Siloam Springs and Oklahoma shoppers make ready on opening day. Staff Writer coatesn@jbu.edu

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John Brown University

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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-coming” university. Trying for first place with High Point University (N.C.) and Aushbury University (Ky.), John Brown surpassed the other 99 southern regional colleges U.S. News evaluated. Rankings were decided by freshmen retention rates, post-graduation rates, 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 weight after college rating,” Vice President for Enrollment Don Crandall said in a press release. “JBU’s continually high ranking really supports the narrative that JBU has consistent quality in our educational programs.”

JBU also placed third among the southern regional colleges listed in 2015 USP-and-Coner 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 bachelor’s 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 that 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.

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Walmart’s new Neighborhood Market opened Wednesday morning, providing up to 30 new jobs for the Siloam Springs community and promising to expand the growth rate of Northwest Arkansas.

Located on 55 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 Cunibert told us. “We’ve got everything that you need for your home needs and gatherings.

Cunibert anticipates a large amount of business. Close to the store 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 campus to pick up their groceries.

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The J. Alvin renovations are amazing and they don’t smell bad at all. We have a real wall and it’s always a non-stop party.

Ryan Nichols Sophomore

I like the open space in the middle because it’s like a big hangout place for everyone. It seems like such a nice place to be. The guys are happy. They should do this for Mayfield.

Victoria Le Sophomore

“This is a really fun medium to use primary colors is a really fun medium to use. I decided to use more color in my own work. I think it’s a very fun and enjoyable process.”

Hazard-Bishop explained color and a simplistic way.


ARTISTS INSPIRE CHILD-LIKE ENTHUSIASM THROUGH COLOR

"Happy person and I like to think that my art makes people happy." said Hazard-Bishop. She said she enjoys making art that makes people embrace their innocence and child-like spirit.

"Life is hard, trying, and some of it can be really overwhelming," said Butler. "It’s nice to have a world that you dwell on that in my art," said Butler.

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The vast majority of young adults attending Protestant churches stop attending by the time they are 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 it was not a part of their educational mission, Burch said.

"JBU primarily has an educational mission, not a church mission," Professor of Biblical Studies Maxie Burch said. "JBU offers so many things that are denominationalities: 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 student development process tries to be super redemptive," said Steve Beers, faculty member as a sort of counselor, reports that 20 percent of students report distress in their lives from school, life or their spiritual life, it sometimes provides eight free counseling sessions each semester to every student on campus for those going through emotional, mental health issues, or struggles in faith.

"Myth 5: You have to buck up and deal with it by yourself." "We can call our friends individually, very selectively, the rest of our lives are graded on individual performance," said Dinger. "And, ‘it’s hard to get good grades without support from a lot of people, everyone has to do their part against attending a service with too critical a mindset."

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What are the Op-Eds?

EXPLAINING THE OPINIONS AND EDITORIAL 

Welcome to the Op-Ed section of the Threefold Advocate, a diverse and engaging beacon of free speech. You may be wondering exactly what this section of the newspaper is for, or maybe you have not even known 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 on 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.

The Threefold Advocate would like to clarify that editorials, those pieces in the newspaper staff or the University.

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

Anyone is welcome to write for the Opinions pages about anything. Of course, we cannot accept anonymous submissions, so you must provide your name and hometown must be provided. E-mail and appropriate content. The writers will be notified. The writers will be notified. The Threefold Advocate will not accept unsigned letters to the editor. The editorial board reserves the right to publish letters to the editor. The editorial board reserves the right to publish letters that are three hundred words or less. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned. The Threefold Advocate will not publish any letters that are signed or unsigned.

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. There 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.

2. Write a response column. If you have a strong opinion in response to something we publish, we want to hear from you! Write a letter to the editor, a response column gives you the opportunity to share your side of the story in an opposing opinion view.

3. Contact the author. We include our contributor's e-mail addresses with their columns in case you would like to contact them directly. These writers freely 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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This summer I spent two weeks in Budapest, Hungary on a graphic design and typography mission trip to give my time to the YMAM base of Kiev, Ukraine. Our team was excited to go to Kiev and work with the base directly, but social and political tensions made it difficult to get to Ukraine. Instead the YMAM base in Budapest hosted us.

We had two main projects for the trip: first, to architect a new name and image of the YMAM Kiev ‘brand’. The second was to complete a social documentary photography project of the city of Budapest. We were all surprised at how much God used the change in location to work through our His glory. This was 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 shots from the trip was pairing up, camera in hand, and seeking out 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 influence of Communism in Hungary and how it has persisted in the culture. “They called [Budapest] a paradise... but it was not paradise. We have described the times of Soviet influence.”

Béla recounted in broken English his early childhood just outside of Budapest, and they shared a small flat together. They were cramped but always had hearty meals together. After finishing secondary school, he was forced to work after instead of continuing his education because 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 now the country is trying to understand the change in location to work through us.

One man in particular simplified my perception of Hungary and its history. He was a small, mousy man named Antalvári, which is a small antelope and tree species. At first, he was hesitant to talk to us and was unsure about his English, but after some encouragement, he opened up about his life. He was able to share his personal life story in Hungarian and English. He shared stories about the times before World War II. He grew up in a big family and he told us of the ways to earn a living during those times because, as a waiter in a large, happy meals together. They were cramped but always had hearty meals together. He continually told us of the influence of Communism in Hungary and how it has persisted in the culture. “They called [Budapest] a paradise... but it was not paradise. We have described the times of Soviet influence.”

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Assistant Coach gives insight into new season

**What are some soccer players like?**

Every year we want to push the animals. 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 first half. It's nice to have the team that can compete despite the beginning of the season. We have strength, talent and ability, and we have the time to make it to the conference championship. We get to know them and talk about what it's like being on the field and what it's like every year. We think that we are strong. The seniors we have this year are very experienced.

**What is it like playing for JBU and then new 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 told the boys and girls, I am JBU through and through. I love it here and it's great to be a part of the team.

**Do you have anything you would like to add?**

We have a great group of people. We love to people on campus, if you're in class with them, to get to know them. They're pretty kind even if they do look a bit scary. Please come out and see how we play, it makes a difference.
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New cheer coach brings innovative ideas

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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 Connor 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 chased 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’s 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.”

John Brown University cheerleaders, cheer on the men’s soccer team at “Under the Lights” game.

@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

@Dani0815: “I don’t believe in destiny, I believe in God! # VamosJBU #goJBU #GOJBU

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POSITION: Center Back
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Siloam Springs Kayak Park

Siloam Springs’ newest park is far outside its borders, yet it may end up being its most popular. The Siloam Springs Kayak Park opened at the beginning of summer, and with classes resuming at John Brown, the park is likely to only become more popular. The Siloam Springs Park District, with a grant from the Walton Foundation, spent last winter adding rock installations into the riverbed of the Illinois River to enhance existing rapids. They also built a parking lot and direct access at the river’s edge, creating new starting off and ending points for kayak trips down the river.

Visitors must bring their own kayaks to the park, but many local businesses have added kayak rental options to make it easier to enjoy the new facilities. To learn more about the Kayak Park, visit www.siloamspringskayakpark.com.

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