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## BJU hosts week-long organ donor campaign

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As part of the BJU Donate Life Week dedication ceremony, Pettit handed the Donate Life torch to BJU alumna and living organ donor Margaret Stegall. Photo: Heath Parish

Vicki Olachea

STAFF WRITER

BJU is participating in National Donate Life month in April by holding Donate Life Week, a week-long campaign on campus to raise awareness of the impact of organ donors.

BJU's Donate Life Week, April 5-9, included donor drives to give students the opportunity to sign up to become a donor. A ceremony took place on Wednesday in which Dr. Steve Pettit, BJU president, passed the "Torch of Life," an Olympic-style torch bearing the names of donors, to Margaret Stegall, a BJU alumna and



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living donor.

Stegall decided to donate a portion of her liver to a fellow BJU alumna after seeing a Facebook post on the BJU alumni page. Her story appeared on several local news platforms, including WYFF and the *Greenville Journal*. On April 16, BJU will host a moment of honor for donors which will be observed by Health Sciences students.

This year has been the

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## Faculty revitalize Greek program

Joanna Scoggins

COPY EDITOR

BJU faculty have worked hard to revamp the biblical Greek program for the entire student body, not just School of Religion students.

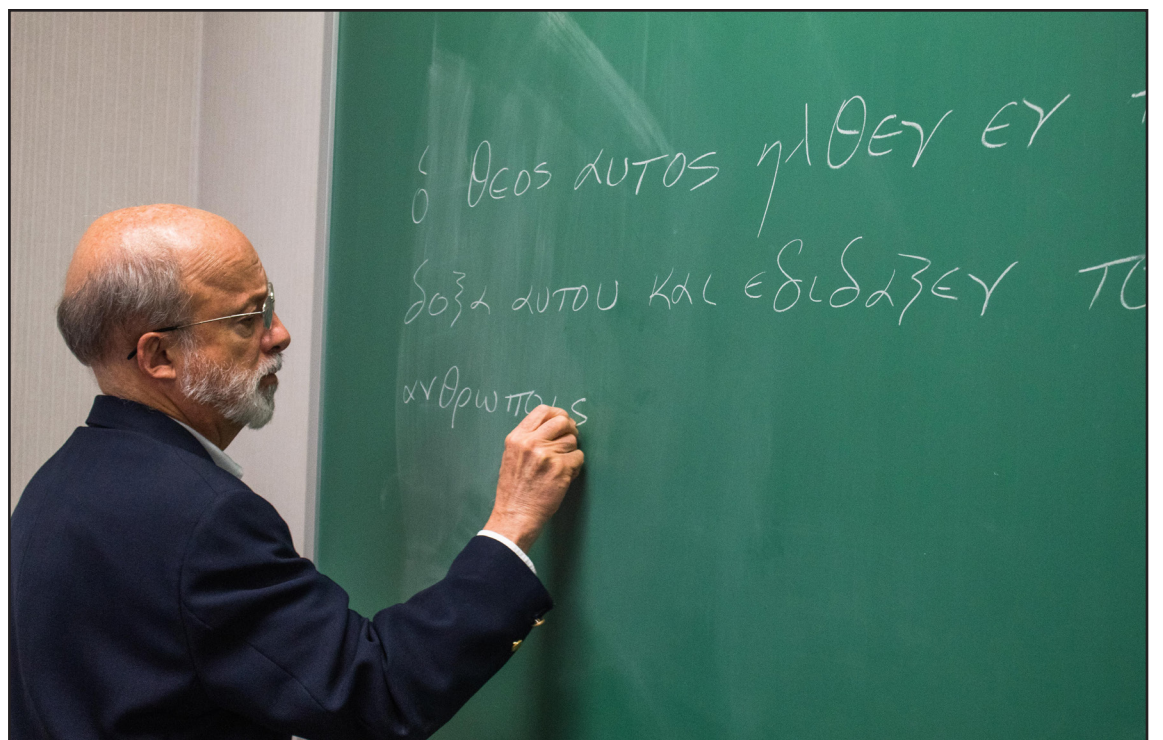
The program refresh includes a changing in scope and sequencing of the four semesters of Greek grammar, a new textbook and adding an affective outcome focusing on student reaction to the material. The new changes will be implemented in the Fall 2021 semester.

Dr. Dan Olinger, chair of the Division of Biblical and Theological Studies,

which includes the biblical Greek program, said the short-term goal for the refresh is to see more students in the program due to higher retention rates, but hopes that in the long term, the revamp will lead to joyful facility with the tools of Greek exegesis.

"In particular, we're adding an affective outcome that focuses on the students' enjoyment of and inclination to use the Greek tools they acquire here," Olinger said. "We were seeing more students drop the program than we wanted, and those who stayed in

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Olinger writes an exercise in Koine Greek on a chalkboard in class. Photo: Robert Stuber

### THE WEEK

#### STUDIO ART EXHIBITION

The senior studio art exhibition will open in the Sargent Art building exhibition corridor tonight at 6:30 p.m.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The ISO will host an international food festival tomorrow from 5-8 p.m. in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$10.

#### LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

A leadership seminar, "Helping Others in a Broken and Addicted World" will be held in Rodeheaver Auditorium Tuesday at 7 p.m.

#### BAKE-OFF MEETING

The writers' meeting for this semester's theatre arts Bake-Off will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Performance Hall. Writers will receive all prompt details there.

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COLUMN



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I remember Dr. Pettit said in chapel last semester that the student body is the most thankful he has ever seen at the University because of COVID-19. I thought about his announcement, and I realized I myself had been more joyful and content than before. With no breaks, social distancing and limited food options, the students have appreciated the efforts more.

Around this time in March last year, the student body was sent home

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The Collegian Editorial

Don't be weary in well-doing

1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Galatians 6:9 admonishes, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

As we are approaching the last month of classes, it is important that we hold to the encouragement found in these verses. As easy as it is to coast to finals, to resign yourself to the current status of your grades or to throw in the towel, these verses remind of us the importance of being steadfast, of continuing on despite how tired we are or how homesick we are.

God has each of us in that class, that major or that dorm room for a reason, for "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom 8:28) We know He has us here, in this place, in this moment, for a reason that will ultimately further His kingdom and bring honor to Him. We push on to do our best in The Making of the Modern World or Bible Doctrines because we know we are where God wants us – that is reason enough for us to give our best. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance:

for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3:23-24)

But these verses go so much deeper than just encouraging us to give our best in our classes, our jobs or our majors. It's easy to grow weary in well doing in our personal lives. As projects pile up and finals loom closer, it becomes easier to let your guard down against that one sin you've always struggled with – to find comfort in that one show you know you shouldn't be watching, to relax your caution when it comes to your speech or text that one person you know has a tendency to bring you down with them. We must be steadfast, unmovable, abounding in the work of the Lord even when it's so easy to stop fighting in our personal lives.

Often our effort and motivation are spent on keeping up in classes, eating healthy or making time for friends, and when we come to the effort it takes to form a habit of daily Bible reading or spend time in prayer, we feel exhausted from how much we've been pushing ourselves, even in good things. What we don't stop to consider is that by making sure we take that time in prayer and God's Word, we are being revitalized by the Holy Spirit and strengthened so that we can continue in well-doing in all our other responsibilities.

Faint not in these last few weeks of the semester. Prioritize your walk with God and let Him give you the strength to not be weary in well-doing.

TALKBACK

How has college life changed you?

Photos: Madeline Peters



Jillian Rogers  
SENIOR  
"It's broadened my idea of culture and what I'm going to do in the workforce."



David Stadola  
FRESHMAN  
"I was just learning today that God strengthens me so I don't need to use my own strength."



Andrew Shaeffer  
SOPHOMORE  
"The world is bigger than it looks. There are a lot of needs that need to be met."



Mediatrice Nijimbere  
SENIOR  
"College allows you to adapt and adjust to anything that comes your way, so you really learn to think deeper."

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to finish the semester online. Being present at school for almost a year has boosted the joy of the student body. After the announcement, I noticed more people saying “thank you” in DC lines, more people smiling when passing each other on the sidewalks, fewer people getting to-go boxes and instead making time to get meals with people. Faculty and students were willing to work around the inconveniences of COVID-19 to be able to come together. For the fall festival party, people were willing to walk to each location in smaller groups so the event would be possible.

Thankfulness is a mark of being a part of God’s family. In the end

days before Christ returns, people will become more wicked. The symptoms of that wickedness are evident in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

Throughout history people have forgotten what God has done and it

caused them to sin. The Israelites worshipped other gods because they forgot about God’s deliverance. Jonah forgot God had forgiven him, so he refused to extend an offer of forgiveness to the Ninevites. Elijah forgot to be thankful for God’s protection from the wicked Queen Jezebel, so he fell into despair. Peter forgot to be thankful for God’s protection while walking on the water, so he depended on himself and sunk.

For Christians, thankfulness is not optional, but is a command. Trials often make Christians more thankful. Psalm 30:11 says, “Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.”

I was standing in line to

get food and as I grabbed my plate, I said “thank you” rather nonchalantly. The DC worker on the other side of the counter explained she had never met so many thankful people in one place.

Thankfulness is a quality worth complimenting in others. Dr. Pettit said people should compliment others on their imitative qualities. In other words, admiring qualities in people that last rather than temporary externals. Thankfulness should be a reason for choosing a friend. If 2 Timothy says, “from such turn away,” then should not the goal be to befriend someone who has the opposite of these qualities—lovers of God, humble, loving and thankful?

While blessings are

still fresh in the mind, keeping a journal of 2020 blessings could be a memorial. When other trials come, these memorials will remind that God can deliver again.

The picture of these monuments can be seen whenever Nehemiah instructed Israel to rebuild the wall in order to protect themselves from the enemy. The wall was built in record time because every man built the wall in front of his own house.

Let’s build up stones of remembrance so we have a wall of thankfulness to look on remembrance and faith. How many stones of answered prayer can you add to the wall today? The protection of our walls is measured in how many stones we can add. Let’s keep building that wall!

# Local Intercultural Markets

## Strip mall hosts Japanese cuisine variety

Ethan House  
STAFF WRITER

Whether you’re looking for authentic Japanese cuisine made-to-order or a place to buy ingredients to experiment in your own kitchen, the east end of Pelham Road is providing Greenville residents with a taste of Japan through two small businesses located in the same strip mall: Tanpopo, a Japanese grocery store, and Sushi Masa, a Japanese restaurant.

Tanpopo prides itself on being the only Japanese grocery store in Upstate South Carolina. At first glance, the store may seem small; however, its

two aisles are packed with a variety of food, ranging from noodles and rice to candy and bubble tea. On the left side sits many of the ingredients for preparing food, and the right side contains mostly snacks, including chips and sweets. Additionally, two bookshelves filled with hundreds of used books and a rack of newspapers and other periodicals, all written in Japanese, sit toward the back of the shop.

The groceries available at Tanpopo offer all the required ingredients to prepare Japanese-style food, including popular dishes like sushi and ramen, at home. The store also has a small selection of

decorations and tea sets.

Sushi Masa, which is just two doors down from Tanpopo, is a Japanese restaurant that features both traditional Japanese cuisine and newer, Americanized variations on dishes. Sushi Masa, which was founded more than 20 years ago, describes itself as “one of the oldest authentic Japanese restaurants in the area.” Sushi Masa also uses and serves some of the products sold in Tanpopo, including a roasted green tea.

The restaurant offers a range of different styles and types of sushi, as well as noodles, soup and rice bowls. Their menu gives customers a large degree



Bubble tea, a Taiwanese drink invented in the 1980s, became popular in Japan and China just 10 years later. Photo: Nick Zukowski



Tanpopo has a rack of magazines and periodicals in Japanese at the back of the store, as well as two bookshelves filled with hundreds of used books for sale. Photo: Nick Zukowski

of freedom over what ingredients are used and includes several vegetarian options.

The takeout area has a separate door and is separated from the main area by a curtain. Customers can place their orders here, or, using the menu on the restaurant’s website, [sushi-masa.webs.com](http://sushi-masa.webs.com), they can also order takeout ahead of time over the phone.

Renee Kalagayan, a junior communication major, described Sushi Masa as her favorite restaurant, and she said she has been a patron for years. “My father’s side of the family is Pacific Islander, so he has been going there for a long time,” Kalagayan said. “So, growing up, he would take me there a lot.”

Kalagayan also recommended the restaurant for other students wanting to try authentic Japanese food. “My regular order is

a bento box,” Kalagayan said. “It comes with a salad, a meat with rice, crab cakes, a pickled fruit and also a bowl of miso soup, which is one of my absolute favorite Japanese dishes.”

Tanpopo is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Sushi Masa is open for lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. from Tuesday to Friday and noon on Saturday, closing at 2 p.m. each day. It is also open for dinner from 5:30 to 9 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The restaurant offers customers both takeout and indoor seating. Because of its currently reduced indoor capacity, the establishment is encouraging patrons hoping to get a table to place a reservation by calling (864) 288-2227.



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first for BJU's participation in the Donate Life celebration, in part due to Stegall's story, according to Ian Dyke, the pub-

communicates the need and benefits of donation effectively. "We really want to light a fire in students' hearts to realize being a donor now is extremely important," she said.

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**Jessica Teruel**

lic education coordinator for We Are Sharing Hope SC and the BJU alumnus who coordinated BJU's Donate Life Week.

Dyke, a 2019 BJU graduate, said Stegall's story inspired BJU's participation in Donate Life Week. "I knew that because of Margaret, this was really fresh in the campus consciousness," Dyke said. "It's an amazing story, and it's a story that [BJU] has really been at the heart of."

BJU's Donate Life Week was a smaller part of National Donate Life month in April celebrated by Donate Life America, a nonprofit whose goal is to increase donations of organs, eyes and tissues as well as to educate on the need for donations. This larger brand links several nonprofits dedicated to donation, including Donate Life South Carolina, which handles organ donor registrations, and We Are Sharing Hope, which handles the clinical operations of donation procedures, according to Dyke.

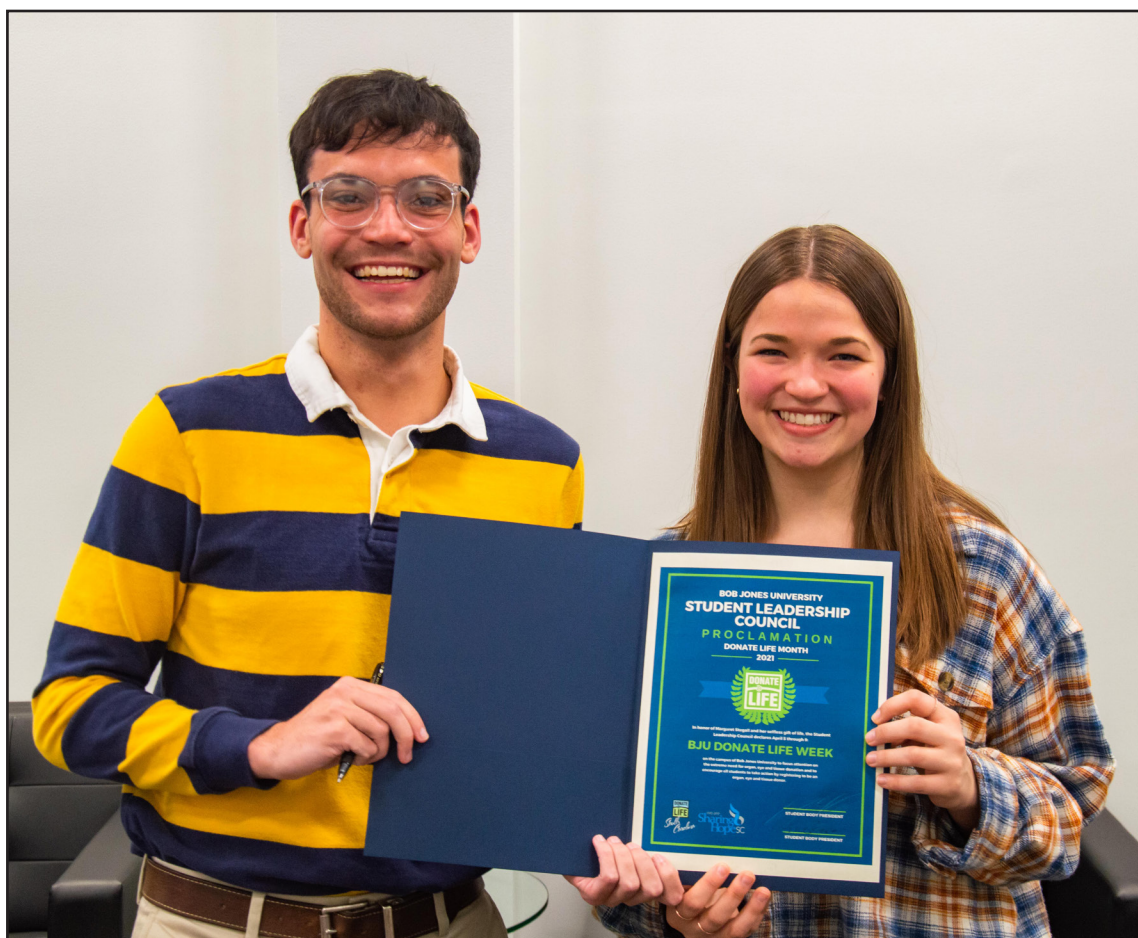
Jessica Teruel, a senior journalism and mass communication major and president of the University Marketing Association, worked with Dyke on organizing the event at BJU. Teruel said the campaign was designed to show BJU support for organ, eye and tissue donation, but honoring Stegall's donation became a focal point. "The timing could not be better to honor her through this," Teruel said. According to Teruel, Stegall's story

Randy Page, BJU's chief of staff, also said the timing for BJU's participation in Donate Life Week is perfect. "If there's a year for us to get involved, this really seems like an opportune time to be able to highlight what our alumni are doing for our alumni," Page said.

The campaign was personal to BJU students, Page said, because alumni networking made it possible for Stegall to donate, as well as for Dyke, another BJU alumnus, to reconnect with BJU for this year's celebration. "It really is an alumni story," Page said.

According to Page, many people possibly say no to donation because it's the easier option when they have no understanding of what it is, how to do it or the good that can come from it. Through the personal connections of this campaign, Page said, that negative view could change for BJU students.

But according to Dyke, the choice to approach BJU also came from COVID-19 and the University's community influence. "We've had to kind of shake things up because of COVID," Dyke said. Usually, the Donate Life celebration can directly engage the public, according to Dyke. When COVID-19 limited the options for public interaction, the organization decided to bring their message to community leaders who



Student body presidents Judah Smith and Ali Zimmer signed a proclamation on Monday to establish BJU Donate Life Week. Photo: Heath Parish

can spread awareness of the need for donations. "We're going to different organizations that have a thread in the fabric of South Carolina's culture," Dyke said. "We're hoping that'll reach the community and show this is not something for this group of people, this is something all South Carolinians benefit from."

Judah Smith, a pre-med senior and men's

student body president, connected the Student Leadership Council with the UMA to launch the campaign. Smith said donation is a community issue—which is why Donate Life chose to reach out to community leaders. "We are a leader in the community, and people recognize that," Smith said. "By reaching our students, Donate Life recognizes that they can

make a lasting impact in the community and other communities as our students go out from here."

And for the BJU community, Smith said, donation is a prominent topic. "Because of our very strong Health Sciences program, [discussing] issues like this is very effective because we have an audience that's hungry to learn more," Smith said.



Donate Life merchandise was on sale in the student mall this week. Photo: Heath Parish



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often demonstrated confusion that we thought we could address by reworking the sequence and pace." Olinger, who teaches Elementary Greek I and II, said the affective outcome should open opportunities for creativity in the classroom and student assessment.

Dr. Timothy Hughes, a faculty member in the Division of Graduate Studies and project coordinator for the program refresh, said the goal was to inspire students to take their study of biblical Greek beyond the classroom and continue to use it after college while still maintaining the cognitive excellence of the program. "At BJU we believe that students should walk away from classes not just understanding the subject more, but hopefully liking it," Hughes said.

Dr. Greg Stiekes, a faculty member in the BJU seminary and biblical Greek program coordinator, was a research assistant for a Bible scholar, leading him to help create the textbook that the biblical Greek program will

transition to.

"We had a good textbook that our own faculty had developed, and yet we realized we needed to revise it," Hughes said, "and what we ended up doing was selecting a new textbook." Hughes said part of the new textbook's appeal is its focus on the value and use of biblical Greek, especially in Bible study.

The pacing of the courses will also shift from previous years, according to Hughes. "We want to give more supports for [students'] success," Hughes said. "We want them to know how to use it, so building in more pieces like 'here's how you would study this passage.'"

Esdras Borges, a graduate assistant in the biblical Greek program, said he is excited for the opportunity to bring changes he felt were needed when he took the classes as a student. "My favorite idea is transitioning from viewing the teacher as more of a coach than the source of the student's knowledge," Borges said, "and that's following the principle that languages are learned, they're not taught."



Students work on an assignment in Olinger's Elementary Greek I class. Photo: Robert Stuber

Dr. Kevin Oberlin, dean of the School of Religion, said he has been excited to watch the faculty collaborate on the program refresh. "Our faculty have just come together and collaborated extremely well, and the synergy among the members of the Greek faculty is stronger than ever," Oberlin said. "All the different faculty know what the other faculty think about the program . . . and we've done our best to address everything holistically." Oberlin said his desire is for students

grow to love the Word of God more through studying Greek.

"[Greek] is a valid option for people who are not even part of the School of Religion," Oberlin said, "and all the more so if they really want to have a language that they can utilize every single day the rest of their life."

The basic four course sequence of biblical Greek classes will satisfy the foreign language requirements for a bachelor of arts. Hughes said he hopes more students will choose

biblical Greek. "If you were just fulfilling your language requirements, you'd be taking four courses, 12 credits, and by the end you would be able to read Greek passages from the New Testament," Hughes said.

"If you're a believer, you have plenty of motivation to learn Greek because the New Testament was written in Greek," Borges said. "The advantage is that you have a level of intimacy with the text that you lose in the translation."

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About April Fools' Day

**What's a great prank you've pulled?**  
"I used the picture in *The Collegian's* April Fools' issue of my boyfriend 'proposing' to me to prank my parents."

Autumn Buchanan

**What was your favorite part of our April Fools' issue?**  
"The pink and blue sidewalk mandate."

Ben Rogers

**What do you enjoy about April Fools' Day?**  
"Free way to make fun of people."

Colby Epling

**What do you enjoy about April Fools' Day?**  
"Paranoid people thinking they're going to get pranked, but never getting pranked."

Luis Rosario

**What was your favorite part of our April Fools' issue?**  
"'Freshmen fear they will die alone.'"

Nathaniel Hendry

**What do you enjoy about April Fools' Day?**  
"It's uselessness."

Christi Darling

**What was your favorite part of our April Fools' issue?**  
"Using it to trick my sister."

Erica Jones

**What's a great prank you've been the victim of?**  
"My roommate hid all of my crocs (9 pairs) individually around our dorm room."

Kristin Rutledge



# Esteban's explores menu changes



Sophomore Shelby Stewart butters a hamburger bun.  
Photo: Madeline Peters

Johanna Huebscher  
STAFF WRITER

The smell of beef fills the air. The sound of sizzling burgers mixes with laughter and the general hum of student life. It is Sunday evening in The

Den and Esteban's is in full swing. While known for its tacos and other Mexican food, Esteban's has been branching out into a new food. Every Sunday from 7-9 p.m., Esteban's changes up their regular menu to serve an

American classic meal: Angus cheeseburgers and curly fries.

Students have the option of a single patty or double patty. The burger comes with pepper jack, American or cheddar cheese. Students can customize their order with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes and onions. Burgers are available as a standalone order, a combo, which comes with curly fries and a drink, or a large combo, which comes with a larger serving of curly fries and a large drink.

"[The burger] reminds me of Five Guys," said junior child development major Mariah White.

When The Den was first renovated, Esteban's was a burger shop. Since then, the shop has offered a wide variety of food, including Chinese, a deli and the well-beloved taco shop. "Every couple years, [we'll] change it into something else," said Lisa Sargent, the location manager of Esteban's. Esteban's has been having pop-ups, temporary changes in menu, for various kinds of foods to see what students would be interested in if Esteban's change permanently again.

Esteban's has offered a variety of pop-ups this semester including burgers, crepes and poke bowls. Different pop-ups



Esteban's burgers can be a single or double patty and have mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes and onions. Photo: Madeline Peters

received different receptions from the student body. Crepes almost doubled Esteban's regular customer base whereas poke bowls weren't well-received. Although Esteban's has done pop-ups in the past, they've never offered this many pop-ups in a single semester. "Just because everybody's so isolated," Sargent said, "they need a little more variety, something to change it up."

"It's really cool having the burgers, doing something new," said Esteban's worker William Kozik. "It's definitely different, but it's fun."

"Come and see the burger boys in action," freshman Esteban's worker William Green said.

Senior journalism and mass communication major Seth Johnson sampled the burgers twice. Seth first got a burger because the line for Papa Johns was so long. "[The burger] was really good," Johnson said.

Johnson enjoyed his burger so much that he went back a different week and ordered the burger again. The first week he had the double angus patty and the second week he had the single patty. "Get them," Johnson said. "They're good... you have 150 Bruins Bucks. You might as well make [them] count."

Anyone wishing to taste one of Esteban's burgers should head to The Den on a Sunday night, from 7-9 p.m.



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# Soccer team bonds over spring season

Katie French  
STAFF WRITER

The Bruins women's soccer team is using their spring season to maximize resources and prepare for the future.

In their ninth season, the Lady Bruins 2020 fall record consisted of six wins and eight losses. As a National Christian College Athletic Association D1 team, the Bruins competed at nationals in the NCCAA Division I level and won one game. In previous years, the Bruins won the NCCAA national championship title five times. Despite their shortcoming to that feat this season, Coach Chris Carmichael is pleased with how far the team has advanced since it was their first time competing at nationals in the NCCAA DI.

The Bruins are also a provisional member of the National College Athletic Association.

Freshmen players Esther

Young and Braden Adams embrace after a practice game. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

This spring, the women's soccer team is playing with a condensed roster from the fall season. The reduced number of players has influenced the way the team has worked this spring. Carmichael said the team has honed in on defensive strategy in particular and has really improved in this area. In addition, the coaching staff and current players have been intentional in building team unity.

"By really banding together, getting on the same page and bonding really heavily . . . we could definitely be very competitive," Carmichael said. This spring the soccer team has had the opportunity to play scrimmages against only NCAA DII teams, including Southern Wesleyan University and Erskine College. The Lady Bruins beat SWU 2 to 0 and tied Erskine 1 to 1.

DATES	OPPONENT	W / L	SCORE	ATT.
9/11/2020	at USCB	L	1-2	0
9/12/2020	Toccoa Falls	W	3-0	371
9/24/2020	at Middle Georgia State	L	0-1	0
9/26/2020	at Belmont Abbey	L	1-3	127
10/2/2020	Carolina University	W	1-0	172
10/10/2020	Brewton Parker	W	2-0	165
10/19/2020	Martin Methodist (TN)	L	0-5	0
10/23/2020	at Carolina University	W	4-0	0
10/24/2020	at Erskine	L	0-3	76
10/27/2020	at Brewton Parker College	L	1-2	0
10/30/2020	at Johnson University (TN)	W	2-1	0
11/16/2020	Campbellsville	L	1-2	64
11/17/2020	Dallas Baptist	L	0-10	73
11/19/2020	Carolina University	W	3-0	30

Graphic: Arianna Rayder



Freshmen players Esther Young and Braden Adams embrace after a practice game. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

They will have four scrimmages during this spring season.

Sophomore midfielder Kayle Stevenson gave her perspective on how the Bruins' spring season is going. "This semester has been extremely encouraging for all of us because we want to seek to build up each other and to give our best first for the Lord and then for each other," she said. Stevenson said the team has incorporated an appreciation system into their practices to encourage one another. "Before we begin, we have a player in mind that we will all...say something that we appreciate about [them],"

she said.

Both Carmichael and Stevenson said sports programs have their ups and downs and change is inevitable. "All programs go through their valleys and...mountaintop experiences," Carmichael said. He said he is excited for the growth this experience can bring.

Coach Castel leads the girls in various drills. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen

Jonny Gamet, sports information director for the Bruins, said the team has had a great spring season in their competition results. The team has also faced challenges due

to COVID-19, including a shortened schedule and weekly testing. The transition to NCAA was also new for the team, as well as moving from NCCAA DII to DI.

"This semester has really been enlightening for all of us," Stevenson said. "It has truly taught me that this is not about myself, and I look at this as an opportunity to be there to serve my other teammates and encourage them."

Looking to the future, Carmichael hopes the team wins more games at nationals this coming season and continues to grow as a team.

## sudoku

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Former drug addict finds identity in Christ

Johnathon Smith

STAFF WRITER

With his smiling face and unrelenting energy, Young Jin Ghun gives no indication of the hardship and pain he has

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**Take it from somebody who tried everything this world has to offer. None of it brings satisfaction.**

faced in his life. However, the sophomore business administration major and former drug addict will have been sober only three years in July.

Ghun's spiritual journey began in second grade when his father went to prison. Despite the difficulties his family faced after immigrating to the United States, Ghun looks back on this time as a good experience because he was able to attend church regularly. For the next four years, Ghun was heavily involved in his local church in Colorado.

Ghun made a profession of faith at age 11, but he does not believe he had a genuine relationship with Christ until much later in life. "I had a lot of head knowledge about the Bible, but it wasn't really ministering to my heart," Ghun said.

When Ghun turned 13, he walked away from the church completely, doubting what he had learned

about God. Ghun said at the time, he would have considered himself an agnostic. Looking back, Ghun said he believes he knew the truth but tried to interpret the world through his own understanding. "I was someone who continued to struggle with feeling less than, like I just wasn't enough," Ghun said.

Ghun said he turned to addictive substances to distract himself from the emptiness he felt. At age 14 Ghun began to drink, and only a year later he turned to smoking marijuana. In high school, he started using hard drugs, which led to him getting expelled. "I started out wanting to be accepted and I didn't think there was any harm in it," Ghun said.

"The worst part was that I was living a lie," Ghun said. "It was a prison of my own making, and I still didn't even know how to get out . . . I knew there had to be something more."

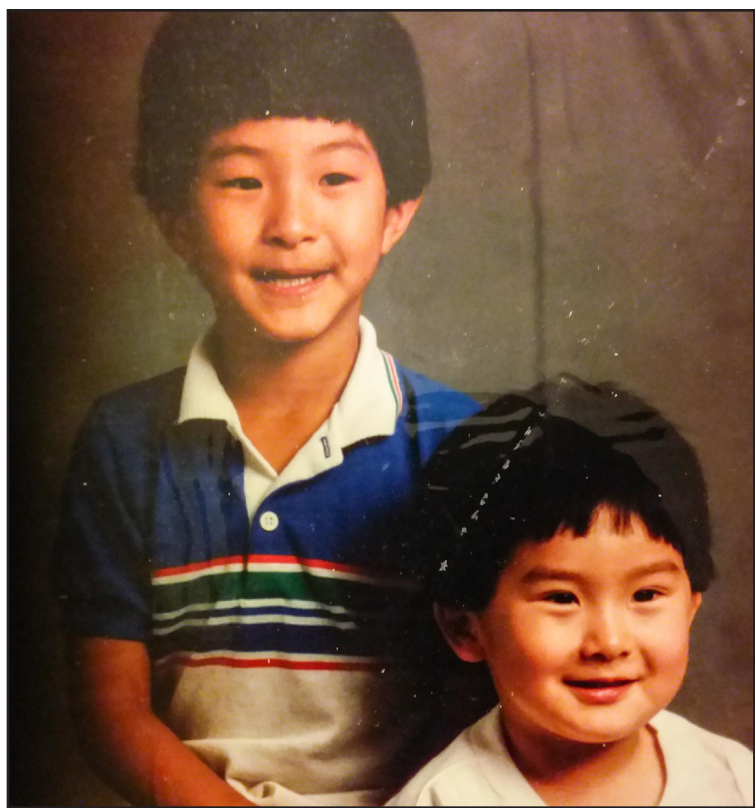
But Ghun sees signs of God pursuing him even when he was living in sin. God saved his brother Young Min Ghun, who began to witness to Ghun. Ghun said his brother asked difficult questions about Ghun's beliefs he was unable to answer and became the only source of truth Ghun allowed into his life.

However, Young Min's salvation didn't take away his own personal struggles with addiction. On the morning of March 15, 2015, Ghun knew something horrible had happened when he woke up to his mother desperately crying his brother's name. Young Min had collapsed in the exact same spot where Ghun himself had once fallen after an overdose. Despite his best efforts to revive Young Min through CPR, Ghun knew he had already lost his brother to a drug overdose. For the first time in years, Ghun prayed to God, begging Him to take his brother to Heaven.

For a time, Ghun fought to stay sober, but a year later when his grandmother died, Ghun turned to heroin to dull the pain. His life began to



Ghun discovered BJU when he came across campus on a walk down the street from his recovery program. Photo: Lindsay Shaleen



The Ghun brothers as children. Photo submitted by Young Ghun



Ghun (right) stands with his brother Young Min at Young Min's college graduation. Photo submitted by Young Ghun

fall apart all over again.

After narrowly avoiding 10 years in prison for drug manufacturing charges, Ghun was given an opportunity to attend Overcomers, a faith-based addiction recovery program. He traveled to Greenville, South Carolina, in 2018 to try the intensive seven-month program at Miracle Hill Ministries on the recommendation of a friend of Ghun's late brother.

While studying John 3 in Overcomers, Ghun was saved. "I was so humbled by the fact that God loved me enough to [sacrifice His Son] . . . I rededicated my life to Jesus, and I spent a lot of time in the Word." He also met godly mentors at the shelter, who helped him apply to and get accepted to Bob Jones University in 2019.

Now, Ghun is on the worship team at his local church and teaches middle school boys in youth group. He also works at Miracle Hill, helping others who struggle with addiction.

"[God's] plan is just so much greater than I could have ever imagined," Ghun said.

"It's this constant

journey that continues to happen, that I have to continue to work on and stay humble about. Whatever journey you're on, you just have to continue to do those things that will keep you in a right relationship with God."

Ghun worries his fellow students will be tempted to look for hope outside of Jesus like he did. "Whatever thing you're defining your identity in that is not your identity in Christ is something that is going to end up making you miserable," he said. "Take it from somebody who tried everything this world has to offer. None of it brings satisfaction."

Miracle Hill is a non-profit Christian ministry that aids those in need of food, shelter, counseling or other basic needs. According to the organization's website, "Miracle Hill exists [so] that homeless children and adults receive food and shelter with compassion, hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, and move toward healthy relationships and stability." Those interested in getting assistance, volunteering or learning more can visit <https://miraclehill.org/>.