is to break the school record, which is about 50 seconds shorter than his time at the Koala Invitational.

Both Peterson and Davis really appreciate the unity of the cross-country teams. They both agree that there is camaraderie among the men's and women's teams because they run together and attend the same meets.

Peterson said one downside to the pandemic has been a lack of fan support. Though whether to allow fans is up to the hosts of meets, all of the meets that the Bruins have



Hannah Peterson is from Inman, SC. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



Caleb Davis is from Loveland, Ohio. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



Caleb Davis with track buddies Douglas Stone, Sol Shafer & Seth Cordes. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

participated in thus far have included only competitors.

The Bruins cross country team will host a home meet at BJU on Oct. 31. The women will race at 9:15 a.m. and the men will race at 10 a.m. Fans are encouraged to come watch the races and cheer on the BJU Bruins.

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vendors . . . really just tried to make the best out of it that we possibly could," Salley said.

Sharing food became a way to stay connected to a community that was virtually shut down by COVID-19 until the governor allowed restaurants and businesses to slowly open back up, starting at 50% capacity.

The connections they built through their cooking still show through the restaurant's staff. Although most restaurants have been staffing less due to the limited capacity, Maestro Bistro employs a full staff that all strive to create an environment reaching beyond hospitable. Having acquired a staff, all that was missing was the connection to customers.

Salley said the restaurant started using OpenTable, an online service that provides information and booking for restaurants, to let the community know the restaurant was open. Salley said

social media has also made communication easier. Before long, customers became a central part of the family-run business.

"Greenville needed something positive," Dominguez said about the decision to connect to the community through cooking, no matter the obstacles. That "something positive" has turned into one of the most inviting restaurant atmospheres downtown Greenville has to offer.

The Maestro Bistro was named after the "maestro," or chef. The dining experience is all about connection, a theme obvious from the huge window connecting the kitchen to the dining room. Salley said as they remodeled the restaurant, they opened the kitchen to give the community a view of what goes on behind the scenes.

"The Maestro guides the symphony," Salley said. "A kitchen's really no different from orchestrating a symphony."

From the other side of the

window, Chef Dominguez, the maestro, said he wanted to see the reaction to his culinary creations. The creative elements of the restaurant, renovated by the family themselves, compose a sense of community, giving the dining room a welcoming ambience, while the stylish and classy décor lend an air of fine dining. The restaurant also includes an outdoor seating area in the plaza alongside Nose Dive, another popular restaurant, a short walk from the Westin Poinsett in downtown Greenville.

Maestro Bistro offers a variety of fine dining menu options, ranging from seafood appetizers and artisan salads to high choice steak cuts and ratatouille. Chef Dominguez also enjoys offering novelty dishes or special meats, like wild boar, when the opportunity arises. Students looking to treat themselves—or try escargot for the first time—can find a full menu and book a table on OpenTable.com.

HEALTH + WELLNESS Tips



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Is Your Gut in a Rut?

How about a delicious carton of tomato yogurt?! Don't believe me? Google it - it's the newest flavor to hit the market in Japan!	This is important as the microbiome that exists in your GI tract has a direct connection to your immunity levels.
While tomato yogurt may not make it to your top 10 list, yogurt in general is a great addition to your diet as it provides probiotics to keep your gut health in check.	In the middle of a pandemic, plus a busy academic semester, staying healthy is vital - and eating healthy is one of the most important things you can do to maintain your health!

Current, retired faculty, staff rent housing on back campus

Johanna Huebscher

STAFF WRITER

New residents continue to move into back campus, a collection of over 60 houses behind the soccer fields, joining a community in which some have lived for more than 50 years.

During the BJU presidencies of Dr. Bob Jones Sr., Dr. Bob Jones Jr. and Dr. Bob Jones III, the University provided housing and meals to faculty and staff as part of their compensation package.

Corinne Scott, the property manager for back campus facilities, said, "The agreement was, for faculty and staff, that the University would take care of virtually all their needs." Although BJU stopped offering those options as part of the compensation package in 2005, faculty and staff can rent homes on back campus.

To live on back campus, one must be a full-time member of the faculty or staff and put in an application with the size of their family, the type of housing they want and other standard information. Applicants are then put on a waiting list.

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Since only two or three houses open up for new residents every year, applicants can be on the waiting list for years. A major reason why the homes have such low turnover rates is because roughly half the homes are occupied by retirees, as opposed to short term faculty and staff.

Scott herself has been a resident on back campus for the past four years and has been the manager for eight

years. "I had never done anything like this before, but it sounded like something that I would enjoy so I decided to give it a try," Scott said. "I really do enjoy it."

She noted that people who live on Stadium Drive, the back campus road that is closest to the soccer field, are more exposed to the bustle of the University. "I think the people who live in those houses notice quite a bit of activity

simply because of everything that goes on in the Activity Center and the soccer field," Scott said.

However, people who live behind Stadium View aren't affected much by campus activity. "Students have no reason to come back there. Sometimes people will jog or walk [there] but that happens fairly infrequently," Scott said. "It's not like we're in a fishbowl."

Kate Jones, a senior theater major at BJU, is the daughter of faculty and has lived in her current house on back campus for the past eight years. "In some ways, it's kind of like living in the dorms because I'm right there," Jones said. "I walk to and from my house all the time. My entire life takes place on campus so it's nice to be here."

Dr. Eric Newton moved onto campus 10 years ago when he accepted the position of Dean of Students. He now serves on the faculty of the seminary. He graduated from BJU in 2001 and has worked for the University ever since. "We really enjoy it," Newton said. "Things are convenient, working on

campus [and] living on campus. It's a youth culture and it helps keep you young."

Newton enjoys the convenience of living on campus, including being able to walk to work. "I don't just mean time-wise but that it simplifies life," Newton said. "You are able to connect with people you know, [and] it's accessible for students to come over."

A downside of living on campus for Newton is the lack of witnessing opportunities. "In one sense it's really nice because you have good neighbors," Newton said. "But in another sense, you don't have the same kind of opportunities you would have in most neighborhoods to reach people with the Gospel."

Retiree Gail Yost, who worked for the University for 33 years, also enjoys her neighbors. "Our neighbors are probably among our dearest friends. We have wonderful fellowship together," Yost said. "[The] commonality is our salvation, our love of the University and the years we've been in the ministry. We love being on campus and we love the ministry of the school."



Newton reads a book on the front porch of his home on back campus. Photo: Mark Kamibayashiyama



Scott has been the back campus property manager for eight years.

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