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This year's Bible Conference fundraiser will go toward an on-campus initiative to transform the Bruins Shop into a student recreation center.

Alan Benson, vice-president for student development and discipleship, said the decision to create the recreation center has been in process for months.

"[This project] is intentionally taking something as important as a Bible Conference fundraiser and saying to the students that the student experience really matters," he said.

Ian Dyke, SLC's communications director, said the need for a space dedicated to students is not a new topic of discussion.

"We've seen it repeatedly on USpeak, at least once a month," he said.

Dyke said that having a recreation center is something the campus needs.

"I know from previous student leadership councils it's been true for years," he said.

Tori Conover, women's student body president, said she thinks the new space



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The funds that are raised through Bible Conference will be used dollar-for-dollar for the new recreation center. Photo: Brian French/BJU Marketing

will build relationships and community because it will provide a fun atmosphere on campus for students to come together.

"Even though a student recreation space might sound like a shallow case for a fundraiser, our vision is that relationships that are built will have a lasting impact," she said.

Conover said that Greenville offers plenty of opportunities for recreation, but the off-campus activities of

ten cost quite a bit of money. She thinks the new recreation center will provide a great opportunity for students to have fun on campus.

The Bruins Shop, located in a corner of The Den, will be transitioning out of its current location over the course of the spring semester to make way for the recreation center.

Benson believes this location in The Den will be perfect for the recreation space.

"[The Den] is ground zero

of student experience," he said. "If we're going to make a place accessible and also fun, it needs to be here."

Conover said that The Den's central location and relaxed atmosphere make it a great choice for the recreation center, especially since it's in the midst of where students already hang out.

As for the look and feel of the new rec center, students will be heavily involved in the creation and design.

They will also have a say in

what equipment is installed.

Benson said he envisions accounting students helping with the budget, interior design students helping with the atmosphere and students even helping to choose the name of the space.

As far as what will go in the rec center, the SLC will use a Google form to track feedback and will use USpeak to catalog student ideas.

They will also monitor social media to keep tabs on student opinions.

"Ian and his team are really good about doing polls and asking students what they would add to [the rec center]," Conover said.

Dyke said he envisions the possible creation of a sports league.

"There's going to be TVs and gaming consoles," he said. "That would pull a demographic on campus that may not have been involved in physical sports."

He said that these sports See **FUNDRAISER** p. 3 >>

## BJU introduces residence hall summer housing program

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Staff Writer

Bob Jones University will begin opening two of its residence halls to students who are staying in Greenville for all or part of the summer.

This summer residency program will begin for the summer of 2019, and students will be able to rent the rooms at a reasonable rate.

Nathan Washer, assistant to chief enrollment officer Dr. Bobby Wood, helped to organize this residence hall project.

"[Dr. Wood] was interested in using our residence halls from the school side of things as a way to have a little bit of income generation during the summer," Washer said. "[Wood] realized that there were students who have

jobs or internships going on through the summer."

Similar to how the Campus View Apartments (CVA) complex operates with faculty and staff, students who stay in the residence halls during the summer can expect two people to a room.

Each person will pay \$70 per week. However, anyone wishing to have his or her own room can pay \$140 to cover the spots of both people.

In addition to the room, rent includes internet access, laundry, security and 24x7 key card access to the residence hall.

Student life staff will not be involved in the residence halls during the summer as they are during the academic year.

"We want this to be home away from home," Washer

said. "It's a place to stay."

The summer housing application, resident information (expectations for living on campus) and a housing agreement can be found on the BJU intranet.

The residence halls are available for summer rent beginning May 4, through Aug. 17.

This summer housing opportunity is open to incoming students, current students, graduate assistants and seniors who just graduated.

Wood estimates that at least 100 to 120 students will take advantage of this opportunity.

One men's residence hall and one women's residence hall will be used each summer on a rotational basis to allow for maintenance on the other residence halls.

If students who are enrolled in the summer residency program decide to leave for a week during the summer, they can store their belongings in their rooms by continuing

to pay rent for that week.

Students who wish to leave for a few weeks during the summer but plan to return may move out all their belongings and pay a \$25

checkout fee. When they return, they will be assigned a new room.

Students will be responsible for covering the cost See **SUMMER** p. 3 >>



Students enrolled in the summer housing program will pay \$70 per week. Photo: Hal Cook/BJU Marketing

## COLUMN



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While rewatching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* the other day, I was struck by how many good principles are intertwined in the message of this classic Christmas story.

Most of us have seen this movie and enjoy it for its sweet Christmas tale and hilarious quotes. (If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend fixing that.)

In this story, the citizens of Whoville love the Christmas season and go all out with their decorations and gifts.

The Grinch, however, rejects Christmas entirely.

The story follows Cindy Lou Who, a young girl determined to help the Grinch find happiness.

I found three big truths that are emphasized in this story.

First, the overarching theme of the movie is that Christmas isn't about material things; instead, it's about people.

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### The Collegian Editorial

## Celebrating Christmas even when it's bittersweet

During this time of the year, people across the globe are preparing to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

For the most part, it's a happy time.

People seem to be kinder to each other.

Families get together, people travel to see loved ones and everyone seems to be a bit more mindful of others.

Truly, joys seem greater during the holiday season. But, for some, the sorrows cut a little deeper too.

Recently, one member of our student body went home with the diagnosis of Lyme disease.

After six years of chronic pain and 40 visits with the best doctors in the nation,

her answer came and, though it's not the answer she hoped for, it's an answer all the same.

This Christmas, she'll be starting an intense detox to fight off a virus that's been part of her life for the last six years.

She's just one of several students facing a tough holiday season.

Some members of our student body are heading home to see friends or family members who are in the hospital, fighting sickness or a life-threatening disease.

Others will be celebrating their first Christmas without a particular family member.

Amid the carols, holiday parties and family get-togethers, several members of our student body may be facing a

bittersweet break.

Sadly, the world hurts, and pain doesn't pause for Christmas.

And yet, these pains, griefs and diseases caused by man's sin—they're the very reason Christ came to earth in the first place.

As Revelation 21:4 promises for the Christian, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."

Even when we're hurting, we can celebrate during the Christmas season.

As believers, we have hope that we hurt only for a time and that this broken world is not our home.

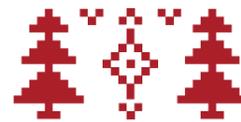
Lyme disease will die, cancer will die, sickness will

die—all because Jesus died and rose again.

We can sing the traditional Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," which says, "No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found."

No part of the curse is beyond His reach.

This holiday season, no matter how bittersweet your celebration may be, if you are a believer, you can cling to the hope that Christ's incarnation, suffering, death and resurrection bring us newness of life.



## U-TALK BACK

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS TRADITION?



freshman  
**LUCA COVATO**

"Having a Christmas Eve service and then the family coming over."



senior  
**STEPHANIE SHELBURNE**

"Watching 'It's a Wonderful Life' while decorating the Christmas tree."



freshman  
**DARREN LEANOS**

"Making tamales with my grandma."



junior  
**JOSHUA ZHANG**

"Exchanging gifts."



junior  
**PABLO RIVERA**

"Decorating the tree."

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We learn this truth at the end of the story when the Grinch tries to ruin Christmas for the people of Whoville.

He steals all their gifts and decorations and food, only to realize that the citizens of Whoville are still celebrating.

Why? Because the people of Whoville have remembered that one of the most important parts of Christmas isn't a *thing* at all—it's the family and friends they share it with.

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store," the Grinch says. "Maybe Christmas means a little bit more."

Sometimes, amidst the celebrating, holiday shopping, and gift-giving, we—just like the Whoville citizens—forget that "things" are not the most important part of Christmas.

Most importantly, Jesus' birth is the real reason for our celebration, and we should celebrate this special day with those closest to us.

We can also learn a lesson from Cindy Lou Who, the young girl who sets her mind to changing the Grinch's perspective on Christmas.

Don't judge people by their appearances.

Despite the whole town being afraid of the Grinch, Cindy insists that she wants to try to help him.

"No matter how different

a Who may appear, he will always be welcome with holiday cheer," she says.

And she's right. It doesn't matter what someone looks like, or sounds like, or how they act.

They are still people worth loving and worth trying to understand.

In addition, we can apply this truth biblically—Christians should never assume that someone is too far gone to turn back to God.

Not giving up on difficult people is hard.

But just like Cindy Lou Who never gave up on the Grinch, we also should never give up on people.

And we should always welcome them with open arms, regardless of differences.

We can learn a third lesson from this movie, again from Cindy Lou Who: even if you're young, you can still stand up for what's right.

Throughout the movie, Cindy questions the status quo of her town.

She asks what the real meaning of Christmas is, refusing to accept the answer that Christmas is just about the presents.

She goes against her society to stand up for the Grinch and actually convinces them to help her change his mind.

Even when the Grinch steals all their things, she doesn't give up.

Even when the mayor of Whoville calls her a "little girl" and blames her for ruining their Christmas, she is not dissuaded from her goal of helping the Grinch find happiness.

This tenacity Cindy shows by not giving up on what she believes can also remind Christians to not worry about being "too young."

We are not too young to serve God and not too young to make a difference in someone else's life.

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Here, Paul is telling Timothy that even though he is young, and some people might discount what he has to say, Timothy should not let that stop him from being an example to others.

These are just three of the many lessons in this Christmas story.

As you head into the Christmas season, keep these truths in mind.

Sure, you can celebrate with Christmas music and movies and decorations and gifts (I highly recommend this, too).

Just don't forget to also focus on loving others and being thankful for what God has done for us.

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competitions could even count toward the Society of the Year award, but he'd even like to organize official leagues outside of that.

Additionally, Dyke said the project champions hope to create an area for checking out equipment to use on Palmetto Green, such as lawn games, Frisbees, cornhole and more.

The rec center will be a flexible space so that it can be repurposed and tailored to serve specific event needs.

"We want moveable seating so when you come in you can make it your own depending on what space we're going for," Dyke said.

Benson also said the doors to the rec center could be closed for private society-related events, but they can also be left open to spill into the rest of The Den's casual atmosphere.

As far as the timeline of the project is concerned, Benson said the administration's goal is to raise the money this year, complete the project over the summer and make the rec center available for the fall semester.

"It will impact the student experience as soon as possible," he said.

Conover said the new center will help break down barriers.

"We're hoping the relationships that are built through providing a fun space for students will create relationships that will go deeper than just playing ping pong together," she said.

The goal for this year's Bible Conference is to raise \$150,000 to go towards the on-campus initiative.

Benson said they will do whatever they can with the money that comes in from the fundraiser.



Because the basic structure of the rec center is already in place due to the existing Bruins Shop, the money will be used dollar-for-dollar to create the student experience.

Dyke said the students' fundraisers will be one of the primary monetary sources for the project.

"We're hoping for a really strong response this year, especially since it's so relevant to us and something we've wanted for so long," he said.

Benson said he hopes the rec center will help students feel more at home on campus.

"It's important for you if you're here working hard, getting an education," he said. "Student life is a priority, and that's where the student experience needs to happen."

Benson said that when Dr. Pettit created the vice president position, his desire was to address two primary areas of campus life: student education and student experience.

The new recreation center is one tangible way of addressing the topic of experience.

Benson used the philosophy of the "third place" to explain the reasons behind creating the rec center.

This philosophy holds that, in a community, the places people frequent the most are home (first place) and the workplace (second place).

The third place is an environment dedicated to socialization and information—a café, park or church, for example.

Benson said that, currently, BJU offers the first and

second places.

"There's a sense in which our students go to class and live in residence halls," he said. "There's a piece of that third place that needs to happen here. The rec area will help us capture that."

The only other fundraiser for an on-campus project that's been hosted in recent years went toward building the Center for Global Opportunities, which was completed in time for the start of the 2016-2017 academic year.

The CGO is a space in the Alumni Building dedicated to connecting students with ministry opportunities in Greenville and across the globe.

Prior to the student center's second-floor renovation several years ago, the BJU students had a space dedicated to socialization.

The Dating Parlor, as it was called, had couches and ping pong tables available for students to spend time together on campus.

However, with the rapid growth of downtown Greenville in recent years, the Dating Parlor became less frequented and students began to go off campus for activities.

Today, the need for an on-campus recreation center has resurfaced and has been recognized by both the SLC and the administration.

With the installment of the new recreation center, BJU students will be able to spend more time investing in meaningful relationships.

The space will give them a fresh on-campus platform for hosting activities with their discipleship groups or societies.

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of their own meals over the summer.

However, Aramark is finalizing summer meal packages.

During the last two weeks of the summer, students who are enrolled in the summer residency program will transition back into BJU's residence hall guidelines.

They will also move to their assigned rooms for the

academic year and will continue to purchase their own meals. For those not taking fall classes, their rental period will end Aug. 3.

Wood said this program will allow students to have a productive summer while still saving money for the academic year.

"Many students also benefit spiritually from the community of friends that

BJU provides, so we believe making this available during the summer could also be a spiritual blessing," Wood said.

According to Washer, students are unlikely to find such a reasonable rent anywhere else in Greenville and should consider the valuable opportunity of making the residence halls their summer homes.

## Students share advice on how to best use Christmas break

SETH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Once the final bell rings next week, BJU's campus will be the center of a mass exodus.

Like spokes on a bicycle wheel, thousands of students will be travelling in all directions.

But, no matter if you travel by car or plane or even train for two or 2,000 miles, students should consider using some of the break time to prepare for the coming year and semester.

To find out how, *The Col-*

*legian* talked to students to get their advice.

Sam Sehested, a sophomore business administration major, recommends spending quality time with your family since you don't get to see them for months at a time during the semester.

Julia Maier, a sophomore communication disorders major, said, "Get plenty of sleep so you can start the new semester off well-rested, and try to plan out what extracurricular activities you want to do."

She said if you plan out

everything you want to do, from academic to social life, then when you get back to campus it won't be nearly as

much of a struggle balancing all your activities.

AJ Papagno, a junior

journalism and mass communication major, said, "You go from break to busy in less than a week."

Because of this quick turnaround from Christmas break into the spring semes-

ter, Papagno said students should enjoy the break for all it's worth.

Grant Proctor, a sophomore health administration major, said if students are looking for employment, they should try to find a job that lets them pick up shifts during the short times they aren't in school—like Christmas break, spring break and Thanksgiving break.

Matthew Woolard, a sophomore accounting major, also thought working would be a good way to spend break.

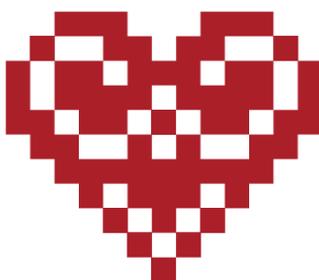
"Working helps keep your

mind active and gives [you] money to help with school," he said.

Michelle Meroff, a junior criminal justice major, said figuring out your schedule for the next year is important because once you return to the grind of classes it's hard to take the time to plan everything.

Paul Meyer, a sophomore cinema productions major, said, "A ministry trip is a good thing to do over break."

No matter how cold your Christmas is, a lot can be done over break.



# Year in Review



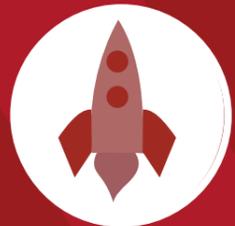
Jan. 9: For the first time since 2015, representatives from North and South Korea meet in the demilitarized zone. North Korea announces that it will send athletes to the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Jan. 24: Former physician for the USA gymnastics team, Larry Nasser, is sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison for sexual assault charges. Over 150 women and girls have come forward and testified against him over the period of seven days.



Jan. 31: BJU announces new School of Health Professions for the 2018-2019 academic year, bringing together seven academic programs that were in three different schools.

Feb. 6: SpaceX successfully launches the Falcon Heavy rocket, the most powerful rocket operational today, and a Tesla Roadster into space. The goal is to move towards cheaper, more frequent space projects.



February: The U.S. brings home 23 medals in the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, taking fourth place overall. American Lindsey Vonn becomes the oldest female alpine-skiing medalist in history, and two American female skiers win gold for the first time in cross-country skiing since 1976.

Feb. 4: The Philadelphia Eagles win their first Super Bowl in NFL history. The Eagles pull off this first win against the New England Patriots 41 to 33.



Feb. 14: Seventeen people are killed in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This is the deadliest school shooting since Sandy Hook Elementary School, and the first of three mass school shootings this year.

Feb. 21: Billy Graham, the great American evangelist who attended BJU, dies at age 99. Graham preached to millions of people during his life, and it is estimated that nearly three million people were saved through his sermons.



March 22: BJU announces that locks will be added to the residence hall doors for the next semester.

April 4: BJU announces partnerships with Furman and Clemson Universities for the Air Force and Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) for the first time, beginning in fall 2018.



May: BJU announces intercollegiate men's baseball and women's softball. The BJU Bruins will also begin their exploratory membership with the NCAA Division III program in September this year.

May 19: The British Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle takes place at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.





June 24: Saudi Arabia lifts its ban on female drivers, allowing them to drive for the first time. Before this, Saudi women had to be chauffeured by men anywhere they wanted to go. It is estimated that at least three million Saudi women will have their licenses by 2020.



July 10: A Thai soccer team, consisting of 12 boys and their coach, are all rescued from a flooded cave off the coast of Thailand after 18 days. One rescue diver, retired Thai Navy SEAL Saman Gunan, died a few days earlier during the rescue.



July 23: Alan Benson becomes vice president for student development and discipleship at BJU.



July 27: President Steve Pettit announces dress code changes, including business casual dress for class and athletic pants after 5 p.m. Additionally, the lights out policy on campus changed; students can now keep any lights on after midnight except the overhead lights in the residence hall rooms.



September: Hurricane Florence hits the Carolinas, killing at least 50 people, breaking long-term storm surge records in North Carolina and dumping almost three feet of rain in some cities.



September: BJU is ranked as one of the best regional universities and fourth best value regional university in the South by U.S. News and World Report's 2019 Best College Rankings.



Oct. 2: Jamal Khashoggi, well-known Saudi journalist, is murdered while in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Once an adviser to the Saudi royal family advocating for reform, Khashoggi came to the U.S. last year after his situation became too precarious. Up until his death, he wrote opinion pieces for the Washington Post.



Oct. 6: Brett Kavanaugh is sworn in as a Supreme Court justice. After divisive partisan hearings with sexual assault allegations from a woman who knew him in high school, Kavanaugh won the Senate vote 50-48.



Oct. 11: Ron Hamilton, affectionately known as Patch the Pirate, is presented with BJU's first Lifetime Achievement award. Hamilton, a BJU graduate, has impacted families around the world with his Patch the Pirate albums over the past almost 40 years.



Oct. 15: Cherith Norman Chalet, a 1998 BJU graduate, is sworn in as U.S. Ambassador for U.N. Management and Reform.



Oct. 28: Boston Red Sox defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers and win their ninth World Series title. Alex Cora, the Red Sox's manager, is the first Puerto Rican manager to win a World Series.



Nov. 11: Today marks 100 years since the end of World War I. A century ago, Germany signed a treaty with the Allies, ending the four-year war that killed about 10 million soldiers.



Nov. 17: In the U.S. midterm elections, the Democrats take control of the House of Representatives, and the Republicans keep hold of the Senate majority.



Nov. 30: Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush dies at 94. Bush's death comes just eight months after his wife, Barbara Bush, died.

# BJU re-introduces advent organ recital tradition

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Staff Writer

Every several years, advent organ recitals have taken place at BJU.

This year, Stephen Schaub, associate professor of computer science and Ed Dunbar, a faculty member in the music department, will delight the audience with a selection

of organ music.

One recital took place in the War Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 12:10 p.m. and the other will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12:10 p.m.

In accordance with the advent recital tradition, each program lasts 30 minutes.

These advent organ recitals commemorate the 30th

anniversary of the installation of the organ in the War Memorial Chapel.

Dunbar, who will be performing on Dec. 12, is the former chair of the Division of Music. He began serving in that position in 1981.

Because this recital will be Dunbar's last before he retires, he decided to pick a selection of some of his favorite

organ pieces.

Dunbar will open and close the recital with two fast-paced, improvisatory pieces.

Dunbar said he will open his recital with a piece titled "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" by organist and composer Keith Chapman.

Dunbar will close with another piece called "Improvisation on 'In Dolce Jubilo'" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.

"They're fun pieces," Dunbar said. "They're some of my favorites."

He also said that his wife, Pam Dunbar, a faculty member in the music department, will sing a piece by Joan Pinkston with text by Dr.

Karen Wilson.

Both Pinkston and Wilson taught in the music department for almost 50 years.

Dunbar said advent recitals are popular in many cities and universities throughout the United States.

During the advent season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, many churches celebrate advent by focusing on Bible passages that highlight the incarnation of the Messiah.

Although the recitals will take place during the Christmas season, the music will not be limited to Christmas music.

"They're not all Christmas pieces," Dunbar said. "One in

my program is standard repertoire."

Dunbar's repertoire, a term that refers to song selections for a performance, will include Bach preludes with text from the advent season as well as opening and closing pieces based on Christmas carols.

Dunbar said his repertoire is similar to Schaub's recital in that it will also include standard pieces and several Christmas carol preludes.

Dunbar encouraged students to come out and attend the recitals.

"It'll be a great way to spend a few minutes in a busy week," Dunbar said.



Dr. Dunbar will be performing his last recital on Dec. 12 before he retires. Photo: Lucy Kayla Jacobs

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# Student leadership council hosts Late Skate event

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Staff Writer

Tonight's Late Skate event will take place at the downtown Greenville Pavilion from 9:30 p.m. until midnight.

The cost per ticket includes bus transportation to and from the ice skating rink and rental skates.

Previously, students rode one of several BJU buses to and from the activity. This year, students can also drive themselves. Those who choose to ride the bus will leave campus from Rodeheaver at 9:30 p.m.

At the skating rink, students will be able to enjoy Christmas carols and spend

time with friends.

The Late Skate is a long-held BJU tradition that gives students the opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with ice skating.

Matthew Weathers, the student leadership coordinator, went on Late Skate outings when he was a student at Bob Jones University.

"It's just a great opportunity for students to get off campus, enjoy an extended curfew, enjoy a fun activity that's Christmas-y," Weathers said.

Weathers said the Late Skate event hasn't changed very much since he was a student.

Joanna King, a sophomore graphic design student,

said, "It was so much fun and just a great experience that I get to look back on and cherish."

Natalie Larson, SLC's events coordinator, said, "It's a great time to make memories and build friendships and just enjoy getting ready for Christmas."

Katarina Shafer, a junior health sciences major, said her favorite part of Late Skate is being off campus and doing something fun for the holidays.

Anna Perrott, a sophomore elementary education major, went to the Late Skate event last year. She said her favorite part of the outing was learning how to ice skate. She hopes to go again this year.



Phil Dysert and Katelyn Petersen enjoyed the Late Skate event last year. Photo: Steven Dysert

# Bruins wrap up season with fall sports luncheon

SETH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Bruins athletes and coaches will reminisce on this past sports season during the Bruins Foundation Fall Sports Luncheon, which will take place at noon on Dec. 8, in the Davis Room of the dining common.

Team members of the four fall semester sports—soccer (coached by Jesse McCormick for the men, Chris Carmichael for the women), golf (coached by Denny Scott), cross-country (coached by Landon Bright) and volleyball (coached by Vickie Denny)—recently finished their seasons and will be recognized at the event.

Various awards will be given to the athletes, including an athlete of the year award for each sports team.

“It’s always great to recognize the student athletes at the end of the year for all the

hard work and commitment they put in,” Bright said.

Bright said his cross-country team had a good season.

The men’s team won both their first NCCAA DII South Region Championship and their third straight DII national title, while the women placed third at nationals and second at the regional competition.

Ten students were awarded Scholar-Athlete, and both Joe Patchen and Caleb Davis were named All-Americans at the national championship. Bright was also awarded national coach of the year for cross country for the third straight season.

“I think we had a great group of student athletes that persevered through a lot of challenging situations both as a team and on an individual level,” Bright said. “I appreciate everything that they put into the program this year.”

The women’s volleyball

team successfully held off Maranatha Baptist University 3-0, winning this year’s national championship.

Brooke Beaver, a sophomore nursing major, was named tournament most outstanding player.

Beaver and Saleena Walker, a senior English major, were named to All-Tournament teams, and three Bruins, Laura Gaston, Lauren Mukenschnabl and Rachel Williams, were named Scholar-Athletes by the NCCAA.

Beaver, Williams and Katherine Ring were named to All-American teams.

Although they made it to the championship game like the volleyball team, the women’s soccer team lost in penalty kicks to Grace Christian University.

Despite this loss, several individual players received recognition for their performance.

Bailey Martin, Jennifer



The BJU cross-country teams are coached by Landon Bright. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/BJU Marketing

Townsend and Grace Hoffmann were named to the All-Tournament team, and eight women were named Scholar-Athletes.

Abby Davis, a junior culinary arts major, received the Game Plan 4 LIFE Character Award, given to a student for outstanding academic achievement, leadership skills and Christian testimony.

On the men’s side of soccer, Karl Walker, a senior Bible major, was named to the All-Tournament team and received the Kyle Rote, Jr. Award.

Walker, Isaac Landry, Andrew Zhang and Nicholas Marks were named Scholar-Athletes. Walker and Landry were also named to All-American teams.

For the golf teams, Tyler Smith, senior business administration major, was named to the All-American team and as a Scholar-Athlete, while Cloe Jefferson, junior communication disor-

ders major, was also named Scholar-Athlete.

As first semester ends, Bruins basketball will continue their season into second semester, while track and field participants prepare to begin their season.

Planning continues for the upcoming baseball and

softball teams, baseball being led by head coach Brent Casteel.

Thirty current students have expressed interest in being on the team.

“I’m excited about the interest,” Casteel said. “People are very interested in baseball.”



Emma Walker is a freshman on the women’s soccer team. Photo: Derek Eckenroth/BJU Marketing

## Women’s Soccer Scholar-Athletes

Jessica Baun  
Abby Davis  
Sarah Epperson  
Grace Hoffmann  
Bailey Martin  
Caralise Roach  
Kayla Romeiser  
Jennifer Townsend

## Cross Country Scholar-Athletes

Haley Brammer  
Sarah-Paige Guerrant  
Jessie Heath  
Madison Rumpfelt  
Sarah Sheridan  
Alyssa Whaley  
Benjamin Bright  
Jonathan Bright  
Benjamin Douthit  
Michael Johannes

# Basketball teams to travel, compete over Christmas break

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Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams will be taking an abbreviated Christmas break this season to allow for extra practices and scheduled games.

Both teams have games scheduled for Dec. 15, which is the first weekend of Christmas break for most BJU students.

Some students who choose to stay or already live in the Greenville area plan to attend the game.

The teams also have games scheduled for the week following Dec. 30, so they will be returning from Christmas break about a week earlier than the rest of the student body.

On Dec. 30, the teams will stay at the University for

a few days for morning and afternoon practices, and then they will go on a weeklong trip.

This schedule has been traditional for the Bruins basketball teams.

In previous years they have traveled to Florida, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

This year, the teams will be traveling to Florida again for two games.

Between games, the players will also have time for some purely recreational activities. Previously, teams have gone to Sea World or Disney World.

The men’s team, coached by Burton Uwarow, is made up of 14 players and the women’s team, coached by Mike Leviere, is made up of 13 players.

Each team will stay in a

house, giving teammates a relaxed opportunity to get to know each other better.

Sarah Thomsen, a senior health science major and forward on the team, said the trip is a major bonding experience.

“It’s a time that coach uses so that we can grow closer, and it’s definitely been beneficial in the past,” Thomsen said.

Kylie Leffew, a junior middle-school math and science education major and Bruins basketball player, added her input.

“I’ve definitely loved how you get to know the other teammates and you get to travel and experience a lot of cool opportunities that the student body doesn’t normally get to have unless you’re on a team,” Leffew said.

Even though the players

give up a week of their three-week Christmas break, they agree that the experience is worth it.

“It’s not like we’re coming back to do class,” Leffew said. “We’re coming back to do basketball, which is some-

thing we enjoy, and while it’s different because we’re not with our family, we’re with our basketball family.”



Sarah Thomsen enjoys the opportunities she gets to compete over Christmas break. Photo: Hal Cook/BJU Marketing

## Student body program to host holiday-themed games

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At the end of every semester before exams, BJU students attend a special student body program, coordinated and run by other BJU students.

This year's student body program will be set up as a game show with game hosts, a fun Christmas theme and friendly competition.

Tori Conover, women's student body president and the main coordinator for the program, said the game show idea is not exactly modeled after any currently broadcasted game show like "Jeopardy" or "Wheel of Fortune."

Conover said students can look forward to being a part of the program.

"Any student from the audience can get involved because of the way it's set up," she said.

She said she did not want to give away anything else because she wants many aspects of the show to be a surprise to the student body.

Matthew Weathers, student leadership coordinator, said this student body program will be different from past programs.

"Rather than being a play or series of skits, this student body program will involve

games and fun competitions that students will enjoy," he said. "There are also a few surprises in the program that students will definitely enjoy."

Weathers said he is excited for students to enjoy an opportunity to relax and take their minds away from final exams for a few minutes.

Drew Williquette, ISC director, said the idea of the game show is based on certain type of games that certain people in the student body will relate to because of the context from which it was taken.

Williquette said he is ex-

cited for the overall surprise factor.

"Because students don't know exactly what is to be ex-

pected, I think they will really have fun with this program," he said. "I've played it before and it is a lot of fun."

Students should be ready for what looks like a unique and exciting student body program this year.



## Premed association prepares students for medical school

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The University Premed Association is a student-led organization for students from any field of study who are interested in learning about opportunities in the medical field.

Kamron Hamedi, a senior premed major who serves as the liaison between the Student Leadership Council and all the university associations, said the PMA isn't limited to premed/premed students.

"Any other major that is interested in going to [medical] school, even if they are not a

premed major, would definitely benefit from the speakers," he said. "It's not unusual to have engineering majors, music majors, English majors apply to [medical] school."

Hamedi said the PMA gives students the opportunity to do mock interviews like those required to get into medical school.

The association hosts special speakers from different corners of the medical field who tell students about options available to them after graduation.

He said the PMA invites students to join during the association's exposition at the be-

ginning of every academic year.

Students who choose to join the PMA pay a yearly \$15 fee to help buy thank-you gifts for special speakers, pay for yearly visits to a medical school and offset costs of the association's Christmas party and end-of-the-year banquet.

Caroline Johnson, a senior health sciences major, serves as the PMA's treasurer.

She keeps records of all the funds that come in and go out to pay for expenses.

Emmaline Johnson, the president of the PMA, invites professionals who have experience in the medical field to come speak to members of

the association.

Al Squire, executive director of the Greenville Health System's MedEx Academy, spoke to the association on two occasions about summer internships for students hoping to get into medical school.

Hamedi said many premed students aren't aware of all the job opportunities available to them after graduation.

Because of this, Johnson invited a registered nurse to speak to the association last year.

Judah Smith, a sophomore premed major, said the PMA gives students networking opportunities with people already in the medical

field as well as with their fellow students.

"Networking is a really good skill to develop and practice for those internships and resumes," Smith said. "We need that community of diverse majors and different students with different backgrounds to really fall back on and support each other."

He said the PMA took a group of its members to the Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education in North Carolina where they could see what medical school is like.

"You get that chance to visit prospective [medical] schools and go behind closed

doors where you wouldn't as an individual," Smith said.

He said he enjoyed being able to talk about what he saw with other members of the group and hear some of their thoughts about the school.

Smith was part of a discussion panel two weeks ago where he shared past internship and job experiences as well as tips for new students on how to apply for jobs and do well on interviews.

He hopes to be an encouragement to incoming freshmen who may be nervous about taking on what he called one of the hardest majors available.

