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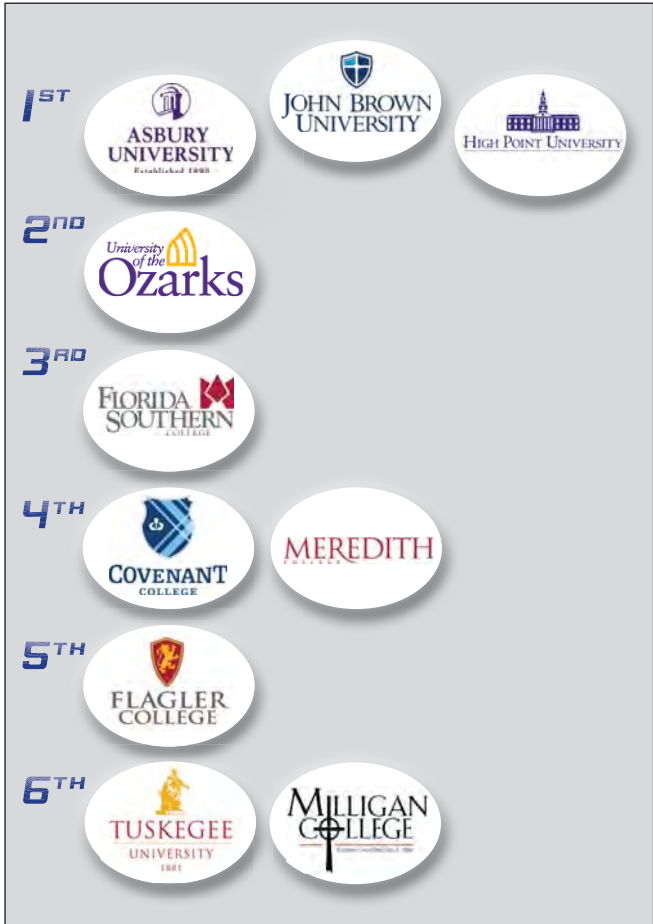
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JBU shares No. 1 in the South



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U.S. News declared John Brown University a top regional college in the South this week, as well as a Best Value and “up-and-comer” university.

Tying for first place with High Point University (N.C.) and Asbury University (Ky.), John Brown surpassed the other 98 southern regional colleges U.S. News evaluated. Rankings were decided by freshmen retention rates, peer

assessments, student to faculty ratios, graduation rates, ACT/SAT scores, class sizes, alumni giving rates and acceptance rates.

U.S. News separates colleges into the categories of national university rankings, national liberal arts college rankings and regional university rankings. The magazine grouped John Brown in the Southern Regional section.

“These colleges focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in

liberal arts disciplines,” reported the U.S. News website.

The University has placed in the top three colleges for the past five years. This is JBU’s second time to rank first in U.S. News’ survey.

“U.S. News is the most highly recognized and sought after college rating,” Vice President for Enrollment Don Crandall said in a press release. “JBU’s continually high ranking really supports the narrative to prospective students that JBU has consistent quality in our educational

programs.”

JBU also placed third among the southern regional colleges listed as 2015 Up-and-Comer universities.

“College presidents, provosts and admissions deans were asked to nominate up to 10 colleges in their U.S. News Best Colleges ranking category ‘that are making improvements in academics, faculty, students, campus life, diversity and facilities,’” U.S. News announced on its website. “These schools are worth watching because they

are making promising and innovative changes.”

“We’ve rolled out a lot of initiatives in the last few years, from expanded online classes to our new bachelors of science in nursing degree,” Vice President of Academic Affairs Ed Ericson said in a press release. “I appreciate the spirit of entrepreneurship of our faculty as we actively work to find new solutions to the challenges facing the rapidly changing world of higher education.”

President Chip Pollard said while the rankings

are flattering, they do not define the University.

“We are so grateful at JBU to have excellent faculty and staff who deliver quality education to committed students,” Pollard said. “Being recognized by U.S. News is gratifying, but our real rewards come when we see our graduates out in the world honoring God with service to others.”

For more information on the survey, go to www.usnews.com/collegemeth.

Neighborhood Market opens in town

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Walmart’s new Neighborhood Market opened Wednesday morning, providing up to 95 new jobs for the Siloam Springs community and promising to expand the growth rate of Northwest Arkansas.

Located on 935 S. Holly St., the store opened after a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“Walmart is excited to be a part of the community as we head into fall,” storeowner Billy Cunningham said. “We’ve got everything that you need for your game time needs and gatherings.”

Cunningham anticipates a large amount of business. Close to the state line, the store will also cater to Oklahoma residents working in Siloam Springs. With its close proximity to campus, students at John Brown University without vehicles will only need to walk a few minutes from the school to pick up their groceries.

John Brown University

student Jimi Tucker looks forward to the smaller feel of the store.

“It’s not as stressful as the large Walmart; the normal Walmart is overwhelming,” Tucker said.

Although the Neighborhood Market is smaller than a typical Walmart, the store still offers nearly everything that a supercenter would sell, containing a pharmacy, health and beauty care products, as well as the run-of-the-mill produce and grocery aisles. The convenience of the store makes it easier for anyone to buy what they need.

A grand opening celebration on Sept. 15 will give people the opportunity to meet the store manager and taste free food samples in addition to activities for children, such as face-painting.

The grand opening celebration will also include presentations of grants to local community clubs. Among the recipients are Siloam Springs High School, the Boys and Girls Club and the Siloam Springs Police Department.



Siloam Springs and Oklahoma shoppers make ready on opening day to browse and inventory the new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Holly Street.



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13 years post-tragedy

University reflects on the infamous September day

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Thirteen years ago today, the United States was shaken at it's core; the date 9/11 will never be viewed the same. Four hijacked planes crashed into the heart of New York City, the first two in the World Trade Center. The third crashed into the Pentagon's west side, and the fourth narrowly missed the White House, due to the efforts of the brave passengers. Today John Brown University remembers what was lost, what was saved and what has changed. "The world is a different place," said Aminta Arrington, Assistant Professor of intercultural studies. Arrington was in Japan when the planes

hit and was awoken by her husband, a member of the United States Army assigned to Camp Zama. A former military intelligence officer herself and seven months pregnant at the time, Arrington said she was overcome by homesickness for America, even though she loved learning and living in other cultures. "I just had this overwhelming sense that I wanted to move back to America and protect my baby," she said. Jarra Woods, sophomore at the university, had a similar connection. On that day, her father, also a military intelligence officer, was in New York at Fort Drum. "I knew something was wrong when mom was in badly masked hysteria when she got home," Woods said.

Fortunately her father was far upstate of the attacks; however, Woods' father had turned down an assignment in the Pentagon a couple years before. "For some reason they decided to turn it down even though it was a better job," Woods said. "The job was in the wing they were going to hit. Mom calls it a God thing." Senior Laura Roller understands the feeling of a close encounter. "The most traumatic thing about it was that my birthday was in a week, and I wasn't sure if there was going to be a world then," Roller said. Like most Americans, Roller said her world was shaken by the attacks. "I wasn't afraid of dying," Roller said. "Death was too big a concept for me, but not having a birthday

was pretty terrible." Marquita Smith, head of the department of communication, was in the trenches of the media when it happened, working her first editor job as a city editor for the Montgomery Advertiser. Smith had just come off the night shift and was sleeping when one of her senior reporters, a man named Alvin Benn, called her. "Wake up, kiddo," Smith recalled him saying. "The world is falling apart." By a strange circumstance, none of Smith's superiors were able to come in to the office so it fell to her to print a special issue. "It's a day I will never forget," Smith said. "What I was feeling was parallel to what the nation was feeling: the fear, the grief, the loss, the panic."

Few members of the student body now remember what the world was like before the Sept. 11 attacks, but Smith sees a radical change. "The way we work, the way we play, the way we pray," Smith said. "In a matter of minutes, all of those things changed." "Even among the press corps, subtle hints of bias began to creep in," Smith said. She recalled the stories sent in by a Virginian-Pilot reporter on the ground in Iraq. When he described the military action, he often used the word "we." " 'We' infiltrated. 'We' went in," Smith said. "Prior to then, you had a lot less patriotism in the reporting. Some of that objectivity dissipated." Arrington noticed a

similar pattern in the treatment of Middle Easterners by Americans. "We now have the tendency to view them as an enemy," Arrington said. "You don't tend to want to understand your enemy unless you want to defeat them." As an intercultural studies professor, Arrington strives to encourage understanding of all different groups of people. However, she said, not much progress has been made on that account since the attacks. War in Afghanistan continues, and the military continues to pursue al-Qaeda in Yemen. Even so, Arrington remains hopeful, "I always think there's the possibility of understanding."

Artists inspire child-like enthusiasm through color

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Dave Butler's watercolors and Robin Hazard-Bishop's pastels grace the walls of both visual arts buildings at John Brown University. Students have already begun to enjoy and admire both Butler and Hazard-Bishop's works. The galleries are a place to inspire art majors and non-art majors alike and allow them to appreciate art. Senior communication major Rebekah Veldhuizen said going to the art galleries on campus is kind of like a social club. "Shared experiences build community, and attending the opening night was super fun and enjoyable to see how people are brought together through art," Veldhuizen said. Watercolor artist Dave Butler stated in the summary of his gallery,



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Hazard-Bishop explains how she paints on suede-board rather than regular canvas to create a rich texture that further

"I create art because it gives me joy and is one of the greatest gifts from my creator!" Veldhuizen agreed with Butler's comments and said, "You aren't always able to appreciate the immediate product in different majors, but with art we are able to appreciate what God has allowed us to produce." "If you are able to go outside your comfort zone

and experience art, it is a worthwhile use of your time," said Veldhuizen. After experiencing both galleries, Veldhuizen said it made her feel as if she had taken a trip to the beach as it gave her a refreshed feeling. Artist Robin Hazard-Bishop said, "I really enjoy making art that can take you away. "I'm generally a

happy person and I like to think that my art makes people happy," said Hazard-Bishop. She said she enjoys making art that causes people to embrace their innocence and child-like spirit. "Life is hard, trying, and some of it can be painful. I don't want to dwell on that in my art," said Hazard-Bishop. Hazard-Bishop previously had a company

job, lost it and happened to pick up pastels. "I started working with them because they are a really fun medium to play with. When you're a child you don't hear the no's and cannots. Unfortunately as adults we don't give ourselves permission to play and be a child at heart again," Hazard-Bishop said. In her pastel pieces Hazard-Bishop uses bold color and a simplistic style.



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Robin Hazard-Bishop's pastels pictured above are displayed in Windgate Visual Arts building.

"I'm addicted to color and her simplistic use of it made me feel like I was next to the ocean," Veldhuizen said. Daniel Madrid, junior graphic and web design major, said Hazard-Bishop's pastel works inspired him to use more color in his own work, even though his medium is photography. "I would have never thought to use such simplistic color, but using primary colors is such a fun idea," Madrid said. "Students can often get overwhelmed with work, but the gallery is a great way to relax." Butler's gallery "Watercolors" is on display in Windgate Visual Arts East and Bishop's gallery "Saturation Point 2: Where Color and Composition Meet" is on display in Windgate Visual Arts West. Both displays will be available to view from Sept. 5 through Sept. 26.

New semester, new smells: The freshly renovated J.Alvin

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204 men on campus get to be a part of history; they are the first group of men to live in the newly renovated J. Alvin Brown dormitory. Though the changes may

not be fully noticeable from the outside, the J. Alvin renovation has residents as well as other students around campus talking. Senior Tyler Awe, who lived in J. Alvin pre-renovation, remembers the 93 year-old dorm in a special way.


"All of the renovations make me miss my first home at JBU," said Awe, who also served as a Resident Assistant in the dorm his sophomore year. Though J. Alvin is a male-only dorm, the females on campus can share in the enjoyment

of the new facility. Senior Molly Tester thinks the renovation has already left a positive impact on campus. "I think it's really cool that we have a building that old and historic on campus that we still use," Tester said. "They have so many

traditions and rituals that have adapted over the years and I think the renovations and improvements will allow more traditions to be put in place and will allow future students to join in on those, too." According to the University website the


renovations totaled around \$5.5 million after its 15-month-makeover and, thanks to the \$3 million lead donation last spring, residents and other students both past and present can now enjoy the new J. Alvin.

“What do you think about the renovations?”




“The J. Alvin renovations are awesome it's so clean and doesn't smell bad at all. We have a rock wall, and it's always a non-stop party.”

Ryan Nichols
Sophomore



“I like the open space in the middle because it is just a big hangout place for everyone. It seems like such a lively place to be. The guys are lucky. They should do the same for Mayfield!”

Victoria Le
Sophomore



“It looks a lot nicer and it's nice to have a lot more space for seating. I feel like it will be better for drawing in new perspectives. The old J. Alvin smelled bad, but the new J. Alvin looks a lot cleaner.”

Mary Pierce
Junior



“The renovations bring new life into the residence hall and it's a great space for the guys and all of campus.”

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BEYOND CHAPEL

Students Need Church



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More than two-thirds of young adults attending Protestant churches in high school stop attending church for at least one year between the ages of 18 and 22, according to a research report by LifeWay, a major publishing company run by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Lifeway surveyed 1,000 college students and discovered that the main reason students left the church was because they “wanted a break from church.”

The vast majority of John Brown University students falls within this age range and must decide during their time in college whether church will play a part in their lives. Some John Brown University

church-dropouts say they stopped attending church on the grounds that the University fulfills the role of a church for them.

University faculty members counter this mentality, denying the claim that the University works as a church, encouraging students to join local churches.

“JBU primarily has an educational mission, not a church mission,” Professor of Biblical Studies Maxie Burch said. “JBU offers so many things that are redundancies: services, chapel. It all looks like the church. But we still have to remember all those things done here are still part of an educational mission. That’s not the same as the mission of the local church.”

The church and the University have different goals, Burch said.

“The local church is not an educational institution,” Burch said.

“That doesn’t mean the church doesn’t have education, but the worshipping community of faith is important for students to become connected to. JBU has to be careful not to take on the role of the church and be the ‘one stop shopping place’ in the life of the believer. We have to be careful not to see ourselves as all that it means to be church.”

One key value of attending church is the fact that not everything is directed at students’ personal preferences, University Chaplain Rod Reed said.

“At JBU everything is targeted at student preferences,” Reed said. “At church, it’s not all about you. Being in a place where it’s not all about you is a really healthy place to be.”

Reed highlighted the value of serving a body of believers in which the church’s needs may

not meet a person’s individual gifts, stating that sometimes God calls Christians to help with second-grade Sunday school even if they do not particularly enjoy working with children.

“Filling a need that’s not necessarily your favorite thing to do is a good thing,” Reed said.

Reed listed the opportunity to give as another important reason to attend church.

“One reason students need to go to church and not just chapel is because they need the opportunity to give in the offering,” Reed said. “If we’re not giving regularly, we’re not worshipping faithfully. Giving regularly, especially when you don’t have much, is really, really important, because it sets a pattern for what worship is like for the rest of your life.”

The chaplain emphasized the importance of communal

worship with a body of believers from all areas of life, using the example of how a sermon about trusting God becomes especially relevant when a church member is sitting next to the parents of a cancer patient.

“Worshipping with other people helps us listen to the message differently,” Reed said. “It’s not just about the content that you hear; it’s about the context of the message you hear it in.”

Reed recommended that students attend any one church more than once before writing it off the list in their quests to find a church.

“The pastor might have had an off day, the worship might have had an off day, you might have sat next to somebody crappy,” Reed said. “To get a sense of a church you have to stick with it for a while.”

Reed also warned against attending a service

with too critical a mindset.

“A lot of the time we go to churches as recipients,” Reed said. “It’s kind of a consumer thing—a ‘how would I rate this’ kind of thing. People shouldn’t expect everything to be handed to them. No matter how talented the musicians are, you can always worship if you choose to. No matter how good the sermon is, you can always get something out of it if you choose to.”

Burch and Reed both believe that church involvement is part of God’s plan for students at John Brown University.

“If students come to JBU having worked through the process of God leading them here, if prayer and seeking God was a part of coming here, then I believe strongly a part of God bringing them is because God intends for them to invest their lives in the church here,” Burch said.



JBU MYTHBUSTERS

Whether through misunderstanding or subconscious patterns of behavior, in any community a subculture of myths is possible. John Brown University has a good record of community, but even we have our myths. With the help of the faculty and staff of the University, we’re tackling these myths today.

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Myth 1: “Everyone at JBU is a Christian.”

“While most students at JBU claim to be Christians, approximately 3 to 5 percent claim another faith or no faith at all,” said Rod Reed, University chaplain.

That’s right: as many as one in every twenty students does not lay claim to Christianity.

How should students respond to non-Christian classmates?

“I think one of the most important things is to see your classmates as people, not objects in a category,” said Reed. “Obviously, we want people to know Jesus, but when you see them as an object or a project, you devalue them, even if it is for a good cause.”

Myth 2: “Nobody ever messes up at JBU.”

While statistically our crime rates are much lower than other universities, students here are by no means perfect.

“We live in a community of broken people,” said Steve Beers, vice president of student affairs. “Broken people mess up every day.”

Beers is the first person to talk to a student when he or she steps out of line. He says he talks to a few people each year for issues like drug and alcohol abuse, relationship issues and, in some cases, burglary.

Still, Beers has a lot of confidence in the safety of the students.

“In the world’s eyes, we’re actually quite safe,” he said.

Myth 3: “If you mess up at JBU, you’ll get kicked out.”

Every year, at least one student is asked to leave

the University.

“There have to be some expectations for living in the community,” said Beers. Talking to students is only the first in a long process to determine if wrong has been done, and if so what the penalty should be.

However, the faculty on the disciplinary board, known as the J-board, work hard to make sure the process is fair and deliberate. Students can even appeal their decisions and work with another faculty member as a sort of neutral party, ensuring fair play. Plus, Beers says, discipline is never pursued vindictively or with an attitude of necessary punishment.

“We’ve never told a student they can never come back,” Beers said. “The student development process tries to be super redemptive.”

Myth 4: “Everyone at JBU has their life together.”

Sometimes, when going through hard times, it can seem like everyone else has things figured out.

“While JBU has a culture that provides a lot of support for students’ spiritual life, it sometimes communicates to students that it’s not okay to struggle here,” said Reed.

However, Tim Dinger, director of the student counseling center, reports that 20 percent of students report distress in their lives from school, life or their walks with God. That’s one in five students.

“Being at JBU is not a marker for ‘having life together,’ but a decision to study and live in a community that supports individuals to develop,” said Dinger.

“It pains me to see students struggling, thinking they have to pull their lives together in order to be accepted,”

said Deborah Raiees-Dana, tutor coordinator and academic advisor for Student Support Services. “The very heart of our faith is based on a community of sin-broken people coming together in the grace and forgiveness of Christ.”

Raiees-Dana recounted her debut at the University, when she had just lost a child to cancer and been through a divorce.

“I have been at JBU since 2003, first as a student, now as a staff member,” she said. “I found people here who accepted me in my mess and helped me achieve more than I ever thought possible.”

Myth 5: “You have to do college by yourself.”

“While we earn our grades individually, very little of the rest of our lives are graded on individual performance,” said Reed. “And it’s hard to get good grades without support

from a lot of people, even for the smartest individualists.”

No one at the University wants to see a student fail. It’s scary to let someone help, but there are many resources available when you decide to take the leap.

Student Support Services provides help for students who are struggling with disabilities, with grades, and in some cases, with finances. The Student Counseling Center provides eight free sessions each semester to every student on campus for those going through emotional trouble, mental health issues, or struggles in faith.

Friends and professors are also good resources. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. As Reed put it, “Life is so much harder and lonelier and less satisfying when we try and do it alone.”

What are the Op-Eds?

EXPLAINING THE OPINIONS AND EDITORIALS

Welcome to the Op-Ed section of the Threefold Advocate, a diverse and engaging beacon of free speech. You may be wondering what exactly this section of the newspaper is for, or maybe you do not even know there is a difference between the pages you are currently reading and the other sections of the paper. Do not worry, for this is a common misconception that we at the Threefold Advocate would like to clear up.

In the past, there has been some confusion and misunderstanding as to what exactly the Opinions pages contain. Some people think they are just like the rest of the stories and articles in the newspaper, that pages four and five of The Threefold Advocate are no different than pages one or seven. However, this could not be further from the truth. Today, we would like to show you why.

What you are currently reading is called an editorial, a column written by the newspaper staff that represents the staff's stance on an issue. An editorial will always take a side, present the evidence and issue clearly and, as mentioned, be written by the newspaper staff. As stated in the small-print disclaimer below this column, neither this editorial nor the opinion columns on the rest of these two pages represent the views or position of John Brown University.

The other columns on these pages are opinion columns and are written by students, faculty, staff, alumni and even guest contributors. The views expressed belong to the person who wrote the column and do not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper staff or the University.

The other pages in the Threefold are also divided into sections—News, Lifestyles, Sports, etc.—but they all have something in common: they contain objective stories that report facts (unless otherwise noted), not opinions. Pages four and five—the Op-Ed section—are the only pages that contain opinion columns.

The reason we want to explain these pages is so that our readers may benefit fully from the Opinions and Editorial section. It is designed to be a space where ideas, experiences, wisdom and stories may be shared and discussed openly.

Anyone is welcome to write for the Opinions pages about any subject; however, we will not allow this space to become a forum for complaints. If you want to talk down about the cafeteria food or a professor, this is not the place. If there is a serious problem that you wish to write about in an articulate, patient manner, that is acceptable. Rants, however, are not.

Another important thing to remember when reading these pages is that the columnists who submitted their work put in significant effort and courage to write about some of these topics. Negative and disparaging comments are unkind and unwelcome, but a differing opinion is always anticipated. We enjoy fueling a discussion and we look forward to receiving responses to columns and letters to the editor from our readers.

We hope that you will learn and grow from reading the Op-Ed pages, and that they will benefit you by introducing you to new ideas, teaching you about an unfamiliar topic, exploring a person's personal story and encouraging a discussion.

Ways YOU can contribute

If you read a news story, lifestyle feature or opinion column that piques your interest or evokes an emotion, we would love to hear your thoughts. Here are a few ways you can contribute and let your voice be heard.

- 1. Write a letter to the editor.** We love getting mail here at the Threefold! See our contact information below and let us know your thoughts and feelings about what we print.
- 2. Write a response column.** If you have a strong opinion in response to something we publish, we want to know. Longer than a letter to the editor, a reponse column gives you the opportunity to share your side of the story or an opposing view on a subject.
- 3. Contact the author.** We include our contributor's email addresses with their columns in case you would like to contact them directly. These writers bravely allow their stories and views to be heard, so please be kind if you disagree with them. They also appreciate compliments and encouragement.

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Freshman Fling



Just give it a shot!

Illustrated by ALEX JOHNSON

Discovering more than dirt



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I rarely think ahead. I did not consider my options very much before I made the decision to go on the Jordan study abroad trip this summer, and I hardly thought about it at all before I hopped on the plane.

The fact that we would be doing 3 weeks of inglorious dirt-digging from five in the morning until noon every day never really sunk in for me until the first day of hand-cramping, back-sweating and ground-cursing.

I never grasped the fact that Petra is more than a single stone structure until I was walking, crawling and climbing through the gigantic city for nine straight hours.

I did not expect that the Jordanian Muslims we interacted with would be some of the most hospitable and warm people I have had the high privilege of meeting. In fact, I walked into the trip expecting the opposite.

I went on the trip knowing nearly none of my fellow travelers, and realized about a week after arriving that I had been missing out on some of the absolute best people John Brown University has to offer. I thought I was going to get course credit and experience. I came back with both of those things, plus friends.

I walked back on American soil with more ambivalence about the Middle East conflict because I saw the people behind the labels and that has a way of changing how you think.

I learned a lot about the historical Jesus, Muslims, Christians and Jews. I learned how these groups interact. I learned a lot about different cultural expectations while I was in the Levant, and I was surprised by how easily some of this new knowledge

transferred over to my own context, to the larger world around me.

In Middle Eastern culture, one of the highest compliments you can pay a person is visiting them in their home.

our spheres, our homes, meet our people, see our cities. We want them to hear our stories in the place we feel most comfortable.

I think it is still one of the highest compliments we can pay one another - that I

"In Middle Eastern culture, one of the highest compliments you can pay a person is visiting them in their home."

So we did that often. We visited our neighbors down the street. We made diwali. We swapped stories about our lives, we asked questions of each other, we listened and were listened to. We did the hard work of trying to understand and so did they. Sometimes we were just there, present in silence. This was a gift to them.

I think in our own souls the same thing applies. We want to be visited, if not in a literal sense (which often is the case), at least in a metaphorical one.

We want people to enter

would respect you enough, think of you as human enough, have high enough regard for you, to leave my own center of comfort and come into yours.

My trip to Jordan was an experience I will not soon forget, thanks to the people I met, the places I saw and the lessons they taught me.

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Submitted by AMANDA COX

The Jordan Studies team worked with and got to know locals on Dr. David Vila's archaeological dig in Abila.



Submitted by MICK SILVERS

The team visited the Temple of Artemis in Jerash, Jordan, home of the ancient city of Gerasa.

Student finds perspective in Europe



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This summer I spent two weeks in Budapest, Hungary on a graphic design and photography mission trip to serve the Youth With a Mission base of Kiev, Ukraine. Our original plan as a team was to go to Kiev and work with the base directly, but social and political tensions made it difficult to get to Ukraine. Instead the YWAM base in Budapest hosted us.

We had two main projects for the trip; first, to achieve a complete design overhaul of the YWAM Kiev “brand.” The second was to complete a social documentary photography project of the city of Budapest. We were all surprised at how God used the change in location to work through us for His glory. The Christian community abroad is such an important thing that must be cultivated.

We spent the first week in Budapest learning to navigate the city and searching for stories that we could use for our social documentary. Surprisingly, one of my favorite parts of the entire trip was pairing up, camera in hand, and seeking out stories by finding curious parts of the city or attempting conversation with the Hungarian people.

One man in particular stimulated my perception of Eastern European culture and daily life. His name was Béla and he worked at a place called Antikvarium, which is a small antique and treasures shop. At first, he was hesitant

to talk to us and was insecure about his English, but after some encouragement, he opened up about his life. He kept his finger in a Hungarian-to-English dictionary and continually flipped through the pages to find a specific word that would complete his thought.

Béla recounted in broken English his early childhood just outside of Budapest. He grew up in a big family and they shared a small flat together. They were cramped but always had large, happy meals together. After finishing secondary school, he was forced to work instead of continue his education because of Soviet control. He didn’t mind these times because, as a waiter in a high-end hotel restaurant, he was able to interact with interesting people and hear stories about the times before World War II.

He was able to save up money and meet up with his German friends in Yugoslavia for a while. He continually told us of the widespread influence of Communism in Hungary and how it has persisted in the culture.

“They called [Budapest] a paradise... but it was not a paradise,” he told us as he described the times of Soviet influence.

Béla said that, once Soviet control left Hungary, the country struggled to pick up its broken pieces. Factories closed, jobs were scarce and the country did not know how to interpret their newfound freedom. Béla said that even today, the country is governed by a false sense of freedom.

“Old people and young people cannot find jobs... people like me want to work, but there is no work.”

The freedom sought for so long brought disorganization, and the high prices and unemployment has constrained and controlled the country just like the Nazis and Communists. Béla no longer has money to travel to see his German friends, but he is thankful for his job



The Országház, or Hungarian Parliament Building, is the seat of the the National Assembly of Hungary and is one of Europe’s oldest legislative

Submitted by LINDY MARTIN

at the Antikvarium since so many others like him do not have jobs that allow them to live in Budapest.

Amidst his sobering recollections, I was shocked by his cheerful attitude and zest for life. This gave perspective to my own sheltered American life.

Overall, I was really surprised how much I enjoyed the social documentary aspect of the trip because I was nervous to talk to people who might be unwilling to converse or might be rude. Budapest changed my perspective on the attitudes of people who live in a culture that is not structured around freedom and human rights, and it emphasized the need for Christ no matter the culture.



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Putting People to Faces: Views of the Middle East



Junior Peyton Weaver, left, enjoys some time away from the archaeological dig with the welcoming Jordanians.



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This summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Jordan and Israel with Dr. Vila and a group from JBU to participate in the Abila Archaeological Excavation. When I decided to go on the trip, I had no idea what to expect. I was excited, but some

of my friends and family didn’t seem to be quite as excited for me to have this experience. Many of them told me it was too dangerous, and one of my mom’s coworkers told her she was crazy for letting me go to a place where “everyone is so violent.”

Comments like this shocked me, but I tried to keep in mind that being a follower of Christ isn’t about being “safe.” This trip opened my eyes and showed me how skewed our view of the Middle East really is. Sure, some parts are more dangerous than others, but I quickly fell in love with the country of Jordan and its people.

The first time one of the locals invited me over to their

house for dinner, I questioned it. “Is this safe? Is this normal? Is this allowed?” I had no idea how to respond. Dr. Vila helped us understand that this was a perfectly normal part of Jordanian culture. Week after week the people of Jordan proved to me that even though they barely knew me, they cared about me and wanted to get to know me.

I had never experienced this kind of hospitality in the United States. We seem to go about our daily lives and only really interact with people who we know well and are comfortable around. To invite a stranger into our home would seem almost taboo in American culture. However, all of the Jordanians

were perfectly comfortable with this, and it completely blew me away.

It became clear very quickly to many of us on the trip that

I want to encourage everyone to study abroad during their time at JBU. Until this trip, I had no idea how much I would change and grow as a person. The best

“Week after week the people of Jordan proved to me that even though they barely knew me, they cared about me and wanted to get to know me.”

our view of people in the Middle East, and their view of Americans, is very warped. Many of our thoughts about each other are put in our head from stereotypes that we develop through media, and many of them are far from true. We hear negative things about Middle Eastern culture and apply it to everyone who lives there, and they do the same to us.

However, many of the Jordanians we met were interested in knowing about our friends, family and lives back home. They treated us like family and wanted us to feel comfortable during our time in a foreign place. Many of them looked out for us and wanted to escort us places just for courtesy and safety.

way to learn is by going out and experiencing something for yourself. I am so thankful that I was able to see firsthand how wrong so many of us are about the Middle East and the Muslim culture in general. God doesn’t call us to be comfortable; He calls us to go and make disciples of all nations. The best way for us to do that is by leaving behind our reservations and wholeheartedly allowing Him to work through us.

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GET TO KNOW:

FRESHMEN MEN’S

SOCCER PLAYERS

Photos by Klara Johannesen



NAME: Collin Smith (12)
POSITION: Center Midfield
FROM: Houston, Texas
FAV. SOCCER PLAYER: Paulinho
FUN FACT: I like long walks on the beach.
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO JBU: I wanted to go to a Christian school and play a high level of soccer at the same time.



NAME: Jason Worme (23)
POSITION: Left Midfield
FROM: Barbados
FAV. SOCCER TEAM-PLAYER: Barcelona-Lionel Messi
FUN FACT: I smile at most things.
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO JBU: Soccer and good education



NAME: Connor Georgopoulos (0)
POSITION: Goal Keeper
FROM: Denver, Colorado
FAV. SOCCER TEAM: Manchester, United
FUN FACT: I’m single
FAV. QUOTE: “Quite tasty” - “Goal!” the movie
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO JBU: Christian School, soccer and coach

Soccer lights up the field

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Yellow and blue helium balloons swept the sky after the newly installed soccer lights were turned on for the first men’s soccer home game of the season. The University Administration wanted the lights to generate buzz, and they achieved that goal. Not only were John Brown University students, faculty, alumni and parents in attendance but members of the Siloam Springs’ community as well. People of all ages filled the stands and outskirts of Alumni Field to support and cheer on the men’s soccer team. For 32 years, the soccer lights were on the University’s agenda;

however, other projects like the new engineering building and the performing arts center took precedence, pushing back plans for the lights to a later time. “There are so many expectations and changes that all of us would like to make,” Steve Beers, vice president of student development, said. “Every year you are weighing one expectation against another. This is one of those good things that the institution would like to have been done earlier, but it always was in competition with spending money on other things, whether that’s an engineering building, a new performing arts center, a new gymnasium or upgrades to J. Alvin.” The construction of the lights began in early May and finished before classes

began. Foreseeing possible expansion to the soccer fields, the lights were placed in such a way that if the fields were turned from their current east-west direction to north-south, the poles are still in the right position said Beers and Robyn Daugherty, the director of the athletic department. “I think we were just ready. The president and the cabinet and those working in athletics really saw this as a top priority. Because of some reserved funding that we had and some gifts, we were able to do it,” Jim Krall, vice president of university advancement, said. The athletic department contacted parents of current and previous players, former soccer alumni, former athletic leaders and supporters of the Booster

Club to give to the funding of the new lights. The lights enable games to be scheduled later on in the day, preventing soccer players and the students supporting them from missing class. “The main thing that was driving the installation of the lights was that we have a sport here, and we are asking our students to play in the middle of the afternoon,” Daugherty said. “If athletics truly is a rallying point on campus, how can that happen in the middle of the day when everyone else is in class? Academics was a big driver. Secondly, we just wanted a better atmosphere for our students. Nighttime makes sense. Without football, can soccer become this atmosphere?” Enabling the student body to attend was not the

only benefit. Allowing the Siloam Springs’ community to attend as well was another advantage. “We believe that if one of the roles for athletics on a small campus like ours is to generate community, to generate excitement, to be a rallying point of an institution, then it’s an event that’s a little bit more special, a little bit more inviting and a little bit more exciting,” Beers said. “Games under the lights just have a different appeal.” “We’re very excited for this whole season that we’ll have night games, and many benefits to the whole soccer program will result because of the lights,” Krall said.

Assistant Coach gives insight into new season

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What are some soccer goals for this season? Every year we want to push for nationals. It’s a natural goal every year, but last year, we got out on the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. We really want to be in the final. We think we have the team that can compete despite the beginning of the season. We have enough talent, ability and desire to the semis. Realistically, we want to make it to the final of the conference tournament so that we give ourselves a chance at nationals. **Is there a difference since you lost some seniors last year and gained some freshmen?** I think we have some good prospects with freshmen. It’s always hard to lose experienced players. We have a couple of freshmen, which will impact the team right away. It has been tough but we



David Castagne, a JBU alumni and former soccer player, is now the assistant coach for the men’s soccer team. Having played for JBU and now coaching, he reflects on this year’s new soccer season.

think that we are strong. The seniors we have this year are very experienced. They’ve had a lot of experience that can help carry us through. **What is it like playing for JBU and then now coaching for JBU?** It’s a tough transition because you’re used to kicking every ball and being on the field all the

time. Now, I’ve had to step back a bit and learn to just coach from the sidelines. It’s hard but it’s better than not being involved in what you love. I’m really grateful for the opportunity to stay involved. I bleed blue and gold, so I am JBU through and through. I love it here, and it’s great to be a part of the team. **How do you feel about**

the new lights? I’m a little jealous because they came after my time. I’m extremely happy. It’s been a long time coming, but I’m glad to see that we got the financial backing for them. I think, hopefully, it should create more of a buzz on campus so that we can have bigger crowds. Soccer is a sport that needs to be recognized

more around campus. It’s a lot of fun and I think it definitely creates a different atmosphere with lights. **Does the team have pre-game rituals?** We get together and always have a chat and a prayer. We call it “Pre-game Chapel,” where either a professor will come and speak, or one of the boys will share something. We’ll usually sing a song or two together, and then after that we go through pregame tactics. We’ll give the boys a little time to dance and sing. That is usually led by our internationals. **Do you have anything to add?** We have a great group of guys. I would like people on campus, if you’re in class with them, to get to know them. They’re all pretty kind even if they do look a bit scary. Please come out and support us because it makes a difference.



Marco Cardona, sophomore, tries to take away the ball from the opponent. JBU loses the “Under the lights” game by 1 point.

Upcoming Home Games

Today
@7:30 p.m: Men’s Soccer vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan
Friday, Sept. 12
@7p.m: Women’s Soccer vs. Bethel
Saturday, Sept. 13
@9 a.m: Volleyball vs. Ozarks
@2 p.m: Volleyball vs. Wiley
@7 p.m: Women’s soccer vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



KRISTEN MORENCY
Women’s Soccer

Morency was named Arvest Bank’s Athlete of the Week. In an away game against the Trojans, Morency blocked six shots, four of which were in the first half. For the game against the Lancers, Morency held on to the tie that ended the game. She ended last weekend with 12 total blocks.

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JBU students and the women's soccer team release yellow and blue balloons after turning on the Alumni field lights. JBU students, alumni, faculty and Siloam Springs community attended the "Under the Lights" game, first men's home game of the season. Courtesy of JBU ATHLETICS

New cheer coach brings innovative ideas



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MCKENZIE RICH
John Brown University cheerleaders, cheer on the men's soccer team at "Under the Lights" game.

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Elicia Williamson started cheering at 7-years-old and began coaching at 15-years-old, eventually opening her own gym, Elite Cheer Company. Today, Williamson is the head cheer coach at John Brown University. Williamson has high aspirations for the team. "The group of women that I am blessed to coach have already exceeded my expectations," Williamson said. "I truly feel like the sky is the limit for these kids and would love to see them competing nationally as well." Cheerleaders Conner Bedor and Alyssa Garza agreed that Williamson's high standards have stretched them. "She's very headstrong,

but in a good way," Garza said. "She's very competitive and always has to have things perfect. I think that's one thing that was lacking in previous years—being competitive and always wanting to look our best." The University cheerleading squad meets to practice twice a week. They currently focus on tumbling, jumps, changes, cheers and new stunts. Williamson makes a point of introducing new moves to the squad, and no practice looks the same. "She's constantly having us try new stuff," Bedor said. "She wants us to be better, so she's not afraid to try a new cheer or stunt. She definitely makes us get out of our comfort zone." For years Williamson looked forward to coaching at a college level.

"I had such a strong love for the sport of cheer that from day one, I knew I wanted to make a life that it could be involved with," Williamson said. "Having cheered at the collegiate level, it was always a dream of mine to take my knowledge and expand to the college level as well." The girls appreciate Williamson's vision for the team. "She has big plans for us," Bedor said. "She has a view of where she wants us to be in the next few years, so that's what she wants us working toward. She has a goal."

NAME: Douglas Oliveira (6)
POSITION: Center Back
FROM: Sao Paulo, Brazil
FAV. SOCCER TEAM-PLAYER: Ponte Preta- Kaka
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO JBU: Soccer and Christian school



NAME: Hayden Bahadoorsingh (15)
POSITION: Defender
FROM: Dallas, Texas
FAV. SOCCER TEAM-PLAYER: Barcelona-Neymar
FUN FACT: I love to wake-board
FAV. QUOTE: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO TO JBU: They have an amazing business program and to play soccer.



@nicole_kosin:
"I can get used to these night games. Let's go boys! #goJBU @JBUALumni

@SaraCatherine4:
"Had a ton of fun at the first under the lights soccer game at JBU. #goJBU @Balloon-land

@Danii0815:
"I don't believe in destiny, I believe in God!
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