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# Board retreat addresses hot button issues

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Every four years, the Board of Trustees extends the biannual meeting to a four-day retreat in Branson, Mo., to make time for in-depth discussions on important issues facing John Brown University. The board focused its attention on two topics affecting both the University and the nation: human sexuality and financial sustainability. Thursday morning the conversation centered on human

sexuality and University policy. The student handbook states the current policy as follows: "While society continues to debate the definition of sex, John Brown University seeks to foster an environment of sexual purity based upon a biblical standard which allows sex only within a marriage relationship." Steve Beers, vice president of student development, reiterated that sexual intimacy is reserved between a man and a woman within the bounds of marriage. "Anything outside of that, whether it is heterosexual sexual intimacy or homosexual sexual

intimacy, any of those things are outside the bounds," Beers said. Robbie Castleman, associate professor of biblical studies; Rod

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-Beers

Reed, University chaplain; Carey Lampton, associate professor of counselor education; Chip Pollard, president; and Beers all made

presentations on various aspects of the topic. Castleman, who authored a white paper on the issue titled "By Design: The Divine Image & Human Sexuality," presented the issue through a theological lens. In the white paper she writes, "The Christian community of John Brown University reaffirms without reservation or hint of compromise our recognition of God's wisdom and benevolent design for human sexuality as exclusive fidelity in marriage between one man and one woman and the safekeeping of chastity in singleness."

Beers said there was not an official vote, but an informal confirmation of where the institution currently stands. "It was just a healthy time of good conversations about how the world is changing and that we're committed to who we've been in the past, but it's complicated, so we were unpacking all of that," he said. Beers went on to say that the board serves a population of students who are asking good questions. "We don't ever want to be an

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# Former resident director gets real about faith and sexuality

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As Patrick Bergquist prepared to speak at Grace Episcopal Church on Friday, he decided to break a cardinal rule of public speaking. He started off by

which helps define the University's policy on sexuality. "The policy is that sexual intimacy is reserved for a man and a woman within the bounds of marriage," said Steve Beers, vice president of student development. With this view, homosexual behavior will always be outside the bounds.

Castleman, however, makes a distinction between rejecting homosexual relations and rejecting homosexuals. "I have dealt with many students over the years that can't remember a time where they didn't struggle with same-sex attraction," Castleman said. "One of the best things the Church can do is to make room for homosexual believers in our families and to give them the emotional and familial support they need to say no to a certain part of themselves every day." Bergquist's echoed those sentiments during his talk Friday night. "The mandate of Scripture says don't yell at me, it says invite me to your house for dinner and get to know me and pray for me," Bergquist said. "LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender] people just want to be part of a community. We kick them out of the church, and we're surprised where they go." Junior Brandon Blackman agreed that the Church needs to change its approach to homosexuals and those with same-sex attraction. "Homosexuality is a sin, but I don't think that's the main issue," Blackman said. "We focus too much on the fact that it's a sin, and we miss the aspect of love and getting to know those people as living, breathing souls. It's important that we focus on letting the Holy Spirit do the convicting, God do the judging and us just do the loving." Acceptance of other's struggles with same-sex attraction is one of the founding tenants of OneJBU, a LGBT community group mentioned at the Grace Episcopal event. Jacob Little, a JBU alumn and an openly gay Christian, founded OneJBU. "Christianity should be about truth and authenticity and not judging people," Little said. "Yet, there's a tremendous stigma around the issue of homosexuality, and it's not something you can talk about." OneJBU was organized by a group of JBU alumni who want to reach out to current students with same-sex attraction and to create a supportive environment. OneJBU also wants the University to lessen their stance on the issue of homosexuality. "JBU has to come to a place where it can accept some ambiguity on the topic," he added.

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Patrick Bergquist

At Friday's event, titled Reconciling Faith and Sexuality, Bergquist told his story of growing up in a conservative Baptist Church and struggling his entire life with same-sex attraction. "No way in the world would I have chosen this life," Bergquist said. "It's an anathema to everything that I thought I wanted to be about." He eventually came to the conclusion that he was called to a celibate life. After leaving the University, he spent time at an Anglican monastery. But then after study and prayer, he came to believe that his years of self-loathing and viewing his same-sex attraction as a form of brokenness had been a rejection of who God made him. "I've explored the text. I've wept with the text," Bergquist said. "I'm trying to live authentically as a follower of Christ, and I'm gay." Robbie Castleman, professor of biblical studies, wrote the white paper titled, "By Design: The Divine Image & Human Sexuality,"



Submitted by: Dave Villa

President Chip Pollard, his wife Carey and daughter Emma hang out with the locals in Abila, Jordan. Emma, a junior, participated in the biennial archaeological dig during the summer of 2012. Her parents joined her for the last two weeks of the trip.

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Construction continues progress across campus

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Within the next two weeks, the Simmons Great Hall, Northslope Apartments and the C.A.R.E. clinic will be gaining new and noticeable advancements.

The Great Hall is projected to be completed on June 28. Steve Beers, vice president for student development, said that within the next two weeks drywall, masonry and enclosure of the front door atrium will be completed, as well as a start on the H-VAC, which will allow the addition to start being heated and air conditioned.

Along with all of the changes to the area downstairs, changes will be taking place upstairs as well.

“We are also working on remodeling the [Administrative Dining Room],” said Steve Brankle, director of facilities services. “This will include turning the current ADR space into offices. We will also be remodeling the area outside the registrar’s office to match the finishing of the great hall.”

Brankle added that these



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**Construction in the Simmons Great Hall continues**, as the semester draws to a close. It is only one of the construction and remodeling projects that will be completed soon. The cafeteria, some new office spaces, a wing of J. Alvin, the apartments and an addition to the C.A.R.E clinic are also making great strides.

changes will be completed by early July.

Brankle said a “facelift” will be completed in the current cafeteria area before school starts in the fall, including adding a taqueria, a Mongolian grill and minor remodeling as well as a second drink station added to the Great Hall.

“We have been working with the new food service provider,” Brankle said. “They’ve had a lot of input in what we are adding to the caf.”

The Northslope Apartments, which will be completed at the end of May, will also be gaining some noticeable changes within the next two weeks including the finishing of brick work, sheet

rock inside, taping and floating and external siding.

In addition, the apartments will also be receiving new kitchen tables and chairs, couches, dishwashers and stoves.

“The beds and desks for the apartments next year will be borrowed from J. Alvin,” Beers said. “We are going to be testing the functionality of that type of furniture in the rooms. However, all of the furniture in J. Alvin has been bought new within the last 10 years.”

The C.A.R.E. clinic will have the foundation laid, flooring and framing started within the next two weeks, Beers said. The gravel will also be laid for the parking lot.

“They are building a play therapy area for the C.A.R.E. clinic,” Brankle explained. “It will include sand boxes and toys for the children to play with while grad students studying child play therapy can work with them.”

The projected end date for the C.A.R.E. clinic is late summer.

All projects will be completed before students return in the fall, and the next big project, which Brankle said is the renovation of J. Alvin, will be in full swing.

Kanakuk Kamps establishes link with students



Submitted by: ADAM DONYES

**Students worship together at Kanakuk Kamps**, as part of the Link year program. These students are high school graduates who can earn college credit that can transfer to JBU while they are working with the camp.

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Kanakuk Kamps in Branson, Mo. teamed up with John Brown University to start a gap year program called Link Year.

This program allows high school graduates ages 18 to 20 to earn 15 credit hours transferable to the University while they attend Link Year at Kanakuk.

Link Year seeks to help high school graduates figure out if college is right for them while also helping them become more driven, well-rounded and giving them a better idea of what they

want out of life, explained Matt Reddin, University director of non-traditional programs.

The program is the “brain child” of Adam Donyes according to Reddin. Donyes received his master’s degree from John Brown, so there was already a connection to the University when the idea of Link Year came about.

Reddin explained that the program is great for students who want to take college classes but do not want to commit to a university just yet.

Students do not have to take the 15 credit hour option, however. They can choose to only take the classes Kanakuk

offers. These classes are designed to focus on discipleship, growth in maturity both physically and spiritually and on development of relationships.

This year there are 35 students enrolled in Link Year, 13 of whom are taking the 15 credit hours option.

The success of this program is measured differently by each institution involved.

John Brown University determines the success through the number of students who choose to come to the University the following year.

“Is this going to help bring any additional students to campus that

otherwise would not have come to JBU?” asked Reddin.

He hopes Link Year will do just that and become one of the “innovat[ive] new ways to recruit students.”

Joe White, Kanakuk Kamp’s CEO, said he sees success through “the transformation of kid’s hearts.”

Success is “seeing their faith come alive,” he continued.

Two students in particular stand out in their success according to Link Year’s creator Donyes.

“The Link Year family sure is proud of Link Year Alumni Connor Baxter, who is not only

walking out his faith on the Oklahoma State campus, but also recently set an Oklahoma State wrestling record for the fastest fall in history,” said Donyes.

Another student who is succeeding after the program is a football player at Greenville College.

“Jacob Stull continues to be a leader both on and off the field even as a freshman,” Donyes said.

Reddin said the University will continue to be a part of Link Year for the foreseeable future. They are committed to helping students receive the opportunity to transfer to the University.

Out of the Bubble

**Margaret Thatcher dies**

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Britain’s first female prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, passed away on April 8 at the age of 87. She held the office between 1979 and 1990. Remembered by some as “the woman who divided a nation,” she will receive a funeral with full military honors on April 17.

In the Bubble

**Dance ministry to benefit Guatemala**

The Great Abandon Dance Ministry will be holding their annual recital to benefit Enactus’ Guatemala Water Project. The recital is April 26 and 27. See posters on campus for more information.

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unsafe place for people to ask tough questions,” he said. “That’s why you’re here. But we are also going to be a place that still holds people accountable for behavior we believe Scripture prohibits, no matter what that behavior is.”

The second topic up for discussion involved the financial sustainability of colleges across the nation. The board examined the challenges and opportunities institutions around the country were facing and what it means for the University.

Ed Ericson, vice president of academic affairs, said one of

the primary duties of the board is to assess the financial health of the University, so it is not surprising that is an emphasis during the retreat.

“The changes that might give this topic particular relevance at this point in time could be the ongoing economic difficulties at the national level as well as the accelerating pace of change in higher education as a whole, particularly in the realm of online learning,” Ericson said. “The board wanted to have extended time to better understand and grapple with some of these issues.”

The board and representatives from the administration, faculty and alumni broke up into groups to

brainstorm ways the University could cut costs, engage in new initiatives and pursue quality.

Kelsey Daugherty, a student representative as well as SGA president, said she was grateful for the board’s concern for students.

“Every board meeting I’ve gone to—and this is my fourth—I’m always impressed with how much the board really cares for the student body,” Daugherty said. “Every decision, every thought of these meetings is, ‘How is it going to affect students? Is it going to keep students safe? Is it going to make students happy?’ ... just how much they want campus to thrive for us.”



# Movie showing tells story of hope

**By: Laura Roller**

The University’s Student Activities Committee has a limited number of tickets to a showing of “The Camp,” a movie produced by Roebuck Media.

The showing will be Friday, April 12 at 9:20 p.m. at Siloam Springs 6. Tickets are \$2 and SAC will also be providing a coupon for \$1.75 popcorn as well.

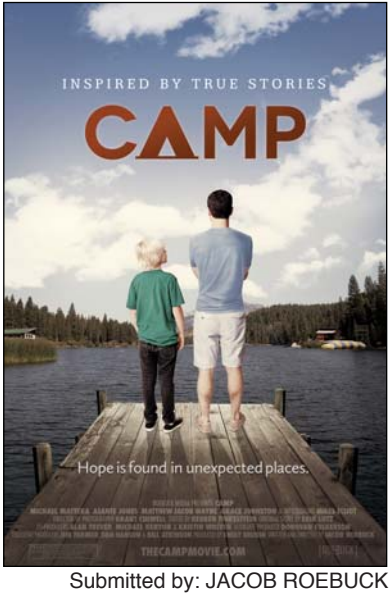
The dramatic film tells the story of a camp for foster kids, and follows an investment banker who grudgingly volunteered at the camp while trying to impress a client. It is a story of hope in

unexpected places.

The movie is written and directed by Jacob Roebuck (’97).

Current students senior Joshua Kimmis and sophomore Kaitlyn Thompson worked on the film. Alumni Jesse (’12) and Jonathan (’11) Daniels, Chrissy Shroenock (’12), Mark Jackson (’90), and Joel Rorabaugh (’98) also worked with Roebuck.

The money raised from the film’s showings is destined to help Royal Family Kid’s Camps around the country. There is no Camp in the Siloam Springs area, but Roebuck hopes the movie will spur someone towards beginning one.



Submitted by: JACOB ROEBUCK

# No guns on campus

**By: Jenny Redfern**

The Cabinet decided to opt out of Arkansas House Bill 1243 on April 3 and not allow faculty or staff to carry a concealed handgun on campus.

The new University policy states, “JBU does not allow the carrying of a concealed handgun in any building and on the grounds of all University property.”

The Board of Trustees backed this decision during their biannual

retreat last weekend.

Kelsey Daugherty, president of SGA and a student representative at the retreat, said it was a good discussion between the administration and the board.

“The board put in a policy to review the security as a whole on campus yearly [in response to the bill] just to give reassurance that this is being thought of,” Daugherty said. “They are really concerned about students and our safety.”

# Creative Dining comes this summer

**By: Laura Roller**

Since John Brown University announced the decision to partner with Creative Dining Service as the new food service provider two months ago, decisions and changes continue as they make the transition to serving the campus full-time in June.

Glenda Haley, regional operations director for Creative Dining Services, has been on campus frequently in the days since the announcement.

“My role is to support the local managers to achieve their goals,” said Haley. “I will assure a smooth transition to CDS.”

Haley and Darrin Coon, chief human resources officer at the University, have been working very closely. Together, Creative Dining and the University are in the process of hiring the new food service manager, who will oversee the daily operations.

“Great care needs to be taken to hire the right people,” said

Haley. Coon explained that they are interviewing a few candidates and are not in a hurry to make a decision because they want it to be the best one possible.

Haley is committed to overseeing operations until the director is hired.

In addition to hiring a new manager, Haley said, “Creative Dining Services will be offering jobs to all the hourly employees that would like to stay on at JBU. We understand the importance of the hourly employees and the role they play in the success of the operations.”

Haley is also working closely with Steve Brankle, director of facilities services and sustainability, and Steve Beers, vice president for student development, on the construction aspects of the transition.

Most may have noticed the huge sheets of black plastic draping a back wall on the left side of the cafeteria since students returned from spring break.

“Behind the big black wall will be the ‘Taqueria’ concept, opening next fall,” said Haley. “Taqueria is made to order Mexican, [where students] will be able to choose from burritos, tacos, wraps, nachos and salads, plus toppings and sides.”

In addition to the Mexican food, Haley said, “Next year expect more fresh, made-to-order items, a new gluten free and vegetarian station, an Emma and Charlie’s Pizza concept and lots of great customer service.”

As the summer quickly approaches, Creative Dining is visiting with each department to become more familiar with the needs of the University, and is working with events to make sure all the summer camps and catering are being planned.

“Creative Dining Services is proud to be partnering with John Brown University,” Haley said. “We are excited about all the opportunities and look forward to getting started!”

# Housing plans develop

**By: Hannah Wright**

With room draw just around the corner, students are thinking about housing for next semester.

Room draw for the Northslope Apartments, townhouses and duplexes will occur April 16. The rest of the residence halls will have room draw on April 18.

J. Alvin will be at half capacity while renovations take place, causing some fluxuation in the housing or incoming freshmen.

“It’s a flowing, dynamic process,” said Andre Broquard, director of residence life. “We’re trying to find a good mix between new and returning students.”

The townhouses and duplexes are all being reserved for men to relieve the pressure of the J. Alvin

renovations.

The Northslope Apartments are in high demand for next year. Of the twenty apartments, sixteen are reserved for women.

Residence life staff has already sorted through the large amount of data collected during housing registration. They recently sent out emails to students who signed up for the apartments and who were unlikely to receive their choice rooms.

Students will receive their room draw appointments by email April 15.

Broquard urged students to have “patience and flexibility.”

“There’s no way everyone will be happy,...(but) the process works itself out nicely in the end.”

# Jeh-sea Wells is Next Big Thing



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**Confetti descends in the Cathedral of the Ozarks,** as sophomore Jesse Wells wins the honor of “The Next Big Thing.” After thanking the audience, he said, “I wrote especially for you all. I had never been to a place where I liked so many people I was with all the time. That’s a neat thing.” Wells played two pieces. His first piece, “Hipster Song,” was more mournful and serious than his more hopeful “Nothing’s as Real as the Sunrise.”

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This is where Castleman disagrees. She sees the doctrinal issue of homosexuality and the personal issue of same-sex attraction as separate issues.

“The unique authority of the [Bible] ... doesn’t change with the culture or with [your] experience,” Castleman said. “Christians need to be more clear about the distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual practice.”

Bergquist mostly agreed with the University on the former, even if he disagreed on the latter. He wants to see more personal and loving outreach

from the Church to the secular gay community.

“You can’t argue anyone into the Kingdom of God,” Bergquist said. “It’s only done in the context of a relationship.”

Bergquist also said that relationship needs to be based on a foundation of acceptance, and that clarifying one’s doctrinal beliefs on homosexuality cannot be the first thing a Christian says when meeting a gay person or when someone comes out as gay.

“Don’t say ‘I love you, but I don’t agree with your lifestyle,’” Bergquist said. “Those words hurt deeply.”

Little agreed.

“That’s the most damaging thing you can tell a gay person,” Little said. “It leads to years of turmoil and shame, guilt, depression, and it leads to suicide.”

Bergquist said that the Church is responsible for reaching out to those less fortunate, and that includes the LGBT community and those within the Church struggling with same-sex attraction.

“It’s on us as a church to reach out and touch people and save people,” Bergquist said. “We don’t have to agree with them, but, by God, we’ve got to stop them from killing themselves.”

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Vila is hopeful that this extra money set aside specifically for students will help spark even more interest in the program. During the summers of even-dated years, around 30-40 people work alongside local Jordanians at the site. The number of students has varied in past trips, but he said there is currently no actual limit on the number of students that can take part.

Faculty who are interested will also have the opportunity to apply for funding to come participate in academic research at the site.

A city during the Byzantine Period with an estimated population of around 20,000, the dig site is now all underground due to a past natural disaster.

Students, professionals and others work in many different capacities at Abila such as working as a member of the registry or reassembling pieces. With the size of the site, Vila expects the dig to continue on for another few hundred years; potentially providing countless opportunities for University students in the future.

The next scheduled trip is for summer 2014. Vila encouraged anyone interested to email him at [dvila@jbu.edu](mailto:dvila@jbu.edu).

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# EDITORIAL

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## Respecting homosexuality

A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK ON COMMON TOPIC

The issue of homosexuality is in many ways the biggest issue facing the church today. With the definition of marriage changing in many states and the public opinion shifting, it is important that the church address and reevaluate its position on what is an increasingly prominent issue. No matter where your doctrinal position on homosexuality resides, there is no denying that Christians have failed to treat those with same-sex attraction with enough respect and acceptance to keep them from leaving the Christian community.

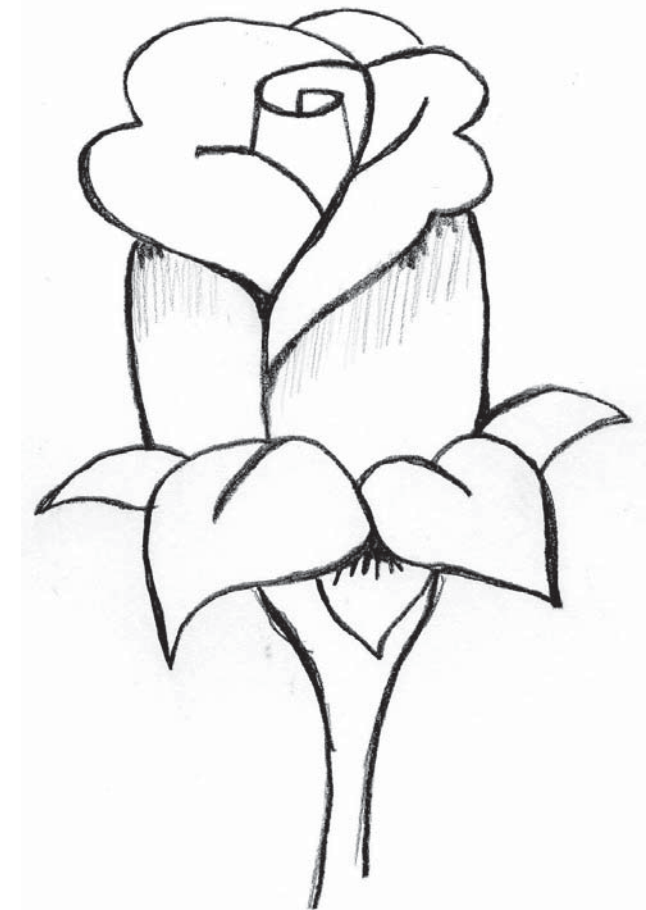
The primary way we interact with the LGBT community cannot be to condemn or rebuke first and then pursue a personal relationship second. Same-sex attraction is a deeply personal struggle that defines someone’s identity and as a result must be addressed tactfully and sensitively within the confines of a personal relationship.

We as Christians need to form a community in which people feel comfortable admitting same-sex attraction so together we can move forward prayerfully. If someone comes out to you as gay or admits that they struggle with same-sex attraction, your response needs to take into account the great bravery it took them to open up to you. It should also realize how deeply painful same-sex attraction can be for a God-fearing Christian. Do not respond by saying that you do not agree with their ‘choice.’ Feeling same-sex attraction is not choice. Making being gay a key part of your identity and acting out on your urges is a choice. Too often in the church we condemn the former, leading those condemned to reject the church and take refuge in the latter. The vast majority of gays in secular culture and all Christians struggling with same-sex attraction know what your opinion is on the matter as a Christian. Loving and comforting and being a shoulder to cry on is not condoning, so don’t feel the need to qualify your love with disagreement over their ‘lifestyle.’ Homosexual attraction is not a lifestyle; it is a deep thorn in the flesh. If we treat it as lifestyle, those struggling will feel no other option than to leave the Church and our condemnation becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. If we continue to be uncomfortable with and unready to lovingly address the issue of homosexuality, then we will fail to be properly equipped to deal with it. Same-sex attraction is a great source of pain for many inside and outside the Church, and we need to treat it with the utmost care.

## Combating senioritis

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## - Letter to the Editor -

### Clarity on JBU’s policy

College is the best time for asking difficult questions. JBU is committed to honoring, supporting and working with any and all students as they seek clarity about their identity and God’s calling on their lives.

JBU’s position, posture and expectation in regards to human sexuality and sexual behavior, including same-sex attraction and homosexuality, are simply and concisely the following: JBU calls all members of the community to fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness. Furthermore, God’s wisdom and benevolent design for marriage is a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman.

This expectation is consistent with the historical position of the church and is the most reasonable understanding of general (nature) and special (Scripture) revelation.

JBU begins each year with a conversation about “Who we are.” In this orientation session with new students, the student development staff discusses our commitment to each individual and her or his uniqueness. We communicate the role that the community has in supporting and challenging each other. We discuss our commitment to letting Scripture guide and direct our thoughts and behaviors. And finally, we call each other to live with integrity. This is never an easy discussion nor is it easy to live out, but it is our covenant to each other.

May the Lord find us gracious and faithful,

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## Gun control makes sense



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You look both ways when you cross the street. You stop at a red light, even if there are no cars crossing the intersection. You stay on the road and do not cross into fields or backyards. You have to pass a test and prove you are a good enough driver to be allowed behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Car manufacturers have to follow certain laws to make their product safe to prevent accidents and provide the most safety possible in case an accident occurs. All of these laws regulate the freedom you have to drive wherever you want with whatever vehicle you want. Do drivers feel that their freedom is being taken away for the sake of safety? No, they do not.

This is why I am so confused about the insistence of some guns-rights activists about opposing a database of firearms and/or firearms owners. The creation of such

a list would not halt gun sales, nor would it necessarily make it harder for people to buy guns. What it would do is give authorities a quick and efficient way to fight against illegal gun dealers and track down guns used in shootings. Also, gun-owners would be able to make a clear case about exactly what firearms they have, how they use their guns, and they would also have proof they are not part of the firearms black market.

If there was a national registration of firearms, gun-owners would have a greater responsibility for their firearms, but I believe there would also be a greater level of trust. We trust that the person who cut us off on our way to church is not a crazy person out to ruin everyone’s day and cause an accident (though I know I’ve muttered some of those things in a fit of internal road-rage). We believe they took driver’s education and are worried about getting a ticket or causing an accident. We also know we can make a call to the police if someone really is driving erratically and an officer will come and address the situation or even look up the make, model and maybe even license-plate. Why would it be a bad thing to have similar expectations of each other dealing with firearms? Is it possible that people buying guns would have to

fill out more paperwork and wait longer to get their gun? Maybe. But would that be worth stopping or at least challenging the firearms black market? Would it be worth taking guns out of the hands of gang-members and criminals? This is right about where people bring up the quote about giving up freedoms for safety.

First of all, that is not necessarily true, as the example used above shows. Benjamin Franklin, the man who originally made the argument, is awesome but his statement is not an all-knowing quote of freedom and safety. I think this is obvious by the use of the quote of liberals and conservatives, depending on their personal agendas.

Second of all, a national registry does not take away any freedoms. It makes people aware and legally accountable for the responsibility gun owners already have. If you own or operate a potentially deadly piece of machinery, be it a vehicle or a firearm, you are responsible for anything that happens with that piece of machinery. You are responsible for people’s lives.

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# Professor encourages scriptural view on homosexuality



Mark Terrill

The Supreme Court recently heard arguments on two high profile cases that bear on whether the commitment of two homosexual individuals should be defined as marriage. One case, commonly known as Proposition 8, is a challenge to a California state law to maintain the legal definition of marriage as between one man and one woman only. The second case is a Supreme Court hearing over the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that became federal law in 1996. The basic argument put forward by those opposing Proposition 8 and DOMA and advocating same-gender “marriage” is that homosexual individuals should have the same rights as everyone else in America to love and marry whomever they wish, with corresponding legal rights and benefits. Though this argument may seem reasonable to many Americans who are proud of the American way of freedom, equality and opportunity, what is a Christian response?

First, any distortion of marriage as ordained and designed by God is wrong. Whether that is fornication, adultery, divorce, homosexuality or polygamy, all are distortions of God’s ideal. Regarding homosexuality specifically, the Scripture is clear that homosexual behavior is sin. The Old Testament, by direct statement and implication, condemns homosexual activity (Genesis 1:28, 19:5, Judges 19:22, Leviticus 18:22, 20:13). The New Testament follows with clear statements against homosexuality (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10).

Second, governments do not define marriage. Marriage, the union of a man and woman for companionship, procreation and rearing of children, was first designed by God at the beginning of creation before there

were nations or marriage laws or ministers or justices of the peace to officiate. God said “a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one flesh” and commanded the man and women to “be fruitful and multiply,”giving them complimentary bodies, organs and functions to make this possible (Genesis 1:28, 2:24). Governments and societies throughout history have recognized the benefits this institution brings to any society and have put in place laws to recognize marriage, encourage its stability, encourage proper training of children and attempt to provide fairness between parties and children when marriages are dissolved.

Third, those who have decided to live a homosexual lifestyle are not denied the rights of other Americans. They have the same right to marry whomever they choose as long as they are human, of marriageable age, of opposite gender, not a close relative and not married to someone else. Redefining marriage to include same-gender commitments opens the door to include other types of relationships as marriage. Rejection of the Scriptures as the foundation for morality by many in our society has resulted in a lack of national moral standards, which will result in continual redefinition of morality. Forty years ago, homosexuality was considered abnormal and detestable, as polygamy and incestuous relationships are now. Given a legal redefinition of marriage and another forty years, these too could be normalized.

Our nation is in need of bold truth-telling and prayer. Prayer that the U.S. is not so far down the road of ignoring God’s truths that He has given us up as He gave up those described by the apostle Paul in Romans 1 – “For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.” Romans 1:26–27 (ESV)

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# Student pushes empathy for homosexuality



Austin Garza

God made a fertile man and a fertile woman in the beginning; therefore, marriage should only be between a fertile man and woman. I do not actually believe this, but I hope it illustrates a point.

We as Christians often times are so caught up in theological intricacies that we forget to approach situations with Christ-emulating love. The biggest problem that I see among opponents of gay marriage is their unwillingness to universalize their theological principles and see the implications of believing what they believe.

For example, opponents to gay marriage often use the argument that God designed a man and woman from the beginning so this is how marriage must look. From the first sentence of this article, it is clear that if you believe this, it has greater implications than just on gay marriage.

However, people use this argument flippantly, unlovingly and not in a way that actually protects the “sanctity of marriage.” In all actuality, most people who use this argument actually do support their biases against those who are attracted to the same sex, and I doubt they have actually thought the issue through biblically.

Another issue that comes up in dealing with gay marriage is that it is so clear that the Bible is against it. Well, I would be careful in making that claim because the Bible, textually, is also against women praying with their heads

uncovered and men having long hair (1 Cor. 11:3-16). The Bible textually may be against certain things, but not necessarily culturally.

If I surveyed all of campus I am sure that no one would say that women are disgraced by having their heads uncovered during prayer, even though the Bible says so. However, send a survey out about homosexuality and you would get a much different response.

If we actually look at the culture and context in which this homosexuality was taking place when it was written about in the Bible, I believe that we could all come to a closer view on gay marriage. So why do opponents of gay marriage pick out this one concept of homosexuality from the Bible and use it in a way that does not impart the love of Christ?

The last issue that I would like to touch on (side note: this could be a much longer article, I just want to present a glimpse of my views as a Christian who supports gay marriage) is that of empathy. If you were told that you could not get married because you were sterile or Canadian or only wanted to adopt children, you would think that your rights were being infringed upon. In the same way, gay people are not being allowed the rights that they should be given to take part in marriage.

Supporting gay marriage shows that Christians are proponents of monogamy (what I think that the Bible requires of every same-sex relationship) and not promiscuity within the GLBTQ community. I have considered gay marriage from a biblical, natural law, legal, and empathetic viewpoint and found that my only response is to be a proponent of it.

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# Senior editors bid farewell, look to future



Esther Carey

It is hard to believe that 23 days from now, I will walk across the stage in Bill George Arena and receive my diploma. Well, it will actually just be an empty cover – but you get my point: I am graduating.

When I came to John Brown University in August of 2009, I was in some ways a very different person. I had lived a life that was consistent and safe, and I was used to that. I came to college to get a degree. What I did not know is that there was also a lot I needed to learn about myself and how I see the world.

And so now, as I prepare to bid farewell to this place, which has impacted me so greatly, I want to simply look back and share some of the lessons I have learned along the way.

1. Accepting God’s Grace. I am so thankful to God for the work He has done in my life through JBU. He has revolutionized my relationship with Him. In high school, I struggled with feelings of inadequacy, trying to earn my worthiness of God’s love.

Then one day here in the Cathedral of the Ozarks, God spoke to my heart and mind, showing me that He never expected that of me. He loves me for who I am, and His grace is sufficient to remove my imperfections.

This is still a journey I am on. But over the past two years, God has proven Himself faithful over and over, even in my weakness.

2. Recognizing Ambiguity. As a person whose top result on the freshman Strengths Finder was Belief, this is probably the hardest lesson for me to admit. I came in to college very sure that what I believed about a whole variety of issues created the right system for a Christian to hold.

Through a variety of classes, I discovered what should have been

an obvious fact: That there are committed Christians on all sides of controversial questions.

It was not until last fall that I recognized what I had been doing before. My faith had been in having the right boxes checked on a beliefs questionnaire. Rather than primarily depending on a God who knew all the answers, no matter how confused we people are, I tried to make sure that I had nearly every theological question packed into a neat little box and placed on my mental shelf.

I am still completely certain that the basic Christian doctrines, such as those found in JBU’s statement of faith, are true. But I trust that my core of unquestionable beliefs has shrunk down to a more proper and less prideful size.

3. Listening to Others’ Stories. Over the past couple of years, I have become enthralled with peoples’ journeys of life. So often friends simply do things together or know one another on a rather shallow level.

But once in a while, you actually get the chance to hear someone tell his or her story about what has shaped them. That can give you a deeper context of what made people the way they are, or why they react to things the way they do.

A big piece of this for me has been my experience as a student journalist of listening to peoples’ stories so that I can share them in an article. Every time I do it, I wish it happened more naturally in my relationships with my friends.

So those are a few of the life lessons I have learned here. I want to conclude by thanking all of my professors. Thank you for making me think, for pushing me to look at what and why I believe. Also, to all of my friends: Thank you for your patience with me, as I have dealt with the ups and downs of my journey. JBU, it has been a good four years. I’m sure I will be back to visit sometime, but it will never be quite the same. And so the journey continues.

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Jenny Redfern

Exactly two months from today I will be sunbathing on a beach in Jamaica, holding a fruity drink not approved by the JBU covenant and stealing glances at my new, handsome husband. But two months seems so very far away at this moment.

Right now I have to start my 15-page research paper, finish a semester-long project, plan a wedding, find a big-girl job, and make sure this issue gets out with as few errors as possible. Thankfully, I have been with the Threefold Advocate long enough to pick up some tips to get me through to graduation.

#1 Things are going to be out of your control. God has been teaching me this lesson since the first time my color-coated planner did not match reality. However, working for the Threefold Advocate has helped me face this truth like nothing else I have ever done.

I cannot control when people cancel my interviews, when my staff members do not turn in their stories on time, or when news breaks about two hours before we go to press. I also cannot control what assignments pop up, what foods they serve at my reception venue, or what jobs are available in Memphis, my future place of residence. I just have to pick myself up, keep on going and trust God has bigger and better plans for me than I have for myself. Things aren’t in my control, but they are in God’s.

#2 The things that are the most challenging are also the most rewarding. The hundreds of basketball games, every Dr. Mandy Moore class I have ever taken, and my four years on the Threefold Advocate are all proof of this.

So the article that took me out of my comfort zone and required me to ask tough questions—that’s the article that won the award. Or that week where I interviewed 11 different people, wrote two stories, drew a cartoon, and made a graphic—that’s the issue I am most proud of. Although this has been the most challenging semester of my college career, I know I will look back one day and consider it the most rewarding.

#3 It’s the people that matter most. When I look back on my days of basketball, it’s not the wins or the losses but my teammates I remember most. When I think about freshman year, it’s not the papers or the tests but the friendships that are the most important to me. And one day I will look back on those long Tuesday nights working on the Threefold, and I won’t remember the stress or the snacks, but the staff who made it bearable.

Endless thanks goes to my managing editor, Esther Carey, for making this year possible. You are a valued teammate and an even better friend, and I know you will be successful no matter where you go. Thank you to my advisor, Marquita Smith, for always believing in me and pushing me to become a better writer and editor. I would also like to thank my wonderful staff, who have put in lots of hours to bring the paper to you each week. Thanks for the endless smiles, laughs and jobs well done.

Likewise, when this semester and stage of life draws to a close, it’s the relationships that will matter most. Thank you to my best friends and housemates at #thezoo who have been my biggest fans and supporters throughout this year. Thank you to my beautiful family who always has my back. And thank you to my wonderful fiancé, Daniel Fish, for helping me keep my perspective through it all. I love you all, and I can’t wait to see where life takes us.

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# Illustration exhibit draws all ages



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**Guests of the new art exhibit flip through some of the various children’s books.** The original artwork from some of the books is currently on display, drawing audiences of all ages to the Windgate Visual Arts West building.

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You know you remember them: the bright, saucer-like moon you said goodnight to, the wild things in your dreams, the enormous larger-than-life red dog. Children’s book illustrations. They captured your imaginations then, and now they capture the imaginations of your nieces and nephews. The art of illustrating for children is a key element to fostering imaginations. The illustrious Society of Illustrators currently presents for the pleasure of John Brown University students, staff and surrounding community, the gallery: “Original Art: Celebrating the Fine Art of Children’s Book Illustration.” This gallery features the 40 winners from last year’s competition to select the best children’s book illustrations. Each featured work in the gallery exhibits both the original artwork as well as the book it goes with underneath it. Though the University often has traveling galleries come to campus, this is the first for children’s book illustrations. Charles Peer, professor

of visual arts, said they booked the gallery before the Society of Illustrators had even chosen the winners. He and the rest of the art department believe that since the University has an illustration program, it is important to bring in work that enriches the program. Illustration majors get to see not just the original artwork but the final product. Additionally, “it’s a very important genre of art that’s really developing and growing in sophistication, range of styles, creative infusion and technical skills,” said Peer. John Brown University Drawing II students had an opportunity to join this gallery with a complementary gallery of their own, displayed in the hallways outside the exhibit. The Drawing II class, taught by Assistant Professor of Visual Arts Joel Armstrong, teamed up with Allen Elementary second graders. The second graders dreamed up and drew a character they would like to see in a book. The drawings were then sent to Armstrong’s class. His students chose a drawing to reinterpret, later hanging the drawings on the walls with the reinterpretation

on top and the original below. Sophomore Chloe Fennel enjoyed getting to participate in this project. “I loved getting to study what someone else drew, try to guess what they were thinking and capture the feeling in their piece,” she said.

Fennel’s chosen character was a pretty pink mermaid. She chose it because she wanted a piece she could bring personality to. “It was between the mermaid and the hot dog, but if I did the hot dog, I would have been too tempted to give it little shoes, and that would have veered too far from the original.” Fennel got to meet the original artist herself on the night of the gallery opening. Little Alysian walked her all around the gallery, telling her which pieces were her favorite and why. Fennel had her own thoughts on the main gallery opening. “The work in there melted my heart!” Fennel exclaimed. “Seriously, I have never wanted to be an illustrator more than right there in that gallery looking at all the well-done, distinct characters. All of them were my favorite, but if you have to know the truth, there was a bear riding a bike with a little girl in the bike basket. How could you not love that?” Peer was just as pleased with the gallery. “We had a huge turnout at the opening. Not only did we have University students, but we had a ton of second

graders, their parents and lots of members of the community,” Peer said. “It was so fun to watch unfold.” Peer’s favorite part was watching the second graders meet the college students with whom their art was paired. “It was good for the little children to see that adults are doing the same thing they are doing,” he said. Education professors are also encouraging their students to give the galleries a peek. Someday, their students could be the teachers of those second graders. Kids, parents, illustrators, art students, book lovers, educators and community alike, all brought together for the love of creativity.

This exhibit will show through April 30. Stop by Windgate Visual Arts West Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00pm and Sundays, 2:00-4:00pm.

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**Joel Reindel, junior, compares an illustration from one of the books to the work before him.** For the show, the art department wanted all students, including illustration majors, to be able to witness firsthand the development of the genre.

# Familiar face radiates authentic positivity



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“Get away! Get away!” the man screamed with blood dripping down his head as he lunged at 16-year-old Allie Miller, a junior police officer. His knife slashed the air in front of her. Allie stepped back and reached for her gun, yelling, “Knife! Knife!” An officer ran from around the corner and hit the attacker in the neck, contacting a pressure point. Unconscious, the man crumpled to the ground. Now a John Brown University junior, Miller works as the assistant residence director of Mayfield and has performed in several University events. She has one of the most widely recognized faces on campus. In her past she has: arrested two people, endured the Coastguard Academy’s summer boot camp, graduated from high school as homecoming queen, dabbled in professional skiing and won Best Actress for her roles in “Steel Magnolias” and “Arsenic and Old Lace” her freshman year of college. Yet, Miller said none of it matters. People, on the other hand, do. Miller said the children’s book “You Are Special” by Max Lucado defines her view of rewards. In the story, the main character Punchinello struggles to live in a society where people receive dots for their failures and stars for their achievements. At the book’s conclusion, Punchinello realizes he does not need to worry about what anyone but God thinks of him and cares neither for the dots nor the stars. Miller views her achievements in the same light. “I always feel kind of weird talking about them, because I feel like they can be one of those stars,” Miller said. “They’ve caused

hindrances—all of them. Because then they cause you to be too confident and arrogant.” As a junior in high school, Miller accomplished her dream of taking a place on homecoming court and went on to become homecoming queen her senior year. However, she said she would not do it again. “If I could have my way in life, I’d like to ban homecoming court,” Miller said. She said any award fails unless it points to the Lord. “It’s not about me,” Miller said. The teenager who once yearned for the recognition of her peers now desires to help others see who God created them to be and, as in “You Are Special,” show them just how valued they are. “I love encouraging people,” Miller said. “I can find a hero in just about everybody.” Miller said loving others comes easily to her. Sophomore Melissa Lloyd said Miller has a gift for making people feel valued. “She was my RA last year,” Lloyd said. “When I first got here, I was just attacked from behind by this person who wrapped her arms around me. I knew everything was going to be fine because my RA was the coolest person in the world.” Sophomore Meredith Sloan lives on Miller’s hall. “She’s taken time to ask me to go to lunch with her,” Sloan said. “It’s not a, ‘Hey Allie, can we talk about this.’ She finds me, and I know she does that with a lot of people.” Miller hopes to channel her love for people by going into education or becoming a child-life specialist to help children with cancer through the treatment process. “If anything, I hope my life can be an expression of God’s grace,” Miller said. “That would be the cap of my life.”



# Ruble Invests Fifty Years



STEPHANIE WILLIS/Threefold Advocate

**Richard Ruble, pictured above, has served fifty consecutive years at the University.** In honor of his commitment to the school, he has been invited to speak at this year’s commencement ceremony.

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In 1964 the Beatles came to America, the Vietnam War escalated, a law passed abolishing racial segregation in the U.S. and the movie Mary Poppins premiered. In that same year, Richard Lee Ruble started teaching at John Brown University.

Nearly 50 years later, Ruble is still teaching for the University. Ed Ericson, vice president of academic affairs, said that according to available University records, Ruble is the first person to serve for 50 consecutive years. As a result of that distinction, the University asked him to speak at the graduation ceremonies in May.

Ruble said he first came to interview at the University because he knew young people from his church in the Dallas area who were students at the school. Ruble had recently graduated with a theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and a masters in psychology from the University of North Texas.

He also had opportunities to go to New York or to stay at North Texas to work and get his doctorate. But at 30 years old, Ruble said he thought he had been in school long enough.

“I didn’t think I would last long in this tiny town,” Ruble said. “But during my second year I was looking out at my psychology class and I noticed a young lady who was both beautiful and smart.”

Ruble started dating the student, Anne. In accordance with the University’s rules at the time, the couple had to have a chaperone present at their dates. In 1966, the two were married. Ruble said he is the first and only faculty member that he knows of who has married a student.

Being married to a graduate of the University created more of an anchor to keep Ruble at the University, he said. While he had opportunities to leave, he said that the longer he stayed the deeper his roots grew within the community. The couple’s son Stephen also graduated from the University.

“How did I stay here so long? It’s just one step in front of another,” Ruble said.

He also rose up through the ranks, he said. Beginning as an instructor, he later held the positions of a department head, a division head and vice president of academic affairs. In 1999, he retired from full-time teaching at the University and started teaching classes in the Degree Completion program at the other University campus, which he continues to do.

Ruble said he is considering taking a hiatus from teaching next year, to see how it goes. He is concerned about “inflicting himself” on students, he said, since he is nearly 80 years old and his hearing is not good.

When Ruble first came to the University, he said the town of Siloam Springs only had 3,000 people and the school had about 300 students. The campus buildings were all made of wood, except for the cathedral group.

Students at the University had classes on Saturday and bed checks on Sunday morning to make sure they were up and about. The school also required them to earn non-academic vocational training credits, which frequently meant students were free labor, completing busy work, Ruble said.

Ruble said he considered his greatest contribution to be the programs he put in place, primarily during his two terms as dean or vice president. One of those was moving away from the old vocational training system to one in which the divisions were enabled to decide what the students needed to do that would be related to their major.

Ruble also started the psychology

department during his time at the University, beginning with a minor and then a major.

Another of his important jobs was the hiring of new faculty. Ruble said the person in charge of the hiring needed to have a good focus on what the school needs.

Ericson agreed, saying that was one of Ruble’s main influences on the institution by shaping the direction of the school and ensuring that it stayed on mission.

“Dr. Ruble is a kind gentleman,” Ericson said.

“He still comes in to check up on folks. He has dedicated his life to being a vital part of our community. We talk about long obedience in the same direction, and he is certainly an example of that.”

Ruble said he noticed several things that have changed in the student body since he first came. The overall quality of students has increased, since the school has become more selective in who to admit as it has grown. Students have also become more affluent, having more material things from cars to iPads.

One thing that has not changed is the school’s Christian motivation and devotion, Ruble said.

“That is an attraction for both students and parents,” Ruble said. “The school isn’t an extreme in either direction. There’s enough structure so that it’s not anarchy, but we don’t require students to be Christians to come here.”

On May 4, Ruble said he will give seniors a three-point admonition about “how I wish life will unfold for you.”

He said he would also like to encourage the whole student body, in the words of Galatians 6:10, to do good unto all people, especially those of the household of faith.

“Christians have an obligation to love one another,” Ruble said. “The world needs a lot of goodness, because the good is in short supply.”

## Faculty adventure abroad during summer vacation

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**Name:** Tim Gilmour  
**Position:** Assitant Professor of Engineering and Construction Management  
**Going to:** Pyongyang Univeristy, North Korea  
**Goal:** To teach an accelerated computer networking course. He would appreciate prayers for himself and the country.



**Name:** Trisha Posey  
**Position:** Director, Honors Scholars Program  
**Going to:** University of Massachusetts and Thompson Island, Boston  
**Goal:** To finish research for an article entitled, “Creating Little Tanned Agriculturalists.” She is looking forward to touring the island where the Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys was founded.



**Name:** Charles Raith  
**Position:** Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy  
**Going to:** Southeastern Caribbean College, St. Lucia  
**Goal:** Will help build library collection and participate in the local church. He is excited to teach theology in a non-Western environment.





## The Threefold Advocate

The Lady Eagles now stand at 2-7 for the season and the men's team at 0-9 is still looking for its first victory in a year. They last win was a 8-1 victory over Southwestern College on April 3, 2012.

He continued, "Coach is definitely a motivator. He wants us to go in to this tournament with a strong mindset and have no negative thoughts because he knows how we can play, and that's just what we'll do."

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



*Tiffany Prieb*  
Women's Tennis

Sophomore Tiffany Prieb won 8-0 in singles and 8-3 in doubles in the Lady Eagles' 9-0 victory over Oklahoma Wesleyan on April 8. She was the only player to win more than one game in the Lady Eagles' 0-9 loss to Arkansas Tech on April 9, falling in her singles match 6-2, 6-1 and her doubles match 8-1.



# Seniors leave a winning legacy

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Three senior players from the men’s basketball team, Abel Galliguez, Coleson Rakestraw and E.J. McWoods, will be leaving the team upon graduation this May. The seniors will complete the spring semester without stepping foot on the court again at John Brown University.

**Abel Galliguez**  
Galliguez said now that he is leaving, his relationship with his coach is different. “I feel like I can call coach my friend now,” he said. Now that Galliguez is leaving, his former coach can gain input



Abel Galliguez

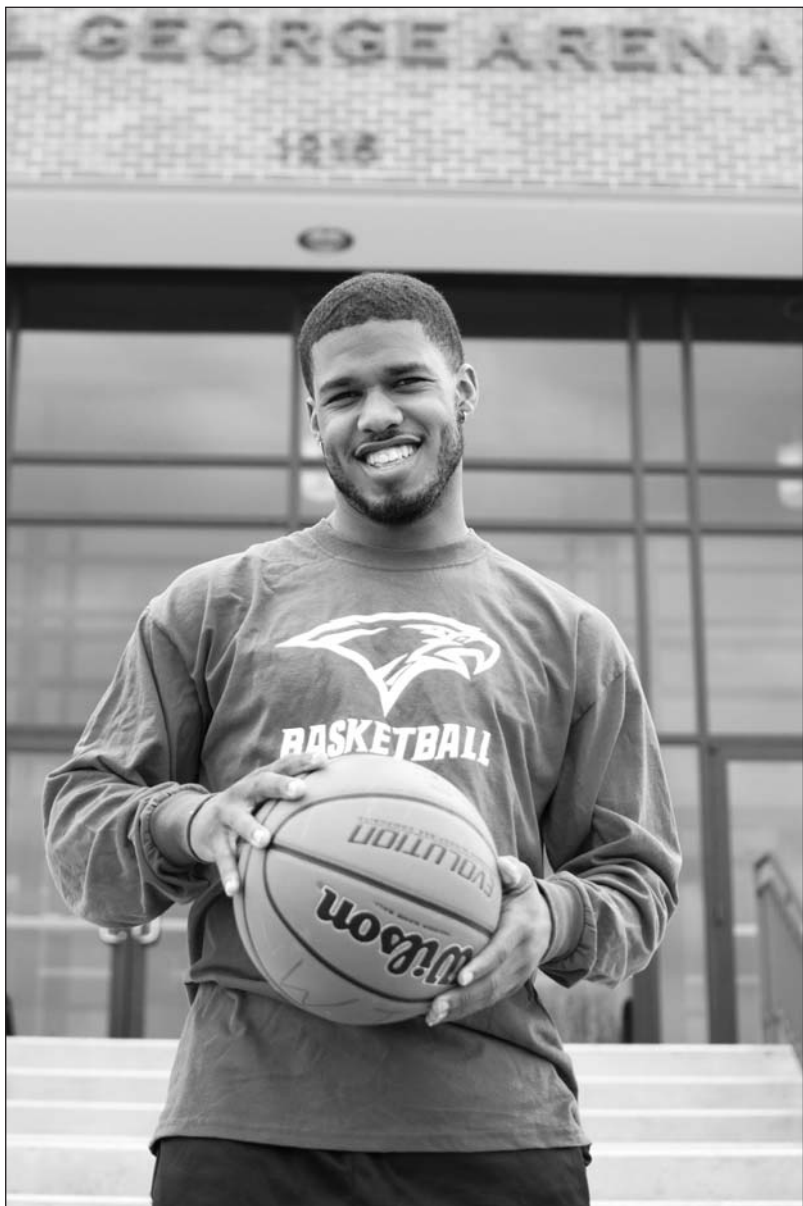
regarding the team. “Coach Sheehy is there for us,” Galliguez said. Normally he wouldn’t talk to a coach, but when his Grandma passed away his coach supported him through his grief. One thing that Galliguez enjoyed the most about playing basketball for JBU was the consistency and character of the team and having the same work ethic and a team over self-mentality on and off the court. One thing that Galliguez would like to change about athletics in general at JBU is more integration of athletes and non-

athletes. “As a university we need to work to diminish cliques,” Galliguez said. In previous years, Galliguez played alongside his twin brother Thomas. This season was his first time without him on the team. “My brother brings out the best of me, pushing me to my limits, and without him around I began to notice his input and his perspective in my other teammates,” Galliguez said.

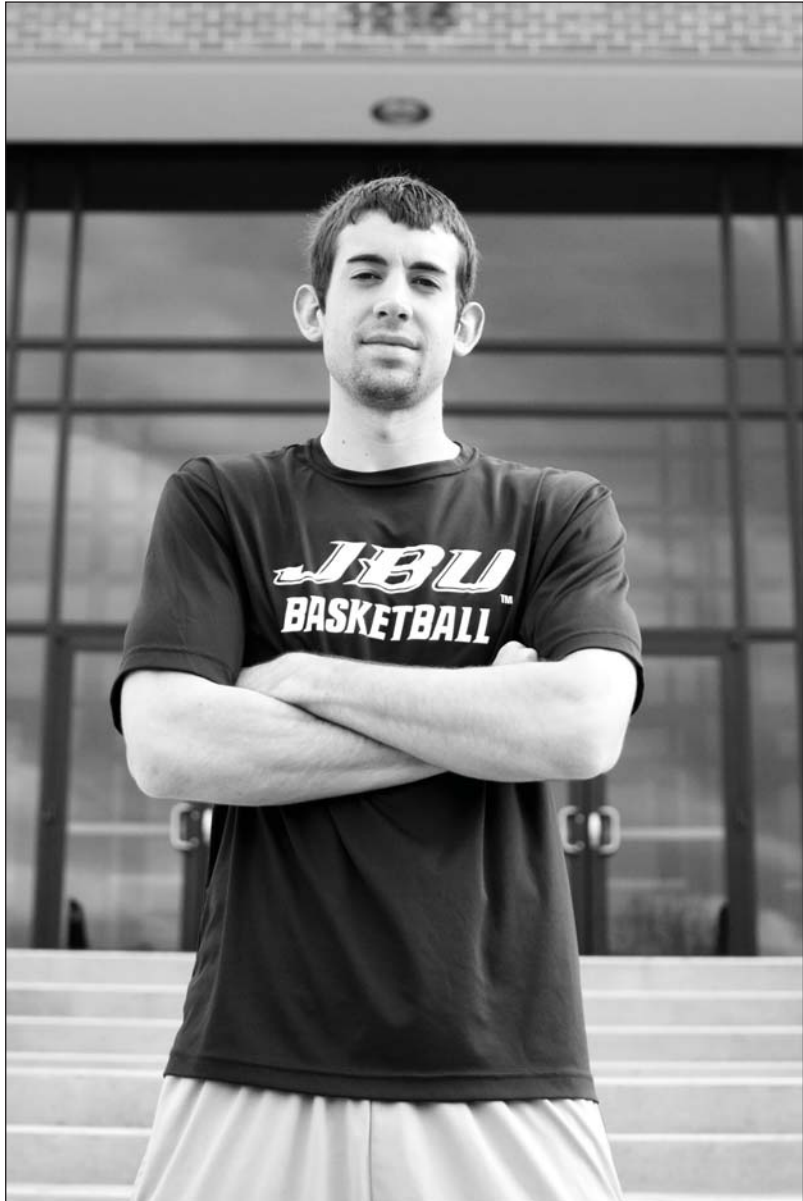
**Coleson Rakestraw**  
Rakestraw enjoyed playing and working together with his teammates. “Our team is a family and playing basketball brought us closer together,” Rakestraw said. “Playing basketball here has

ball at JBU that was challenging for Rakestraw was trying to balance everything. At times it was difficult for Rakestraw to balance basketball, schoolwork and time with friends and family. “It caused for some stressful times, but it was definitely worth it in the end,” Rakestraw said.

**E.J. McWoods**  
McWoods most enjoyed the bond he made with different guys on the team and the way they all had each other’s backs if anything happened. “I can go to any of them about anything and know that they want my best interest at hand,” McWoods said. If there was one thing that McWoods would change about his time on the team, it would be his interactions with others outside of basketball. “I didn’t reach my full potential of getting to know others outside of basketball,” he said. McWoods said he can go to Coach Sheehy about anything and that he will give him his best knowledge possible to fulfill it. “Over the years, we went through hard times for a reason so I could get to the point I am today,” McWoods said. Clark Sheehy, head coach, said things change when the last game is over and there is less exposure to each other. “After the last game, it is not player to coach, it is man to man,” Sheehy said. Sheehy said he and the team learned so much through the highs and lows of every situation. “In the end, when they come back to visit we can laugh about the highs and the lows that we experienced together,” Sheehy said. The coach said he has no regrets of coaching them and that they are good representatives of JBU. He considers preparation that the team goes through when people are not watching is of value. “They make sure that they are ready in every way when the lights come on in the arena,” Sheehy said. Sheehy said he is always there for each member of the team even when they graduate. “I am loyal to them, and they are loyal and devoted to me,” Sheehy said. Sheehy enjoys the impact that he gets to have on the lives of every player that comes through the basketball program. “This is an excellent group of seniors, and they remind me of why I started coaching in the first place,” Sheehy said. The three players want to leave a legacy of striving to improve and be consistent for the team members they leave behind after graduation.



EJ McWoods



Coleson Rakestraw

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## The Threefold Advocate is looking for a few good folks!

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- Attend weekly meetings

For the graphic design major

Are you interested in being part of the Threefold Advocate staff?

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