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Center ends unlimited free service

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The John Brown University Counseling Center no longer offers free, unlimited counseling to its undergraduate students. The center is now limiting free sessions for students to eight sessions per academic year. In the past year, the center recorded a dramatic increase in students requesting the free counseling provided as a cost of their tuition. For the limited resources of the counseling center, the demand is proving overwhelming, Tim Dinger, director of the center, explained. “We’re trying to be good stewards of our resources,” Dinger said. “On average, people see a therapist for six to eight sessions,” Dinger said. “Providing eight sessions will serve students most effectively.” After eight sessions, students



Tim Dinger

will have the option to continue individually with their counselor for \$10 per session, or join group therapy. The fee applies to both formal counselors and the four graduate interns who work at the center. Group therapy will begin in late February. “Group therapy has been shown to be as effective and in some cases more effective than individual therapy,” Dinger said. Counselor Jennifer Niles said that group therapy would enable students to move forward.

The students would risk feeling vulnerable, often resulting in connections made between them said Niles. “Anonymity and confidentiality is something students have to risk,” Dinger said. “It’s the first order of business in group therapy, and it’s addressed every session.” As for the effects on individual therapy, Niles is confident that the changes will be positive for students. “It creates a lot of anxiety for us when we have someone on the waiting list, and we can’t get them in,” Niles said. Dinger said the changes will add focus to individual sessions. Students who have experienced counseling in the past seem to have no doubts about the changes. Junior Laura Roller said the changes were reasonable. “It makes a lot of sense,” Roller said. “I want to see my friends who need help be able to get help.”



Jennifer Niles

Senior Rachel Palm sought counseling while suffering from depression and panic attacks. “I would not be who I am right now if I hadn’t gone through counseling,” Palm said. Palm emphasized that she was glad more people were seeking help from the center. Both Roller and Palm expressed concern about stigmatizing counseling. They, along with the center, long hoped that therapy would not be seen as somewhere to go when one has reached rock bottom.

“I hope students know that they can ask for help,” Dinger said. “It can be the first step on the road to recovery, rather than a last resort,” Roller said. Palm has been fighting the stigma by recommending several of her friends to the center. She hopes that students whose friends are going through counseling will continue to “do normal things,” by encouraging their friends and still treating them the same. Palm said that people like that “helped me believe I was going to get better.” Roller encouraged students to affirm their friends in seeking help. “They should think more of their friends rather than less because they choose to go to counseling, because we all have struggles and things we go through,” Roller said.

Extreme weather



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This season’s storms have caused a lot of issues for people all around the U.S., including John Brown University. Campus has remained open for students with the exception of a few classes being cancelled by individual professors. Junior Casey O’Brien has experienced issues as she attempts the walk to class from her dorm in Hutcheson Hall, located at the bottom of the steepest hill on campus. “It takes me twice as long to get to class,” O’Brien said. “I am ready for spring weather.” The National Weather

Service reported Tuesday a 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and cold, with a high near 17 degrees. Wind chill values between -9 and 1 degrees. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. “Thankfully we are not expecting a mix this time around. The atmosphere should be cold enough to support light snow,” posted Chief Meteorologist Drew Michaels with 40/29 on a blog post. Possible snow looms still for the weekend. Junior Madison Susmilch, a Tulsa, Okla. native, is anxious for the weather to clear for more reasons than simple comfort. “My dad wants to come visit me, but he’s skeptical because the weather keeps

being bad,” Susmilch said. “I want him to be able to come and enjoy Siloam with me.” Tomorrow, there is a 20 percent chance of snow with mostly cloudy skies and a high near 27degrees. Friday night the chance of snow increases to 30 percent. The first round of winter weather created hazardous driving conditions around town. As of Tuesday, total precipitation amounts — including rain and melted ice and snow provided between 1/2-inch and 1 1/2 inches. “I feel really bad for the granolas on campus that are forced to wear shoes now,” Susmilch said. “It’s even too wet for them to wear socks with their Chacos.”

Student Activities rebrand unveiled

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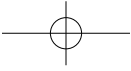
The former Student Activities Committee (SAC) has been a committee on campus dedicated to having a goal of hosting one event each weekend since 2005. The goal is still the same, however, Student Activities revised their name to Student Events and Activities (SEA). “We have been separate from Student Government Association for nine years now,” said Danielle Keller, Student Activities & Orientation coordinator. “For the past few years it has worked, but we knew it could be better. We had a desire to maximize the team dynamic and take it to the next

level. There is value in working in a team.” Keller explained that SAC had three divisions: BLU Entertainment, Elevate and Vibe. While BLU Entertainment will stay separate from SEA, the idea of having individual directors changed to having a director team for hosting both off campus and on campus events. Rachel Bannert and Meghan Kenney together hold the title of Director of Student Events and Activities. Both knew there was a possibility of the rebranding while they went through the hiring process. Once the idea became more of a reality in August, they each played a role in coming up with the new name for the team. “When we came back to

campus early August, Danielle has talked about us rebranding,” Kenney said. “We literally had a white board of acronyms trying to come up with a new, catchy name.” Kenney credits Bannert with the acronym SEA, which eventually caught on. “We didn’t really fall in love with the name until Seth Kaye started as the communication director in January,” Kenney said. Bannert mentioned the importance of the acronym and how the team feels as if it holistically communicated their goals and values. “Some people feel as if ‘events’ and ‘activities’ are synonyms, but they’re pretty distinct. At the end of the day, we do both things,” Bannert



The new SEA logo is inspired by a sailor’s knot created by the ‘E’ and ‘A’ passing over the ‘S’. The knot also represents SEA’s participation in tying the JBU community together.



Balzer to take sabbatical, end in the UK

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If you notice something missing in the Biblical Studies Department this semester, it could be Cary Balzer.

Balzer, John Brown University’s director of faculty development and an associate professor of Biblical Studies, is taking a sabbatical this semester.

“Taking a sabbatical is part of a larger faculty development plan that schools like John Brown have,” Balzer said. “It’s part of the package of being a professor.” Professors aren’t required to take a sabbatical, but the offer is available for all faculty, he said.

“The tradition is that after working in academia for seven years, you have to take a semester off,” said Balzer’s wife Tracy, the University’s director of Christian formation. “And that semester is not just for vacation, but for professional development and just to kind of step away from what you typically do to reflect some and plan ahead some.”

Cary related a sabbatical to the Sabbath. The words come from the same Greek root. Like the Sabbath, a sabbatical is designed to provide a change of pace from the ordinary. Cary said his change of pace will come from breaking away from teaching and performing his regular duties at the University to conducting research and teaching in new places.

This isn’t Cary’s first

sabbatical. He took one seven or eight years ago, he said, and it was a very productive time. He produced at least one book as the result of his last sabbatical.

Cary has divided his current sabbatical into halves.

The first half he intends to spend doing research on faculty development, he said. He will be analyzing the strategies of other schools and planning ways to improve the faculty development at John Brown University.

Cary and Tracy Balzer will spend the second half of Cary’s sabbatical in England and Scotland. “We have plans to leave on March 21,” Tracy said. “We will spend two months in England and Scotland doing a variety of research and presentations.” While in England, the

Balzers will be staying at Cliff College, a small Christian college in the middle of the country, Tracy said.

“There aren’t very many of those in England at all. It’s not like the United States where we have lots of Christian universities,” she said.

Cary will be giving presentations about faculty development while at the college, and Tracy Balzer will be assisting them with chapel services.

One of the main reasons Cary wants to spend part of his sabbatical in England is to study and research in areas that theologian John Wesley studied, he said. Cary’s doctoral dissertation was on Wesley’s concept of salvation. He believes experiencing historical places and being in

the same places as historical figures makes teaching about those things more interesting.

“I’m going to focus most on the professional scholarship of John Wesley’s doctrine of sanctification,” Cary said. In fact, from this focus and research, he hopes to publish his latest book, “Balancing Faith and Holiness: John Wesley’s Developing Doctrine of Sanctification”, during his sabbatical.

The Balzers will return home in mid-May, just in time for them to lead John Brown University’s team mission trip to Ireland, Tracy said.

Cary will be back at the university full-time in the fall.

Hail to the chief: meet SGA president Mathers

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If you did not know Barack Obama was the President of the United States, people would say you had been living under a rock for the past six years. So why do so many students not know who the President of our Student Government Association is?

Meet Elizabeth Mathers. Mathers has worked in SGA for two years and is an active Siloam Springs resident. She loves giving to her community and working with people.

And so she has. As SGA President, Mathers deals with writing countless emails and reorganizing files. She does fun things on the job as well. Her favorite part of her job is going to meetings with the board of trustees.

“All the members are so passionate. It’s encouraging to hear what they have to say,” Mathers said.

Every week, Mathers heads up the SGA meetings and works hard with her officers, senators, faculty and staff to effect change on campus. She

also works with the student body, taking suggestions and listening to complaints. Her list of things to do varies from changing burnt-out light bulbs to helping get students better, faster internet on campus.

Mathers also works hard outside of school. She devotes her heart to serving others through involvement with local city council campaigns, volunteering with Main Street Siloam, teaching grade school children at church and directing the Sunday night children’s ministry.

While Mathers is dedicated to her work with both her local community and SGA, she also enjoys spending time at Pour Jons and watching an eclectic mix of movies. She also takes time for recreational reading, including the emotional, historical drama of “The Book Thief” and the practical yet profound book “Lead Like Jesus.”

Following her grandparents, her mother and her mother’s siblings, Mathers will be a third-generation University alumna.

“I didn’t want to come to JBU at first,” she said.

But she soon fell in love with the school’s culture and

the professors’ openness about their faith, as well as the spiritual challenges encountered in her classes. “That definitely affected why I chose JBU and what I chose to do here,” Mathers said.

Once she finishes her last semester, Mathers plans to take a year off from school before pursuing her master’s degree. She dreams of working in social work or counseling, as she “loves hearing people’s

stories, from all walks of life.” Mathers is excited to pursue this avenue of career and continue to serve others.

“I want to use my faith as a basis to show people love through service,” Mathers said.



Courtesy of Facebook

Student Government President Elizabeth Mathers with members of her cabinet Bethany Metzger, Sophie Shafer, and Luke DeYoung (left to right).

Forensics state champs



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The JBU Forensics team won the State Championship last weekend in the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament at Wiliam Carey University in Hattiesburg, Miss. Pictured (left to right) are junior Josh McBride, senior Broderick Wilson, and freshman Justin Burchfiel, displaying awards won in Communication Analysis, Informative Speaking, and interpretation events. McBride also won Top Speaker for all Arkansas.

WORLDWIDE WEATHER

Another wave of cold, winter storms moved through the Midwest and southern New England this week, leaving 24 states covered in snow and ice with another snowstorm expected over the weekend. The Great Plains just to the north were hit the hardest with 12 inches of snow with blowing and drifting snow creating hazardous road conditions. While snowfall may be less severe in the south, sleet and ice are making roads extremely hazardous with multiple school closing, accidents and “no travel advisories” in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The extra foot of snow, which hit mainly the southern Midwest on Tuesday, has only exasperated the situation.

While the rest of the country is covered in snow and ice, western states like California are facing severs drought conditions. While some snowfall in the Sierra Nevada Mountains this last week was helpful, the mountain’s snowpack level is still only 12 percent of the average level of snow at this time of year. The water supplies in many communities are dwindling and farm fields look like deserts. One group which provides water for almost 25 million people in the state announced on Friday they may not be able to find enough water for all their members and California farms, the highest producing in the country, have had their water allocations cut in half.

Europe is facing a very different problem. Winter storm Leo brought extreme flooding to northern Europe this week with another hitting the area on Tuesday night into Wednesday morning. In Wales 10 people were evacuated from a bus when their bus was hit by a wave crashing on the shore, a 100-foot tall medieval wall in Pisa, Italy, and the Danube River was closed to river traffic. The BBC reported parts of Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia have experienced power outages resulting in 40 percent of Slovenian schools to close and at least 120,000 households to be left without power. Surfers from around the world have been flocking to Ireland, France and Britain to ride the abnormal waves though officials have warned against entering the water at this time.

If you are looking for someplace to lay the blame, researchers claim air pollution in Asia, especially China, is having a major impact on global air circulation according to a study published last week in Nature Communications. The study used data and climate models collected over the past 30 years. The jump in pollution affects cloud formation, storm intensity, precipitation and, eventually, climate. Renyi Zhang, a Texas A and M professor involved in the study, said air pollution levels in many cities in China, including Beijing, are more than 100 times higher than acceptable levels set by World Health Organization.

Vila and students attend seminar on Islam

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David Vila, professor of religion and philosophy at John Brown University, accompanied over 20 JBU students to Joplin, Mo., on Saturday for an Islam seminar from Crescent Project’s President Fouad Masri. The College Heights Christian Church hosted the Bridges Seminar, which travels to various churches around the country. The Crescent Project’s mission statement states: “Hope worth sharing; to inspire, equip and serve the Church to reach Muslims with the Gospel of Christ for the Glory of God through prayer, training, local outreach, and short-term trips.” Masri provided a background of the Islamic faith and a continuation of the studies in Vila’s introduction to Islam course. He also expanded upon the differences between Christians and Muslims in today’s world and how believers might better reach them with the gospel. “It was really insightful and



Submitted by David Vila

Students listen to Cresent Project President Fouad Masri at a seminar about Islam. The Bridges Seminar is part of the Cresent Project’s mission to equip Christians with the tools to spread the gospel to Muslims.

encouraging to me...it opened my eyes to the great need, even here in the U.S. to reach out to them,” says Lauren Arant, a student of Vila’s who hopes to someday be part of a ministry to Muslims in

Eastern Europe. After the session, a Middle Eastern luncheon was provided for those in attendance, which included cabbage salads, hummus, flatbreads and baklava. Later this semester in

April, Vila will also take students to the mosque in Fayetteville for a visit day. Vila is currently in his 14th year here at the University. His interest in Middle Eastern

studies started in 1990 during his first excavation trip to Jordan while attending Covenant Seminary and since then he has taken 10 more excavations. In June, Vila will embark with over 20 students on the six week Jordan studies trip, which may include but not be limited to a variety of traveling around Jordan, excavating in Abila, floating along the Dead Sea, riding Roman chariots in Jerash, camping in the desert of Wadi Rum and concluding a final week of traveling through Israel to places of interest for both Biblical and modern history. The trip fulfills a Global Studies requirement and earns up to nine academic credit hours. Lyn Chong, a former student of Vila’s Islamic Art Gateway course, anticipates the upcoming studies trip. “I’m especially excited about the excavation we’ll be doing in Jordan, and all the traveling, meeting of people and just immersing ourselves in the culture there,” Chong said.

Honduran unrest causes concern for students

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Honduran students are concerned about much more than voter fraud as the country remains in unrest after the inauguration of Juan Orlando Hernandez on Jan. 27. Violent protests and marches occurred during Hernandez’s inauguration. Despite the peace marches, protests and the alleged ‘theft of the country’s presidential vote’ after the outcome of the 2014 election, the results remain the same. In preparation for continual uprisings, 6,000 police and soldiers guarded the National Stadium in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where the inauguration was held. An online edition of The Telegraph reported that the

courts’ final tally left the two main competitors, Hernandez of the National party and Xiomara Castro of the LIBRE party, with 37 percent and 29 percent of the vote, respectively. The new president was not greeted with open arms as it resulted in numerous LIBRE party protests, led by Manuel Zelaya, former president and husband of running mate Castro. Eighteen was the estimated death toll in the run-up to the election. “Even though I love my country, we can’t hide that it is not perfect,” said sophomore and Honduras native Belinda Henriquez. Henriquez described the voting system is fraudulent and manipulative. “People that may even be dead, the government can use their I.D.’s and count their votes. Since I am

not in my country they probably used my identity to cast ‘my vote’ even though I didn’t have the opportunity,” said Henriquez. Altered tally sheets, dead people included in the voter registry and inadequate monitoring of polling stations all add to the people’s accusations of election fraud. “It is easy for these politicians to take advantage of the people and even try to buy votes from the people in the lower class,” said Daniel Madrid, sophomore and Honduras native. “This causes everyone to feel that their votes did not count.” With the inauguration finalized, the fear of a coup d’état similar to the one in 2009 begins to stir in the minds of Hondurans. “One thing I worry about is going through the coup d’état again, which will cause the country to go through an economic crisis

similar to what occurred with Manuel Zelaya,” said Henriquez. One of her biggest fears is that the coup d’état could reoccur while she is in Honduras, and she will be unable to return to the United States to finish her studies. “When the first coup d’état happened the United States cancelled everyone’s visas and travel between countries,” said Henriquez. Henriquez and Madrid both described the LIBRE party as gang members. “I am also worried for my family back home in regards to the LIBRE Party. Even though the party claims they are trying to keep peace, they actually just do whatever they want on the streets,” said Henriquez, whose family lives in Tegucigalpa. She worries that her family could get caught in the middle

of a fight or if the economy goes south it could take a toll on finances for school. After swearing in, President Hernandez said “the party is over for criminals,” and added that he would allow “zero tolerance on crime,” in the coming months, stated Channel NewsAsia. Madrid said it is hard to trust politicians in Honduras to actually benefit the country when most only want to gain money and power. Both Madrid and Henriquez worry for the government in their home country. “My hope is for more transparency in the whole Honduran government. The whole structure of our government needs to be cleaned, and we want a president that can be trusted,” said Henriquez.

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said. “We do activities, like \$3 movie or Stupid Cupid Bowling, but we also do big events like the Freshmen Fling or the Talent Show.” Keller noted that the new name fits well with the goals the team has to create and nurture student interest on campus. “This will bring positive change,” Keller said. “It is a team of directors and volunteers. The team helps with creativity, accountability and sharing the load.” The idea of the team is also something that will help both Kenney and Bannert as they plan and execute events. “We are two directors joining to bring a variety of events, on and off campus activities to the JBU community,” Kenney said. The change is bringing excitement to all involved. For Keller, the most important aspect is being able to hire directors that can balance each other out. This biggest difference will be seen in the separation of BLU and SEA. “I am excited that the name change will hopefully allow students to differentiate between BLU and SEA instead of having BLU as a part of Student Activities,” Kenney said. “We are wanting campus to understand our different roles, and we are starting by having clean names and brands.” For Bannert, knowing that there is a huge potential for positive change behind the rebranding process is what is most exciting. “I am most excited about being a part of this new legacy and being in an organization that has a name that people know, recognize and are excited to be a part of,” Bannert said.

- Campus Safety recently purchased a white 2014 Jeep Patriot.
- The Jeep was bought to replace an old, worn out vehicle.
- Its main function is to answer calls for service and to patrol campus.
- Campus Safety currently has four vehicles: Jeep Patriot, Chevrolet Malibu, golf cart and bicycle.
- New SUV will be their primary vehicle.

Campus Safety buys new SUV



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Lethal injections

CRIMINALS DESERVE MORE DIGNITY THAN LAB RATS

Air hunger. The suffocation-like syndrome exhibited through the clenching of fists and snorting sounds of a body straining for breath.

It is a painful and dragged out death. A death that one Ohio death-row inmate suffered through in early January in front of his two children.

Dennis McGuire was killed with a new combination of drugs used for lethal injection, which caused him to experience this air hunger. However, better quality drugs would have prevented McGuire’s suffering.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that no matter the monetary cost of lethal drugs, the best quality drugs which will provide the most painless death should be used for lethal injection over the cheaper versions which can cause immediate suffering and pain once injected.

Lethal injection was originally designed to be a three-drug process. The inmate would first receive a drug to render him unconscious, followed by a paralyzing drug to keep him from moving around. The last drug was administered to induce cardiac arrest, causing the inmate an almost painless and quick death.

The 32 states that allow the death penalty are now being pushed to find different lethal drugs from different drug companies for their death-row inmates.

This is for two main reasons, one Fox News article said.

The first reason being that the European drug companies, which have supplied the states for years with the drugs they needed, are now refusing to provide them—knowing that they will be used to put someone to death.

Second, states cannot just pick another chemical or random drug to give inmates because the federal government has multiple requirements that drugs must meet in order to be used for lethal injection.

With drug companies refusing to provide these drugs, states are forced to either come up with new drug combinations or order the drugs from a disreputable source.

Creating new combinations is not a simple science.

In many states, the three-drug process is now down to two- or even one-step processes, giving the inmates only a sedative and painkiller to cause death, making the inmates guinea pigs for these new combinations to see what is effective and what is not.

This borderlines on cruel and unusual punishment, something that the United States constitution and our Christian faith stands firmly against.

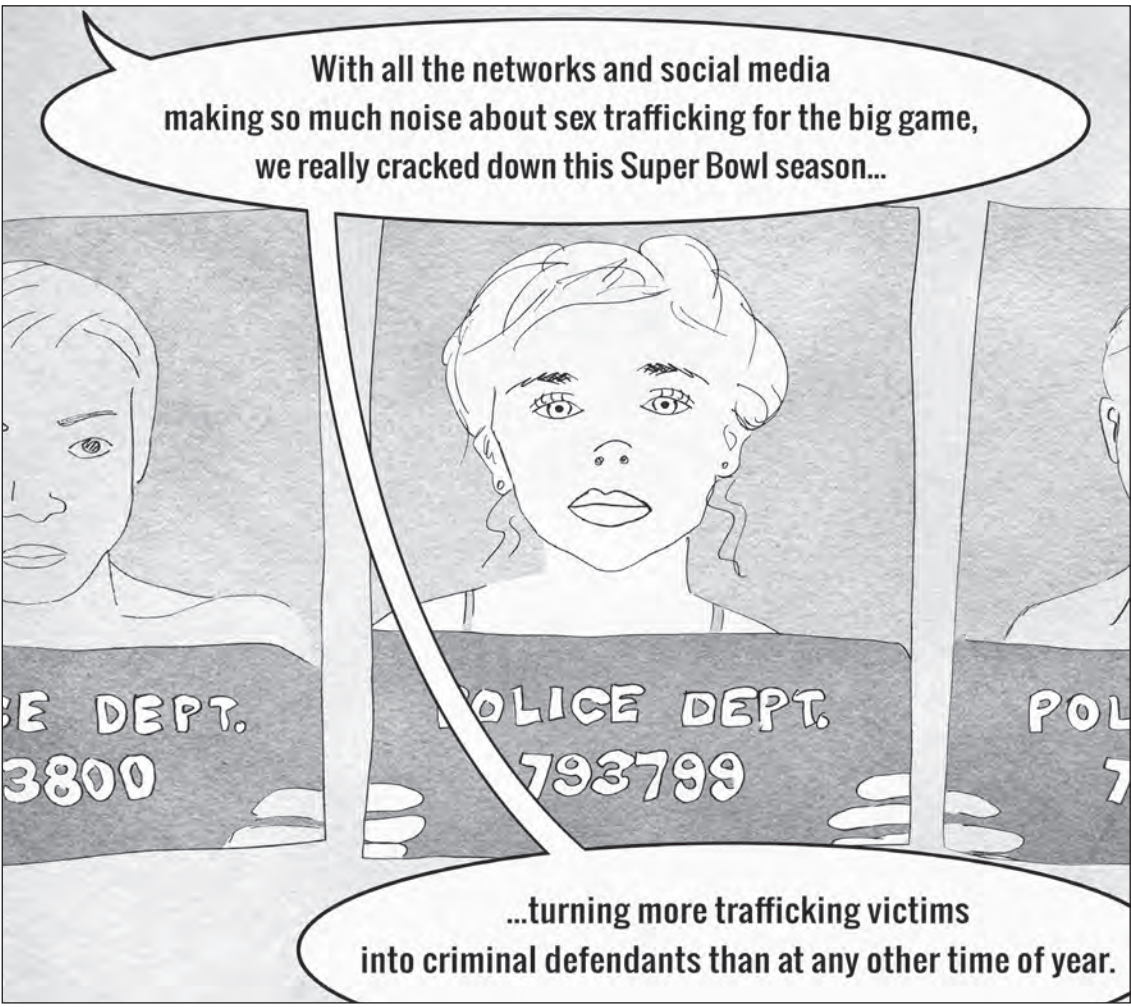
While some may not care which drugs are being used because the inmate will die anyway, we The Threefold Advocate believe that everyone should care about the life and death of a human being.

Inmates should not be treated as lab rats -- part of an experiment. They should receive a humane death in which their loved ones do not have to look on in anguish, as the Ohio inmate’s family did as they watched their father struggle to breathe for more than 15 minutes.

The states may decide whether to take the life of a convicted felon based on his crimes, but we should fight for their right to die a painless death, and fight for the states to use better quality drugs -- no matter the cost.



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The scandal of Super Bowl sex



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Have you ever met a prostitute? Imagine the grind of your dead-end job. Now imagine that instead of mind-numbing data entry or paperwork, it’s having sex over and over again with people you’d rather not have to look at or touch.

I don’t care if you’re male or female - there’s someone having to do that right now who’s just like you. Like your little sister. Like your little brother.

Sure, there are a few who fit the pop-culture image of a “call girl,” young women who got

whoever the john chooses for the ride gets a set fee. But if she doesn’t let the john go as long as he wants? She’ll be fired. Her body is not her own.

Still, that’s nothing compared to the plight of many more who live as slaves, here and abroad. You don’t hear about it happening much. Except, for the last few years, around the Super Bowl. That’s when Facebook lights up with articles about all the sex trafficking done to provide that profitable bang-bang at the big Super Bowl parties. Two years ago, I shared such a link myself.

Never mind that several human-rights organizations have concluded the huge spike in sex trafficking is largely myth. It’s gotten media attention! We’re raising awareness! Not so fast. Maybe we raised awareness in exactly the wrong way. Maybe we made ourselves feel like we’d helped when actually we just distracted

arrested on prostitution charges in the area - had this to say on The New York Times’ op-ed page: “Many, but not all, of our clients are, in fact, trafficked, and many more have survived an extensive amount of brutality, violence and trauma. Turning them into defendants and pushing them through the criminal justice system contradicts any claim of assistance.”

Why did this happen? Because that’s how almost everyone involved in law enforcement has been trained: If prostitution’s a problem, lock up the prostitutes. They don’t look respectable. Their customers? They look like everybody else. Boys will be boys.

If you think being arrested is an opportunity for escape, tell that to the women and girls who are processed as criminals and who - with no possessions of their own with which to make bond - must rely on their pimps to even be bailed out. Tell it to the women discovered in chains and with cigarette burns covering their bodies who were charged as illegal aliens because their captors had smuggled them into the country. Keep telling it until you’ve seen enough to stop believing it.

One in 10 prostitution arrests in the U.S. is a customer. Two in 10 are male prostitutes. The other seven are female prostitutes. Pimps and traffickers don’t even make the chart.

In 1999, Sweden became the first country in the world to make it illegal to pay for sex but not to offer it for sale, giving the victimized some measure of legal leverage in cases of abuse. In 2009, Norway and Iceland followed suit. It would behoove us to pay attention.

We need to change the balance in favor of the degraded and abused. Not just leading up to the Super Bowl. Every day of the year.

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- Letter to the Editor -

How is it that football players fighting over a marijuana leaf is funny? The whole comic from last week’s paper does not make any sense.

I know that I am not the only student who thinks this. Yes, both teams that competed in the Super Bowl were from states that legalized marijuana, but that they are fighting over it doesn’t make any sense. If anything, you should have had them all walking around doing random things like eating a ton or sleeping. Maybe the stadium could have been full of smoke, and the football could be lying on the ground neglected. That is IF it wasn’t a rule that players can’t be under the influence during game time.

These players have a chance of a lifetime to win the Super Bowl, and you think that they would chance being intoxicated? No way. I don’t think that anyone would want to get to the point where they reached that kind of a goal in life, accomplishing all of their dreams, and then becoming disoriented. This could be the best day of their life and you think that they would even chance not giving their best? Nah.

Mikael Seamans

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Where should missionaries go?

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This past semester, I was studying abroad at Ugandan Christian University in Uganda, a small country in eastern Africa. It was freaking amazing. I got to live with a host family, take classes from Ugandan professors, and dive into Ugandan culture, life, and issues. I love adventure and exposing myself to new things – and that’s what I got to do for four months!

My passion is missions – the work of God all over the world. So in Uganda, I was really excited to see what God was doing there. And He is doing amazing things! I had the privilege of worshiping at various times with Catholics, Anglicans and other Protestants. They are strong and committed in the faith, and churches are reaching and developing their communities. I would say that the Ugandan Church is as healthy as – if not healthier than – the American Church.

But after a while, I began to think: Why are we still doing missions to Uganda? If the Church is strong and capable and active in reaching their community – then why are we

still sending missionaries and money?

Well, the majority of Western missions to Uganda consists of development work. That means aid such as child sponsorship through organizations such as Compassion International and World Vision, or the provision of clean water through organizations such as Living

preaching and getting people to follow him than about miracles and helping people’s physical needs. Christ “came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10), to relieve eternal suffering (not just earthly) and to replace suffering with everlasting hope, peace and a relationship with him. And per the great commission, we are to proclaim this hope to all the

there’s one more REALLY important detail I haven’t brought up yet: the unreached.

So, to be relieved of eternal suffering, people have to believe in Jesus. But there’s a difference between Americans and Ugandans who don’t know Jesus, and people in the Middle East who don’t know Jesus. For Americans and Ugandans (and most of Central and South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and most of China), if a non-Christian wants to learn about Jesus, they can. There’s a Christian or a church nearby they can ask. Our societies are “reached” enough that they can hear the gospel if they want to. But for about 2.9 billion people – mostly in Northern Africa, the Middle East and Asia – this isn’t the case. There are 2.9 billion people in the world today will be born, live and die without ever hearing about Jesus or the hope and redemption found in him. They’ll never have a chance to have a relationship with God – all because no one is there to tell them. These are the unreached.

So, going back to our whole missions thing, “to relieve all suffering, especially eternal suffering,” it’s really important that those 2.9 billion people hear about Jesus. If we don’t reach them with the explicit gospel, they’ll have no chance to escape eternal suffering. So, which type of missions should we do – relieving temporary earthly suffering among the reached, or eternal suffering among the unreached?

As we already said, we need to do both. Both are part of

God’s plan to relieve suffering, and missions to both the reached and the unreached are doing amazing things! But where is the greater need? Where should we focus more attention?

In Uganda, the Church is strong. It is capable and active in reaching its community, relieving both types of suffering. But in places in the Middle East (and Northern Africa and Asia), there is no church and no relieving of suffering going on – earthly or eternally. It was Oswald Smith who said, “Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?”

Being in Uganda opened up my eyes to what God is doing in the world. The places that used to be a frontier mission field (like Uganda) are now strong in the faith and sending out missionaries of their own. At the same time, specialized demographic data has made us more aware of the people groups in greatest need of the gospel. (Check out JoshuaProject.net for more info.)

Ultimately, you and I are the ones who are going to be sending out American missionaries, financially supporting them, praying for them – and maybe even going ourselves. But we can only send out so many people and give so many dollars. So in view of our limited resources, where do we want them to go?

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Stop spiritual abuse

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Every day, people around the world are raped in the name of Jesus. Yes, you read that right; people are raped in the name of Jesus.

There are currently 60 million child survivors of sexual abuse living within the United States, and sadly, some of this abuse has happened within our faith communities and even our own churches. Sexual abuse within the church is in the media on a regular basis, often with the church leader being the perpetrator. This abuse needs to be addressed, and more importantly prevented, so that it stops destroying churches, and souls.

Anyone who grew up in a Christian environment or spent a summer at Church camp is familiar with Romans 13:1-2, which says, “Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.” We preach this to our children so they will learn to respect God-given authority.

However, sexual perpetrators of the church often recite this verse to the children they abuse and convince them that if they don’t perform the sexual acts they are requesting, God will punish them. Additionally, the perpetrators tell their victims not to tell, and that if they disobey, God will punish them.

This manipulation of Scripture is known as spiritual abuse and directly feeds into the sexual abuse which is becoming prevalent in our churches.

Obedying, the children often remain silent, and the abuse continues, leaving devastating

emotional wounds to haunt them for the rest of their lives. If they do speak out, many church members stand with the perpetrator against media attacks, convinced that their church leader would never do such a thing.

We need to create an environment where it is difficult for sexual and spiritual abuse to occur. We need to preach from the Bible, yes, but as we preach, we need to explain what this verse does not mean and clearly explain that we do need to obey human authority, but not if this authority contradicts God’s Word.

We need to foster a community where reports of sexual abuse will be believed. According to

for workers that they fail to do this. Yet child abusers move frequently. They look to move into environments where children are easily accessed. Thorough background checks are a good start to keeping abusers out of your children’s ministry.

Churches need to enforce protection policies. There should always be two adults present in activities that involve children, and children should not be left alone together, since children can abuse other children.

There should never be any private interactions between adults and children. Additionally, the Sunday school or ministry supervisor should visit all

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the Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault, less than 3 percent of rape accusations are false. An accusation becomes “false” if a victim reports a rape and then chooses not to press charges. So many of these accusations could be true.

Additionally, children do not know much sexual terminology. Therefore, if children are describing an act, they rarely are making up stories from their imaginations. People who make allegations need to be believed, and the Church needs to support them by removing accused individuals from ministry leadership during the time of investigation, reporting the event to outside law enforcements rather than saying things to the victim such as, “Now, he wouldn’t really have done that. Are you sure you didn’t just misunderstand?”

The organization GRACE, Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment outlines a prevention policy. Every person who applying for a leadership position involving children must undergo a background check. Many churches are so desperate

ministry areas frequently to keep the adults accountable to these standards.

Finally, the most important thing Christians need to do is “keep their antenna’s up,” as GRACE calls it. Look for interactions between adults and children that seem out of the ordinary. Is one adult always with one child? Is an adult always volunteering to do activities with one child or trying to get alone time with him or her? Does an adult have adult friends, or are their only acquaintances children and their parents?

Being aware of these things does not make a person judgmental. If you have concerns, report them to the supervisor, who will take these concerns seriously, investigate and then remove the person if necessary and contact authority at any suspicion of abuse.

Church should be a safe place for children.

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for her two children and their medical needs. People just wandering into their adult lives with their own apartments, groceries and bills are struggling to make it from paycheck to paycheck. Even part-time workers have it hard, trying to pay for gas, their ever-rising school debts and, occasionally, purchasing personal accessories.


Arkansas needs to think of its people if it wants to keep them. If the pay is higher elsewhere, Arkansans may leave to take care of their needs. If they need the money, some people may be willing to go that far.

Keep the people in Arkansas. Raise their pay to a fair day’s wages. Take care of the people who reside here. This is what Arkansas must do.

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Minimum is not enough

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Alex Johnson

I had no idea that our minimum wage is so low. As a part time worker who has only had two jobs, I thought \$6.25 an hour was just the normal salary. Certainly, I wondered how my pay could be so low after hours of work, but I thought it was only because I only work eight hours a week. Now, I’m thinking again.

Arkansas does need to raise the minimum wage to the federal level, if not higher. The people of Arkansas need it.

As it is, a single mother has to work long hours to provide

states with the **LOWEST** minimum wage

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Wyoming...\$5.15

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Georgia...\$5.15

3

Minnesota...\$5.25

4

Arkansas...\$6.25

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BLU imports Rend Collective Experiment

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Rend Collective Experiment, is coming to John Brown University, and students are invited to join the band around the “campfire.”

Rend Collective Experiment, known for its eclectic style of worship, will be performing at the University on Saturday, Feb. 8, on their tour, Campfire. The band members, who originate from Northern Ireland, are dedicated to maintaining a “homespun” and authentic type of worship, which led them to record their

album “Homemade Worship By Handmade People” in their own living rooms and “Campfire” around an actual campfire.

“The best way I could describe it was that we didn’t want to get involved in any clinical, polished studio where things felt detached from normal life,” said drummer Gareth Gilkeson on the band’s website. “We wanted things to feel homey, and there was something intimate about that.”

The “Build Your Kingdom Here” performers are not only dedicated to writing “homemade” worship, but they are also committed to calling the Church to authentic worship.

“Our heart was ultimately to make music that was sonically creative and pushed the boundaries, but we also wanted to write something that really served the Church.” Gilkeson said. “It’s not us trying to do something crazy and different for crazy and different’s sake. It’s our response to a truly magnificent God with a wild imagination.”

This band will be sharing their experimental folk rock sound with the students of the University as presented by BLU Entertainment. BLU Director Mariah Shaw said that she and her team have been praying and preparing for this

concert for quite some time.

“We’re excited to bring a Christian group, but nothing like we’ve ever had before,” said Shaw. “My big push is to let people experience God in a new way. For a lot of people, music is a really powerful way of expression, and I think we learn a lot about ourselves in worship and in the truth that’s in music. I wanted the people to go and experience that.”

BLU Entertainment has worked hard to make the concert ticket prices affordable for the students, Shaw said. BLU and Rend Collective Experiment have also agreed that \$1 of every ticket that is

sold for this concert will go directly to the University’s Northern Ireland missions team to help fund their mission trip this summer. Rend Collective Experiment, who are from Bangor, Northern Ireland, is excited to help aid the efforts of the missions team this summer.

Fellow BLU Entertainment Director Jonathon Estes is enthusiastic about the upcoming concert, stating, “Rend Collective is one of my favorite bands, so it’s extremely cool, not only to see them, but to get to work with them, too!”

Shaw and Estes are hopeful that this opportunity to hear Rend Collective Experiment in concert will engage not only the students at the University, but also the broader community.



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Balzer finds renewed strength despite MS

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A young Seattle pastor relaxes in his hotel room after a long day at a conference in Kansas City thinking about a challenge raised to him earlier in a meeting: What would you give up to let God have complete control of your life?

The phone rings, interrupting his train of thought, but a familiar voice is on the other end of the line.

“JBU called and wants to fly us in,” said Tracy Balzer, his wife.

“When do they want me?” he asked.

“Well, actually, they want me,” she said.

Downpours of emotions flow through his mind. His list of things he would give up to let God have complete control of his life flashes before his eyes.

He thinks, ‘Is this God preparing my family for Tracey to be the main breadwinner in case my multiple sclerosis gets really bad?’

This moment is a reflection of a pivotal situation that happened in Cary Balzer’s life.

The Balzers were young parents living in Seattle when some really odd things started happening to him.

“I woke up one morning, and I couldn’t feel my right leg. It was tingly, like I had slept on it wrong, and it had lost feeling. But the tingly feeling never went away,” he said.

This concerned Balzer a little bit, but he didn’t go to the doctor yet. The next day, the Sunday of his first week at their second church, he woke up and the other leg had this tingling sensation. Being the loving and devoted pastor he was, he got up and went to church anyway. However, his wife was really concerned and called the doctor to see what was wrong.

“The doctor told Tracy to

bring me to the emergency room immediately,” said Balzer. “She had to explain that I was working that day, because it was our first Sunday at our new church. He told her I needed to be seen as soon as possible.”

Balzer went to the doctor soon after church ended that day. He went through a variety of tests, including one where the doctor would press on Balzer’s legs with an instrument that had a sharp end and a dull end, and Balzer verbalized to the doctor which end was being pressed against his legs.

“It was bad because he was using the dull end, but I thought he was using the sharp side because that’s the feeling I got on my legs,” said Balzer.

After taking a spinal tap, the doctor told the Balzers that it could be one of two things: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). The two illnesses are alike in many ways: they both numb the limbs and can cause paralysis. However, GBS is curable and MS is not.

“We were very surprised and very alarmed because the only thing we knew about MS was that there were people in wheelchairs because of it,” said Tracy Balzer. “We learned that MS was actually something that was common in the Pacific Northwest and that it was something that people lived with everyday. You’d never know that Cary has MS by just looking at him, and we are very blessed that it has not affected him in the worst way.”

Balzer reflects how MS has affected his life at home. One specific memory is about a time that he was playing catch with a baseball in the back yard with Kelsey, his oldest daughter.

“I couldn’t throw the ball to her,” he said. “I would think in my mind, ‘Okay, throw the ball to Kelsey,’ and I would throw it, and it would just go way over to the

side and hit the fence. My brain wouldn’t put it together.”

Kelsey remembers how her father would use her to help him with his balance by slightly supporting his hand on her shoulders and the base of the back of her neck whenever they walked somewhere as a family.

“I remember being annoyed because I thought it was his way of being fatherly and protective, but then he told me that it was just to help him with his balance,” said Kelsey. “I of course felt bad for ever being annoyed after that.”

Balzer shared that being



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diagnosed with MS changed his outlook on life.

“It made us not take things for granted,” he said. “This just showed me that we’re vulnerable, and reinforced that there are no guarantees in the Bible that we’re going to have a comfortable, easy life.”

He went on to explain how God prepares us and takes care of us through hardships.

“Christ says that we will have trouble in this world,” said Balzer. “But that’s not the most important thing. It’s not that Christ will rescue us out of it; it’s that Christ

is walking beside us through it. Our hardships don’t define who we are.”

The diagnosis also changed his relationship with God, and how he viewed God’s plan for his life, he said.

“I kept asking: Why is this happening to me?” he said. “The thing I just kept reading over and over again was that it’s not what happens to you, it’s what Christ can do through you. And that just came to me in so many different ways.”

Balzer explained that God could turn something that’s ugly in your life, beautify it and use it to reach out to other people in your life, or to make you more sympathetic to other people.

“The other thing was that I had trusted God because nothing bad had ever happened to me,” he said. “I had this naïve trust in God that didn’t really have any depth to it.”

Balzer confessed that he really struggled with trusting God for a while after his diagnosis.

“My fear was really more of a paralysis than the MS ever could have been,” he said. “It took a while of getting to that place of saying: You know, even if this goes really bad, it’s okay. I’ll trust God even if he slays me. I’m on His side and that’s okay.”

Tracy Balzer also shared that she was scared for a while, too.

“It was shocking and alarming, because all we knew about it was the wheelchair thing,” she said. “And being a young couple...not really knowing what this meant for the future, and so fear. Fear for me; that was the biggest reaction that I had to deal with pretty intensely for the next six months after that.”

The week that Balzer was diagnosed was a tough week for their family.

“When he was diagnosed, we had one child, and actually I was pregnant with a second,” she said. “The trauma that happened after that week was not only him

just very quickly afflicted and diagnosed, but that same week I had a miscarriage of this second child that we had really waited quite a while for.”

God was faithful to the Balzer family. Balzer’s MS has turned out to be quite manageable. His wife was able to have another child, Langley. Things were going great.

“We had been at our second church in Seattle when we started to get the tug that there was something bigger that we were supposed to do,” said Balzer.

“So we started looking for new opportunities and different jobs in churches in our denomination, but nothing was really working out.”

That was when Tracy Balzer got the call from JBU.

“When my opportunity came along for me to work at JBU, it was just such a gift,” said Tracy. “I had no thoughts about, Does this mean that I’m going to be the one to work full-time? I didn’t, at all. I just thought, Oh this is just a way for God to help me make a transformation from raising young kids to raising older kids and helping with finances.”

Tracy interviewed and got the job she has now, assistant to the chaplain. At this time, Balzer was asked if he would be an adjunct professor at JBU. He gladly accepted. He now teaches a small number of classes and spends a lot of his time working on faculty development.

“When I first got here, I was sort of a pastor who worked at a university,” Balzer said. “And then I went through my Ph.D. process, and now it’s blending those two together, and I think I am a pastoral professor.”

The Balzers have now been at JBU for 17 years, and they couldn’t be happier. Professor Balzer will be on sabbatical this semester.

#socality tags instagram

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The Socality movement is becoming more prevalent in students’ Instagram feeds. It hopes to inspire connections, relationships and encouragement among the Instagram family.

So the question is where did the name ‘Socality’ come from. Social (SO) Community (C) all for (AL) eternity (ITY). The movement hopes to embed that focus into everything they do and to be an open community for all who wish to express the same notion.

“Socality to me, is people inspiring each other on Instagram,” said Hannah Garrett, junior. She joined the movement two weeks ago and has been inspired and driven by the gospel and God’s creation ever since.

Instagram was created in 2010, with the purpose to bring people together to share photos

photography, film, worship or other creative platforms, in order to mobilize individuals to serve and impact their community and reach their greater potential in Christ,” stated it’s website.

Since joining this mission, Garrett and Schmidt have since changed their mindset to center around the Socality mission whenever they post photos and videos on Instagram.

“I wanted to connect with people who have the same interests as I do,” said sophomore, Jake Knight. His love for photography and joy for forming new relationships drove Knight to join the movement toward the end of December.

With the mission to bring people together, Knight, Garrett and Schmidt want to not only be encouraged through this movement, but to be able to pour out to others as well.

“I am Socality.” Members say these three words carry a heavy load and mindset for anyone who says them. Also, for them, by stating this, you are committing to be a part of a



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of their lives with each other, instantly.

Socality spun off of those ideas and brought the focus around the Gospel.

“I joined Socality because I really liked the idea of forming a community of believers that could encourage each other and share their faith over social media,” said freshman, Devon Schmidt. “I think it’s cool to see all of these different people, all over the world, coming together. Making friends is fun too.”

Socality’s mission is, “to connect and create influencers and equip them with the resources they need; whether in

movement of Christ-followers and fellow Instagrammers whose sole purpose is to spread the Gospel.

Knight used to post mundane and pointless posts . “I wasn’t always like that on Instagram, I used to post stupid stuff like selfies,” said Knight.

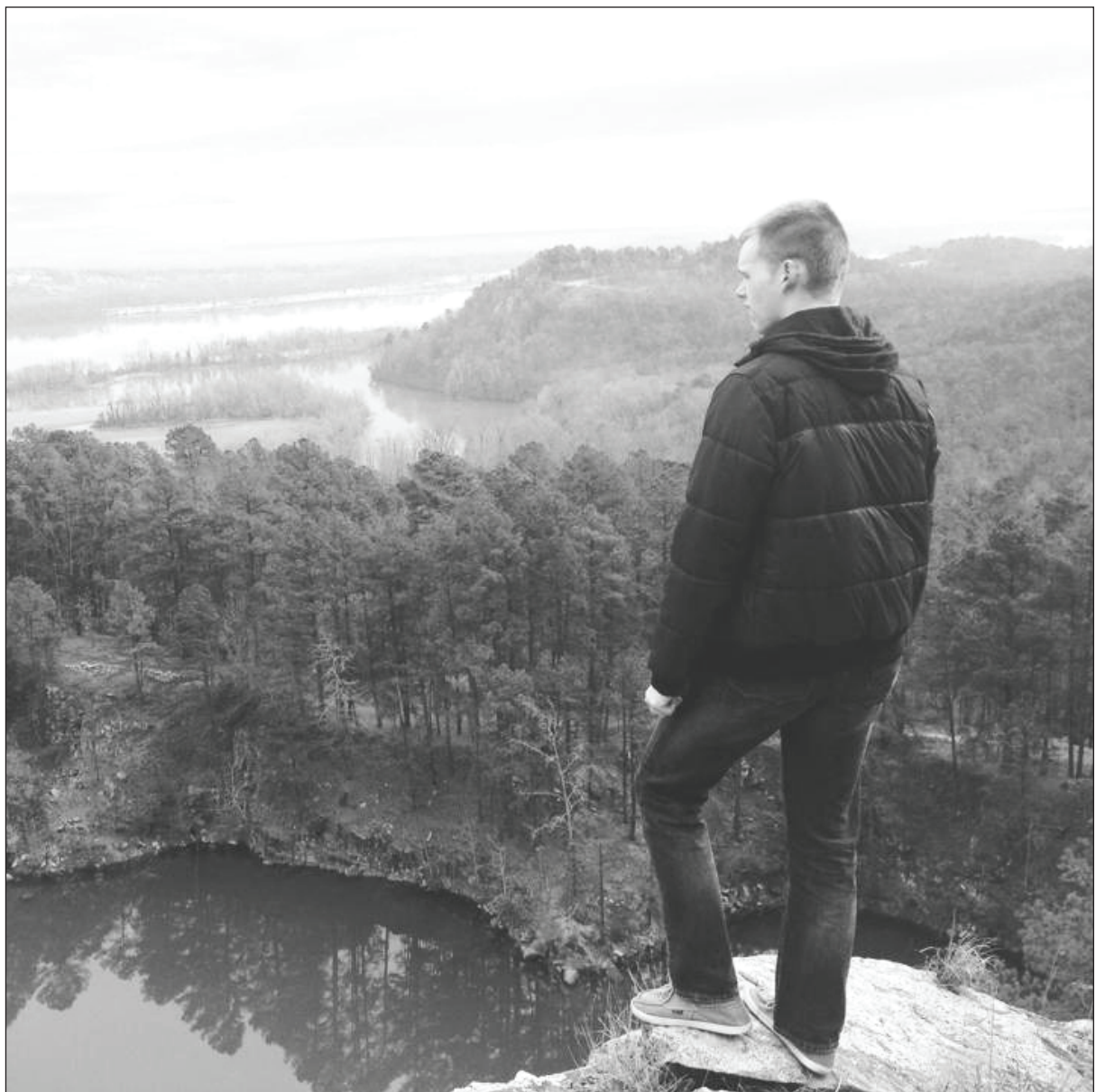
Garrett hopes to gain more connections through the movement and encourage others through creative posts to keep their focus on the gospel.

“I am thankful that Instagram can be my creative outlet and the Socality community can inspire my creativity,” said Garrett.

[Top Right] Devon Schmidt stands on a bluff overlooking a large forest. Schmidt wanted an encouraging community of believers, so she joined socality.

[Middle Left] Hannah Garrett gets in touch with the beauty of nature. Garrett has been especially inspired by creation since joining socality two weeks ago.

[Bottom Right] Jake Knight Moberly stands on a cliff. Knight joined the socality movement out of a desire to connect with people who shared his interest in photography.



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Super Bowl XLVIII

historic in an unexpected way



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Super Bowl XLVIII brought in a record 111 million viewers in Super Bowl history. The Seahawks won the game 43-8.

entire game and rack up a 43-8 win over the Broncos.

After the 22-0 first half, the Broncos came out of the locker room with a renewed sense of urgency and energy.

This was quickly wiped away as Seattle's Percy Harvin ran back the second half's opening kickoff for a touchdown, increasing the score to 29-0.

Seattle's defense, known as Legion of Boom, or L.O.B., was respected for most of the season. It wasn't until Sherman gave his uncharacteristically opinionated post-game interview two weeks before the big game that most people had heard of L.O.B.

For the first time in 11 years, the MVP was a defensive player. The speed of the pass rushers

and the tight coverage on the receivers was clearly too much for Peyton Manning.

Manning set a Super Bowl record with completed passes; however most of these passes were short dishes that either resulted in a loss of yards or wasn't enough to move the ball very far down the field. Two of those complete passes were to the other team. He might as well just of had "Tebow" on the back of his jersey.

Seattle's Russell Wilson played better than Manning, but it was the running game that was able to have success against the injury ridden Broncos defense.

The only break from the Seahawk's highlight video was the commercials and half-time show featuring Bruno Mars and

30 seconds of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The great half-time performance, however, won't be remembered, because nothing went wrong. Wardrobe malfunctions (2004) and sound mixing issues (2011) were avoided and everything went smoothly.

The commercials this year took a Hollywood approach and they were mostly sequels of last year's Super Bowl commercials.

Several of the commercials seemed to cause a stir with different social issues into selling a product. Coca-Cola's commercial featured "America the Beautiful" being sung in several different languages.

This caused many people to speak out against it on twitter.

Some people used the hashtag “SpeakAmerican” in their tweets.

A tsunami of responses to those attacking the ad ensued. It was later realized that this trending hashtag was used more by people defending Coca-Cola's commercial than by people attacking it.

Records, controversy and firsts were all accomplished in the last game of the season. However, what will be remembered is the trouncing of Manning's offense by Sherman's L.O.B. and an inept Denver team allowing the Seahawks to score in nearly every possible way.

The Seahawks scored on a safety, pass, rush, field goal, interception return and kickoff return, leaving just a two point conversion on the table.

Richard Sherman went into the game being one of the most hated players due to his brashness.

Many said he was clearly out of line when he called himself "the greatest corner in the league" and called Michael Crabtree "a mediocre receiver."

Sherman got the last laugh as he held the Vince Lombardi trophy over his head after the game. After which, did he go on a tirade about how Manning was “a mediocre quarterback”? Not even close.

After the game Sherman tweeted, "Peyton is the Classiest person/player I have ever met! I could learn so much from him! Thank you for being a great competitor and person..."

Basketball continues conference play

Men

13-8 overall, 3-8 SAC play

Women

16-4 overall, 8-3 SAC play



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Junior Eliana Fernandz maneuvers around an OBU player in a game on Jan. 25. JBU lost the game 70-



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Senior Kofi Josephs dribbles the ball in a game against Mid-America.

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2014 JBU Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

Wally Moon

Baseball Coach


1966-1977



Nikki Duncan

Women's Swimming

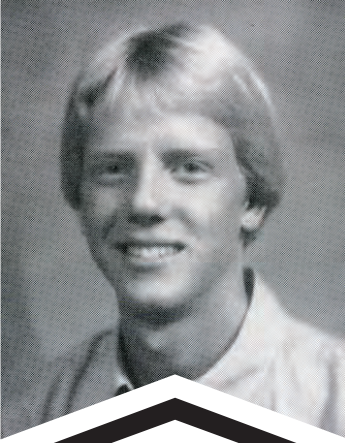
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Matt Pearson

Men's Cross Country

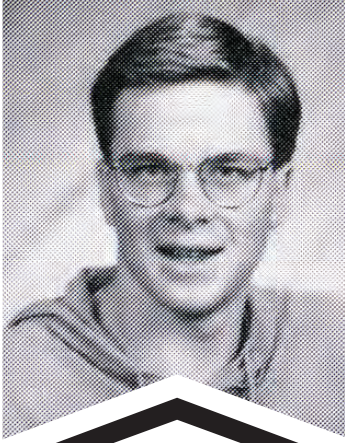
1981-1985



Bill Seabert

Men's Swimming

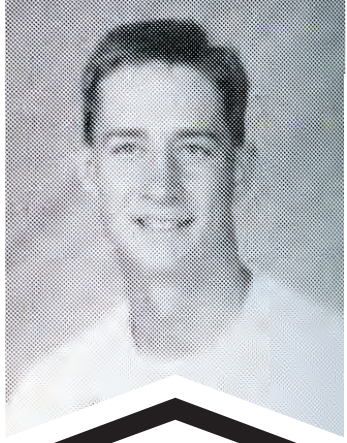
1992-1996



Shad Miller

Men's Basketball

1994-1998



University alumna instructs wellness

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When students walk into the swimming wellness activity class this semester, they may see a familiar face.

Siloam Springs High School's swimming coach, Stephanie Goddard, is now teaching this wellness activity at John Brown University.



Stephanie Goddard

Goddard has coached the Siloam Springs swimming team for 13 years. Goddard said she takes a different approach to teaching the wellness class as opposed to coaching her team.

"With the [wellness] activity its endurance as opposed to speed," said Goddard. "I want my activity class to use swimming as a lifetime exercise and in case of an accident or disaster [they should] be able to survive."

While this is just her second semester teaching on campus, Goddard is no stranger to the

University and its facilities.

Siloam Springs High School hosts its home swim meets and weekly practices at the Walton Lifetime Health Complex pool.

Goddard, a 1992 JBU graduate, currently teaches special education, algebra and geometry in addition to coaching.

After the University's previous swim teacher left to take a coaching position at another university, the Health Sciences Division needed a replacement.

Brian Greuel, chair of the Division of Natural & Health Sciences, said they looked for someone local with experience teaching.

"As an alumna of JBU with over 16 years of experience as a teacher and swim/dive coach for the Siloam Springs School District, Stephanie Goddard fit the bill perfectly," said Greuel. "We were able to do some creative scheduling to make it possible for her to teach this class for us, while also continuing her present position with the school district."

As part of the swimming class, Goddard will bring her high school swimmers along to teach different stroke mechanics.


Senior Broderick Wilson, who works at the health complex said having a familiar person teaching the wellness swimming course helps provide Christian outreach to students.

"She will help to make sure students have more than an athletic connection, but a

ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

FEB. 6-12

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@schochler34:

"Interval session in the cemetery may have created some "dead" legs. Great job #JBUxc #goJBU"

@JBUathletics:

"#goJBU women's basketball moves up three spots to a season-high No. 16 in the latest @Play_NAIA poll!"

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ELIANA FERNANDEZ

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BASKETBALL

Junior Eliana Fernandez was named the Arvest Bank Athlete of the Week on Monday. Fernandez currently stands in second place on the team for number of three-point baskets at 33 triples.

Get Involved 2014

By Kelsey Gulliver, managing editor

A new year means more time. More time for self-improvement, more time to have fun, more time to try something new, and more time to get involved. At John Brown University, there are countless different ways to be involved as a student. From leading worship to playing rugby, opportunities are available for everyone. Take the quiz below to find out what club, organization or activity you should try out in 2014!

Start quiz
here!

2. What's your must-have accessory?

- a. My phone keeps me updated on everything
- b. You never know when you'll need a blazer
- c. Scarves are cozy and look great on anyone
- d. I never go anywhere without my CamelBak
- e. A sketch book.



1. Which superlative best describes you?

- a. Most socially-conscious
- b. Most opinionated
- c. Most friendly
- d. Most athletic
- ie. Most creative



3. Describe your ideal Friday night.

- a. Trying out the new fusion restaurant in town
- b. Rehearsing for the school's upcoming play
- c. Enjoying some coffee and a concert at Pour Jon's
- d. Trying out a tandem bicycle from Dogwood Junction
- e. Redbox or Netflix with a few friends



4. What's most important to you?

- a. Celebrating diversity
- b. Having my voice heard
- c. Expressing my creativity
- d. Taking care of my body
- e. Authenticity and loyalty



5. Pick an ideal vacation.

- a. There's always something new to see in New York City
- b. Los Angeles- Hollywood is calling my name
- c. A European art tour would be perfection
- d. Anywhere with a beach
- e. Tokyo looks like the coolest city on Earth



6. Which elective would you most likely sign up for?

- a. Slavery and Race in American History
- b. Public Speaking
- c. Recreational Guitar
- d. another Wellness Activity
- e. Drawing I



Mostly A's: MOSAIC (Multicultural Organization of Students Active in Christ). This group focuses on creating unity between minority American students on campus. All are welcome. Each week they host a time of devotion and fellowship, and throughout the semester plan other social events that celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our country.

Mostly B's: Speech and Debate Club. Gives students the opportunity to become more effective communicators through local, regional and national competitions. Categories explored include public speaking, oral interpretation and debate performances. The club hosts and judges tournaments.

Mostly C's: BLU Entertainment. Stands for Bringing Live Uncut Entertainment. According to their Facebook page, they, "strive to foster an environment where connections are built through music and provide a venue for emerging student talent." If you love music—which who doesn't—then this could be a great choice.

Mostly D's: Ultimate Frisbee. Teams available for both men and women. Students involved play competitive Ultimate Frisbee against other college level clubs and organizations. The group works to be an example of Christ to a largely non-Christian community, and often travels.

Mostly E's: Anime Club. Each week, this club screens different types and genres of anime to broaden and enrich the JBU community.



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