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Lighting Ceremony features 100k lights and 8k attendees

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Bob Jones University kicked off the Christmas season with the annual Carol Sing and Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 in front of Rodeheaver Auditorium.

The University Singers, BJU's freshman choir, led the crowd of community members, alumni, students and faculty in a variety of Christmas carols. Thousands of people carrying candles sang hymns of praise including "Oh Come



Students were joined by thousands of graduates and community members during the annual ceremony.
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Pettit contract renewed with wide support

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Following an overwhelming show of support from students, parents, faculty, alumni and community members, the Bob Jones University Board of Trustees renewed Steve Pettit's three-year contract as president on Nov. 17.

This vote, which supported Pettit by an overwhelming majority, marks the second time the Board has voted to renew his contract. "The Board strongly supports the President and is committed and enthusiastic about working together with the President and the administration to fulfill the mission of the University for God's glory," the Board said in a press release issued by BJU on Nov. 17.

Pettit expressed his gratitude for the support from the University community and said he is excited to continue serving for the next three years. "I want to thank all of you for your prayers, and I do hope that you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving," he said to the University in a special meeting on Friday morning.

Pettit also thanked the

Class creates tech, nonprofit to fight global malnutrition

Nathaniel Hendry
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Students at Bob Jones University have created a non-profit company that provides tools to quickly detect malnutrition early and work with local officials to take swift action.

On Nov. 30 the student-created company Huruma Health sent prototypes of its system to Ghana for field testing in partnership with BJU's Center for Community and Global Health.

Huruma Health, named for the Swahili word for compassion, began as a project for Global Challenges, a class offered each fall, which seeks to help students gain experience creating real-world solutions



Team members, from left: Debanhi Flores, Emily Hughes, Mark Dickerson, Andrew Taylor, Paige Williams, Jiayi Lin, Jonathan Du Fault, Deeanna Perry. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

to current issues. Last year's team won a \$100,000 grant from Elon Musk's XPRIZE Foundation and subsequently turned their idea into a business.

This year's class focused on malnutrition. "We're currently doing a nonprofit

because we think it fits the goal of the organization the best," said Emily Hughes, a senior business administration major on the team. Class member majors also include engineering, health care administration and public health.

Need of early detection

The team created the device primarily as an early detection tool for public health rather than as a clinical diagnostic tool, although it can be used in

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Just things

Jewel Schuurmans

GUEST WRITER

Schuurmans is a GA and former editor-in-chief of The Collegian

“Our neighbors called the firefighters thinking seven people were trapped in our house fire.” No one wants to hear this from a family member.

A week ago when my brother sent this message and a picture of his truck engulfed in flames, I hesitated and prepared myself to discover the next divine blow to our family. Instead, I felt relief like cold water rushing over me as I learned that the truck was an isolated accidental fire and no one was hurt.

I watched the stream of green text bubbles roll up on my phone screen as my parents, five siblings and their spouses expressed their compassion and the same relief I felt for no injuries or deaths.

My sister shared Isaiah 14:24: “As I have planned, so shall it be.”

The Collegian Editorial

A Christmas massacre

While it is good to focus on the heart-warming elements of the Christmas story, the Bible’s account reminds us that there is much more to the nativity than gentle shepherds and generous wise men.

The Christmas story includes a massacre.

Matthew 2 records that an insecure King Herod, attempting to kill the newborn King of the Jews, sent his soldiers to kill every child under the age of 2.

Horror swept through households at the inhumanity of slaughtering thousands of innocent infants. The Gospel of Matthew quotes the prophet Jeremiah to describe the laments of parents who lost their children. “In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not” (Matthew 2:18).

This tragic story illustrates the chaotic and desperate world into which Christ was born. It was a world of oppression and suffering. The iron fist of Rome clamped down rebellion and hope alike.

Yet by choosing to quote this passage from Jeremiah, Matthew also foreshadows the hope that Christ would bring to hurting people.

The original passage was written about the parents who lost their children in the captivity of Babylon. Yet in the very next verses, Jeremiah encouraged the weepers with a promise.

“Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears:

for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border” (Jeremiah 31:16).

Jeremiah reminded the people that the judgment would not last forever and that God would bring restoration. The captivity would end and God’s people would return to the Promised Land. In judgment, God would remember mercy.

By quoting this passage, Matthew reminds us of a timeless truth: God is a God of restoration. “He heals the brokenhearted and sets the captives free. He makes the lame to walk again and causes the blind to see,” the old gospel song says. Christ’s coming proves this truth beyond doubt. He is the Suffering Servant who bore our sins so we could be free.

To a night of weeping, Christ brought heavenly hope. To a time of oppression, Christ brought spiritual freedom. To a people in sin, Christ brought eternal redemption.

God does not stand by and do nothing when He sees injustice, suffering and ruin. He intervenes. His masterful hand works behind the scenes to bring about His hidden purpose.

We may see suffering and chaos and ask, “Where is God in all this?” The birth of Christ illustrates that our God not only sees the suffering but is also willing to enter it to set things right.



Thankfully, nobody was hurt when the truck burst into flames.

Photo: Submitted

He had just lost his truck, the indispensable tool for his construction job, with no insurance settlement beyond a limited repayment for his hunting rifles and equipment inside. The suburban to carry his wife and five children was also partially melted, including ominous damage

inches from its gas tank.

“It’s just things :),” he texted.

What makes a person react like that? What causes a family to come so quickly to an agreement that possessions are just that – things we possess and then things we don’t?

Albeit a hefty loss, this announcement was a far cry from the scariest our family has heard.

“Rick,” my mom said to my dad over the phone, “It’s Sarah. She’s been in a car accident.”

My oldest sister, 18 years old at the time, had been in a car accident with a semi a mile from our country home. Over the next year, I watched through 7-year-old eyes as my family processed her severe brain injury, physical therapy and rehabilitation.

Exactly a year later, a

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semi hit my dad’s car near the same intersection. Despite metal being shaved away inches from his head, he walked away without a scratch. He keeps a picture of his twisted vehicle on his office desk at the church he’s pastored for the last 30 years. “As a reminder of providence,” he said. “God was in control of Sarah’s event, as He was of mine. He will not suffer me to be tested beyond that which I am able to bear.” The righteous shall live by faith.

I’m reminded of this truth when I learn of others’ stories of tragedy. Pain is a familiar guest in the lives of those around us.

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Voctave returns to perform Christmas concert on campus

Eylan Martinez

STAFF WRITER

Voctave returned to Bob Jones University a second time on Dec. 1 with a Christmas-themed concert for the last Concert, Opera & Drama Series event of the year. The a cappella group performed for the first time at the University in November 2020 with a Disney-inspired repertoire.

Darren Lawson, dean of the School of Fine Arts and Communication, wanted the BJU community to enjoy the Voctave experience when he first heard the group several years ago. “I remember saying to myself, ‘We’ve got to have them come and sing for the students at BJU.’ The rest is history,” Lawson said.

Although the group had already visited the University, this second experience was much different. The first time Voctave performed, the University was under COVID restrictions.



Voctave first performed at BJU in 2020.

Photo: Submitted

“We couldn’t have anybody from town come, and the students had to spread out every other seat,” Lawson said. But in this year’s concert, hundreds of community members joined the students to hear the group.

Lawson intentionally chose a date close to the end of the semester to help the campus community relax. “I planned this one because I knew it was going to

be the end of the semester and everybody’s stressed out,” Lawson said.

The a cappella group sang well-known Christmas songs such as “Where Are You Christmas,” “O Holy Night” and “Jingle Bells.” Between songs the group surprised the audience with comedy interludes which kept the crowd laughing.

Students appreciated

the group’s performance and effort to entertain the public. “For me, it was really impressive to hear, like, all of those singers showing their talents,” said Diego Leon, a junior business administration major. “I also liked a lot the connection they did with the public, like saying funny jokes, making the crowd laugh.”

Frank Castillo, a sophomore business admin-

istration major, was also impressed by the program and thankful he got to see it as part of his experience at BJU. “I was surprised because I didn’t know that they were so talented,” Castillo said.

Lawson knew the experience would be valuable for students since Voctave is an internationally known singing group that has already built a notable following. “It’s one thing to listen to them on your phone; it’s another thing to be in the hall live,” he said.

BJU has offered opportunities for artistic influence since its beginning as part of its educational program. “We take these very seriously, and they end up shaping you in ways that you don’t even realize maybe until 10 years from now,” Lawson said.

“It makes you a better accountant, it makes you a better doctor, it makes you a better journalist.”

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All Ye Faithful,” “Silent Night” and “Away in a Manger.”

President Steve Pettit shared a Gospel message with the crowd, emphasizing Christmas as a season of giving. The ultimate gift was given through the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “As we light up the campus, it is a testimony that the Light has come into the world,” he said.

After the final note of “O Holy Night” was sung, the crowd counted down and Pettit and Greenville County councilman Stan Tzouvelekas turned on over 100,000 Christmas lights on campus simultaneously.

The crowd was awed by the lights. “This was probably the most impressed

I’ve ever been,” said Kate Wiedell, a senior English education major who has attended the event several years. “It was very epic.”

Wiedell said she loves how the event unites the community. “It’s just such a special moment when they turn the lights on, and we all get to celebrate that together,” she said.

The crowd continued singing Christmas carols. As “Let It Snow” echoed across campus, fake snow floated down into the crowd from snow machines on the roof of the auditorium.

Following the ceremony, the freshmen multimedia journalism students organized a Christmas broadcast in The Den. The broadcast included Christmas songs, games and prizes.

BJU also arranged several musical events and ac-

tivities for the community to enjoy before and after the Lighting Ceremony. These included the Alumni Christmas Market, the University Symphony Orchestra and Combined Choirs Christmas concert and the BJUgrass concert featuring Ben Rochester. The Christmas Village on the Palmetto Green had tents with cookie decorating, s’mores and crafts for people attending the event.

An estimated 8,000 people were on campus for the celebration. The Lighting Ceremony has been a tradition at BJU for over 30 years. The University has been able to use it as a testimony of the Gospel to the community, and it hopes to continue the tradition for years to come.



BJU’s lighting ceremony saw reduced attendance for two years during COVID-19, but this year’s attendance bounced back to normal.

Photo: Hannah Guell

Tigers walk to fight diabetes

Mackenzie King

STAFF WRITER

The Theta Delta Omicron Tigers participated as a team in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk to show their support for those living with Type 1 diabetes. The One Walk took place at Fluor Field on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

Tigers President Lindsay Shaleen and Tigers Vice President Grace Bergeron both deal with the effects of Type 1 diabetes in their lives. They wanted to be a part of raising awareness in the community.

“If you’ve never had [Type 1 diabetes], or you don’t have someone close to you who has it, you don’t really realize how much the lifestyle changes,” Shaleen said. “It’s really cool to be one small part, even if you’re just walking or donating, of something bigger

than yourself.”

Beginning at Fluor Field, the Tigers walked for a mile through downtown Greenville alongside other participants. Before the walk, they were able to visit booths to talk with sponsors and pick up free stickers and snacks. JDRF also took a moment to recognize the top fundraisers as well as participants who personally struggle with Type 1 diabetes.

Each year, JDRF organizes over 150 One Walks, a one-mile walk to support those with Type 1 diabetes. These walks are arranged to raise money to fund Type 1 diabetes research and encourage new therapies. JDRF invites anyone to participate in these events. Although they welcome donations, fundraising is not required to attend.

Shaleen’s connection to Type 1 diabetes is through her sister who was diag-



The Tigers’ efforts raised \$400 and the One Walk event raised a total of \$156,000 for diabetes research.

Photo: Submitted

nosed in the summer of 2009. When Shaleen discovered the JDRF One Walk several years ago, she decided to make it a routine with her family.

Bergeron received a diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes over the summer. After spending some time at summer camp, she came back fatigued and thirsty. Her symptoms did not im-

prove. Just a week before leaving for college, her doctor confirmed that she had Type 1 diabetes. In addition to adjusting to the start of another year of college, she had to adjust to a completely new lifestyle.

Bergeron said she’s thankful the change is not as severe for her as it is for others. “I have to take one shot every day, and then

I watch what I eat. I try to work out every day, so it balances out. Thankfully, that’s all I have to do,” she said.

After learning that Bergeron was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, Shaleen wanted to share the JDRF One Walk with her too. “I thought it’d be fun to have her experience that,” she said. “[At the walk] you kind of see people all in different stages of life who have diabetes.”

Shaleen and Bergeron are hoping to involve the Tigers in other future community fundraising activities since Greenville is home to many nonprofits that allow opportunities for people to show support. Shaleen said that she believes supporting associations such as JDRF is a great way to learn more and “do something bigger than yourself.”

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both settings.

Ghana experiences very high malnutrition. For children under age five, nearly one-fifth are stunted, and one-tenth are underweight for their age, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund.

The first 1,000 days in a child’s life are critical to healthy development, said Dr. Bernard Kadio, a professor in the Division of Health Sciences and one of the professors teaching the class. Furthermore, medical personnel can use simple body measurements to ensure that children are developing at a healthy rate.

“Within those 1,000 days, all those anthropometric measurements are basically the same,” Kadio said. That is, all healthy human babies grow at a constant rate in that time, within a well-defined margin.

Current methods in Ghana to detect malnutri-

tion rely on schools collecting data in paper reports which are often not reviewed for several months, a time during which the child could slip deeper into health problems.

In one case the team referenced, individual health reports for 5,000 children sat for three months before anyone reviewed them.

To eliminate this gap, the team designed and built a device called the Nutrition Screening Device, or simply Nutrimeter, which uses automatic data collection to simplify the collection process and provide instant results. The system uses a scale and a laser that records the child’s height reading on a stadiometer to send data directly to a computer with health measurement software.

“This is the beauty of the device,” Kadio said. “You have immediate nutritional information about the child,” allowing officials to immediately take action to help children at risk, he said.



The Nutrimeter connects a scale and stadiometer directly to a computer for instant analysis of children’s health and nutrition information.

Photo: Derek Eckenroth

The software shows where a child’s body mass index and z-score fall relative to healthy children, using a green-yellow-red display. In healthcare, z-score compares a person’s weight and height to the average for people of that age, with a zero representing the mean. A yellow result tells parents and providers that the child has a window of opportunity to get back on

track but needs immediate intervention.

Hopefully, team members say, Huruma will work with other nonprofits to provide its products for free or at very low cost. The team also created a paper resource called the Nutrition Status calculator, or Nutrislide, that can be used separately in doctor’s offices and classrooms to assess children’s growth.

Field testing and future development

Although the project began as a class assignment, the team wants to continue their work beyond college. The class members are excited their project is already in real-world use in Ghana and they have many plans for improvements. They expect many suggestions to come from field testers using the device.

Team members have also designed an upgraded product model and created a list of improvements to make on future product versions.

First, they want to create better data analysis software. The current system works only on computers and has limited features. Other upgrades include adding tablet functionality for users without a computer and Bluetooth capability to the scale and stadiometer to reduce wires.

Eventually Huruma

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Board of Trustees, faculty, students and alumni for their commitment to BJU's success and to the doctrines enshrined in the BJU creed, which he said was notable in light of how many colleges founded on religious principles have fallen out of biblical orthodoxy. "We are marching towards our 100th anniversary in just four years, and so we are preparing Bob Jones University for this next century," he said. "I'm thankful that I have another three years."

Outpouring of prayer and support

In the weeks leading up to the vote, students and faculty voiced their appreciation for Pettit's care for the students and his emphasis on creating a discipleship atmosphere. An online petition expressing support for the president's contract renewal gained over 6,800 signatures and 400 comments from signers expressing their support.

The BJU Student Leadership Council also collected over 100 pages of letters from students and submitted them to the Board along with its own letter summarizing themes from the students' remarks. A Facebook group gained nearly 5,000 members to organize support, including having hundreds of alumni attend the Turkey Bowl on Nov. 12 wearing "I Love BJU" pins.

Among other reasons students gave for their support, many expressed their appreciation for Pettit's effort to emphasize discipleship over outward conformity, while still upholding biblically-based orthodoxy and lifestyle expectations.



Steve Pettit has been the president of BJU since 2014. Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

"I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that Dr. Pettit does a wonderful job as President of BJU," 2021 graduate Isabel Vosburgh Bott said in her comment on the petition. "The changes he has made have been necessary and good, while still holding true to scripture. The students love him because they respect him and his biblical stances, but they also know that he genuinely cares about them," she said.

Men's student body president Carson Aaron said he was encouraged and impressed seeing the way students responded to the news that Pettit's contract might not get renewed. "The students responded in prayer, and then [used] it as an opportunity to talk about what God has done," Aaron said. He said the whole situation was "one of the greatest encouragements to my faith that I never saw coming."

Following the announcement on Thursday evening that Pettit's contract was renewed, students began celebrating. "There

was rejoicing in my hallway last night when the email went out, screams in a lot of the dorms, very happy people!" Aaron said. "Some of the teachers brought doughnuts to their classes [Friday] morning in celebration."

Leadership amid uncertainty

When news originally spread that the Board was set to consider his contract renewal, Pettit called a special meeting for all students and faculty on Oct. 27 in which he emphasized having a proper attitude about the situation.

"Any observations and/or communication by any of us about this, which has been taking place, should show kindness, grace, honesty, patience, submission and humility," Pettit said in the Oct. 27 meeting. He encouraged students to pray for the Board, administration, faculty and staff. "And I ask that you pray for yourselves — that in all things, God would get the glory to Himself."

While serving as president during the past few

months of uncertainty, Pettit drew on his four decades of experiencing God's faithfulness to remain confident. "I've seen the Lord faithful all along the way, multiple times," Pettit said in an interview.

In times of uncertainty, Pettit said he reminds him-

Lord."

Looking to the future

Pettit became the fifth president of BJU in 2014, and he is the first president not related to BJU founder Bob Jones Sr. Since his coming, he has helped the University gain tax-exempt status and accreditation, expand intercollegiate sports, increase fundraising efforts and remodel student residence halls, among other initiatives.

Pettit said he wants to use the momentum generated during the last few months to build on BJU's solid biblical foundation. "I think we have momentum with donors that want to give and support the school with recruiting of new students, and I want to continue that," Pettit said. "We want to set things up for the next generation that can continue on to be faithful to the Lord."

Aaron said he was excit-



Students welcomed Pettit onto the stage with a standing ovation during a special meeting on Nov. 18, after an announcement the previous night that his contract was renewed. Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

self that God provides what is needed when it is needed, which causes believers to have to turn to faith and prayer while awaiting the outcome. That way "when the answer comes, it's really clear where the answer came from," he said. "Everybody knows it was the

ed about how the process had brought the students together. "As far as the future, I think that this will be a good thing going forward because we'll be more unified," Aaron said. "We have been thankful together, and now we get to live that out."

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Health hopes to add capability to show z-scores for people beyond the age of 5 and offer an app and expand its website (hurumahealth.com) to offer the NutriMeter and NutriSlide and a contact form.

Though the team origi-

inally intended to run the company as a Limited Liability Company and started an LLC, which they can still use to protect their intellectual property, the students plan to run Huruma Health as a non-profit company. The company will have a board of trustees, comprising the original team mem-

bers, who will appoint officers to oversee the work on the ground. The team plans to hire a business intern as project manager next semester.

This semester's Global Challenges class is taught by Dr. Bill Lovegrove, head of the department of engineering, Dr. Adele Dunn

of the Division of Management, Dr. Amy Hicks, chair of the Division of Health Sciences and Dr. Kadio. The students are Hughes and accounting major Mark Dickerson; engineering students Jiayi Lin, Debanhi Flores and Andrew Taylor; and health science students Jonathan Du Fault, Dee-

anna Perry and Paige Williams. All the students are seniors aside from juniors Perry and Lin.

The team presented their research and product at a forum in Levinson Hall on Nov. 30. Field testing wrapped up on Dec. 8.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Stuart Scott works to train, certify counseling students

Hannah Bray

STAFF WRITER

Dr. Stuart Scott joined the Bob Jones University faculty in September 2022 to serve as the director of biblical counseling.

Scott brings nearly 40 years of experience to BJU, having served as a pastor, biblical counselor and executive director of One Eighty Ministries, which provides seminars, counseling services, education and consulting services to help local churches and pastors implement biblical discipleship counseling.

Before coming to BJU, Scott taught at The Master's University in California for six years, where he was a professor of biblical counseling and was often featured on the ministry's Truth in Love podcast.

Scott's position as director of biblical counseling is a new position at BJU. This semester Scott has been finalizing the bibli-

cal counseling certification program and teaching a doctoral class on biblical counseling. He is working on a program to allow students getting a bachelor's degree in biblical counseling to fulfill some of the requirements for certification by the Association of Biblical Counselors (ACBC), and students getting a master's in biblical counseling will earn full ACBC certification in addition to their accredited degree.

In addition, Scott will work with BJU Seminary's 500 x 5 x 5 initiative, which seeks to address a pastor shortage across the U.S. by recruiting and beginning the training of 500 future pastors in the next five years and again every five years thereafter.

After graduating from Columbia Bible College, now Columbia International University, with a degree in Christian education, Scott earned his master of divinity degree from Grace

Theological Seminary, his master of theology degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctor of ministry degree from Covenant Theological Seminary.

He has authored seven books and serves as director of membership services for the ACBC. His books include *Killing Sin Habits: Conquering Sin with Radical Faith*; *Communication and Conflict Resolution: A Biblical Perspective*; *Anger, Anxiety and Fear: A Biblical Perspective*; and *Counseling the Hard Cases: True Stories Illustrating the Sufficiency of God's Resources in Scripture*, which he co-edited. He has also contributed to several other books.

Scott has been married to his wife, Zondra, for over 36 years. He has two adult children, Christa and Marc, and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Scott said he enjoys the outdoors and traveling. "We grew up



Scott is working to help BJU graduates earn certification from the Association of Biblical Counselors (ACBC), where he is the director of membership services.

Photo: Jordyn Britton

camping. We've camped in every state in the Union," Scott said. He has also been to 18 countries, including several in Europe, and he likes to keep active. "I enjoy travelling, meeting God's people, encouraging people and teaching, even abroad," Scott said. "I en-

joy sports — I grew up playing them all."

Scott said he has enjoyed his time at BJU thus far and found the faculty and administration to be kind, gracious and welcoming. "I'm just glad to be here and honored to serve," he said.

TALKBACK

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?



Megan Westphal
Senior orchestral instrument performance major

"My favorite Christmas tradition is going to the tree farm! After a few hours of trying to decide, my family takes turns cutting down the tree, hoping it's not too tall for our living room (yes, that's happened before)."



Jacob Henson
Senior film and digital storytelling major

"Doing a secret Santa gift exchange with my 4 siblings. We all pick a name from a hat and get that person a gift."



Lydia Loescher
Junior nursing major

"My favorite Christmas tradition is when our family traipses through our neighborhood delivering homemade Christmas goodies to our neighbors."



Micah Morrell
Senior business administration major

"Gingerbread house with pop tarts."

Bruins dominate NCCAA nationals

Jared Banks
STAFF WRITER

The Bruins Fall sports teams finished their seasons with four National Championship titles and many individual player awards. Competing in almost 100 combined soccer matches, cross-country meets, golf tournaments and volleyball matches over the Fall season, the Bruins came to win, and win they did.

Men’s Soccer

The Bruins men’s soccer team won the DII National Championship for the second year in a row, defeating Grace Christian University with a single goal late into match. After 85 hard-fought minutes with no goals, sophomore Hodari Twishme scored his first goal, and the biggest one of the season. The Bruins defense held on after that, fighting for the last five minutes to national championship victory.

Eight players earned All-Region honors this season: Rylan Boldt, Ian Arendse, Mario Figueroa, Dallas Albert, Chris Monczewski, and Peter Wad-



Defender Dallas Albert, a freshman business administration major, had one assist during BJU’s regular season game against Pensacola Christian College on Nov. 5.
Photo: Merissa Ellerbrock

dy were named 1st team All-Region. Conley Burk and Luke Morcos were named 2nd team All-Region. Figueroa was also named South Region Player of the Year in Division II. The NCCAA named coach Greg Fulton, now in his second year as the head coach of the Bruins, as the South Region Coach of the Year for Division II this season.

Women’s Soccer

Due to their previous overwhelming success in DII, the women’s soccer team now competes in the

NCCAA DI. The Bruins fought hard in the DI National Tournament, with a 1-0 loss to Oakland City University to finish the season. The Bruins finished with a 14-7-1 record. Five players were named to the All-Region teams for NCCAA DI: Gabriela Gonzalez, Anna Grace Abrams, and Mia Marks were named First Team All-Region, and Kayle Stevenson and Korbryn Griffith were named Second Team All-Region. Gonzalez was also named South Region Player of the Year for Division I.

Volleyball

For the fifth straight season, the Bruins volleyball team brought home a national title. The Bruins defeated Arlington Baptist School, winning the NCCAA DII National Championship 3-1 against the Patriots. Individually, Kiersten and Katherine Hoopes, both freshmen, earned 1st-team All-Region honors. Senior Emma Riddle earned 1st-team recognition, and Katelyn Landkrohn was given an honorable mention.

Cross Country

The Bruins men’s and women’s cross country teams have a combined 10 straight national titles. The men’s team won its 7th title in a row, finishing with 20 points. They ran against eight teams and 70 athletes. With 29 points, the women’s team won its third straight national title, running against five teams and 53 runners. Five runners earned All-American honors this season, including Joanna Lain on the women’s team, and Douglas Stone, Sol Shaffer, Ryan Heying and Michael Steurer on the men’s team. Stone and Steurer are three-time NCCAA All-Americans. Ken Roach earned DII National Coach of the Year for men’s and women’s cross country.

Golf

The men’s team golf team earned their best finish ever in the NCCAA tournament, placing 3rd and only one stroke behind 2nd place Cedarville University. Jason Ross and Timmy Smith tied for 13th individually at the tournament, with Grant Bagwell and Ethan Craddock also tied for 15th place.

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While we’re on this side of Heaven, we bear the scars of that intrusion. We hold the scars of wounds inside and outside, of burdens before and after salvation, we hold our hands and hearts to Christ with burns and bruises for Him to kiss. What makes us choose hope over despair when we don’t understand why trials come?

Paul shares, “For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” (1 Corinthians 13:12). We do not know all yet, but we are all known, and that is more than enough for now.

A few days ago I met a woman in the line at Cuppa Jones who eventually told me of her husband’s passing from cancer. With tears in her eyes, she spoke of the comfort God provides. The BJU Lives on Mission videos released

over the Thanksgiving season gave a megaphone to those who offered proof of the Lord’s faithfulness through heavy difficulty and sorrow. When you’ve surrendered the fate of people you love to the Lord, the loss of possessions like trucks and hunting gear become merely hurdles to jump and then press on for the prize.

Run. Lay aside every weight, Paul says, lay aside the sin that troubles us so easily – and run our race. Run with our eyes turned to Jesus, who both gave us and will fulfill in us the hope of our faith. Christ, “who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross.” Christ had a purpose to endure His pain. He had a goal, a joy, set before Him, for which He willingly surrendered. So, we too, have a joy set before us. We also may patiently run, knowing Christ has gone before us and will be the finisher of our faith when all else is burned away.

BTS: How *The Collegian* gets to you

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STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty members invest many hours weekly to provide the Bob Jones University community with a reliable, timely, student-run newspaper.

Behind the scenes, *The Collegian* staff goes through an extensive creation and revision process to provide accurate information for the campus community. After researching, interviewing and writing their articles, the writers submit them; the copy editor makes the first revisions; and the faculty adviser, Betty Solomon, makes any additional corrections for the writer to check. Then the proofreader edits them for punctuation, grammar and proper journalism style.

Once the articles and photos are ready, the editor-in-chief, copy editor and design editor work on putting the content into the actual design format for printing. The process often stretches late into the night on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, since the final version must be sent to the printing department by chapel time on Wednesday for a Friday release date.

After printing a draft, the editor-in-chief proofreads the entire print edition one final time before the other 1,200 copies are printed for distribution on Friday.

An advisory committee of individuals from the administration, faculty and staff assist the staff with clarifying questions on any issue regarding the paper and providing help with the newspaper's budget and equipment.

Bob Whitmore, a staff member in the late 1980s, had the idea for *The Collegian* in 1985 and presented it to the administration for approval. The journalism major was in its infancy, and the paper would give students the chance to practice what they were learning in the classroom.

In *The Collegian's* beginning, "desktop publishing was in its infancy," Whitmore said. "It's very much labor intensive back then," Whitmore said. "Now it's all computer."

With technology becoming more powerful, the staff went from releasing the print edition twice a month at its beginning to publishing it every week in Volume 19, 2005. Beginning last semester, the staff began printing it once a month while posting articles online weekly. Regardless of the format or the publication frequency, the newspaper prevailed, as "people are always interested in the news. They want to know what's going on [on] campus," Whitmore said.

Working on staff

The Collegian is currently short on staff since participating in the newspaper requires a student's serious commitment, Solomon said. However, she has seen how it has helped those that have taken on the challenge throughout her years of experience as the paper's adviser, since 1987. "They get more comfortable interviewing people that they don't know," Solomon said, "They get better at putting an article together."

Joining *The Collegian* can be beneficial both for students in the journalism department and students outside the program. Since



Arianna Rayder, a senior graphic design major, uses Adobe InDesign to combine the work of all *The Collegian* contributors into a final polished copy for printing.

Photo: Nathaniel Hendry

the paper's creation, writers from different fields, including business, premed, and English majors, have joined the staff.

Nathaniel Hendry, the newspaper's editor-in-chief and formerly a staff writer and photographer, has seen those benefits on display. Despite taking on the roles of copy editor, web editor and social media editor this year, his experience has been enriching. "I know it's really helped me learn a lot about organizing and managing teams," Hendry said.

Hendry has learned to use what he writes to meet others' needs. "It trains you to think beyond just expressing yourself and more, 'How can I write to benefit the reader and how can I write to benefit the person

I'm writing about?'" Hendry said. Another advantage of working for *The Collegian* is the chance of sharing your writing skills on a public platform as you "get to be published in an actual newspaper," Hendry said.

Although he works an average of 25 hours during the week *The Collegian* publishes a print issue and five to 10 hours on a regular online-publishing week, Hendry enjoys being part of the newspaper. "I've really enjoyed my time as writer and photographer and editor of *The Collegian* because it gives you real-world experience in writing, interviewing, networking, editing and proofreading," Hendry said.

As the newspaper moves forward, it is working to in-

crease its online presence and to provide information more quickly. "I think by going online more and printing less often, we are going to be more timely," Solomon said. "That is a goal that we have, especially for the second semester and starting next year."

Currently, the time between when assignments are given and when the final article gets published often stretches up to nearly three weeks, influenced by printing turnaround times and the design process. Online articles, however, have a much shorter turnaround time, posting only a few days or even hours after the event for hard news stories.

Collegian staff members can come from any major and work 2-4 hours a week.



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