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Students fear for lives as reptiles ravage campus

Andrew Thompson COUNTRY HICK

After hundreds of animals from the Bob Jones University serpentarium escaped through the building's vents last night, the reptiles are wreaking havoc on campus.

During the night, several of the escaped animals entered various buildings on campus. Students in the Mary Gaston dormitory reported that two large lizards showed up in the bathrooms this morning and are chasing students down the halls.

The lizards have been identified by lab assistant and senior biochemistry major Faith Rosario as the missing Mexican beaded lizards, which have venomous bites that are in some cases fatal. The bites are noted for giving the victim a very painful "pins and needles" sensation.

The yellow anaconda has been spotted by Jessica Minor, dean of the School of recent novel did feature Health Professions, curled up taking a nap on top of the Mack building. "There is a large lump in its stomach, and BJU faculty are tween that and the recent



Although some have questioned the accuracy of his drawing, Public Safety forensic artist Schech E. Descene's depiction of a student allegedly being eaten by a snake was verified by McKinney, the only witness to the crime.

Photo: Hannah Guell and Arianna Rayder

throughout the day.

David McKinney, a faculty member in the Division of Natural Science, has been a suspect in the ongoing criminal investigation over the release of the reptiles.

"Although my client's reptiles escaping through the vents from the serpentarium on April 3, my client denies any correlation betragedy that occurred at BJU under the same circumstances," his lawyer said in a statement. Steve Figard, another

faculty member in the Division of Natural Science, spoke out this morning about the concerning trend of students taking selfies with the escaped Gila monsters. "It doesn't matter how cute they look," he said. "Students absolutely must stop making duck lips and posing for pictures with Gila monsters!"

Out of the 20 students that have been bitten so far by Gila monsters, 16 of them were reportedly in the process of posing for a selfie, and all 20 have been hospitalized, due to the lizard's toxic venom.

"There is a statistically significant correlation between the biting and the selfies," Figard said. "Even though there may be another variable at play, for the time being, the selfies must stop to protect the general health of the student body."

BJU students who suffer from herpetophobia, which is the fear of reptiles, flooded the Student Care office this morning wanting confidential counselling about how to deal with the outbreak of creatures on campus. Hannah Chelli, a freshman premed major,

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Pettit to teach advanced level mandolin class

Hannah Brav

EXOTIC MUSIC REPORTER Bob Jones University's president, Steve Pettit, has recently agreed to teach a

master class on the mandolin at the University this fall to expand students' appreciation of southern culture.

Michael Moore, chair of the Division of Music, asked Pettit to teach the class. Moore said that from time to time, the music department hosts visiting artists, but this past semester he realized he had been missing out on the chance of utilizing Pettit, BJU's very own artist.

"All this time he's been right here," Moore said. "I just can't believe I've been missing out on the perfect masterclass host."

Moore realized the extent of Pettit's talent during the

concerned it ate a student," Minor said.

Students have reported hearing small cries for help coming from the snake all

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Annual National Mandolinear Competition (ANMC) this past semester. The head judge of the ANMC, Baltha-

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THE WEEK

MAD REPTILE **DEFENSE TRAINING**

Students can sign up to attend this essential training, which will be held in FMA today at 7 p.m.

MATE FAIR

A mate fair for single graduating seniors will be held in the Davis Room on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

JEANS DAY

Since they have not earned a real jeans day, students can support the BJU demerit fund by wearing jeans on Wenesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

METAVERSE AUCTION

On Thursday at 4 p.m. on the roof of FMA, Pettit will auction off the BJU premium NFT line.



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Variety: The spice and sugar of life

Julia Lodi

HALFLING WRANGLER

As I stood in line at The Hub last week waiting to submit a request to change my major, I reflected on the last four years of my education at Bob Jones University. Little did I know when I arrived on campus as a

freshman that this line would hold a warm spot in my heart.

It all began when I met Indie Cysive, a friendly fifth semester senior, while waiting to talk to Financial Aid about getting my school bill waived.

"What are you in line for?" I asked Cysive.

"I'm changing my major," she said with a smile.

She proceeded to tell me that she had changed her major 13 times over her years at the University and never regretted it once. Cysive's joy over the matter struck me and made me think.

Bob Jones identifies as a liberal arts university and encourages us as students to try new things, to grow and to step outside of our comfort zone. After all, why do we have Artist Series? Why is Essential Science a required class? Why are we introducing engagement EXPs as requirements for graduation (see page five)?

Additionally, studies show that the majority of students don't use their degree after they graduate. But those studies neglect to mention that most students graduate with only one degree.

Why do we devote ourselves to just one field of study at college? Why only study French when we can study Spanish and German and Chinese too? Why only study languages when we can become experts in health sciences or in physics or business?

By sticking to one major, we limit ourselves and our chances to succeed after college.

Two days after meeting Cysive, I stood in line at The Hub and submitted a request to change my major from English to physics. The next Monday I switched to math education, and one week after that I changed my major to piano pedagogy with an aviation minor. I have continued this habit of changing my major weekly for four years and have never regretted it once.

This habit has truly revolutionized my life and I have experienced a new level of freedom, joy and well-roundedness through it. Not only that, but I am confident that I will get a job using one of my 128 fields of study by the time I graduate.

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Friend: Hey man, how's life? Me:



"How much do you need a vacation?

Now this is what I call news



FOX NEWS

Dog travels more than 100 km to bite its owner after being abandoned.

Me:



Nathaniel Hendry Melia Covington Hannah Guell Keyla Alvarado Jordyn Britton

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zar Doohickey, said he had never seen such skill, and promptly after Pettit's performance of "Old Man River" he gave him the first, second, and third place awards in the competition.

"He deserved them all," Doohickey said. "I've never seen a better mandolin player in all my years as judge."

Pettit said he thinks Moore chose the right man for the job. "It was an obvious choice," he said. "Who else on campus is going to be able to teach this?"

Teaching has always been one of Pettit's dreams, and he has always wanted to be able to share his considerable mandolin knowledge with others. Pettit said he is looking forward to the joy students will experience as they learn how to play bluegrass in his mandolin master class. "I'm [also] looking forward to expanding the understanding of our students in the style of bluegrass, which is true Americana," he said.

Pettit also plans on using the class to introduce students to a new form of culture they may not be familiar with. "We're making a master class, so we're introducing high southern culture to Bob Jones University," he said.

Pettit obtained his incredible mandolin skills **Pre-Technology** in the era, and said he primarily learned how to play through books and an ancient sound holder known as a cassette tape. His longterm goal with teaching the mandolin master class is to bring back mandolin choirs, which were quite popular at the beginning of the twentieth century in the United States.

If student interest in the mandolin master class is strong, BJU may even start a mandolin choir this year, fulfilling Pettit's life-long ambition of bringing these unique choirs back into popularity. "It would be a fantastic addition to the accordion choir we're starting in the fall," Moore said. Pettit said he would be honored to lead the mandolin choir, should it come to fruition.

Bee Flatter, a senior music education major, said she would love to join the mandolin choir. "I'm in two symphonies, I take lessons in four different instruments, I teach in my spare time and I was in the *Samson et Dalilah* opera, which was amazing even if it wiped me out, but I would absolutely love to take Pettit's masterclass and join



his mandolin choir as well," Flatter said.

Moore is also planning on adding Pettit to the upcoming BJUSO concert as a featured soloist. "Since violin and mandolin share the similar left hand finger technique, he's a natural fit for performing a mandolin transcription of the Schoenberg concerto for violin and orchestra," Moore said. "Lots of great tunes in that one I might add."

Pettit looks forward to

sharing his love of bluegrass and insane mandolin skills with the students who take his master class. He invites all the mandolin players of BJU to try out for the mandolin choir he will be leading in the fall. C



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Left: Moore, a recognized expert on symphonic mandolin theory, researches the historic origins of Mandolin choirs, which he believes to have begun in ancient Mesopotamia. Right: Pettit, a distinguished member of the Palmetto Mandolin Society, instructs students on a basic 12 finger plucking technique.

Photos: Melia Covington



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said that today on the campus she observed many students crying and walking to class with spears to fend off attacks. The students seem to have gathered the spears from the *Samson et Dalilah* set.

Individuals should avoid the Bridge of Nations at all costs as the escaped boa constrictors have started hunting in packs around the area. Students who have walked across report suddenly turning to see that their companions have disappeared.

Tabitha Varnell, a sophomore biology major, said her friend Kayleigh Billett was taken by the reptiles on the Bridge of Nations as the students headed to the dining common. "I still can't believe she disappeared so fast," Varnell said.

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One crocodile clamped down on a Bruin from the track team during practice. No one has been able to identify the student or help pull the crocodile off because the student began screaming and ran off at approximately 20 miles per hour at 7:30 a.m. and has been reported running around campus ever since. The track coach is proud of the distance endurance being observed on the team.

Although half of the force has not survived the reptile attacks, the public safety team recommend that students report any creatures they see so officers can collect them. The team expects the situation to be under control by next week.

Public safety officers



Students flee the FMA in terror after being ambushed by reptiles, only stopping to scan their ID cards on the way. Photo: Alicia Cannon

also warned students to stay away from the grates on campus because they believe the escaped reptiles have learned to avoid capture by traveling through the tunnels. At an emergency conference, President Steve Pettit announced that a 500 dollar Bruins Bucks reward will be given to any student who turns in an animal. Pettit also said that the University plans to implement new high security measures such as installing reptile-proof laser walls inside the serpentarium cages to ensure this does not happen again. C

Bruins fans shocked by favorite mascot's apalling rebellious phase

Laura Hammer

RENEGADE REPORTER

Bob Jones University's very own mascot, Brody, has lately developed a rebellious streak.

"Am I really even a Bruin anymore?" Brody said at a recent game, showing shocking disrespect for the Bruins.

The rebellion started off small. According to his resident assistant, Brody stopped cleaning for room job a few weeks ago. However, the subtle acts of mutiny continued. the lack of appreciation from the student body.

During a recent game, students observed Brody slouching on the sidelines with earbuds in. "I just don't see the point anymore," Brody said.

"We are aware of the situation with Brody and we're doing everything we can to resolve it," Jonny Gamet, the Bruins Assistant Athletic Director for Communications and Marketing, said.

According to his RA, Brody's demerits kept piling up—so much so that he could have paid to renovate a dorm—but Brody didn't seem to care. He even missed a recent game, according to Silas Stawarski, a junior underwater rugby major, and the Bruins were left to fend for themselves without a mascot.



After encouragement from his friends on Bruins teams, Brody has agreed to visit the Student Care office

indenity contentation.

Last Wednesday during chapel, Abby Davis, a sophomore elementary education major, said, "I heard Brody listening to a sports podcast out loud during the service."

"Brody smelled so bad I had to hold the edge of my shirt over my nose to keep from passing out," Rebecca Cradock, a sophomore studio art major said on the same day. Brody's RA said that the bear is refusing to shower as a protest against

After that, according to Gamet, Brody disappeared for a while. He skipped practices and games, and the student body stopped seeing him around campus. That is, until the recent game with Pensacola Christian College. Brody did not miss the game, but to the shock and mortification of the student body, the Bruins and coaches, Brody appeared wearing PCC gear.

"I remember my heart dropping to my gut when I saw it," Liam Shadwick, a sophomore cinema major who attended the game, said. "I didn't realize Brody felt so neglected, but I never thought he would stoop quite that low."

Several days after the game, Brody made a statement to the student body apologizing for his actions. "I let my emotions get the better of me," he said. "When I walked out there in that PCC merch and looked into the faces of their students, I just realized how empty I felt cheering for their team. It made me want to come home, you know?"

Brody asked for the student body's forgiveness for this incident and hopes to move past it with a new respect for the school. "We are Bruins," he said. "It's as simple as that. I love our fans and I know they love me too." **C**



for daily counseling sessions until he fully recovers from his recent uncharacteristic actions. Photo: Melia Covington and Arianna Rayder

Student engagements to count as EXPs

Nathaniel Hendry ROMANCE REPORTER

Under the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), titled Bruins Engage!, BJU will award transcript credit for many types of Experiential Learning (EXPs), including getting engaged.

Getting ready for a wedding is always an exciting but stressful time of life, so a new pilot program will make sure students receive credit for becoming engaged, just like they get credit for their stressful but unexciting classes.

Bill Lovegrove, a faculty member who helped develop the plan, said students should get EXPs for skills they learn while planning a wedding, such as budgeting, negotiation and interpersonal diplomacy.

However, he acknowledged that the change is really part of BJU's goal to raise student marriage rates by 50% over the next five years.

"We want the campus to become a flourishing orchard of romance," said Lovegrove.

While Bruins Engage! will grant EXPs to students who get engaged to other BJU students, cross-college relationships will not be eligible for credit. "It all

comes down to quality," Lovegrove said. "Unfortunately, we simply cannot guarantee the quality of engagements with students from other institutions."

Beginning next fall, incoming students will be expected to get two EXPs before graduating. For their second EXP, students may complete an internship, practicum or research project, but they cannot receive credit for a second engagement.

"We've been asked if a student can get engaged to a different person each summer, and unfortunately the answer is no," Lovegrove said.

BJU faced pressure to churn out more marriages following complaints from parents of single seniors. One parent, Mary Moore, wrote a letter to the administration last fall complaining that she had sent five of her children to BJU, but none had found a spouse. "I mean, why do you think I'm paying to send my kids to your school?" Moore wrote.

Moore did admit in her letter that one child was dating at the time she wrote. That relationship, however, fell apart during drop/add week this semester.

Other parents voiced similar complaints about BJU's per-capita engagement rate.

One father, Pence Koelah of Florida, threatened to transfer his children to a college closer to home. Thankfully, Lovegrove dissuaded Koelah by mentioning that BJU students attend local churches, expanding the spousal candidate pool.

Some parents have questioned the limited scope of engagements that fit into the plan. Holly Matremoeny, a mother from Maryland, complained that her daughter's cross-collegiate engagement didn't qualify for credit. However, she admitted that she wasn't a fan of the relationship anyway and hoped the QEP would encourage her daughter to find someone better, from BJU.

Student's reactions to the new EXP plan have varied widely. Clee Shay Hallmark, a sophomore cinema major, said the change was like a dream come true for her.

"I can see it now: I'm walking with my boyfriend by Omega Lake at sunset, he gets down on one knee,

and I become overwhelmed with joy, knowing I'll get credit!" Hallmark EXP said.

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However, Bradley Bragg, a seminary student who said he is called to celibacy, lamented the change. "Why should BJU reward students who get married, but not people like me who are called to celibacy?" Bragg said.

He suggested that BJU could grant him EXP credit for sacrificial service or superior self-control. Lovegrove said the administration is considering his request. C



Engaged couples who sign a pledge to send their future children to BJU will receive an extra EXP for their dedication to the liberal arts. Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

Bruins launch three new sports teams

Micah Brink

sports. Neil Ring, the direc- ally compete on a national

As with all three intercol- CAA curling matches will

STALKER

Jones University Bob proudly announced three new sports coming to the Bruins lineup this upcoming academic year: frisbee golf, curling and underwater rugby.

After accumulating nearly 36 years of parking ticket funds, the university reached its goal of \$17.4 million to provide the equipment and facilities necessary for these three

tor of intercollegiate athletlevel.'

ics, jumpstarted these programs after hearing a pitch from Bob Jones III in the fall of 1986 about introducing some new sports.

"It honestly was the perfect opportunity for our athletic program to expand and add some spice to our intercollegiate lineup," Ring said. "I'm especially excited about our frisbee golf team. It's something we've been working on for a really long time, and I think we can re-

Frisbee golf athletes play across campus, with baskets located on the Founder's Memorial Amphitorium rooftop as well as in front of the Nell Sunday dorm. Trey Woodberry, a senior ministry and leadership major, awaits the fall season with anticipation.

"I'm just really pumped to throw some discs with the guys," Woodberry said. "It's something I have trained for my entire life."

legiate sports, the Bruins offer roster spots on both men's and women's frisbee golf teams, and tryouts begin summer of 2022. Public Safety advises students to look out for flying frisbees as they walk to class and chapel each day.

Inspired by the Winter Olympics, curling takes its place as the second new sport BJU introduces to its intercollegiate lineup this year. Held in BJU's new underground arena, NC-

feature teams from across the nation and provide a great new atmosphere for fans to cheer on their Bruins.

Jack Cofer, a sophomore business administration major, expects his curling squad to outperform the competition each and every game. "Curling is such an intense sport to be a part of and I think the fans will really be engaged," Cofer

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Memeology: A New Degree

Gary Weier, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced the creation of a new memeology degree for the fall 2022 semester. Weier said he hopes to recruit Bobstool, a distinguished memeologist, to head up the new program.

Weier said creating the new program was a key goal of the University's strategic plan to enhance its education. "No liberal arts education worth its salt is complete without a study of memes, the queen of communication," he said.

Return of the Dating Parlor

President Steve Pettit announced the return of the dating parlor, an on-campus space set aside for courting couples. The new dating parlor, which will feature comfortable chairs and romantic candlelight, will be installed over the summer in the middle of the executive offices.

David Fisher, the vice provost, praised the new dating parlor as evidence of BJU's longstanding commitment to public health. "We followed CDC guidelines in spacing the dating parlor's chairs six feet apart," he said. "In fact, we practiced social distancing long before it was popular."

Shocking Seats

BJU will install mechanisms in the FMA seats to shock students who begin to fall asleep during chapel over the summer.

Alek Trissity, the inventor of the new devices and a member of BJU's entrepreneurship network, said, "It's amazing how many problems can be solved with a high enough voltage—sleeping students, loud roommates—you name it!"

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Bingo Advocacy

After two successful bingo fundraisers this semester, the Student Leadership Council announced the formation of the Bingo Advocacy Committee, a new campus organization to promote the popularity of bingo on campus.

The new committee plans to host weekly bingo nights along with high quality refreshments, such as prune juice and Maalox.

Miss Kathy's Record

Guinness World Records Limited's Greenville office announced today that Kathy Tovrea, known as Ms. Kathy by BJU students, has set the world record for the most names memorized in one day. After greeting 1,537 visitors for the AACS competition, Tovrea recalled all of their names perfectly in front of Guiness World Records officials.

"I'm so happy to set the new world record," Tovrea said. "But I hope they didn't notice I was reading their nametags."

What has your time on *The Collegian* been like?



"Since becoming the head



Johnathon Smith Buzzkill-in-Chief

honcho, the skies are bluer and the grass is greener. Life is always better when you get to boss around your friends. After all, it's better to be feared than loved."



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Alicia Cannon Phony Queen

on *The Collegian*. I loved seeing my work in print. But later in the semester I couldn't ignore the repeated problems coming from our buzzkill-inchief. He is a controlling, aggressive psychopath whose voice haunts my nightmares!"

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said. "The ice calls me to play at my highest potential along with my curling team. It is also a fantastic quad workout."

The university's new state-of-the-art underground arena provides fans with easy access to their seats through any sidewalk tunnel entrance across campus.

Bruins curling athletes will periodically practice in between their classes, so students should not be surprised by any clamorous yells that resound from campus tunnels throughout the day. Curling fans may bring their own curling stones or brushes to be signed by Bruins players before and after matches.

Lastly, underwater rugby makes its debut this fall as students, staff and faculty alike eagerly await the chance to see the sport up-close, some for the first time. Taking place in the Davis Field House pool, underwater rugby offers an exhilarating experience for both student athletes and spectators to enjoy.

Laura Cahill, a junior English major, believes BJU has needed an underwater rugby team for a long time. "I'm delighted to be a part of history through this team of talented athletes," Cahill said. "I think my weightlifting experience has definitely improved my game, and I trust my team to show up when I am running out of air."

Noah Kim, a sophomore information technology major, sees the upcoming season as an opportunity to exercise his rugby skills in a subaqueous setting. "I've been playing rugby since I was three years old and I played year-round living in South Africa, so having the opportunity to play competitively again is a crazy feeling," Kim said. "I should probably learn how to swim though, seeing as this time I'm playing underwater."

The introduction of these three new sports programs rejuvenizes the Bruins' fanbase, according to Ring. Fans may purchase frisbee golf, curling and underwater rugby merchandise at the Bruins' shop once each season begins.

"These new programs are still in the works, but we are making great progress," Ring said. "We're even working on installing bleachers for underwater rugby fans, which will be used this fall as long as spectators bring their snorkels. I'm really anticipating what that will look like." **©**



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life, but joining the ranks of the amateurs on *The Collegian* staff has to be the greatest of them all! Johnathon thinks he is an efficiency expert, but we only work so quickly in order to be released from his tyranny."



Arianna Rayder Office Gremlin

human being. Since working with Johnathon on *The Collegian* editorial staff, however, I have developed a new habit that I don't appreciate. I instinctively hide under the office desk in fear of the buzzkill-in-chief and have been dubbed the Office Gremlin." <u>Sports</u>

Bob Jones III to star on 2022 Bruins men's basketball team

Jared Banks

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STAFF CLOWN

Bob Jones III, chancellor of Bob Jones University, announced his intent to join the Bruins men's basketball team as a walk-on for the 2022-2023 season after the Bruins placed fifth in the NCCAA DII National Tournament this year.

The announcement comes after Jordan Michael, a senior sports management major, discovered Jones working on his shot late one night in the DFH.

"I was sweeping up after a society basketball game and I heard someone dribbling on the main court," Michael said. "I was gonna

go kick him out."

But when he realized it was Jones, he was surprised. "I was shocked to see Bob Jones III down there," he said. "I didn't even realize he played basketball." But another student witnessed something even more surprising.

"I was running back to the DFH to get my headband and tear-away warm up pants because I forgot them after my game," said Josh Fox, a senior information technology major and the center for the Beta Gamma Delta Patriots Basketball C team. "When I got there, all the lights were off, but I heard a swish."

When he walked to the

court to see what the sound was, Fox saw Jones retrieve a basketball from under the net and dribble to the corner of the three-point arch. Fox then witnessed Jones swish 17 three-pointers in a row. "I was speechless," said Fox.

Steve Pettit, president of BJU, expressed doubt after the announcement. "I'm a little dubious about Dr. Bob's basketball skills. If he were that good, he would have joined my team in a heartbeat," Pettit said, referring to the faculty fundraiser basketball game held during Bible Conference.

"I've never seen him play," said Pippen Scottie, a junior bagpipe performance major and forward for the Bruins men's basketball team. "But maybe he'll surprise us."

Jackson Phil, the assistant coach for the Bruins men's basketball team, was also caught off guard by Jones' announcement. "There's no scouting reports; he just showed up out of nowhere," said Phil. "This guy is really going to be a toss-up, but we've got some time to work."

But Jones knows what he can bring to the court, and with the Bruins losing some seniors, adding Jones to the roster will bring a few years of life experience and some wisdom to the team.

"Basketball is part-

ly mental," Jones said. "I thought I could help with the mental part. Our Bruins guys are doing really well with the athleticism. I thought I could bring some acuity."

In addition, Jones played for four years at Bob Jones Academy and has a high school championship under his belt. "I guess you could say I've been practicing for this for 70 years," he said.

Jones has a passion for basketball and looks up to some of the greatest basketball teams of all time. "I'm inspired by the Harlem Globetrotters," he said. "That's where I get my style from." ©



To the dismay of the more than 500 students who showed up to cheer for their beloved chancellor, Jones' signing ceremony was cut short due to an unidentified student in Bruins gear racing through the crowd with a crocodile on his heels.

Photos: Jordyn Britton

