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'Heartbreaking': Chick-Fil-A to close on campus



Senior Katelyn Lain stares in horror at the poster proclaiming Chick-fil-a's imminent permanent, unchangeable, really happening closing. Photo: Robert Stuber and Andrew Pledger

Madison Floyd
STAFF THERAPIST

Say goodbye to Chick-Fil-A's delicious crispy chicken. The fast-food restaurant in The Den at Bob Jones University will permanently close at the end of April, due to their loss of partnership with Aramark.

"The decision was a hard one to make," said Phake Jobs, sandwich testing manager of Chick-Fil-A on campus. "We realized that we couldn't partner with Aramark anymore because we were losing a lot of money due to excessive drink refills. I mean, really, does every student need ten refills of

sweet tea each meal?" Jobs said business also has not been booming like it used to when Chick-Fil-A first opened up in The Den. "We had lines all the way out the door, after chapel every day," said Jobs. "Now, because chapel isn't every day, it's been harder to get any business." Jobs said students

flock to the dining common more than ever, absolutely avoiding the Chick-Fil-A in The Den. "What is it with the food over in the dining common that makes it better than Chick-Fil-A?" said Jobs. "I taste-test at least three hundred sandwiches a day. They're still as amazing as always. I'm a professional.

Ask my mom." Several students and teachers across campus are devastated by the news. Culinary arts major Phil A. Friar said Chick-Fil-A closing down would be the biggest loss of the century. "Chick-Fil-A inspired me to become a See **CHICK-FIL-A** p. 5 >>

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PRINTER WHISPERER

It was one of the biggest days of my life. Perhaps even more so because it was a complete surprise.

I had never met anyone famous before. I had always told myself that if I met a senator or Mark Hamil or maybe even Fanny Crosby (she's still alive, right?), I would be cool, calm and collected. No fangirling, no gushing, no asking for celebrity autographs. All that went out the window when I saw him. In fairness, this was the president.

It was a total shock. The president was in this little Republican through-and-through, Smalltown, Georgia. Famous people don't just turn up there – it would never make it in a Marvel movie, there's nothing there for the Hulk to smash.

Now, don't ask me about my political beliefs. I don't care what side of the aisle you fall on or if you agree with what he's done or not, this was still the president. This man held the fate of thousands in his hands. He could directly influence hundreds of lives with a single

The Collegian Editorial
The question: to speak or not to speak

We live in an age where a person's success can be instantly tanked by things they have said in both the past and the present. We're held accountable not only for intentionally sharing genuinely offensive opinions, but also for things we've said without thought.

"When are you expecting?" "I'm NOT pregnant!" The best intentions, the worst executions. "Wow, you've lost a ton of weight!" Canceled. "Haha! What a ridiculous name." "That's my mother's name." Another mistake.

We have a responsibility to be careful with our words. It's easy to misspeak and easy to be misunderstood. Good intentions can be ill-expressed. Innocent remarks can have terrible timing. Because of our responsibility to guard our mouths, we must limit the possibility for offense. We need to identify dangerous times of day and simply not speak during those hours.

Nine out of 10 doctors in America confirm that when our bodies are malnourished and fatigued, we are 99.99% more likely to say something stupid. The tenth doctor hadn't had lunch yet.

As a result, we realize speaking in the morning is too risky for both the speaker and the listener. Groggy heads, sleepy minds, remnants from a restless night – there are too many variables.

We should also avoid speaking 1-2 hours before any meal when there is any risk of either participant being "hangry," a medical term that describes the emotional disfluency

people suffer when they experience hunger.

Likewise, the last third of the day should be a period of silence because everyone has a weakened tolerance for idiocy when recovering from the rigors of a full day.

Taking these factors into account, the only time for speech should be about 1-1:30 p.m. This prime time is typically directly after lunch when everyone is awake, mildly sedated by food and generally the most tolerant.

This new lifestyle begs a question: won't our productivity be stunted by the lack of communication? Communication itself does not need to be tampered simply by the lack of speech. Eyebrow mobility, hand gesturing and shoulder shifting can easily fulfill all necessary communication needs. The occasional aptly used grunt could aid a more urgent situation, but care should be taken.

Because people have more time to reflect when preparing material versus haphazardly speaking at will, the written word is more acceptable. In classrooms, professors can simply point to their powerpoints and nod in silence.

If students have questions, raising their shoulders, furrowing their eyebrows and grunting can indicate their confusion.

Speakers for events can follow this example by rapidly fluctuating the speed of their pacing on stage while shifting pointing at the projected written material and the audience.

If you implement this new lifestyle, you will help achieve world peace, cure your depression and clear your skin.

decision. He dealt with life-or-death situations on a daily basis. I'm pretty sure if this one individual got mad at me and decided to make me disappear, I'd be gone in an hour. No body, no crime, right?

So, I was nervous as well as starstruck.

He was holding an event downtown at City Hall. I knew he was coming, but I think in the back of my mind, I was convinced it was all a joke. Surely, the president wouldn't actually be coming? It had to just

be his representatives. But just in case it really was the president, I had already decided I wasn't going. I was nervous, awkward and convinced I would pass out if he tried to shake my hand.

My wife practically dragged me to the event by my ear. "It's a once in a lifetime chance!" she said. "You never know what could happen from this! You have to go."

I don't remember what I was wearing – maybe a cardigan – or how I did

my hair or if I had even brushed my teeth. I hope I did. All I remember was sitting down next to my mom and watching him walk up to the platform.

He was in a crisp navy suit, snow white shirt and sky-blue tie. He waved and grinned at his audience as we clapped. His protection detail of secret servicemen lined the stage, very solemn and scanning the crowd for the first wrong movement. They looked very official and

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TALKBACK

What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever purchased?

Photos: Heath Ledger



Allison Dermit
FRESHMAN
"I don't think you can make a bad purchase. Spending money is never bad if it makes you happy."



Liam Aldermen
SENIOR
"Balloons that spelled my girlfriend's name . . . she broke up with me. I hope you see this, Vanessa."



Lisa Mott
NO ONE ACTUALLY KNOWS
"My highschool diploma. Work hard in school kids."



Alyssa Dremont
JUNIOR
"Light-up Dora shoes. My mom told me they were cool. My middleschool crush did not agree."

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professional. There were only four of them, which I thought was strange. We weren't in a big dangerous city like Chicago or New York or Greenville, but still. We were in Smalltown, Georgia. I had lived there for years. I knew for

a fact that just down the street lived a man who ate his neighbor's cats, though she had so many she never noticed. Especially since most of her cats were really opossums that didn't know she had claimed them as her babies. A block over lived the woman who offered all the children candy

that we were warned never to take. And two streets away was the house that always had lights on and smoke coming out of the chimney, but no one ever went in or came out. Nevertheless, he got through his speech without any danger. It was the most inspiring, rousing,

heartfelt, genuine and amazing speech I had ever heard. I don't really remember what he said. It was more about what he made me feel. I was ready to change the world after that speech. When it was all over and I was standing with my wife in a starstruck

daze, I looked up to see that blue suit, white shirt and bright tie. "Hi there!" he greeted, flashing a glowing smile at me as he held out his hand. I promptly fainted. And that's how I met Dr. Steve Pettit, the president of Bob Jones University.

Debate: should BJU require artist series dates?

Affirmative

JOHNATHON SMITH

Over the past decade, Bob Jones University has experienced an unprecedented decline in the number of students who graduate without a significant other. The University needs to reinforce the "Love" in the school's tagline, "Learn. Love. Lead."

The administration has finally taken notice of this dire problem this academic year, but previous plans to deal with the issue have all failed. Perhaps most disappointingly, limiting the booths in the DC to two occupants had no noticeable effect on the rate of relationship formation. If forcing two students to sit next to each other while they eat won't work, what will? After the failure of these and other innovative ideas, I believe we are left with only one choice: Bob Jones University must immediately require all students to take dates to artist series.

Of course, it would be foolish to expect all students to find dates on their own. Therefore, the University must create a new department, the Office of Matchmaking, to assist in the process. The Office of Matchmaking will set up blind dates for those who fail to find a date by the week of artist series. Professors, resident assistants and other staff members will suggest potential pairings, and employees of the new office will match up other students based on a fool-proof proprietary love algorithm.

The benefits of blind dates have been firmly established by numerous scientific studies. According to a recent report from the University of Romantic Studies, those who go on blind dates have a 90% higher likelihood of going on more dates than their peers. Other studies have shown they relieve stress, increase grades and even extend your lifes-



"Never go up against a Sicilian when dates are on the line!"

Photo: Nick Zukowski and Andrew Pledger

pan. Blind dates also lead to a lot of memorable situations, including meeting people you do not get along with. Being forced to sit and talk with people you can't stand builds character.

Mandatory artist series dates will also benefit the BJU community by making it more vibrant. When we walk across campus, wouldn't we all rather see benches full of well-dressed couples caught up in their own world of romance than a single student caught up in studying for a history test?

Another way this will improve the campus atmosphere is by giving the more timid members of the student body a chance to go on dates they would normally miss out on. If you're forced to give the quiet guy in the back row of your Pathways group a chance, he will blossom into a suave conversationalist.

Next, this new policy will help local businesses, which have been struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. My estimates indicate that nearly 25% of local flower shops' sales will be driven by BJU students if the administration implements my plan. This remarkable support from the campus will strengthen our ties with the community.

But I know the business-minded administration won't be convinced by these arguments. I've saved the most important reason for last. If a mandatory dating policy is instituted, students will get engaged and married earlier. If students get engaged and married earlier, they will have more time to have children. And if they have more time to have children, they can send them to BJU and grow the student body. In light of these compelling reasons, Bob Jones University must require students to go on dates each and every artist series.

Negative

JOHNATHON SMITH

Like everyone else on campus, I am appalled by the recent decline in fruitful dating at Bob Jones University. Once, a student couldn't take 5 steps across this campus without running into a young gentleman on bended knee, trying to woo a young woman with a ring that cost him more than his college tuition. Now, the rate of relationship formation



"My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die!"

Photo: Nick Zukowski and Andrew Pledger

is at an all-time low. However, as concerned as I am about this problem, I cannot ignore the massive flaws in my opponent's solution.

First, requiring introverts such as myself to take a date to artist series is completely unfair. Instead, I propose making accommodations for my struggling kind. After COVID-19 gave us wonderful excuses to not meet people face-to-face, suddenly springing a dating requirement upon us is unthinkable.

After a long day of classes, the last thing we want is to be forced to surround ourselves with hundreds of fellow students with whom we have an appalling amount in common. If anything, introverts should be allowed to livestream artist series events from the safety of our cold lairs on the third floor of Ironside to prevent short-circuiting our brains in a chaotic social setting. And if we must be required to go, at least give us two or three extra intermissions to take in a deep breath and steel our minds for the dreaded human interactions that await.

Additionally, would the requirement for students to take a date to artist series apply to those in long distance relationships? If a student's significant other does not attend Bob Jones University and is unable to come to artist series, that student would be forced to take someone else on a date. This could strain the already difficult ordeal that is a long-distance relationship. Can you imagine a poor soul trying to convince his significant other that his university made him take that "other woman" out on a date? It could give the false impression that the University approves of two-timing by compelling a student in a committed relationship to go on a date with someone else. This isn't BYU; it's BJU.

Finally, by making dates mandatory, you take away the main point of artist series, the cultural enrichment of Bob Jones University students. By shifting the focus of the evening to a dating event, you will lose the rapt attention which students always give each artist series. Instead, they'll be staring at their date's dreamy eyes and missing the chance to get cultured. Shakespeare would roll over in his grave to know a couple at our fine institution were more concerned with their first Instagram post as a couple than about the high-class production of Romeo and Juliet happening just 20 feet away. Why should two students focus on their own romance when they could enjoy people they barely know pretending to care about each other on stage? Shakespeare has never been so maligned.

Based on these irrefutable reasons, Bob Jones University must not require students to take dates to artist series. Instead, the administration should be moved to consider the plights of introverts everywhere and make the necessary adjustments to create an introvert-friendly space at this institution.

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Comic: Susy Castle

PPO to debate 'reply all' feature

Vicki Olachea

THE ENTERTAINMENT

The Public Policy Organization plans to hold a debate on the morality of using the “reply all” function of University emails.

According to Ryan Parimi, a senior anguish major and the PPO’s debate team coordinator, the upcoming debate is titled “Resolved: the use of the ‘reply all’ feature for school email is morally justified.” Parimi said the debate topic was chosen because of recent events involving the red and blue teams for the Bruin Daze activities.

Parimi hopes the topic will spark discussion among students on or off the debate team. “The resolution is asking you to decide a question of morality, and I think we all need to decide that for ourselves,” Parimi said. “I think we have a duty to decide what’s moral or not, especially when it’s something that affects our everyday lives as students, because we all send and receive emails every day—whether we want to or not.” Parimi added that

he was on the Blue team at the time of the email incident.

Inoah Guy, a junior referral major and Blue team member who participated in the email chain by sharing memes about the email chain, said the Blue team has the morally correct stance in this debate. “I’m on the affirmative side of the resolution,” Guy said. “I’ve used the feature to good effect in the past, and I always try to follow the handbook’s guidelines on replying to university emails within 24 hours.” Guy did not say whether he believed using email to share memes was the response intended by the University’s policy.

Guy said the debate will be friendly, but that he sees no competition for those on the affirmative side. “It’s over, Red team,” Guy said. “We have the [moral] high ground.”

Idon Noahguy, a freshman isolation major and Blue team member, said he favored the affirmative position for the benefits of using the “reply all” feature. “Of course I used the ‘reply all’ button,” Noahguy said. “They started taking Cookout orders, I wasn’t going to pass up on that.”

Shawty Surprise, a senior French major and Red team member, said the morally superior side seemed obvious because the “reply all” feature has a bad reputation, but that she was glad to see the opportunity for debate.

“I think everyone on the Red team made a good decision not to use the ‘reply all’ feature for emails,” Surprise said. “The email fiasco never happened for the Red team because we would never reply all on

a school email—we’re just not like that.”

According to Surprise, the moral high ground is not dominated by the Blue team. “I’m not saying it’s a matter of life and death, but all questions of morality are, so it kind of is,” Surprise said. “What if I was trying to mute my email notifications while in the shower, and I fell and died? The Blue team has no respect for my life.”

Parimi said he anticipates students other than those on the debate team discussing the resolution, with mixed results. “It could get a little heated,” Parimi said. “But I think it’s one of those topics where once you start to

really research the other side and research the history of the ‘reply all’ feature and why it was implemented in the first place... it might grow on you.”

But Parimi said since he’s on the Blue team, he favors the affirmative side, which is the exact wording of the resolution he drafted and approved. “It’s always good to give yourself the advantage in times of uncertainty.”

Parimi said the goal of the debate is not to come to a conclusion, but to learn how to deal with

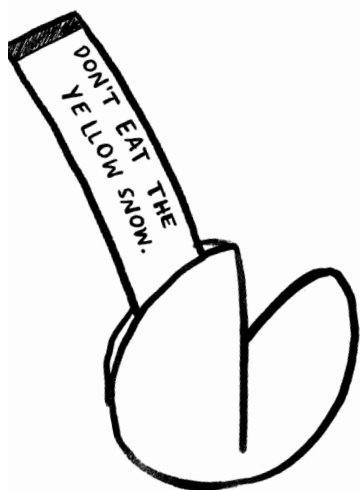
those who have opposite opinions. “At the end of the day, we have to show each other some brotherly Christian love, and understanding both sides of this very intense topic is something that can really help us achieve that goal,” Parimi said.

Sophomore music major and Red team member Medley Tune said the debate is about crushing the competition, once and for all. “If I see any Blue team members out here replying all . . . they’d better watch themselves.”

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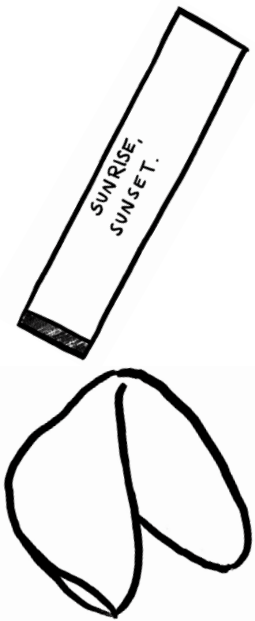


A study date interrupted for the fiftieth time by the onslaught of group email replies. This event caused mass aggression and was the sole reason none of us will ever be happy again. Photo: Andrew Pledger



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chef,” said Friar. “I don’t see how I could possibly go on. My dreams are shattered without my inspiration on campus. This is heartbreaking.” Friar broke down during the interview, unable to continue and say complete sentences through his sobs. “This isn’t going to be published, is it?” he said.
Bobbi Stoola, junior memory major, said she didn’t understand

why Chick-Fil-A is closing down in The Den. “My lunch is not complete without five Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, three large fries and two vanilla milkshakes,” Stoola said. “How else am I supposed to cheer myself up after I bomb a quiz?”
Stoola said she will now have to rely on the next closest option, McDonald’s, where the machine is always broken, for her daily protein milkshake. “It just won’t be the same,” she said.

Dr. Poppy Cox, salad public relations officer in the dining common said he didn’t even know the Chick-Fil-A in The Den was closing. “Wait, Chick-Fil-A is closing?” Cox said. “Excuse me, I have to go spend the rest of my Bruins Bucks.” Cox quickly excused himself from the interview.
“I’m sorry, but I don’t really care about Chick-Fil-A closing down,” Mona Lott, a senior biology major, said. “The dining common is so much better

than Chick-Fil-A – it has chocolate milk.” Lott said she also enjoys getting pizza from the dining common. “The dining common pizza is better than my mom’s,” Lott said. “Also, have you tried food hacks? Listen: salad bar bacon bits on waffles. Believe me.”
Chick-Fil-A has officially set the date of their closing as April 31. Students are encouraged to enjoy their last few moments with the beloved restaurant.

BJU adds circus arts major

Katie French
QUOTES CURATOR

BJU is adding circus arts to the list of undergraduate majors upon fervent recommendations from students, faculty and local clowns.
Circus arts will consist of two years of intense training in BJU’s Alumni Stadium. This will provide adequate time for students involved in the program to learn how to balance a dining common to-go box in each hand while wearing a backpack and carrying an instrument, since this endeavor typically presents a problem to the average student. Faculty members will train students to run quickly enough to still maintain right-of-way when they cross the street, despite oncoming vehicles. Puddle jumping, science building navigation and Reveal escape are some of the other aspects of this program.
To complete major requirements, students’ capstone will include a comprehensive examination of all skills developed throughout their coursework, as well as a tightrope walk between Rodeheaver and the parking garage. BJU hopes graduates of the program will be equipped to act hilariously at any circus they may wish to be a part of as well as jump through tricky hurdles of everyday life. Academic dean of comedic events involving physical risk, Dr. Albert Einstein, said he thinks in light of the pandemic, BJU needed to implement something to add a little spice to life.
Academic provost

Wary Geier is excited about what this new program could potentially do for BJU. “Students will be equipped to be funnier than ever before,” Geier said. “I could care less about GPAs; hilarity is what matters most.” Geier and the academic deans’ council approved the program in January of this year and plan to implement it in the upcoming academic year.
President Tittip said the hiring process has not been easy. “Few professors seem to have an interest in teaching such a challenging major,” he said. “They have to create their own curriculum, which is a difficult endeavor.” Tittip also noted that alumni are not happy about the change. “Some of them have said this major addition is just causing BJU to go downhill,” he said. Tittip also commented that Facebook is exploding with alumni comments.
Students, on the other hand, are delighted about this new option. Freshman Don Key said he is excited to walk the tightrope for his capstone project. “I know it will take some practice, but I hope to succeed over all other circus arts majors,” he said.
Circus arts will be offered to incoming students and current students who would like to put in a major request change. As soon as the program is underway, BJU academic officials will continually evaluate it until they feel the activities involved have reached satisfactory standards. Tittip believes circus arts will only enhance BJU’s slogan



Freshman Don Key, in required business casual makeup and dress, assesses his audience for his first circus arts performance. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

“Learn. Love. Lead.” “After all, what could add more zest to the student experience than circus arts,” he said.

Students involved in the program will get to interact with clowns on a daily basis as well as attend circuses on days of

rest. Participants must wear mismatched socks and striped pants to adhere to BJU’s business casual dress guidelines.

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Freshmen concerned they will die alone

Johanna Huebscher

SNACK COORDINATOR

Freshman Chris P. Chreme has had a rough first semester. Much to the shame of his family and friends, Chreme came back from his first semester at Bob Jones University without a fiancée. “If you didn’t come home with a fiancée at Thanksgiving, did you even go to BJU?” Chreme said.

Freshman Bob Thetomato has faced similar struggles. “I don’t have a full education or a job,” Thetomato said. “All I have to my name is 12 credits. By the time my father was my age he had a PhD and was able to get married. How am I supposed to provide for a wife?”

Thetomato’s fears are

in line with a growing trend in freshman males, the inability to commit to a fiancée by the end of freshman year. While Bob Jones University used to be a top ranked school to get your ring by spring, numbers have been plummeting as of late. Even after multiple pleas from administration and a whole chapel series on the importance of a ring by spring, engagement numbers continued to be significantly lower than past years. “Our male freshman students are showing an unbelievable lack of faith,” Dr. Alan Benson, vice president of student development and discipleship said. “Many of them look at the fact that they don’t have a job or an education as a mountain. Men, claim that mountain by faith and claim your

bride to be!”

Others are having trouble landing a fiancée because they spend their much-needed dating time on schoolwork. “I was shocked by how hard my classes were,” freshman Lay Z. Slacker said. “They actually make us do work! I thought classes were just opportunities to meet people.” Slacker is currently considering transferring to an easier school with a lower ring by spring rate. “I really don’t want to transfer because BJU had such an amazing ring by spring rate, but I don’t have any time to date or find a fiancée here,” Slacker said.

Administration is trying to boost retention rates in various ways. First, they are



A freshman math major, witnessing a proposal, is frozen in fear at the prospect of a relationship while his upperclassmen friend gives advice.

Photo: Madeline Peters

encouraging students to focus less on school and more on finding a spouse. “Academics are a distraction.” Jon Daulton, director of student life, said. “College isn’t about getting an education – it’s about getting married! You’re not going to live with your books for the rest of your life!” Administration has also implemented a new major, the MRS degree. Benson announced the major in chapel last semester.

“Many young ladies come to college with their major undetermined,” Benson said. “Those who are struggling with whether the MRS degree is the path they should pursue are facing needless stress and uncertainty due to the delay of freshman men in committing. This lack of commitment is most concerning!”

MRS degree candidates will take courses on how to secure a husband

in just one semester. To receive the MRS degree, one must either get a date to artist series or a proposal.

Freshman Adeline McGinnis joined the MRS major after she failed to get a ring by the end of her first semester. “It was getting really embarrassing,” McGinnis said. “My family is getting concerned why I don’t have a husband yet. All of my 16 older sisters had multiple proposals within the first week of college.” McGinnis changed majors to MRS instead of transferring to another school. “I wanted to meet someone organically, but after a full semester and a half of loneliness, I decided it was time for a change,” McGinnis said.

Administration will be monitoring these steps closely to see if an uptick in ring before spring cases results, or if more drastic action needs to be taken.



Rightfully destitute freshmen witness another successful proposal. The couple took a more moderate approach to BJU dating, confirming their engagement after a leisurely week of dating. Photo: Madeline Peters

Addiction numbers to horrible, potentially fatal substance rise

Katelyn Lain

TEMPERATURE CHECKER

Faculty and students at Bob Jones University are concerned about a recent increase in addiction among college age students to dihydrogen monoxide.

Dihydrogen monoxide is colorless and odorless but can cause corrosion and suffocation. Dihydrogen monoxide is dangerous to the human body but has leaked into nearly all natural and man-made environments. This

substance is so addictive, withdrawal affects may include death. Because it has become so pervasive, many individuals form an addiction to the substance without their knowledge or consent.

The substance comes in three forms: air, fluid and verglas. This chemical has been identified as the destructive cause of the sinking the Titanic. Some health care professionals assume that this substance is healthy when, in fact, it is lethal.

Dr. David McKinney, a faculty member in the Division of Unnatural Science, said, “I was actually reading a statistic that there have been more young children who have died from dihydrogen monoxide then there have been who’ve died from COVID.”

Gioia Marinelli, a sophomore miscommunication major, is an expert on monoxide consumption, addiction and exposure. Marinelli said, “It’s another pandemic. Our students at BJU are addicted to it.”

Marinelli is concerned the dining common is not taking correct measures to protect the student body. “They have four stations full of this chemical with different flavors.” If the dining common does not reduce exposure, students may be forced to only go to Cuppa Jones where they purify the substances with burnt beans.

99.89% of students prefer the diluted version of this substance to the concentrated form. The purified substance provides

more energy for students, especially those with an 8 a.m. class.

Bob Jones University has canceled spring break so students will not be tempted to go to sandy, hot locations where dihydrogen monoxide pools in large quantities. McKinney said, “The hazards related to dihydrogen monoxide are actually tied to being in close proximity to rivers, lakes and streams.” Marinelli believes the

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University has a legitimate reason for keeping students on campus. The University shut off fountains that do not have a liquid beaker filler installed. This protective measure is to ensure that students only encounter the substance with metal containers. The only negative side effect of these metal containers is the clamor when students accidentally kick them over in chapel. Unfortunately,

Greenville's weather is an unhealthy location because of drastic change in the amount of dihydrogen monoxide in the air. McKinney said, "Overexposure makes people lethargic." Marinelli said, "I am from New Hampshire and we don't get this much exposure, at least to dihydrogen monoxide in this form. It's just down in the South." Marinelli said professors still expect students to come to class on time with this chemical exposure. New Hampshire has



Drah McQueen collapses after consuming dihydrogen monoxide. Everyone told her it's dangerous, so like, come on. Photo: Robert Stuber metal beakers are the most protective form. According to Bobstool Jones, an Instagram superstar, typical male dorm students have attempted to plug one of these fountains back in. However, the University dismounted the fountain from the wall. Marinelli said, "Too much of this chemical causes people's skin to get wrinkly. But if you don't use it, you can get mas- cne." Marinelli also warns women in the dorm to be careful when putting their dryer or straightening iron next to this chemical. Contact could result in another fire drill.

more exposure in the winter. However, most residents stay indoors when the chemical becomes prevalent outside. Mari- nelli said heaters prevent the chemical from form- ing indoors. McKinney said dihy- drogen monoxide in its raw form makes it hard for students to stay in class. If a student is exposed to too much dihydrogen monox- ide, they may have to leave class. "Fortunately, they usually return," he said. If this article is read with caution, one dis- cussion post in Essential Science will come more naturally.



All dihydrogen monoxide containers are now required to be labeled as toxic. Ain't nobody got time for dat. Photo: Robert Stuber



Brody collapses in despair after hearing the news of his replacement, though witnesses report over- hearing his plans to go salmon fishing in Alaska during retirement. Photo: Andrew Pledger

Bruins to change name to Squirrels

Jewel Schuurmans
HEAD HONCHO

After a series of lengthy Zoom meetings, BJU Bruins committee has unanimously voted to change the name of BJU sports from the "Bruins" to the "Squirrels." According to Jonny Gamet, sports misinformation director for the newly named Squirrels, the decision was a heartfelt memorial to the best example of sacrifice the University has experienced since its 1927 founding. "The idea came to us when a squirrel saved a student's life last year," Gamet said. In November 2020, freshman astrobiology major Smatta Thanu was nearly run over by Greenville resident Ishuden Havedunnit when Havedunnit ran a stop sign. "It was the scariest moment of my life," Thanu said. "But also I was kinda looking forward to that free tuition, if you know what I'm saying." Havedunnit was reck- lessly exceeding the 5 mph speed limit when he came to the intersection. "I just feel so ashamed of my actions," Havedunnit said, "But thank goodness that squirrel was there to save both of us from a terrible outcome." Just before Havedunnit would have struck Thanu, a BJU campus resident squir- rel launched himself in the way. Havedunnit slammed on the brakes, startled by the thump, avoiding Thanu with a near miss. "After that kind of heroic act, we just didn't feel right not doing something to honor that squirrel's life," Gamet said, shaking his head. "We want all of BJU's ath- letes to have that kind of selfless dedication to their team." Squirrels athlete Katelyn Lain thinks the decision will motivate the team. "I think the decision will motivate the team," Lain said. Lain also said the new change will be a fresh start for the athletes and a squirrel definitely did not bribe her into saying that. "I think the new change will be a fresh start for the athletes," Lain said. "And a squirrel definitely didn't bribe me into saying that." As a result of the change in name, the Squirrels will begin accepting applica- tions for a new squirrel mascot in May. According to the job description, the mas- cot must be "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed." Brody, the former Bruins mascot, was not a fan of the decision. "Now I'm panicking," Brody said, "Because I'm gonna lose my job." According to Brody, the squirrel had not acted out of heroics, but had been chas- ing a nut that had rolled into the street. "He wasn't being heroic! Squirrels don't even have sharp claws! Have you seen my claws?," Brody said. "How's a squirrel going to intimidate anybody? By puffing up its cheeks? I have CLAWS!" Jewel Schuurmans, junior excellence major and all-around extraordinaire, claimed that the idea for the change came from her. "I was there when the accident happened," Schuurmans said, "Because I'm always there when something import- ant happens." "Jewel's extremely brilliant and super impressive idea has changed the BJU ath- letic program for the rest of time," Gamet said. "She's undoubtedly the reason our program will now win every single game we play. We should just graduate her right now. With a doctorate." Havedunnit donated \$100 to the BJU Demerits 4 Charity Fund in the name of the squirrel he ran over, and also set up a GoFundMe page for the squirrel's family. Any- one interested in donating can contact Havedunnit at helpthesquirrels@juno.com. Updated team merchandise, including squirrel tails and buck teeth, will hit the Squirrels Shop in The Den on Monday morning. The DFH and Fremont Fitness Center are scheduled for remodels over the summer.

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HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY!



Single-gender sidewalk policy to be enforced by Public Safety



Unruly BJU students push acceptable limits by walking barely out of arm's reach. There is barely any observable room for the Spirit here. Photo: Heath Ledger

Ethan House

IN-HOUSE CHEF

Beginning April 5, Public Safety will begin posting officers at key positions along the sidewalks leading to the residence halls in an effort to better enforce single-gender only walkway policies regarding these sidewalks.

This decision followed

a rejected proposal last year to paint the sidewalks blue and pink, which was denied over concerns the paint would be damaged by frequent rain showers. The purpose of both proposals is to revive BJU's sidewalk policy by providing a constant reminder to students of which sidewalks fall under the rule.

The sidewalk policy,

known colloquially as "pink and blue sidewalks," states certain walkways are restricted for students of a certain gender. The sidewalks surrounding the residence halls, in particular, make up the majority of these gendered sidewalks.

The rule has become more difficult to enforce in recent years, partially due to a lack of awareness on the part of the student body. The page containing the rule was absent from the student handbook from 2015 to 2020, after an error led to its omission from the PDF file. Other rules similarly left out included guidelines on permissible ties for chapel and prohibitions on socks when worn with certain styles of shoe. This mistake follows a 2013 error which led to the sidewalk in front of Gaston being listed as a blue sidewalk, causing brief chaos during the first week of the fall semester that year. Fortunately, the issue was resolved after several freshmen injured themselves trying to jump over the sidewalk, leading to

the discovery of the error.

The student response to the announcement has been mixed. Within hours of being reminded of the policy's existence, students began forming unofficial organizations to proclaim either their support for or disapproval of the policy. The largest of these organizations, the Coalition Against Pink Sidewalks, claims to have amassed over 150 members in under 24 hours. Many supporters of the policy have joined either the Coalition of Men Against the Coalition Against Pink Sidewalks or the Coalition of Women in Favor of the Coalition of Men Against the Coalition Against Pink Sidewalks.

Members of CAPS have begun wearing custom light purple baseball hats made by Upstate Hats and Bats to symbolize the integrated sidewalks. As a response, members of CMA-CAPS and CWFCMACAPS have begun wearing blue and pink caps, also manufactured by Upstate Hats and Bats.

"I'm just glad we are

having this debate now instead of kicking it further down the road," said Alison Wonderland, a senior pyramid scheme major, founder of CAPS and owner of Upstate Hats and Bats. "I just wish more students would voice their opinions for either side, especially with the caps. I feel like the caps are one of the best ways to publicly show support, and students should definitely buy more of them."

According to Wonderland, CAPS is planning a forum in Levinson Hall on April 5. "We are planning on it being until curfew, but we fully expect to be shut down pretty quickly," Wonderland said. "Now that I think about it, getting shut down might be preferable for publicity reasons. But we're hoping we can at least get some hat sales in, in order to benefit the cause, of course. What's this for again?"

According to a spokesperson for Public Safety, the additional enforcement of the sidewalk policy is expected to continue until deemed no longer necessary.

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THE WEEK

SUDOKU CONTEST

The International Sudoku contest will be held tonight in Alumni 109 at 7:84 p.m. Winners will be awarded A's in all of their classes.

KAZOO CONCERT

The BJU kazoo choir will present their concert, "Toot Your Own Horn," Saturday at 7:56 p.m. in War Memorial Chapel.

LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

A Dr. Bob Jones III look-alike contest will be held Monday at 5:04 p.m. in the dining common.

23-19 SALE

A lost and found sale of only white socks will be held on Gallery Green Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. Prices start at \$1,500.