

President escapes to Sydney

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While this semester brings many additions to campus—construction by the dining hall and townhouses, new parking lots, a new incoming class—something will be missing: the president.

President Chip Pollard announced to students at the first chapel that he would be taking a sabbatical for three months in Sydney, Australia. His wife Carey and 15-year-old son James will accompany him.

In April, the Board of Trustees approved a sabbatical policy for

upper level administration and then encouraged Pollard to consider taking one, Pollard said.


While Pollard is gone, his responsibilities will be divided between the members of his cabinet. Ed Ericson, vice president of academic affairs, and Steve Beers, vice president of student development, will speak at events such as visit days. Kim Hadley, vice president of finance and administration, will lead cabinet meetings which will mainly deal with the budget. Jim Krall, vice president of advancement, will do some speaking at fund raising events.

Sabbaticals are a normal part of university culture, Beers said. Since the president’s job is mainly to give

direction, leadership and vision, he does not have to manage most of the day-to-day issues as directly.

“The strength of our institution is what makes it possible for the president to be gone without the school missing out on anything as far as operations,” Beers said.

Not having the president here to help facilitate communication between the cabinet members and provide a higher-level vantage point will probably be the biggest challenge,



Beers added. In his absence, they may need to “over communicate” with one another to stay in touch with what is happening in the administration.

Administration officials will try to protect the president’s sabbatical by not pulling him back in to running the school, Beers said. At the same time, technology makes it easy to get ahold of him if a serious need should arise.

“We have a strong cabinet and a strong board,” Beers said. “I am assuming it will go well.”

The presidential

duties are typically paired with a cabinet member anyway, Ericson pointed out. In addition, most of the current vice presidents have participated in the University’s administration for longer than Pollard has been here.

There are some things the president will miss, Ericson said. He will not speak in chapel, participate in Mock Rock skits or attend the fall board meetings. But he will be back in time for Candlelight and December graduation.

Pollard’s goal is to not check his University email, he said. Instead, his administrative assistant will send

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Big, Fat

University achieves zero landfill status

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John Brown University officially reached zero landfill status as of July 2.

Instead of sending waste to a landfill, which costs about \$50,000 per year, the University sought creative ways to recycle or dispose of all trash without a scrap ending up in landfills, at about half the cost of standard trash removal. Not only is this better for the environment,

it is saving the University and its students money.

Waste that cannot be recycled is taken to Covanta Energy in Tulsa, Okla. where it is safely burned to create steam. The steam is sold or used to create electricity.


Students returning to campus may notice some changes. Dumpsters have disappeared. Blue recycle bins dot the campus, including each dorm room. Faculty and staff empty their own office trash cans. Work-study students sort recyclables at the Facilities Services building.

According to Steve Brankle,

facilities services director, the University has at least a 20-year history of recycling, beginning with use of a cardboard compactor. The campus was already baling and selling paper and cardboard when Brankle arrived in 1997.

About four years ago, nearby businesses such as La-Z-Boy, McKee Foods and Dayspring started becoming zero landfill, spurring the city of Siloam Springs and other organizations to become more aware of sustainability issues. Currently,

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Passionate Performance



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Donna Rollene belts out a beautiful note in her final graduate soprano performance Aug. 30 at the Berry Performing Arts Center. Go online at <http://advocate.jbu.edu> to read more.

Men answer audition call

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It was raining men at auditions for this year’s freshman drama production. Jan Lauderdale, adjunct drama professor, was surprised when 12 men showed up to audition for “Sarah, Plain and Tall.” Lauderdale rejoiced at the turnout, finding parts for every one of them.

Having enough men for drama productions has been an issue in John Brown University’s past. Two years ago, Lauderdale was forced to switch from her planned “Arsenic and Old Lace” to a different show with an all female cast, “Steel Magnolias,” when only one male came to auditions.

When selecting a show takes so much time, having to find a new one on short notice can be devastating.

“It’s the biggest part of what I do, definitely the most time consuming,” says Lauderdale.

For the freshman show, the amount of male parts greatly influences her selection process. She looks for plays that have six or less males with some flexibility. For

“Sarah, Plain and Tall,” a minimum of five guys was needed, but Lauderdale was able to place all 12 freshmen guys in the show, which will be preformed for two weekends in September and October.

Lauderdale attributed the high male turnout to her hard work and new method in spreading the word about auditions.

“I was more proactive about getting the word out, and that paid off,” she said.

In the past, she relied on previous cast members to encourage participation by incoming freshman. This method brought in two relatives this fall.

This was the first year Lauderdale signed up students at ERP and followed up with emails about audition times.

Freshman Connor Gooderl, who will play the part of Ephraim, spoke with Lauderdale when he came for a visit.

“I love the camaraderie of being part of the cast. It’s almost like a family,” Gooderl said.

The increase in communication brought growth to the drama department as well: four new freshmen, three women and one man, declared drama minors this fall,

an amazing addition to the former lone drama minor.

Lauderdale’s response to the growth of the drama department was that “it’s blossoming because I have finally found the best way to get the word out.”

The hardest part of casting is deciding on callbacks, Lauderdale said.

“I don’t like to turn anybody away. I have a lot of talent that turns up,” she said.

She makes her selections based on chemistry between actors. This play allowed her to keep all the males that showed up, since one actor could have played quite a few parts.

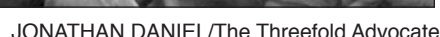
The freshman production was created five years ago to eliminate competition for actors between the musical and the play, but musical director, Donna Rollene, did not have the same male turnout as Lauderdale at her auditions in the spring. Her reaction was “utter disappointment” since she has “never had that happen so drastically.”

Rollene reevaluated over the summer and switched her choice to “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” which has a smaller cast and gives her flexibility to have a male or female Snoopy.

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During the all-hall welcome back meeting on Aug. 22, President Pollard told the residents of



"Being careful to not take the verse out of context, it is a call to live a new life 'in Christ.' The grace that comes through Christ is available for us," Broquard said. "The newness comes at the point of salvation, but also is new every morning as we are continually renewed and refined to be more like Christ. I hope that those living in Hutcheson this year will live 'in Christ' and continue their transformation into Christ's likeness."

Refugee camps are struggling to supply aid to all the Syrians seeking asylum, as the Red Cross and other humanitarian efforts were not initially prepared for so many refugees.

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Construction creates space for students

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Students this semester are establishing new routines, dodging construction sites as they go. Nabholz Construction Services began construction of Simmons Great Hall, and John Brown University is preparing the North Slope Apartments site. Faculty hope the new facilities will be worth construction’s inconvenience, providing better facilities and more space to manage anticipated growth. Simmons Great Hall will have both nmore seating and a lobby designed to serve as a front door to campus, said Steve Beers, vice president of student development. When people visit, the new expansion will provide a more obvious entry to campus.

The lobby will extend past the glass doors that now face the construction, and continue to the west edge of the existing Kresge Dining Hall, said Aramark Director Stephen Kerr. According to Beers, the University plans for Simmons Great Hall to generate some additional revenue, though not enough to make a large difference for student expenses. Beers said donors provided \$5.5 million for construction of the expansion. That includes potential renovations, as the University plans to convert the Administrative Dining Room above the cafeteria into office space. Donors also gave a \$1.25 million endowment to offset operating expenses. Steve Brankle, facilities ser-



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Construction at the Chapman Adminisration Building and Mabree University Center will eventually create the Simmons Great Hall. and addition to the building. The banquet hall will be completed by the end of June 2013.

vices and sustainability director, said the University plans for Simmons Great Hall to be completed by the end of June 2013. Sophomore Adam Lundy expected the expansion to be good for the campus. He said having a separate hall for prospective students and visitors might give the school a more professional appearance. Brankle said construction on the North Slope Apartments will begin after all the subcontractors have been notified and receive their contracts. Donors also gave \$2.75 million for the North Slope Apartments’ construction and the apartments should be finished by the fall semester of 2013, said

Beers. André Broquard, director of residence life, expects high demand for the new apartments. The apartments will allow seniors to stay on campus while living in a more independent environment. Seniors play an important role in communicating what the University is about to incoming students, Broquard said. When seniors live off-campus, they cannot do that as well. While waiting for the new buildings’ added benefits, however, students have to deal with the noise and dirt. Senior Becca Masters lives right next to the construction site. This is Masters’ second year

in her townhouse, and she was not happy to return to construction out her back door. Masters said she missed the grassy hill where the construction site now sits. “It made living in the townhouses really cool,” she explained. “We had this really nice backyard, and you could go out there and throw a Frisbee around or just sit.” Masters understands that the school is doing the construction for incoming students. She said she appreciates some things that have come from the University’s construction, such as Windgate Visual Arts East, which she uses for her major, digital media arts. North Slope Apartments site

workers encountered complications and were not able to turn electricity and water on in time for the arrival of student leaders, said Bryan Cole, townhouse residence director. Students were moved to Walker while workers finished on the lines. Cole said telephone lines were also down, but are now back up. Cole asked workers to give him as much warning as possible with anything that will affect students. In the past Nabholz has done well at communicating with the school, and he expects that to remain the same. He said that any other shut-offs would probably affect the bottom four townhouses, since they are on the same line as the future apartment complexes. Cole said he would have to cancel or rework some townhouse events, like the barbecue and the slip ‘n’ slide. He plans to hold the barbecue off campus this year.

Cole hopes that once the apartments are finished, they will make the north slope into a larger community. The new apartments will create a circle and give all of the townhouses and apartments one central, open area that can be used for gatherings. Rick Mason, a Professional Cabling Solutions employee, has been working to install lines for the new apartments. Mason said he has been working for the University off and on for eight or nine years. “A lot more doors are open since all of these new facilities have come in,” he said. “It’s really satisfying to see how much [the campus has] grown.”

Summer renovations brighten, update LRC

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This summer the Learning Resource Center underwent long-awaited renovations, including updating the bathrooms, adding storage space to the Media Lab, purchasing computers and creating a new convergent newsroom, the Triangle. The Triangle houses the Threefold Advocate, which moved from the Honors house. The newsroom replaces the theater-style classroom, 121. “Before I came to work here, I worked with the division chair and the department on the idea of the Triangle,” said Marquita Smith, head of the communication department. “There was going to be a need for a multi-platform newsroom and a redesign of the curriculum.” Smith said today’s organizations want to work through several platforms--social media websites like Facebook and Twitter, TV, radio and espe-

cially the web. Thus, a student who wants to work in communications will probably find the job also requires a good understanding of web and social media. The new location is more accessible for staff and students. The communication department is preparing its students for the changing times in the communications world. For example, an emphasis on digital journalism stresses a multi-platformed education, as opposed to a more traditional print medium. Four of the new emphases will reflect the old majors in the department. The five emphases are Digital Journalism, Radio/TV/Web, Public Relations, Social Advocacy and Multi-Context. The department will continue to offer a drama minor. Opportunities for communication students include: the Threefold Advocate, KLRC, Speech and Debate Team, JBU TV 5 and Golden Eagle Productions. “This program is vital and

prominent,” Smith said. The Threefold Advocate is working on a digital site where content can be updated immediately so that students do not have to wait until Thursday for news. Senior Anali Reyes said she was a little taken aback when she saw the new space. “We went from being in a back room of the Honors house to a modern facility actually located on campus,” Reyes said. “The central location will not only bring us closer to the other communication majors but also lets people know who we are and, most importantly, that we exist.” This newsroom is in a safer location for students working on the paper. “I wanted them to have a secure environment to work in,” Smith said, adding that The Neshar, the University yearbook, also moved to the communication department. The Media Lab is also enjoying newly remodeled space, said Ben Benton, coordinator of information technologies. It

added storage cabinets to make up for lost space. Ed Ericson, vice president of academic affairs, and Kim Hadley, vice president for finance and administration, found some funds to allow for



Anali Reyes

the Media Lab to build cabinets along the back wall, Benton said. “We have also gutted out the closet behind the front desk to allow for more room,” he said. The Information Technology department also purchased four new computers that are now available for use in the library. The bathrooms throughout the LRC have been updated as well. The old retro décor is now coordinated with the school’s colors. The greys, light blues, and dark blue give the LRC a more modern feel. Mary Habermas, director of library services, said they had been asking for renovations to be made on the bathrooms in the LRC lobby. “There are always prospective students and their families going on tours through the LRC,” Habermas said. “I thought it would be nice for them to have more modern facilities, and the restrooms were in need of renovations.” The broadcast studio has also been improved to meet industry standards. The renovations are a vote of confidence for the department, Habermas said.

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him a report every couple of weeks. Cabinet officials will be able to include any questions for him. “I have felt dry coming to the well recently,” Pollard said. “I want to use this time to renew myself intellectually, spiritually and physically.” Pollard’s wish list for his time in Sydney includes rereading some literature books such as King Lear and reading theological books by Henri Nouwen and Tim Keller. He also plans to write for a couple of hours a day, testing out ideas he has for potential book projects. These include reflecting on loss or looking at ideas about leadership found in literature. The family is looking forward to the adventure of being in a completely different place, Pollard said. They may go to see the Barrier Reef or do other sightseeing. They will be living half way between the beach and the University of Sydney, where a longtime friend of Pollard’s serves as chancellor. “We are grateful to the board for this opportunity,” Pollard said. “It is a gift and a blessing to be able to do it.” Senior Kelsey Daugherty, Student Government Association president, said she did not think Pollard’s absence would affect the running of the school. “The cabinet is more than capable of doing what needs to be done in order to keep campus going as it has been,” she said. “I think the biggest difference students will notice will be not having the ability to see and interact with the Pollards on a daily basis, which is something I know the campus community enjoys. We hope that they have a restful and productive time in Australia and look forward to their safe return.”



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SeniorsJenny Redfern, Adrienne Karasek, Juniors Sidney Van Wyk, Kelsey Gulliver, and others settle in to their new space, which was renovated by the University over the summer and contains new equipment for communications students.

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TIPS AND IDEAS FROM THE THREEFOLD ADVOCATE

Tip: Find one or two things that you are really passionate about and just go all out. We need students who want to make a difference here and in the Kingdom of God.

AN EXPLANATION OF OP/ED CONTENT

Happy reading!



KELSEY GULLIVER / The Threefold Advocate

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Jenny Redfern

When I gave my go-to answer, “I don’t know, but I want to be a magazine journalist,” most did their best to sound interested and encourage me on my selected career path.

Journalism will always exist, just not in the same form it does today. With that being said, the Threefold Advocate is doing it's best to keep up with the times. Last semester we debuted our new website, and this semester we are working to keep it continuously updated with the news

3. Talk to us. Join the conversation. Want to respond to what you're reading? Write letters to the editor—that's me—leave comments on the stories or write a post on our Facebook wall. Don't just be an observer. Engage in what is happening on your campus.

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OPINION

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Mexico es mi amor



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This summer I did my internship at Casa Kim, an orphanage in Tekax, Yucatan in Mexico and I could not have been more excited. When I landed at the airport in Cancun I had several expectations of what my time in Mexico was going to look like, and let’s just say that my ideas and the Lord’s did not match up.

Throughout my stay at Casa Kim, the Lord really taught me three things. First, missions is not glamorous. Second, you must completely die to yourself. Finally, I wondered what this experience looks like back home – where I am comfortable.

I thought I grew up with a pretty good understanding of what missions looks like. I went on all

of the mission trips that were offered at my church from elementary through high school. The problem with these little trips is that in no way do they prepare you for the actual mission field. During these week-long trips you usually stay in a pretty decent facility and do work in the morning and have the evenings to yourself.

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Now, I am in no way knocking these trips, but as I was leaving for my trip, I had glamorized view of what I would be doing. I expected that I would live at the orphanage with the kids the whole month I was there. What completely threw me off guard was that almost everything was in one room and I was going to literally live life with the children and staff. I did not get my own space, and privacy

was very limited for me during my time there. Privacy is a common American practice, but I learned quickly that I was not in North America.

Learning a new culture is always difficult to do, but being thrown into a completely different way of life is shocking. I had to learn that my way of thinking and upbringing were not the supreme way of doing things. I had to learn how to serve and love these people in their own culture and language.

During this time, I had to trust the Lord and draw from his strength every day or I knew I would burn out quickly. The Lord was so faithful to me during this month and I could not have done what I did without his constant guidance. It was such a beautiful trip and I am so grateful I had the privilege to love the children there. However, this only begins to scratch the surface. I took a lot away from my time in Mexico and I am continuing to learn all that the Lord showed me.

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A new place to study could be the answer



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The bell rings, the professor walks in, and you realize that you are now back into an arena of intellectual battle of which there is no escape. Many different people, whether through the Internet, news, or the classroom, will try to persuade you to believe what they would like you to think is the truth. Let’s be honest; the only way to believe something is to

understand it. We come to understand “it” by independent studying outside of the classroom.

But then again, do we really know how to study?

I started to find that I had an almost impossible time getting anything done in my room. I would go there to work out a paper, and then find that I’m on Facebook several hours later with minimal work accomplished. Studying has been steadily decreasing since the 60s, when an average was about 24 hours of studying a week! Just how many hours would you say the average college student studies now?

Answer: Not even half that.

We are more socially adept in culture as a whole with the inventions of Facebook and other social networking sites that our

time is being divided up more and more each year. Students find time for leisure, sports and dating, and studying keeps getting pushed off to the side.

Allie Grasgreen of Formerly Outside The Classroom states:

“... there are negative consequences, too: increased substance use, decreased academic engagement, and decreased professional preparedness. ([Todd] Wyatt recalled his students in a developmental psychology class, who included text jargon and emoticons in their reflection papers.) ‘One of the main reasons why students aren’t spending as much time studying is they don’t know how to study,’ Wyatt said. ‘They don’t know how to study efficiently.’”

If that wasn’t a wake up call to you, then maybe something else

will do. Out of 34 countries, the U.S. Ranked 14th in reading, 17th in science, and 25th in math according to scores from the 2009 Programme for International Student Assessment. We are behind such countries as South Korea, Finland, Singapore and China. For being citizens of one of the largest super powers in the world, we as students need to step up and study like we are. Many of these countries have much stricter policies concerning school and studies, but that is no excuse for us when we have the freedom to study whatever we choose.

As I said before, I found it near impossible for me to study cooped up in my room for hours on end; I found a new place to study. I now enjoy studying in places where there is a steady flow of people,

whether it be a student center, or the main area in my living complex. I feel like people are watching me work, so of course I want to impress them. I call it the “working spotlight” effect.

So as you go into the new semester, make sure it counts. If you are having trouble studying in one place, try a new one! It just might make all the difference.

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New thoughts on an old favorite: hard boiled eggs



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Let’s start with boiled eggs. To make sure I knew what I was talking about, I went down the hall to the kitchen to boil an egg. I whipped out my trusty saucepan given me by my mother (one of my parents’ wedding presents that’s still kicking). I filled it about two thirds of the way up (enough to have extra wa-

ter for a cup of tea before I dunk the eggs) and set it on the front-right burner.

My arm found a pretty cup and the Kenyan black tea a good friend brought to me from her faraway home as I awaited the heating water. I poured off some water into the blueberry painted mug and watched the bag bob and release black ribbons melting into water. Tea steeping, water boiling again, I plopped an egg into the hot tub—then another, remembering how delicious they are. Seven minutes on the clock to wait. I love to wait for things such as this. I think I have spent as much time as others have spent brushing their teeth or reading the newspaper in a lifetime, squatting in front of the oven or tending a pot on the stove.

There are as many methods for boiling eggs as there are for skinning cats. I used the one a friend told me last week. My momma learned on our trip to Germany this past summer that one should put the eggs in cold water in the pan and bring them to boil from there. Once the water reaches the chatty 212 degrees, they’re done. My seven minutes of cooking in already-boiling water got me eggs over easy (or perhaps over medium). Great news! One of the things that kept me away from eggs cooked this way in the past was their chalky yolk. These were the consistency of slightly warm peanut butter, felt like velvet, and tasted like butter.

My eyes were only just opened to the marvels of the boiled egg. Previously, I had only thought

of them invariably linked to the stinky egg salad my dad makes periodically or the potato salad I once repelled or the deviled eggs I only recently tried. I’ve a history of picky eating. Last week was the first time I’d truly tasted them—and on my own prerogative. I ended up eating four, dripping Cholula hot sauce and buttery yolk down my chin, for supper.

Book worms, studiers, dorm-livers, shut-ins, rejoice! You could make these in your little hot-water kettle you use for Ramen. Also, upon a little reflection and simple math, I found that supper costing me less than a quarter. That is, if you don’t factor in the cost of the hotsauce and if you buy your eggs from Aldi.

I’ve been surprised time and

again with the simplest of foods and the humblest of ingredients. With each new adventure—tasting something I should have tasted before, I shake my fist at my picky childhood. But there is something fun about a belated exposure to new (or newly appreciated) little treasures. I can’t wait for the next one.

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LIFESTYLES

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New resident directors find community at JBU

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This fall, John Brown University hired new Resident Directors for both Walker Hall and Hutcheson Hall: Andrew Lehr and Meredith Baltz.

Potential applicants were interviewed by Director of Resident Life Andre Broquard, former and current resident assistants, representative students and several staff members, including President Pollard.

Lehr and Baltz were chosen out of 28 applicants. Broquard said he looked for applicants with not only educational and work experience but also people who would bring “wisdom to the position.” Broquard called both of the new RDs “good fits to the institution.”

Meredith Baltz

Baltz arrived on campus feeling completely prepared to be a resident director, but that preparation did not come the way she expected.

Baltz became interested in being a resident director after several friends gave her shining descriptions of the position. At the time, she was earning her master’s degree in higher education and student development at Taylor University, along with Lehr and his wife, Maria.

“I really felt called to connect with students on a deeper level,” Baltz said. “I wanted a job I could use as ministry.” After several interviews and an “excruciating” wait, Baltz was awarded the position in April and began her preparations.

Then, in June, her plans were abruptly halted by a serious car accident.

The accident left Baltz with a broken back and she was bedridden for several weeks. There was no nerve damage, but she is currently wearing a back brace.

The incident was devastating. “I didn’t know if I was going to be able to come [to the University],” Baltz said. “But the Lord is good and I’ve healed really well.”

Baltz also said the accident gave her a new perspective on her position as a resident director. “The car accident has been the best preparation,” she explained. “The Lord prepared me in a way I didn’t expect.”

Now, Baltz is enjoying her new job at Hutcheson Hall and is hindered little by her injuries. She expressed special appreciation for her resident assistants.

“It’s been a blessing so far to watch them love this building and love their students,” she said.

Baltz looks forward to further interaction with her “Hutch-hikers,” a new nickname for residents of the dorm formerly known as North, and is eager to continue her ministry among the students.

Andrew Lehr

The University’s community atmosphere made an impression on Lehr when he first came to the University.

“From the moment I stepped on campus it felt like a good fit,” Lehr said.

As an undergraduate student at Taylor University, Lehr served as a resident assistant for two and a half years. His time there cultivated an interest for higher education. He looked for resident life positions all over the country while earning his master’s degree, applying for as many as he could.

John Brown University stuck out because it was small, Christian and held employment opportunities for his wife, Maria.

“It definitely looked like a place where we wanted to be,” Lehr said.

Lehr came in for the strenuous interview process, but halfway



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through, tragedy struck. A friend from Taylor University passed away.

Though he was distressed by this news, Lehr continued the interview process, and was surprised when the University’s community rose up to support him.

“I didn’t even know these people and they were taking care of me and loving me,” he said. When offered the job, he readily accepted.

Lehr is relishing his work in Walker Hall. He said one of the dangers of being a resident director at some universities is becoming nothing more than a “party planner.” His job here is much more significant than that.

“I love that I’m viewed as an educator,” Lehr said. “I was glad JBU wanted a res life program that was...more than just administrative tasks.”

As Lehr settles in, he hopes to create a “classroom outside of the classroom” atmosphere in Walker. He looks forward to cultivating and thriving in Walker’s community.



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Meredith Baltz (above) and Andrew Lehr (below) join the JBU family as the new resident directors of Hutcheson and Walker Hall. They met each other while attending Taylor University alongside with Lehr’s wife, Maria, pictured with Lehr.

Clarensau

Q & A

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Wichita trio Clarensau graced students with their harmonic melodies Aug. 24 at the University’s welcome back concert sponsored by BLUE. Lead singer and guitarist Tyler Clarensau discussed his songwriting in further detail.

Q: What is your greatest inspiration?

A:

‘Emotions’ is the perfect way to say it. I write a lot of songs and usually the ones we don’t end up using—the ones that end up in the garbage—are the ones that I don’t really care about because they don’t mean anything to me. And that translates into not a very good song. So, more than any other musician or artist, the emotions of life.

Q: Can you describe your new album?

A:

I would call it a commitment record. The title track, “This One’s For You,” I wrote for someone close to me who kind of... made some really bad choices. Instead of getting closer to us... had alienated themselves even farther from us. So this song is essentially “this one’s for you and I hope you hear it and I hope it helps you realize you’re not too far gone...”

Q: What are your dreams as a band?

A:

Would we like to be really big and make enough money where we could just do this all the time? Probably. But at the same time I think we’ve found a level of being content with sometimes playing a show for one person. Hopefully, there is more than one person in the room, but playing it for that one person these songs mean something to.

Eagles to host Fall Classic

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The John Brown University Golden Eagles will go into the annual Quality Inn Fall Classic this weekend with three wins under their belt. At the Fall Classic, JBU will be facing Northwestern College (Iowa) and Union University (Tenn.).

Northwestern, a team in the Great Plains Athletic Conference did not have any seniors on the team last year. Then junior Mario Garcia led the team in goals with 19 and former freshman Gabriel Goncalvez followed with 11.

Union beat Ouachita Baptist 2-0 in their opener and played Lincoln Memorial to a scoreless draw after two overtimes. The Union Bulldogs are making the transition into the NCAA Division II and Gulf South Conference this year after they finished 5th in the TranSouth Conference last season. The team lost its starting goalie, but teammates still look to senior Guilherme Reis, who was last year’s leading scorer with a total of 9 goals.

As for the JBU Eagles, they are currently 3-0. Captain Luke Theimer, a junior, is the top scorer with three goals this season. Sophomores Martin Gonzalez and Ryan Duncan have two goals each.

John Miglarese sees the team conforming more to the coaching staff’s vision for the program.



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Sophomore Martin Gonzalez fights off a defender as Team Captain junior Luke Theimer looks on in pursuit. Gonzalez and Theimer, along with freshman Zari Prescod (not pictured) are leading the Eagles in goals with six points to each. The Eagles are currently 3-0 going into a three-game homestand at the Quality Inn Fall Classic.

“The team is starting to play and act more like we’ve envisioned as a coaching staff. We want to be fun to watch, we want

to be competitive, we want to have great team culture, and we want people to be excited about us on campus because of how we play

and who we are.”

The tournament will be held at Alumni Field, where the Eagles will take on the Northwestern

Red Raiders Friday at 4 p.m. The Eagles will then play the Union Bulldogs the following day at the same time.

Volleyball ready for tourney



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The Lady Eagles pose in downtown Siloam Spring for their team picture. The team currently has a winning record of 8-1 and is ranked 25th in the NAIA Division I. Their first opponent this weekend, Graceland (Iowa), is ranked 17th and has a record of 2-0. Both teams are ranked at the top of their conference.

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This weekend the Lady Eagles will travel to Baldwin City, Kan. with an 8-1 record. There they will face off with four other teams. Their first game is against Graceland University (Iowa) and is likely to be the most competitive game of the tournament.

Graceland is ranked 17th in the NAIA Division I, along with being ranked first in the Heart of America Conference. John Brown University is ranked 25th in Division I and is first in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

For JBU, senior Erin Didier is currently leading the Lady Eagle’s offensively with 139 total kills, followed by fellow senior Audrey Deardien with 125. Didier also had the most kills of any team in last week’s

tournament.

While talking about JBU’s performance last weekend, Head Coach Staci Johnson said part of the reason these two were able to make so many kills was due to the team’s passing. “Communications amongst our defense has been the key to our successful passing,” said Johnson. “Not only do the great passes allow us to feed our outside hitters the ball, but our middle blockers, Erin [McIlroy] and Libby [Blasingame], do a phenomenal job of holding the block.”

Johnson went on say that this gives Didier and Deardien a one-on-one ball to translate into another kill for the Lady Eagles.

Sophomore Becca Young is currently leading JBU defensively with 99 total digs, followed by Didier with 86. Graceland currently sits at 2-0 after their last match against

Avila (Mo.). Their current leaders on offense are Kendra Martin with seven kills, followed by Kelsi Martin with six. On the defensive, Kelsi leads in digs with 17 total and also holds four blocks, just short of Allie Krabbenhoft who has five and is even with Moriah Jones. As a team they are ranked first in NAIA Division I for blocks per game while Kendra Martin is second in the division for her hitting percentage.

The Lady Eagles will play Benedictine (Kan.) after their match against Graceland on Friday.

For Benedictine, who had a record of 1-6 as of press time, Karlie Dalton is currently leading her team offensively with 38 kills followed by teammate Carly Steinlage with 27. Cassie Rockers leads defensively with 67 digs followed by Sara Navinsky with 24. Benedictine has only faced one

team, Doane (Neb.) with a truly substantial winning record of 11-1. Benedictine is currently ranked second to last in the Heart of America Conference, directly above Central Methodist (Mo.).

After facing Graceland and Benedictine on Friday, JBU will take on Baker (Kan.) and Friends (Kan.) on Saturday. Baker, also in the Heart of America Conference, sits at 4-4 while Friends has a record of 0-4 as of press time.

Crystal Simons of Baker is currently leading in kills with 68 after passing teammate Savannah Smith who has 66 total kills. Renata Dill leads defensively with a total of 131 digs followed by Simons with 81.

Baker depends on their defensive play, with a high number of blocks and digs per game, especially from Danielle French who is ranked ninth in Division

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Nicole Kosin
Women’s Soccer

Freshman mid-fielder Nicole Kosin scored the Lady Eagles’s lone goal of the season. Kosin’s goal came off of a header from a corner kick against Harding last Monday.

I for her 37 total blocks. Friends is currently eighth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletics Conference. Out of their four losses, three have ended without Friends winning a single set.

Jada Witham leads her team in kill with 38 while teammate Crystal Taporco follows with 25 total kills. Defensively, Bailey Burnett leads with 43 digs followed closely by Ila Sturges with 40.

The first game of this weekend’s tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday with the Lady Eagles facing Graceland on Court 1 while Benedictine faces Friends on Court 2.

Robinson checks in for sports info



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Nicholas Robinson, the new sports information director, poses with his hockey stick. Robinson played NCAA Hockey at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. “As a former hockey player in college, I never let anyone push me around,” said Robinson, “I may only be 5’ 9”, but I would skate between their legs if I had to.”

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His alma mater’s big game is one of college basketball’s fiercest rivalries. Now his new school’s big game is one of college basketball’s quirkiest traditions.

John Brown’s new sports information director, Nicholas Robinson, graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., whose rivalry with nearby Hope College is arguably the fiercest small college rivalry in the nation. According to Robinson, Calvin College “could sell out a chess match” against Hope College.

As sports information director, he hopes to bring that kind of excitement (and attendance) to John

Brown Athletics.

Robinson was previously the assistant sports information director at Graceland University in Iowa, where he “fell in love with sports information.”

Now it is his responsibility to promote John Brown’s athletes.

Robinson believes the quality of Golden Eagles athletics speaks for itself.

“We’ve got a lot of awesome kids here and they put their guts, their sweat, [and] their tears out on the court or the field every time they play,” said Robinson. “It is my job to make sure that everybody that is within my power to reach hears what an awesome story [the athletes] bring to the table.”

Robyn Daugherty, director of athletics, said one reason Robinson, a first-time sports information

head director, was chosen was because he fit with the University’s culture.

Daugherty said that Robinson is someone that is “going to fit within our culture and within our institution and is going to take us to the next level.”

Along with adding Robinson’s expertise in social media, the athletic department feels he has the ability to help them to “continue to raise the bar” in other areas as well.

“Raising the bar”, according to Daugherty, means an increased presence is social media for the athletic department and an increase in quality in all media productions.

When they hired Robinson, the athletic department “found someone who had the skills to take us to the next level, whether that’s on social media or on the web,” said

Daugherty. “He has great photography skills, he has great writing skill, he has great design skills, and he knows the web [and] social media.”

Besides an increased presence in social media, Daugherty wants increased visibility for the athletic program.

“It is my job to make sure that when our teams do well and do the right things that as many people know about it through as many vehicles as necessary,” said Robinson.

What attracted Robinson to John Brown was the Christian culture that is not only foundational to the school but also permeates the way students interact with faculty and staff.

“Kids love the school, they love to play the sports that God has

given them the talents for and they love to be in a place where there are like-minded people,” said Robinson. “Everybody can talk about, live, experience, and engage Christ [at JBU]. That is important to me. If a student athlete comes in and [has] a problem and ... wants to talk about it we can have a serious heart-to-heart and talk about our Christian beliefs.”

Along with all the new forms of communication and higher quality level production that Robinson will be implementing, the personal aspect of his job will make adaptability paramount.

“This job is so ever-evolving that it comes down to if you can keep up with it,” said Robinson. “I like to think I have the mental fortitude to do that.”

SAC losses leave future in doubt

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A current conference shakeup may find John Brown Athletics between a rock and a hard place later.

The Sooner Athletic Conference, of which the University is a member, is at a crossroads.

As of next season, the conference will be down to seven schools, having lost five schools in two seasons.

SAC is in its first season after losing Northwestern Oklahoma State, Oklahoma Christian, and Southern Nazarene to NCAA Division II conferences. This season is the last for Rogers State and Lubbock Christian, who will also join NCAA Division II next season.

With the conference scrambling to find new teams, John Brown Athletics finds itself in a new role and in

an unfamiliar situation.

“We’re the anchor [of the conference] at this point,” said Nicholas Robinson, sports information director. “Things are going to be drastically changing next year.”

“[The SAC] could be totally different in a year,” said Robyn Daugherty, director of athletics.

The current situation in the SAC is not a case of failure but of too much success, according to Robinson.

Robinson said the schools in the conference are finding so much success that they need to recruit at a higher level that only NCAA membership can provide. As a result, they are leaving the SAC and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

“It is a bittersweet situation ... [the SAC is] bleeding teams out of the NAIA,” said Robinson.

The uncertainty of the situation

means the University is looking at alternatives in case it finds itself without a conference in a couple of years.

“Everything hinges on what happens next year,” said Robinson, “We’ve got two choices in front of us: We stay and recruit new conference members, or we leave and add football.”

Having to add football is a “possibility,” according to Robinson, because of two factors: geography and loyalty to the NAIA.

There are already a handful of conferences close enough to make athlete travel times manageable, but with the exception of the Heartland Conference, all require football as a collegiate sport. The University, however, is not in the process of developing a football program.

“Right now, we don’t see the need for football yet,” said Daugherty.

The University is not opposed to football, though, and could add it if it needed to in order to join a conference, according to Daugherty.

“[Adding football is] definitely a big hurdle, but it’s not something ... that is off the table,” said Daugherty.

Conversely, The Heartland Conference does not sponsor football and is geographically very similar to the SAC, but is an NCAA Division II conference. Leaving the NAIA would mean leaving a conference with a similar philosophy to the University.

“The NAIA runs completely parallel with [JBU’s] mission,” said Robinson, “A lot of times people [leave the NAIA] just ... because they want that blue NCAA [logo] on their website.”

The connection to the NAIA is not only a similarity in beliefs but also an affinity for the personal touch in recruiting that NAIA mem-

bership affords.

“A lot of student athletes come to John Brown because our coaches go out to their homes and show genuine interest in them and want to see them succeed on and off the field,” said Robinson. “You just simply can’t do that as a member of the NCAA.”

“The best option is to rebuild the SAC,” said Robinson. “We have a lot of hard decisions to make if we can’t.”

The SAC is likely to survive, though, and the conference is already seeking new teams.

“[The SAC] commissioner is actively pursuing new members in conjunction with the Athletic Directors and the presidents of the SAC,” said Daugherty.

The athletic directors of the conference schools will meet September 12th, where new members could be announced.

Lady Eagles prepare for early season battle

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Two young teams will face off in women’s soccer this coming Saturday. The John Brown University Lady Eagles will take on the University of the Ozarks Lady Eagles this Saturday, September 8 at Alumni Field.

A team of mostly sophomores and freshmen, the Ozark Lady Eagles finished last season with a record of 3-16 in the American Southwest Conference. This year, many of their star players have returned. Sophomores Brooke Tralmer and Scotti-Lynn Burnside are reported to be standouts on the defensive line, and head Coach Bryan Drotar believes junior Monica Seiler will be ‘fierce’.

“Monica is confident and she is poised for another good year. She is a tough, physical defender. She is fast and also gives us the ability to attack out of the back,” said Drotar.

He believes the team has some great defenders, but Drotar is a little concerned about the U of O offense.

“We will have to learn to score by committee. I don’t think it will be just one single player that is scoring a lot of goals, but rather several players,” said Drotar.

As of press time, the team had a record of 0-3.

Last season for the Golden Eagles, three freshmen lead the team in goals: Laura Garcia with 17, followed by Adrienne Kennedy with 12 and Casey O’Brien with 11.

All three have returned this year as sophomores, but it is Garcia that continues to be a primary scoring threat. In the three games played as

of press time, Garcia lead the team with two goals. Head Coach Scott Marksberry has noticed her performance.

“Laura looks so dangerous right now. As a sophomore, she understands her role and has executed perfectly timed runs,” said Marksberry, “We look for her to continue her impressive play.”

But Garcia is not the only player who has proven herself so far this season. O’Brien took the place of senior Cheyenne Padgett due to an injury in the game versus Trinity Christian (Ill.).

“Casey O’Brien did a marvelous job in [Padgett’s] absence against Trinity Christian” said Marksberry. “Casey has distributed the ball well and defended well.”

JBU and U of O face off this Saturday here at JBU at 1 p.m..



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Sophomore Casey O’Brien dribbles past a defender in a preseason game against a local club team. Their first win of the regular season came on Monday against Harding (Ark.).

SPOTLIGHT

The Threefold Advocate

Volunteer Fair Helps Burst *the Bubble*

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Students first coined the term “JBU bubble” to refer to the tendency to stay inside the John Brown University community. The Student Ministries Leadership Team is attempting to “burst the bubble” by encouraging students to reach outside of the University and volunteer in the community of Siloam Springs. Junior Adam Hodge, the outreach ministry intern on SMLT this year, planned the second annual volunteer fair. “The goal of the Volunteer Fair is to celebrate the different volunteer organizations in the area, as well as to connect the faculty and students with the directors of these organizations in attempt

to offer more outreach options to the body of JBU,” said Hodge. “We want to recognize the work that the Lord is doing off-campus, by bringing them on-campus and showing them our appreciation and support.” To kick off the volunteer fair, Joe Butler, founder of the Ability Tree, an organization which enables families that have children with disabilities, spoke in chapel Aug. 30. Butler challenged students to, “start giving just one hour a week or more, [because] it might change your life.” Butler said every good story starts with stumbling upon a passion. This is true in Butler’s own

life. Ability Tree began with a new awareness and heart for disabled children after Butler’s son, Micah, was diagnosed with developmental delays. Micah’s attentiveness to others with special needs—a group of people who are usually marginalized—gave Butler a passion to have eyes for those often unseen. “I have learned more from [his] 11 year old than [he] has from anyone in [his] life besides God,” Butler said. From Butler’s personal experience and new-found passion he started a non-profit that serves families with disabilities in Siloam Springs.

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