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Golden Eagles grab first ever season title

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Bill George Arena will have a new banner next season. The men's basketball team's goal is to add a few more.

The Golden Eagles won their first ever Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title with a thrilling 84-78 win over Lubbock Christian in double overtime on Saturday.

The 13-1 Eagles' conference title guarantees the Eagles a No. 1 seed in the SAC Tournament and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament.

They also moved up to an all-time best No. 3 ranking in this week's edition of the NAIA Coaches poll.

They will close out their regular season schedule with a visit to Mid-America Christian today and

a Saturday home finale against Oklahoma Baptist.

The Eagles celebrated their title after the win over LCU, thanking the fans and cutting down the net in Bill George Arena.

"Our league's had the most success of any league in the country over the last 11 years ... and I strongly feel it's the best league in the country," said head coach Clark Sheehy. "To be able to win a conference regular season championship means a significant amount to us ... because it means we've had a good run where we've won a lot of games."

The last win was the most difficult, with the Eagles down double digits for much of the game.

After falling behind 20-6 to the Chaps nine minutes into the game, the Eagles clamped down defensively and slowed the Chaps' momentum.

"We started off turning it over too much, and ... Lubbock was able to get some easy baskets because of our offensive ineffectiveness early on," Sheehy said. "As we got a little more settled in their offense was not as good."

The Eagles still struggled offensively, though, shooting 31.8 percent from the field in the first half and eventually letting the deficit increase to 30-13 with 3:20 left in the first half. It could have been a bigger deficit if not for the first half seven-point performance of senior Coleson Rakestraw.

"Coleson ... hit some shots when we were struggling offensively to get going," Sheehy said. "He made a couple of plays to keep it within striking distance."

Senior EJ McWoods then had five straight points off turnovers to



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Head Coach Clark Sheehy cuts down the net in celebration of the Golden Eagles' first Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title. The men beat Lubbock Christian 84-78 in double overtime to secure the win.

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FAMILY WEEKEND SPECIAL

Three apples do not fall far from the family tree

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For three young men, attending John Brown University and rooming with childhood friends runs in the family.

Senior Joe Randol and juniors Tim Luff and Brian Mellema grew up within 10 minutes of each other in Colorado Springs, Col. They were coached in basketball by their fathers and heard many stories about their parents' time in college.

Their fathers, Rod Randol, Bob Luff and Dan Mellema, grew up together, graduated from the University in the 1980s with majors in business administration and all moved back to Colorado Springs where they married University graduates and settled down.

Looking back on his days at the University, Luff talked about nights working in the cafeteria.

"On Sunday nights, the staff turned over meal preparation to the students working in [the cafeteria]," Luff reflected. "There were good times involving frozen cookie dough and jello squares."

Randol remembered events such as throwing water balloons and snowballs

across the J. Alvin atrium, which was not yet roofed over. All the water tossing created a mess.

"It was muddy and ugly in the middle," said Randol, but "it was our pit."

Pam Luff said the three fathers are much

the same now as they were in college, "funny and crazy."

"They were and still are wonderful, lifelong friends that can pick up where they

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Submitted by: SUE MELLEMA

The three fathers pass on their friendship to their three sons. Both the elder and younger Luffs, Mellemas and Randols were friends and roommates at the University.

KLRC makes the switch



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Members of the KLRC staff prepare to flip the switch to 90.9 FM at the Tenth Avenue North concert in Fayetteville. The sold-out show on Saturday was part of an evening of celebrating the launch of the new radio signal on Monday. The previous signal broadcast at a strength of 6,000 watts, with translators in Springdale and Bentonville. The new signal boosts the station to 100,000 watts, expanding KLRC's coverage area into Missouri and Oklahoma.

Arkansas gun bill sparks discussion

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John Brown University officials are discussing whether or not to allow professors to carry guns on campus.

The topic is up for debate because the Arkansas House of Representatives passed a bill on Feb. 15, which would allow trained and licensed staff and faculty to carry a concealed handgun on a university, college or community college campus under certain circumstances.

Other states such as Colorado currently do allow guns on campus and are considering legislation which would ban it, according to a Huffington Post

article. The Associated Press reported that 28 states currently permit concealed weapons on campus, while 21 have laws forbidding it.

The Arkansas measure, Bill 1243, is backed by Governor Mike Beebe and is expected to pass the Senate, according to political news site Capitol Hill Blue. Legislators amended the bill to allow private colleges or university governing bodies to opt out.

The University has the chance to disallow this bill to affect its campus. In the aftermath of recent mass shootings, the University has seen the need for a response.

Scott Wanzer, director of

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Speaker’s story shows what love can do

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Love does. It is the title of Bob Goff’s New York Times best-selling book and the topic of his chapel sermon during the first half of Leadership Week sponsored by the Soderquist Business Center.

The week’s theme is “Saving the World, Step 1: Secretly incredible in a world obsessed by celebrity.” Goff provided a simple answer to the problem in his message Tuesday.

“Let’s be extravagant with our love,” he exclaimed.

With sweeping hand gestures and an animated voice, Goff gave example after example of how he has loved extravagantly. Whether crowd-surfing a pastor, chatting on walkie-talkies with a sick neighbor or rescuing hundreds of Ugandan children from jail cells and witch doctors, Goff portrayed exactly what “love does.”

Goff referenced 1 John 3:18, which states God’s children do not “love with words and speech but with actions and truth.” He said he realized one day that he was “stalking” Jesus. He had gathered all this information about Jesus, but he was not doing anything with it.

Goff said we “do stuff” to answer two questions:

1. Who are ya?
2. What do you want?

Once students know the answers to those two questions, they can begin to “live out a

life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Goff then told the story of a pastor who invited him to speak. Two days before he came, the pastor called and said his son had been diagnosed with leukemia. When Goff came to speak, instead of having the congregation symbolically lay hands on the pastor, he had them crowd-surf the pastor so everyone could physically hold him up.

“When people ask me what is the body of Christ, do you know what it is?” Goff asked. “You guys crowd-surfing each other. You do not live a symbolic faith. When tough stuff happens on this campus and in your family, you crowd-surf each other. You hold each other up.”

Goff went on to say that if students are going to live a life worthy of their calling, then they cannot be afraid. God commanded Joshua, Jeremiah, Abram and the disciples, “Be not afraid.”

When Goff discovered his neighbor had been diagnosed with cancer, he decided he was not going to call her anymore. Instead, he went to Radio Shack and bought a pair of walkie-talkies. From then on, they only chatted through the walkie-talkies, even in the hospital. Goff said she may not have long in this world, but she is no longer afraid.

Goff ended with a story of one of his trips to Uganda. There he met a little boy he called Charlie, who had survived an encounter with a



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Author and attorney Bob Goff demonstrates his fear of inflating balloons. He used the balloon to show how Christians should love extravagantly, without fear.

witch doctor who sacrificed children. Through Charlie’s testimony, Goff was able to prosecute the witch doctor and save many children’s lives.

The encounter led to

many more incredible events including:

- Goff becoming the Consul to Uganda
- The salvation of the prosecuted witch doctor,

which in turn led to the salvation of many prisoners on death row

- The transformation of witch doctor’s practices of child sacrifice in the Ugandan bush.

“We lift each other up,” Goff said. “No more symbolic faith. We aren’t just settling for that anymore. We do that in this campus in tough times and bad times, we will change our world. And it starts right here in Siloam Springs.”

Students reflected on his message and thought about what it would take to live a life worthy of their calling.

“Like he said today, being afraid, a lot of times personally that is my biggest hold back,” junior Chase Skelton said. “I am afraid of what people think of me or what will happen, but we just have to love extravagantly.”

After the Q and A session in the Soderquist Business Center, students took away the idea they must be persistent. Senior Andrea Good said she really resonated with Goff’s story of being rejected from law school and waiting outside the office for 11 days until the dean finally told him to grab his books.

“Things suck now but you keep pushing through it,” she said. “You love people with the love of Christ. Yeah, love does.”

Jon Acuff, author and blogger known for “Stuff Christians Like,” will speak in chapel today for the second half of Leadership week.

Education program enables students to minister

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Teachers access the largest unreached people group in the world, said Margo Turner, professor of education at John Brown University.

“There are 80 million kids in the public schools in the U.S.,” Turner said. “For some, their only positive role model is their teacher. For 180 days a year, seven hours a day, teachers have the chance to impact kids.”

To help prepare Christian teachers to fulfill the Great Commission in this mission field, as Turner described it, the college of education now offers a graduate program at the University.

Gloria Gale, associate dean of the College of Education, hoped for a graduate program of education since 2003 when the graduate counseling programs were just beginning to take off.

“Our grad students and alumni have for years

encouraged us to start an education program,” said Gale.

For various reasons, including market readiness and student interest, the University did not start work on the program until 2010.

The program began last semester, and offers three concentrations. Graduate students can get their Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction with a focus in teaching English to speakers of other languages, Teacher as Leader or initial licensure.

Each focus offers a unique benefit. The English program grants an English as a second language endorsement for new teachers. Gale said this is in high demand in the current job market.

The teacher as leader focus gives students the training to assist other teachers and school administrators in new education and curriculum techniques.

This focus is for teachers who “don’t want to leave the classroom, but are ready for and have the capacity for more responsibility,” Gale said.

Initial licensure gives

teaching certification to students who did not graduate with an education-related bachelor’s degree.

“They learn a lot of the same things as [education] majors, but in a graduate setting,” said Gale. “This is an opportunity for people ... to go deeper into what God wants them to do.”

“There’s no greater mission field than the mind of a child.”
-Margo Turner

Turner agreed.

“There’s no greater mission field than the public school, the mission school or the places like Uganda where there is no school,” she said. “There’s no greater mission field than the mind of a child.”

Turner teaches one of the two classes offered to students this semester, Human Intellect and the Brain. While she covers the science of learning, Gale covers the spiritual aspect in

her class, Christian Foundations in Instructional Facilitation.

She and Turner are glad to teach the eight students in the program, but Gale is most excited about what students can do for local schools.

“Part of having a master’s program is entering into the realm of educational research,” Gale said.

Research projects are required for graduation, so each student will be working with a local school.

“The idea is to leave a gift with the school ... so that what they do is valuable,” said Gale.

Earlier this month, the program held a lunch on campus to provide information to current undergraduate students who may be interested in pursuing their masters. A handful of students attended, including junior Laticia Warren.

Warren is an English education major, but said she wanted more information about the University’s graduate program as she considers if and when to get a graduate degree.

“Undergraduates at JBU might want to think about

the JBU grad program for education because it gives them an opportunity to focus on their content area as an undergrad and then go back as a grad student to get licensed to teach, if they’ve decided they want to do that,” she added.

Cliff Murphy, graduate education representative, encouraged students to consider pursuing graduate school.

The program schedule is set up for people already working as teachers, he said. Applying is also simple for students who receive their undergraduate degree at the University because much of the required information is already in the system.

Both Gale and Turner hope that undergraduates from the University will go on to join the program in the coming semesters.

“Children are not just pots to fill and send off,” Gale said. “You can ignite a fire inside of them.”

“We invite students who are serious about living God’s mission,” said Turner. “The world needs better teachers.”

Family Weekend 2013

Daily Schedule

FRIDAY

8 a.m. Registration begins (Walker Student Center)

9 a.m. Visit a Class

10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Chapel (Cathedral of the Ozarks)

4 to 5 p.m. Bible Department Student Paper Symposia (2nd Floor, Mabee Center, Soderquist Board Room)

7:30 p.m. “The Pink Panther Strikes Again” Student Theater Production (Berry Performing Arts Center)
*Meet the cast at the reception immediately following.
*Tickets should be purchased in advance at jbu.edu/tickets.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. President’s Open House (Pollard Home)

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family Brunch and Bible Department Used Book Sale (Kresge Dining Hall)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art Galleries open (Windgate East and West)

10:30 a.m. Ultimate Frisbee Game (Field behind tennis courts)

11 a.m. Rugby Match (Rugby Pictch)

1 p.m. “The Pink Panther Strikes Again” Student Theater Production (Berry Performing Arts Center)

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pool Open (Walton Lifetime Health Complex)

3 p.m. (Women’s) and 5 p.m. (Men’s) Basketball Games JBU Golden Eagles vs. Oklahoma Baptist (Bill George Arena)

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Student Talent and Variety Show (Cathedral of the Ozarks)
*Two identical shows, winners announced at end of 9 p.m. show.

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Talent and Variety Show Reception (Walker Student Center)

Colombian professor celebrates US citizenship

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Surrounded by friends, faculty and students, Ivan Iglesias celebrated an important milestone this past Friday: his official status as a citizen of the United States.

The University held a celebration for Iglesias, a Spanish language professor, in the Soderquist Business Center atrium.

Born in Barranquilla, Colombia, Iglesias came to the U.S. in 2000 to pursue a master’s degree at the University of Arkansas. While studying modern languages at the Universidad del Atlántico, Iglesias was notified of a partnership the school had with the U of A.

He completed an application, the required English exam and an interview. As part of the two-year scholarship, he was granted a teaching assistant position and a student visa.

Two years passed quickly though, and Iglesias faced a crossroads. In order to stay in the U.S., he either needed to continue in higher education with a doctoral degree or get married.

He wanted to do both, but chose to focus first on marrying his wife, whom he met while at



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Fellow professors examine Ivan Iglesias’ certificate of naturalization during the celebration of his newly received U.S. citizenship on Monday. Iglesias is originally from Colombia, but has lived in Arkansas with his wife and two children for over a decade.

the U of A. With their union, he was granted resident status.

For a while, Iglesias felt perfectly content in remaining a Colombian citizen.

He lived and taught in Virginia for a few years, but made his way back to Arkansas, where his wife was originally from.

Four years ago, he joined the faculty here at the University.

With more and more time passing, Iglesias realized that his future lay in America. His wife and children were American citizens, his friends were here and he had built his career in the U.S.

“The more I live and see, the more thankful I am for the United States,” he said.

He decided to apply for U.S. citizenship and started the

application process around the end of October.

The process included an online application, finger printing session, interview and test of English language assessment and American history. While some aspects, such as the historical questions, were more challenging, Iglesias was happy that it went by fairly fast.

Students and horses work to change lives

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The New Life Ranch program, Right Lead, will begin a new semester of serving at-risk children by way of horsemanship next week.

John Brown University students will visit the ranch for two hours each week and mentor first through 12th graders by using horses to teach them how to love and receive love.

The program pairs up every child with a horse and mentor that he or she will work with throughout the semester. Kerri Brown, Right Lead founder, created the program in 1998 with the assumption that children connect well with animals. As the program developed, Brown discovered that at-risk children in particular open up to others when around horses.

Sophomore Melissa Lloyd volunteered with Right Lead during her freshman year and said watching the bond form between a child and horse astounded her.

“Something special happens when a child is with a horse,” Lloyd said.

Lloyd said her mentee’s personality transformed whenever she came in contact with her horse.

“My mentee had learning disabilities, and she was very

hyperactive and a little bit slower than all the others,” Lloyd said. “When she would see Penny the horse, she would just run up to her and grab her face and just look at her big eyes. My mentee would just calm down. It was like a peace. She loved Penny.”

Each session begins with conversations between the children and mentors while they groom and saddle their horses. The next half-hour is dedicated to a lesson in horsemanship, after which everyone comes together for the weekly Bible study. The session ends after students and mentors paired up and discussed the Bible study lesson during a half-hour of one-on-one time.

Mentors paired with younger children spend the majority of their time playing games. Their job description consists simply of having fun with them.

Mentoring high school students requires a different approach.

“In high school, the kids aren’t as receptive to having a mentor,” said junior Lynnette McClarty, the leader of the University’s Right Lead ministry. “It takes on a more serious tone. You’re their friend, but important issues such as, ‘why shouldn’t I get drunk or have sex with my boyfriend’ come up. You connect with them by listening mostly. Asking what’s going in their lives and accepting them even if they don’t accept you.”

Mentors cited patience as a critical characteristic for mentors to have.

“There’s not a lot of instant gratification,” McClarty said.

Sophomore Joshua Fritz said mentors must learn to trust that God uses them even when they do not see any changes in the lives of their mentees.

“Something special happens when a child is with a horse.”
-Melissa Lloyd

“A lot of times with the students I’d be like, ‘I don’t feel like I’m getting across to this kid at all. I don’t feel like he’s listening. I don’t feel like I’m doing anything at all,’” Fritz said.

Fritz said God frequently surprised him by working in those moments.

“There’s a kid this last semester that wouldn’t show up very often,” Fritz said. “He was all over the place. Very hyperactive. Bouncing off the walls. Then one week, he started rattling off some of the memory verses we learned. He started talking about lessons we learned two weeks ago. He was getting something from it.”

Fritz said he learned through that experience to never assume God is not working in particularly difficult situations.

“I feel like a lot of times

when we feel like God’s not teaching anybody is when He’s teaching people the most,” Fritz said. “They might just not be outwardly showing it.”

Sometimes the children never outwardly show any receptivity, and mentors have to simply trust their efforts are not wasted.

“I have to believe that seed will grow into what it’s supposed to later on down the road,” McClarty said. “I have to be like, ‘all right Lord, I’ve done my part. Now the rest is in your hands.’”

Looking back on past semesters of serving with the Right Lead, mentors said God used the program to deepen their relationships with Him.

“Some days I didn’t feel like anything significant happened,” sophomore Makayla Schultz said. “It grew my faith, trusting that God would fill in gaps that I left. That even if my words fell short, that He would still use even my presence of just being there for her as a testimony of His love.”

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campus safety, explained the current system.

“None of our security officers are armed,” he said. “If a shooter were on campus, our first reaction would be to call local law enforcement.”

Wanzer said the University plans to do what it takes to keep it safe and is not reluctant to make changes in the current security model.

“We feel that we have a safe town and campus, and we strive to be more aware and prepared in the case of an emergency,” Wanzer said.

Wanzer said the University feels that allowing staff members to carry concealed weapons would be counterproductive because of the lack of training experience. University officials are currently developing a spectrum to evaluate

who they would feel with comfortable carrying concealed weapons.

The University has not addressed whether to encourage staff to acquire the necessary skills to carry a concealed weapon, Wanzer added.

Steve Beers, vice president of student development, said, “Our local police department is close enough and have been responsive. We have a lot of faith in their ability.”

Beers said with the amount of confusion involved in the case of a tragic event, it would be better to have trained officials. The University’s decision is more pragmatic, and the principle is to be prepared. Threats are taken more seriously and arise more than they did 20 years ago, he added.

If the bill becomes state law, the president’s cabinet will vote on the most prudent action.

Alyssa Funburg, freshman, said

she trusted the professors.

“If it came down to it, I think our professors, who operate from a Christian perspective, would be able to react responsibly,” she said. “Jesus does say to arm and defend yourself.”

Funburg believes if a gun were needed to prevent a tragedy, using it would be okay. The point of an official having one is to diminish disadvantages.

Funburg also said campus safety officers should be armed, since anybody can dial 911. She believed that seeing some person carrying a gun is scary, but seeing a police officer or campus safety officer with a gun would make her feel safe.

Sophomore Serenity Domenico said just seeing a person with a handgun invokes fear.

“Who will be carrying guns next, daycare workers?” she asked.

Bill Stevenson, director of international admissions and

student services, agreed to some degree with Funburg.

“I would be for Scott Wanzer to carry a weapon,” he said. “As the director of security who was a former police officer; I would support him to carry but that is where I draw the line.”

He personally experienced a potentially dangerous situation. After receiving his degree around 1989, Stevenson served as a University security officer.

One day, an armed man walked to the library and got in a fight with another man for sleeping with his wife.

“In a matter of minutes, a tragedy could occur,” Stevenson said. “We live in a fallen world. God expects us to govern responsibly.”

Stevenson convinced the man to hand over his hand gun, which he turned over to police.

“I was not prepared and felt vulnerable,” Stevenson said.

On Jan. 25, Iglesias was granted official U.S. citizenship in a ceremony at the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Fort Smith, Ark.

His next step will be obtaining an American passport.

Now that all is said and done, Iglesias is content and joyous in his decision. He said his wife, who helped and encouraged him along the way, is probably even happier.

But he also admitted that he cannot deny being Colombian is a significant part of his identity.

When Iglesias told his son that he had become American, the little boy immediately corrected him.

“No, Daddy, you’re an American citizen,” he reminded his father.

And there in that moment, something clicked.

“In my heart, I am still Colombian,” Iglesias said. “My son was really right.”

Even if the U.S. does not recognize him as a dual citizen, Iglesias now proudly sees himself as belonging to both Colombia and America.

In the Bubble

Celebrate Black History

Soul Food Day is on Feb. 27 in the Kresge Dining Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. MOSAIC is showing “Good Deeds” by Tyler Perry at 7 p.m. on Feb. 28 in Bynum Theater.

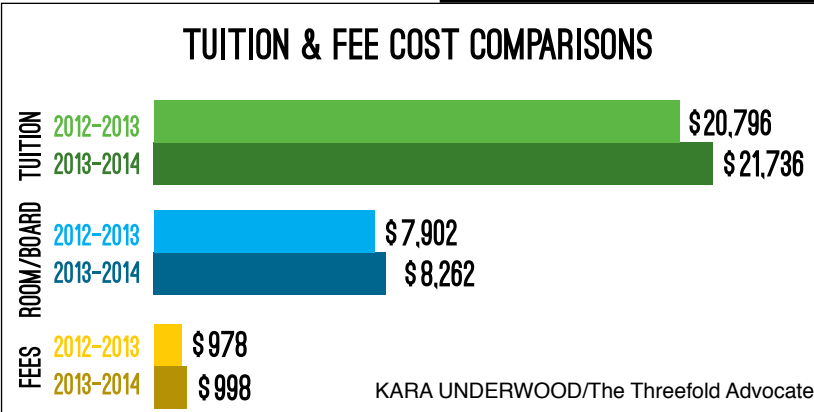
Out of the Bubble

Musical comes to Siloam

Sager Creek Arts Center announced the upcoming production of “In This House.” This thought-provoking musical, was produced as part of an effort to revitalize downtown Siloam Springs. Shows are Feb. 22 and 23, March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Correction

In Issue 15 of The Threefold Advocate, a graphic showed the tuition, room and board and fee increases for the 2013-2014 year. The graph below is a more accurate representation of these changes.



Comfort of community

COMING TOGETHER IN A TIME OF NEED

Over the weekend, the campus of John Brown University faced a difficult situation – dealing with the loss of one of our own.

Such an event is never easy, and we recognize that many members of the University are affected by this on a very personal level. While we clearly wish this tragedy had never happened, we at the Threefold Advocate are thankful and appreciative for the way the community has come together.

During the Sunday evening service, we watched people be the body of Christ for one another. Students held friends in long hugs. Both friends and faculty members prayed with those hurting. The pain and the hurt of the situation are real. And yet in the midst of the darkness, the light of Christ’s love poured from person to person.

As Chaplain Rod Reed said Sunday night, this can be a time of asking “why?” We join him in urging the University community to simply be there for those hurting rather than necessarily trying to answer those questions.

To those who knew the student personally – our prayers and compassion go out to you.

To those who are not directly impacted – we encourage you to be there for your friends who are or for those who know them and are seeking to comfort them.

In Luke 4, the evangelist tells of Christ reading from the book of Isaiah the promise that God’s anointed one came “to heal the brokenhearted.” Jesus then declared that he was the fulfillment of that prophesy. While our emotions do not always seem to agree with that truth, we pray that you may feel the comfort of Christ.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 1 of the comfort which God gives us that we may then comfort others. Remember to show that love and concern not only last Sunday but also each and every day, especially in the coming weeks. Let us live and be the community which God created us to be.

Food provider promises

WILL THE NEW FOOD PROVIDER FOLLOW THROUGH?

With the announcement of the new food provider last week, student expectations for future caf meals soared.

We at the Threefold Advocate believe the University was overdue for a change. With millions of dollars going into facilities and expansion, the provided meals did not equal the quality for which the University wishes to be known.

Needless to say, this change requires an investment, and if students’ bellies are going to be satisfied with Taqueria Mexican Street Fare, Emma & Charlie’s Pizza, and Globe International Offerings, then it makes sense that the University will have to pay up.

Though the University is absorbing much of the extra costs, some of it is being passed on to students, attributing to part of the \$360 increase in room and board costs next year.

And Creative Dining Services has big plans to use that money. Relieving line congestion, reviving the California Café, and upgrading current caf selections, the new food provider promises an improved dining experience.

But what the Threefold Advocate and the rest of the student body want to know is: Will they deliver?

Will this new food meet my special dietary needs? Will I really be standing in line half as long? Will I really want to eat something besides sandwiches and cereal? And will I really, actually leave the caf with a full, satisfied belly?

If their paycheck is being partially funded by students’ wallets, it better not be the same food with a different label. If we’re paying for it, then the answer better be yes.



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Gun control and free will



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On December 14, people all across America were stunned as the tragic news of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in Newtown, Conn. spread. Hearing the dreadful news of the death of 20 students and six adults, there were various comments made about the incident and many put the blame of the horrible accident on the lack of gun control.

Some people say, had there been a ban on guns perhaps Adam Lanza would not have been able to carry out his plan of murder. However, what many people fail to realize is the fact that the weapons used in the shooting were not Lanza’s, but were registered to his mother, being strictly in her possession.

Regardless of whether there would have been a ban on guns, this tragedy would more than likely have still occurred. There

are always ways for individuals to find the means to have the possession of a deadly weapon such as a gun. In the same way that there are laws made against the use of illegal drugs such as marijuana, those laws don’t stop people from having possession and abusing those drugs.

Guns are treated in the same way, there can be bans put against them, but regardless of those bans people will still succeed in finding ways to have possession of them and use them for evil works. It is not the weapon itself causing the harm and creating the tragedies, but rather the individual who is putting it to use.

Shortly after the tragedy, people everywhere blew up over the hot topic of gun control. Although there have been several shootings throughout the last year, it seemed as if this most recent one was the one that really hit people hard and caused them to become outraged with the fact that people are allowed to own guns. However, considering the situation, had Lanza used a different weapon in his evil deed, people would not have complained about the weapon, but instead the focus would have been on Lanza, himself.

For the sake of gun control, imagine this situation: Lanza

enters the Sandy Hook Elementary school. In his hand he holds a hammer, a common house hold tool that can be found in anyone’s possession. With this simple tool, Lanza commits his wicked crime.

Upon hearing this bizarre and tragic news, most people would not be outraged with the hammer and be protesting them, requesting that the nation ban the possession of hammers.

It is not the gun who is the bad guy in the Sandy Hook Shooting. The bad guy in this horrific tragedy is Adam Lanza. Thinking about it, any object could be used to commit a crime such as the one done at Sandy Hook. The real criminal in life is each and every human being. As a citizen of the United States, we all have rights. One of those rights is to bear arms. At the same time, as a human being we all have the free will of choice.

A gun is merely an object, just like a shoe, a book or a hammer. The choices people make are the problem, not the guns.

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OPINION

The Threefold Advocate

Student cleans out to seek adventure



James Kennedy

We value possessions. Collecting stuff surrounds our entire life. Stuff gives us meaning, power, identity, and joy. But in reality, it’s meaningless. When I returned to school this semester I had the chance to figure out where I was going

to put my new things from Christmas. I started looking at my great collection of stuff that had accumulated over the past four years in my home away from home. Why did I think I needed all of this crap? Last month I started clearing out all the junk from my life. “A wise man once said that the things you own end up owning you...” That is a quote from Alastair Humphrey’s book “There Are Other Rivers,” and I adopted it as my own mentality. The less I own, the less there is that owns me. We are constantly worried if our possessions are ok as if they’re all that matters. If we owned less, then there would be less to worry about. I began gathering clothes I

never wear to get rid of, and thought I might sell some of them. But why sell when I can donate? Not everyone is capable of having a job that provides him or her with enough income to buy brand new clothes. I gave them away, and as I did so I cleared out more space in the closet of my mind. I’m not advocating getting rid of every earthly thing! Humans are never satisfied, and that is one of the beautiful things about us humans. It differentiates us from other animals in the world, and we should embrace it. We must redirect where we derive our satisfaction from though. I hope that I’m never satisfied, for it’s then that my mind turns stagnant.

Of course, merely clearing out my house is not the end goal. My desire is to be on the road with everything on my back. “Adventure is worthwhile,” says Aesop. I long for the pain, joy, struggle and experience that only being on the road can bring. What the road is – a mountain trail or dirt foot path – only time can tell.

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Appreciate abstract art



Rebekah Veldhuizen

A boy is looking over his shoulder, his eyes directed at the camera. Unashamed, he makes no attempt to hide his face, full of tears. His patched clothing sits in contrast to the dull landscape of a Peruvian field, where several sheep lie, disfigured. William Albert Allard is a renowned photographer for National Geographic. One of his well-known photos shows this young boy by his small herd of sheep, six of which were killed by a car. Some may look at this photo, see a photo full of color, contrast, and focus. Some may stop there, and see nothing else. Completely oblivious to the fact that this boy and his family depended on those sheep for their livelihood. To them, there is nothing deeper than the technical aspects of the photo. Some may look at this photo and understand a piece of what the photographer is trying to convey: the pressure the young boy is feeling, and the insensitivity of the driver who did not even take the time to stop after destroying the family’s livelihood. They may leave it at that, though, a picture in a magazine. Some may take the feeling they receive from this photo, and keep it. As a photographer, I think this is the ultimate goal. When someone looks at a photo, sees a story, and remembers the message or feeling they felt when they saw the photo. Art is to be appreciated in homes and coffee shops, but there is a depth that is not always touched with decorative artwork. I think this changes our perspective of art, by not learning how to view art in all of its depth, with both a critical and open mind. Looking at Jackson Pollock’s work, it

is easy to think that there is no purpose to art. Yet Pollock is said to have meditated over his pieces, spending hour upon hour, just thinking and formulating his next piece. While some say Pollock was crazy, he was still a developer of an entire artistic movement. Throughout history, art has caused people to stop, to think, to question. This is the timeless art, the art that makes a statement, which speaks in a way no verbal words can. This is seen in Edward Hicks’ piece “The Peaceable Kingdom,” which protested the injustice that was happening to Native Americans in the 1820’s. The piece looks to Isaiah 11, a glimpse of heaven when all of earth will be restored, and there will no longer be war or strife. This is also seen in the photography of Jacob Riis, whose urban photography captured the despair that many felt living in poverty. Riis captured the less picturesque side of New York in the 1880’s, and was known as a man who brought about social reform, because of the statement his photos gave. Art can be appreciated whether or not it leaves an impact on culture, but I believe that art can do much more than many allow it to do. Take time to study art, to let it affect you. Take time to let thoughts, both abstract and concrete, form from the voices of artists throughout history.

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Painting by: Jackson Pollock



Photo by: Jacob Riis

Voices are now the solution



Matt Bowen

Quite a few months ago an article from USA Today was written on the effectiveness of Congress. It admitted in the article that the Congress under Obama’s first term was one of the most ineffective ever. Over the span of two years only 61 bills were passed—making it one of the most ineffective in history. I think we can all recall the pervasive lack of compromise on Obamacare, the debt ceiling, immigration laws and a vast number of other things. The image of two little kids fighting on the playground comes to mind. Sadly, not much has changed. The latest State of the Union address had both Democrats and Republicans at each other’s throats again with Republican spokesman Senator Marco Rubio accusing Obama’s policies of hurting middle class families, and then Democrats swooping down to defend their political leader. But this isn’t even the beginning of their squabbling. During the new year a compromise was to be made on the fiscal cliff. One may have been made, but there was enough bickering to send both parties to a time out. So all this has got me thinking, “where’s the love?” I would like to think that the politicians that we’ve elected into Congress enjoy what they do. I’d like to imagine a Congress that’s happy and wants to see the United States become a better place. But instead we have people in office who seemingly prefer to argue until they get their way. In other words, if politicians in office took a StrengthsQuest test their strength would be competition but never harmony.

“Despite our differences, I know that both Republicans and Democrats love America,” said Senator Rubio in his response to the State of the Union address. Then why does that seem so hard to believe? Politicians are in office because we believe in them. We believe that they want to be the voices of the public, help us put cash in our pockets, help us get a good education, protect our homes and country, and, ultimately, make the United States a better place. One would think that this overarching passion for the betterment of humanity would be enough to unite them. That, despite their differences in opinion, Democrats and Republicans would find compromise if not easily then at least eventually. It seems to me that they’ve lost sight of their purpose. Politicians are pushing agendas instead of voices and that’s why the government is in a traffic jam. And I’m starting to think that’s why nothing is getting done in the realms of the White House. So what’s the solution? You and me. Politicians can’t ignore and can’t argue over the unanimous voice of change from the people they represent. That’s when the agendas stop, the bickering ends, and the power of the people echoes through Washington, D.C. Or perhaps politicians are representing a divided nation? A nation that can’t agree that something needs to be done, but can’t agree on how.

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Give respect to earn respect



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Privacy plays a major role in our lifestyle, yet you always have that certain individual or group of people who try to weasel into your lifestyle. Everyone is entitled to their privacy and no one should try to put pressure on another person to expose their private agenda. For instance, if you ask, “What did you do this weekend?” Or, “What does your faith look like?” Most common responses would be to open up to that person, not being aware of the outcome of the conversation. Another response will most likely be, “None of your concern.”

In other words, what that person did this weekend is for them to know, not for you. What is really interesting is that as soon as the person receives this response, they all of the sudden feel offended or call you ‘rude.’

“That’s like inviting yourself into your neighbors house”

Listen, however that person lives his/her life, it’s their business and they are entitled to their privacy, unless they invite you in. That’s like inviting yourself into your neighbor’s house without them inviting you inside in the first place. That there is just plain rude and trifling. The next time you play 21

questions with someone and their response is notifying you that it’s none of your concern or if it’s just a one word response to your questions, don’t take it as an insult, because that person may not trust you, either dislikes you, thinks you’re approaching them in a self-righteous way or maybe you’re just awkward. You never know. Privacy could mean everything to someone. So the next time you ask a friend or stranger a series of question and you receive these kinds of responses, don’t feel insulted, but respect their response and their privacy. You wouldn’t want anyone trying to invade your privacy, would you?

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Purdy shoots for global impact

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Click, click, click: the only sounds to be heard as Kate Purdy’s delicate fingers press down on the button of the camera as she quickly snaps shots. “Now turn your head a little to the left, look up, and... perfect,” the young woman sweetly says as she instructs the client how to pose. Recently new to the job, Purdy has made a name for herself at a young age as she has begun her future as a photographer, starting up her own business. A sophomore at John Brown University, Purdy is majoring in graphic design and photography. Also a resident assistant for the all-girls dormitory, Mayfield, the young photographer has even had the chance to get some extra experience. She often tests out her photography skills on the girls who reside on her hall or in the building. Rebekah Lindstrom, a freshman at the University, modeled for one of Purdy’s projects. “While photographing me she was very professional about it and didn’t pressure me into any certain poses and worked very well with me on the poses that I wanted,” Lindstrom described. “I was really impressed with her skills.”

This past summer, Purdy began receiving positive feedback for her photography and had people seeking her out to view pictures. Due to this, Purdy created a Facebook page strictly for her work. In the process, she came up with a watermark for her pictures and a business name, Kate Purdy Photography or KP Photography. “At first, I was only doing some simple things like a few senior picture sessions, so the page started out as a simple way for people to see my pictures, instead of going to my personal page and having to search to try to find them,” she said. “The page had only around 20 likes when I created it, but then people started encouraging me to charge for the photo shoots.” With a budding confidence, Purdy decided to start charging people for photography sessions. This last summer, she scheduled around 25 photo sessions and made around \$1,300 from the pictures. “From creating the Facebook page, people started talking and next thing I know, it’s turned into a business,” Purdy explained. Amy Pomeroy, a freshman at John Brown and longtime friend, agreed that Purdy has the makings of a great photographer. “She does a great job at



Kate Purdy, pictured above, takes her turn posing for the camera. A sophomore majoring in photography, Purdy spent time in Zimbabwe on a mission trip, where she first felt a calling to take photos on the mission field.

giving direction when shooting the pictures and coming up with a creative variety of different locations and poses if you need her to,” Pomeroy said. “She also has a great personality when working with the people

she saw that, “God had a different route for my life.” Along with her father, brother-in-law and a team of people from her church, Purdy spent over a week living in a village in Zimbabwe on a missions trip.

Growing up, Purdy said she was always the artsy one of the family. “My older brother is a bio engineer and my younger sister is studying architecture,” Purdy said. “So I came to love photography all on my own,

route of the photography business.” Purdy added that she did not think that there was anything wrong with that side of the business, but only that she knew it was not the way for her. “I want to have a higher purpose and be able to give back and glorify the kingdom of God,” Purdy said. “That’s why my heart is more in the direction of missions or ministry photography. Maybe on down the road I wouldn’t mind having my own studio as a side job, but not as my first choice starting out with my career.” With a big smile on her face, she concluded that, “God willing, it’s my lifelong dream to work as a photographer on the mission’s field in Africa, hopefully someday I will.” As she continues on her journey here, Purdy hopes to get an internship doing on-field media, preferably in Africa; achieving her dream of becoming a working photographer in ministry.

“There is just so much you can take and learn from capturing a moment of someone,”
-Kate Purdy

because she is so funny and does a good job at making her clients feel comfortable during the photo sessions.” It was the summer after her senior year of high school though, with a little rinky-dink camera in the country of Zimbabwe, when Purdy decided she wanted to spend her life as a photographer. Purdy said that growing up she thought she wanted to be a teacher, but after spending the summer capturing moments of the local African children,

Throughout the week she helped provide medical assistance, construct buildings and document and capture pictures of the happenings going on every day. “There is just so much you can take and learn from capturing a moment of someone,” Purdy remembered. When they arrived back home from Zimbabwe, Purdy put together a small presentation of the pictures she had taken while on the trip—It was then that she realized how much she enjoyed photography.

since no one in my family had had a previous interest.” While in Africa, Purdy noticed she not only loved photography, but also had a heart for missions. Previously unsure of which direction she wanted to go with in the photography business, this trip helped make the decision. “I wanted to have my own studio at first, but that switched after I went to Africa,” Purdy expressed. “I knew then that I definitely didn’t want to get involved in the commercialism

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left off even after not seeing each other for a time.” Sue Mellema agreed with Mrs. Luff’s assessment. “They were so much fun, and could always make everyone laugh,” she said. “And even though they all have such a good sense of humor, they all were, and still are, wonderful, godly men.” The fathers first heard about the University through their high school principal, who was also a University graduate, explained Dan Mellema. The three men decided to live together in J. Alvin because, at the time, it was the only available option for men. Mellema described his time in J. Alvin. “Let’s face it, J. Alvin was pretty much a dump back then,” he said. “There was no atrium, no air conditioning, and due to overcrowding no common room in the suites. For Colorado boys, the high humidity and lack of air

conditioning was brutal. “We also had rats to deal with, and when I say rats, I mean rats the size of small cats,” Mellema explained. “Having said all of that, I loved J. Alvin and the environment.” It was not only the men who lived with one another. Additionally, Mrs. Mellema and Mrs. Luff roomed together in Mayfield. Mrs. Luff told the story of how their friendship started. “Sue and I met when she came out to Colorado Springs in the summer of 1980 to visit Mr. Mellema. Bob and I and she and Dan all went to a Barry Manilow concert together in Denver,” she explained. They decided to live together when Mrs. Luff transferred to the University in order to finish her degree in psychology. It was a natural choice for sons Joe, Tim and Brian to come to the University, Tim said. Brian explained that he was the third generation to attend John Brown. Both of his parents,

maternal grandparents and brothers all came to the University. However, the young men have made their own memories here. While living in J. Alvin, they were inspired by a fish tank to paint a mural of themselves looking into it. This idea quickly grew and became a mural that covered a whole wall in their dorm room. The painting portrayed life-sized versions of all the suite mates in black and white. This was not the first time that a mural covered a wall in J. Alvin. Years earlier, Tim’s father painted a mural of the Colorado flag on one wall in his room. Luff explained why he painted the mural. “We wanted to represent our home state... Painting your walls really helped with a feeling of community, dorm pride and probably retention.” What is up next for the current University students? Joe is engaged and will graduate in May, while Tim and Brian plan on rooming off-campus together for their last year.

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Preston Jones, above, discusses one of Aesop’s fables with a group of 18 homeschoolers. The class of 8-11 year olds met three times this semester to study “Philosophy for Kids.” Jones began this class because his own children are homeschooled and he saw a need in the community. Below, a young student works diligently while the class talks about the story of the ant and the dove who save each other from danger.

Preston Jones, professor of history at John Brown University, loves to teach. “To me, the central motivating force in my life is education, and I don’t really care whether it’s with little kids or graduate students,” he said. An “ideal week” for Jones would be four various classes, one each with fourth or fifth grade, 11th grade, undergraduate students and graduate students. “It’s fun. I like the challenge of pitching things to different levels and age groups,” Jones said. His work this semester has helped make that ideal a reality. It all began with his daughter, Eleri, age 10. While she went to many social activities outside her homeschool learning environment, Jones wanted her to have some opportunities to study alongside other kids her age. In the fall, Jones contacted some other homeschool families in the area and told them he planned to begin a class designed for kids Eleri’s age—8 to 11—where they would study history with some language thrown in. The class ran for seven weeks and was a great success. “My love for education is why I do it,” he said. “I mean, I’m not really getting any pay for this. Yes, it’s in my self-interest in that it gives my daughter something to do, but I think the other motivation is just to promote the cause of learning.” This spring, about 18 young students climbed the stairs up to

Cathedral 206 to the class Jones called “Philosophy for Kids.” They studied Aesop’s fables and people who accomplished great things despite difficulty, to help them understand moral philosophy and ethics. Eleri and her best friend Liberty Maples eagerly described learning about Beethoven in their first week of class. “He wrote his best songs when he was deaf!” said Maples. The second week, they studied a man named John Merrick, or better known as the Elephant Man. He was so deformed that he was in a circus freak show in the 1800s. He was unable to speak clearly, but one doctor took an interest in him and learned to understand him. Doctor Treves found that Merrick was very intelligent (he had taught himself to read and memorized many of the Psalms), and Treves gave him a place to live in the London Hospital until he died at age 28. On the last day of class for the semester, the young students studied Helen Keller, who could neither see nor hear, but who became a significant public figure during her day. Jones enjoyed teaching the class of youngsters. “Often the challenge a professor faces is you ask a question and are met with a tsunami of silence. That’s not the problem with these kids. You ask them a question, and the challenge becomes letting them all say what they want to say, while also moving on,” Jones said.

Freshman Julia Smith said, “I see them in their classroom sometimes, and I always think they are so cute!” Tami Kelley took her two children out of public school last year and began homeschooling them. Her son Ashton, who will turn 10 this month, enjoys Jones’ class because it gives him the opportunity to learn and interact with kids his own age. “Ashton missed the Valentine’s Day bowling party with the homeschool group, so he wouldn’t be late. He wanted to be here,” Kelley said. Their family took part in the American history class last semester and were definitely interested in returning for this spring’s class. “It’s an unusual opportunity. I’ve never seen someone do classes like this. It’s neat,” she said. “I hope he does more. The topic doesn’t really matter because I think we would do it anyway.” While Jones greatly enjoyed the classes for kids he taught this year, his day job is very demanding and he is finding he will not be able to teach another class next semester. He has several ideas for future classes, such as studying Shakespeare, economics or more languages. “I would like to keep it up regularly and have longer classes for kids,” said Jones. “With all my regular responsibilities, it’s just not possible, but I would like to.”



University Crossword

By Kelsey Gulliver

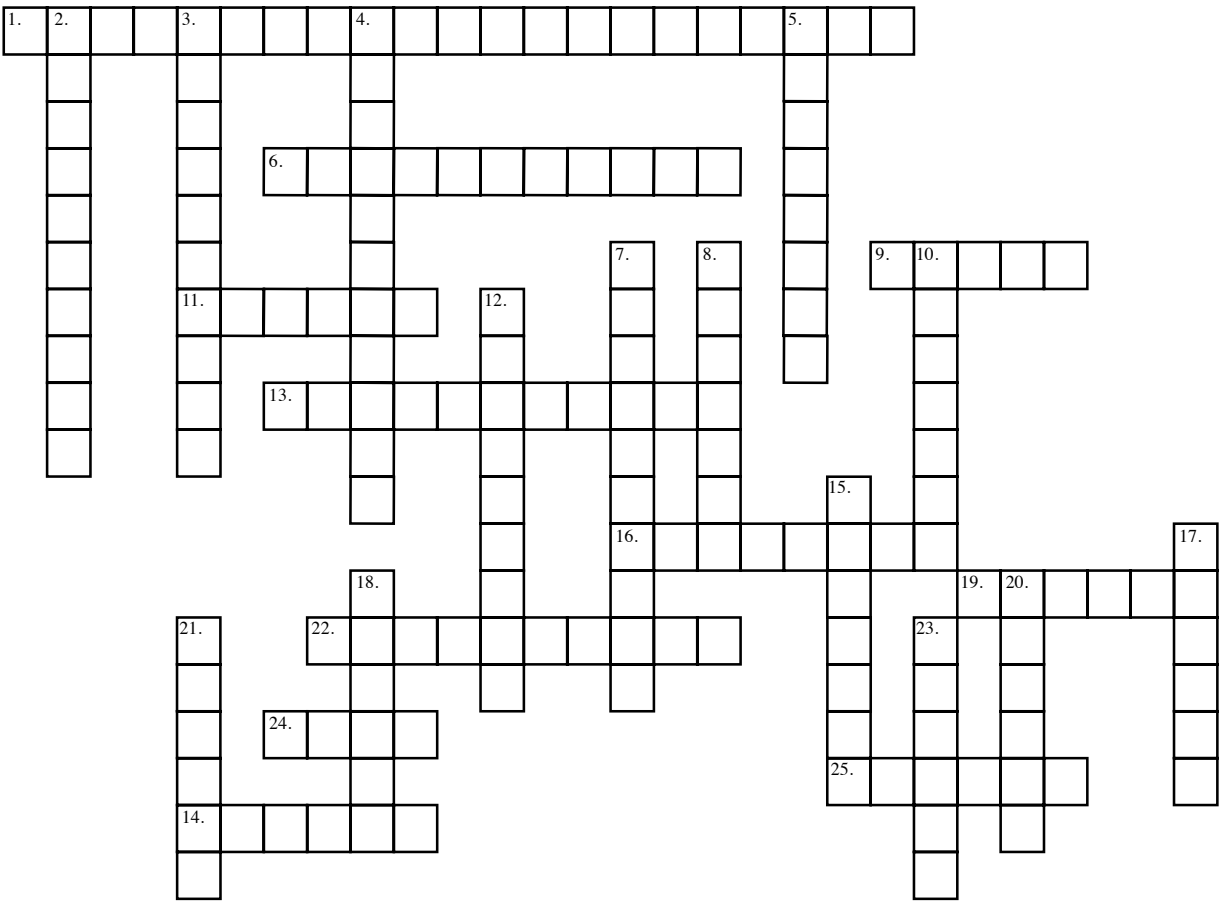
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1. DTR spelled out
6. 1st basketball game
9. Male mascot name
11. JBU yearbook
13. Named Siloam a best small town in 2012
14. Soccer field
16. Traveling worship team
19. Local heated lake
22. Old campus nickname
24. Film by alumnus Jeremy Seifert
25. Our athletic conference

Down

2. Name of weekly JBU broadcast
3. Percent of students who are in graduate school or working six months after graduation
4. Most popular major
5. This former presidential candidate’s wife attended JBU
7. Former building named after state
8. JBU alumnus who is part of band All Sons and Daughters
10. SIFE’s new name
12. JBU’s ranking in 2012
15. Tuesday night liturgical prayer service
17. Female mascot name
18. Mayfield loves...
20. Last name of Campus Safety Director
21. Vila’s archeological dig
22. Honors study abroad

see next week’s edition for answers



Rent-a-rugger funds a game

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In the wake of a fundraising crisis, sophomore Chris Dye and junior Tyler Kinzer, both dedicated members of the John Brown University rugby team, brainstormed up the idea of a Valentine’s banquet sponsored by the team.

The banquet first spun off of the idea of “Rent-a-Rugger” where University girls could bid on rugby players. The highest bidder of each rugby player was awarded a date with them to the banquet. The banquet was not open just to those who bought dates but all University students. After the banquet, the rugby boys who were “rented” took their dates to a movie.

The banquet was held at First Baptist Church on Feb. 16. The church offered their facilities to the team free of charge. Fratelli’s pizzeria catered in their famous pizza and desert was provided. There were door prizes, dancing and good music.

A production such as this could only be put on with a great amount of help. Junior Edith Dotson and sophomore Viki Clark were influential in helping the banquet come together.

Dedicated rugby fans and friends with many of the players, the two women had a vested interest in helping out the team. They were the ones responsible for searching and confirming a location and were in charge of many of the details.

Kinzer said the banquet was about more than only raising money. The team also hoped to raise awareness of who they are amidst the local community.

“Registration, playing our games and paying our refs all adds up,” Kinzer said. “But, we also want to get our club more involved in the JBU community and the Siloam Springs community. We’re setting up weekend jobs to help [people in the community] who need help raking their yard and other things.”

The team hopes that after their recent endeavors, the financial strain of the sport they love will not hinder their passion or take away a team that is dearly beloved at the University.

Both the auction and the banquet seemed promising.

“The auction went really well,” Kinzer said. “We made \$317. Supposedly, the last 20 minutes there was a crowd of girls trying to outbid each other.”

Dedicated rugby player and junior Luke Wanzer shared his thoughts on the matter. “I think people were willing to do it because it was a good cause.”

“We’re hoping it goes well this year, so we can make it an annual thing,” Kinzer said.



Submitted by EDITH DOTSON

The attendees of the Rugby Club’s Rent-a-Rugger Banquet gather after the event, which was hosted at First Baptist Church on Feb. 16. The event, along with T-shirt sales, raised enough money to fund the Rugby club’s first game of the semester, which was this past Saturday.



D'Shon Taylor looks for an outlet while midair in the Eagles’ 84-78 win in double overtime. This clinched the team’s first ever regular season conference title. Taylor scored 19 points in the win and was clutch from the line late in regulation, missing only one of his 10 attempts.

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send the Eagles into halftime with a 12-point deficit. In the second half, the Eagles chipped away with help from a defense that held the Chaps to 36 percent shooting and a 12-point second half from freshman D’Shon Taylor.

The game got testy with seven minutes left when, after a foul on the floor, Jaron Vierra grabbed sophomore Max Hopfgartner violently and Hopfgartner pushed back. Both players got technical fouls and Hopfgartner was ejected.

Down by as much as nine with four minutes left, the Eagles shut down Lubbock Christian’s offense, not allowing

a field goal for the rest of regulation. McWoods and Taylor combined for 10 points in the final four minutes and hit clutch free throws to pull the Eagles even with 34 seconds left.

“D’Shon [and] EJ did a nice job of attacking the basket and getting to the line and then converting.” Sheehy said. “Those two guys really made some plays that helped us down the stretch.”

The Chaps had a chance to win it but AJ Luckey’s shot at the buzzer rattled out. The defensive tone continued in the first overtime, with both teams only scoring seven points. The Golden Eagles had a chance to win it as time expired but missed a couple of last second attempts.

It ended up not mattering, as the Eagles dominated the second overtime, taking a 69-68 lead with 3:19 left off a three by Rakestraw. The Eagles would never look back, outscoring LCU 22-16 in the final frame.

The Golden Eagles will look to build momentum going into the conference tournament in Shawnee, Okla. starting on Feb. 27. In the first round, the Eagles will face the winner of a play-in game between the eighth and ninth place teams in the conference.

The Eagles will play next at MACU today at 8 p.m. and will host Oklahoma Baptist in JBU’s home finale Saturday at 5 p.m. in Bill George Arena.

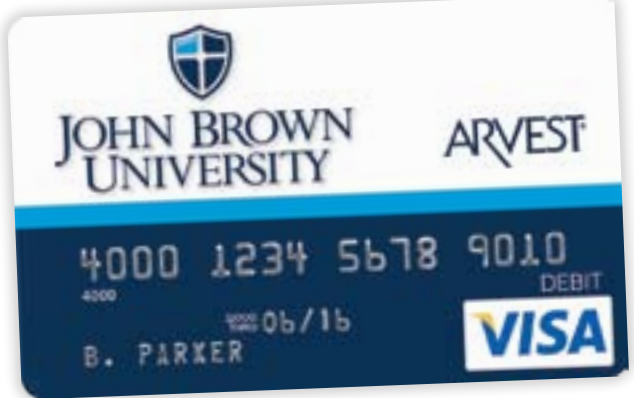
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4.	Lindsey Wilson
5.	Lewis-Clark State (Idaho)
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7.	SAGU (Texas)
8.	Westmont (Calif.)
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Lady Eagles in the hunt for fourth



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Sophomore Jordyn Williams shoots from the line in the Lady Eagles’ 72-42 loss to No. 5 Lubbock Christian last Saturday. The Lady Eagles are two games out of a fourth seed with two games left before the conference tournament.

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All season, women’s head coach Jeff Soderquist has said his goal is to see the Lady Eagles in home whites with a fourth seed in the conference tournament. With two games to go against teams in the hunt for the same spot, that goal is within reach.

The Lady Eagles will play seventh place MACU, who is three games out of fourth, on the road today. The Lady Eagles will then close out the regular season with a showdown with fourth place Oklahoma Baptist, whom the Lady Eagles are two games

behind, in Bill George Arena on Saturday afternoon.

“To put ourselves in [that] position ... we’ve got to win these two games,” Soderquist said. “We’ve got to believe in ourselves [and] that we can do that.”

The Eagles will be seeking their first win this season against both teams. MACU defeated the Lady Eagles 61-54 on Jan. 19 and Oklahoma Baptist beat JBU 56-46 on Jan. 17.

Soderquist said the keys to beating both teams is to make open shots and not give up easy points on the defensive end.

The Lady Eagles win over Wayland Baptist last Thursday

was close throughout. JBU trailed 38-34 with 4:27 left before the Lady Eagles ran past the Flying Queens, outscoring WBU 15-2 the rest of the way. Part of that run was Anna Parish scoring seven points in a row, part of her team-high 11 points. The win kept the Lady Eagles in the race for the fourth seed.

Coming off that win, the last week also gives JBU a chance to build momentum going into the tournament.

“How you’re playing at the end of the year tells a lot,” Soderquist said. “When you get to this time of year, whoever is playing well has a shot to win.”

With the standings very even

after the top three teams, the first round is likely to be an even matchup no matter who JBU plays. As a result, Soderquist is stressing the importance of being prepared for a close game.

“When it comes to [who wins] close games, it’s ... who’s going to set picks a little bit better and who’s going to execute a little bit better,” Soderquist said. “All those little things in a game like that is going to be huge.”

The Lady Eagles will visit MidAmerica Christian today at 6 p.m. and will close out the regular season against Oklahoma Baptist on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Bill George Arena.

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**Women’s Basketball
Conference Standings**

1. Oklahoma City* (14-0)

2. Lubbock Christian (11-3)

3. Rogers State (11-3)

4. Oklahoma Baptist (7-7)

5. Wayland Baptist (6-8)

6. John Brown (5-9)

7. Saint Gregory’s (4-10)

8. MACU (4-10)

9. USAO (1-13)

*Clinched Regular
Season Title

Tennis teams open season

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Sophomore Blake Zoellner follows through on a volley during practice. The men’s team opened the season 0-3 after losing to three NCAA opponents this past weekend.

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The men’s and women’s tennis teams opened the 2013 season with three contests against NCAA opponents in central Arkansas.

Both the men’s team and the women’s team went 0-3 against NCAA Div II Harding and NCAA Div III Hendrix and Ozarks.

On Friday in Little Rock, both teams lost 9-0 to Harding and both dropped close contests to Hendrix, with the women falling 5-4 and the men losing 6-3.

The women’s team dropped

another close contest to Ozarks on Saturday in Conway, losing 5-4. Against Ozarks the men also fell, 9-0.

Junior Leah Engstrom, who had two wins in singles play over the weekend, said it was a positive thing the team was competing, especially against teams the Eagles will see again later in the season.

“Obviously we would love to win those,” Engstrom said. “But [with] it being the beginning of the season it really shows us that we can compete and that next time [we can win].”

This weekend was the first competition the teams saw under the leadership of new coach Paul Pautsch. Pautsch was previously a coach at Bentonville High

school for the last two decades.

Engstrom spoke highly of the new coach’s experience with winning tennis programs.

“We have a coach that has had a lot of experience, he played 30 plus years of tennis and he has a lot of state titles,” Engstrom said. “He knows how to win.”

With a new coach has come a new practice routine, and Engstrom said Pautsch’s practices have a new focus on skills over conditioning.

“We are just hitting all the time,” Engstrom said. “A lot of teams tend to ... try and find a balance between hitting but also running and conditioning. We do run and we do condition but we don’t waste precious time on it.”

Part of that, according to

Engstrom, is Pautsch’s focus on consistency. He is also focused on getting both teams prepared mentally as well as physically.

“Tennis is a huge mental game,” Engstrom said. “Our coach always tells us not to play two people because a lot of times we play our opponents and we all beat ourselves.”

Going forward, Engstrom said the presence of a coach this season will reap benefits on and off the court.

“Coach is teaching us how to fight for the win but at the same time maintaining who we are in God and ... our character above all else,” Engstrom said. “But at the same time [we are] learning how to compete for God and give God the glory.”

**ATHLETE
OF THE
WEEK**

**Coleson Rakestraw
Men’s Basketball**

Senior Guard Coleson Rakestraw had 20 points in the Eagles’ 84-78 double-overtime come-from-behind victory over Lubbock Christian on Saturday. Rakestraw’s seven first half points when the team was struggling offensively kept the Eagles within striking distance. On Monday, Rakestraw was also named an Academic All-American for the second straight year.

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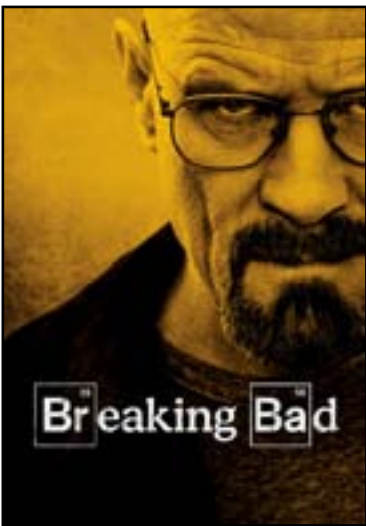
Avoiding homework on Netflix? Need some help choosing a new show to procrastinate with? We are here to help. Here is a countdown of our top ten picks!

By: Jamie Odom



10. Toddlers & Tiaras

Bratty little girls wearing big dresses and make-up. We love to hate them and their mothers on their single-minded quest for small-time glory. For girls used to watching shows like “Say Yes to the Dress,” this show will give some reprieve to the ring by spring mentality. Ain’t nobody gonna want kids after a few episodes of this



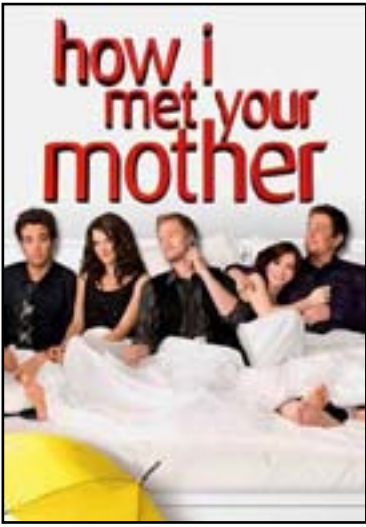
5. Breaking Bad

“Breaking Bad” travels through the story of Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher turned drug dealer. When he is diagnosed with lung cancer, he starts his own drug business, producing and selling methamphetamine with one of his students in order to provide financially for his family after his death.



9. The Office

Most would not think that watching a show about a small-time paper company would be funny, but they are wrong. The characters on “The Office” are always full of quirk, humor and very little on the side of work ethic.



4. How I Met Your Mother

The premise for “How I Met Your Mother” is Ted, the main character, talking to his kids in the future about how he met their mother. It is not a simple love story, though. The show follows the twisted social and romantic escapades of not just Ted but his friends Marshall, Robin, Lily and Barney.



8. Psych

“Psych” is the perfect combination of crime and comedy. Shawn Spencer and his best friend Gus work with the Santa Barbara Police Department to solve crimes using Shawn’s ‘psychic’ powers. Shawn, however, is not actually a psychic. Trying to keep this fact hidden from the department often leaves Shawn and Gus in sticky situations, aka more fun for us.



3. The Walking Dead

Based on the same-name comic series, “The Walking Dead” features America’s new favorite topic: zombies. After waking up from a coma, Sheriff’s Deputy Rick Grimes faces a world overrun by ‘walkers.’ What more can he do but fight through these flesh eaters and find his friends and family?



7. Portlandia

The John Brown University hipster population (or those who enjoy mocking them) will love and relate to this show. Based out of Portland, Ore., “Portlandia” is a show of shorts. The two main actors, Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein, play every character in each satirical sketch. That means you will be in for some hilarious voices, wigs and costumes.



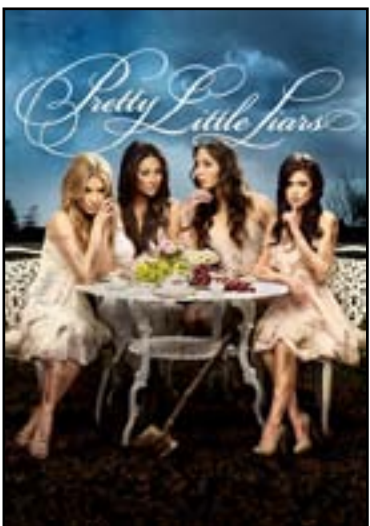
2. Disney

Kick back one evening to watch gems including:

“Alice in Wonderland.” Romp around with Alice as she talks to smoking caterpillars, celebrates her very merry unbirthday and paints the roses red.

“Aristocats.” Really nothing is cuter than kittens that play the piano. Experience the suspense and adventure of Duchess and her kittens as they try to find their way home.

“Fox and the Hound.” Nothing like the tragic tale of two star-crossed friends to cheer up a cold, dreary evening.



6. Pretty Little Liars

Murder, romance and mystery. What more could you ask for as far as mindless female entertainment goes? After their best friend was found dead, Spencer, Aria, Hanna and Emily try to seek out the truth behind her murder. Stalker “A” constantly foils their attempts at making any breakthrough in the case. Will they ever find the truth? Watch and find out.



1. Doctor Who

The Doctor is in the house. Sci-fi at its finest. Doctor Who (a human looking alien) travels through time and space in his time-traveling space ship (which looks like a blue police box), dominating aliens and fighting for intergalactical justice.

