

Sooner conference grabs three

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The Sooner Athletic Conference is back where it started. After losing five teams in the last two years, the SAC announced Tuesday that it is adding three north Texas teams to the fray.

Texas Wesleyan University in

Fort Worth, Texas; Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas; and Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas are leaving the Red River Conference to become the newest members of the SAC.

Those schools will join Southwestern Christian University. Southwestern, based in Bethany, Okla., plays in the Midland Conference, which is

a Div. II NAIA Conference. By adding four schools, the SAC will have 11 programs beginning in fall 2013.

“Getting us back up to 11 teams puts us in a good position to be one of the premier, if not the premier, conferences in the NAIA,” said Nicholas Robinson, director of sports information.

The three Dallas Metroplex teams were top-level members of

the Red River Conference and will easily adjust to life in the SAC, added Robyn Daugherty, director of athletics.

“It made sense for us to move together,” said Jack Allday, Northwood University athletic director. “We think our schools are very much like those in the SAC.”

The SAC approached the three Texas schools in December, Allday said.

Daugherty said Southwestern Christian only became serious about joining in the last six weeks.

The SAC may not be done adding schools, though.

“Adding these teams sets us up well,” said Robinson. “It plays into the future and some other teams that we may add.”

Daugherty would not elaborate

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Ultimate Food Fight: Who will win the bid for campus food provider?



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John Brown University is opening the search for a new food service provider. The University’s search committee sent out a request to companies to begin negotiations. Aramark’s three-year renewal contract with the University ended last year. The company will continue services over the next two semesters until the committee decides on the right bid. Stephen Kerr, Aramark food services director, declined to comment.

“Everything that Aramark is doing right now will affect the bid,” said Steve Beers, vice president of student development. “If they are successful then they will stay and renew their contract.”

If Aramark is not successful then most of the staff will leave with the company. Negotiations can be made with the new service provider to allow certain staff to stay if a staff member makes a request.

“JBU is requesting food service proposals as a matter of due diligence,” Kim Hadley, vice president for finance and administration. “It is an ongoing effort to provide the best value for our students in the combined package of food quality, price and service.”

Senior Kristen Hanko said there are some changes she would like to see to the food provided.

“I had a twelve meal plan and ended up only going to the cafeteria five times a week,” Hanko said. “I went for breakfast only to get a bowl of cereal. I paid more for a meal plan but still had to buy my own food.”

“I would like to see good vegetables and fresh fruits,” Hanko said. “I would also like to see more chicken because there

are so many ways to prepare chicken and you don’t just want to eat a burger or pizza every time.”

The University sent out a request for proposal on Sept. 6 to 11 food service providers. The request includes the administration’s expectations, deadline dates and information about the school. A few of the companies include Aramark, Creative Dining Services, Pioneer College Caterers and Bon Appetite Management Services, Inc.

“The requested information included stakeholder questions from a broad range of individuals on campus,” Hadley said. “These included concepts relating to sustainability, integration with the University’s culture, creativity, and flexibility, along with the more typical topics of food quality, consistency, pricing, responsiveness, efficiency, scalability, staffing, and communication.”

Proposals must be submitted by Oct. 15 to be reviewed by the committee. The committee will make visits to the companies’ sites in October and November. In early December, finalist on-campus interviews will occur. The food service provider will be notified on Jan. 15 and operations will begin in June 2013.

A committee was formed with staff from different departments on campus, including representatives from:

- Student Government Association
- President’s office
- Student Development
- Admissions
- Alumni Relations
- Academic Affairs
- Athletics
- Facilities Services

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Genesis House gets new look

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Construction anagement students from John Brown University will be using their skills this semester to help the Genesis House prepare its new location.

The students and many other volunteers will be renovating an old home on North Inglewood Street into a facility for the ministry, which serves the homeless of Siloam Springs. The site will provide enough room for offices, a food pantry and a diaper bank.

Some of the guests at Genesis House who have experience in contract work will be helping on the renovation project.

“It’s always good when

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Campus welcomes furry friends



STEPHANIE WILLIS/The Threefold Advocate

Students line up for the chance to love on Chaplain Rod Reed’s litter of Golden Retriever puppies. Reed told his class he realized students seldom get the chance to interact with animals on campus and most miss their own family pets.

Honors Program changes, adds depth for students

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A new semester always brings change. The Honors Scholars Program is no exception. This year students can expect changes in leadership, programming and the freshman experience.

New Leadership
Honors students will now fall under the direction Trisha Posey, the new director of the Honors Scholars Program.

Also, Biblical Studies Professor Maxie Burch now takes the role of assistant director of the program. Posey said he will play an important advisory role.

Maria Lehr brings both a new face and a new position to the program. As the new honors academic adviser and co-curricular planner, Lehr’s job includes providing students information about classes, helping students determine their schedules and answering any questions they might have.

“It’s meeting a need that has been in the program for a while, especially as we’re getting larger, and because we’re an interdisciplinary program,” Lehr said. “Just being someone who can provide information to our students, be an advocate when they need it and really check on their spiritual and mental health.”

Lehr works in partnership with advisers in different majors to make sure honors students are on track both in their major and in the program. Her assistance will benefit students in more difficult majors such as engineering and the sciences who have problems



Maxie Burch, a faculty member in the Bible division, visits with honors students in the Honors Center during their fireside chats.

fitting honors classes into their schedules.
With a love for education and a background of work in honors for her master’s program, Lehr expressed a passion for honors students and her work as an adviser.
“I just hope this position serves our students well,” she said. “I hope it develops them but is also a good resource for them.”

New Program
Along with the Venue and Sabbath Sundays, the Honors Scholars Program now provides a new outlet for students to build community within the program.
Fireside Chats allow students to meet with honors faculty outside of class. Gathered around the fireplace in the Honors Center,

students can question professors about anything they want: What makes them tick? Why do they love the subject they teach? What do they do when they are not teaching?
Posey said the students she met with expressed an interest in getting to know their professors outside of the classroom and having a more personal time with them.
“[These are] conversations that can’t happen in the classroom but are important for students to be engaging with faculty on,” Posey said.
Senior Anna Lane, president of the honor’s executive council, said one of their goals was to incorporate the faculty more because they were the ones helping shape the program.

“We wanted to give more of a direct bridge from faculty to student outside of the classroom,” she said.

New Freshman Experience
Probably the most noticeable change in the program is the absence of the Honors Orientation class. In its place, freshmen can orient themselves into the honors community through the peer-mentoring program.
“There was a lot of negative feedback about the orientation class,” Lane said. “I don’t know if ‘better’ is the right choice of words. Honors Orientation is the class you really start to appreciate your junior and senior years.”
But Honors Orientation is not

gone forever. Junior Tim Edgren, coordinator of the peer-mentoring program, plans on incorporating the concepts taught in the class into the mentoring meetings.
The program is optional for freshmen, but if they choose, they can team up in groups of three to five with an honors upperclassman. Instead of meeting for only a semester, the program will last all year.
Edgren said the 20 mentors have a dual purpose. First, they facilitate an academic relationship.
“They know what kinds of issues freshmen deal with, particularly honors freshmen, and... can connect the freshmen with resources which can help them plan out what they’re going to do as honors students,” he said.
Secondly, they initiate spiritual mentoring.
“I really want to see that part grow because in the past it’s been very academic,” he said. “The spiritual aspect is both living by example what it means to be a Christian college student, but also helping the freshmen to realize their potential as Christian students.”
Overall, the program provides a way for freshmen to feel involved in the program and create a sense of class community that was lost with the dismissal of the Honors Orientation class.
Posey said her desire is to help students learn and develop the gifts God has given them both in their personal and professional lives. She wants to challenge them along the way, as well as provide the resources they need as God calls them to the places they need to be.
“It’s a really exciting time in the honors program,” she said.

Voting registration deadlines draw near

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As the Nov. 6 elections rapidly approach, Americans face a choice. Before they mark a ballot, picking one candidate over another, they face the question of whether they will vote at all.
College students often answer no, said Frank Niles, associate professor of political science. Statistics show that college students historically vote at lower levels than married adults who have families. Students frequently deal with challenges which can prevent them from voting, such as instability in where they live.
Students can struggle to see how policy issues will affect them down the line, Niles said. The debate about Medicare is a current example. Any changes made now will strongly impact the college-age generation, but students do not tend to think

“Voting is a privilege that too many Americans take for granted.”
-Christensen

about Medicare at that age.
“They also have a lot of other things on their plate to sort through,” Niles said. “Students tend not to be in the habit of voting, since they have only recently gained eligibility. They typically put off voting until later in life.”
Even when young people decide to vote, they often encounter a higher level of hassle since they are typically unable to vote at home on Election Day or during early voting. Students frequently ask Niles how to go about getting an absentee ballot,

he said.
Before they can do so, students must also register to vote. While states set their own deadlines and requirements, voters typically must register at least 30 days before the election. The League of Women Voters provides individualized information and links to mail-in voter registration forms on its election website, [www.vote411.org/state_guide?state_id=\(insert state name here\)](http://www.vote411.org/state_guide?state_id=(insert state name here)).
The same website also helps voters know how to request an absentee ballot from their state, which they can complete and mail back. Most states’ deadlines for absentee ballot applications are a week before the election. However, most states also require that the voter’s completed ballot be received by Election Day, which probably takes a total of about three weeks.
Senior Matt Christensen voted in the last presidential election and already requested his absentee ballot for this year.
“Voting is a great privilege that too many Americans take for granted,” he said. “People in Iraq, Afghanistan and Egypt know what it’s like not to have that chance.”
People should not complain about what the government does if they did not take advantage of their right to vote, he added.
Freshman Megan Gabbert plans to vote for the first time this November, since this is the first election she will be eligible for. She will go back home to Tulsa, Okla. to vote, she said.
“Voting is important because we are called to be proactive in what we believe,” she said. “Sometimes we may have to go with the lesser of two evils if we don’t agree with either candidate, but we should not just avoid being involved.”



1402 N Inglewood, pictured about, will be the new site of the Genesis House ministry. The ministry serves the Siloam Springs community as an emergency shelterfor the homeless.

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people work with people who are homeless because it destroys stereotypes,” said Gary Baird, Genesis House’s director.
Caldwell said he is glad his students will gain an understanding of how “a small-town homeless shelter looks.”
The ministry needed a new building, Baird said. In the current space, workers organize papers at a large table in the kitchen, while also trying to prepare food to give guests. Staff covered the disintegrating bathroom floor with plywood. They must slam the front door to close it properly.
The offices and waiting room, which once served as bedrooms and a living room, are often overflowing with people. Privacy is essential as part of the nursing service provided at Genesis House, so overcrowding makes things difficult.
“It’s something more than building a house. It’s building a home for people who have none. It’s amazing to be part of something like that,” said Brock

Ediger, one of the three seniors heading the project.
“It’s a great way to use what I learned in college to help others,” said Ediger. “We get so caught up with making money and the American dream, and there are other people who don’t get that chance.”
Caldwell said the new site is an abandoned home, but will be renovated to provide more office space than current location has.
To complete the project in timely manner, half the crew will stay on campus to work the steel structure and the other half will work on remodeling the site, Ediger said.
Moving to a larger space that Genesis House will own is an important step toward building their own center in the future.
The ministry’s current location is owned by the city, which first leased it to Genesis House in 2004. The city is now planning to make it into a public maintenance building.
University students previously helped the ministry renovate a house it received as a donation.

The community in that neighborhood opposed having an emergency center on their street, so the ministry decided to sell it.
“[The move has] been a good thing because it has forced us to take the next step,” Baird said.
The ministry plans to use the new space to add computers for guests to fill out online applications for jobs or food stamps, he said.
Baird would also like to see the ministry begin a summer feeding program for children in the Siloam Springs area. Eventually, the goal is to transition to an overnight emergency shelter.
Students are helping to keep costs down by volunteering their time, Baird said. In addition, their volunteer hours are recorded to show potential donors that the community cares about and supports Genesis House.
The government and large corporations can also match their hours monetarily, which Ediger said has been interesting to watch.
The project should be completed in early November.

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"When I came to JBU 15 years ago, we were ranked number 12 or 15 on U.S. News and World Report and now we are number one," Beers said. "What does that look like for our food services? Our food services should be the best in the South and meet the expectations of the school."

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THE THREEFOLD’S VIEW ON VOTING RIGHTS

As the election season rolls on, university students everywhere will be inundated with ads in all forms of media urging them to get the vote out. Campaigns such as Rock the Vote urge young voters to make their voice heard. At the Threefold, we believe that students eligible to vote should. We also believe, however, that there is a higher level of importance, nuance and responsibility associated with voting than most campaigns would have young would-be voters believe. In many ways a typical voter participation campaign plays out just like other public service campaigns: DON’T do drugs, DON’T Text and drive, DO Vote. They try to make voting appear simple. That’s because those organizations aiming to boost voter participation try to do just that: they focus on making registering and voting as easy as possible. But voting should not be easy. Registering and going to the polling place should be. The entire voting process, however, if done responsibly, is not easy. The most important part of the voting process is the exhaustive process of research: the voter deciding what they themselves, and both candidates, believe. If voters simply register and vote without knowing anything about politics, they are easily swayed by unsubstantiated factors such name recognition or how photogenic a candidate is instead of more important factors that affect how good the candidates will actually be at their job. That’s not to say that we do not want young students voting. The problem is that for many young voters, there are two options: vote without knowledge or do not vote at all. Many view politics as frivolous, pointless, and fruitless. They view politics as something to mock and not something to participate in. The problem is that the very state of politics that causes this malaise is caused by that malaise itself. When the majority of those eligible to vote don’t, it becomes easier for politicians to get away with the very kind of Machiavellian politicking and ideologically corrupt policy making that people are weary of. Basically, the problem with voter turnout isn’t just turnout. If more of the 43.2 percent of eligible voters who did not vote in 2008 simply voted, it wouldn’t improve the current state of politics. In fact, a less informed voting population would make things worse. We don’t just need more voters, we need more informed voters. Voting is a powerful tool that more

Many thanks

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It is that time of the year again when students pack into the ADR and write thank you letters for their scholarships, video their thank you reactions, and take pictures to send the sponsors that provide our scholarships-- most of whom we will never meet. It is part of the requirement to fulfill many of the scholarships that the University supplies us with, but it is also a humbling experience to take the time to thank someone for their support. The Threefold Advocate wants to do just that. What makes this university so different from other schools is the support and community that comes from the people who have been blessed and choose to bless this school so much. The Threefold Advocate is thankful for all of the donors who make our education a possibility. We are thankful that we have the opportunity to strengthen our love for journalism and story writing through these gifts, and we are grateful we have the opportunity to thank them personally. So while it takes time to write and re-write your notes, it is an act that should not be taken lightly. It is such a simple act of kindness and thankfulness that shows the heart of what we strive to be as a school—the body of Christ. According to the school’s website, last year, 85 percent of students here qualified for some form of financial aid. So when you get a note in your mailbox every year asking you to come write a thank you note, don’t roll your eyes and list it as one more thing to check off on your “to-do” list, but instead be thankful for those that make your opportunity for education here a reality.

Freshman fifteen is



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Thinking foreign



James Kennedy

Was Mitt Romney rash in his jumping into the attacks on the US Embassy last week before President Obama had said anything? Should Obama, since the administration stated that they were shocked Romney used the tragedy as a political platform, have proceeded to campaign the rest of the week? Who cares? By now you should have heard of the killings that happened in Cairo at the beginning of last week. What you may not be as aware of is what has happened as a result of these attacks with the race to the presidency. Governor Romney states that he is “outraged” over these attacks, and that he is also dissappointed with the

lack of leadership from the White House. “There have been over the years, confusing messages sent by the president of the United States to the world,” said Romney. Obama came back by saying that his rival in the race “seems to have a tendency to shoot first aim later.” He continues by saying “It’s important for you to make sure that the statements that you make are backed up by the facts.” Now I know, this is reading a lot like a news story. So why am I writing this? It’s because I was shocked to hear how few people even knew that an attack had happened till Friday of last week – and some Saturday! And we have the audacity to refer to ourselves as university students. As students of John Brown Univeristy we are taught not only to be citizens of our community, but of the world. Therefore it is our duty to make sure that we are aware of what is happening in the world. Were you aware that Iran said “‘nothing will remain of Israel’ if it takes military action against Tehran over its controversial nuclear program”? Did you know that the Occupy Wall Street is still underway?

Elizabeth Mathers, a senior at John Brown University, said that “I feel like as Christians and as young people, we need to be informed about current events because they actually do apply to us, and I think being unaware shows the world that young people are not truly interested in the world... We should be the ones most interested in world news because we are the ones who will eventually be left with the aftermath of whatever is happening on a day to day basis.” I agree with this 100 percent. I realize as university students that we have a lot going on. Keeping up with current events sounds tough at times, but it’s really not! Just stay off Facebook for five minutes and go onto USAToday or the New York Times instead. Your mind will be sharper, and for the guys, a well- educated man is quite attractive to the ladies.

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Hazing shows community, not hate



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Everyone knows exactly what it is. You know it when you see it. It's a joy for the upperclassmen and an embarrassment for the underclassmen. Yep, I'm talking about hazing.

Here at JBU however, hazing hasn't been taken to great extremes - at least not while I've been here. As a freshman, I had to endure what the upperclassmen called "initiation." I was woken up before the sun, blindfolded, and taken to a room. It was there that I and the other freshman were dressed up in weird costumes, our faces were painted, our hair was done in funky hairdos, and worst of all we weren't allowed to take it off until practice that day.

The only plus side I saw at first was the donuts and orange

juice the other girls gave us.

As much as I thought I didn't like it, I did find it quite funny. I laughed at myself in the mirror a few times and took some funny pictures with my soccer team. It was actually a bonding experience.

This year, hazing has been taken out of the JBU athletics program. This is because hazing does not come with a good connotation.

We have all heard those stories about the freshmen who were stripped of their clothes, taken off campus, and left to find their way back, or something crazy like that. Hazing can easily get out of hand or hurt someone who is being treated unfairly.

I have a high respect for the idea of hazing being taken out of the athletic program. I agree that it does not always have good intentions. However, I haven't seen it completely disappear.

Now, if hazing isn't going to completely be taken out, I believe it should be allowed but kept to a minimum. Hazing does have its positives: it's a great team bonding experience, a way to allow freshmen to become a better part of their athletic team, and a way to show everyone else on campus who the freshmen on your team are. There are ways to

initiate your freshmen onto your athletic team without putting them in an awkward or uncomfortable situation. And, if the freshmen just don't want to participate, then don't make them. That's where hazing goes wrong - forcing people to do something they don't want to do.

I don't mean to complain at all about hazing being taken out of the athletic program. Like I said, I highly respect the decision and will not do anything that might contradict the decision of no hazing. I do believe, however, that if it is going to be taken out, it should be taken out of every sport.

I believe that there can be problems or frustrations when one sports team is following the rules, yet watches another sports team not do the same.



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Adventures Abroad

Ecuador studies provides excitement



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Sitting at the airport in Philadelphia, I suddenly started to panic. Coming to the realization that I was not going to John Brown University, I was leaving my comfort zone. My thoughts raced to the huge city of Quito, Ecuador where I was headed. The people in that country didn't even speak my language! I began to question what I was doing, and if I really wanted to go.

I arrived at the airport in Quito Tuesday night, September 4, and the beauty of the city took my breath away. My breath was literally taken away as I stepped into the city, as Quito is at an altitude of 10,000 feet and I was out of breath just walking from the airport to the car, especially carrying a 50- pound suitcase!

Phil Payne, the director of the Living and Learning program, was very kind and sensitive to my weariness as he drove me to the apartment for my semester abroad. Apartment living is a new experience for me, as I'm not used to living with nine other girls and cooking on my own. Don't ask how I recently ruined the chicken nuggets I was making.

The apartment is in the nicer part of town, but we still have to be careful as petty theft is common. The trolley is our main source of

transportation and is definitely an experience. Everyone aboard is packed in like sardines, and has to push through everyone else to get on or off the trolley.

During the first week, we had orientation on the culture of Ecuador and the city life of Quito. We participated in exciting activities such as riding a bus to the center of the earth, and zip-lining through the jungle!

Of course, it's not all fun and games. During the first month we have an intensive three hour long Spanish class each day. The class is taught entirely in Spanish, so it can be a challenge. I'll also be taking classes such as Spiritual Formation and Ecuador History, Politics and Culture. It's interesting to learn new customs, including having to throw away your toilet paper instead of flushing it!

This program also includes student internships in your field of study, and living with host families. I'll be starting my internship at HCJB radio at the end of the month, and will be moving into my "home-stay" in October.

Two years ago while visiting JBU, I read a brochure about studying abroad in Ecuador and now that has become a reality in my life. This semester I desire to experience this beautiful culture, so that I can love the people of Ecuador as God loves them. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord: and he will give the desires of your heart." My desires are becoming more like his desires. I'm thankful for this experience to learn and grow outside of my comfort zone as I try to love these people as he shines through me.

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The French fruit tart



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I was first inspired to make an apple tart when I perused my parent's copy of Ina Garten's Back to Basics cookbook. There I found a recipe for the alluring "French Apple Tart." I don't know if it was the buzzword "French" that drew me or the picture of the rectangular pastry covered geometrically with apple slices, since roasted in the oven atop a flaky pastry and glazed with shiny apricot jam. I'm only glad I paused my flipping through the pages. Preparing my mise en place with unsalted butter, flour, green apples, sugar, and other items, I took my first steps on a journey to pastry freedom.

After making this tart many, many times, I began to experiment with new toppings or new shapes. Perhaps I could use pears, plums or other stonefruits like peaches or apricots. What if I made individual tartlets instead of one large one?

This summer I was in a pinch and needed to make a quick dessert. At which point, I bolted for the produce section of the grocery store. Here I found plums I could use for the filling. They

were small, had tart, green flesh and were marked, undescriptively, "Plums, prune." Most importantly, they were on sale. Out came the familiar tart dough I learned from this recipe, a little nutmeg, sugar, and butter. I watched through the oven door as the dark purple from the plum skins ran with melted sugar and butter to stain and sweeten the sour plum flesh and the buttery crust. I served the pastry with cream, whipped and slightly sweetened with honey.

The recipe is for a tart made with apples. But do remember that the fruit and the simple pastry are the objects of its celebration. You have the power to change them as you wish!

For the pastry, place the flour, salt, and sugar in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Pulse for a few seconds to combine. Add the butter and pulse 10 to 12 times, until the butter is in small bits the size of peas. With the motor running, pour the ice water down the feed tube and pulse just until the dough starts to come together. Dump onto a floured board and knead quickly into a ball. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least one hour.

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Roll the dough slightly larger than 10 by 14 inches. Using a ruler and a small knife, trim the edges. Place the dough on the prepared sheet pan and refrigerate while you prepare the apples.

Peel the apples and cut them in half through the stem. Remove the stems and cores with a sharp knife and a melon baler. Slice the

apples crosswise in one fourth-inch thick slices. Place overlapping slices of apples diagonally down the middle of the tart and continue making diagonal rows on both sides of the first row until the pastry is covered with apple slices. Sprinkle with the fullone half cup of sugar and dot with the butter.

Bake for 45 minutes to one hour, until the pastry is browned and the edges of the apples start to brown. Rotate the pan once during cooking. Don't worry! The apple juices will burn in the pan but the tart will be fine! When the tart's done, heat the apricot jelly together with the Calvados, rum or water and brush the apples and the pastry completely with the mixture. Loosen the tart with a spatula so it doesn't stick to the paper. Allow to cool and serve at room temperature.

Don't let her detailed and picky instructions scare you. I use my hands instead of a food processor to mix the dough. I am not militant about using unsalted butter. I use a knife and not a melon baler to core the apples. I don't use a ruler when shaping my pastry. I usually eat it warm, before it has time to cool completely.

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Ina Garten's French Apple Tart

For the Pastry:
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon sugar
12 tablespoons (1½ sticks) cold, unsalted butter, diced
½ cup ice water (or less)

For the Apples:
4 Granny Smith apples
½ cup sugar
4 tablespoons (½ stick) cold, unsalted butter, small diced
½ cup apricot jelly (or preserves or jam)
2 tablespoons Calvados, rum, or water

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This summer, the Travel Channel's show "Trip Flip" sent recent John Brown University graduates Matt Brooker and Chris Eshnaur to Rome, Italy for the adventure of a lifetime.

The graduates spent four days traipsing about Rome. Brooker and Eshnaur did everything from gladiator fighting to chariot racing, from Vespa traversing to eating copious amounts of food.

One evening, the two purchased tailored Italian suits, went to a classy Roman restaurant, made pizza with the top-rated pizza chef in Rome and made their own gelato at the oldest gelato factory in Italy, said Brooker. The trip concluded

with a rappelling adventure in the northern mountains of Rome.

Though Brooker and Eshnaur had been pretty pumped about the whole show, it took three or four months before the show was actually aired, so they were over their initial shock of being on TV. Brooker said he enjoyed sharing the anticipation of his friends and family.

Before the show aired, Brooker said he had "friends from all over the country randomly see[ing] the promotional commercials on the Travel Channel and text[ing] me, freaking out a little bit, not being sure if it was really us or not."

Following production of the show, the two friends stayed in Europe backpacking.

Their travels took them to Italy, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland. They stayed in hostels, traveled by trains, and remained in a constant state of "hungry" to save

money.

They ended their month with a week-long trip to visit one of their best friends, David Castagne, in Barbados.

Brooker and Eshnaur said they could not have come up with a better way to end their time of college life before starting their new journeys as responsible adults.

"Travelling is something that I think every college graduate should try to do," Brooker said. "We learned more about cultures and ourselves in that month than we ever thought we could!"

The pair took to Twitter to further describe their experiences. "I said yes and got to go to Rome, the trip of a lifetime!" Eshnaur exclaimed. "About to leave Rome after four of the most incredible/memorable days ever."

Brooker wrote, "I'm going to miss those crazy Italians."



The crew members aim their cameras at alumni Chris Eshnaur and Matt Brooker and "Trip Flip" host Bert Kreischer while they prepare for a Vespa ride. The two hopped on the back of the iconic scooters as the host and a travel guide showed them some of Rome's greatest landmarks. These landmarks included the Coliseum and the famous bath houses.

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The pair suit up to match up against MMA fighter Wolfgar at gladiator camp. "The amount of clothes he wasn't wearing corresponded with the amount of intimidation we felt," Eshnaur told audiences.



Eshnaur and Brooker taste test the gelato made by their own hands at the oldest gelato factory in the country. The two had previously cooked pizza with the top-rated pizza chef in Rome.

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Missionaries follow call back to JBU

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When Laura Nelson, director of the Partners in Prayer CAUSE ministry, invited Chris and Kellie Cole to come speak at the ministry’s first meeting, she knew very little about the new missionaries in residence.

As they began to share, they impressed Nelson not only with their compelling story, but also their humility.

“They are quiet servants of Christ who are living out Christ’s call to be ambassadors wherever they are,” Nelson said.

The couple originally met at John Brown University when Chris was a junior and Kellie was a freshman.

“The first time I saw her walking across campus, I was smitten,” Chris described, who played soccer for the University. Kellie, a volleyball player, was not as quickly enthralled, but the two became friends, and frequently played racquetball together.

After a while they began dating, and were later married in 1988.

“God had his hand on us,” Chris declared.

The Coles lived half of their married lives in Denver, where Chris coached men’s soccer for seven years.

Things began to change during their ninth year together, when Chris joined a missions council at their church. He felt God’s pull in another direction. He resigned from his coaching job and decided to pursue a master’s degree in education.

When Chris first mentioned pursuing work in overseas

missions, Kellie was skeptical.

“I was just thinking, you’ve got to be kidding me,” she said. “I just didn’t have this same feeling.”

Over the next three or four years, the couple continued to be faithful as the Lord sorted things out. God used lots of little situations to work in them both.

One day, Kellie was talking with the children’s minister at their home church about the biblical characters Abraham and Sarah. They spoke specifically about how Sarah followed Abraham. Kellie’s mind flashed back to her wedding vows, and the lines they quoted from the book of Ruth: “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

She knew what she had to do. “I love the Lord, and wanted to do what he wants,” Kellie explained.

Soon after, the couple began intense missionary training and signed up to take a Perspectives class, which taught them about what God is doing in different parts of the world.

Their search for somewhere to serve suddenly narrowed down to Turkey and Thailand when Chris simply wrote Turkey across the top of Kellie’s notes one Sunday morning.

The Coles then moved to Ankara, the capital city in Turkey, where Chris taught at a small school for Christian families working in Turkey. They operated in English, but learned enough Turkish to get by.

Just before the end of the couple’s second school year, over a four-day weekend, the school was shut down, and the teachers arrested and deported. Although Turkish law promises freedom of religion, in reality the



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Chris and Kellie Cole sit outside their current home with sons Cameron and Cory, who are both students at John Brown University. The Coles were excited by the opportunity to be missionaries in residence at the school while Cameron is a senior and Cory is a freshman.

government is wary of anything it considers extreme. In recent years, Christians have been facing increased harassment, Chris said.

By closing the school, “they were trying to undermine the church and make it look like we’re doing something illegal,” Chris speculated.

Even after a trial that resulted in everyone’s exoneration, the school remains closed.

This sudden change led the Coles back to the U.S. for a year while Chris searched for other schools. He wrote

three letters, and received one back from Grace International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand saying, “please come.”

Thailand was both different and similar to Turkey. The Coles were once again working on the administrative side of the mission field, teaching missionary kids. But this group, from all over Asia, was much larger. The school served 300 to 400 when they began and has now blossomed to 500 or 600.

The initial sense of community was also different. After investing

so much in Turkey and being forced to leave, the Coles struggled their first year in Thailand to be open to new connections. Now, however, they have many stories of how they connected with and invested in both their students and Thai neighbors.

At the end of their year as the University’s missionaries in residence, the Coles plan to move back to Thailand to continue serving at Grace. “We believe our primary role is to teach and disciple missionary children,” Chris said.

Kat Gingrich: *the J. Alvin Gal*

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In the past three months, Kat Gingrich has taken on a new last name, a new husband, a new state, a new job and a home filled with more than 200 young men.

This summer, Gingrich wedded the Resident Director of J. Alvin, Eric Gingrich. They made the move to Siloam Springs from Indiana, into an

apartment in the only all-male dorm on campus.

“I don’t like change,” Gingrich explained. “There was a point right before we got married where I realized everything was changing. I was even getting a new last name.”

Both Gingerichs are graduates of Indiana Wesleyan University. She played basketball and his passion was track. Both graduated knowing each other, but that was all.

Only a few weeks before Eric moved to Siloam Springs to begin his current job at John Brown University did their friendship take a turn towards romance.

Eric had returned home to help with a basketball camp where Kat served as the assistant coach. The summer romance became official two weeks after Eric’s move to Siloam Springs. Two years later they exchanged vows.

respectful, but Gingrich feels as though she did inherit a large number of children in a very short time.

“We feel like we’re being prepared to have a family. From getting married three months ago to now having 225 children. When they’re sick, we have to take them to the hospital. When they knock, we answer the door,” she explained.

Her new husband is not the only one excited for Gingrich’s permanent residence in J. Alvin. The dorm’s resident staff enjoys her presence as well. Jason Flewellen, a sophomore and current Resident Assistant, enjoys what Gingrich’s presence brings to the dorm and the staff.

“Having Kat as the ‘J Al Gal’ has been awesome,” said Flewellen. “Seeing the way Eric loves and respects her in a truly Godly way speaks to the guys of J. Alvin more than any

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Since the move, Gingrich is commonly asked about her new status as “the only lady in J. Alvin.”

“Everyone asks me [what it’s like] and I do not have some great answer,” Gingrich said. “I do not know if I was sure what to expect being in an all guys dorm.”

She said no crazy stories have surfaced from her few weeks living in the building of all men. “They are not too noisy and they have all been pretty respectful.”

The men of J. Alvin may be

lecture. Their example of a godly marriage raises the standards for us as men and truly challenges us to redeem manhood.”

Gingrich still struggles to figure out her role on campus. “I think it [looks] different being in all-guys dorm,” she said. “I think if we were in something like Walker where it was mixed gender, I would feel more comfortable pouring into people right away.”

“I think it’s more of a figure it out as I go kind of thing,” she said.



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This semester, Kat Gingrich moved into J. Alvin Hall with her husband Eric, the dorm’s resident director. The only woman among a couple hundred men, life has been an adjustment for her these past few months.

Lady Eagles find new outlook

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Printed on the back of the women’s soccer team’s practice jerseys is a single word: found. Each year, Scott Marksberry, the coach of the John Brown University team, chooses a word and a Bible verse for the team to focus on. This year’s verse is Isaiah 6:8, which says, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”

Along with the word of the year, the team will be discussing a twofold theme: What does it look like to be found by Christ and on what will this team be founded?

Marksberry started this tradition when he came to the University about two years ago. The coach noticed things about the culture of the team, both on and off the field, which he thought needed to be changed.

“We are a soccer team first,” Marksberry said. “We have a responsibility to be a competitive team [...] but a Christ-centered soccer team.”

He explained how soccer is their form of worship. Every drill, scrimmage and game should be played with a player’s utmost skill. That skill is a gift from God.

Pre-game talks are centered on biblical themes, and have led to another new tradition for the team.

At the beginning of a game last year, Coach Marksberry had each team member write a word on her arms as a reminder throughout the game, said Laura Bradshaw, team captain.

This year, the bold ink continues to draw attention to their arms during game days. It not only reminds the girls about important ideas such as striving for perfection and being united, but also gives them a chance to witness to curious fans and possibly to players from opposing teams.

Off the field, the girls continue to strive to honor Christ.

To kick of this season, the team took a mission trip to Penitas, Texas where they partnered with a church from Dallas to run a week-long soccer camp. Between 30 and 40 high school students and 100 to 170 younger students attended.

They shared the gospel with



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Junior Laura Bradshaw and sophomore Adrienne Kennedy play with a team of young children in Penitas, Texas. The entire Women’s Soccer team traveled to this border town and partnered with a Dallas church to run a soccer camp for local kids. Over 200 kids attended the camp where the Lady Eagles helped to run a Bible study and soccer programs.

the kids during a Bible study held at the camp called Half Time, and connected with more families at a nightly worship service.

Marksberry described the living conditions in Penitas as mind-blowing.

“There was no power, no water, and unfinished houses; all on American soil,” he said.

During a visit on the group’s first day, they had an experience that took everyone by surprise. They met a young girl, who was hearing evil voices which kept her up at night and told her to use foul language and threaten her parents. With the help of two teammates who spoke Spanish, the group prayed for the girl.

Marksberry said the incident helped burst their “safe little suburban bubbles of faith.”

At the evening worship

service the girl’s family came up exclaiming, “Our daughter is back!” They saw an immediate difference. Later in the week, the same family came back saying the psychiatrist had released the child from his care and declared her cured.

“It really shook all our expectations about the trip,” the coach explained. “The Lord had plans much bigger than our little camp.”

The team is keeping up with the family through the partner church. Two players, Karen Sosa and Adrienne Kennedy, are already planning to put together and deliver Christmas boxes for kids in the area.

Both Marksberry and Bradshaw emphasized the impact this trip had on the team and its members.

Bradshaw said that as a result

of the mission trip and the work the Lord did in team while in Penitas, the culture of the team has become more positive,

encouraging and open. “These girls are some of my closest friends,” Bradshaw said.



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about what schools are being pursued, but did say that the conference is “continuing to talk to more schools for fall 2014” and that they are “getting positive responses.”

The inclusion of these teams changes the geographic makeup of the conference, replacing Oklahoma schools a short drive away with teams farther away from Siloam Springs.

That means more driving, but Daugherty said it also provides an opportunity for recruiting.

“[Dallas-Fort Worth] is a huge recruiting area for the school,” said Daugherty. “Playing [there] is going to give us a lot of visibility in an area where we get a lot of students.”

That makes selling the program a bit easier, Robinson said.

“Our coaches will be able to reach out to [recruits] and say that we’re going to be playing in their backyard now, [so] come out and see what style of play we have,” Robinson said.

However, the addition of SAC teams in the area also may make recruiting more competitive.

“We may see some competition for those recruits, but we have a veteran presence recruiting in Texas,” said Robinson. “Athletically we are doing well and academically we are a strong institution, so I think we will have the upper hand.”

SPOTLIGHT

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\$2.1 MILLION TO SAVE MARRIAGES

Written by Laura Roller

“As a marriage goes, so goes a family. As a family goes, so goes a community,” Gary Oliver, the executive director for the Center for Relationship Enrichment at John Brown University, is known for saying.

This statement embodies the mission of the Center’s work with the grant money they received from the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Family Assistance.

The grant, which totals \$2.1 million over a three-year period, is to encourage, promote and educate healthy marriage skills among couples.

This is the second grant the Center received from the Department. The first grant, recieved in 2006, was for five years, which allowed the Center to reach over 7,000 people in Northwest Arkansas.

This year alone, the Center reached close to 1,400 people with relationship skills through the new grant money.

“Here’s the wonderful thing about our work: it doesn’t cost anybody a dime because of this grant. Basically, if you want to learn about healthy relationships, we want you there,” said Stew Grant, who works with churches and marriage ministries through the Center.

Grant is one of six full-time employees at the Center, along with their two graduate fellows and nine facilitators.

“The DHHS provides the funds so we can put workbooks in people’s hands, provide facilitators, and feed them lunch if need be,” said Grant.



The Center can also meet other material needs, such as providing Walmart gift cards to the attendees.

This money spreads its impact across many groups in Northwest Arkansas. In the last few years, this has included programs for:

- Low income families through Life Source and the Samaritan Center
- Over 180 male inmates at the Wrightsville Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction
- Pregnancy assistance centers
- Girls launching out of foster care
- High school students at Siloam Springs and Mountainburg schools
- Premarital workshops and small groups
- Marriage enrichment seminars and mentoring programs

The center is also seeking classes with the Creek and Cherokee



tribes, sessions with high school students in Springdale and Rogers, and other opportunities to reach out and change the community.

“Marriage truly is the brick and mortar of society,” explained Grant. “According to the last census, only 48 percent of all households are married households. This means that marriage is in decline, and it is a minority status at this point. We want to reverse that. We believe marriage can be one of the best of human experiences.”

Success stories

“When couples realize they have skills to work through issues, they have hope,” said Grant. “We get emails like this constantly. It’s very gratifying work.”

One of these emails told the story of a couple on the brink of divorce. “Both had seen lawyers, and both were very frustrated,” according to Grant. “After attending one of our events, they set the divorce aside and decided that they can work at this.”

Another woman attended a marriage seminar, and immediately took her notes to her son and daughter-in-law. She taught them the principles she learned, and they ended up not pursuing a divorce.

Grant describes this as a “spillover effect” of their work.

“A good relationship can affect many other relationships, just like a bad one can,” he said. “We know that the more people we reach the better it is for the area.”

\$60,000 GRANT TO PROTECT WATERWAYS

The construction management department recently received a \$60,000 grant from Walmart to educate students on preventing storm water runoff from damaging waterways.

The grant extends over five years and is in response to the need to educate students on the Clean Water Act and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The construction management department is to give a report of how it uses the grant.

“Part of [the Act] talked about when you have new construction, you don’t want any of the dirt that you generate to run off into the creek, because then it will silt up and damage the waterway,” said Jim Caldwell, professor of engineering and construction management. “You have to contain that; that’s why on these projects you’ll see silt fences, berms.”

The Environmental Protection Agency enforces strict regulations

and hefty fines on construction management companies who fail to protect waterways.

“The EPA is a much bigger concern to companies than [Occupational Safety and Health Administration]. The fines are so much larger.”
- Logan Willard

With the grant money, the construction management department is making an outdoor lab by putting a privacy fence around one acre of land by the radio tower.

“It is an area where we can do demonstrations on storm water management,” said Caldwell.

The money also goes to provide educational resources, which include case-study blueprints, as well as training, plans and specifications.

Logan Willard, a junior construction management major, said last

spring a guest speaker came to his Construction Management II class as part of the grant. Roger Lein, a civil engineer from Walmart spent several periods with the class, explaining the intricacies of implementing a protection plan.

Through the blueprints provided by the grant, Willard learned the required annotations for storm water drainage and gained an understanding of the different products and how they are used to protect the environmen

Willard learned from Lein what an environmental inspection looks like and the basic procedures of watershed protection.

He also learned that, “The EPA is a much bigger concern to companies than [Occupational Safety and Health Administration]. The fines are so much larger.”

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