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University plans to add nursing program

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John Brown is one step closer to having a nursing program. After receiving a unanimous prerequisite approval on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing in Little Rock, JBU is set to begin creating a nursing program. According to the official press release published on Sept. 12, the program will offer students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. The effort to establish a nursing program has been led by Ed Ericson, vice president for academic affairs, and Brian Greuel, chair of the division of natural & health sciences. Since the beginning of July,

when detailed proposals were submitted to the State Nursing Board, there has only been positive feedback from the board. "This was just the first step in a three- part approval process for new nursing programs," Greuel said, explaining that this was called the "Pre Requisite Approval" According to Greuel, passing the Pre Requisite Approval step means the admissions department at JBU can begin advertising pre-nursing as a major for prospective students. Students that are interested in the program may begin pre-nursing classes in the fall of 2014. They will be in pre- nursing classes for two years. This means students will be taking science classes to decide if they want to enter into the nursing program. The second step, Initial Approval requires the hiring of a Nursing Director, according to Greuel. This

step also requires the development of a curriculum and the proof of affiliation agreements.



Brian Greuel

The third step, called Full approval, comes after students are in the nursing program. "This last step shows evidence that what we said we would do is

what we are actually doing," Greuel said. "This will happen before the graduation of the first class." According to Ericson, the idea for a nursing program at JBU is not a new idea. "This is something that has been talked about for as long as I have been here," Ericson explained. "But we felt like we needed to support other big programs that we had already started first." Ericson added that with the success of the Capital Campaign, the idea of the nursing program became more of a reality. "A nursing program is at the heart of what our mission here at JBU is. A professional program that is service oriented." Ericson also noted that nursing is a key program for the university, and that it is key to the growth and stability of the institution. "This is the largest single

academic effort I have been a part of since I've been at this university," Ericson said. Recruitment for the first class of pre nursing students will begin soon. By their junior year, Initial Approval will have been obtained in order to accept them into the nursing program, and hopefully by that same year there will be a building on campus for the students in the program, according to greuel. For the science program as a whole, Greuel noted that there would be some good changes. "With the addition of the program, there will be a lot more students in science classes," He said. "We will have to increase the number of class sections and labs, and it is likely that we will have to hire a new professor in that area to serve the extra load of students."

Australia study trip finds a new home

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The Australia Studies Center is undergoing massive changes to continue providing Christ-centered higher education. Christ-centered higher education for students outside of their home countries is the task for the Australia Studies Centre, a part of the Best Semester Program for study abroad students. The Program has taken place at the Wesley Institute in Sydney, Australia since 2004. However, starting the spring 2014 semester, the program will be moving to Brisbane, Australia to partner with Christian Heritage College. According to the Best Semester Program, Christian Heritage College offers majors in Business, Education, Social Sciences and Ministries

Senior Sophie Shafer is one of many JBU students have taken part in the Best Semester trip to Australia. She studied there during the spring of 2012 and went on to be the Best Semester Alumni Ambassador for JBU after she returned. She became involved after an email was sent out to all alumni of the program. "I really enjoyed my time in Australia," Shafer said. "And even though JBU has their own study abroad programs that are great, I think there's a lot of benefit to going on a study abroad program with people from different schools. There are more options, and I wanted to get more people to do that." Shafer explained the semester as an experience in Australian culture and as an opportunity to look at the U.S. culture from an outside view. She mentioned that the students



Submitted by SOPHIE SHAFER

**Australia Study Trip students line up in front of the Customs House in Sydney, Australia.** This semester, the study trip's host school changed from one in Sydney to Christian Heritage College in Brisbane. The trip is a Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) program.

AUSTRALIA STUDY TRIP MAJORS  
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learned a lot about consumerism and different cultures within the church which opened up her mind to what is going on in the world. The Best Semester representatives and Shafer are both excited about the new opportunities and greater appeal to more majors. Shafer said that JBU marketed

the trip to graphic design majors because the Wesley Institute is an art school. Shafer agrees being in Sydney is a wonderful opportunity for art majors. "For a photographer, it's paradise because you have the city and the beaches and there's definitely a lot

to be inspired by," Shafer said. "And there are a lot of artsy people." According to Best Semester, the new location of the school will lead to advantages for students who are studying things other than art and will yield to a different range of classes offered. Christian Heritage College is

also significantly larger than The Wesley Institute. According to Shafer, the Biblical Studies program at the Wesley Institute will no longer be offered after this current semester. "A lot of people who weren't art majors would come and take Biblical Studies classes or they would be Youth Ministry majors. The new school has business and it's significantly bigger," Shafer said. She also said that this has been a topic of conversation on the school's alumnus page that she is a part of. For Shafer, the move is full of mixed emotions. "I think their reasoning is good, because the Wesley Institute was

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Cloud print provides easy access to students on campus

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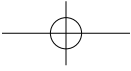
As long as you have a wireless connection, you can use Cloudprint. Earlier this fall, John Brown University added a new way to print papers wirelessly. Cloudprint allows anyone on campus with an Internet connection to wirelessly

print their paper from their computer straight to any printer on campus. "It's very convenient if you're an artist," said Erika Forney, a photography major. "I don't have to use a flash drive that I lose every week." In the past, many students faced the frustration of walking to a computer lab, logging into a computer, either plugging in a flash

drive or emailing their document to themselves and then printing out the paper to the nearest printer. The dorms, the honors house and the library are connected by Cloudprint to black ink printers. For black and color ink, the Art East, Walker Media Lab, the Media Lab, Engineering and CM buildings are available. "It was easy and convenient," said Hayley Robinson, who works

in the Media Lab. She also said she appreciated no longer needing to email herself documents she created on her laptop to print them. There are Cloudprint ads posted around campus explaining in four steps how to use Cloudprint. First, write your paper, then upload your paper from your laptop or tablet to the Cloud Print website. Next, choose where you want to pick up your paper, then release your

paper from the queue of any of the printers in your chosen Printer Group. The Cloudprint website is <http://cloudprint.jbu.edu/user>. Login to the website with your JBU username and password, follow the instructions provided by the website, and pick up your paper from any printer by swiping your I.D. and clicking print.





# The conflict in Syria

## Why is Syria in civil war?



President Obama’s call for American strikes against Syria has raised many questions for those who have not been following the conflict. The following is a brief sketch of what has led to the war and who is fighting.

Syria’s conflict began about two and a half years ago during the Arab Uprisings. Across the Middle East, people began protesting authoritarian regimes in an effort to establish more democratic and less corrupt governments. At the time, Bashir al-Assad had ruled Syria for over ten years, as his father had for the previous thirty. Many people in Syria had grown weary of Assad’s tight grip on power and took to the streets to peacefully demonstrate. Fearing that these protests

might gain momentum as they had in other countries, Assad responded swiftly with brutal measures. Arrest and torture of protesters (and their children) soon gave way to military assaults on cities where the protests grew. Protesters, in turn, formed militias to confront the Syrian army. This resistance gained momentum as many members of the Syrian army

government and military to ensure the loyalty of their leaders. The Assads appointed family members to key posts and filled others with Alawites, a Shi’ite religious sect to which the Assads belong. Although the Alawites make up only 11% of Syria’s population, they effectively control the state. The implications of this fact on the civil war have been profound.

themselves in a position where they cannot win or back down. If they lose, they fear the rebels will take revenge; consequently, they have no desire to surrender or to negotiate.

In addition to all of this, Assad also enjoys economic and military aid from Russia and Iran. With a steady flow of supplies and money and the loyalty of his troops and

of chemical weapons, President Obama and many others feel that a powerful message must be sent. Obama has proposed a limited strike to let Assad know that he will face consequences for these actions.

Why not a stronger strike aimed at removing Assad? As the war has dragged on and become more sectarian, the Free Syrian Army has attracted outside fighters sympathetic to repressed Sunnis. These fighters often come from groups the United States has identified as terrorist organizations. Many in Washington fear that the collapse in Assad’s regime could result in chaos, reprisal killings, and the emergence of an Islamist regime. They feel that U.S. should avoid any military involvement in the conflict.

The situation in Syria looks grim. We should do our best to stay informed about what is happening, pray for our leaders, and pray for peace for those displaced and suffering in Syria.

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became disgusted by their orders to attack civilians and joined the rebellion. Turkey and several Gulf States supported the uprising with arms and supplies. The Free Syrian Army, as this loose coalition of rebel groups called themselves, made strong gains. For a time in 2012, it looked as if Assad’s regime would crumble. But it did not.

Bashir al-Assad and his father had carefully constructed the

Sunnis, who make up about 75% of Syria’s population, resented being frozen out of power and formed the main body of protesters and rebels. When the Alawite controlled military coordinated attacks on protesters and committed atrocities in an attempt to crush the uprising, the conflict quickly devolved into a sectarian battle. Now, the Alawites and other supporters of Assad find

government ensured, it is difficult to see Assad’s defeat in the near future.

In an effort to break the opposition, it appears that Assad’s forces have used Sarin nerve gas to kill over a thousand men, women, and children. Even in the face of a conflict that has already claimed over 100,000 lives, this act is particularly brutal. Because of the terrible and indiscriminate effect

## Memories of Syria



Several years ago my wife asked me, “If we could live anywhere in the world, where would you want to live?” In a heartbeat I said, “Syria.”

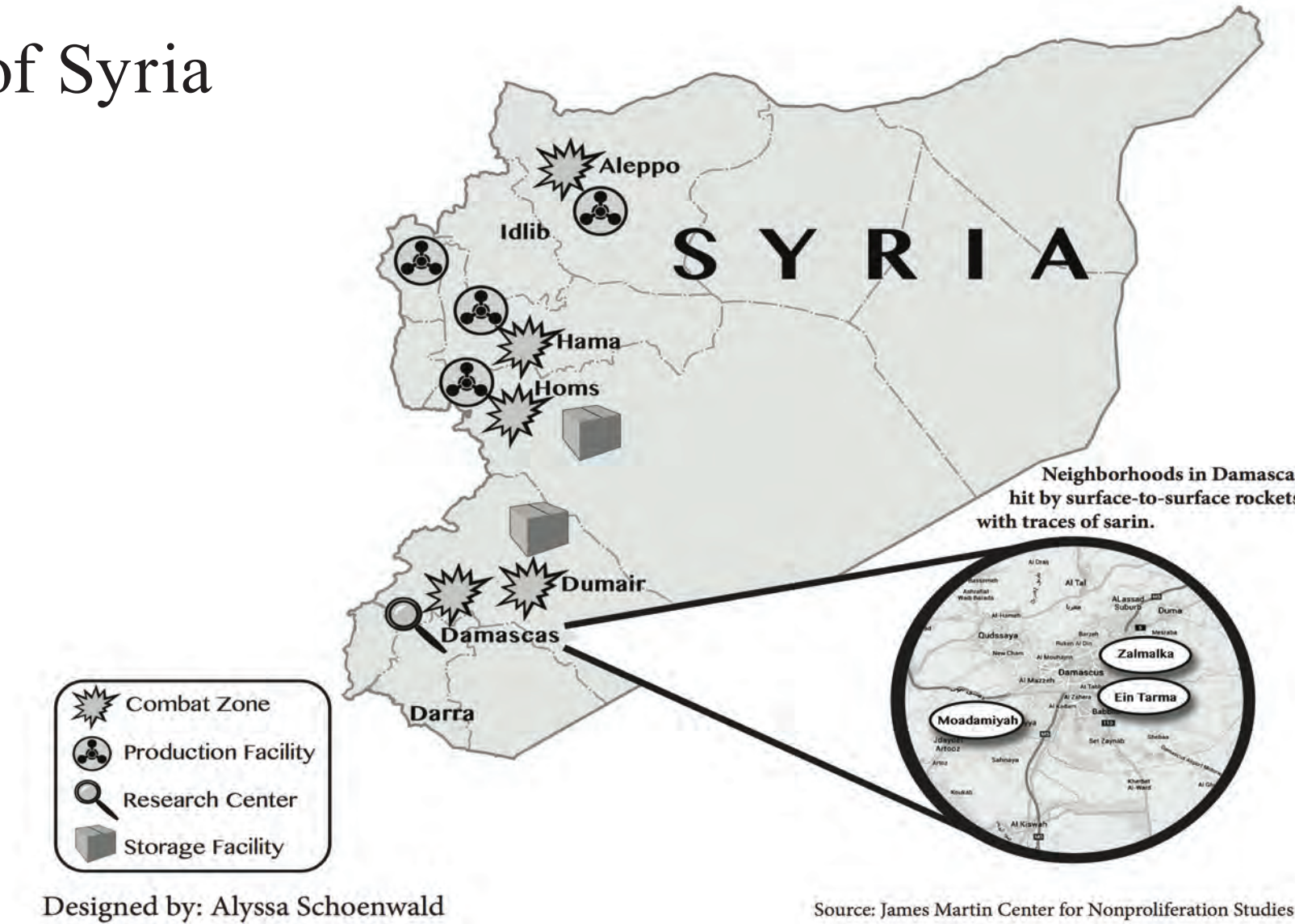
I’ve been to Syria five or six times, sometimes just for a few days, sometimes longer. My family and I spent a month in Syria a few years ago. It was amazing.

Wonderful, beautiful people. Delicious food. And enough political and religious history to keep someone like me scrambling through castles and ruins for a long time.

But that was in 2007. I haven’t been back since. And as things are going, I probably won’t be back for a long time.

One of the things that we did in Syria was to visit numbers of Christian churches and monasteries dotted throughout the country. There are a surprisingly large number of Christians in Syria. I remember going to the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Thecla in Ma’loul, just north of Damascus.

The Acts of Paul and Thecla tell the story of Thecla and of her desire to follow the Apostle Paul. I teach this text every Spring in my New Testament Survey courses. The day we visited the church there were six or seven tour busses from Iran parked out front.



They were Shi’ite Muslims on pilgrimage to this Christian holy site. I have video of the Muslim women drinking water from the shrine hoping to get a spiritual blessing from Thecla. Very interesting.

I have hundreds of memories of my travels in Syria. All of them are happy, fascinating, and wonderful memories.

But all that is gone. Bashar al-Assad is a monster. He has slaughtered his people, as his father did. I’m not sure anyone is surprised that he probably used chemical weapons on his own people. But the times that I

visited Syria – both under his and his father’s rule, there was peace and relative prosperity in the land. And most importantly, the Christian communities in Syria were relatively healthy and lived in peace under the protection of the government.

Last week, the jihadist rebels who are trying to overthrow Assad attacked the town of Ma’loul. The burned down a church, killed numbers of Christians and threatened to kill others. Reports seem to indicate that Christians were threatened with decapitation if they failed to convert to Islam. The jihadists too are monsters.

And they are monsters who are persecuting our Christian brothers and sisters. If Bashar al-Assad is deposed, I am very worried that the fate of Christians in Syria will be even worse. All my Christian friends in the Middle East support Assad. He is the devil they know. And he’s better than the devil they don’t. Much better.

And then a few weeks ago President Obama said he was going to attack Syria in an attempt to destroy any chemical weapons. Almost every country on the planet opposed him, and yet he said he was going to attack anyway. I voted for Obama in

large part because I was convinced that he was not going to be a war-monger like his predecessor. Apparently I was wrong.

We are now giving weapons to the rebels as they fight against Assad. I hope the jihadists didn’t use any of our weapons to kill the Christians in Ma’loul. May God have mercy on us if they did.

Fortunately, the Russians intervened and it looks like an outright attack has been averted. But any way you look at it, the situation in Syria is very, very sad – for all Syrians. But especially for our Syrian Christian brothers and sisters.

## Science perspective: the chemistry of Sarin gas

Chemical weapons are nothing new. They have been around since World War I, the “chemist’s war.” Sarin gas was developed in the 1930’s by accident, when German scientists were attempting to invent new pesticides.

Sarin gas works by interfering with a neurotransmitter called Acetylcholine (ACh). Neurotransmitters are organic chemicals that change your mental signals into action. If you want to contract the muscles in your arm, your brain produces an electrical signal that is translated into ACh.

In order to stop your muscles

contracting, a protein must remove ACh and break it down. This process happens every time you move a muscle, in your arm, your face, your eye, your lungs, or your heart.

However, when you inhale Sarin gas, the gas attaches itself to this protein and keeps it from working. All of your muscles flex and cramp, unable to relax, including your diaphragm, the muscle that works your lungs. Before too long, you asphyxiate.

The lethal dose of Sarin is one milligram—less than a hundredth of a packet of sugar. It is easy to make, kills indiscriminately both

humans and animals, is odorless and colorless, and breaks down rapidly, leaving little proof of its use.

There is a cure for Sarin toxicity, and its victims who survive tend to recover fully, but the cure only works if applied instantly.

That’s why the UN banned Sarin in the 1990’s, and that’s why it breaks my heart that the UN found evidence of Sarin being used on innocent men, women, and children in Syria. It hurts me to think that chemistry, a discipline that invokes in me so much wonder and joy, is being abused

by a thoughtless dictator. Please, pray for Syria.

Sources: “Chemical Weapons (Sarin Gas)” by periodioicvideos, YouTube “What is Sarin Gas?” by scishow, YouTube “What is sarin gas, and how does it work?” by CNN, YouTube

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Corrections

In last week’s issue in the story titled “New center promotes unity in the church,” Regent University in Virginia Beach should be Regent College in Vancouver, BC.

In the same issue, the photograph for the article “New CARE facility houses play therapy program” should be credited to Sergio Arguello. The photograph for the article “Northslope apartments offer unique resident life” should be credited to Ana Samayoa.



# Literacy center opens a new world for adults

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Among the boutiques and cafes of downtown Siloam Springs sits an unassuming brick building. The building itself may be nothing special, but inside, the whole world is opening up for the students of the Dogwood Literacy Council.

For 23 years, the Literacy Council has served Siloam Springs and the surrounding areas as the local chapter of ProLiteracy, an international organization working toward worldwide literacy.

The council offers free tutoring for all takers in reading and writing. Their students, many of whom are Hispanic, Korean or Hmong, are adults who wish to develop and improve their skills.

The council offers English as a Second Language classes as well as one-on-one tutoring. However, many volunteer tutors claim the Council is more than a classroom.

“It helps people work and be assimilated into a community, not just sidelined,” said John Marter, the executive director of the Dogwood Literary Council. He spoke at length about the alienation many people face as a result of underdeveloped language skills. Many are unable to finish job applications or go shopping by themselves, Marter said.

Sherri Lamb, occasional adjunct instructor for the University education department and a member of the council’s board of directors, said that this is unacceptable. “One can easily be taken advantage of if they don’t understand the language, the politics, the services, and the finances of



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**A student at the Dogwood Literacy Council** practices his writing and comprehension. The Council provides free educational services for any adults in Siloam Springs who need a little help.

the region they live in,” Lamb said. “Imagine getting a bill and not knowing what it’s for.”

Lamb has been working for the Council for four years. As a former social studies teacher, she has always been passionate about social justice.

“I wanted to continue to fight poverty and ignorance and racism,” Lamb said. Many of her students have not only increased their skills in reading and writing, they’ve also gained confidence. She recounts a time when she met one of her students at a coffee shop, and the student was too nervous to even order coffee in English.

This student now meets with Lamb often at that same coffee shop to read books together.

“These are intelligent people, people who have worked hard,” Lamb said. “[English] is difficult. That’s why we offer 12 years of it in school.”

No one could agree more than junior Hannah Rose McIntire, tutor for the council. “We have so many irregular verbs and weird pronunciations,” McIntire said. “Other languages are so structured.”

McIntire began working for the council to fulfill her internship hours, but was amazed at how easily she fit in with her students.

“You’re not only their tutor; you’re also their friend,” she said. McIntire gave glowing appraisals of all of her students, praising their good

hearts and perseverance.

McIntire believes strongly in the council’s work, but added that it was more important to her that “you’re showing them Christ’s love and making [students] feel more welcome in America.”

McIntire is grateful to have the chance to serve, as is Ron Bethke, retiree and tutor for the council.

“Up until now, the only way I’ve been able to contribute [charitably] is through donations,” Bethke said. “But now, I’m doing it in person.”

Bethke does not take for granted this opportunity. In 2009, Bethke was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. He retired from his job as a bookkeeper shortly after.

“If I could work, I would,”

# Federal loan plan provides hidden savings for students

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## What is loan forgiveness?

A program sponsored by the federal government. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program was set up to allow qualifying individuals to alleviate or significantly reduce the debt on federal student loans, and specifically Direct Loans. Most federal loans taken out by parents, however, are not

eligible. Governmental loan forgiveness was first established in 1958 in an effort to promote public service. Volunteer work, military service and select jobs in teaching, medicine and law are all included within the scope.

## How do I qualify?

First, do some internet research specific to your situation. Under the National Defense Education Act, those who become full-time educators in specifically-chosen underprivileged elementary or secondary schools can qualify for

up to a 30 percent loan reduction. Government volunteer agencies such as AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America offer a stipend plus extra compensation to be used towards loans. Joining the Army National Guard allows students to receive up to \$10,000 through their Student Loan Repayment Program. Plus many different options are available for lawyers who practice in non-profit or public service settings or medical students involved in select areas of

research or work in communities, which have been determined to lack appropriate medical care. After some independent study, approach human resource staff at your place of employment to answer further questions.

## What does loan forgiveness entail?

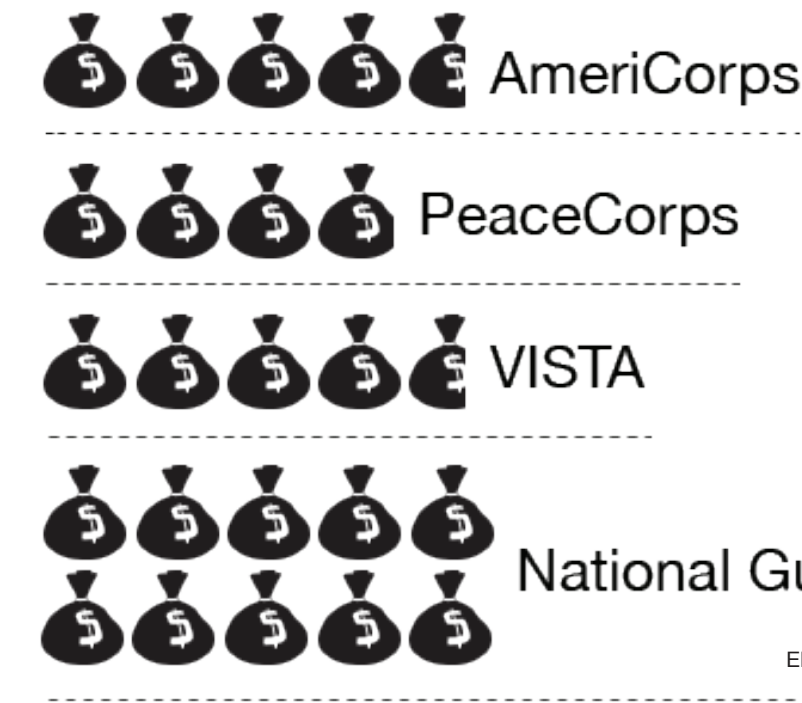
Besides working, volunteering or serving at an authorized organization, the government’s student aid website lays out three specific guidelines. “You must make 120 on-time, full, scheduled, monthly payments on your Direct Loans.” In addition, “You must make those payments

under a qualifying repayment plan,” and, “When you make each of those payments, you must be working full-time at a qualifying public service organization.”

## What about graduate school?

Both loans funding undergraduate and graduate studies may qualify for loan forgiveness. In fact, undergraduate students utilizing Direct Loans are capped at a \$32,000 limit. Graduate students, though, are allowed to receive up to 100 percent of their cost of attendance and including general living expenses as well.

# Money Given for Loan Forgiveness



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the only Christian University in Sydney,” Shafer said. “But me and the other people I went with are really sad because we have all those memories there and we know how great of a place Sydney is.”

According to Best Semester, Brisbane provides a great location for students to be able to experience Australia in a new and exciting way. It is a river city with a lot to explore, and is also closer to key destinations like the Great Barrier Reef, Fraser Island, the Sunshine Coast, Scenic Rim and Steve Irwin’s Australia Zoo.

Shafer is unsure if Best Semester will market their trip any differently now that the location has changed.

“They’ve been trying to market focusing on the experiences you have there and not the majors offered,” Shafer said. “So I don’t think they’re really going to change much. But I feel like they might get more people since the selection of majors is more common and more diverse. It was really arts-based in Sydney.”

Although the changes may be good for other majors, Shafer noticed on the website that there was nothing about art classes.

“I was pretty bummed

about that because I feel like so many study abroad programs highlight the same majors,” Shafer said. “It was cool to have one that was art. It was different. Art majors want to study abroad too.”

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), President Dr. Edward O. Blews, Jr., visited the Australia Studies Centre this week as a part of his efforts to visit all programs with Best Semester. He was able to meet with the program’s staff, students, and administration and is enthusiastically supporting the new direction of the Australia Studies Centre.

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## Food Attitude

THOUGHTS ON JBU’S NEW CAFETERIA

Sometimes you don’t know how good you have it. Actually, most of the time you don’t know how good you have it.

Since arriving at school, upperclassmen and faculty have been buzzing about how good the cafeteria is. It’s large enough so that you can actually talk to your friends without raising your voice. If you don’t want a burger, pizza, the day’s entre or a salad, your choice is no longer limited to a sandwich. There’s the vegetarian bar, the tocoria, the stir-fry stand and scrumptious desserts to turn to when life gets rough.

The food has taste. There’s variety. Sometimes it’s exotic. You’re not hungry 30 minutes after finishing your food. You actually enjoy your meal.

This year’s freshmen do not seem to feel the same way. We the Threefold would like to enlighten them. We don’t understand when we see dissatisfied and occasionally rude comments pinned onto the cafeteria’s bulletin board, because most of us were here last year, and last year, the food wasn’t nearly as good.

We know most of the freshmen have just said goodbye to Mom’s cooking and that any new options will probably be a step downhill. Thankfully, however, JBU’s number one StrengthsQuest result is adaptability, so the freshmen will get used to it in no time.

Seeing complaints on the board have brought us to another realization: returners had no right to complain last year, either. Before the current juniors and seniors arrived, the cafeteria had fewer options than last year’s buffets, and the upperclassmen of their day were thankful for the improvements they noticed as the semesters passed. Years before, the school did not have a cafeteria. And all around the world people aren’t being fed anything at all.

We the Threefold want to acknowledge this year’s blessings and, in particular, appreciate our cafeteria—for the services of this year, as well as of the years past. John Brown University has had it good, and we know it.

## JBU Needs Nurses

NURSING PROGRAM OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES

This past week the University announced that it cleared the first hurdle to establishing a fully accredited nursing program. We at the Threefold are excited about this opportunity for our science department and future JBU students.

A nursing program fits in well with John Brown’s emphasis on developing practical skills and equipping students for service. It will help expand the science department and bring in new students. While the last innovation in the science department, the renewable energy major, hasn’t had as much of an impact as it was intended to, a nursing program will surely be effective.

It’s hard to find a good nursing program at a good university, so having one here will draw in a new demographic of prospectives and help to expand the university.

However, all the reasons that make a nursing program a perfect fit for JBU raise a question: why did we wait so long? The university has had the ability to start this process years ago, and we would already be reaping the benefits. Pre-med students would have enjoyed valuable hands-on experience that they are unable to get without a nursing program. A whole group of majors that went to other schools would have chosen to attend JBU.

This program is a great opportunity for the school, but it just makes too much sense to not have been done already. The next time the university has a chance to make an addition that makes this much sense for the campus community, it should do so sooner rather than later.



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One day several years ago, my former boss asked me to help cover my coworker’s human embryonic stem cell experiment while he was out of town. I was suddenly faced with the painful choice of either offending my coworkers or assisting research which I believed to be morally wrong.

You and I will face many such moments of testing in our working lives. How can we prepare to make the right choice?

In the lives of Daniel, Joseph, Nehemiah and other Biblical examples of “godly people in the secular workplace,” what emerged in their moments of testing was what they had been daily building into their lives through their relationships with God. Likewise, you and I, while here at JBU, can and must be deepening our private relationships with God.

When I say “relationship with God,” you might immediately think of spiritual disciplines like studying the Bible, memorizing Scripture, praying and attending church. These are very important as “means” by which we can know God better. But spiritual disciplines can occur without a personal relationship with God through Jesus. It is the state of “knowing God” that is the most important thing (John 17:3).

Until I was eight, I was a “good little Christian boy” who went to church and read my Bible. But it was only a ritual for me, and I was actually headed for Hell. One night, I realized I had never actually asked Jesus to save me personally. That night I understood that he had paid for my own sins, and I prayed to him and began a relationship with him. In college, I went through a time of skepticism, but God gradually brought me out of this attitude during graduate school. Looking back, I am so thankful that Jesus sought and saved me (Ephesians 1:3-14).

Here are three things I’ve learned about living in a close relationship with Christ in the workplace. Firstly, we need to depend on God. This involves asking him for help in everything we do. It involves trusting him and his promises rather than worrying about our circumstances (Phil. 4:6). It involves giving him credit after

the difficulties have passed.

Secondly, we should root our identities in Christ rather than in our job, success, abilities, popularity (2 Timothy 3:12), friendships or anything else. We need to surrender “success” to God, and seek him above all else (Psalm 37:4) as the One of infinite value who can satisfy us fully.

Thirdly, we need to work “as unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:23). The main reward will come from him after we die, not here and now. This helps us to avoid making an idol out of our work (putting too much time into it, to the exclusion of other ministry or relationships) or being slack in our work.

I need to grow in these areas. To my former boss, I respectfully declined to assist the embryonic stem cell experiment, and I still think it was the right answer. But there were many other times where I have capitulated to peer pressure or failed to work “as unto the Lord”.

As we spend private time in fellowship with Jesus Christ, study his written Word and consider the surpassing value of his approval, he will prepare us for the sudden public challenges.

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# Pop culture screams rape



Krista Gay

Rape. I had to pause after writing the word because writing it just feels so dirty, especially on a Christian campus where, unless you're friends with a Family & Human major, the topic of sex rarely comes up.

Rape, an act which takes away the very dignity of its victim, is so repulsive that we just don't want to think about it. We don't want to talk about it . . . unless it's in the rap song that we're singing along to in the car with all of our friends. Sometimes, the reference to

*The CAUSE ministry Students Against Sex Slavery will be hosting a rape awareness day this fall. If you would like to be involved contact Krista Gay.*

## One in three women and one in six men will be raped during their lifetimes. These are only the reported cases.

rape is explicit, like in Three 6 Mafia's "Let's Plan a Robbery": "I had to rape his b\*\*\*\* cause the hoe was stacked I f\*\*\*\*\* her from the back, with my gun to her back I left up out his crib, with dolla and purple hat."

Okay, hopefully you don't listen to songs like that. But, that song has over 200,000 views on YouTube and several hundred thousand downloads on iTunes. However, there are songs that you DO listen to that mention rape more suddenly. In the song of the summer, "Blurred Lines" by Robin Thicke, he says, "I know you want it / You're a good girl . . . I can't let you get past me / I hate these blurred lines / I know you want it". Woah, woah, woah, stop!

I currently intern at the Rape Crisis Center in Fayetteville. One of the most common excuses we hear from guys who have by legal definition raped a girl is, "Well, she wanted it." That is not an excuse! When a girl, guy or anyone says no, they mean no. Even if you had already unzipped your pants. Zip them back up.

No means no, and if you force them to go further, even if you think they want it, you are raping them. Sadly, even songs from the movie "Grease" don't get this. In one of the most popular songs from the musical, "Summer Nights," the guys sing to Danny, "Tell me more / Tell me more / Did she put up a fight?" Again, woah! If a girl is putting up a fight, that's not romantic. That's rape.

We need to be more considerate of what these songs are saying. What if a person in your car had been raped and is listening to you sing along to these songs? How might it feel to listen to friends unknowingly support the injustice that has been done to him or her? You don't know which of your friends are rape survivors, so you need to strive to be the friend that others can confide in and be supported by.

Alright. So there's rape mentioned in songs. What's the

big deal? Those are just songs and the women in them aren't real.

Yet people are raped every day, and people who attend Christian colleges are not exempt from this injustice. According to the Arkansas Coalition Against Rape, one in three women and one in six men will be raped during their lifetimes. These are only the reported cases (it's estimated that only 26 percent of rapes are reported). If you plug these numbers into JBU's student profile, 1,300 traditional

# For the CAUSE: Making ministry a life long habit



Josiah Wadsack

The beginning of a new semester always brings us lots of decisions to make. One of the most difficult is what to be involved in this semester. Enactus? Blue? A new job? Extra tutoring? Small Groups? E-VAN? Intermural? So many options, so little time.

In making these decisions, something we often forget

## Just being ministered to is not enough.

about is serving in ministry. It's not as glamorous as playing sports or as beneficial for your career as being in a career-focused organization, but it may be one of the most important things you can be involved with during your college years.

But wait – we're all in ministry already, right? We go to chapel, attend church and might be in a small group, too. But being ministered to is very different than serving in ministry. Think of going to church and growing in Christian community as being spiritually fed. We eat up God's Word, and we grow and develop. But many of us never exercise. We are ministered to, but never minister to others. We take in, but never give out. We sit around, "growing together in Christian community," and many of us end up fat. That can't be right.

Look at the example of Jesus and his disciples. He doesn't just let them sit around growing spiritually obese. As they "eat" and grow spiritually, they also "exercise" and serve in ministry. They're with him, helping Him in ministry, even being sent out by themselves at times, preaching. They never just grow. Jesus makes sure that they always serve in some kind of ministry, too.

But wait a minute. Churches and SMLT and CAUSE leaders already do the ministry. They're the special ones. They do it so we don't have to, right? Nope. Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us that God "gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." People with

– comes from God and should be used for Him. We must be good stewards not only of our money, but also of our time. God doesn't give us these things just to serve ourselves. We are given them to build Christ's kingdom. Not just to enjoy life, but to enjoy Christ and serve Him! We must make time to serve in ministry.

We should also look at serving in ministry while in college as preparing for the future. The habits we set now will continue for the rest of our lives. If you don't make time now, you probably won't make time in the future. And for freshmen: you're beginning your habits for the rest of college. Will you make serving in ministry a priority?

Your ministry will look different than mine or somebody else's. It's based upon your spiritual gifts. Maybe your ministry will look like discipling some students in your church's youth group, or serving in children's ministry one service a week at your church. Maybe you'll serve in ministry through CAUSE, by spreading the Gospel through E-VAN, praying for missionaries through Partners in Prayer or leading children to Jesus through Child Evangelism Fellowship. Or maybe you have a new idea for sharing the Gospel of Christ – and you'll start up a new CAUSE ministry or bring back an old one (like Voices of Justice).

But whatever your ministry looks like, you need to be doing it. God calls all of us to be involved in ministering to others – and to be ministered to ourselves. Check out how to serve in your church, or email CAUSE@jbu.edu to learn about ways to serve on campus. Start serving now!

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# Strive to serve siloam



Rebekah Veldhuizen

"Grow where you're planted": this was a saying I took to heart growing up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As soon as I had my driver's license, I called the community center to ask if I could volunteer. So for the next several years, I would start many of my days at 5 a.m., just so I could serve eggs, grits and the kind of love only the Lord can give that early in the morning.

I invested in multiple ministries and in my school, and it shows. I love my hometown and still pray for friends and ministries back home. I think I miss it not because it necessarily offered the best of everything, but because I sought out the positive there.

In Cedar Rapids, I was proactive. I had decided to live by Ephesians 5:16, "making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." I had a mission, and I was willing to sacrifice time, sleep, and more fun or exciting opportunities. Instead, I chose to spend my time asking smelly old men if they would like their eggs over

easy or sunny side up. Then later that night, I might watch a teenager, high as a kite, sit in on devotions just so that he could get a free meal afterwards.

These were all people I loved. While I struggled with how to show God's love to them in a way they could understand, I knew that even if I never saw any change in their lives, there was definitely change in my life. Some people assume that I loved to volunteer because I wanted to save the world or something, but the real reason was because I knew the only person I can be responsible for is myself. By sharing the Gospel with others through my words and my actions, I was preaching the Gospel to myself daily. This kept me growing, and kept my love for Christ growing.

Things have changed quite a bit, however. I believe the Lord led me to JBU for some crazy reason I have yet to discover. I've had a bit of a hard time becoming truly planted here in Siloam Springs. Pouring into my home community was emotionally draining, and cut a serious chunk out of my sleep schedule. I've struggled with whether I want to give that all up again, when I know I am only going to be here a few more years. Not to mention, I don't understand this community. I grew up in Cedar Rapids, and I understand the issues and the culture there. I hardly know the Siloam Springs community outside of the JBU campus.

Yet all of these are just excuses. I know the Lord grows and blesses us when we are

obedient to His will. That's why finding a place I can invest and serve in here at JBU is a top priority for my second year. It can seem distracting from our expensive education, or like it's not worth the time. But I know that if you begin to let God use you through service, you can also begin to truly experience what it means to rest in the Lord.

Coming back from a summer filled with pool parties and popsicles, the books can hit you pretty hard. Many of us have to adjust to the new schedules and spend hours upon hours studying. This makes signing up for anything outside of class overwhelming. But please, make time to pour into a ministry. Don't be like me, making excuses. None of those excuses helped me one bit last year.

Still, it is quite normal for humans to make excuses. Even Jeremiah tried to make the excuse that he was too young to serve. God just replied by saying, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you" (Jer. 1:7-8). Stop making excuses, and grow where you've been planted—right here in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

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# LIFESTYLES

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**New faculty members pose outside of the LRC.** From left to right, Michael Orf, Jessica Wilson, Kathleen Paulsen, Tony Myers and Jin Xu (Gina Mayhew not pictured) were all hired by the University within they past year. J.C. Carter was also added on as the Assitant Men’s Basketball Coach.

# Get to know the new faculty

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GINA MAYHEW

*What made you want to be a teacher?*

I mentored a lot of first-year teachers, and I noticed that they had the right ideas behind teaching but the reality wasn’t there. A passion of mine in mentoring first-year teachers is that I want them to have the reality and the joy of teaching in order to embrace the career.

*Why John Brown?*

JBU is my alma mater. I know faculty love it here and stay here for a while, so I never thought a position would open up. I thought I should check it out anyway, so I started looking it up. The interview process went very quickly from there. I love being back.

*How do you like your coffee?*

Decaf, unfortunately. Cream and Sweet’N Low.



TONY MYERS

*What made you want to teach?*

My mother went to school as an adult learner. I think seeing her go to school certainly made going to college something that I thought would be fun and interesting.

*Why John Brown?*

John Brown was actually a really neat opportunity. I was working at the University of Arkansas doing recruiting and working on a doctorate in higher education. There was an opportunity to join the John Brown family, and it was very similar to what I experienced as an undergraduate student. The chance to get back into that setting was very appealing.

*How do you like your coffee?*

I’m not a huge coffee lover, but I do drink it. I doctor mine up with cream and sweetener.

*What made you want to teach?*  
When you’re a creative writer, everyone says ‘oh, you’re going to be a teacher.’ I got this hesitancy, but then I graduated and realized a job was a good idea. wI applied for a teaching position and spent my first year in 4th grade. I remember that first week, discovering that I really loved it. I have a natural ability to teach. I had never felt more like I knew who I was as I did in front of that classroom.  
*Why John Brown?*  
Honestly, because they were kind enough to want me. I wasn’t really looking at John Brown, but within the first few days on campus, I came home elated every day. I had never heard of the school a year ago, now I can’t imagine being anywhere else.  
*How do you like your coffee?*  
In large amounts. I like to do the quick shots.



JESSICA WILSON

*Why John Brown?*  
The people I knew who worked here talked very highly of it. They talked about the community and the sense of purpose that everyone has. You don’t get that at a state school as much as you do here. That really intrigued me.  
*What’s your favorite part about working at JBU?*  
Working with the faculty. In degree completion, most of our faculty are practitioners, they work in their fields. They’re working on a day-to-day basis in business or in their industry and having that connection helps them bring real-world experiences into the classroom. I also enjoy getting to know each of them and why they want to teach at John Brown.  
*How do you like your coffee?*  
I don’t drink coffee.



MICHAEL ORF



JIN XU

*What made you want to teach?*

Two years ago, I didn’t realize that I liked teaching so much. I thought most of my time and energy would be spent in doing research. Ever since I began teaching officially, I found that I like the feeling of interacting with students.

*Why John Brown?*

The main reason is that it is an inter-denominational institution. I really like hanging around and working with people who have the same faith. My former advisor is a Christian and is also one of my spiritual guides.

*How do you like your coffee?*

I once had a French colleague who told me they don’t drink coffee with a lot of cream and sugar together, so now I put in as little creamer and sugar as possible.



KATHLEEN PAULSEN

*What made you want to be a professor/coach?*  
After I looked back in my life and I saw who had some of the greatest influences in my life, I realized that a lot of them were my teachers and coaches. Their impact inspired me to hopefully be that in someone else’s life.  
*Why John Brown?*  
I chose John Brown because I think I can fulfill my vision for college soccer and teaching at JBU as we seek to put Christ in the middle of all things – including sports and academics.  
*Favorite part about teaching/coaching?*  
The people – Getting to live life with an awesome group of young men and women is the best job in the world.  
*How do you like your coffee?*  
Black with honey!

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# Music in the park sounds off

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Adam Howard will give his final farewell to Siloam Springs surrounded by friends, music and nature. Howard, the 2013 JBU Alumni behind the stage name The Duke of Norfolk, will be playing a “Music in the Park” concert on Sept. 21, at Twin Springs Park with Little Chief, Jason Bowyer and Susannah Powell. “In a way, it’s like a good-bye party,” said Howard. Howard took up the name of Duke of Norfolk as an act in the University’s first Next Big Thing competition. Since then, Howard has mainly performed in Siloam Springs. Howard however will be moving to Europe in October and he had the idea to play one last concert in Siloam Springs. “I got together some bands I thought

would be good and thought of a place that would be nice,” said Howard about planning the concert from his current residence in Tulsa, Okla. The Duke of Norfolk’s manager had expressed interest in pairing him with a band based in Fayetteville, Ark, named Little Chief. Howard decided his final concert would the perfect time to pair up with the band. Jason Bowyer, a senior at John Brown University, is another one of the acts performing at the concert and is one of Howard’s close friends. He and the members of Little Chief together suggested Susannah Powell as the final act of the night. One downfall of planning the event from so far away was a lack of communication about events planned by the University. Howard found out Breakaway was planned for the same weekend as the concert, but was assured students would be returning in time to go to his final show.

“Musicians are generally really, really bad at communicating and committing to things, so I’m really lucky it all worked out,” said Howard. The styles of all three acts are very different according to Bowyer ranging from singer/songwriter to pop to folk music. But for the artists, the music in and of itself is not the main theme of the evening. “We want it to be like kind of like a cook-out, social event and the music will really bring everyone together,” said Bowyer. While there will be some food and games provided, attendants are strongly encouraged to bring a picnic and yard games. “Adam is one of my best friends,” said Bowyer, “This event means a lot to him and in that way it means a lot to me. I want to have this last concert to kind of send him out.”



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**Former University student Adam Howard performs at the Artie Awards last spring.** Howard, who performs under the name The Duke of Norfolk will perform at Music in the Park this Saturday night, beginning at 7:00p.m.

# Plumstone



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## The Bee Keepers’ Breakfast Picnic

Paquito, the family parrot, is screaming in rapid fire. I know by now the sound of Jose Sr., in the kitchen opening and closing the refrigerator door, shuffling supplies in the bed of the truck outside my window and scurrying outside my cracked door in the dark of the early morning. I’m trying to fight back the sleep that fills my head and my heavy body. Jose Jr. gets up in a frazzled daze. He is walking in and out of the bathroom, in and out of the screen door, looking again in the refrigerator, walking around brushing his teeth, hopping on one leg to put on baggy green pants. I emerge from my temporary room wearing the pair green cargo pants Jose Sr. had given me the night before—tight around the waist, low in the crotch, and loose and long in the leg. Jose points me to a cup of tea he had prepared for me—apple, which Jose’s mother says will soothe my stomach—and urges me with his short, quickened pacing around the room to gulp it as quick quick quick as I can. It’s three in the morning and we’re rushing to get into the truck. It’s loaded with a barrel of sugar and a bee smoker and replacement frames for the hives and a few old long-sleeved shirts for the next two days’ work. We’re driving five hours from their home to tend to the bees. If this trip is like the one we took last week my job will be simple: help carry the buckets and buckets of sugar the bees require since the flowers are lousy this time of year and hold the smoker—and keep it going—when Jose Sr. holds a bee-covered frame in his bare hands—the tiny, quizzical creatures exploring the gaps between his fingers and the cup of his palm—looking for the queen. Last time the smoke gave me a headache. They use the tarry, buckeye-sized nuts from the coyol tree to fill the smoker. When lighting hit in the morning, Jose stuffs it full of burning newspaper and old, rotten wood and the nuts and shakes it like a maraca. But before we start the smoker or put on the protective veils or scoop buckets full of sugar, we eat breakfast. Many of the breakfasts here in Costa Rica have been the same. But instead of growing tired of the simple food—beans and rice served with eggs or *queso frito* make a dish called *Gallo Pinto*; Jose’s mother, Margarita, makes empanadas, too, filling them with stewed beef or ham and cheese or sweet fruit.—I grew to love it. The three of us plop down on overturned buckets under a teak tree—its umbrella-sized leaves help to deflect the already baking sun. On the long drive here I always fall asleep, in the passenger seat with my head kinked over to one side. But by about an hour into the drive I wake to an angry hunger. “You woke up already. I want to eat now!” my stomach seems to be saying to me with gusto. Like the other mornings, today I kept quiet and tired to get back to sleep in the rumbling truck. We’re all hungry when we get to where we’re working. Today, in the tupperwares we packed last night, we have *Gallo Pinto*. The condensation from their residual heat drips from the lids when we peel them off. The rice has the texture of, well, day old rice—with the core of each grain regaining its firmness—and the beans are smashed. When Jose Sr. pulls out a bottle of hot sauce we smile and give a tired cheer. Gulps of chilled water help the rice and beans go down. It fills our bellies. And before I’ve cleaned off my spoon, Jose is over filling the smoker.

I love picnics—whether they be for breakfast and highly informal, like the one in the story I just shared or thought out down to the last detail. Picnicking is like eating in a movie theater. The less the food is constrained by the circumstances, the better. I’ve brought hamburgers into a movie in my cargo shorts or smuggled in hummus and a whole bag of pita chips. Much in the same way, picnic food seems to be more fun when it’s not. Once my family and I ate a bucket of fried chicken on a picnic. Another time there was a full salad—with a cute little Tupperware for the dressing—and a rotisserie chicken and dessert. There’s a *Duke of Norfolk* show coming up this next week in the park downtown. Feel free to bring a picnic. Maybe we can share with each other when we get down there.







# Ultimate frisbee encourages ministry



Submitted by REBECCA CURRY

**The ultimate frisbee team huddles** after a match. The team makes it a point to pray with their opposing teams after each of their games, and plans to hold bible studies on Saturday nights of tournament weekends.

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Nestled between the tennis courts and soccer field sits a field of a different kind. It belongs to the Ultimate Frisbee team.

The Men’s Ultimate Frisbee team, led by captains Andrew Goode, Chris Genheimer and Aric Powers works hard to learn and love a sport while still striving to bring God the glory in everything they do.

This group of energetic and committed men practices hard, and strives to win, but still finds the most value in building strong relationships with each other on and off the field.

Senior Andrew Goode has been a part of the team since his freshman year, and has seen a lot of growth and change over the past few years.

“Leadership has been an issue for the team before,” Goode said. “I was a captain by the second semester of my sophomore year, and seeing how we want the team to bond has really spurred us on to take leadership seriously.”

For junior Kyle Dyer, the team bonding and community is also a big part of why he enjoys being a part of the team.

“It’s a good outlet for me to get to run and chase a disk,” Dyer said. “But it’s also a good ministry experience. The Ultimate scene is normally pretty negative. I see it as a ministry. We pray with teams after playing them. It’s pretty neat to hear other teams say that they notice we are different.”

Along with praying with opposing teams at tournaments, Goode also noted that the team will hold a Bible study on the Saturday nights during tournament weekends, and

they strive to build intentional relationships with each other for accountability and attitude.

This past May, the Men’s Ultimate Frisbee team made an appearance at Nationals for the first time in JBU history.

16 members of the team made the trek to Milwaukee, Wis. in May to participate in the National tournament, and even though they didn’t do as well as they had hoped, they continued to give the glory to the Lord.

“Nationals was a great experience,” Dyer said. “No one knew who we were there. There were no expectations for us. We were able to make a name for ourselves. We played really well. Most teams we play have close to 30 guys. You have to have seven playing at times, so sometimes it was really tiring.”

Dyer added that the team definitely earned their spot at Nationals, and that the experience at Nationals captured

the entire season.

“Each team is rated on spirit at the end of games. We won the spirit award,” Dyer said. “God’s name was exalted among the top 15 teams in the country. I kind of see it as God being funny. We didn’t win, but God had a victory.”

Goode noted that Nationals brought the team together as a whole. None of the team members from last year graduated, so the team has grown quite a bit this year.

As for the next season, both Goode and Dyer want to take their positive experiences and bring energy to the new players.

About a dozen new players showed interest in playing for the team this year.

“For the first few months we will focus on building community,” Goode said. “We’ve encouraged returning players to pick a freshman and mentor him and be a friend

through the sport and hopefully into their spiritual life as well.”

According to Goode, there are tournaments the team partakes in the first semester, but that the second semester is when things really start to pick up. The first tournament that the team will partake in is coming soon, called “Rookie Ride” where only players who have played for less than four semesters are allowed to participate.

The team will continue working and doing their best throughout this next year, but also giving God the glory in all they do.

“After winning the spirit award, I think this year will mark a change with attitudes,” Dyer said. “We are relationally focused. Teams look forward to playing us because they like our attitude whether we win or lose.”

# Lady Eagles win game with a comeback

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The Women’s soccer team ended their game against Rogers State Tuesday the 17th with a win, finishing 3-1.

Only one shot went past goalkeeper Kristen Morency, putting the Golden Eagles down a goal at the start of the second half, but the team managed to make a strong comeback. Sophomore Nicole Kosin snuck the ball inside the right post at

*“We won the balls we fought for.”*

*-Junior Madison Susmilch*

the 80 minute mark, scoring the first goal for the Golden Eagles, followed by Junior Casey O’Brien, who brought John Brown ahead in the game after her direct shot 85 minutes into the match. Junior Laura Garcia scored the third point with a low, hard shot to the bottom right corner in the 88th minute.

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**Junior Madison Susmilch dribbles the ball** in the game Tuesday against Rogers State. The Lady Eagles won the game 3-1.

“It was obvious we were all putting in extra effort to make a comeback when they scored on us,” O’Brien said. “It wasn’t just one person independently that allowed us to make that

comeback,” said O’Brien, “we pulled it together as a team.”

Junior Madison Susmilch, who played the entire 90 minutes of the game, believes her teams’ efforts were obvious as well. “We

won the balls we fought for” said Susmilch, “We really put forth an effort, and I think it showed throughout the game and ended up paying off.”

The team will begin playing

Junior Casey O’Brien

their SAC games on September 28th against St. Gregory’s in Oklahoma, which leaves time for a little improvement.

Susmilch stated, “We need to continue to want the ball, and work on getting on the end of crosses and free kicks”.

O’Brien saw room for improvement as well, saying, “We need to put in the effort we did against Rogers State after we were down a point at the start of every game, rather than waiting until we are down to try to make a comeback”.

The Golden Eagles will play their next game at Benedictine in Kansas on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.

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Every fall, fashionistas, fashion designers and other interesting characters flock to their mecca, Mercedes Benz Fashion Week. Taking place September 5-12, 2014 this exhibition of upcoming trends inspires clothing choices for the next six months. But for the average college student, how is this relevant? Several hundred dollar outfits seem frivolous to someone who lives on ramen noodles. With a little ingenuity and a lot less high-fashion anyone can incorporate styles fresh from the runway into their everyday wardrobe.



the trend: EMBROIDERY

Even the most basic articles of clothing can be taken up a notch with a few little details. The dress on the left showcased by Valentino may be worthy of a walk on the red carpet, but our look tones it down. This cream-colored sweater includes slight rouched sleeves and a hint of an embroidered pattern down the sides. The braided belt adds a pop of classic color, and is complimented by boots- a fall must- and a unique clock necklace.



the trend: GARDEN PRINTS

Flowers, butterflies, leaves and other nature-inspired prints added a fun element to many of the shows. The dress on the left, was created for Marc Jacobs. Our version, including a bright vintage shirt and skirt combo would be perfect for one of those days you have to dress up for a class presentation or for a Sunday church service. Tone the jeweled color down a notch, and stay warm, with a pair of black leggings.



the trend: BLACK & WHITE

Black and white will forever remain a classic combo, and this year's hottest design were no exception to the rule. Whether paired with metallics or a pop of color, you really can't go wrong. The outfit on the left, courtesy of Tatiana Sulimina provides an edge with its unique striped pattern. Our look echoes the edgy vibe, opting for a mix of prints, and a shoutout to pink with some pointed pumps and a simple brooch. A good balance of rock-and-roll and femininity. Try this on for a night out on the town.



the trend: 20s RIVIERA

From the new Great Gatsby movie to Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, the 20s are definitely roaring back into popularity. A little sparkle, a touch of glamour, neutrals, pearls and tea-length hemlines glorify the infamous decade in a modern manner. The look on the left, from Proenza Schouler, encompasses soft colors and textures with twenty-first century architecture. Our look stays true to the 1920s, featuring a simple pleated black skirt and a long strand of pearls. A leotard takes away the complication of properly tucking and don't forget a sweater to keep away the chilly air. Wear this anyday you need some inspiration.

