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Renewable energy majors install solar panels

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The first graduates majoring in renewable energy at John Brown University will leave behind a project that lasts.

Seniors Chuck Cheng, Micah McCall and Amanda Reed are near completion of their senior project, which aims to install several solar panels on the roof of the Balzer Technology Center beginning in May.

The solar panels will mainly be an educational tool for future renewable energy majors.

Ted Song, assistant professor of engineering, compared the project's value to the renewable energy program with KLRC to the communications department. The solar panels will serve as a hands-on tool for next semester's solar energy class. To that effect, the seniors plan to install at least four systems of solar panels, each using differing systems and materials.

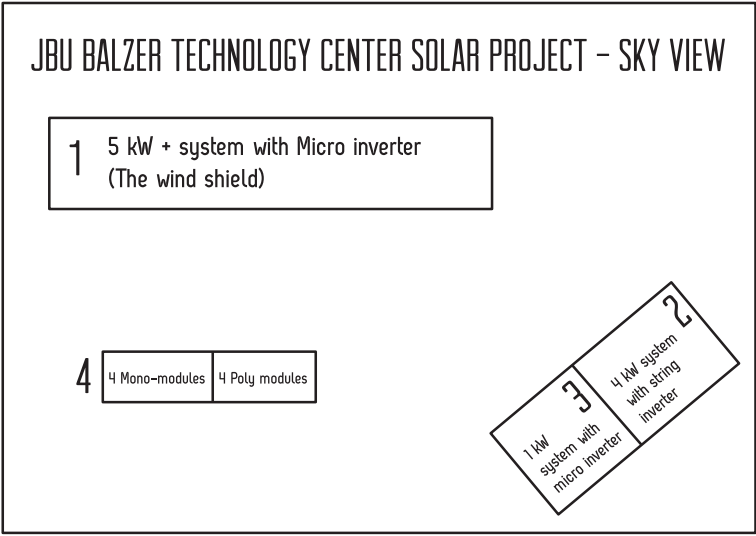
"We don't want to just buy the most inexpensive panels," said Song. "It's not just for the students this semester, but for the students who will come in 2020, 2025."

Steve Brankle, director of facilities services and sustainability, said the solar panels will cost around \$50,000.

Reed explained the importance of the project, "The thing I truly love about renewable energy is that it really is a hands-on program. I think that makes it soar above the rest."

Another purpose for the project is to publicize the renewable energy program to prospective students. The panels will be clearly visible from the road, and, because students will need access to the panels for research, will also be accessible on tours of the building.

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Arkansas law sets precedent for abortion legislation

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The state of Arkansas has recently been a front-runner in the ongoing legal battle over abortion rights.

The Arkansas Legislature overturned Governor Mike Beebe's veto of a new abortion law on March 6, resulting in the most conservative legislation on abortion nationwide so far.

The new law, the Arkansas State Senate Bill 134, also known as the Human Heartbeat Protection Act, prohibits abortion after 12 weeks of pregnancy, when a heartbeat can be detected via abdominal ultrasound.

On March 26, North Dakota "leap-frogged" over Arkansas in terms of legal restriction on abortion when they passed a law limiting abortion to the first 6 weeks of pregnancy, according to the Washington Post.

And so the debate continues.

Arkansas currently has only one clinic, Little Rock Family Planning Services, that performs surgical abortions up to 21 weeks of pregnancy, according to the New York Times.

Planned Parenthood also runs two clinics in Fayetteville and Little Rock, which offer medicinal abortions using RU-486, the "abortion pill." These can only be done within the first eight weeks of pregnancy.

There are also several clinics, such as New Beginnings Pregnancy Services in Siloam Springs, which provide support and other alternatives to mothers with unplanned pregnancies.

When Governor Beebe vetoed the Arkansas law on March 4, he called it "unconstitutional."

In his veto letter, he wrote this was because "it would impose a ban on a woman's right to choose an elective, nontherapeutic abortion well before viability, Senate Bill 134 blatantly contradicts the United States Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court. When I was sworn in as Governor, I took an oath to preserve, protect and defend both the Arkansas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. I take that oath seriously."

Yet, many are strongly in favor of this new law.

Deacon Keith Fournier wrote in Catholic Online on March 10, "With this legislation the people of Arkansas have lent their voice to our littlest neighbors because theirs is muffled behind the wall of their mothers' wombs."

Carrie Curtis, director at New Beginnings Pregnancy Services, said, "We are excited about the law. Having an ultrasound required for these women is a huge step. By passing this law, Arkansas is a front-runner in change. This is going to be a big step in helping other states to change and could propel others toward adopting the heartbeat law."

Some say the bill will unfairly restrict access to healthcare options needed by women.

"This truly is a sad day for Arkansas women. The Arkansas Legislature has once again disregarded women's healthcare and passed the most extreme anti-woman's health bill in the country," said Jill June, CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, in a March 6 press release

"Planned Parenthood will continue to fight these bills and stand up [for] women in Arkansas. We will do all we can to help women receive the health care they need," June concluded.

Megan Toney, a senior at John Brown University, began volunteering at New Beginnings Pregnancy Services because she wanted to minister in a place of need that was not necessarily easy.

"It is really easy to have a stark opinion until there are faces to it all," she said about working with young women struggling with what to do about unplanned pregnancies.

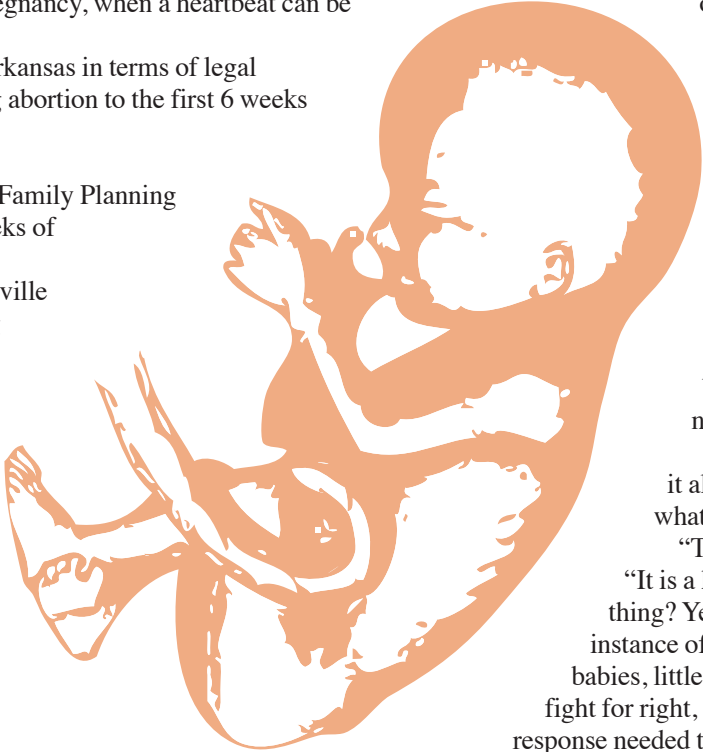
"These girls and their babies become real to me," Toney said.

"It is a hard and scary place to be in. Is the right thing still the right thing? Yes, but there is a need for so much compassion and not just an instance of compassion, but a long-term and engaged compassion. Those babies, little as they are, are real people, but so are their mothers. In our fight for right, we sometimes trample people. It made me aware of what my response needed to be. If I am going to be pro-life, then I need to back that up with compassion and alternative options."

Senior Madison Stewart has also volunteered at New Beginnings. She did it because of her heart for women and her desire to see lives restored and redeemed.

"I cannot fault them for the fear they have, and that abortion is often presented as the only option saddens me," said Stewart. "What I can say is to know your options. Talk things through with people who know what they're

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At 12 weeks a fetus develops reflexes, according to babycenter.com. This means the baby can open and close his fingers, curl his toes, clench his eye muscles and make sucking movements with his mouth. At the size of a lime, the baby weighs half an ounce and his face looks "unquestionably human."

Campus welcomes congressman



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U.S. Representative Steve Womack (R) outlines his speaking points for the Siloam Springs Town Hall Meeting held Tuesday. He presented his points to the Threefold Advocate staff. Womack spoke of the sequence of events to occur this spring to lead toward deficit reduction. He also spoke about the role of entitlement programs on the budgets. "There should be a program in place for you [college students]," he said. "It just can't be the program we have today because the country can't sustain that kind of burden. We want to protect those in or near retirement and transform it for the rest."

Psychology Club undergoes changes

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The Psychology Club at John Brown University is undergoing some organizational changes to improve its activity on campus. The Student Government Association approved the proposal last week.

The University's chapter of Psi Chi, an international psychology honor society, will be taking over the functions of the club.

Rick Froman, the chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences division, said the change should have a positive impact on the activities and events for students.

While the honors organization chapter has existed on campus for some time, it has primarily provided psychology students with graduation honors, Froman said.

Senior Austin McCullough, the president of the club, presented the change request to the Student Government Association. He said the Psi Chi chapter would be able to bring the benefits of an international organization to the campus club.

Froman said that national office for Psi Chi requires the presence of an active club in order to offer a chapter of the organization.

"We want to continue offering this honor to students but not in a way that will have two competing organizations: Psych Club and Psi Chi," Froman said.

In the past, the Psi Chi chapter has been inactive with all events being carried out through the Psychology Club, Froman said. But the Psychology Club was also frequently inactive, "due to transitions in leadership."

"The change allows for us to have a group of individuals that can be regularly counted on for leadership to run the club and plan events," Froman said. "The club will be more organized with the constitution provided, with some modifications for JBU, from the international office."

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University embraces connection to Uganda

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A major shift will occur in the Christian church in the not-too-distant future.

“The Christian epicenter has moved throughout history,” explained Steve Beers, vice president of student development. “It has mostly been in the West. But in the next few hundred years, it will move South [toward Africa].”

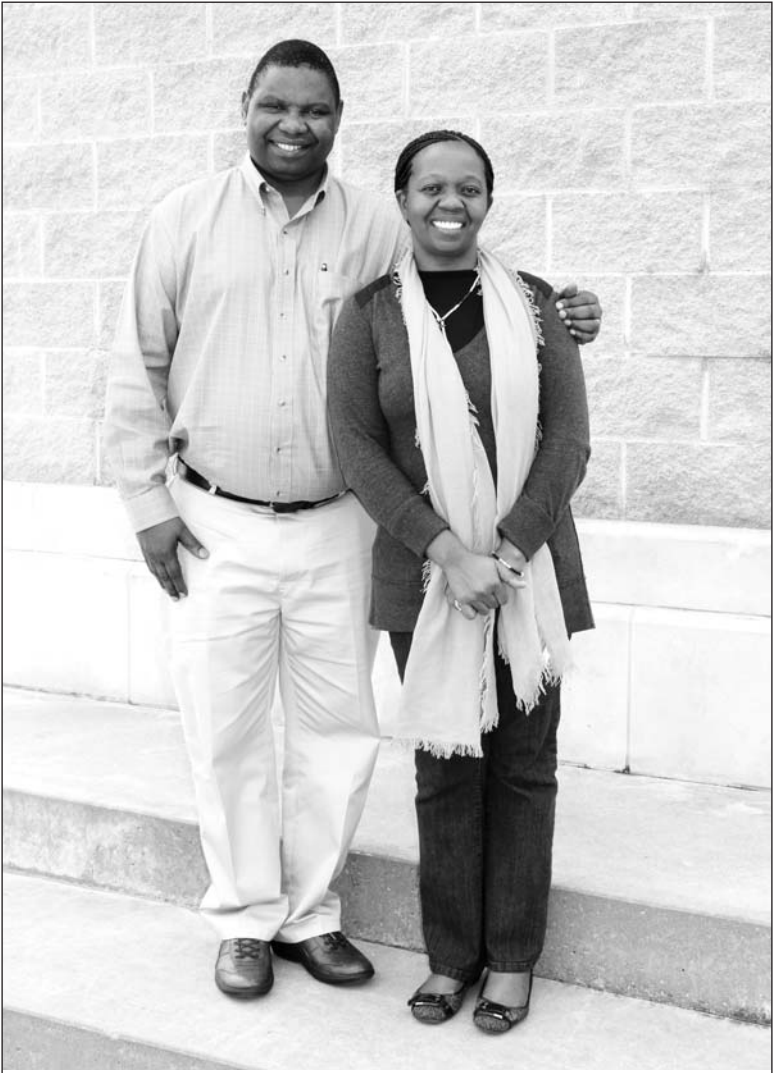
He experienced firsthand the continent’s growing faith in 1995 when he and his wife Jane Beers, assistant professor of biology, traveled to Ethiopia and Zimbabwe. And in recent years, the couple has traveled back more than eight times, taking John Brown University students with them.

Alongside the students, Beers and his wife delved into the various cultures, meeting with groups of local college students and touring different universities.

Since Beers works in higher education, a natural question for him dealt with the successful continuation of integration of faith and learning in African universities.

“How do we support the distinctness of Christian higher education?” he asked. “The Lord has blessed this institution, how do we give back?”

During a trip to Uganda,



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Moffat Zimba and his wife Doreen received a warm welcome at the University when Zimba spoke last month. The University plans to partner with a Christian university in Uganda with Zimba’s help.

Beers made connections and was able to set up a meeting with the president of the school. The president expressed his frustrations with faculty

retention, saying that in Africa it is challenging to find a qualified professional who is committed in their relationship with God. And it is even more difficult to

keep them when better-paying opportunities offer serious competition.

Convicted and inspired, Beers came back to the University ready for action.

This summer, Beers; Rod Reed, university chaplain; Cary Balzer, associate professor of biblical studies; and Rick Ostrander, a former professor, will fly to Uganda to work intentionally with the Christian university there.

Right outside of the capital city of Kampala, the group from the states will spend two weeks discussing, brainstorming and presenting new concepts — ensuring the relationship between faith and learning.

Working with African professors, Beers hopes they will learn as much as they contribute.

“I really think this will be a two-way street,” he described.

Continuing to prepare for the summer, Beers met with Moffat Zimba, who spoke in chapel last month. Moffat offered advice from his own experiences in African Christian higher education.

Also emphasizing the integration of faith and learning, Zimba and his wife Doreen founded Northrise University in Ndola, Zambia in 2004.

After facilitating and leading a Bible study, the couple realized their mutual desire to encourage education and faith-building in young adults.

“At the time, there were only two public universities in Uganda,” Zimba said.

“We didn’t have the opportunity to attend university,” added Doreen. “And we had a passion for others in the same situation.”

For several years, the couple prayed and sought the Lord’s direction and assistance. And beginning in January 2004 the university offered associate degrees in both theology and information technology to approximately 50 students.

Since its founding, the school has grown to almost 600 students. Similar in some ways to John Brown, Northrise students attend chapels, participate in weekly prayer meetings, and all classes start with a 10-minute devotional.

It is also interdenominational. “But we tell them who we are,” Zimba said.

And although they have experienced similar struggles to the Uganda Christian University, retaining qualified professors, the couple finds joy in the ways that the Lord has blessed their school.

“When I see the change in a student from the time they arrive, when they mature and grow spiritually and academically, I am happy,” said Doreen. “Their life has literally changed from one direction to another.”

Students continue to act against sex slavery

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Approximately 200,000 United States citizens find themselves bought and sold into sex slavery within this country’s border each year, according to the Department of Justice. Many of those victims pass through Arkansas and Oklahoma on Interstate 40.

Participants in John Brown University’s newest ministry, Students Against Sex Slavery,

said they want to make these facts known.

“It’s not something in a foreign country,” said freshman Krista Gay, the ministry’s leader and founder. “Girls are being sold like meat right here. Sex slavery is such an issue here in Arkansas.”

Sex trafficking ministries frequently focus their work on an international level. Gay said Students Against Sex Slavery differentiates itself from these ministries by concentrating its efforts on raising awareness for sex trafficking in Arkansas.

“We really try to figure out how we can work locally,” Gay said.

The ministry has joined with Partners Against Trafficking Humans—a rehabilitation organization based in Little Rock.

According to the organization’s Facebook page, its mission is to “provide safe housing and a program of restoration and reintegration for rescued victims of human trafficking and prostitution.” Their goal is to offer “hope for healing, personal growth and

future success.”

Students Against Sex Slavery plans to contribute to the rehabilitation center by raising \$1,000 over the course of the semester through fundraising events in order to support one woman through a month of treatment.

Junior Joel Reindel, the ministry’s co-leader, said he and Gay want to get people talking and thinking about the fact that sex slavery is an issue in the United States.

“We’re trying to target more

than just getting the word out but getting people involved. We want to get them doing something,” Reindel added.

“People either don’t know about sex slavery in Arkansas, or they let themselves forget about it,” Reindel said.

Gay and Reindel said they hope their ministry will prevent University students from forgetting about sex trafficking and motivate them to do something about it.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT SEX SLAVERY

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Human trafficking reaps nearly \$10 billion a year.

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Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked across United States borders each year.

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In 2011, there were 69 suspected cases of human trafficking in Arkansas. Two of the 69 calls were received from Benton County, five from Washington County and one in Sebastian County.

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In 2011, Shared Hope International ranked all 50 states and the District of Columbia on their efforts to prosecute and prevent human trafficking. The institution gave Arkansas an “F.”

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The FBI reports that sex traffickers have sold more than 300,000 children in the United States.

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The average sex victim is raped 30 to 40 times a day.

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Most sex victims are forced into prostitution between 12 and 14 years of age.

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Trafficking women is one of the two largest globally organized crimes.

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In the United States, more women are raped on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year.

Compiled from the Human Trafficking Movie Project, Moju Project, Times Record, City Wire, Huffington Post, Arkansas Matters, Children's HopeChest and the Women's Funding Network.

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Students gather to discuss how to combat sex slavery in Arkansas. They are planning to do a dodgeball fundraiser and continue to raise money in creative ways to save women from becoming victims of the heinous practice.

CM majors honored for essays

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Two construction management majors received scholarships last month from the American Institute of Constructors. Junior Ben Landaal and sophomore Jose Nino brought home first and second place in an essay contest.

Jim Caldwell, professor of engineering and construction management, said he was pleased.

“We typically do very well with the [Institute] regional scholarship,” Caldwell said.

Landaal wrote his paper about fall prevention. He included

statistics on falls and the injuries that occur due to falling on the construction site.

“Falls are prominent on the injury list,” Landaal said.

Landaal wants to remind site managers that double checking is always a must, and to increase the use of handrails and harnesses.

Nino’s paper included a detailed analysis of the benefits that Building Information Modeling is offering building designers, contractors and owners to incorporate green practices into their part of the building life cycle.

“When I found out that I won second place I was surprised,” Nino said.

Nino did not expect his paper to win anything, but he was pleased to know the judges appreciated his work.

“It’s a really cool opportunity to get paid to learn,” Nino said.

Caldwell encourages his students to apply for scholarships. There are many external scholarships that construction management students can apply for, ranging from \$500 to over \$2,500.

“It is a great way to fund their education and in the process is helpful in plugging into the construction profession and its various organizations,” Caldwell said.

Out of the Bubble

Threats of war from North Korea

cnn.com April 2

Tensions continue to escalate on the Korean peninsula following Kim Jong Un’s threats to wage war against the U.S. and South Korea. Declarations were made Tuesday that they planned to restart a nuclear reactor. The U.S. is prepared to defend themselves.

In the Bubble

Ice cream + Ireland = \$5 fundraiser

Check out the fundraiser for the Irish Missions team in Walker Student Center today from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Donate \$5 and get some local Pure Joy ice cream.

Biblical studies division gains Burch as chair

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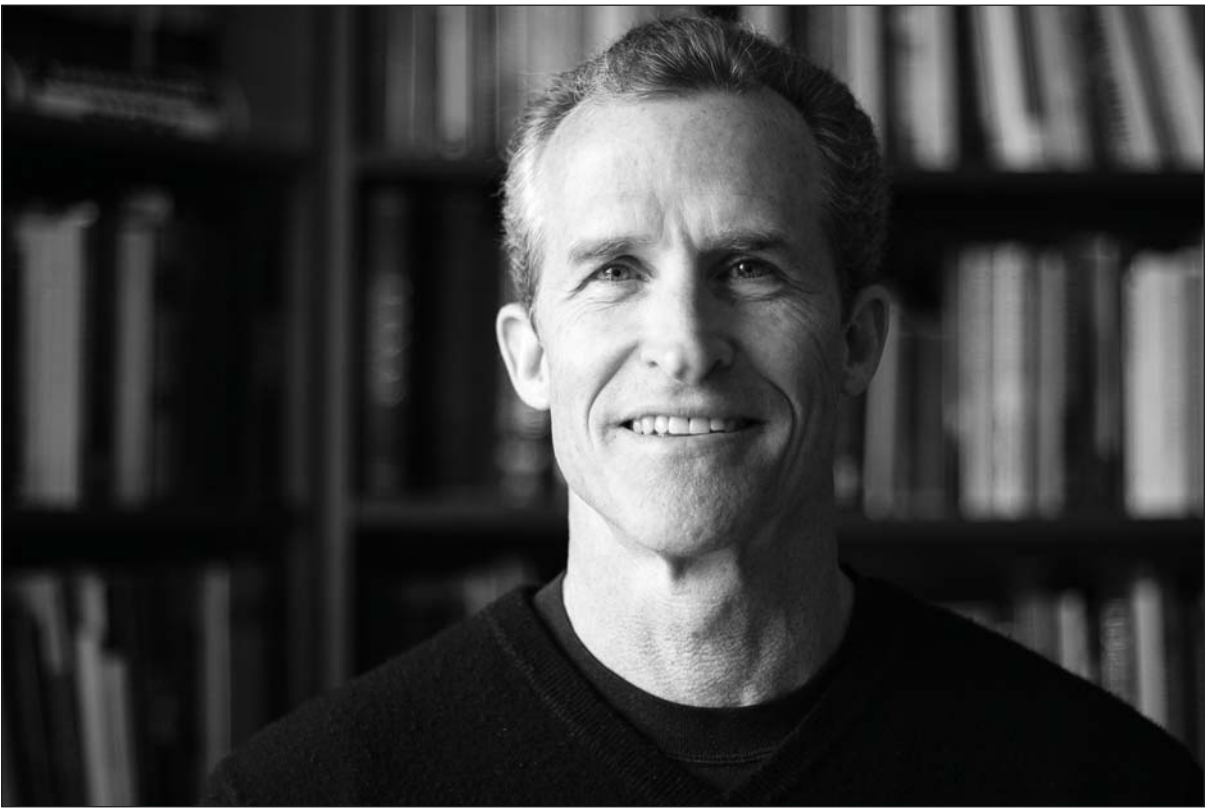
Maxie Burch arrived at John Brown University in 2011 to direct both the Graduate Ministries Program and the Link Year Program. But in the fall his job title will change to chair of the Biblical Studies Division.

The current chair, David Brisben, is resigning from the position so that he can return to full-time teaching and focus on researching and publishing before he finishes his career.

Burch said he did not plan things this way. Instead, God’s plan has unfolded in a way Burch did not expect. He said it has become something of a joke, with people asking him what hat he is wearing now whenever they see him.

Burch started teaching a couple of classes in the division during his first semester at the University after a faculty member left suddenly. In fall of 2012, the University decided to hire him to teach full-time. He said his time at the University has demonstrated that God will answer prayers.

“I wanted to teach at a university that had a good environment,” Burch said. “I love teaching, and I can do a lot of other things as well, so I wanted to find a place where I could serve,



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Maxie Burch, professor of biblical studies, is set to become the chair of the Biblical Studies division when David Brisben steps down and goes back to the classroom. Burch said he looks forward to helping the division serve students better.

doing whatever was needed.”
For Burch, the best part of his job is working with the students. He said he loves coming to work every day.
“Yes, there is stuff to do,” Burch said. “But when your work is connected to your passion, you don’t notice that much.”
Senior Noah Archibald is in Burch’s Capstone Seminar in Christian Life this semester. He

said Burch provided students a “chance to learn from someone who has gone before,” adding that the class had been a highlight of his core classes at the University.
“As a professor, Dr. Burch runs his classes like clockwork,” Archibald said. “But what we do in his class is anything but clockwork. Dr. Burch provides me and other students an opportunity to step outside of the grind of

college life to think about our lives.”
As the new chair, Burch is looking forward to helping the division serve students, the church and the world. He said his goal is to continue moving the division toward growth that is both healthy and sustainable, particularly through marketing itself well.
“We have a great staff and a healthy curriculum,” Burch

said. “We will work together to figure out how to best present our division to prospective students.”
Brisben said during his 12 years as the chair, he most enjoyed the process of selecting new faculty.
“When I started here, the division had 40 students and four professors,” Brisben said. “Now we have 220 students and 14 professors. It has been fun to be a part of that growth.”
Brisben added that Burch would do a great job as the new chair, in part because he has good administrative skills and works well with people.
“Burch is a lot like me in that we are both generalists,” Brisben said. “Whoever is the chair has to have a good aptitude for philosophy or youth ministry, too, not just for biblical studies.”
Burch said the whole thing is still rather surreal for him.
“I keep pinching myself to see if this is real,” he said. “I have been entrusted with an opportunity to lead, and that means a lot to me. Our professors are sharp people, good scholars and godly people.”
Burch wanted to give a shout out from the division to all of the students.
“We couldn’t do what we love to do without the students,” he said. “So thanks for trusting us and investing your time so we can share ourselves with you.”

CRE promotes healthy relationships at other universities nationwide

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For the past seven years, the Center for Relationship Enrichment has facilitated a program off-campus called “Growing Healthy Relationships.”
[“The program] is intended to offer an opportunity for married and engaged couples to learn communication and conflict skills to grow a stronger relationship,” said Derek Gwinn, coordinator of relationship education for the Center.
The program, which is funded by a grant, is a one-day experience, with a follow-up session one month later, said Gwinn.

Gwinn also said the program is by invitation only, and the schools invited to partake in the program are specified by the donors. The Center does not broadly market the program, but “that’s not an uncommon thing for grant agencies,” Gwinn explained.
Cary and Tracy Balzer, both staff at John Brown University, are one of several presenting teams that help facilitate the program with one or two retreats a semester. This is their fifth year working with the program.
“Generally, the retreats are narrowed down to one of two topics. This year it focuses on communication. Next year it will focus on conflict. The material stays consistent, though,” Tracy Balzer, director of Christian formation, said.
The sessions start on a Friday

night talking about the foundation and principles on love in a relationship. On Saturday, there are three separate sessions—two that focus on the specific topic for the year and the last which focuses on a Christ-centered marriage, explained Balzer.
“The extent of the retreat really depends on the school,” she said. “Some campuses make it a big retreat while others set it up like a seminar on their campus.”
The Center does not hold these seminars on the University’s campus for specific reasons.
“We are here and available on JBU’s campus every day,” Gwinn said. “We offer programs for both pre-marital and dating students here. We offer good quality programs at no cost to students here. Other schools don’t have these resources,” Gwinn said.

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Now, with the approval of the reorganization, Psi Chi will receive the official University club label and the funding that goes with it.
Senior Kelsey Daugherty, president of the Student Government Association, said the change would be good for the psychology department.
“The Psychology Club had not been very effective recently,” she said. “Revamping it with Psi Chi will be a positive change. The new leadership is very committed to this.”
Academic clubs provide a good way for students to

have community outside of their shared classes while still learning and growing, Daugherty added. It also provides a way for smaller departments to become more involved in campus as a whole.
Froman said the change should mean students will see more activities and events from the psychology department, partly based on ideas provided by the international organization.
“This semester is the time we are making the transition, with the induction of new members into Psi Chi,” Froman said. “We should be able to hit the ground running in the fall.”

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“It’s a great marketing piece for the renewable energy (program),” said Reed. “It’s something for students to ... see that we’re moving toward sustainability.”
Environmental sustainability is another goal of the project. The panels will make a marked difference in the building’s electric bill. Though the electricity will by no means be provided for entirely by the panels, “in terms of sustainability, JBU’s moving in the right direction,” said Song.
Brankle said the initial estimates for the project predict a 25-year payback.
“It’s not just for the money; it’s

for the environment,” said Song.
The solar panels will also bolster the building’s recent LEED Certification. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is a voluntary program from the U.S. Green Building Council that encourages building owners and operators to be more environmentally friendly. A building must meet a number of prerequisites to be LEED certified, earning at least 40 points on a 110-point scale. The Center’s solar panels will count in the building’s favor when its certification is renewed.
The project is in its final stages of planning now, but the students did not reach this point without

some difficulty. The installation will require several penetrations in the building’s roof, so there was some trouble reconciling the project with the roof’s warranty.
“We’re learning as we go, for sure,” said Reed.
However, the students and their advisors have high hopes for the project. Brankle was particularly optimistic.
“This’ll give [students] real world experience as they go out into the world,” he said. “I think some of them will use it in great ways.”
Song agreed that this is not just any project. “We want to learn these things not just for our own benefit, but for the world.”

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talking about. If you want to have an abortion, talk to people who have had one, not to the people who want your money. Or, talk to people that haven’t, and ask them why.”
Stewart does not want to see Christians ostracizing women who are considering or have had an abortion.
“I don’t like the condemnation that goes with it, and I think it’s very hurtful,” she said. “Nowhere in Scripture is putting shame on people a positive thing. It breaks my heart to see Christians ostracize these women. Whether

their decision is right or wrong, they still need love and healing. This is an awesome opportunity to minister, and I would hate to see that opportunity missed.”
In the debate about abortion, women who are struggling with the emotional consequences of their choice are often overlooked, said Melissa Horton, client services manager at New Beginnings.
“What they don’t realize is all the women that are now coming to that knowledge, that what they thought was just tissue actually had a beating heart, could feel pain and could survive outside the womb, that’s pretty amazing and disheartening at the same time

for those who have experienced abortion,” Horton said.
New Beginnings offers post-abortion counseling for these women, too.
“We want them to find peace in what they’ve experienced, and healing. All they have to do is call,” Horton said.
Toney said, “I wish abortion was illegal. However, it isn’t, and laws that give rights like this aren’t usually reversed. So this is reality; abortion is legal. I think that means all the more that we get into the trenches. We don’t give up because certain things are allowed; we just work hard to show that there is more, there is better, there is life to be had.”

RECONCILING

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APRIL 5TH

7:30 P.m.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Faith and Sexuality? Can these items co-exist? Christian communities across the country have struggled with how to approach the topic of homosexuality and are uncertain how to respond to friends and family members that come out.

On April 5th from 7:30 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam will host Patrick Bergquist, former Resident Director at John Brown University, to speak on "Reconciling Faith and Sexuality." Patrick will share his journey of continued Christian faith while living as a gay man. There will be a Q&A session after Patrick speaks.

All are welcome to attend, especially if...

- You have a friend or family member that has come out to you, and are struggling how to respond
- You have questions about what the Bible says about homosexuality
- You have same-sex attraction and need a safe and open environment to ask questions or talk

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EDITORIAL

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Abortion laws not so simple

WHY ABORTION WILL ALWAYS BE COMPLICATED

Arkansas and North Dakota have both recently passed the strongest recent laws against abortion. These laws will most likely be challenged, raising again the debate over this hot button issue.

While it may seem as though the two state laws are a big deal, we at the Threefold Advocate would like to point out that it does not change as much as one would think.

Arkansas’ law bans abortions after about 12 weeks. The New York Times reported that Arkansas only has one clinic that performs surgical abortions. The other clinics in the state only offers medicinal abortions, which are only possible within the first eight weeks of pregnancy and thus unaffected by the law.

North Dakota has only one abortion clinic, according to a Reuters article. Thus, in both cases the state laws may be more of a posturing move by the states’ legislative bodies than something that will create a substantial amount of practical change.

The Threefold Advocate believes it is important to remember that issues such as abortion are never as simple as we would like them to be. There are a variety of pieces that play into the puzzle of how women should be able to respond to unwanted pregnancies.

Some people seem to believe that abortion provides an easy way out. But in reality abortion is never truly easy since it can impact the woman’s physical and mental health. There is nothing pretty about the process that women who have surgical abortions undergo.

At the same time, it is important for people who disagree with abortion to be willing to take steps towards providing alternatives for the mothers. If conservatives were to have their dream and abortion were to be basically banned, there would be thousands of babies in need of loving families.

It is easy to put forth the “simple” answer that there should be no abortion or that it should be freely accessible in all situations. But the facts of the matter are more complicated than that.

As the debate continues to unfold in the next months and years, we call people to think through the ramifications of their opinions – whichever position they hold.

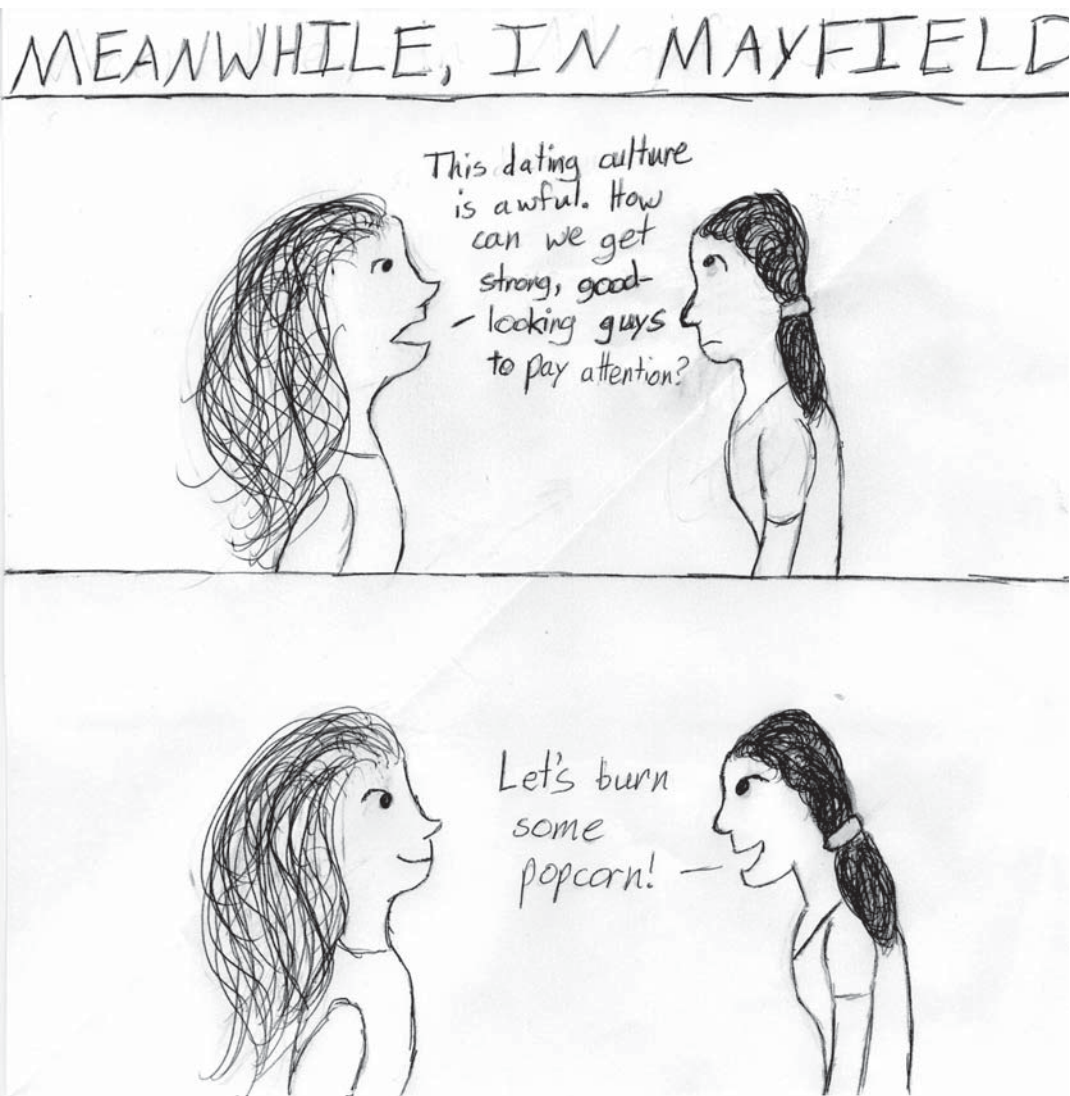
May the best spy win

TIPS AND TRICKS TO BE THE BEST SPY ON CAMPUS

The most stressful time of the year is almost here. No sleeping, no eating, no relaxing—always on the move. That’s right. It’s almost time for Spy vs. Spy.

But have no fear, the Threefold Advocate has the tips you need to be the top spy.


1. Stock up on Slim Jims and orange juice. You won’t be able to go to the caf for at least a week, but you’ll need to keep up your energy for the hunt.
2. Temporarily shut down all your online profiles. If your hunter doesn’t know you, the first thing he/she will do will be to look you up on Facebook. (Fortunately, most of you look significantly different from your student ID photo from freshman year to remain in relative anonymity.)
3. Keep duct tape always on hand. Your water gun is a fragile piece of artillery. One leak and you could be out of ammo at the opportune moment.
4. Move off campus and become a part time student. If you only have to come to campus for a couple hours each week, they’ll never catch you.
5. Find some allies. Non-spies who are not participating in the competition make the best ones. They want to experience the adventure without the stress and are less likely to stab you in the back. If you can afford to be picky, choose an ally who knows a lot of people.
6. Never go anywhere without your gun. Duh.
7. Purchase a black balaclava, dye your hair, find some dark sunglasses, and always carry a Threefold Advocate with you. Mastering the art of camouflage is a must.
8. It’s easy to hide, but the best spies can hunt. You have got to do whatever it takes to get the “kill squirt” (within the University handbook limitations). Whether that’s laying in the back of your target’s unlocked car for hours on end or staking out behind the bushes after each of your target’s classes. Just stay within reason.



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Church calendar reflections: Lent

CONTRIBUTOR



Maxie Burch

I like to think of myself as an organized person, well maybe more than organized. Perhaps fixated and obsessed would be more accurate. Accordingly, I like my calendar. No, I need my calendar. My life is intimately connected to my calendar, and I have come to realize that the reason my date book is so critical to me is because it’s about me; my life, my plans, my business...me.

There is another calendar however, the Church Calendar. The primary difference between my calendar and the Church Calendar is that the Church Calendar is not organized around me. It is organized around significant events in the life of Jesus Christ. The word Lent comes from the Anglo/Saxon word lencten meaning spring, as in the season of the year. But the word took on more significant meaning when the noun became

a verb, when spring as a season of the year became the church’s practice of remembering the last six weeks of Jesus’ life and passion on the way to celebrating His resurrection. In the western Christian tradition, this six week, 40-day period (Monday-Saturday) of fasting and prayer is observed from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday prior to Easter Sunday. These 40 days commemorate and, in a sense, re-enact Jesus’ 40-day fast in the wilderness prior to the beginning of his ministry. So, Lent is a time for fasting and preparation anticipating God’s work in and through our lives.

By the second century, the church was already observing the time prior to Easter as a period of fasting and prayer. Because Easter was the appointed time for baptisms in the early church, the time leading up to Easter became a time for new believers to pray and prepare themselves for entering their new life in Christ, for becoming a part of His church.

Like many reading this column, I was raised in a non-liturgical church. Unlike Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodist and other mainline churches, my church did not observe Lent. I had no clue what the Church Calendar was or why anyone would observe it. It

took me a while to figure out why this was so. Simply put, part of my tradition’s distinctive was that we were not mainline or liturgical and to practice Lent was tantamount to being one of them. We were not just theologically distinct from other churches we were also historically and culturally distinct from them. We occupied our own sub-culture of faith and we had no intentions of practicing anything that would associate us with them.

The sad thing is we were simultaneously distancing ourselves from our larger Christian heritage, from the practices and symbols that commemorated the powerful story of Jesus’ passion and the opportunity to take six weeks and enter into that story through prayer and fasting. I know Lent is not in the Bible, but neither are Christmas and Easter, and we practice them. Taking six weeks to shift my focus from my calendar and life to the life of Jesus Christ can’t be a bad thing, even if those other people do it too.

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Student puts grandparent stereotype to rest



Rebekah Veldhuizen

There is this stereotype that says grandparents are boring, out of style and not relatable to anyone under the age of 50. I have grown up believing the stereotype is wrong. I have always believed that grandparents should be respected for their wisdom and cherished for their personality. Yet, I spent most of my life living in a way that said I believed the stereotype. My actions said that I did not think

my grandparents were worth my time. I did not think I could relate to them, but then again, I hardly knew them. This summer I took the time to actually get to know my grandparents. I was living by myself in my hometown, which is just a couple of hours from my grandparent’s house. They made it clear that I was welcome to stay with them if I become lonely living by myself. This was not something I was concerned about, since I was spending lots of time with friends. But to be polite, I thought I should visit them for a weekend. It’s a little surprising when you realize you do not know a family member. I had never visited my grandparents on my own, and I realized they were much different when there was not a crowd of relatives around. I finally heard ‘grandparent stories’ about their lives growing up. I began to

see what was truly important to them, and I saw the impact they had on their community. I joined them playing bingo at their church or driving through the car wash simply because they had a coupon. Those are things that are not unusual for grandparents, but they are things I had never experienced. The more time I spent with my grandparents, the more I appreciated them. I enjoyed getting away from home and enjoying their relaxed pace of life. I finally began to understand and appreciate their personality. I also realized how much I had disrespected my grandparents by not taking the time to get to know them earlier. I decided this was something that needed to change, and I began to make a conscience effort to value my grandparents. I visited them several more times throughout the summer, and began calling

them on the phone. When school started, I could count on my grandma to send me letters telling me about the weather, quilting club and all the news from the rest of the family. It’s nice to know that there is at least one person that will always respond to my letters. It is easy for me to not keep up with my family when I am so far away from home, and I am not always the best at making phone calls or writing letters. But when I do take the time to catch up, I enjoy hearing about the neighbor’s dogs, or the unusual weather they have been having. I know that they care about me, too, and I’ve found that a caring grandparent is an irreplaceable role in families. I am saying all of this because I do not think it is uncommon for our culture to devalue grandparents. I am sure that there are others who are blessed with healthy

grandparents, but hardly know what kind of blessing they have. If you are one of those people, take the time to write your grandparent a letter, call them on the phone, or visit them on your own. As college students, we are at a point in our life where we have the independence to make decisions about how much time we spend with family. Begin building those relationships now and take the time to appreciate your family. It is so easy to write someone off simply because we do not understand them. Most of the time, though, it does not take a lot of time to grow to appreciate someone we thought we could never understand or relate to.

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Busy schedule calls for rest



Nichole Coates

I slept for most of spring break. I felt refreshed and content during my time away from school. Yet now, I am tired again. Every part of my being seems to sag—including the spiritual me. I am tired of striving to “come near to God [so] He will come near to [me]” (James 4:7). I want some time off from loving and serving Him—quitting the ministries I am involved in, pausing the friendships I am pouring myself into and forgetting my desire to make good grades in order to glorify God with my resources. I want a break from living a righteous life. I am spent. Burnt out. Drained. Before writing this, I sat on my roommate’s bed and, looking out the Mayfield window, told God I wish He would just love me as I am. I asked Him to understand that I am tired right now and that I do not feel like being a Christian . . . to please not hold the lack in my current production of good deeds against me. Perhaps it was the act of sitting down that cleared my head. I do not do that very much. I tend to feel that if I am not doing homework, spending quality time with people or doing something spiritual like reading the Bible, then I must be wasting time. But

sitting there looking out the window, I was reminded of Christ’s grace and the fact that His love does not depend upon my level of busyness. We college students are good at keeping our schedules full. This crazy idea creeps into our heads that if we are not involved in at least two extracurricular activities, spending our weekends with friends and constantly tired, then we must be doing something wrong. Or perhaps it is the notion that we are not doing something right. Our western mindset of “doing” has turned us into a University full of Marthas. Remember that story? Jesus came to visit the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. While Mary sat and listened to Jesus, Martha busied herself with preparations she considered necessary. Yet, Jesus responded to the women by saying, “Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her” (Luke. 10:41). Mary, the woman who sat at Jesus’ feet and listened rather than served, merited Christ’s approval. Good deeds are important. We should strive to make the most of our time at school. Yet, serving and investing ourselves in activities is not the only means of pleasing our Creator. Sometimes God calls us to sit quietly and do nothing but listen for His voice.

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Pay as you weigh airlines



Ron Asbill

An economics scholar in Norway, researching the flight industry to address costs, has deduced that passengers should pay by the pound to fly. Heavier passengers should pay more to get to the same location as lighter folks? Seriously mister economics scholar, have you heard of a little thing called discrimination? Are you really going to start treating people as pounds on the hoof? Progressing to the argument at hand, it is better suited for the airlines to determine how many seats are available on a flight and cover the expenses to determine how much profit a given seat should make. If that seat is empty, then hey, figure out a way to attract more people to your brand. Could you imagine the cost differential for a plane full of cheerleaders to go to Hawaii versus a plane full of football players? The airline would make a large profit on one and lose their rear on the other. I understand the need to

control costs in order to make a profit, but separating people into groups and treating them differently is not going to help any airline maintain a customer loyalty program. Consider, instead, the idea of treating people equal and delivering great customer service. Then, when prices increase, no one feels singled out and discriminated against. By labeling people with any identifier, we open up the possibility for those people to be ridiculed or harassed. I do not know about you, but I do not think I would approach a heavyweight mixed martial arts fighter and point out that because he is bigger and heavier he has to pay more to sit on the same plane I do. Equality in ticket prices should mean that the airlines are going to make more money on smaller people and children and a little less on larger folks, but in the overall picture, it should come out the same. So, why would airlines even consider opening themselves up to a discrimination lawsuit? Buy your meat, fruit and vegetables by the pound; let’s keep treating human beings as people and equals and charge by the person to fly.

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Bible major follows instructions: life of singleness



Josiah Wadsack

We love marriage at JBU. We love dating, DTRs – all things relationships. If someone is single, it’s usually that they are “not ready for that yet” or they “haven’t found the right one.” But one thing is for sure; everybody’s going to get married someday. Just maybe not now. Everybody that is, except for me. I plan on never marrying. Now, when I tell people this, it usually freaks them out. You do not want to get married? Why? Do you not like girls or something? Yes, I like girls. The reason I intend on lifelong singleness is because of what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7. Frankly, I do not think that most of us ever really consider lifelong singleness as a viable option. From an early age, we are taught that marriage is just what we do. Around middle or high school, we usually start dating, with the understanding that we will probably get married in our 20’s.

LEARNING TO ASK "WHY?"

It is a normal and important part of every good Christian’s life. But should it be? So in the spirit of asking “why?” let’s examine this: why get married? 1 Corinthians 7 is Paul’s main exposition on marriage. He writes in verses 8-9, “To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.” Paul instructs us that we should remain single as he was. But, if we cannot exercise self-control, we should marry. Paul seems to teach that the Christian’s default should be singleness, and we should marry only if we cannot control our passions. In verses 32-34, he says “the unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.” If someone is married, they must think of their family before the work of God. But the Christian who is single is free to think only of the cause of Christ. If a single man is called to minister in the slums of India, he does not have to think of his children’s education or his wife’s happiness. He simply goes. Paul says that marriage complicates and hinders the work of God. Now, Paul tells us that the above is not a direct revelation from God. In verse 25, he claims he has “no command from the Lord” about this, but gives his “judgment as one who by the Lord’s mercy is trustworthy.” So singleness teaching is not the direct word of God. However, in view of Paul’s wisdom and superior sanctification – not to mention that he is an apostle – I think we should trust his advice. Paul, however, is clear that singleness is not for everyone. In verse 36, he writes that if a man’s “passions are strong and it has to be, let him do as he wishes (marry) – it is not sin.” Clearly, it is not sin for the Christian to marry. He also seems to think of lifelong singleness as a “gift” in verse 7, indicating a limited rather than general participation in lifelong singleness. However, Paul is clear in verse 38 that singleness for the sake of Christ is better than marriage: “He who marries his betrothed does well, but he who refrains from marriage will do even better.” So, what am I saying? That we should take the “married to Jesus” jokes to a more serious level? I am saying that Paul urges us to consider singleness. While he is clear that we have the freedom to marry, he urges us to remain single for the sake of Christ. I intend on never marrying. I want to be able to place the “things of the Lord” first, and not have to include a family in the considerations. If I am called to some dangerous place for the sake of the Gospel, I won’t have to worry about who

is going to raise Jr. I can simply go. Yet, I may find that I cannot “exercise self-control” and need to marry. And that will be fine. But for now, I’m planning on lifelong singleness for the sake of Christ. That is just me, though. I am not saying you should go end your relationship or break off your engagement. And Paul is clear that it is not sinful to be married. But it seems to me that we assume marriage as default and never give lifelong singleness any thought. Paul, though, seems to recommend the opposite, that we assume singleness as default and marry only if we can’t control our passions. My question is this: why do we not follow Paul’s advice for Christian living? Now, there is more to this passage, and there are lots of verses I could not address in this little column. But my purpose here is not to convince you to dump your girlfriend. My purpose is to ask why our Christian norm doesn’t line up with the Bible. Read 1 Corinthians 7 and study it for yourself – do not just take my word for it. It could be that our marriage-as-default norm is right. But it could also be wrong. We will never know unless we ask “why?”

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SPRING BREAK

After nine and a half weeks of grueling school work, students rejoiced at the arrival of the first break of the semester. Some headed to the beaches, others to the slopes, still more headed home. However, a select group of students decided to spend their spring break doing more.

GUATEMALA

About 30 students spent their days off on the streets of Guatemala. The group broke up into four teams: medical clinics, home construction, English lessons and street evangelism and home visits.

The group worked morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in their respective teams. On Monday night, the team worshipped with a group of drug addict street dwellers called, “Los Peregrinos,” and provided a meal for them.

They took a break on Wednesday for a cultural lesson and spent the afternoon in Antigua. Thursday night they provided a meal for Mama Carmen and her family. On Saturday, they held a children’s rally with clowns, games and

crafts for 350 children.

Sophomore Meredith Sloan taught English to children ages four to 13 and a couple of adults.

The most memorable part of Sloan’s trip occurred when she and junior Kristin Pankey were teaching the five senses to a group of second graders in English. The teacher walked over and handed them the test the children had taken that morning on the five senses in Spanish.

“They had been learning about the five senses for the past week or so,” Sloan said. “There’s no way we could have planned that.”

Junior David Coon worked on the construction team for the week, adding cement floors and sheet metal roofing to houses.

Coon said the trip taught him the importance of getting to know people

from different cultures and backgrounds.

“Guatemala is a beautiful country,” he said. “God has blessed JBU with incredible connections there with the local church and the groups that work with the people. Students learn about the issues these people face and experience the culture.”

Pankey said she came away with a greater appreciation of how God uses each part of the church body to share His love.

“This trip is an incredible opportunity to partner with the body of Christ,” she said. “Encountering poverty, experiencing culture, and wrestling with what these things mean for each of us as believers as you step out of your comfort zone is a great way to spend spring break.”



Submitted by KRISTEN PANKEY

Students enjoy a day off, dressing up in traditional Guatemalan clothing. Jana Strom, Lexi Christensen, Josh Manning and David Coon have fun stepping out of their comfort zones.

NEW ORLEANS

Other students drove down to New Orleans to work with TouchGlobal, renovating homes destroyed or heavily damaged by Katrina. The group split into two teams, one working in the Upper Ninth Ward repairing a roof and the other renovating a home intended to be a church plant in the neighborhood.

Frank Huebert, director of discipleship, said the group was fun to work with. They worked hard yet took time to build relationships in the community.

“Every year it is good to see the city becoming more and more stable,” Huebert said.

Senior Daniel Wood returned to New Orleans for the third spring break in a row. He said relationships both within and outside of the group characterized the week.

“Relationships with the people you are helping are just as important as the work you are doing,” he said.

Senior Amanda Reed also returned for a second year. She said last year’s trip was an unforgettable memory.

“I had a yearning to physically exhaust myself for God,” she said. “The trip meant a lot in terms of my spiritual growth. It served as one of those stepping-stones to remind me of God and his ultimate plan. It was also a time to really come to know God’s community. The people we met in New Orleans [are] unforgettable.”

Senior Austin Garza vividly remembered Benjamin Foster’s story, the homeowner’s roof he worked on. He said Foster wanted so badly for his house to be rebuilt

so his ex-wife would let his children come and live with him.

“He was so grateful to us and to God that his vision for a new home was becoming a reality,” he said.

Garza also came away with a valuable lesson from the head of TouchGlobal. They measure success not by how many houses they have rebuilt or pieces of drywall they put up—they do not even keep track of it. Instead, they measure success and keep track of how many relationships they have formed and churches they have planted.

“Wherever we measure success is where we will commit the bulk of our resources,” Garza explained the reasoning. “This was challenging in my personal life as I asked myself what my measure of success was.”



Submitted by FRANK HUEBERT

Some of the students on the New Orleans Mission Trip pose in protective work gear as they repair and renovate houses. Broderick Wilson, Garrett Wiley, Marty Duane, Meghan Scholtens, Mikayla Roberts, Zach Wisniewski, Jamie Odom and Rebekah Veldhuizen worked together as a team.

CHOIR TOUR

The University choir traveled to New Mexico, Coloradow and Kansas during break.

The tour started off in Albuquerque, N. M., where the choir performed three concerts the first Sunday of the break.

Paul Smith, the head of the music department, said the last performance of the day was the most memorable moment of the trip. The students sang for a homeless ministry, circled around a patio while the ministry served the people a meal.

“I am sure they were surprised to see a bunch of college kids in tuxedos, but once they started singing, everyone got quiet,” Smith said. “The power of music to encourage and give them hope is something beautiful in a world where they don’t see much beauty.”

The next day the students took a break in Taos, N. M., where

some skied and others explored the small town. Tuesday the choir traveled to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where they performed in St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church.

Wednesday they performed in Rush, Colo., at the home church of junior Jenna Frank. Frank had the opportunity to play a piano solo in front of her congregation. Thursday the group sang at Focus on the Family in the morning in Colorado Springs then drove to Loveland, Colo., for an evening concert. They finished the week in Greeley, Colo., at the Greeley Baptist Church who has hosted the choir three times.

After a 16-hour trip on Sunday, the group made it back to the University early Monday morning.

Throughout the trip, the group stayed with host families in each location.

Senior Tiffany Prieb said her favorite part of

the trip was meeting each of these families and never knowing where you would be each night.

“We went from one house where a grandmother had every wall covered with paintings from local artists or pictures of her children and grandchildren to a large Spanish-style house that came with an automatic gate and a peacock to a Colorado house that felt like a cozy ski lodge to a humble trailer in the flat, open spaces of Eastern Colorado,” Prieb said. “It was great to hear what God had done in different people’s lives and get to share our music with them.”

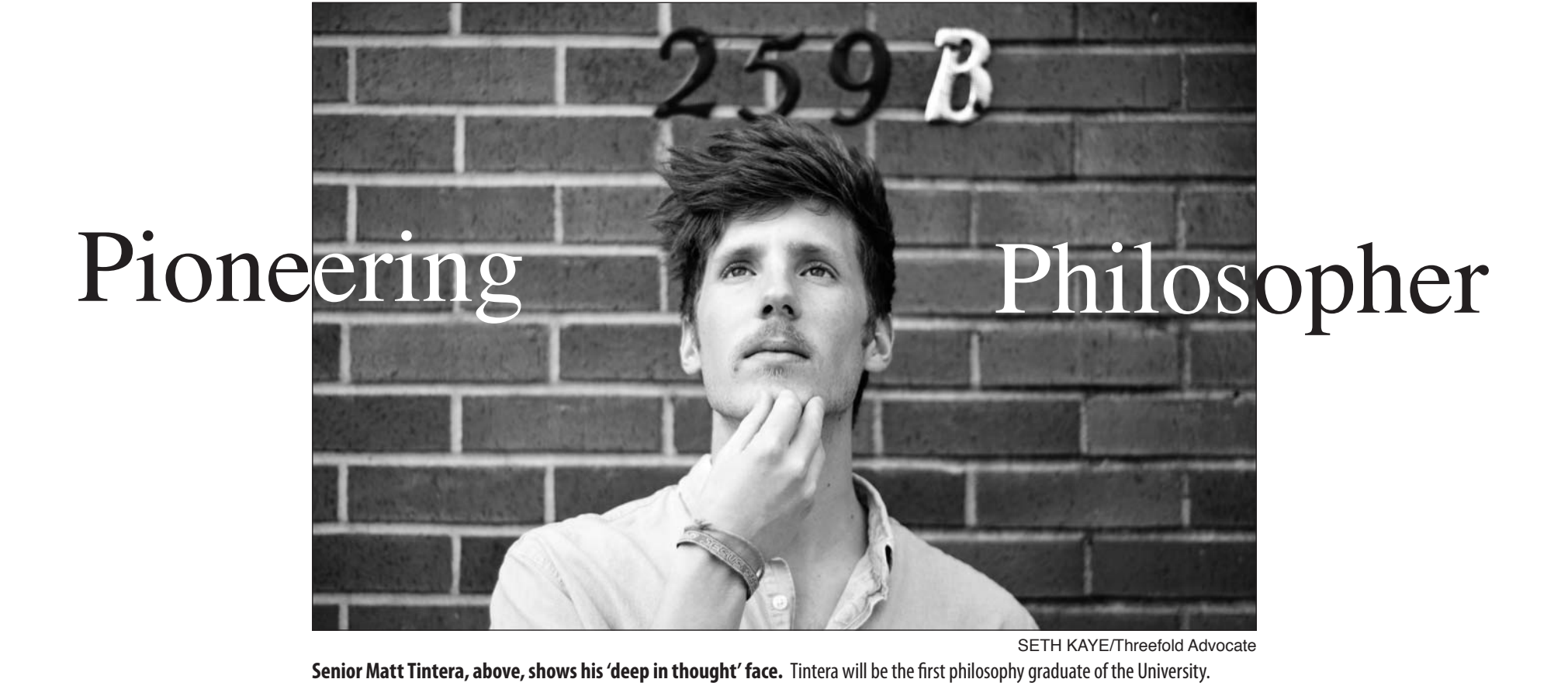
Smith added, “I can’t say enough about the spirit of the choir, the older members being inclusive with the younger. I couldn’t be more proud of them and the music they created.”



Submitted by MEREDITH LOVE

Choir members take a break from singing and enjoy hitting the slopes in New Mexico. Meredith Love, second from the left, went skiing for the first time along with fellow students Seth Long, Kristiana Ward and Steven Hamilton.

BY JENNY REDFERN



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Senior Matt Tintera, above, shows his ‘deep in thought’ face. Tintera will be the first philosophy graduate of the University.

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Senior Matt Tintera will walk across the John Brown University stage in May to receive a diploma like every other graduate, yet there will be one significant difference about Tintera’s diploma. His hard earned piece of paper will read “Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy,” a major only recently offered.

Tintera transferred to the University after spending his freshman year at the University of Oklahoma. During his time there, he pursued a degree in engineering. His end goal was, and still is, to attend seminary, so he felt as though his undergraduate degree was “kind of free,” he said.

He was first introduced to Jay Bruce, head of the philosophy department, through his gateway class. After experiencing Bruce’s

teaching style and discovering more about philosophy, Tintera decided it was something he wanted to pursue.

Tintera’s story is one centered on impeccable timing. Before he arrived at the University, philosophy was only offered as a minor. Prior to Tintera’s first year at the University, the school hosted a speaker, one of Bruce’s mentors, who pushed the University to get a philosophy major. Bruce was hired on to bring that vision to fruition along with David Vila, professor of religion and philosophy.

“We thought it was a while before we would start a major, but there was a real outpouring of interest,” Bruce said. “Dr. Vila is the mastermind of everything; he is the one who really shepherded the major through. We were finalizing the major when Matt came in as a transfer,” Bruce said.

Bruce continued, “I was

teaching a gateway class, and Matt Tintera and Tim Edgren (now a junior and the second to declare a philosophy major) were in that class. Matt wanted to declare the major before the registrar actually had the major set in place. In a way, he declared the major before we even had the philosophy major.”

For Tintera, the major truly offered him the perfect dynamic of all things he wanted.

“It’s great to read medieval insights, but it’s also great to love your neighbors and your family,”
-Matt Tintera

“I enjoyed philosophy and [knew] it would prepare me for seminary, so it was kind of an easy decision to make,” Tintera explained. “Philosophy lets me use my critical thinking skills, but it was also about subjects that were important to me.

I’ve always had an interest in theology and people’s thoughts; so that was fun for me to able to combine both of those sides.”

Tintera does not regret his decision. His time spent at the University and studying the specifics has made a lasting impact.

“It definitely has taught me to be more cautious and thoughtful about the decisions I make and beliefs I hold but also to be aware of how people think around the world and throughout the ages,” he said. “It has shown me the importance of hard work.”

Philosophy can be seen as a major with little action and too much thought. Tintera has wrestled with that and found the balance between knowledge and action.

“I think I’ve really gained good insight from the things I’ve studied and other times I’ve realized this isn’t the end

all be all of life,” he said. “It’s great to read medieval insights, but it’s also great to love your neighbors and your family.”

Bruce described Tintera as a gifted and humble student.

“He wrote a paper last semester about the person I did my doctoral work on, and he taught me something. Matt as an undergraduate was teaching me something,” Bruce said. “Matt is so gifted that I look forward to seeing how the Lord uses him in whatever way. He is incredible.”

Both Bruce and Tintera encourage other students to consider pursuing a philosophy degree.

Bruce said, “I make the argument that if you want to go to grad school, philosophy is an incredible major to have as an undergraduate. Philosophy spans all the disciplines and all history. ... It’s a nice blend of having specific skill but also flexibility in outcome.”

New options for freshman summer reading

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They may or may not know it, but the incoming freshman have summer reading in their future!

Jake Stratman, assistant professor of English, and his league of book-choosing accomplices narrowed the list down to the final five books. From these, students will choose at least one to literarily devour.

The Final Five:

Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton: This book, set in South Africa, is an exposition on the realities of the apartheid and how very different perceptions of truth can be. Two men of two different colors will lose their sons. One son a murderer and the other murdered. The anguish of these two men lead them into further truth, and their choice to join together in the end brings a sense of hope for South Africa.

The Chosen by Chaim Potok: The story of friendship, pain and baseball. The Chosen takes place in New York during the mid-twentieth century. The book journeys through six years of turbulence and misunderstandings for the

two protagonist Jews. Not only does their friendship take a beating, but the tragedies of the Holocaust really come to light, President Roosevelt dies and Israel fights for creation.

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand: A work of nonfiction, Unbroken is the biographical story of Louis Zamperini. Not only was this man a World War II hero, but he was also an Olympic track runner and a plane wreck survivor. As if that were not enough, Zamperini topped off his resume of heroics with a stint of two and a half years as a prisoner of war in not one, but several Japanese internment camps.

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore: This is a book of unlikely friendship. The two co-authors of this non-fiction book were brought together by Hall’s feisty little wife. Through her dedication to befriending and loving Moore, Hall learned not only how to love Jesus better, but what it looks like to love others like Jesus.

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Written in Germany during the Nazi regime in which Bonhoeffer was teaching in an underground seminary, Life Together is a sort of Pauline

epistle about the practicalities of living out the Christian life in families and groups. Some of the themes of the book are community worship, work, personal prayer and service.

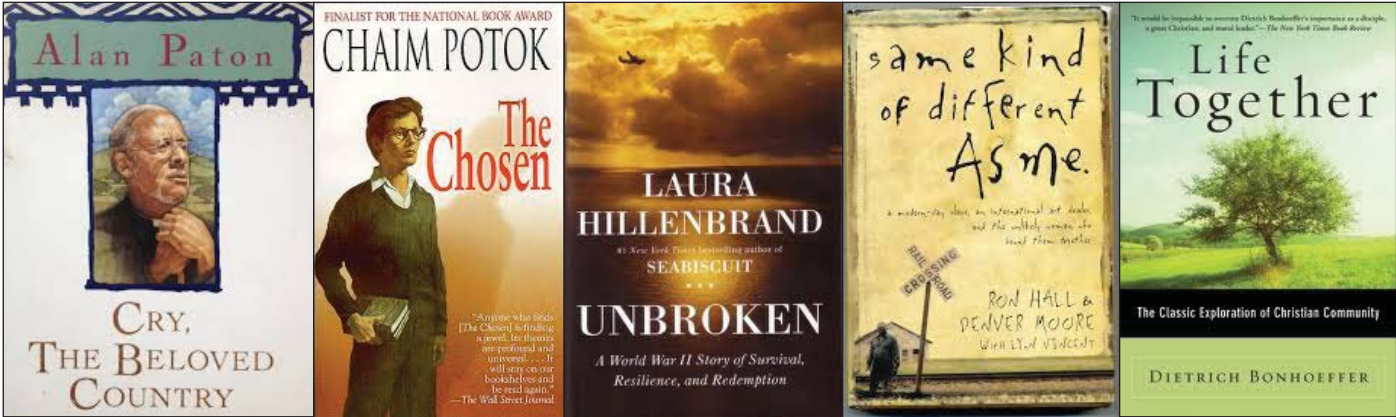
If it is not obvious from their descriptions, the books for the upcoming fall semester are based around the theme: “Who is my neighbor?”

Stratman and his team “hope to introduce students to both the academic life but also the intellectual life of reading and thinking about reading,” he said.

Team Reading plans to encourage this process through lecture series that will continue on into the semester in which students can discuss their thoughts and what the implications are of them.

The hope is that students of all years will choose to join in, read and come willing to engage with the new students. They will be your neighbors, after all.

Remember your summer reading experience? Share your memories and thoughts online on the Threefold Advocate’s Facebook page.



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Men's season ends in second round

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At halftime of its second round matchup with Georgetown College, the men's basketball team found itself down by 12 points. A furious second half comeback fueled by senior guard Abel Galliguez cut the deficit but fell short, ending the Eagles tournament run and season in an 80-67 loss to Georgetown.

"The team that beat us was playing really well and ended up winning the whole thing, said men's head coach Clark Sheehy. "The tournament is so much about match ups."

A dominant rebounding effort by the Tigers, in which they out rebounded the Golden Eagles 48-31, fueled a 12-0 run late in the first half to put the Tigers up 39-27 at the half.

"I thought if we could ever get it to that point where we took the lead, then some pressure might set in on [Georgetown], but we never got to that point," Sheehy said. "That (12-0) run was significant for building their momentum. When we made a run in the second half, we were tying it up instead of taking a lead."

Senior guard Galliguez led the Eagles' charge in the second half, scoring a game-high 22 points and leading the Golden Eagles to tie the game 57-57 with 5:44 remaining.

"He's as fierce a competitor as we've had here," Sheehy said. "I wasn't surprised at all to see him play like that."

But after the Eagles tied the game, the momentum switched back to Georgetown and the Tigers outran JBU the rest of the way.

"They rebounded the ball really well, and they got a lot



Submitted by: SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior Abel Galliguez shoots over a defender in the Eagles' 80-67 loss to eventual champion Georgetown (Ky.). Galliguez had 22 points in his last game in a Golden Eagle uniform.

of extra possessions on the offensive glass," Sheehy said. "There was a stretch where we got stops but didn't get the ball back."

Georgetown finished the game on a 23-10 run to end the Golden Eagles season. Even though the Eagles were done, the Tigers were not. They ended up winning the NAIA National Championship with an 88-62 victory over Southwestern Assemblies of God University in the National Title game.

Galliguez's 22 points were a season high, and Sheehy lauded the effort of Galliguez as well as fellow seniors EJ McWoods and Coleson Rakestraw in leading the team this season.

"Obviously, I could not be more proud of Coleson, Abel and EJ and for all three of those guys who not only played well this year but had really good careers," Sheehy said. "I'm very proud of the way they carried themselves and the way they act ... really represents the school well."

With the season over, the men's basketball program will now go through the process of attempting to replace the most successful senior class in school history.

This year's senior class was the winningest in program history, reaching the 100 win mark for their four years with the Eagles' first round victory over Life (Ga.).

"There's not a magical formula, [and] there's not a wand I can wave on them that will help us be more successful," Sheehy said. "The daily process of improving every day, ... continually trying to get better, and ... identifying guys who are a good fit for our school can help us be successful."

By looking to the future, Sheehy is not ignoring the historic success of this season, in which the team had an all time best 28-7 record and won the program's first ever Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title and earned the team's highest ever national ranking at third.

Clark Sheehy quoted his father and long-time John Brown head coach, John Sheehy: "It's harder to win a conference championship than a national championship in the Sooner Athletic Conference," Sheehy said.

"Twenty-eight wins is a good year. Winning our league is a good year," Sheehy added.



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Freshman D'Shon Taylor drives through defenders in the second round of the NAIA Men's Basketball National Tournament in Kansas City, Mo. Taylor had six points in JBU's loss.

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6. Montana Western

7. John Brown

8. Lee (Tenn.)

9. Evangel (Mo.)

10. Culver-Stockton (Mo.)

*National Champions

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Abel Galliguez
Men's Basketball

Coleson Rakestraw
Men's Basketball

Senior Guards Abel Galliguez and Coleson Rakestraw were named to the NAIA All-American Honorable Mention team. Galliguez and Rakestraw, along with fellow guard EJ McWoods, were the most successful senior class in school history and were the first class to win 100 games in their four years. Galliguez had a season-high 22 points and Rakestraw added nine points in the Golden Eagles' season ending loss to Georgetown (Ky.) in the second round of the NAIA tournament.

Tennis head to OBU after rainout

Sophomore Alex Baker waits for a serve in the Eagles' 0-9 loss to Oklahoma Baptist on March 13. The women's tennis team lost to Arkansas Tech 9-0 on March 14 and the men's team lost 9-0 to Oral Roberts on March 26. Both the men's and women's scdeduled matchup with Central Christian (Kan.) on April 2 was canceled due to rain. The men's team sits at 0-8 and the women's team is 1-7 going into their matchup with Oklahoma Baptist today at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Shawnee, Okla.

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Parish reflects on time at JBU

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Now gearing up to graduate and return to Texas, senior Anna Parish never envisioned coming to John Brown University. The point guard and exercise studies major knew she desired to play college basketball but did not hear about the University until the summer before her senior year of high school.

“I’m not really sure how it all worked out,” Parish admitted. “Coach saw me playing and asked about me.”

Homeschooled, Parish began playing basketball at the age of 11. Throughout high school, she played on a Texas Home Educators’ Sports Association team.

Soon she found herself in Siloam Springs perched on the courtside watching a routine practice. Although she felt a little intimidated as the only visiting perspective, she described her hosts as nice, a trait which paid off in Parish’s eventual decision to attend the University.

“I was not really serious about any other schools,” she said. “But when I found here, I stopped looking. I prayed and talked about it with my family, and it just felt right.”

Looking back over the past four years, Parish explained the challenges and triumphs each one brought.

Her freshman year, Parish worked to overcome the transition between high school and collegiate level basketball. While she enjoyed the faster speed of the game, the physicality often left her doubting her abilities.

“In high school I was strong, but in college I was weak,” she said. “It was a rough year.”

It was also the year she tore her ACL and missed a practice a game for the first time.

Sophomore year, however, things began to look up for both the team and Parish. The team progressed to the national tournament and received awards - thanks to hard work and what Parish called good team chemistry and leadership.

She also earned her career high of 29 points that year and was chosen as the JBU woman athlete of the year.

Her third year passed in a similar manner, but the team was not as successful as the previous year.

Then senior year arrived. As the only senior on the team, Parish stepped into the role of team captain.

Preferring to lead by example, and never the loud one, Parish started the year feeling timid. Nonetheless, she pushed on, and as time passed, she grew more comfortable with the leadership role.

“I’m still never the loud one,” she joked. “But I played hard in practice and games. I wanted them to see that I was a hard worker and that I really loved the game.”

Although a stress fracture in her heel prevented Parish from practicing and playing as much as she would have liked, she was still able to enjoy traditions such as Senior Night—a highlight of the season for the point guard.

Family and friends attended, and the other girls decorated the locker room, filling it with little gifts. For Parish, the best present proved the win that night.

With all of these memories and many more, Parish plans to return home and work as a personal trainer while somehow including basketball in the mix.

“I like to stay busy,” she explained. “And basketball definitely does that for you. It gives you goals to work towards. Hard work always pays off in one way or another.”



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Senior guard Anna Parish drives to the basket in the Lady Eagles’ 61-54 loss to Mid-America Christian on Jan 19. Parish averaged 7.27 points per game and lead the Lady Eagles to a 7-9 record and a 52-47 victory over Oklahoma Baptist in the first round of the SAC tournament.

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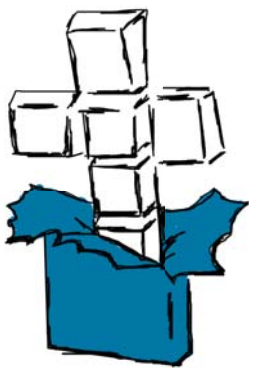
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GIVING UP AND OUT FOR *Lent*

Written by: Emma Bentley

Andrew Lehr, resident director of Walker, described Lent as “a rich, ancient Christian tradition that is often forgotten,” which is why during Lent he led a Bible study on that very topic. Twenty students on average came to the weekly study where they learned more about the meaning behind Lent and how this holiday can deeply impact them on a spiritual level.

Lehr wanted to look at this Christian holiday through the lens of Scripture, prayer and music. “I believe music is powerful and has the ability to express what we may not be able to with spoken words,” Lehr said, “Since Lent is such an introspective and reflective time, music allows us to experience the gravity of Lent in a powerful, unique way.”

Some other students and professors on the John Brown University campus took the message of Lent and applied it to their lives in a different way. For 40 days they disciplined themselves by choosing to give up an object or food in their life or by going the extra mile for someone else’s sake. Here are a few examples of what they did.

Students

AUSTIN GARZA
JUNIOR
FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES

Gave up: Meat
Why: “I wanted to join with Christ in His suffering leading up to His sacrifice on the cross. Giving up meat helped me to do this because it is a major part of my diet that is not easy to ignore being gone. Every time that I ate a meal, I noticed Jesus, and I tried to understand both in that time and other times that it was apparent to me that I had cut out the major source of protein in my diet, that I am dependent on God just as Christ was.”

MEGAN TONEY
SENIOR
GRAPHIC & WEB DESIGN

Gave up: “I gave up online shopping for Lent (browsing and buying) as well as buying anything unnecessary.”
What did you learn/gain from this experience: “It has shaken me. I have become so aware of how much I want that is so unnecessary and how unwittingly I just spend on myself in the name of ‘need.’ I saw my own weakness, and my own inability to stand strong; I am so weak. I am so in need of a Savior. I NEED all right, but it isn’t new red tennies. I need Jesus; I need Easter.”

LEXI ANGLIN
FRESHMAN
SPORTS MEDICINE

Gave up: Root Beer
What did you learn/gain from this experience: “I have been in prayer a lot more than I was before. Each time that I thought about ordering root beer at a restaurant, which was almost daily, I went straight into prayer. This has ultimately brought me closer to the Lord and strengthened our relationship.”

MAGGIE GORE
FRESHMAN
YOUTH MINISTRIES

Gave up: Social media “This included texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapshot.”
Why: “I realized it was taking away a large chunk of my time and distracting me from the things that were important to me like my relationship with Christ, my schoolwork, and the amount of sleep I get regularly.”
What did you learn/gain from this experience: “It was definitely hard at times when a friend would text me a simple question and I was not able to reply. But not being able to reply gave me a reason to call some of my friends and have a deeper conversation with them. At times I found these conversations way more meaningful than the ones I would have had over text.”

Professors

JACOB STRATMAN
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
Discipline: Read “Brother Lawrence’s ‘Practicing the Presence of God’ each morning before work and NOT answering email at home.”
Why: “I often put my work as a professor ahead of my relationship with God, my wife and my family.”
What did you learn/gain from his experience: “My time with God (all day long, thank you Brother Lawrence) and my time with my family refreshes and refocuses me for my work at JBU.”

FRANK HUEBERT
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE
Gave up: “All beverages except tap water.”
Why: “Twofold purpose: spiritually it is a reminder that Jesus is our Living Water. Only drinking water is a way to discipline and remind myself to hold fast to Jesus. Practically, I joined the H2O project through Living Water International. The idea is that the money I have saved by only drinking tap water during Lent is given to a clean water project. LWI serves developing communities by providing clean water facilities and through that has an avenue to share about Jesus Christ, the true Living Water.”
What did you learn/gain from this experience: “It can be very easy to cheat during Lent, ... and it is often too easy to look to other things in life to give me purpose or meaning rather than centrality of Jesus Christ and the identity that is mine through him.”

ROBBIE CASTLEMAN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
Gave up: “I decided this year not to ‘give up’ anything, but to ‘do’ a few things for others that were ‘beyond’ my normal.”
Why: “My motive to ‘do’ was mainly an issue of how to think through my time management more robustly as an issue of discipleship.”
What did you learn/gain from this experience: “That I need to lean into the discipline of serving others ‘beyond’ my normal more consistently, and I really do need to be intentional about it.”

Designed by: Kara Underwood

