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# JBU pushes seniors to live on campus

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Next year’s seniors are being asked to reconsider moving off campus next semester as the due date for Off-Campus housing draws closer.

According to Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life, Andre Broquard, with the addition of the North Slope Apartments and the completion of J. Alvin there will be room on campus to house more seniors during the 2014-2015 school year.

There are currently 402 John Brown University students classified as seniors. 195 of those students live in on-campus housing.

“I would love to see that range go up,” Broquard said. “It would be a stretch, but it would be worth it. 50 percent of seniors living on campus would be great.”

Broquard also mentioned that he is not asking every senior to stay on campus and realizes that living off campus will continue to be more appealing to some students.

Senior Brandon Blackman is one student who is thriving while

living off campus. He lives in the “Red Loft” behind the floral shop on Broadway Street.

“My favorite part of living off campus is the finances,” Blackman said. “It is much cheaper for me, but finances are equally tied with living with my best friends.”

Blackman noted that living off campus has been a great learning experience. He said he has learned about paying bills, planning ahead for meals and deciding simple things like who does the dishes.

“I have learned a lot about living in a different community as well,” Blackman said. “It helps teach you how to get around speed bumps when things don’t get done.”

Blackman also thought one of the downsides to living off campus would be commuting to campus each day.

“The commute is not as big of a challenge as I thought it would be,” Blackman said. “Once it is warmer outside, I plan to walk or bike to campus.”

Blackman says the thing he misses most about living on campus is the community easily found within the dorm.

friends on campus, she says the hardest part of being an on-campus senior is the fact that most of her senior friends live off campus.

“It is definitely different this year because I do not see all of them as much as I used to. When we were all on campus we naturally lived life together on a regular basis.”

Morris is thankful, though, that she is able to come back each day to her dorm room and build relationships with her on-campus peers and friends.

“I value being involved. I knew I could to it more effectively living on campus. I have more time to spend, and I knew it would be harder to connect off campus for me,” Morris said. “Being involved is being here. It is something you can do on or off campus. You just have to put effort into it.”

Applications for off campus housing for the 2014- 2015 school year are due March 7.

For students interested in living on campus during the 2014- 2015 school year, Residence Life will be hosting an open house at the Northslope Apartments Wednesday, February 19 from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.



Seniors Brandon Blackman (left) and Morgan Morris (right) live off and on campus, respectively.

“There is just something about knowing people are around all the time,” Blackman said. “It is too easy to not make an effort. It is definitely important for students who live off campus to make an effort to stay involved.”

The impact seniors have on campus is one aspect Broquard finds important.

“Seniors are valuable to the institution,” Broquard said. “And

they are key in passing it down and helping younger students. Being off campus, it is not as natural.”

For senior Morgan Morris, who lives in Walker, the idea of staying involved and connected was the major push to stay on campus.

“I was reminded last year that I have my whole life to live off campus. I love being right in the middle of everything,” Morris said.

Although Morris has many

## City plans for new police station



The hold cells in the current station on Broadway north of the City Administrative building.

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The Siloam Springs Police Department is about to get a major upgrade. The city of Siloam Springs is planning to build a brand-new police headquarters on U.S. Highway 412. Currently, the city is reviewing bids for the contract to build the new station. Construction is expected to start later this spring and finish by the end of this summer.

The current police station is located in downtown Siloam Springs on Broadway Street, just north of the City Administration building. The current building is a former schoolhouse and a former site of City Hall. The Police Department shares the building with a district courthouse.

According to police Capt. Geoff Lewis, the Police Department has outgrown it.

The police station regularly has roof leaks, only has one broom-closet-sized interrogation room, and was not built to handle large servers and radio equipment. According to Lewis, the department has to be careful to make sure its electronic equipment, housed in poorly ventilated closets, doesn’t overheat.

Of all the new features the new facilities will afford, Lewis said the biggest will be space.

“It won’t change how we operate, but it’s going to increase our abilities through the use of multiple interview rooms and adequately ventilated radio and server rooms,” said Lewis. “It’s going to give us much needed space.”

Even though construction on

Above are the plans the current plans for the new station. The upper most picture is a computer rendering and the lower picture is a floor plan. Both are displayed in the current police station.

the new building hasn’t started yet, the property has already had an impact on municipal operations. The property formerly housed a drug store with gas pumps. The city is now able to buy and store its own gasoline, instead of contacting a local gas station for fuel. According to Lewis, this has already cut the

Siloam Springs native. “It’s pretty great, because I’ve lived by the [current] police station my whole life and it’ll be nice to get the cop cars away from my house. I see them all the time and it’s kind of annoying.”

hassle and cost of refueling police and emergency vehicles.

The new location will give the police force a more visible presence, as well as removing their fleet from the traffic of downtown.

“The town’s getting bigger, so they need a bigger headquarters,” said Michael Kelley, freshman and





# Extend open dorm hours, says survey

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The Student Government Association asked students whether they would be interested in having extended open dorm hours when they visited the four main dorms on campus last week. SGA also put up a survey in their bathroom newsletter, the TP, and on their social media pages asking students a variety of questions, including their thoughts on extending open dorm hours. Last week’s survey results showed that having longer open dorm is the third most wanted change on campus, falling behind a Dead Day before finals week and coinless laundry.

So far most students are in support of some form of extended open dorm, but many students still have not participated in the survey. One option is extending the time on a weekday or holding open dorm on a Sunday. Another option is simply extending the existing hours. Junior Rebekah David, Hutcheson Hall resident, has mixed feelings about changing open dorm hours. She likes the way open dorm currently operates, but she would enjoy more time to spend with her guy friends. “I would love more open

dorm,” she said, “but again, I can’t think about just me.” She also expressed concern over extended hours leading to too much freedom or possible abuse of the new opportunity.

the hours is the least they can do,” said Murdock. However, some students do not want any more open dorm hours. Junior Sarah Hubbard, Mayfield resident, does not support the proposal. “Open dorm can be really noisy, making it difficult to sleep or do homework,” said Hubbard. Having longer hours or more days for open dorm could be a bigger burden for the Resident Assistants on duty, who must remain in the dorm and go on rounds during the designated time. “Though I love the idea of more open dorm, it does mean

more work for the R.A.’s,” said Mayfield R.A., Sarah White. “As an R.A. on duty, I don’t like the idea of starting open dorm any earlier,” said White. “It would interfere with dinner time...but I would be willing to go an hour later, or have a different day of the week.” SGA will continue to gather information from their online survey through late February. They will compile their results and submit a proposal to Andre Broquard, director of resident life. Altering the open dorm policy would be a major change, and an official decision could take time to be made. In the meantime, SGA is encouraging students to take part in the survey so their voices can be heard by the administration and these changes can be made on campus.

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“Yes we are adults,” she said, “but I think we need something to ground us.” Junior Elise Murdock, Mayfield resident, also supports the effort. “For the sake of people making plans, I say extending

# Enactus promotes Guatemalan coffee auction

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The coffee fungus La Roya swept through the coffee plantations in Guatemala a couple of years ago, destroying 70 percent of crops. The impact of the disease was so detrimental that Guatemalan farmers plunged into debt, accumulating loans in order to provide for their families. In an effort to help farmers recover from this setback, Enactus, partnering with Airship Coffee, today sent Guatemala Coffee Project leaders Raquel Luciani and Daniela Reyes to facilitate a coffee auction between

Guatemalan farmers and U.S. roasters. “This helps them keep their farms,” said Luciani. “The farmers will get more income to pay off their debts. These families have had farms for three or four generations. It will help empower these people to move forward.” This auction will provide an opportunity for the roasters to grade and buy coffee directly from the farmers, allowing direct trade, eliminating the middleman and increasing the profit for farmers. The Guatemala Coffee Project works directly with Airship Coffee, a small business founded by Mark Bray, who seeks to give Guatemalan farmers the ability to stabilize their farms.

“Airship Coffee was founded on the idea that we could improve lives by improving coffee quality,” stated the Airship Coffee website. “Whether on the farm or in the café, we believe that education is the key to improving coffee, and better coffee means better livelihoods for everyone involved with its creation.” Through Enactus, Airship Coffee taught farmers a new way of harvesting coffee called “dry natural process.” This new method not only improves the quality of coffee and is cost effective, but it sustains the crops without the use of water. With this new process put in place, Guatemalan farmers have a greater opportunity for their crops to be bought. “Roasters are willing

to pay a higher price for quality,” said Reyes. Enactus also helped Airship Coffee with monetary funds after receiving the Sam’s Club Step Up for Small Business Project Partnership grant. “The Sam’s Club Step Up for Small Business Project Partnership mobilizes Enactus United States teams to empower a small business to strengthen their foundation for long-term success through improved business practices,” stated the grant’s website. Enactus aided Airship coffee with planning the trips to Guatemala and accomplishing Bray’s goals. “Our goal is to support Airship Coffee,” Reyes said. “We serve him as much as we can, to help the company

grow for interest.” “We aim to help establish and sustain competitive advantage for Airship Coffee by collaborating to introduce a new super specialty coffee brand with finer flavor processed using an innovative adaptation of a centuries-old, sun-dried natural method,” stated Enactus on their application for the Sam’s Club grant. The project is also making connections with different organizations to sell Airship Coffee. The organizations with then sell the coffee as fundraising tools. “Not only are we helping the people here, but also there,” said Luciani.

# Formerly abroad students report on Irish conflict

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Students, professors and visitors gathered in the Honors Center on Tues., Feb 4, to enjoy scones, tea and cookies and to

listen as four honors students explained the various issues of conflict in Northern Ireland. The John Brown University Honors Scholars Program hosted the event, which allowed students who had studied in Northern Ireland last semester to present what they had learned during their time abroad.

Students Kacie Galloway, Elise Murdock, Maggie Willis and Sean Billups each gave a 15 minute presentation expounding on the various aspects of conflict in Northern Ireland. While some students spoke about the religious conflict between Protestants and Catholics within the nation, others spoke regarding the political conflict between the Irish Republican Army and the Ulster Volunteer Force. “This is a cycle; the conflict just keeps going,” said Willis in her presentation. “It’s meaningless. It’s happening, and people like to pretend that it’s not.” Each of these students described the contention within the nation and the need for further peace and integration between the Nationalists, Unionists, Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. They used examples of Irish art, literature and photography to further expound on the need for healing within the nation. “I thought it was really great for the honors house to put this on and let us give our presentation to people who are interested in coming or have been (to Northern Ireland),” said Galloway. “Instead of forgetting everything we learned, we can just look back and relive some of that. There is so much there that is just a mess in Northern Ireland. It gets me really interested and passionate about the conflict over there, and it’s nice to be able to share that interest with other people.” Trisha Posey, director of the Honors Scholars Program, was also enthusiastic about providing a venue for



Submitted by REBEKAH DAVID

**The Carrick-A-Rede bridge on the North Antrim coast** in Northern Ireland. The rope bridge is 66 feet long and is about 98 feet off the ground.



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**Elise Murdock (left) and Kacie Galloway** at the Giant’s Causeway on the northeast coast of Northern Ireland. Galloway and Murdock presented at the meeting last week.

the students to be able to share their research with the rest of the campus. “The students who study abroad don’t typically have an opportunity to share what they

studied in Ireland, and this gives them an opportunity to do that,” said Posey. “It’s great for us, and it’s great for them.”



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**The study abroad group from Fall 2013.** Four members of this group, honors students Kacie Galloway, Elise Murdock, Maggie Willis, and Sean Billups, presented on religious and political conflicts that they learned about during their semester.



NEWS

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Local business gets a boost from Enactus

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Heather Lanker, owner of Heather Hill clothing store and the wife of John Brown University professor Jason Lanker, teamed up with Enactus to expand her business as she transitions from selling to boutiques to selling directly to the public. “We want to expand her business through different routes,” said junior Nick Carson, leader of the project. “She developed back problems, and she made thousands of items a year by herself. We are giving her the resources and advice to approach and expand market.” As such, Enactus installed a new e-commerce site, which allows Lanker to directly receive her transactions made on her website, without using another site and receiving a fee. The daughter of Frank Huebert, the director of discipleship at John Brown University, modeled for the Heather Hill clothing store

in an effort to rebrand the small but growing company. The project also aims to set up her product sales through different channels like Pinterest, Zulily and Rue La La. Lanker’s business started after she majored in clothing design in college and began making clothes for her kids. “As a mother, I want my children to wear clothes that are as unique as they are,” said Heather Hill website. “Because I love colors and fabrics so much, I just can’t stop designing. It simply flows out of me.” Lanker sold her products to boutiques in the Arkansas area at first. After renting a more expensive booth in Rogers, she decided to rent a space in downtown Siloam Springs three years ago because it was cheaper and closer to where she lives. Lanker first connected with Enactus when one of Enactus’ leaders, Clayton Anderson, asked if she could use a grant from Wal-Mart and Coca Cola. The grants they received are Wal-Mart’s Economic Empowerment Partner

Powership and Coca Cola’s Uncap opportunities for Women (Women’s Economic Empowerment). The grants were given to Enactus groups who were equipping women with skills to expand or encourage their business. “The Women’s Economic Empowerment Project Partnership is an Enactus program sponsored by Wal-mart that empowers women by providing entrepreneurial and workforce skills through Enactus teams,” stated the grant. Enactus advised Lanker on how to minimize her cost while increasing her profit and also providing equipment to maximize her output of products said Carson. Lanker is also very involved in giving back to her community and reusing and recycling fabric. “She doesn’t waste fabrics—she uses scraps in a design she calls ‘decoupage,’” stated the application to Coca Cola’s grant. “The La-Z-Boy plant in town also donates their scrap fabrics and she uses them to make baby shoes and bags. She routinely

donates items for auction to Titus Task (local adoption support nonprofit), Remember Nhu (combating sex trade), and other nonprofits.” One of the goals for Lanker is that she will feel empowered to carry and sustain her business, said Carson. In the future, Lanker hopes to expand her business and set up a factory overseas. “I work at it as I have so many roles: as a wife, as a mother, as a designer,” said Lanker. “I hope that my children can do anything they want to do. If you love something, push to do it.”

Heather Hill

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The new website for Heather Hill, designed by Enactus students to save money for business owner Heather Lanker. Lanker is an avid designer who reuses and recycles fabrics, all while remaining active in her community.

Economic conference goes beyond charity

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Multiple departments on campus came together to coordinate the Global Development Conference this week. The Global Development Conference set out to foster new ideas among students of ways to reach out to the developing world. To bring a fresh perspective, faculty brought in Michael Miller, director and host of the PovertyCure video series. PovertyCure suggests asking, “What causes poverty?” is the wrong question, and instead, people concerned with the plight of the poor should ask what causes human flourishing. “When we see poor people, we think, how can I help?” Miller said in chapel on Tuesday. “The better question is, how do people in the developing world foster community?” On Monday, a session called “The World in 2050” focused on development patterns

and poverty elimination. Miller spoke on a panel with professor Joe Walenciak and Mark Bray of Airship Coffee and Mama Carmen’s. The session featured a student presentation as well as a preview of the PovertyCure film series. Miller spoke about being more careful with charity in chapel. “Justice can be destroyed in two ways,” Miller said, paraphrasing Thomas Aquinas, “by the violent man who has power and by the false prudence of the sage.” He gave several examples of local businesses being bankrupt when they can no longer compete with foreign aid. Though aid is helpful in times of national emergency, Miller said, continuous aid is bad for business. Miller recommended that Christians look beyond the immediate effects of their giving, and addressed the economic impact of aid-

funded abortion and even how, in countries where fewer women are being born than men, sex slavery makes women into commodities. He tackled the issue of

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objectification of people. “Poor people have become objects of our pity, our compassion and our charity,” Miller said. “Humanitarianism is a hollowed out, secular version of charity.”

Miller encouraged students to focus on building infrastructures of economic health rather than giving without reasoning. Miller grew a passion over time for spreading awareness of true cures for poverty. After studying undergraduate philosophy and literature, he lived in Japan for several years where he began to study development. “Everything was big government, sending things over,” Miller said. “It seemed like there were problems.” “I thought it would be great to try to address poverty outside of the right-and-left ways of addressing it, but also be able to talk to people in the developing world and really provide a resource outside of the dominant establishment model of how to help the poor,” Miller said. Miller’s advice to students as far as ways to become involved in changing the way Christians view poverty is simple. “The first thing is to really

think,” Miller said. “Think before you just act or do something, and take seriously the human person, all of the philosophy you are learning here and think like a Christian.” Miller understands that people want to act immediately, but he advises people to be patient. “I know it’s not exciting, because people want to go and do right now, but really take time to think before you act.” “It’s a challenge because you don’t want to be cynical, but to avoid sentimentalism, check your motivations,” Miller said. “The goal is to help human flourishing, not to feel better about ourselves.” After speaking at chapel on Tuesday, Miller spoke to graduate business students in Rogers. The week closed on Wednesday with a viewing of a segment of the PovertyCure film. The showing was followed by a round table discussion with special activities and prizes. The engineering department has already begun hosting showings of PovertyCure on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Balzer Technology Center.

Summer success: Applying for internships

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It’s that time of year again: when students start to worry about what they’ll do this summer. The prospects can seem overwhelming with the array of prestigious fellowships and local internship opportunities. However, have no fear undergrads, here is some expert advice to help successfully navigate the scholastic summer opportunities.

What do you want to do?

The first step in professional summer plans is to determine whether you want an internship, a fellowship or research work. An internship is usually an educational experience within a field and can be paid or unpaid. A fellowship is a grant to do research within a field of interest, and often requires a research proposal. Research work within a field is typically a paid, hands-on experience. There are varying levels of competition in each of the three scholastic opportunities, but fellowships tend to be the most competitive. If you’re

ambitious and full of ideas, a fellowship might be for you. Research work and internships tend to overlap, especially in paid positions. You should apply for more than one of these opportunities, focusing on the area you’re interested in the most. Brad Gambill, coordinator of prestigious fellowships and undergrad scholars, recommends choosing wisely. “You really need to make up your mind whether it’s worth the effort,” said Gambill. There are lots of places to find these opportunities. Chris Confer, director of career development, suggests students start with the list on the Career Development Center’s website at jbu.edu/cdc, but shouldn’t stop there. “A lot of our internships aren’t part of a formalized intern program, but students offered the opportunity to the employer,” Confer said. He advises approaching companies you’re interested in, focusing especially on those with which you may have an internal connection. You should then ask if there are any openings for internships. “Networking gives you an in,” he said. Linked-in is a great place to start; check chat boards

of John Brown University alumni and ask around for opportunities. Trisha Posey, director of the Honors Scholars Program, says to not forget to check out non-profit organizations you’re interested in as well. This is especially important for humanities majors. She adds that idealist.org is another great resource for finding opportunities.

Words of Wisdom

Once you’ve found a few options, your next step is to choose an adviser. The best choice for an adviser may be your current academic adviser or a professor you’ve had several classes with. “Be in communication beyond the classroom,” Gambill said. “Reach out to faculty and ask them about these sorts of opportunities.” Your adviser can help you determine which summer opportunities are best for your career path, and aid you through the application process. “As many eyes can see that application as possible,” said Posey. “It’s really important to have your advisers look over your material.” Often applications will ask for a résumé, which can

be intimidating, but there are lots of resources on the Career Development website. Additionally, Confer said, if you bring your résumé in to the Center, one of the highly trained Career Development assistants would be happy to look it over for you. Then there’s the matter of essays or statements of future plans. When it comes to these, specifics are good, Posey said. “You need to have a cohesive narrative of who you are and who you plan to be, and be able to tell it well,” she said. This is, again, where advisers come in handy.

To Whom it May Concern

One of the most crucial aspects of an application is the letter of recommendation. Choose professors who have had you in class and who will have good things to say about you. “Ask professors in person, and give them a way to say no,” Confer said. “If they pause or say they’re really busy, choose someone else. You’re looking for (professors) who you know you did really good work for.” It is essential to give two to three weeks advance notice to professors before the deadline,

as well as give specifics about what’s important that the letter conveys. Vague letters won’t help you, and professors appreciate some direction.

Be Bold

Humility is important in everyday life, but when applying for summer opportunities, there’s no reason to undersell yourself. Confer suggests a change in perspective to help you put your best foot forward. “It’s a way to worship,” he said. “It’s being able to celebrate what God has done through you in your interviews and applications.” Gambill adds that occasionally students suffer from “imposter syndrome,” the fear that everything up to this point in your life has been a sham. Gambill dismisses these fears. “JBU students tend to underestimate their abilities,” he said. “My argument is that they are good enough and should be pursuing these opportunities.” Of course, prayer never hurts. Remember to ask your friends, family and advisers to pray for you as you go through the process. Good luck!



# EDITORIAL

The Threefold Advocate

## Guard your tongues

ARE GIRLS GUILTY OF OBJECTIFYING MEN?

When you hear the word “sexism,” you typically think of an instance in which a man is ogling or harassing a woman, or telling her to make him a sandwich, right? But have you ever considered a situation in which the woman was objectifying or discriminating against the man?

We The Threefold Advocate believe that women need to be aware of just how many of their comments and actions are sexist. While we believe there is a line as to what constitutes sexism and what does not, we want women to understand that they can make their male friends uncomfortable with some of the things they say or do.

Sexism goes both ways. It may not be as common, but women do in fact objectify men. Here at John Brown University, girls make comments about how fine the rugby boys look in their shorts and have a Mayfield bathroom stall called “The Hottie Potty” decorated with pictures of attractive male celebrities.

If there was a bathroom in J. Alvin filled with pictures of attractive, scantily-clothed females, we would probably call it porn.

So why do women get away with sexism? Is it because they do not understand what they are doing when they quietly beg Chris Hemsworth to take off his shirt at the movies? Have they grown up in a culture that has become increasingly aware of the sexualization of women and thus forgotten that the same can happen to men?

Maybe, girls, you thought Kmart’s recent “Jingle Bells” commercial was hilarious, but your guy friend was unamused or embarrassed. Or perhaps discussing which male celebrities are the hottest in front of a group of guys made them uncomfortable. Maybe you have joked that the short shorts the male athletes wear were “making you stumble” or that you were just “appreciating God’s creation” (sorry, but making a Biblical reference as an excuse to stare at their legs is NOT OK.).

The problem, then, is recognizing where that fine line is drawn between what is okay and what is not. Unfortunately, it is difficult to define. Each person has his or her own boundaries. We ask you to think about how many of the things you say or do could be termed sexist.

We want to encourage the women of JBU to think about the comments they make about men and consider how to best support their brothers in Christ. Girls: be aware of what you are saying and doing, as well as the effect your actions can have on someone else’s feelings. After all, you would not appreciate it if roles were reversed.

Here at JBU we like to remind people to guard their hearts. We The Threefold ask you to guard your tongues as well.



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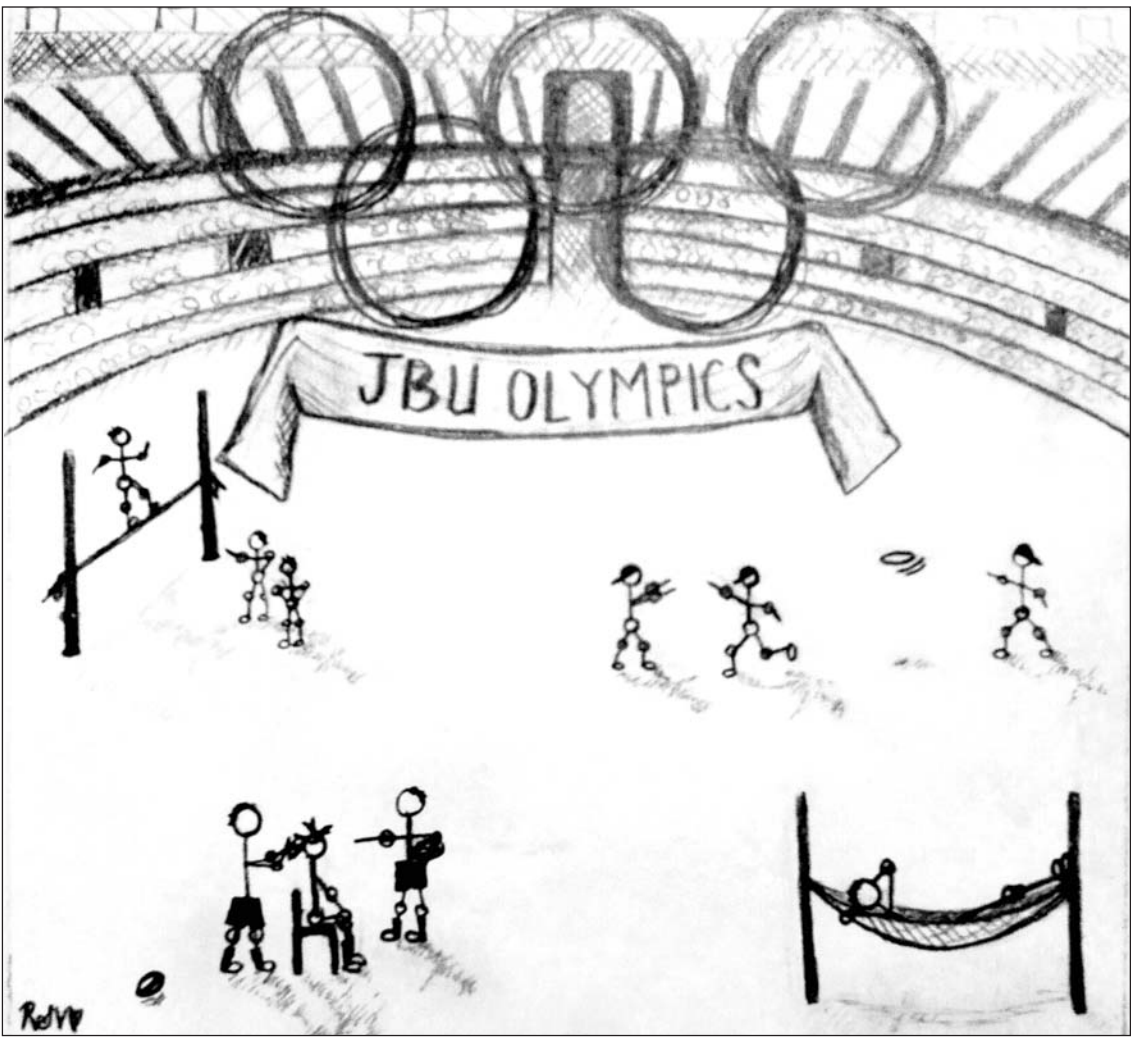
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## IF JBU HOSTED THE OLYMPIC GAMES



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## - Letter from the Editor -

Dear Readers,

This is about my recent column requesting a universal calendar. In it, I mention a “frustrated former member of the SAC.” I would like to apologize. I did not hear of this person’s frustrations from themselves. It was misunderstood hearsay from a mutual friend that I did not go to them to clarify or ask their permission to use. I misrepresented them, and for that I am sorry.

Thank you for your continued readership.  
~Hannah Wright

## Lost republican news values

LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Jon Skinner

Last week during the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, an embarrassing snafu marred an otherwise flawless ceremony. During the transformation of five giant illuminated snowflakes into the Olympic rings, one snowflake stubbornly stayed static.

A few days later news broke that the man responsible for the error was found dead. The story went viral. It was a story that perfectly encapsulated what Americans think of Russia: a nation stuck in the Soviet era, willing to eliminate anyone who gets in its way. There was only one problem with the story: It wasn’t true.

The Sochi story was from a parody news website called the Daily Currant. A quick look at the site’s other stories make clear that the story is not to be taken seriously. All the same, this one article was widely believed and discussed across campus and across the country.

The Sochi bit wasn’t the only fake news story to go viral this year. In January, an

obviously comedic hyperbolic report about 37 overdose deaths the first day pot was legal in Colorado was widely talked about and believed by many members of the public.

And just this last month a website called the Rock City Times (whose motto is “Arkansas’ second least reliable news source”) reported that Wal-Mart was planning to pay the state of Arkansas \$25

of republican values. I’m not referring to the Grand Old Party. I’m talking about the republican values of old, the idea that, as members of a democratic society, we have many responsibilities to accompany our many liberties.

Our society used to emphasize the importance of being a diligent citizen and making an effort to ensure that we as a nation are informed.

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million to move the state capital to Bentonville. Many University students believed this story. Why are people continuing to believe obviously ridiculous parody-news stories?

The answer is simple. Facebook.

No longer are trusted news outlets, websites or newspapers people’s main source of news.

Now, people are getting their news by skimming the headlines that show up in their news and twitter feeds. Anything they see is assumed to be true.

This is not a problem exclusive to social media.

The true cause is a lack

This meant fact-checking what we read.

In the era of social media, everyone can write the news. That means we as citizens need to be even more careful to make sure what we say is the truth is in fact truthful. It doesn’t just need to be considered wise to fact check. It needs to be an obligation.

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Opinions?

What are your reactions to this week’s selection of columns? Do you agree with the columnists, or disagree? Send your responses to coatesn@jbu.edu, and we will publish them as letters to the editor in next week’s edition.



# Survive Singles Awareness Day



Alex Johnson

The day is coming, and it’s coming fast. Dread begins to wash over me.

Red and pink cover both the real world and the Internet. There’s no escape.

Couples talk about what gifts they want from their beloved ones. Their chatter is painfully loud.

You obviously know why I’m afraid. That dreaded day is almost here. Valentine’s Day is only days away.

It might be more accurate to call it “Single’s Awareness Day,” though.

It’s hard to ignore that I’m single when companies push to sell chocolates and valentines, and couples plan dates all around me.

There’s no use ignoring my seemingly never-ending singleness, much less the day itself. What I need is a survival plan. Luckily, I already have

one.

First thing first: stock up on chocolate. Eating chocolate always makes me feel better, even if it’s not in some silly, heart-shaped box. Actually, it’s better that way. There’s no risk of the chocolates being stuffed with things. I want to have a good day, after all, not play the chocolate version of Russian roulette.

If you don’t have chocolate or can’t eat it, that’s OK. As long as you munch on your favorite food, that’s all that counts. Stock up on whatever that food is.

Secondly, don’t listen to love songs. It seems obvious, but it’s a really important step to surviving the day. If you listen to romantic music, you’ll end up asking yourself, “Why can’t that be me?” I know I do. Don’t risk it.

Listen to music that makes you feel like the “strong, independent woman who don’t need no man” that you are. Words can be altered in order to fit your specific gender. I highly doubt all of you unlucky singles out there are women interested in men.

You could even take yourself out on a date. I’d take myself out, but I hate social situations, so that would just make me feel worse. I’d rather be hanging out alone, eating unhealthy snacks and downing soda. If dates are

your kind of thing, however, go for it. I’m sure you’re a beautiful person who shouldn’t be held back by being alone.

Keep yourself busy. Go shopping at all your favorite stores, watch a show or movie that you really like or have been meaning to see, or work on a personal project. If I don’t have anything to do, I just end up dwelling on the fact that – oh, yeah – I’m still single. That’s the last thing I need. I’d rather be productive and do something I like than swallow tears and sadness.

Single’s Awareness Day can strike us hard, like a punch in the stomach, but you can’t just give in. I certainly can’t. I have stuff to do.

Fill up on the snacks that make you as happy as your full stomach feels. Listen to music that makes you feel strong and independent. Take yourself on a date because someone ought to.

As long as you keep yourself busy, you’ll be just fine.

Keep your head high. Valentine’s Day is just that – only a day. We only have to make it through 24 hours, and then we’re home free.

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Valentine’s Day Statistics:

- Average annual Valentine’s Day spending: \$13.19 Billion
- Number of Valentine’s Day cards exchanged annually: 180 Million
- Average number of roses produced for Valentine’s Day: 196 Million
- Percentage of Valentine’s Day cards women purchase: 85%
- Percentage of flowers men purchase: 73%
- Percentage of women who send themselves flowers on Valentine’s Day: 14%
- Amount average consumer spends on Valentine’s Day: \$116.21
- Percentage of women who would end their relationships if they didn’t receive Valentine’s Day gifts: 53%
- Americans purchase roughly 58 million pounds of chocolate in the days leading to Valentine’s Day.

# Horse and carriage romance



Rebekah Hedges

The scent of fresh garlic rolls fills my nostrils and I feel the cushion of the plastic maroon booth beneath me as I notice the leaning tower of Pisa painted on the wall.

It is a slow day at the Italian Villa, and only one other table accompanies me in the restaurant. There is little noise except the clatter of plates in the kitchen, and I cannot help but tune in to the music that plays above my head.

A few songs in Italian, some in Spanish and of course the numerous Frank Sinatra

tracks play to add to the Villa’s ambiance.

Just as another bite of the grease glistening slice of alfredo graces my lips, a song catches my attention. This line in particular, sung by Frank Sinatra himself, goes, “Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage.”

I can’t help but think to myself. Do they? Do love and marriage really go together like a horse and carriage? The song continues, “You can’t have one without the other.”

Again, I just thought to myself that those must have been the days—the days of the horse and carriage.

I know for a fact that you cannot have a carriage without a horse. It was only through the horse and carriage combination that Cinderella got to her ball, after all.

The question continues to spin in my mind: can you have one without the other?

I know that in this day in age, people will argue that there are many marriages that are based



Drawing by Jacob Hook

on love. Yet many people also argue that people have love, but don’t feel the need to have marriage.

Such a light and easy song back in those days, but I can’t help but think of many people that I know that say they have love and don’t see the need for marriage.

The first time she drove in that snow, though, was quite the terrifying and tense experience. Driving in snow was one of those things in life she had to learn by doing. Her best chance for a successful drive was to be prepared and pray for safety.

Katie made it safely through that drive. My hope is that she will always remember what I taught her about being prepared.

I credit my zero accident record in bad weather to the tips listed below. They will help anyone and everyone better face their next snowstorm.

1. At the first sign of snow, fill up the gas tank. There is no knowing how long it will be before help arrives and being stuck in a vehicle where you can’t get warm because you ran out of gas is no fun. If the gas tank is full, you will have hours of heat at your disposal and will not have to panic if someone does not come to your rescue right away.

2. After filling up the car, head to the store and pick up a small bag of kitty litter. I know this sounds ridiculous, but this will add weight to your trunk, which will keep your back-end from fishtailing as often. Also, if your car gets stuck and your tires are just spinning, pour some kitty litter underneath them. This should give you enough traction to get you moving again.

3. While at the store,

The question, “Why get married when we can just live together?” is a common thought for those who can’t see Sinatra’s point of view.

I would have to agree with Frank. Why can’t love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage? What would have to change in order to

remember to pick up non-perishable snack items, bottled water and an extra blanket. Be prepared to live in your car for a few hours, if not for a whole day. This will help ease your worry as you drive from one place to the next, but you will also be prepared to help other people who do not know how to prep for an oncoming snowstorm.

It saddens me when I see news stories about people who were stuck in their cars for hours with no food and no way to keep warm. If only someone had taught them the three tips mentioned above. They would have been better off themselves, and they could have helped others. Emergency help

restore this idea?

When love comes along for me, I don’t think I want one without the other.

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# Prepare and conquer



Emma Bentley

When my roommate Katie, a native Texan, first saw snow that stuck to the ground and piled up a few inches, her excitement was clearly evident. She couldn’t wait to go sledding, eat snow ice cream and build a snowman.

cannot always get to everyone immediately, so people have to make do with what they have in their vehicles.

Be prepared. Preparing for a snowstorm takes a few minutes at the most and will save you from a lot of worry later on.

Don’t make the mistake of getting stuck on a highway in the middle of nowhere with no one to help. Help yourself. Fill up the car, take extra blankets and provisions and don’t be in too big of hurry to get anywhere. The next snowstorm will not catch you by surprise.

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## The Threefold Advocate

# Students experience unique ministry



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A team of students worked along side Joe's Addiction staff and volunteers in Oklahoma City.

Joe's Addiction is a coffee shop in the "red light" district of Oklahoma City run by John and Jamie Zumwalt. They have a mission to foster community and

develop meaningful relationships with people from every background. According to their website, many who hang out at Joe's are committed to living life together, walking together and serving the surrounding community.

The team was comprised of 14 JBU students and one staff

member. Each person experienced something different while there, but came back with a unifying understanding of what evangelism truly means.

"Joe's Addiction is a family,"

said Rebekah Veldhuizen, junior. She loved the time the team spent getting to know the people who came to the coffee shop and ministry.

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“Joe’s Addiction is a family,”

Daniel McCarley, sophomore, defined Joe's Addiction as a 24/7 church.

"Joe's Addiction is a place where anyone from any walk of life can come and receive love," said Mick Silvers, sophomore, "It's the definition of a true community."

The students saw a different version of church than they were used to, the services were unique they worshipped to a Bob Marley song and shared what the congregation called “prouds” and “sorrvs” in front of the body.

The team's understanding and approach to what missions means transformed during their weekend with the Zumwalts. They found it to be more than

Austin Robertson, coordinator of student success, and junior Tiffany Tucker led the team.

Tucker defined missions as spreading the love and message of Jesus across all ends of the earth.

"It is a necessary duty," said McCarley. "I am not motivated to evangelize, except for that fact that I am called to."

"Missions to me is all about relationships," said Silvers. "We are not called to bash people with the Bible to just get them saved, but called to love people for who they are and where they are at in life. If we can build relationships and love people, then God will do the rest."

Veldhuizen views missions as “living out the Great Commission” with what God has given.

Robertson's view of missions is that it is about more than the unreached people groups and it can take place everywhere. He described it as, "living our lives in a way to bring Christ the most glory in the act of leading others to follow him as well."



Submitted by Lauren Drogo

## Sidney Van Wyk

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John Brown University had the opportunity last week to learn about the influence of Greek myths on C.S. Lewis' works from a member of the Oxford Studies Program.

Jonathan Kirkpatrick is the director of studies in Classics as well as a lecturer in Classics and the history of art.

"I enjoy Classics because they aim to explain something in our own society," said Kirkpatrick.

Because of his background, Kirkpatrick approaches C.S. Lewis and his works in a very different way from most scholars.

"Lewis was trained in Classics and you can see that influence in his literature," said Kirkpatrick.

While at the University, Kirkpatrick spoke in particular about how Bacchus, the Greek god of wine and revelry, influenced Lewis' portrayal of Prince Caspian in "Voyage of the Dawn Treader".

introduced to his primary area of study while he was in grade school in Surrey, England. In England, many students begin to learn Greek and Latin as part of their primary schooling.

Schooling also becomes very focused much more quickly. Kirkpatrick decided to continue to explore the ancient languages and their stories, eventually adding Jewish studies with a specific focus on Palestine around the time of Christ.

Kirkpatrick has been involved in the Oxford Study Program for nearly a decade, first as a junior dean, which is similar to a resident director, before becoming a lecturer.

"It's pretty much a joy," said Kirkpatrick. He said the most difficult part of being a lecturer with the program is getting to know students so well during a very special, very short time.

“People tend to come and go very quickly, though it was harder as a resident director,” said Kirkpatrick.

Senior Amy Angell was tutored by Kirkpatrick in history of art when she went to Oxford in the fall semester of 2012.

“I was kind of intimidated at first,” said Angell of Kirkpatrick. “Not because he’s not friendly but because I would leave tutoring sessions feeling I needed to read more.”

The two of them would meet twice a week in a small café downstairs from the art museum at Oxford to discuss Angell's previous assignment. Then they would walk upstairs and look at the many different pieces she wrote about.

At Oxford, tutors are the primary instructors for a student, and lectures are supplemental to what is discussed and assigned. Angell said this process works differently for long-term students.

Kirkpatrick said the program is very academically focused, but students often find it very freeing to have so much independence as they are, "left to their own devices for a week."

Angell agreed; she would sometimes spend seven hours in the library researching and working on her papers. She said it was challenging, but she loved

it.

"It wasn't busy work, it was all stuff that mattered to me," said Angell.

Students have to be able to motivate themselves and work

without being directed.

"It's much easier to know what you are suppose to do and jump through hoops," said Kirkpatrick.



KLARA JOHANNESEN/The Threefold Advocate

**Jonathan Kirkpatrick discusses** the relationship between C.S. Lewis and Classical figures. Around 100 students attended the event last week, hosted by the Honors Scholars Program.



# LIFESTYLES

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Happy Chinese  
New Year!!!!



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The smell of dumplings fills the air, while floured hands delicately pinch the dough enclosing the delicious meat and vegetable recipe. Mandarin flows in and out of the conversation among the sounds of laughter, ping-pong and guitar.

Chinese New Year came early this year and did not go unnoticed in Siloam Springs. For 2014, the Lunar New

Year celebration in America, hosted by engineering and construction management professor, Tim Gilmour.

"New Year's Eve is a big celebration back home. It's like Christmas Day for us," Clemenger said. "During the whole season they always visit each other and share time drinking and eating meals together, which is a lot of what the holiday is about for me."

Living with a Chinese roommate in college and visiting China three different times inspired Gilmour to host his own

set off to scare away evil spirits," said Clemenger. "The louder the firecrackers, the better to chase away the demons."

Gilmour also acknowledged the superstitions that come with Chinese New Year traditions, such as the zodiac calendar animals, ideas about 'good luck' and making money.

"I kind of reject the superstitious ideas, as it is more an occasion to get together and fellowship," Gilmour said. Gilmour said he views all holidays as a means of bringing Christians and non-Christians



REBEKAH HEDGES/The Threefold Advocate

Year began on Jan. 31 and will end with a spring festival coincidentally on Valentine's Day. Freshman Anne Clemenger, raised 18 years of her life in Beijing explained that Chinese New Year lasts 15 days.

"It was so nice to be reminded that there are other people that understand my background and go through the same thing during this time of the year," Clemenger said after she attended her first a

Chinese.

"I like to provide a place where international students don't have to feel lonely during [a] time when all their friends back home are getting together. They can feel like they have a place to go to," Gilmour said.

A traditional Chinese New Year celebration includes making jiaozi and Chinese dumplings, shooting off fireworks and gathering with family.

"Originally, fireworks were

together.

"The love of Christ can shine out to those people who don't know Jesus and attract them," Gilmour said.

While most Americans celebrate Valentine's Day or "Singles Awareness Day" tomorrow, the sky will be full of lanterns as China celebrates the spring festival that marks the end of the Lunar New Year celebrations.

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# SPORTS

## The Threefold Advocate

# Behind the scenes

Women's basketball practice



Photo by J. PABLO GARCIA

**Head Coach Jeff Soderquist observes his team** as they run a drill down the court. The team will face Waylad Baptist tonight during their Sink Pink game to raise cancer awareness in Bill George Arena at 6 p.m.

## Colleen Cornett

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In an empty Bill George Arena with popcorn kernels and soda lids from the previous nights game all over the bleachers, the Golden Eagle women's basketball team gathered for practice.

The girls began warming up by taking 3-point baskets and stretching, the team split between the two sides of the court. Head coach Jeff Soderquist and assistant coach Von Eshnaur watched intently, preparing to get the practice started.

With a loss the night before against Oklahoma City as well as a game the next day to prepare for, the team was focused and ready to work.

Soderquist then called the girls to mid-court after a quick water break where everyone grabbed hands, circling the eagle, and shared in a team prayer.

The team split back into two and went to their respective sides of the court where they began working on drills.

The sense of unity among the team could be sensed without anyone saying a word.

On one end of the court, half of the team began working on free-throw shots, each player with

their own unique method of shot preparation.

The team then gathered together again and was split into “blue” and “white” teams. Soderquist then began to discuss the issues he had noticed in previous games that they would begin to work on.

“I think this is a situation that gave us a little trouble second half,” Soderquist explained to his team.

He then rehashed the different scenarios that had caught the Golden Eagles by surprise and caused more harm than good.

Soderquist explained a solution to the challenge presented such as stopping the ball in transition and not letting the other team get possession of rebound balls.

"I think that will frustrate them," Soderquist said to the team.

This practice was taking place the night before Monday's game against Wayland Baptist, a game that the Golden Eagles won 72-63.

During the game, senior Sierra Shipley set a career-high 28 points.

The Golden Eagles will face Texas Wesleyan tonight at 6 p.m..



Photo by J. PABLO GARCIA

**Assistant Coach Von Eshnaur** throws senior Morgan Ankrom the ball in a drill during practice. Eshnaur was actively involved throughout the entire practice, available for the team whenever they needed his assistance.



Photo by J. PABLO GARCIA

**The Golden Eagle women's basketball team and coaches pray** together at half-court surrounding the eagle in Bill George Arena before practice on Sunday. The team is currently 10-4 in conference play.





## Tonight - Bill George Arena - 6 p.m.

Come join JBU basketball and cheer in raising awareness of cancer and raising money in partnership with the LIVESTRONG program through the Northwest Arkansas YMCA. T-shirts can be purchased from the cheer team for \$10.

## Victory over Wayland sets men 5-9 in conference play



Submitted by SPORTS INFORMATION  
Sophomore Kofi Josephs takes a 3-point shot during Monday's game against Wayland Baptist. The Golden Eagles won 90-86.

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After a John Brown University win Monday over Wayland Baptist, the men's basketball team is currently 5-9 in coference play. Wayland began the match with a quick 4-0 lead, but the match was tied 10-10 with six minutes left on the clock. JBU was able to hold Wayland off from there on out with the exception of a 12-12 tie with 13 minutes left in the first half. Senior Gilbert Gyamfi and sophomore Kofi Josephs were the teams highest scorers, each scoring 23 of the 90 JBU points. According to a recap of the game from director of sports information Nicholas Robinson, Freshman Quinton Smith, "has delivered offensively for John Brown as of late," scoring 16 points on a 3-of-5 mark from three-point range on Monday. Joesphs had the highest number of rebounds at 9 and highest number of assists at 3.

Phillips had the highest number of steals at 2, Smith with the highest number of blocks at 2. The Golden Eagles as a team had 11 offensive rebounds, 39 defensive rebounds, 12 turnovers, three steals and 10 bench points. Tonight, the men will face Texas Wesleyan, ranked fourth in the NAIA in assists per game. Wesleyan's leaders in points and steals is No. 10 Jorge Redmon, no. 12 Kenny Rhymes leads in assists. JBU's individual leaders are Josephs with points per game, Phillips with assists per game, and junior Max Hopfgartner with blocks. The men's game will take place at 8 p.m. in Bill George following the women's "Sink Pink" basketball game at 6 p.m. A full recap, play-by-play and box-score of Monday's game against Wayland Baptist can be found at: [www.jbuathletics.com](http://www.jbuathletics.com)

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@tennisguybaker: "Girls played great! Too bad OCU played like thugs!! #GoJBU"

@eli\_ferr11: "Game day!!!! #goJBU #IBelieveInMyTeam"

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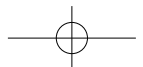
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BASKETBALL

Senior Sierra Shipley scored a career-high 28 points in Monday's game against Wayland Baptist. Her junior year, Shipley started in all 30 games and paced her team in scoring, averagine 11.7 points per game and 5 rebounds per game.





# SPOTLIGHT

The Threefold Advocate

## Valentines Day HOT SPOTS

Written by: Kori Lancaster

### First Date:

Dogwood Junction Bike Shop- Rent a bench surrey or tandem bike for a casual way to experience Siloam. 9am-6pm

Cathy's Corner - Stop in for an inexpensive home-style lunch or breakfast. Discount with JBU ID. 6am-2pm

### Six Month Date:

Taqueria El Rancho - A great place to get an inexpensive, authentic Honduran meal. 10am-8pm

Two Gals' Junk- Go antiquing! Discount with JBU ID. 10am-5:30pm

### Anniversary:

28 Springs - Celebrate your special day dining at this upscale, modern restaurant. 11am-10pm

Natural Falls State Park- Cross over into West Siloam Springs, Okla. to experience this secluded waterfall. 8:30am-8:30pm (open 24 hours for campers)

### Friend Date:

Barnett's Dairyette - Swing by this authentic American diner for a milkshake or fries. 10am-9pm

Siloam Springs Museum- Learn more about the history of Siloam. 10am-5pm

### Singles:

Café on Broadway - Enjoy some soup and a sandwich in a quiet corner. 7am-12am.

Local Flair Art Gallery- Spend an afternoon experiencing the art of NWA locals. 11am-6pm