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# Apartments still striving to find community



Seniors Obed Diaz and Francis Morales study together on a typical night in the Northslope Apartments. The apartments have been open for six months and while upper classmen enjoy the freedom of apartment living, they are still discovering how to have community in the new living space.

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Approximately half a year ago, many students were eager to be the first residents to live in the newly constructed Northslope Apartments, the most recent addition to the oncampus housing options at John Brown University.

Since living in the apartments for a full semester, the students have

settled into life in the Northslopes, complete with its new furnishings and facilities.

However, many of the residents have realized that the community in this apartment-style living is significantly different from the typical dormitory-style living that they are accustomed to.

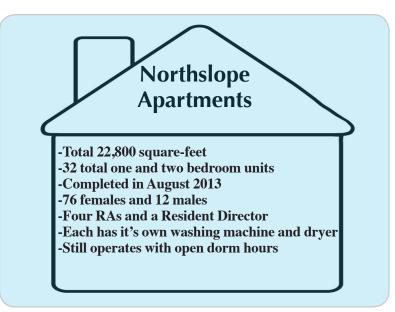
"It's been totally different from living in the dorms," Daniela Reyes, a resident in the apartments and a junior at the University, said. "In the dorms, you build community with freshmen and sophomore students, and I feel that, at the time, it was a good fit for me... but the transition to the apartments has been more than fabulous."

Each apartment accommodates up to four residents and features a kitchen set, two bedrooms, a fully furnished living area, two bathrooms, a washer and a dryer.

"I think the facilities are really fantastic, especially the free

laundry!" Reyes said. "As an international student, it's a benefit to be able to cook your own meals and cook food that makes you feel

hard to develop community with this kind of group because most of us are seniors and we all have such different schedules. It's hard making



almost like you're home."

However, while many of the residents appreciate the facilities provided by the University in the Northslope Apartments, some admit that the community within the apartments remains largely undeveloped.

"The community [in the apartments] is not as strong as it is in any other residence facility, especially Mayfield," Reyes said.

Senior residents Rachel Palm and Lisa Hopper agreed.

"In the Northslopes, you generally don't just go over to someone else's room like you would in a dorm," Palm said. "It's really community."

Hopper agreed, stating the community that she has had in the Northslope Apartments thus far has largely consisted of friends that she has made over the years rather than new people that she has met in the apartments.

Residents mentioned that they largely attribute the lack of well-developed community in the Northslope Apartments to the fact that most of the students who live there are upperclassmen with difficult and busy schedules.

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# Tapestries illustrate artist's journey of faith

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Shirley Cunningham was on her way to present at a conference in Birmingham Ala. when, while crossing the road at a major intersection, she was hit by a vehicle and broke both of her legs.

The results of that accident, a collection of tapestries, clothing and displays, now hang in John Brown University's Windgate Visual Arts gallery.

"God opens many, many doors," Cunningham said. "It's up to us as individuals to step through those doors even when we don't really know what is on the other side. That's what I did."

Cunningham, through her accident, learned to paint with cloth. Her art exhibit emphasizes the theme of journey and alludes to the transitions she has undergone in her own life.

"I was impressed to share with the world my journey out of the art business work and into the art world," Cunningham said.

She demonstrates this theme most fully in her piece titled "The Journey." Comprised of two tapestries, the piece is created from a selection of dresses taken from the 1890s to the 2000s. The larger tapestry has 11 different layers, the backmost layer composed of dresses dating from the 1890s, and the foremost layer created from dresses dating to the 1990s.

Each layer of the tapestry represents the generation of women living in its respective decade. A smaller tapestry hangs in front, representing the 21<sup>st</sup> century woman.

"Unlike the other women,



Lexi Christensen/The Threefold Advocate A student experiments with yarn during the opening of the "Cloth Journey" gallery on Jan. 17.

the modern woman is free," Cunningham said. "She has that freedom because of the choices of those women who came before her."

Cunningham's exhibit goes on to include handmade clothes and tapestries, as well as pieces from her series, "Wonderful Words of Life: Visions from the Broadman Hymnal."

Cunningham first learned to sew in her eighth grade home economics class. At age 13, Cunningham stretched to 5-foot-8-inches and struggled to find store-bought clothes that properly fit.

"There was nothing for me to wear," Cunningham said.

From that point on, Cunningham sewed all of her own clothes.

"My father would not buy me all of the clothes that I wanted, but he bought me all the fabric I wanted," Cunningham said. "I made everything I wore." In college, Cunningham majored in fashion design and minored in art. She and her husband later began a sewing school and eventually opened a fabric store. After operating in the business for 30 years, however, Cunningham and her husband closed their school and shop due to a declining market.

"Women just quit sewing," Cunningham said.

Cunningham turned to traveling and teaching on the road until the day of her accident. No longer able to travel, Cunningham looked for a new occupation.

"The Lord closed those doors that I thought would be open for forever," Cunningham said. "I would use paint and a needle as a paint brush."

Cunningham acquires her "paint" by combing antique stores, flea markets and secondhand stores all across America in search of vintage fabrics with which to create her cloth paintings.

JBU Professor Bobby Martin was struck by the uniqueness of Cunningham's work.

"She doesn't use your usual expected art materials," Martin said. "She's painting with fabric, and it's definitely different than what we're used to showing here. She puts a lot of spiritual thought and input into her pieces. I find it inspiring."

As a Christian, Cunningham



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**Artist Shirley Cunningham enjoys the opening** of the gallery displaying her work on campus. Cunningham creates tapestries with a wide variety of fabrics, the medium she loves most.

asked God what I should do now, and the answer was my art."

"A writer once said that in order to create, you must love the stuff you use," Cunningham wrote on her website. "Although I use many elements in my art, the 'stuff' I truly love is fabric and fiber, so the art I create is filled with these elements. I use fabric in the same way many manifests her faith through her art.

"My love for the Lord is very deep," Cunningham said. "It's where my heart and soul are. My art reflects my heart visually to others."

"I'm not a Christian artist," Cunningham said. "I am a Christian who is an artist."



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## **CAUSE** ministries team up to give back



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The Nature Society cleans up the community on the CAUSE workday. CAUSE Ministries teamed up with the Campus Ministries' Christian Ambassadors United for Service and Evangelism to serve Siloam Springs.

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John Brown University prides itself on educating the head, heart and hand. This past weekend gave students the opportunity of exercising their hearts and hands.

Over 50 students from the

university teamed up with Campus Ministries' Christian Ambassadors United for Service and Evangelism on Saturday to serve the Siloam Springs area.

Students had the opportunity of helping one of five CAUSE ministry teams at the event.

All CAUSE ministries are student led and initiated.

Senior Bonnie Black, outreach ministries director for the Student Ministries Leadership Team, welcomed the group who gathered in Walker Student Center and gave instructions for the rest of the day.

Frank Huebert, the University's director of discipleship, prayed over the group before the students broke up into five different teams.

The John Brown University Nature Society, led by Laticia Warren and Olivia Hilario, was one ministry represented at the workday. Students involved in this ministry are devoted to being good stewards of the earth, Warren said. This group cares for the environment throughout the and Josh Bartlett lead this team. It seeks to meet tangible needs of different people and organizations in the Siloam Springs community, Pearce said. They volunteered at The Manna Center of Siloam Springs, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting those in need. The Community Service Outreach team helped clean donated clothes and package donated chicken on Saturday.

The Nursing Home Ministry also participated on Saturday. Salina Adolph and Katherine Holderness lead this group who visits residents of area nursing homes, Adolph said. Students who joined this group on Saturday were able to play Bingo and talk with residents of Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Great Abandon Dance Ministry met on Saturday too. The women in this ministry use their talents of dancing to minister to the University and the surrounding community, group member Janelle Hale said. Hope Eidson is the leader of this group. Students who joined this ministry on Saturday helped create dance costumes for the members of the group.

The groups worked for three hours on Saturday, but all CAUSE ministry groups meet frequently throughout the semester to serve and plan events.

To learn more about the ministries of CAUSE, visit www.jbu.edu/faith/student\_ ministries/cause or the Student Ministries Leadership Team's Facebook page at www. facebook.com/JBUSMLT.



# WÓRKDAY

John Brown University Nature Society Picked up trash around Dogwood Trail and Sager Creek

Cornerstone Construction Ministry

Disassembled a ramp that was no longer needed

Community Service Outreach

Helped clean donated clothes and packaged chicken

The Nursing Home Ministry

Played bingo and visited with the residents of the Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

The Great Abandon Created dance costumes for members of the group semester by doing things like cleaning up trash and growing small houseplants in their dorms. They picked up trash around Dogwood Trail and Sager Creek on Saturday.

Cornerstone Construction Ministry also participated in the event. The students involved in this ministry build wheelchair ramps at the homes of people who are in need, said Jonathan Jenkins, who co-leads the ministry with Michael Merrill. This group traveled to an area home on Saturday to disassemble a ramp from a home that no longer needed it. The team will use supplies from that ramp for future ramps, Jenkins said.

Another ministry that joined the event was Community Service Outreach. Emily Pearce

KARISSA RIFFEL/The Threefold Advocate

**Community Service Outreach**, a group dedicated to meeting tangible needs in Siloam Springs, package chicken for the Manna center on the workday.

# Partners in Prayer mail perspective to students

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Receiving mail at a school can bring you back to reality and help you realize that there is life outside of this campus. You might have seen a slip of paper in your mailbox recently with a note about a country or group in a part of the world unreached by the gospel. This is all part of the Prayer for the People campaign under John Brown University's Partners in Prayer ministry.

Partners in Prayer is a CAUSE ministry that strives to bring prayer for missions and those in the unreached parts of the world. Josiah Wadsack and Laura Nelson lead this ministry and have big plans to get the University community involved.

"Partners in Prayer is about praying for what God's doing all around the world," said Wadsack. The ministry started back in the spring of 2012 under the name Chai Time. Nelson took part in this group from its roots and later partnered with Wadsack to create what is now, Partners in Prayer.

The Prayer for the People campaign asks each student to pray 2 minutes a day for missionaries who go out to the unreached parts of the world, for unreached groups to be receptive to the Gospel, for the growth of established churches and for protection against persecution.

One of the biggest hindrances the ministry has encountered is that people tend to feel prayer isn't enough.

However, prayer is the first step to doing anything for God's kingdom, said Wadsack.

"Prayer does change things," said Wadsack. They hope to show students that the efforts they put into missions, even efforts as small as two minutes of prayer a day, can do miraculous things.

"God's global mission is bigger than just missionaries," said Wadsack.

This campaign aims to express that everyone can

play a role in missions.

"You need more people sending missionaries than actually going," said Wadsack. "Besides financially, prayer is (the most) vital role in helping those in the mission field."

"Prayer is two-sided," said Nelson. "It not only affects the people you are praying for, but your own heart as well."

Not only do the leaders of Partners in Prayer hope to ignite a desire in the students' hearts to pray for missions and missionaries outside of the "JBU bubble," but they also wish to see a change in the students' personal perspective of prayer and how powerful it is.

The ministry is planning a few events this semester to

keep this Prayer for the People campaign alive: a prayer seminar to focus on the biblical foundation of prayer, a "Story Time with Missionaries" to focus on what it is like to be a missionary and a small celebration towards the end of the semester are some of the events the ministry will hold.

In the long run, Partners in Prayer hopes to partner with other mission organizations here on campus and grow more from that.

Partners in Prayer meets on Monday nights in the Walker second floor lounge from 8-9 p.m., and they are always eager to pray with and serve alongside of new people.



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Chapel speaker tells stories, encourages seeking

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With both charm and humor, Daniel Taylor, guest speaker for Spiritual Renewal Week, entertained the John Brown University student body with visuals and challenged them with a message that questioned their worldview.

"I thought he was funny and entertaining," said sophomore Jordan Cox. "It wasn't anything that I have ever heard before. It was not a typical JBU chapel."

Taylor's speech started with his thesis, that he would explain the history of human thought and if it is possible to believe in God in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At this daunting task, the student body chuckled.

Taylor explained pre-modern, modern and post-modern thought by using four children's books as illustrations: "The Grasshopper and the Ant," "The Golden Egg," "Harold and The Purple Crayon" and "Going on a Bear Hunt."

"You're a very visual generation. I'm trying to be as hip as possible," said Taylor.

Through these whimsical children's stories, Taylor described pre-modern thought as emphasizing security, modern thought as emphasizing certainty and post-modern thought as emphasizing fulfillment.

Taylor confessed that he identifies with all of these thought processes.

"I have one foot in each of the examples, which conveniently gives me three feet," said Taylor.

"Going on the Bear Hunt" exemplifies this idea further. In this kid's story, the



Dr. Daniel Taylor, speaking on Tuesday about the importance of choosing the right story. Taylor was the featured speaker for this year's Spiritual Renewal Week.

characters join in community, go through obstacles, look for something real and risk the possibility of failure and hunger for truth, said Taylor.

Taylor's use of stories came about after writing "Letters to My Children," a compilation of how and what Taylor thought about in his life.

"Every time I wanted to talk about a value, I used a story," said Taylor. "Stories provide a way for people to make sense of the world in a natural way." Stories and novels are like

our lives, and each person is

called as a character said Taylor.

"He kept us involved and attentive using something as simple as a children's book," said freshman Blake Paterson. "It is a good way to transition into what he was thinking."

God also uses stories to reveal himself into the world. This collection is in the Bible, said Taylor.

Paterson further points out that Taylor did not use a lot of scripture in his speech. It flowed more like an example on how to live instead of the Christian faith, said Paterson. In chapel today, Taylor will talk about his most recent published book, "The Skeptical Believer." Started in 1999, this book gives an in-depth study into the skepticism and doubt that permeates people's mind.

"Doubt is a requirement of faith," said Taylor. " If you're certain about something you don't have faith."

Taylor furthers explains that there are healthy and unhealthy versions of doubt. On the one hand, it is investigating and understanding that it is bigger than mind. On the other hand, there is paralysis, said Taylor. As a young adult, Taylor himself was a skeptic and often silenced the voice. He replaced it with sensible arguments.

it with sensible arguments. Coming to terms with his doubt and realizing others experienced it led Taylor to find a life of faith accompanied by his questions.

For those in doubt, Taylor recommends staying in the Christian community and participating in acts of faith.

"Faith is better thought of as a story than an argument of proof or a story to solve," said Taylor.

## Students react to changes in Wi-fi

"I can't tell the difference. If they didn't tell us, I would not have noticed." MAX GORDON sophomore

"We haven't noticed any difference." JESSIE ALEXANDER freshman "I like than you don't have to log in every time. The [JBU wireless] works for me." MADISON STEVENS freshman

"I live in North and it's still crappy. Anywhere else is fine." BENETTON LEE sophomore "It's more stable but not quicker than before." ROBERTO POZUELO freshman

"It's nice to not have to log in every time. It's weird for cellular phones because you have to re-log in." SUSIE BAILEY junior "It's easier for a console system (like) XBOX because it doesn't require a log in." CAMERON MCLENDON senior

"I switch between 'JBU Legacy' and 'JBU Wireless' because it doesn't work." RACHEL CROUSE freshman

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They also mentioned since the Northslope Apartments have only been open for one semester, most of the residents are still growing accustomed to this style of on-campus living.

The most important community to build when living in the Northslope Apartments is with one's housemates, Reyes said.

"This is a place where I can get comfortable with the group of girls that I live with. It's a really good fit for upperclassmen who are very into their studies and just want to get away from the routine," Reyes said. "I think what makes it most valuable is the community that you build with your housemates. The community and the friendships that you build when you live together makes the JBU experience different."

Despite the differences in community, Reyes concedes that living in the Northslope Apartments with her fellow housemates has been one of the most rewarding seasons of her life at the University thus far.



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**Apartment residents are learning** to build community in a new format this year. The Northslope Apartments have housed students for one semester so far.

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# Pot vs. Beer

#### WHICH IS BETTER?

President Barack Obama said to the New Yorker last week. "As has been well documented, I smoked pot as a kid, and I view it as a bad habit and a vice, not very different from the cigarettes that I smoked as a young person up through a big chunk of my adult life. I don't think it is more dangerous than alcohol."

Is he right? Is the use of marijuana a less harmful "vice" than drinking?

A study by Northwestern University published on Dec. 7, 2013 attempts to answer the question. The study looked at the brains of 20-something-year-olds who had quit using marijuana two years prior to the study. Memory-related parts of their brains had shrunken and collapsed inward. This abnormality is not all that different from the brains of people with schizophrenia.

The younger the subjects were when they started, the more extreme their brain abnormalities.

On the other hand, there is alcohol, for which the Centers for Disease Control have released a long list of short- and longterm effects, including risks for stroke, dementia, cardiovascular problems, depression, anxiety, a large and frightening variety of cancers, and liver diseases.

It is possible that because marijuana is not as pervasive in our society, it has side effects that we don't yet know of. However, a cursory glance seems to confirm that the President is right.

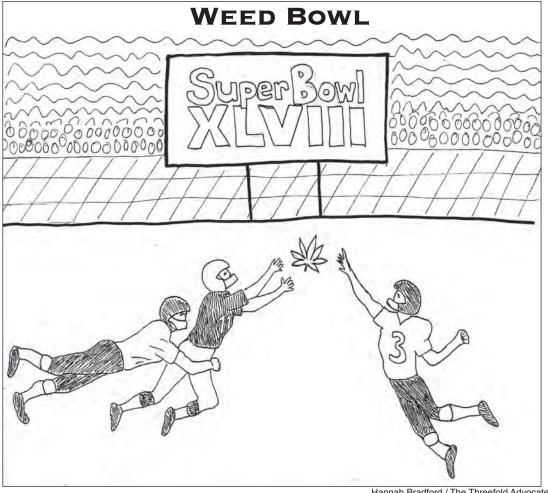
However, this is not an endorsement. We the Threefold believe that the human body was created by God, and that we are stewards of ourselves as much as we are of the rest of Creation. Neither the use of alcohol nor the use of marijuana is a responsible use of our time, money or health. Not to mention that both are against covenant.

## Plan for the crowns

#### HOW WILL YOU HANDLE SUCCESS?

Seattle Seahawk cornerback Richard Sherman had the opportunity to demonstrate what it means to win with grace after leading his team to victory against the San Francisco 49ers. He turned the chance down.

Sherman celebrated the game by spanking one of his opponents, as well as by flashing a choke sign and hurling a string of insults at the defeated 49ers. Now he is upset that people have the nerve to call him a thug. We The Threefold Advocate have little sympathy for the prima donna's bruised ego. When you vomit up a plate of insults, there is going to be a boomerang effect.



Hannah Bradford / The Threefold Advocate

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# Let women rule



Matt Bowen

If I've learned anything about the Bible, it's that it's not a hairy chested, chauvinistic, unromantic, book. If I were to paint a picture of the Bible (which, please, never make me do), it wouldn't be a grizzly

To think of all the progress that could have been made in the world by the minds of women, but that never happened, all because education was out of the question!

The Bible calls servanthood from both men and women alike.

Gentlemen, we know who we are as leaders of the world, and of our homes. We know that we are to nurture our wives and be strong for our ladies, for our families and for 'Murica. The Bible even calls us to be romantic, write our ladies poetry, cook her halfway decent pasta and make her feel like the princess she's always wanted to be since she first watched

"Aladdin."

Proverbs 31.

You see, the Proverbs 31 woman isn't just a heelswearing, child-bearing, sockwashing housewife. She's a heels wearing, child bearing, sock washing wife that does for absolutely everything she can excellently, and much more. A woman in the days of King Lemuel (from where these teachings come from) was kept outside of political and leadership circles most likely because she wasn't permitted to receive the education a man was entitled to. But that didn't mean she twiddled her thumbs. She bought land (v 16), extended charity to the poor (v 20) and even kept herself fit ar strong (v 17). But often, we use Scripture That may have been the to increase our power and not limit of what she could do in our humility. We seek verses those times, but now the world that keep us instated as leaders is, for the most part, a woman's and keep our women out of the oyster. Women, free to open picture until we get home. We the oyster and take its pearls, now lead the world in political offices, business corporations, classrooms and so much more. And who are we to stop them? We can't, and we shouldn't. So ladies: break barriers, tear down societal walls and change the world. Wear strength and dignity (v 25), decorate your language with wisdom and kindness (v 26), and live with the fear of God (v 30) And gentlemen, if you've found your woman, honor her with praises. She's worth more than diamonds, so treat her like a treasure trove. Trust her with your heart and love her mind, body and soul. And let the love of God guide you both.

Sherman obviously struggles to handle success. But if we are to be completely honest, most (if not all) of us grapple with that same struggle. The moment we achieve our goals or rise victorious in any situation in our lives, we are tempted to add the accomplishment to our own trophy cases and glorify ourselves.

We all want success in life. In some way or another, that same goal has brought all of us-faculty members, staff and students alike-to this University. Hopefully, we will achieve those goals. The question is, how will we deal with the success we acquire?

How will we handle the good grades we make? The sports games we win? The job promotions we receive?

Revelation chapter four speaks of 24 elders dressed in white, who sit on 24 thrones with golden crowns on their heads. These elders, obviously esteemed and honored in the heavens, proceed to "cast their crowns before the throne" of God and fall before him in worship (Rev. 4:10). The glory they receive goes back to the Lord.

We The Threefold Advocate want to encourage you to think now about what success will look like for you in the future, and to plan now about what to do with the crowns you will receive.

#### lumberjack cutting down trees whilst downing his sixth Coors Light and humming 2 Chainz' "Birthday Song." I don't know. I just feel like that doesn't capture the essence of the Word of God.

Then why does it seem like

If I were to paint a picture of the Bible ... it wouldn't be a grizzly lumberjack cutting down trees whilst downing his sixth Coors Light and humming 2 Chainz' "Birthday Song."

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for centuries women have been confined to kitchens, nurseries and laundry rooms by men using the Bible as a reference?

say that's their place Biblically when, in reality, all we're doing is disgracing them.

What opened my eyes?

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### **OPINIO** The Threefold Advocate

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# **Families cure addictions**



There is no doubt that there are specific moments in our lives that will affect us forever. For most of us, these monumental moments are few and far between. For others, tragedies and triumphs

come maybe a little too oftenespecially when these moments are predominantly tragedies. For those who have found a family community at Joe's Addiction coffee shop in Oklahoma City, these tragedies have undoubtedly come in the multitudes. The coffee shop, founded seven years ago in the middle of strip clubs and porn shops, opens its doors to everyone. Whether or not you have the money to buy a cup of coffee or not is irrelevant. It doesn't take long to quickly

realize that this isn't any normal coffee shop. It is a refuge for the homeless, the drug addicts, the alcoholics and women seeking to regain their dignity.

opportunity to go for a short weekend and experience a small taste of what God is doing in this growing community. Growing, because there is no doubt that change is happening on a daily basis. Often times, it is hard to see the impact a ministry has had on individuals when you are only there for a day and a half, but not in this case.

explaining how hopeless she had been before finding this community. Another woman was bubbling with joy as she showed off her work badge, proud that she had a job of her own. There were also older believers who had come from similar backgrounds of addiction and pain, that were now contributing to the ministry. Others were just names, who had



In one weekend, our group witnessed a man, after explaining he had just been released from the hospital where he was detoxing, decidedly throw his pills on the ground, crushing them. One woman showed the mark from

Courtesy of Shelby Laws

moved on in life because of the enormous impact Joe's Addiction

While talking to more of those affected by the love, generosity and sincerity at Joe's Addiction, we noticed a recurring theme.

unconditionally, supported them and was there for them no matter how dark life got. While it isn't the beautiful congregation of glowing believers that many of us imagine the body of Christ should look like, the group in many ways resembled a Biblical view of the Body of Christ.

This made me consider a theme found throughout the Old Testament. Exodus 20:5b says, "I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." The idea from this verse is repeated several times, and Ezekiel 18 goes into this idea of generational sin much deeper.

This whole idea that your parents and grandparents in many ways affect your salvation is a scary one. Yet, it makes sense: if you grow up with parents who are drug addicts, you're probably going to be exposed to and use drugs at a younger age.

The question: is there anyway to break this cycle?

At Joe's Addiction, there seemed to be an answer. Almost all of those at the coffee shop were from families that lived lives full of sin and hopelessness. This sin and hopelessness was then passed onto their children. Yet, at Joe's, these people gained

and confidence in Christ that is given by God, but encouraged by their spiritual family.

We often forget that Jesus made disciples, not just converts. He lived life with a small group of twelve men. They saw just about everything in Jesus' life. Essentially, they were family.

As we grow in our love for Jesus, He gives us love not only for other believers, but also for nonbelievers. We are meant to be family with anyone the Lord brings to himself-regardless of whether that person is young or old, sweet or sour, or from a completely different background than you. It is easy to focus on what we are used to, but there are whole communities that have not heard the Gospel and have no family to show them what being a Christian looks like.

For those who do take that extra effort to share some Jesus with those from a little rougher backgrounds, there are not only many struggles, but also many rewards. Tragedy often leads to triumphs when encouraged believers encourage those who are struggling. To be a part of someone's triumphs can be extremely rewarding and is no doubt one of the most exciting privileges we have as God's children.

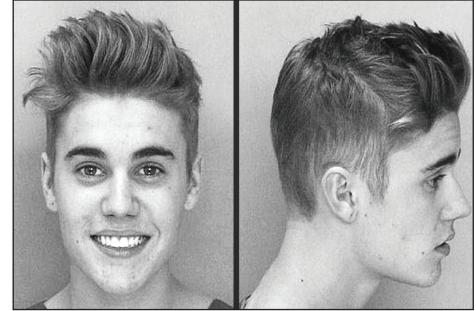
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## Every year, John Brown where she had shot herself with They had each found a family: a new family. They began to University has the amazing drugs just three weeks ago, a community that loved them inherit joy, love, peace, patience reached at VeldhuizenR@jbu. Keep the celebrities in jail



consequences. And many pieces have been penned criticizing the sensationalist media for favoring flashy fluff stories over substantive reporting.

While both celebrities and the media ultimately need to be held accountable for both of these issues, they both operate in



had made in their lives.

In the wake of Justin Bieber's DUI arrest last week, a video from an MSNBC broadcast went viral. The video featured an MSNBC anchor interrupting a Congresswoman talking about NSA spying to break news about a minor update in Bieber's arrest.

The video is certainly a representation of the ridiculousness of the media, favoring a minor story about a celebrity over a debate about fundamental liberty. The story that spawned it, Bieber's arrest, certainly represents the recklessness and lack of responsibility of celebrities. Many op-ed pieces have been written over the years about how celebrities avoid punishment for their actions and live lives free of an environment created by the public.

Ultimately, if we want celebrities to behave better and the media to be more substantive, we need to ostracize the segments of the population that greatly promote these bad behaviors. Anvone who tweets with the hashtag #freebieber or would rather see cat videos on the evening news than know what's actually going on the world needs to be roundly criticized.

Justin Bieber should have already been arrested for a handful of past incidents, whether it's assaulting a DJ, causing felony level damage to his neighbor's house or illegal drug use.

Bieber escapes justice because local authorities don't want to deal with the inevitable media circus that would descend on them if they arrested him. Those of us that value justice over celebrity exemption need to come down hard on those who have unhealthy celebrity obsessions that cloud their judgments. Those of us who value the truth over fluff need to come

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down hard on those who look to news for pure entertainment.

No, Bieber should not be released from jail. He recklessly put peoples lives at stake.

No, a Canadian man-child's DUI arrest is not more important than the NSA's egregious infringement on personal liberty.

These two statements are obvious to

anyone who has common sense. If we want a substantive, just society, we need to call those out who don't have it.

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# One calendar, please



Hannah Wright

How come I don't have any idea what's going on this week?

I mean, I know what's up with the clubs I'm in. Swing Society's going to have a Masquerade on Saturday at 9pm in the Great Hall, cough cough, shameless plug, for example. I'm pretty pumped about that. And I knew about Talent Show Try-outs. But what else?

Where would I even go to find this? I suppose I could start with the Here & Now, but they're hardly comprehensive. Their calendar is more of a list than anything. It's not a very user-friendly layout, and I try to read it, but I don't always, I'm afraid.

Next I suppose I could go to a bulletin board. But which one? The one by the mail room gets most of the announcements, but you have to dig. And even then, am I getting the whole picture? What about the Nature Society, which is such a green club that they don't put up posters? What about the Dead Poets Society or the Philosophy Club or countless CAUSE ministries? They can't put up a poster every week.

What if I find some extra time in my schedule mid-semester, or I want to prioritize things I actually care about, like serving in the community? It's too late to go to one of the club fairs or the CAUSE fair. Maybe I even put my name down for one of those earlier in the semester, but I never heard back.

The worst offender in this matter is Growth Groups. Formerly known as Passion Groups, they were apparently supposed to take a more organic approach this year. Rather than throwing a kick-off party and assigning people to groups, they had leaders ask people they knew to join.

Okay, I like this idea in theory, but in practice, it ended up awfully. What about freshman and transfers, who don't know anyone here yet? What about people who weren't in a Passion Group last year? What about people whose leaders graduated? What about people who, for whatever reason, just don't have that many friends?

This brings me to my point. I can name six freshmen who put their names down for a Growth Group and never heard back. I know of a frustrated former member of the SAC who couldn't believe how slowly they got any event news out there. And as the president of the only dancing club on campus, I know how tough it is to get a dancing event through SGA.

These are issues of communication.

Communication, guys! This shouldn't be that hard.

I'm guilty of this as much as anyone. I mean, a lot of people still don't know that there's a Masquerade this Saturday at 9pm in the Great Hall, cough cough. But if it's a problem with everyone, then something's got to change.

What about-and this is crazy, I know-a universal calendar?

I don't know precisely what this would look like, of course. It's probably impractical to have a giant physical calendar, so it'd have to be digital. And clubs would have to send in their schedules, which is more burden of communication on them-

But for more members, wouldn't it be worth it?

Mark my words, I am going to talk to SGA about this idea right I'm done with the Masquerade on Saturday at 9pm in the Great Hall. Until then, I could use your support. Do you guys think this is a good idea?

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## Wright swaps student support for home life

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Jackie Wright-a teacher, school administrator, and director of Student Support Services, retired at the end of the fall semester.

John Brown University is in the middle of interviewing candidates to serve in the same position Wright did, said Becky Lambert, registrar.

"About 30 people applied for the job," Lambert said. "The University is interviewing three or four candidates. We hope to have a decision by early February."

Although the position will soon be filled, the legacy Wright leaves at the school will not be forgotten.

Wright describes herself as a devoted animal lover. When there is a stray dog, she tries not to add it to her family of 22 dogs, but she often nurses the

animals back to health.

As much as she enjoys her canine companions, she enjoys working with students, staff and faculty in the Education Department. From the age of 22, Wright taught in public schools for 30 years, in grade levels ranging from first to eighth.

"The fun of teaching was to be able to be a kid but have something valuable for the students to learn," said Wright. "I look at each student and try to see what I could do for them individually."

After 10 years after teaching, she served as the Oklahoma public school administrator. "Being in that position I could make changes and be able to find the best strategies the school needed," said Wright.

Wright gained many accomplishments, but she is most proud of helping to raise money for a new cafeteria for the elementary school.

"The old cafeteria was just two deep freezers in the middle and poorly built tables and benches," said Wright "I was happy to show the community the importance for something

and have their help to get things done."

Soon after Wright retired in early 2000, she felt God was leading her to be a reading specialist for John Brown



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University's Student Support Services, when she came across the job listings.

Wright, then, received a promotion as director in Student Support Services. Student Support Services was so new she said she enjoyed building the

program.

"The amount of growth in the program and seeing recruitment has been a great experience," said Wright. "Starting off with only a few students, we now have the government cap of a 160 students, by word of mouth and involvement we have grown a significant amount."

The most challenging experience for her in the beginning was learning about the JBU community and how the students interacted. Wright's main philosophy over the years is "how can we serve them and help restructure to help the students."

"The best moments would be seeing students start off as freshman and overcome the obstacles to be able to graduate," said Wright. Her worst moments were when a student was not able to graduate and fulfill his or her own potential. Wright hopes that things continue to change and keep moving forward for Student Support Services.

Deborah Raiees-Dana, the current mathematical specialist, worked with Jackie since she was a student here at JBU and

a tutor in the Student Support Services lab.

In the beginning when we were short staffed she would help us stay stress free with her sense of humor. "One day Jackie brought in a chicken in a box and asked us all to guess what was in the box, one had an idea so they didn't guess. She eventually told us a chicken had fallen off of a truck so she brought it in. We were all shocked and laughed," said Raiees-Dana.

After 40 plus years, Wright reached her second retirement. She looks forward to doing whatever she wants for a little while.

"Jackie's main strength is her kindness, she is an introverted person, but she enjoys doing things for others," said Raiees-Dana. Wright has a wonderful sense of humor with a great work ethic and a compassionate heart said Raiees-Diana.

"I have been able to give all I could and now is the perfect time to retire," said Wright.

## Rollene turns a new page for a new semester

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Mother, traveler, peformer, composer and teacher are just a few words that describe Donna Rollene, a voice coach of 10 years

#### Studies.

Rollene remembers the people and experiences that have shaped who she has become. She fondly recalls singing as a young girl with her mother and two older sisters.

"I'd be in the middle on a chair, and they'd be standing next to me. I'd always sing the soprano, they'd sing the other two parts and my mom would play," Rollene said. "But when I think of music I think of my mom crying whenever Romania on a mission trip to raise funds for orphans through the Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission.

In Romania, Rollene traveled with a small group of young adults, singing and putting on concerts to raise money for orphanages there.



Rollene continued with the mission in her own way. She made an album of original orchestral arrangements of hymns, as well as compositions of her own.

These CDs accommodated both American and Romanian listeners, with one version entirely in English while the other contained hymns in Romanian. For several years, 70 percent of the profit from each CD sold went straight to an orphanage in Beius, Romania,

store for her with her husband Jerry, whom Rollene said has been a terrific support.

"I continue to teach full time here at JBU this semester until May," Rollene said. "I teach Applied Voice, which includes teaching a Studio Class, Vocal Pedagogy, Drama I and Vocal Literature."

Rollene's students have seen the lasting effects she has made on their lives, and realize how blessed

at John Brown University.

The 1977 graduate of John Brown University has been around the country and the world sharing her gift with many. But after her time teaching here in Siloam Springs, she has decided to move on to a new chapter in life.

"Music in itself is a gift, it's about what you do with that gift that affects what it looks like to other people," she said. But there is more to this woman than meets the eye-- or the ear.

Rollene's skills as a vocalist have taken her places she never would have imagined. She won a first place award from the American Friends of Austria and the Austrian Consulate General, who allowed her travel to Austria. There, she studied and competed with other top musicians at the American Institute of Musical

we would sing together... it was something that brought us together as a family."

Rollene has three daughters of her own: Jessie, Becky and Olivia. The youngest of her girls is Olivia, a junior at the University. Olivia fondly remembers the backyard drama productions her mom would organize for her, her sisters and the neighbor kids.

"She loves to bring the family together through music in any way that she possibly can," said Olivia with a chuckle. "Music has always been a part of our lives."

But Rollene's own family is not the only one that has benefitted from her musical gifts. After having kids with her husband Jerry, Rollene's heart moved to the children of the world that are without parents.

This led her to travel to

Courtesy of University Communications

"When I sing I give my face, I give my voice. I give myself... And I always knew that I was never really good enough to give," she said. "But that doesn't matter because I was given a gift, and I am meant to give it away."

After going to Romania,

which is run by the Romanian Evangelistic Medical Mission.

"My mom puts everything that she has into her work, as well as being a mom," Olivia said. "Everything that she does, she does whole heartedly -- and I love that about her."

One of Rollene's voice students, junior Kaitlyn Russell praised her work ethic and commitment.

"I think Mrs. Rollene always goes above and beyond for her students," Russell said. "I think that she gives 100 percent to get the best out of the student and I think that's just really important."

Rollene will be leaving the University at the end of the year, but for Rollene, the adventure doesn't stop. She is looking forward to teaching more private voice lessons, composing more music and exploring what is in

the school's community has been with her teaching here.

"JBU is very lucky to have had such a godly woman and a wonderful teacher for as long as they did... She and all her amazing gifts will be greatly missed" said sophomore Kaitlyn Carlson.

After May, Rollene still plans to stay involved with the University as JBU is her alma mater, and her husband, Jerry Rollene serves as the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

"It's been a tremendously valuable growth experience, and just the wonderful relationships that I have been able to make... I will treasure all of those memories," Rollene said. "I'm planning on staying connected with JBU, so I don't see this as an end, I see it as a next step to whatever the Lord has in store."



The Owl and the Fox

There once was an Owl that was prudent as ever, But he had an enemy, a Fox, who was devilishly clever. While the educated Owl was reading Aristotle with mirth, The Fox was encircling the Owl's tree with girth.

For the Fox did not want to startle and lose his prey, So he came up with a trick for the owl to come out and play. The Fox said, "Hey Owl, let's go on an adventure!" "No you devil!" replied the Owl, "That would be an unfortunate endeavor."

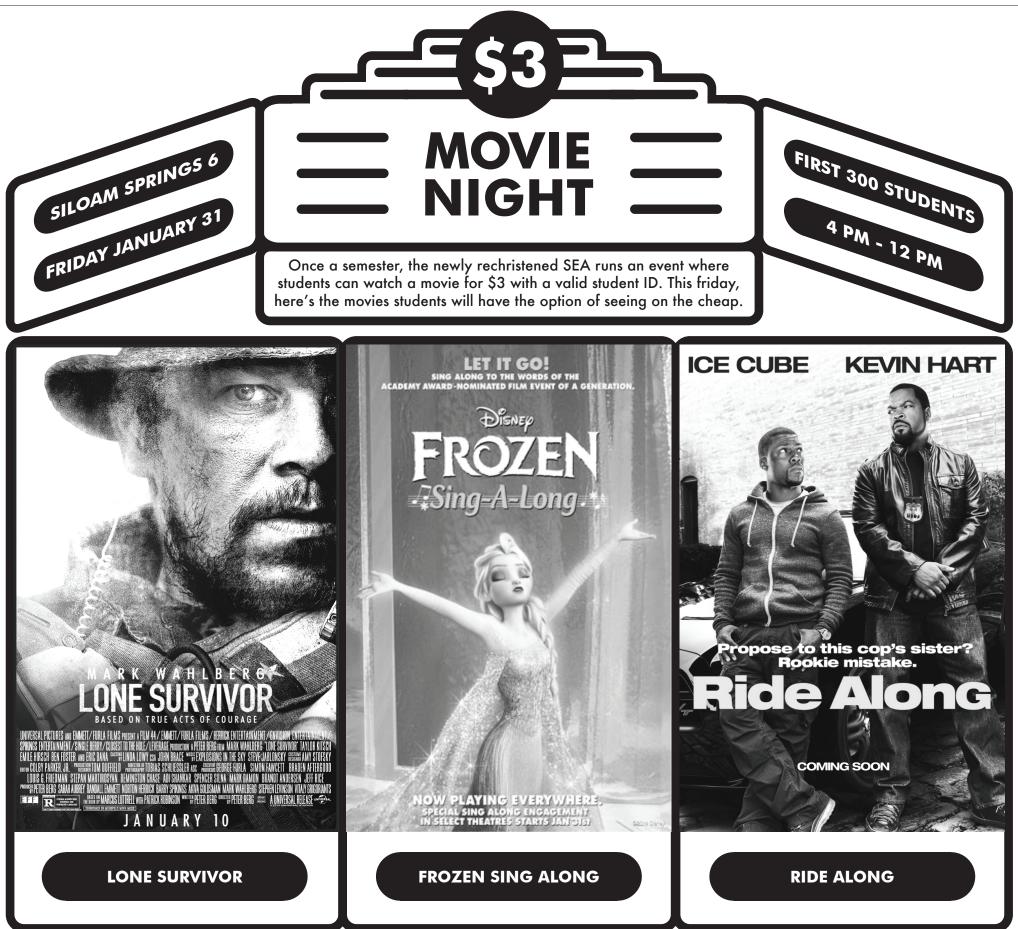
The Fox knew that the Owl was catching on quick, But the Owl knew the Fox's scheme was not that slick. So the Fox enticed the Owl with a morsel mouse treat, The Owl replied cleverly, "No thanks, I'll keep my figure petite."

The Fox eventually gave up and pestered the Owl no longer Where he ran off into the woods and died of disease and hunger. However, the Owl lived out his days getting wiser and smarter While reading books from Descartes, Shakespeare, and Homer.

- A poem by Jacob Hook

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In this war film based on a real life 2005 mission in Afghanistan, Mark Wahlberg plays a Navy SEAL that finds himself the sole survivor of a botched mission.

Disney's newest hit musical is based on the Hans Christian Andersen's The Snow Queen In this box-office topping action comedy, Ice Cube plays a cop who takes his prospective

and tells the story of a princess who braves a dangeorous journey to find her sister, whose powers threaten the world. In this Sing A Long re-release, subtitles accompany the movie's celebrated musical numbers to help the audience get into the music. brother-in-law on a ride along, which spirals out of control. This crowd pleaser shot to the top of the box office charts en route to the biggest opening weekend for a movie released in January ever.



ame name, August: Osage County features an ensemble cast and tells the story of a family torn in the midst of crisis and the individual conflicts that arise. Chris Pine Stars as Jack Ryan in this action thriller based on characters from Tom Clancy's novels. Ryan goes from a CIA analyst to a field operative trying to unravel a financial conspiracy that threatens the global economy. This romantic comedy stars Zac Efron, Miles Teller and Michael B. Jordan. They play three friends who promise to stay single together but end up falling in love with two women and have to struggle to keep their promise. The Threefold Advocate

## Soccer as a second language Women's soccer recaps trip to Brazil, thanks JBU community



Submitted by CASEY O'BRIEN

The women's soccer team had the opportunity to play with two club teams, a professional team and the Women's U-20 Brazilian National Team on their trip to Brazil over Christmas break.

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"I struggle to adequately put into words how thankful we are," head coach Kathleen Paulsen said.

Paulsen and her team had the

National Team.

"Postgame prayers and testimonies were a way we were able to tell these girls about Jesus," Morency said. "Playing the actual game with joy and competing as hard as we could was important because it would set up the post game talk."

The team also traveled to

that she met in one of the orphanages that made a lasting impact on her.

"I played 2v2 soccer with him and I saw nothing but joy pouring out of him," Morency said. "At the end I gave him an extra soccer t-shirt we had brought along and he put it on right away." "He prayed in front of the whole group and thanked God for me coming to play soccer with him," Morency said. "It melted my heart. It was really cool to see such joy from such a young boy." Susmilch saw the people in the same way she saw the homes. "They were the kindest, most loveable and loving people," Susmilch said. "Their whole life is a huge juxtaposition, where they do one thing to survive, but that reflects nothing of the people they are on the inside."

into the ocean.

"It was absolutely breathtaking, I was blown away each day with the beauty of nature," Fennell said. "Sometimes literally all I could say was, 'Wow,' and it's all there to glorify the One who created it!"

Naturally, the team now feels

"We still trusted each other, we still loved each other, we still held each other close. God has given us consistency, even in Brazil. May He be praised."

The team expresses their thankfulness to the John Brown community and the support that extended beyond their regular season.

opportunity to travel to Brazil over the Christmas holiday for a mission trip. Through fundraising, support and prayers the team was able to minister to the people of Brazil through the game of soccer.

Traveling to the slums of Brazil, the team was able to share the love of Christ in a very special way.

"Soccer is like another language in Brazil," Junior Kristen Morency said. "They live and breathe soccer, so when a group like us comes to play them they wonder why, and then we have the opportunity to show them Jesus."

The Lady Eagles were able to play two club teams, a professional team and the Women's U-20 Brazilian three orphanages and slums in various parts of Rio de Janeiro. Junior Madi Susmilch recalls the experience as eye opening.

"The biggest impact for me was looking at the favelas, which are the slums of Brazil," Susmlich said. "They are unsanitary and an eye-sore with houses upon houses built with whatever they can find, but at night, it is one of the most beautiful sights there."

"There were adult and child prostitutes, pimps, drug lords, thieves, anything you could imagine," Susmilch said. "But what was more astounding was the way these people could live when they weren't just trying to survive."

Morency remembered a 9-year-old boy named Cristiano "They live in the beaten up, unstable houses that are the most beautiful things at night."

Junior Chloe Fennell said the team was able to take a nature hike across an aqueduct that led closer than ever before.

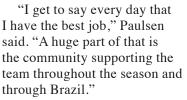
"As all trips usually do, we feel more bonded," Susmilch said. "We changed the lives of people."

Susmilch shared a story of a young girl in Brazil who was estranged from her father. After being ministered to by the team, the young girl went to her father and apologized to him for the things that had come between them.

"She's doing great things now in soccer and is loving her life, Susmilch said. "We did that."

Fennell believes that while their team grew closer together, the team remained consistent.

"I mean that, while we were there under such strenuous and even scary circumstances, nothing changed," Fennell said.



Paulsen shared that the theme for the season was "step", meaning God will do what ever He will in the world, but he invites us into His story. He just asks that we take a step of faith.

"To watch this team take a massive step of faith on and off the field has been so powerful for me to see. Brazil was part of this step."

Paulsen shared this message with the JBU community:

"Thank you for cheering, encouraging, and shouting for us at games, in the halls, and in dorms. Thank you for all the donuts, t-shirts, snacks, donations and prayers for Brazil. You have been a part of our story as we took a step of faith in spite of our fear that He would not provide. He proved faithful and His faithfulness played out through His people in the JBU community. So thank you."

A video recap of the trip made by junior Casey O'Brien can be found at:

http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=5ZZwN3Kxl4w

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Submitted by CASEY O'BRIEN

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**Spending time in Brazil over a three week break from classes, the team was able to both minister** to and play against the people they met. The group often prayed with opponents and share testimonies after the matches.

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KELSEY GULLIVER/The Threefold Advocate **Participants line up for the 5K hosted by University students over the past weekend.** Part of 4 Chicks for Chicks, the race raised money to provide chickens that will feed orphans in Uganda.

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Illuminated by the colorful swirls of glow sticks, approximately 60 contestants ran through downtown Siloam Springs Saturday night to raise money for orphanages in Uganda. Hosted by 4 Chicks for Chicks on January 25, Night Flight encouraged John Brown University students, faculty and other community members to get involved, get in shape and have some fun.

"We just wanted to do something different," said Betsy Burns, one of the four University students who started 4 Chicks for Chicks, which is a branch off of Fayetteville-based non-profit involved," Burns said.

After an initial meeting, things began to fall into place. At the end of October: they set a goal to raise \$25,000, a friend came up with the name and Burns recruited friends Annie Brown, Mallory Spangler and Maggie Morrison to join her efforts.

"It's been really beneficial for the four of us to be able to work on things as a group," she explained.

In November, the group officially started fundraising efforts, sending out support letters and gaining sponsors.

One of the main ways the girls began raising money was through a race, deciding to run the William's Route 66 Half Marathon in Tulsa, Okla.

On their 4 Chicks for Chicks Facebook page, the girls released announcement stating, "One

running, they all agreed it was a challenge at first. "Once I really let it set in that it was for a cause, there was no backing out," Spangler said. Brown described how the group trained 3-5 days a week, sometimes running up to ten miles. All the hours paid off as all four completed the race, ultimately raising around \$3000. Speaking from his own experiences, Davidson organized the group to go one step further and

organize a run of their own. Collectively they worked

together to come up with the Night Flight 5K.

"You want to know what world change looks like: look at these four girls. It's incredible"

The race started at the flag poles on campus, continued downtown and eventually looped back around to end up at the intramural fields. With both runners

and walkers participating, event lasted about an hour.

the event lasted about an hour. Participants were greeted at the finish line with a glow-in-the-dark balloon arch donated by The Balloon Closet and other snacks and water made possible from donations by Wal-Mart and Harps; running bibs were also sponsored by Road ID.

Addressing race contestants, Davidson recognized the hard work of the students.

"In just a couple months they raised enough money to start a whole chicken farm in Uganda that is now capable of feeding thousands of children as it grows and matures; right now it is feeding 300-400 kids every single day," he described. "I wanted you to be able to grasp what coming to this race really meant and what world change really looks like. You want to know what world change looks like: look at these four girls. It's incredible."

Davidson recently returned from a trip to Uganda, where the first out of three chicken farms was founded. With the continued efforts of the girls and other volunteers, Davidson is optimistic about the long-term reach of the non-profit, estimating that one day these few will reproduce enough so that there are thousands of chicken farms—all able to feed orphans.

In the aftermath of the 5K, 4 Chicks for Chicks

ForgottenSong. ForgottenSong focuses on enabling women and children in war-torn countries.

Through a class opportunity with Preston Jones, Burns was introduced to Charles Davidson, the director of ForgottenSong. "I had been praying for a way to get

"I had been praying for a way to get

of the major ways we will be raising funds is through participating in a half-marathon (a 13.1 mile race) on November 24th, 2013. We are asking individuals like you to sponsor us at a certain amount per mile ranging from \$2/mile - \$50/mile." While Morrison and Brown had experience will reevaluate their long-term goals and continue to pray about their efforts to send aid to wartorn areas. Donations to 4 Chicks for Chicks or ForgottenSong are still being accepted. Contact Burns for more information at burnsbf@jbu.edu



**Senior Gilly Gyamfi races down to court against St. Gregory's.** During a game on January 28, Gyamfi totaled over 20 points for the Golden Eagles. Yet despite efforts, the team succumbed to their fifth straight loss.

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BROOKE BARKER # 3 4 BASKETBALL Sophomore forward Brooke Barker is currenty ranked second on the team for scoring. Barker scored 14 of the 20-point-lead in a game against Northwood. This was her second best scoring output since 2012.

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SUPER BOWL MUVIII SEAMAWKS

Super Bowl XLVIII will be broadcasted in more than 185 countries and in 30 different languages.

The cost of a small 30-second advertisement spot during the Super Bowl reached a record of \$4 million in 2013.

Along with the UEFA (Union of European Football Association) Champions League final, it has become the most-watched annual sporting event on TV. Last year's broadcast by CBS reached more than 108 million viewers in the United States. Seahawks fans set the record for the loudest outdoor sports stadium noise when the crowd volume reached

> 137.6 decibels.

Averaging player's ages, this year's Seahawks are the second youngest team in NFL history to qualify for the Super Bowl, just behind the Miami Dolphins from the 1971 games. This is the second time the Seattle Seahawks have advanced to the Super Bowl, the first time being in the 2006 Super Bowl XL against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Before this year, the Denver Broncos made it to six previous Super Bowls championships, and won two of them.

Each player on the winning Super Bowl team receives \$92,000 and each losing player gets \$46,000.

Dominos expects to deliver 11 million slices of pizza and drive over 4 million miles on Sunday.

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Fans will consume approximately 11 million pounds of chips on Sunday. Fans will spend \$2.37 million on soda for Super Bowl Sunday.

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