Academic Excellence celebrates students works p.2

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The results are in, and so many new people will be taking on the project of the first year’s Student Government Association. Junior business administration major Brad Johnson will be serving as president, and is in study to make a 3rd, & indeed more relevant campus organization.

“As president of SGA, I look forward to realizing the opportunity to lead the expansion of SGA’s influence and impact on JBU’s campus,” Johnson wrote from Oxford, where he has been studying abroad this semester. He is anticipating the chance “to revolutionize the relationship students have with the administration on campus.” Along with a new president, the SMA Officer Team will also have two new members this year, John David Hubbs, a junior biblical & theological studies major, as Vice president of finance and administration and Kalyn Eckelberry, a junior psychology major, as vice president of communication.

Current vice president of elections and legislation Lake DeYoung, a senior biochemistry major, as vice president of finance and administration. Confer noted that the Career Development assistants will continue to help students with resume writing, mock interviews, job search and placement even into alumni years. According to Confer, this is one of the greatest benefits of being a JBU student. The Career Development Center typically hears back from about 65 percent of graduates each year. Confer stated that at the Spring 2013 commencement, approximately 48 percent of the students surveyed had jobs when they graduated.

“It’s great to have in the upper 60 percent pretty soon down the road,” Confer said. “We did another survey six months down the road, and the number was 98 percent of those who we had not heard back from in November.”

According to Confer, the Career Development Center heard back from 85 percent of the initial respondents this past year. 90 percent of those respondents who said that they were either employed or were going on to graduate school reported that they had jobs. According to Confer, career the Career Development Center will continue to provide services to students in the transition phase, help them opportunities for us to pick up and to continue follow up with graduates who may not have a job reported. We give students to respond and fill things back and I would love to see 100 percent of them respond back to us,” Confer said. “We’ll make an effort to gain a large response as possible to gain a large response from graduates, there is still room for improvement in the response rate.”

“I’ve recognized in the past that the percentage is not great, but August is when the months are in doing well, and we are doing well. We hope to see more students report their success, so the Career Development Center is able to see if students are receiving better jobs or getting more job offers.

Shantelle McHone, University graduate who recently works with the Graduate Assistant for the College of Business, said the Career Development Center is taking to students in defining the role of SGA in the campus community has hindered in defining the role of SGA in the campus community. The current SGA Officers have acknowledged the struggles SGA has faced in the past. According to Confer, the Career Development Center is able to receive feedback from students and pass on that feedback to help the students and help them improve.

“The current SGA Officers have continued to work with the Career Development Center and the career center to ensure that students are taking the right steps to finding a job and to help them understand the process of finding a job,” Confer said. “It is important for students to understand that the Career Development Center is there to help them with their job search and to ensure that they have the tools they need to succeed.”

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The 2014-2015 Student Government Association’s primary goal will be to prove to the student body that it can and will work to bring about important changes that students want. Johnson acknowledged the struggles SGA has dealt with in the past, saying: “We believe the disconnect between the student, the administration and the vision of JBU’s students is one of the greatest challenges to the role of SGA in the campus community. We believe that the effectiveness of SGA in the past.”

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Students traveling to these other countries—which include Germany, China and Jordan—could learn the native languages if the University strives to be globally minded, as well. Surely having so few languages is normal, right? Wrong. Just take a look at what other Arkansas colleges provide.

Northwest Arkansas Community College offers students the opportunity to study Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Latin and Greek.

The University proudly claims to be diverse. The flags in Walker doff the different countries they represent. Each of those flags also represents the languages of its country. If the University strives to be globally minded, as well as culturally aware, one would expect the school to have a variety of languages offered on a regular basis.

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“I think that JBU needs students to be honest and courageous,” says professor of philosophy at John Brown University. Bruce is a professor of philosophy at John Brown University. He can be reached at Bruce@jbu.edu.

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Asexuality misunderstood

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What is the first thing that pops in your mind when you hear the word "asexual"? For many, it's a cell division and creates daughter cells. However, there’s another kind of asexual that you don’t read about in your biology textbook. That’s the kind of asexual that applies to people. It’s kind of an asexual I am. Here’s the part where you’re probably making tons of assumptions. I’ve heard plenty of them, so allow me to say what being asexual isn’t.

No, you cut off your arm, another Alex will not grow from the limb. I’ll tell you another one of a kind of bleeding and probably die.

No, I do not suddenly split into two people. You’re thinking of anomalies and cells.

No, I do not reproduce like a plant. Unfortunately, this is something I’ve been asked in all seriousness.

No, I do not imitate myself. Quite frankly, I have no idea how that would even work because, let’s face it, even Mary had a little help getting pregnant with Jesus.

Now that I’ve explained what being asexual isn’t, let me explain what it is.

To put it simply, asexuals don’t feel sexual attraction. I know. Scary, right? Some asexuals haven’t even had a sexual thought in their mind ever!

Of course, asexuals differ.

Some have sex for their partners’ sake, whereas others haven’t even kissed another person. Some like guys, girls, both, these-in-between or even no one at all.

Though we may differ, we’re all tied together by our lack of a sex drive.

We also tend to identify as having two orientations: one romantic and one sexual. Personally, I’m a heterosexual asexual. As I’ve put it so eloquently in a few speeches for Erick Roebuck’s class: “I like guys, I just don’t want to ever do one.”

So what’s the big deal?

I’ll be honest with you. Asexuals have it hard in this culture.

We’re asked if we’ve been abused or told that we’ve just not yet met the right person yet. Surely the urges will come, they say. Some people have even asked if we’re in denial about our “true sexual nature.”

We absolutely do work hard. It’s harder than I think in schedule interviews and tell-write stories each week on top of all your other classes.

The staff went to Orlando for a conference and the last night of our trip, most of us went to Universal Village. There was a street that I’d try to start some kind of street dance so, naturally, our staff joined in with the help of the Universal Village employees. They all got down and pulled out our best dance moves (aka the shopping cart) without any shame. It was grand. Where exactly that will take me, I don’t know.

Yes, actually. That’s something SOME of us learned how to do by ERP "taught" us.

5. One thing on your bucket list you never did?

I REALLY wanted to get written up for an open dorm violation this year. And it never happened. Sorry Meredith. I know you guys were all set to make me take that my buck list but I just couldn’t.

6. Favorite Marquita quote/memory?

Freshman year, Marquita, you TERRIFIED me. Until that one time in Editing class, when you showed up at a photo shoot with a whole lot of purple hair. When we say we’re asexual, most people don’t seem to understand, mainly because most haven’t heard of our norm. If we try to explain it, we’re misunderstood.

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Well, I can certainly assure you something about myself, at the very least. While I can appreciate that a lady looks super fine, I certainly don’t feel romantically towards fellow females, much less want to do dirty things with them.

Sorry, but it just isn’t for me. Love, love, love. There are people who don’t have sex. There are other ways to know the person you’re with. There can be sex without relationships, surely there can be relationships without sex.

Asexuals deserve be known and respected. We deserve to be treated as normal people instead of sex-creators.

We’re not condemning it for you. We just think cake is better than sex.

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clincian sarah turner was a math teacher of a generation of kids. "i've experienced both ends of the spectrum. i've worked with someone who was a millionaire to people who are millionaires to people who are multi-millionaires to people who are multi-millionaires to people who are multi-millionaires to people who are millionaires to people who have been and how that has shaped my perspective," garza said.

longtime friend of garza's, greg murray said garza has helped others see life in a new perspective because of the honesty and faith he exudes.

"getting to know garza is like climbing a mountain. once you climb to the top, you begin to see the world in a more beautiful and unique perspective than before," murray said. "murray: "garza is one who is clothed in humility and because of that, he genuinely cares about others at times. garza: "so my future aspirations would be to be honest in helping people with what i know and who i am that part."
Give yourself time

The Internet makes it really easy to gather information quickly, but don’t overestimate your ability to gather quality information quickly. Brent Swearingen, instructional services librarian, said the extra effort to find sources beyond the first page of Google results and to search for resources earlier can make your job easier providing you with good quality and a high quantity of sources up-front. That way, you can spend less time looking for sources and more time writing your paper.

Find one good source

Swearingen recommends what he calls the ‘one good source approach.’ Instead of casting a wide net, he says students should focus on finding one high-quality academic article on their subject to start off with. From there, they can look to that article’s own sources and references as a branching off point for finding additional materials, as well as using the article itself as one of their primary sources.

Start with a reference

Swearingen advises students should try and start off with one quality reference work on their topic to follow and branch off from. But unlike an article, which often will be written by an expert in the given subject and will often use unfamiliar jargon, a reference work will be written in language more universally understandable by people, like you, who aren’t necessarily experts.

Get Help

Whether it means scheduling a time to meet with your professor or simply asking a librarian, Swearingen said asking for help can be a big part of a successful research paper. Many students will avoid asking for help with papers because they either think they are the only ones with difficulty or because the are confident they can go it alone. By asking for help, you can cut down on the stress of setting up and figuring out the process of doing research for a paper and focus on getting it done.

Springtime Shortcuts

Pesky water stains on your sink or shower faucet?
Slice a lemon in half and rub it directly on the metal. Rinse the fixture and watch it shine.

Tired of cramming T-shirts into tiny dresser drawers and digging to the bottom to find what you want?
Fold the shirts vertically (with the middle of the shirt facing up) to maximize space and see all the shirts at once.

Dusty or smudgy computer and laptop screens?
Grab a coffee filter and dust away.

Coffee maker getting grimy after all those late nights?
Run a mixture of vinegar and water through the maker to clean it out.

Clothes or shoes you never wear?
Donate them to area organizations such as Goodwill, Big Brothers/Big Sisters or Salvation Army or to John Brown University’s own Missionaries in Residence garage sale that takes place on May 17.
The women’s volleyball team traveled to Haiti over the 2013 summer for a mission trip. Junior Courtney Marshall said the trip allowed the team to come “back to the states with a new perspective,” that she believed showed, “both on and off the court.”

The men’s soccer team won their match against Rogers State in double-overtime, finishing the match 2-1. Head coach Scott Marksberry said that the team culture was key to any present and future team success. “The moment we lose the culture, then we’ve lost our identity as a program,” Marksberry said. “We have to work at it, it will never happen on its own.

The women’s soccer team was named Sooner Athletic Conference Champions when they beat the Oklahoma City Stars. After double-overtime and penalty kicks, sophomore Julie Whitlow made the title-winning goal.

The Lady Eagles soccer team traveled to Brazil over the Christmas holiday for a mission trip where they had the opportunity to play against multiple club and professional teams. While there, they visited the slums of Brazil and used soccer as a way to minister to the people.
Highlights 2013-2014

Oct. 17

For the fourth year in a row, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics named John Brown University a Champions of Character Five-Star Institution. JBU has been implementing the Champions of Character five core values into the program since it began in 2001; Integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Nov. 2

The John Brown University men’s basketball team won the 33rd annual Toilet Paper Game 82-67, marking the 32nd win out of the total 33 games in school history.

March 22

After defeating Loyola in the Exclusive Eight round of the NAIA Championship, the John Brown University women’s basketball team advanced to the Fab Four, where they fell to Oklahoma City. The team broke multiple school records this season.
This season’s spring weather is fashionably late. However, the styles taking over this season are making a noticeable entrance. The ladies of JBU and fashion-forward media giants like Miley Cyrus and Jennifer Lawrence can be thanked for teaching us how to look good this spring season.

Crop tops: These tops can be paired with anything. They add a fun layer to any outfit.

High waisted shorts: Tucking your shirt into your pants was once a fashion trend that people felt forced to do. Now, ladies have adopted the concept of tucking half or all of their shirt into their shorts. This look is flirty and comfortable.

Baggy trousers: These pants are fun and eye-catching. One could wear crop tops, bustiers, or baggier tank tops to keep comfortable and chic.

Maxi skirt: The long length of these skirts can be transitioned from a day-look into a night-look with a light jacket. These skirts can be best paired with bustier and crop tops.