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University paves way for nursing

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Faculty members voted in favor of a proposal to add a nursing program at John Brown University on Sept. 19. Brian Greuel, chair of the natural and health sciences division, presented the proposal after years of work. Interest in a nursing program has grown for quite some time. In the process, Greuel met with

the University administration several times. In addition, he sent out a survey to alumni, which received overwhelmingly positive feedback. “They said it was right in line with our University’s mission,” Greuel explained. “There is something about the nurturing role of a nurse... what better way to be the hands and feet of Christ, to use your mind and to serve others, than a career as a nurse.” A summit of local people, trustees and administrators met

about a year ago, which made the idea more serious. During “[W]hat better way to be the hands and feet of Christ, to use your mind and to serve others, than a career as a nurse?” —Gruel the day-long, intense discussion, consultants assessed the needs

involved. Questions addressed included the feasibility of the program and whether the community could support it. As a result of the summit, the University decided to pursue the program and Greuel began further investigation. He spoke with people both on and off campus, including President Pollard and Siloam Springs Regional Hospital representatives. The biggest challenges Greuel encountered in the process dealt with deciding on a venue for

student clinicals. A nursing degree requires clinicals during the last two years, which offer hands-on experience for students as they work with patients, doctors, nurses and other staff. Siloam Springs Regional Hospital would meet most of the program’s potential needs, Greuel said. The hospital is also preparing for an exclusive partnership with

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HAZING: Bullying or beneficial

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Freshman Joshua Landis sat in his room working at his computer just like any other weeknight in J. Alvin, when senior Chris Kinzer, a fellow rugby player, walked in and said, “Hello.” Landis shut down his computer and walked out to find twenty of his teammates waiting in his suite. “You know what we got to do,” Kinzer told him. The freshman followed him into the bathroom, took off his shirt and knelt in front of the trashcan. The sound of clippers buzzed in his ear as his teammate took merely seconds to shave his head. With his haircut complete, his teammates took turns writing their names on his chest in permanent marker. To a casual observer, the haphazardly shaved heads and marked up chests closely resemble hazing, but the rugby players quickly point out it is all in good nature. “We shave interesting designs into people’s heads,” said Kent Bakker, the rugby team captain. “It’s a fun thing and it encourages them onto the team. We don’t

make it mandatory. If they say no...that’s fine. We don’t need to do that.” This week campuses around the country are recognizing National Hazing Prevention week to bring attention to the problem of hazing. The John Brown University handbook clearly identifies hazing as “any willful act...directed against any other student for the purpose of intimidating the student attached by threatening such student to ignominy, shame or disgrace among his fellow students.” The handbook also says, “the term hazing as defined in this section does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions, and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization.” As a result, Robyn Daugherty, the athletic director, met with each of the fall sports teams to warn them of the dangers of hazing and freshman initiation traditions. “I didn’t tell them that they couldn’t do it,” Daugherty said. “I just told the teams that whatever you do, you need to be careful what you do. If you ask the freshmen to do

something, singling out someone or a group of someone, then that could potentially be looked at as hazing, which you need to stay away from.” The warning convinced the women’s soccer team to stay away from its usual initiation ritual. Last year, sophomore Hayley Massey experienced the ritual firsthand. The team leaders came into her room at 4 a.m., blindfolded her, and drove around the

parking lot for a few minutes. After being taken into a building, Massey took her blindfold off to find her whole team in a Hutcheson common room with donuts and orange juice. The team dressed Massey and her freshman teammates up in funny costumes and painted their faces. Massey said they were told to wear the ridiculous outfits

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Siloam Springs seeks feedback on new library plans

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The Siloam Springs Public Library held two meetings this week to hear what the community wants in a library. The need for a new library building is not a new issue. “We’ve been really intent [on getting a new building] for

the past ten years,” said Sandy Luetjen, director of marketing and community service for the city of Siloam Springs. Many locals believe the project is long overdue. “I think it’s a great idea,” said freshman Alex King. “The one they have is really crowded.” Last summer alone, the library’s summer reading program registered 400 kids. “It’s almost doubled from last year,” said Laura Flynn, board member of Friends of the Siloam Springs Library and storytime volunteer. A significant segment of the community attended the meetings, including small business owners, retirees, public school teachers and both former and current University professors. In addition, there was a large representation of librarians and members of Friends of the Siloam Springs Library. Only a couple of students came to represent the University. The project’s two architects, local Matt Pearson and Jeff Scherer of Minneapolis, hosted the meeting. Scherer is from the firm MS&R, and specializes in library

architecture. He is chair of the building committee for the American Library Association. Scherer said he always encourages a community meeting when designing a new library. “I hope what we end up providing is what citizens want,” he said. Pearson (’85), a University grad and the men’s cross country coach, is glad to see a new building program in motion. “[A library] is more than just a repository for books. It’s a community center. It’s a picture of who we are,” Pearson said. At the meeting, librarians and locals alike expressed the need for more space in the library. “There’s not much room to do stuff,” said Ben Davis, age 12. Ideas for the expanded library included study space, areas specifically for children and teens, meeting rooms, and special event spaces. Attendees also suggested more and better technology. Librarians hope to make the library more welcoming to university students as well.

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Jeff Scherer, Minneapolis architect, leads the community meeting discussing the needs and design of a new library in Siloam Springs. Many agreed the current library needs more space.

Residence life gains representation in SGA

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Every dorm on the John Brown University campus will now be represented by a dedicated voting member at Student Government Association meetings, as a result of a new plan for the Residence Hall Association and SGA to collaborate.

Kelsey Daugherty, senior and SGA president, said the group saw a need for dorm representation over the past couple of years. People tend to identify most closely with their

dorm, more than with their class or their major, she added.

By partnering with the RHA structure already in place, SGA can add one more layer of communication between its senate and the students, Daugherty said.

Each dorm will choose how it selects a person from RHA to serve as its representative in SGA. The townhouses, which do not have any RHA, will also choose a person to join SGA. Commuters are already represented by their own senator.

“Students will now know who they can talk to in their dorm about ideas for SGA,”

Daugherty said. “It will also help RHA to not just be a random entity among the JBU acronyms.”

Jeremy Enders, junior and SGA vice president for communication, said the new arrangement will be “mutually beneficial” to both groups. For example, having RHA representatives could have simplified SGA’s work to implement recycling last semester easier.

“The RHA members will be able to speak for their dorms’ unique personalities and likes or dislikes,” Enders said. “It will help us know how a dorm as a whole may respond to an idea.”

At this point, Enders said, the plan is still in the experimental stages.

“We are feeling out possibilities and opening doors for later opportunities,” he said.

SGA worked with Andre Broquard, director of resident life, and the Resident Directors of each dorm in planning the new effort, Daugherty said.

Eric Gingerich, resident director of J. Alvin, said providing a representative from the dorms to SGA made a lot of sense.

“There are also many needs from the residence life perspective that have either been under-represented or not repre-

sented at all,” Gingerich added.

J. Alvin had not yet selected a representative, Gingerich said.

Freshman Macy Gregory will represent Mayfield, junior Diana Christian for Hutcheson and freshman Shalene Green for Walker.

Gregory said she looks forward to helping SGA achieve its goal of bettering the campus community.

“This is a chance for me to be a huge part of the community and to make a difference for people,” she said. “I plan to suggest projects which are a common need for the people I represent.”

Soderquist Center ropes course gets facelift

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The Soderquist Center is rebuilding a portion of BaseCamp, the ropes course just on the edge of campus.

BaseCamp has at least 12 initiatives, or courses, six of which are used regularly. This year, Mohawk Walk, a low ropes course, is getting a facelift.

Several of the trees were dead, so the Soderquist Center is taking the initiative down and rebuilding it to be larger, said Lindy Roberts, a first-year fellow and project coordinator at the Center. There will be new branches of the path and different segments. They plan to keep groups occupied on that initiative longer, she explained.

Mohawk Walk, like other low rope initiatives, was made of aircraft cable suspended two to three feet off the ground, said Drew Thomason, a second-year fellow and project coordinator at the Center.

The Soderquist Center uses BaseCamp as a tool in leadership development, something many groups, from large corporations to groups at John Brown University, take part in. The average group is a team from a midlevel company or a school, Thomason said.



Submitted by LINDY ROBERTS

Students climb on a high-ropes initiative at BaseCamp. The ropes course, operated by the Soderquist Center, helpseach leadership and teamwork skills.

For now, the construction is on hold because the Center is waiting for more cable to finish the initiative.

“We hope to be done in a few weeks,” Roberts said.

The University hosts the Soderquist Center on campus, and in return receives some “shared services,” Thomason said.

For example, the Center reserves 100 slots a year for a University-sponsored trip to BaseCamp. Resident assistants and other residence life programs typically use most of the slots, but other groups, such as ASPIRE and some sports teams, have gone as well.

They often use these experiences to “build teamwork between the students,” Roberts said.

Although most of these slots are filled, there is still another way for adventurous students to get on the high ropes courses. To go as a University group and use any remaining slots, students should contact Steve Beers, vice president of student development, to apply under the shared services agreement, Thomason explained.

Another way is to go directly to the Soderquist Center and negotiate a price, group size, and date.

The regular baseline price is \$475 for four hours on the low ropes for up to 30 people and \$650 for four hours on the high ropes for up to 30 people.

Thomason explained that they try to have at least 10 people in a group, which also makes it more affordable for the group.

While these are the baseline prices, he said, the Soderquist Center will work with a group of students to reach a good price.

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the University, agreeing to run clinicals solely for University students.

The Undergraduate Council and all of the campus faculty members each passed the nursing program proposal unanimously.

Before the beginning of November, it will be submitted to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, which will vote on the proposal in January. If the state board approves the proposal, the University’s Board of Trustees will discuss it in April.

The projected start date of the program is fall 2014. Freshmen will enter a two-year pre-nursing program, which consists primarily of both the University core and the department core classes.

Students will then apply to the nursing program for their junior and senior years.

Recommendations, grades and a submitted essay will form the basis of the selection process. Those who complete the degree will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The program will require additional faculty and facilities. The University will hire a nursing director and three or four professors and construct a new building dedicated to nursing.

Fundraising for the building could start as early as this spring, with the goal of completing the building by fall 2016.

The administration has not made any decision about its location, although it is certain the building will be on campus.

Homecoming Schedule

Mon. Oct. 1:
Spirit Day: Dress like your Major (stereotypical or your interpretation for how your major would look).

Tue. Oct. 2:
Spirit Day: Classy Tuesday (dress fancy).
Ice Cream Palooza, Quad, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hosted by SGA.

Wed. Oct. 3:
Spirit Day: Superheroes (dress up like your favorite superhero).
Movie Night: The Avengers in the Amphitheater, 9-11p.m. Hosted by Vibe.

Thu. Oct. 4:
Spirit Day: Class Color (seniors: black, juniors: blue, sophomores: red, freshman: green).
Dinner on the quad. Student meal plans apply.
Bonfire at the Intramural Fields 9-11 p.m. Hosted by Elevate.

Fri. Oct. 5:
Spirit Day: Eagle Day (dress up in blue and gold and other JBU attire).
10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Chapel (Phil Vischer), Cathedral.
Lunch and dinner on the quad. Student meal plans apply.
1:15 p.m. Talk back with Phil Vischer, Broadcast Studio (Learning Resource Center).
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. TobyMac in Concert (with Jamie Grace and Chris August), Bill George Arena.
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Student Play: “Sarah Plain and Tall,” Berry Performing Arts Center.

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met up with the rest of the team to walk to the front of chapel and show off their unique fashion.

“At first I was just mad that they woke us up,” Massey said. “But it was just silly, so I didn’t care too much about it... Everyone on the team had done it before so it’s just kind of a team thing.”

Though done in fun, Daugherty said it is events like this where the line between good nature and hazing becomes blurry.

“Mainly because the things that were fun 10 years ago, we live in a different world now,” she said. “We’ve seen the articles where people have lost their lives based on something stupid and we’re just not going to do that now.”

Steve Beers, vice president of student development and rugby club sponsor, echoed Daugherty’s thoughts when discussing the future of rugby initiation.

“Will at some point we say no to activities like this?” he asked. “I think the world is getting more and more complicated and because there is so much potential for miscommunication, I think that all of this is moving in that direction.”

With all the stigma surrounding initiations, many question whether they are worth it at all.

Landis said he valued the identity and public recognition that came with being formally initiated onto the rugby team.

“You walk around and you know people are looking at you and they think it looks goofy, but they know who you are,” he said. “It identifies the rugby players.”

Bakker said the few who refused to get their hair cut told him they wished they had gone through with it. Some freshman players had even contacted him during the summer and were excited, wondering when they would get their heads shaved.

“It lets people know that we are a part of the rugby team,” Bakker said. “Sure, it doesn’t look good and we’ve got a bunch of skinheads around here, but we’re rugby players. We’re not pretty.”

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-Beers

Beers also said there was a part he likes about a positive initiation scenario.

“Part of me loves the concept of saying ‘we’re unique, we’re different and there is a little bit of a sacrifice to be one of us,’” he said.

Beers said the ‘welcoming ceremony’ must have two char-

acteristics to separate it from hazing.

First, the action should be inclusive.

“The goal shouldn’t be to exercise power over somebody,” he said. “The goal should be to welcome people into your community.”

Beers commended last year’s captains for joining the freshmen and shaving their heads, too. The action showed a collective sacrifice to be seen as one group.

Second, the event should be optional.

“If someone says no, then there should be no penalty to not have their head shaved,” he said. “I would hate to have guys at JBU who would like to be on the rugby team say ‘I’m not going to do that because my hair is too important’ or ‘I’m not going to be made a mockery of.’”

So how should the University respond to hazing? Where does it draw the line between the bullying and the beneficial?

“We want to be above reproach,” Daugherty said. “We don’t want someone to feel bullied. We can have healthy fun and healthy, team-building things without potentially crossing the line.”

Be sure to look at The Threefold Advocate’s editorial about this issue on page.

EDITORIAL

The Threefold Advocate

Tradition should live on

THE THREEFOLD’S TAKE ON INITIATION ON CAMPUS

This Tuesday, the world heard about an annual varsity soccer team hazing ritual at La Puente High School in California. Upperclassmen escort boys as young as 14 into a storage room, disrobe them and subject them to sexual assaults with the end of a javelin.

We’ve heard the stories. We’ve seen the movies. From fraternities to elite athletic programs, hazing has escalated to unreal proportions. This has resulted in a number of sexual assaults and even deaths.

We at The Threefold Advocate understand why the University administration increased their precautionary measures to make sure initiations on campus do not take a turn for the worse. However, we believe groups on campus can still celebrate tradition and teamwork without crossing the line.

First, rituals must include all members of the team. Whatever the event, whether silly or serious, everyone on the team or in the group should participate together. When you single out a certain person or group of persons, lines start to blur between tradition and hazing. If these traditions are really a celebration of unity and trust, everyone should be willing to participate.

Secondly, participants must be able to opt out. We all have our insecurities and comfort zones. What one person finds humiliating and degrading, another might find fun and hilarious. Forcing people to do something they do not want to do is never acceptable. If one person on the team says no, let them. Most likely, they will regret being the only one left out.

The Threefold Advocate does not want to see team initiations, which have become campus traditions, die out. After all, where would we be without patchy-headed rugby players to bring us a smile each fall, or the crazily-dressed women’s soccer team to give us a laugh in chapel? But we want the University to be a safe place for everyone, free from the effects of hazing.

New food brings fresh faces

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACES BEHIND THE FOOD ON CAMPUS

As John Brown University accepts bids from food service providers, we at the Threefold Advocate want to encourage the administration and students to keep at least one thing in mind.

The question of who provides food for the Kresge Dining Hall, the California Café and the catering service goes beyond money or even quality. It is important not to forget the people involved in all three aspects of the University’s dining.

These are people who work and serve for us: ID scanners, sandwich makers, vegetable choppers, hamburger fryers and desert bakers – they are all individuals, each with their own story. And chances are that if a new provider replaces Aramark, those people will face either losing their jobs or transferring to some other location with Aramark.

Staff would have the opportunity to request to stay at the University and work with a new company if one were to come in. But we are guessing this would probably be a small percentage of the Aramark employees.

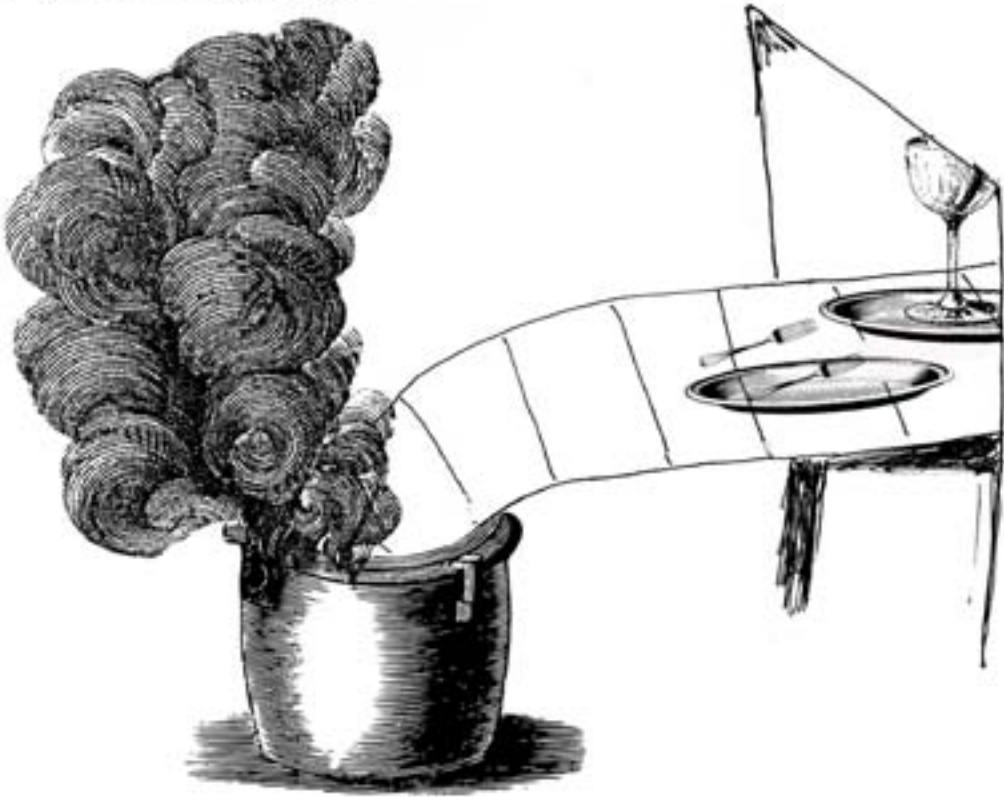
So while it is important for the administration to make a decision that fits the needs of the school, the Threefold Advocate encourages them to also remember the people who have served us for years and who will be affected by whatever decision they make.

Of course we would love it if every meal from the Caf tasted like our mothers’ home cooking. But the fact is when the workers have to serve so many students three times a day, the quality cannot be the same. And while improvement can never hurt, it just might be that the cafeteria staff is doing the best they can with what they have.

Our Aramark workers know us, and we know them. That should not prevent the school from communicating its expectations to Aramark and holding the company responsible. It should, however, be kept in mind during the process of looking at food service bids.

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Modesty a form of respect

SPORTS EDITOR



Sidney Van Wyk

This summer I learned to look at modesty in a completely new way through my experiences with many different cultures. For two weeks I worked and lived in Clarkston, Georgia, a refugee relocation center.

Part of our mission at the summer camp I helped lead was to create a comfortable place for conservative Muslim parents to send their children. We had a strict dress code to wear knee-length pants and sleeves when in the community.

At the same time, we had children and volunteers who did not follow this dress code, some wearing clothes I would not dare let my mother see me in. This led to many discussions within our staff about how to respond to this and, more importantly, what modesty really is.

One of the other interns suggested that modestly was a form of humility and

that we should not dress in a way that draws attention to ourselves, which may be different from culture to culture. I agreed with her idea in part, but I couldn’t agree with trying to go unnoticed.

Sure, you shouldn’t be dressing in a way to cause others to stumble but I can’t see anything wrong with wearing a bright dress or a flattering top. If that was true, then appreciating the physical beauty of a child’s smile or a grandparent’s soft wrinkled hands could be considered immodest.

Physical beauty, including the beauty of humanity, should be appreciated, though not corrupted.

As I learned more about Muslim culture and other conservative cultures, I saw how many of them looked at modesty as a way to protect their sisters, daughters and wives. I could see the value in this, though I didn’t quite agree with the extreme measures some took.

I personally saw how the Somali girls I worked with were in many ways safer from the leers and negative attention that other girls would receive. At the same time, many of them were fearful of what would happen if they didn’t wear their headscarves.

I had already been considering the question of

modesty for a few weeks when one afternoon in my apartment a six-year-old boy helped me see what modesty really is.

The apartment was full of children playing. I sat on the couch with two neighbor boys watching YouTube videos. I moved around, while talking to the girls playing cards on the floor and helping the boys switch between videos. As I did the knee-length skirt I was wearing brushed up my leg.

The little boy beside me carefully pinched my skirt and moved it back to my knee. Then he looked me in the eye and gave me a loving smile.

That was when I realized that true modesty comes from a shared love and respect of those around you and yourself.

And isn’t that how we as Christians and as God’s creation are told to treat each other?

If we apply this to the idea of modesty or even other concepts like tithing or stewardship, we have a greater, more holistic view of Christian practices.

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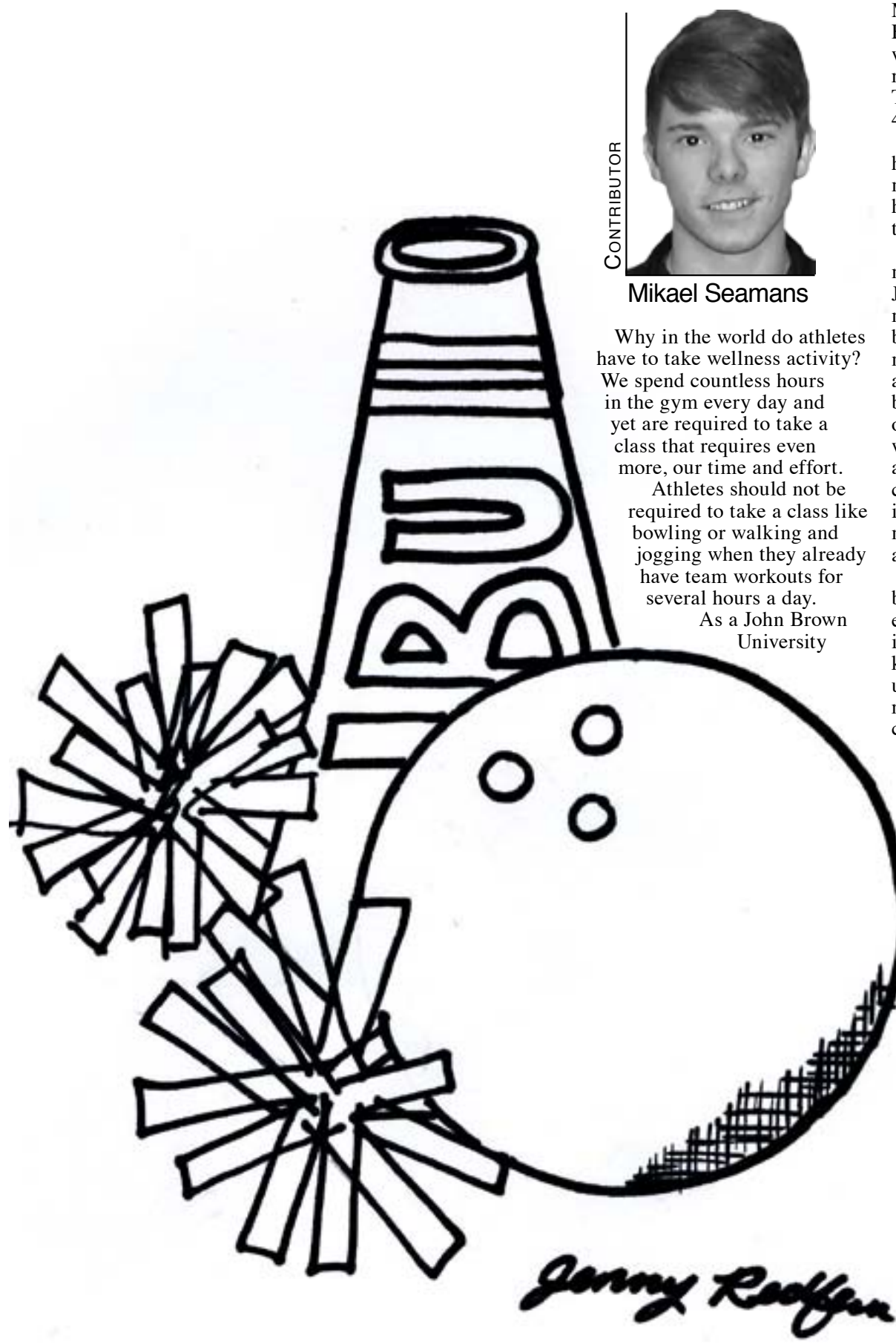
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Wellness activity pointless for college athletes



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Why in the world do athletes have to take wellness activity? We spend countless hours in the gym every day and yet are required to take a class that requires even more, our time and effort. Athletes should not be required to take a class like bowling or walking and jogging when they already have team workouts for several hours a day. As a John Brown University

cheerleader, I get up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 a.m. to condition with my team and have regular team practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. I have no problem with having this scheduled into my week, but the thought of having to add more activity to my day is exhausting. What happened if I injure myself while in class? Will John Brown’s insurance cover my injury? I do not want to risk being benched for a season, lose my scholarship, and have to pay a ridiculous hospital bill just because of a wellness activity class. It is too much of a risk. Not being enrolled in class keeps us from receiving credit, but our workouts are just as effective as, and often even more effective than, what you would do in a wellness activity class. Therefore, wellness activity credit should be given to athletes. Yes, taking wellness makes sense, because it enables us to learn facts about personal health that we are not taught in practice. I am currently enrolled in wellness and find it interesting to learn different ways to train and take care of my body. The terminology also proves to be helpful at times. This requirement

is understandable. Yes, the classes would be easier for athletes to be successful in, but the point in having them participate in something for physical wellness is pointless. The activities distract from what the athlete really should be practicing, like lifting weights or working on defense and offense tactics. I would much rather get a grade for my effort and participation in practice with my teammates than in a class where I walk around and journal about it. I don’t care about writing out a fitness prescription for my season, and filling out a fitness journal about our workouts, practices and games. In fact requiring this would help us to be more accountable for our bodies during the season and would give our coaches more insight. Making our team activities count for wellness activity credit would solve a lot. It would save us from having to pay to take a pointless class, could free up a time slot that could be used for another class, and keep us accountable for our progress. I want to see change. It is a change that would be both effective and logical. This change would positively affect the lives and overall wellness of every athlete.

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A step to respect



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Is it wrong for a person to condemn another person because they are a sinner? Of course it is. The very act of condemning, or judging, someone is left to God alone. What if that person is a homosexual? Ah, now it gets tricky. There is a lot of talk from all over the political and theological spectrum on how to deal with the issue that is homosexuality. No one is really sure what to do with it. Are we supposed to accept them even if they are homosexual? No. This answer may surprise you, but let me be clear: the very act of accepting someone means that we have formerly condemned them. What did I say about condemnation? I don’t want to be put in the position where I am forced to accept anybody. I would like to present a different idea to the table now. Instead of accepting someone, respect them. Non-homosexual Christians feel that homosexuals are a broken people. In reality, we are all broken. How dare we think that just because we like the opposite sex that we are better than them. You may want to throw the paper across the room now and say something to the effect of “Now wait a minute, doesn’t the Bible condemn homosexuals?” This is where many of us stray off the path. John McLendon of the GodWhy church makes a significant distinction between

a homosexual orientation and homosexual behavior. “Being homosexual is a state or an orientation; a person who has a homosexual orientation might not ever express that orientation in actions... A person could engage in homosexual acts even if he has a heterosexual orientation,” said McLendon. The Bible condemns homosexual actions, not the person who is oriented in that way. Leviticus 18:22 reads, “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.” Of course, along with all the other prohibitions in the old testament, many people have grown to ignore them. We eat all kinds of foods, including those that used to be considered unclean, so what is the big deal with homosexual behavior? What we must keep in mind is that while that was indeed in the Old Testament, Jesus reaffirms this stance by stating in Mark chapter 10:6-8, “From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become one flesh.” Get it? Back to the main issue: respect. Respecting people is hard to do at times. They might do something stupid, go drinking, or have different views than you do. Does that mean that we are called to condemn them? Of course not. The next time you start thinking about how much better you are than somebody else, just remember this: God doesn’t care how little your sins are. Be a respectful Christian.

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Adventures Abroad

Learning life’s little lessons from Lithuania



Karissa Riffel

When I told people I was going to study in Lithuania, their first reaction were: “Now, where is that exactly?” (on the Baltic Sea, near Russia). I also got a lot of “What language do they speak there?” (Lithuanian) and “Do they have Internet?” (the fastest in the world). Apparently, Americans don’t have a plethora of knowledge about this little Baltic state, and most likely everyone was wondering, “Why in the world did that girl not pick Australia?!” I often wonder this myself, actually; in fact, I wonder it nearly every time I step outside into the cold. However, although I have had some difficulties along the way, I’ve never regretting choosing Lithuania. The town of Klaipėda where I live is absolutely beautiful. I will never get tired of the baroque-style buildings with their pastel colors and red clay rooftops. I love the

farmer’s market where I get fresh honey and where apples are a steal. I love that the sea is a 30 minute walk away, and I love the sailboat I see docked on the river every time I cross the Old Town bridge. Aside from that, living here has been an adjustment for me. People act differently. It has been hard to get to know people here on campus (LCC International University). More and more I have been appreciating the friendliness of American culture. It is something I have definitely taken for granted. I find myself not really know how to act here, even in simple situations, like ordering at a restaurant. Not to mention that everything is in Lithuanian. Nevertheless, armed with my translation app and my three weeks of Intro to Lithuanian knowledge I have been able to get by so far. You cannot imagine how overwhelming it is to walk into a grocery store and not know the difference between milk and sour cream. Things that used to be so easy before have suddenly become very difficult. Why don’t people ever smile at you walking on the street? Why is my coffee the size of a Dixie cup, and why can’t I wear a t-shirt and jeans to class without looking like a slob compared to everyone else? Things go wrong all the time, like buying tomato paste instead of marinara sauce and getting my scarf stolen by a

random man on the street. But I am learning more and more that my life will always be like that. I am going to miss people who are far away, I will always wonder about my future and I will ruin my beet soup. But sometimes things will go ok. I will have amazing opportunities to share the gospel, I will make unexpected lifelong friends, and I will successfully buy that Lithuanian pastry without needing English. When things do go wrong, I find myself thinking of the song “(Don’t) Tremble” by The Low Anthem, where the chorus goes: “If your hand should lose its grip Do not tremble, do not sweat For where then would you get Where then would you get” I realized it’s no use getting upset. It’s better to just relax and go along with whatever life brings you. Looking back, these catastrophic problems now will not seem so big, and I may even find that I have grown from them. Life is a huge adventure, and I am not going to miss it. And I’ll try to remember this next time I get off at the wrong bus stop and have to sprint three blocks to my teaching practicum. Do not tremble. Do not sweat.

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Non-profit opens libraries and minds



Submitted by EMILY MOBERLY

A group of girls in South Sudan draw pictures after hearing a story from the library, created two years ago by Traveling Stories. If you want to learn more about Traveling Stories, like their page on Facebook, follow them on Twitter or check out their website, www.travelingstories.org. For direct contact, email Emily Moberly at emily@travelingstories.org.



Submitted by EMILY MOBERLY

Moberly, pictured above, proudly displays why she loves reading at the City Heights Farmers’ Market. Open every Saturday in San Diego, the market offers the non-profit a chance to impact the lives of local children through reading.

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Try to imagine a world without books. A world without Cat in the Hat, Harry Potter or Clifford the Big Red Dog. It becomes a world without bedtime stories.

Emily Moberly entered such a world after graduating from John Brown University in May 2008. She took a teaching position in Honduras, educating high school juniors and seniors in the English language.

One day, Moberly asked her class about their favorite books. No one answered. No one read for fun. After looking into things, she found no library, no bookstore and no books.

When the San Diego native returned to Honduras after Christmas break, she brought back a box full of books.

“Spring semester I made them read,” she said. “It was incredible to see these 16- to 18-year-olds fall in love with reading for the very first time.”

Thus began the idea for Traveling Stories, a nonprofit organization working to “outsmart poverty one book at a time,” according to the website.

After leaving Honduras in May 2009, Moberly received emails and Facebook messages from her students asking for more to read. She started wondering if she could provide books for more children.

The alumna first thought she would just take a trip every year, bringing books to children all over the world. But the more she talked to people, the more people said they wanted to help.

In 2010, Moberly decided to make her idea real and filed paperwork for 501(c) (3) nonprofit status. By the end of the year, Moberly and her team gained approval from the IRS and planted their first library in what is now South Sudan.

The following March, Traveling Stories took a team of eight to El Salvador to set up the first stage of a library there. That summer, the team started a third library in Nicaragua.

In less than two years, Traveling Stories established three international libraries. At least 3,000 books passed through the organization’s hands, and 2,000 more wait to be sent out.

But with all the work overseas, Moberly and her team felt disconnected with the people of San Diego.

“In the summer of 2011, we started Story Tent,” she said. “We were interacting with all these people and we were becoming more aware of the needs in our community.”

Though most students in California can pick up a book at will, many grow up in families that do not speak English fluently. With large classrooms, children are not able to get the one-on-one

attention they need. “It’s common to see eight, nine or even 10-year-olds who do not read well and are ashamed of it,” she said. “We work with kids one-on-one to make reading fun and not foolish.”

The libraries and Story Tent impact children in real ways.

Moberly told the story of the 15-year-old boy she met in El Salvador. After speaking with him, she learned of his interactions with gangs, time in jail and three-year-old child. One day she saw him taking handfuls of young children’s books back to his room. She asked if they were for him.

“No, no, no, these are for my son,” he replied. “I want to read for him every night so he will grow up and have a better life... I want him to dream and imagine.”

Another young girl, Malikah, comes to Story Tent every Saturday. Moberly said Malikah hated reading at first. She would rather explore her surroundings than read a whole book. But now, she reads aloud and even recommends books for new children.

Moberly credits the University for giving her the connections and confidence to start this new adventure. If not told by a fellow student about the teaching opportunity in Honduras, she never would have thought of the idea.

Don Balla, professor of business, also helped Moberly with the forms she needed to apply for nonprofit status.

“I’m not surprised she has done this,” Balla said. “The thing that communicates the most and why I think her organization has done well is her kindness. She is gracious in her communication, and what she has done in Traveling Stories is a gracious story.”

Moberly said the contacts she made here provided help and made up for her weaknesses.

“While I was at JBU, I started to develop a mission for my life to never make a decision out of fear,” she said. “JBU helped make me the person I am and gave me really good connections all over the world.”

Moberly’s younger sister, freshman Bethany Moberly, serves as a Traveling Stories ambassador on campus. Bethany can connect students with the organization and opportunities to volunteer, donate books and invest in the ministry.

“[Students] should get involved because it brings kids so much happiness just to read a book, and it’s so simple,” Bethany said.

Moberly believes that with a simple book, a person can accomplish anything.

“We’re not necessarily trying to save the world,” she said. “We want to break the cycle of poverty. With books, we can change the way people think.”

Signed, sealed, delivered, “Sarah” is yours



Kendra Chester

I have not seen “Sarah Plain and Tall” since watching the Hallmark movie with my mother. We giggled at Christopher Walken’s awkward bowl cut while he yelled at Glenn Close for taking out the horses without his permission.

As a city girl from Denver, I have never been too fond of farm

movies boasting of wholesome family values, arguing that the only hard work happens outside.

Thankfully, this year’s freshman production of “Sarah Plain and Tall” showed that real hard work is adapting to change and building relationships.

In the story, widower Jacob Witting advertises for a wife with the hope of finding help on the farm and a new mother for his two children, Anna and Caleb.

Sarah Elizabeth Wheaton leaves her home in Maine at the urging of her brother, William, and sister-in-law, Meg, to try being a family with the Wittings for a month before deciding to accept the offer.

During the month, Sarah shakes things up, changing schedules and

questioning Jacob’s idea of normal. In a farm atmosphere built on routine, Sarah is a fresh sea breeze over the plains of Kansas.

Caleb, played by Stephen LaGue, excitedly embraces his potential mamma, but Anna, played by Katherine Boettcher, is stubborn, barely making eye contact with Sarah, not wanting anyone to take the place of her mother.

We hear the story narrated by an adult Anna, played by Elyse Partee, as she reflects on her reactions to Sarah’s arrival.

I still felt warm and fuzzy on the inside when the curtain closed, but it was not the same as the cheesy Hallmark story I was expecting.

The not-so-plain Sarah, played

by Sarah Jones, delighted me with her sweet singing voice and shining personality as she taught the children (and me) some catchy tunes. I found myself humming a few bars during the intermission.

The father, Jacob, played by Daniel Loganbill, was not as cross as the stern Christopher Walker Jacob of my childhood. He felt like a true father: he didn’t make the children afraid of him, but disciplined them lovingly.

All of them must adapt to life as a new family unit, especially Jacob. The Witting’s neighbor Matthew sums it up best: “You may not be able to change a woman. But the things you like about her won’t change either. And that’s a fact.”

Humorous situations arise as stubborn Jacob and strong-willed Sarah butt heads. LaGue’s skipping around and giant smile as Caleb made me cheer for everyone to love Sarah as much as he did. Sarah eventually charms everyone, even the audience, making the family sing again.

The happy turn-out to a classified ad for a wife made me wonder. What did Jacob say in his ad to attract such a lovely wife?

Too smart to lie, Jacob advises, “When you tell the truth, you never have to remember what you said.”

The question remains, will the men of John Brown University consider a new option for finding a mate after seeing this show?

Waltons electrify radio around the world

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It started as a simple assignment: to pitch a proposal involving a type of media as part of a final project. However, senior Gerardo Marroquin and junior Marcel Guadron took it to a whole new level, making their fictional station ElectroBeat Radio a worldwide reality this semester.

Flashback to last spring: Marroquin and Guadron, both Walton students, enrolled in a media programming and management class.

Kara Gould, associate professor of broadcasting, said she assigned students to pitch an idea for a website, podcast, television show or radio as their final projects. Combining their skills in multi-media, the duo developed a one-of-a-kind online radio station.

“Marcel and Gerry are very talented broadcasters,” Gould said. “[They were] the ones who decided to bring their project into the real world. I am exceedingly proud of their work.”

From the beginning, Marroquin said they did not see the project as an assignment, but a chance to do something real. Though the idea was simple, they both admit it became difficult as time went on.



SERGIO ARGUELLO/The Threefold Advocate

Gerardo Marroquin and Marcel Guadron broadcast live from Guadron's bedroom in Townhouse 251A every Friday night. Their radio show, ElectroBeat first aired two weeks ago after months of preparation.

“It was hard at times, but you don’t always get a chance to do this, especially back home,” Marroquin said.

They began facing issues when it came time to get the right to not only broadcast, but also to obtain the rights to the music itself. Because ElectroBeat mostly plays remixed versions of hit songs, the station has flexibility

when it comes to airing the content, Guadron explained.

Little by little, the team’s hard work paid off, as they introduced ElectroBeat to the public earlier this month.

Now, with only two weeks of hosting under their belts, Marroquin and Guadron continue to receive positive feedback.

Within its first broadcast

the station is being heard in over four countries including Belize, Guatemala, Mexico and the U.S. The station’s Facebook page nearly doubled in size within a week.

Though Guardon and Marroquin syndicate the two-hour show in Spanish, they broadcast the best in electronic and dance music from around the world, featuring

artists such as Rihanna, Pitbull and David Guetta.

Their mission is to entertain people with the best music and videos. During the bumper times, the station’s social media pages blow up with encouraging words from friends, along with song request and shout-outs.

Their objective of promoting DJs who are just starting in the world of electronic music sets them apart from any other station.

“We want to introduce people to music they have never heard of, and at the same time help unknown DJs to get discovered,” Marroquin said.

Currently the guys have signed a deal with an underground DJ in Switzerland, allowing them to play his material starting on Sept. 28. They are also proud to announce that Apple approved the station’s first app, free of charge, for on-the-go use for release in two weeks.

Though it is easy to get caught up in the sudden attention they are receiving, the guys continue remain humble as they “run the night” by catering to the needs of the audience.

“Remember, this show is for you,” Guadron reminded the audience as another night of broadcasting came to an end.

ElectroBeat Radio airs live every Friday starting at 7 p.m. For more information on how to tune in, visit electrobeatradio.com.

Honor.
Service.
Love.

Caring for aging parents



Submitted by MIKE KENNELLEY

Four generations of women spend more time together as Professor Mike Kennelley's family begins to take a more active role in the care of his mother-in-law, Mary. Other University faculty, including Don Balla and John McCullough, also serve in this way.

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Most people know professors John McCullough, Don Balla and Mike Kennelley for their teaching in the College of Business at John Brown University. Yet they share another common experience, being the primary caretakers for their elderly parents.

John and Judy McCullough

John and Judy McCullough take care of both their widowed mothers. Just last week, John’s mother, age 86, moved into their home because her health took a significant turn for the worse. She now needs complete care.

“To us it is a pleasure that we have the opportunity to care for our moms, both of them,” said John McCullough. “We have purposely chosen to help them be as independent as they can be for as long as they want to be.”

John’s mom lived independently in her home for nine years, while Judy’s mom, a widow aged 85, lived on her own for three years.

John and Judy agreed what to do if either parent got to the point where she could not live

on her own. “Our first preference would be to move them into our home and care for them so that they would still be in a family setting,” said McCullough.

The McCullough’s see mothers’ proximities as a huge blessing. For 30 of their 40 years of marriage, their parents lived far way. Now, they

involved, we are on a daily basis laying things down so that we can go home and be with her.”

“I don’t regret any of it,” said McCullough. “In fact, I am enjoying doing it.”

John and Judy McCullough also see a big difference in their three children since grandma’s health took a turn

them in Siloam Springs, when her apartment in Springdale, Ark. felt harder to maintain.

Although her health remains good, Balla finds comfort in providing his mother’s care.

“It’s a blessing how well my wife handles it,” Balla said. She supports the decision to have Don’s mother in their home.

Ballas works to maintain balance between caring for wife and mother, not always simple.

“I say [to Judy], ‘Look, here are two women that I love the most, let’s not put me in a position where I have to choose between the two.’ That said, I do always communicate to Judy that she comes first. And I think my mom doesn’t mind that.”

“It is an opportunity which never comes again and, interestingly enough, it is something that not all kids get,” said Balla.

of the move from her home of 35 years was getting rid of things and having to make emotionally hard decisions.

However, with Cheely nearby, Kennelley and his wife help when she needs someone to care for her property, take her to the doctor, or drive her around after dark.

“It just takes a load off our minds,” said Kennelley.

Cheely asked her daughter and son-in-law about their motive for her to move to Siloam Springs- because they were afraid for her or because they wanted to see her.

“It really was both,” Kennelley said. “We were concerned, but it is such a pleasure to have her there.”

Right now Cheely lives successfully on her own and enjoys gardening and having her own place.

“It’s still just a blessing to be around her and hear her talking about stories of when my wife was a little girl,” said Kennelley.

“I could see a point where she might need to be with us in the house,” said Kennelley. “But I would think that she would really have to be unable to get around on her own before she would really be wanting to do that.”

One of the biggest challenges

“I think all of us are gaining a new admiration for this thing of ‘life,’ and how quickly it fades away. Grandma is not just an old person, she’s one of the family.”

-McCullough

enjoy forming a deeper, adult friendship with their moms.

“It is a blessing to see the confidence that she has in her relationship with the Lord, the beauty in her smile, even though it is harder to see, is still there, that her spirit is still alive and active,” McCullough said, describing his mother.

While taking care of his mom consumes much of their time, McCullough said, “We have found that she is really more important than anything else we do. Rather than being busy people, running around and

for the worse. “They come, and sit on the floor, hold her hand and are quiet,” he said.

“I think all of us are gaining a new admiration for this thing of ‘life’, and how quickly it fades away. Grandma is not just an old person, she’s one of the family.”

Don and Judy Balla

Don and Judy Balla take care of Don’s 93-year-old mother living in the house they built five years ago expressly for that purpose.

A few years ago, the Ballas asked her to come live with

Mike and Mary Kennelley

Last Christmas break, Mike Kennelley and his wife Mary moved her mother, Mary Cheely, to a small home in the Siloam Springs area from her home near Berryville, Ark.

Still in good health, Cheely’s home with stairs became too much for an older widow to handle alone.

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Freshman Cory Cole fights to gain possession of the ball while teammates sophomore Galen Bahadoorsing and freshman Darwin Silva prepare to give him support. By the end of the first half the Eagles were shellacking Dallas Christian 4-0. Cory Cole and his brother Cameron combined for three goals and two assists after coming into the game in the second half.

JBU plays Oklahoma Baptist at 3 p.m. Saturday at Alumni Field.

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The Lady Bison and Lady Eagles will play at 3 p.m. Thursday at Alumni Field.

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Senior Erin Dider spikes through a block. She currently leads the Lady Eagles in total kills. JBU will be facing Oklahoma Baptist tonight in its third conference game of the season.

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Libero sophomore Becca Young leads in digs with 285 while Dider with 223.

The Lady Eagles will take on

{Athlete of the Week}



Cameron Cole

Men's Soccer

Senior midfielder Cameron Cole scored his first collegiate goal in the second half of Saturday's game against Dallas Christian. He also had an assist in the Golden Eagle's 9-0 victory.

Love overcomes distance, red tape

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Symone Sandiford-Williams reunited with her husband Andre at the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. After hugging and kissing him, she told him how much she missed him.

“Did you know I missed my flight?” Symone asked. Even when recounting the experience, Andre’s eyes grew wide thinking about the implications of a missed flight.

For Andre and Symone things such as a missed flight, a perfect copy of their marriage certificate or an athletic scholarship can affect everything.

By the time Andre Sandiford-Williams received a scholarship to play soccer at John Brown University he had already met the girl of his dreams.

They had known each other since he and his family had moved to Bridgetown, Barbados, from England seven years before.

“I’ve heard of friends who break-up with their girlfriends when they get scholarships because it’s easier, but that was never an option or consideration for me,” said Andre.

When a scholarship presented Andre the opportunity to play collegiate soccer, Symone initially expressed mixed feelings. She knew it would mean he would spend the next few years in the U.S. while she stayed in Barbados.



Submitted by: ANDRE SANDIFORD-WILLIAMS

Symone Sandiford-Williams kisses her husband Andre as he signs their marriage certificate. Symone and Andre married last July in their hometown of Bridgetown, Barbados. After their marriage, they had to go to the U.S. Consulate with this certificate so that Symone could be approved as a dependent on Andre’s student visa.

Nightly Skype calls and fixed schedules helped them to stay connected and not dwell on the hours and international borders separating them.

She said her consistent schedule of school and work and his hectic schedule as a student-

athlete made it much easier for her to contact Andre than for him to contact her.

“Now that I’m here, I understand how much he had to do,” said Symone. “It’s hard being a student-athlete and having to maintain grades as well.”

Andre asked Symone to marry him on Christmas Day 2011, while flying back from visiting another island. It was not the first time he asked, nor was it the first time she said yes, but now they started planning.

After the wedding, Andre and Symone faced the immigration board. Symone was especially worried because she had already been denied a tourist visa before when she had tried to come see Andre. They practiced interview questions for weeks before.

Andre had faith and continuously said that Symone would come with him to the U.S. and that God would take care of it.

When the day finally came for Symone’s interview, they brought their marriage certificate, pictures

it’s going to be more work for me than if I pretended this was signed,” the immigration officer said.

After making her promise her husband would sign the I-20 upon her arrival in Arkansas, Symone was allowed to go on to Dallas to make her flight to XNA.

“God made sure of that,” said Symone.

Just over two weeks ago, Symone watched her husband play collegiate soccer for the first time.

“To finally know I could take a



STEPHANIE WILLIS/The Threefold Advocate

Mr. and Mrs. Sandiford-Williams laugh together at their home in West Twin Springs. Andre said when he came to JBU breaking up with Symone “was not even an option.”

“It was a big choice... to not be able to work, but he’s worth it.”

-Symone Sandiford-Williams

Andre began talking to the International Office about how Symone could become a dependent on his student visa. As they made wedding plans, Symone originally wanted a big wedding with over 100 guests.

But she realized sticking so closely to one’s plans can get in the way of your faith in God. So she let go of some plans for the wedding, to make it smaller and shorten their engagement.

“Everybody was close and it was really intimate,” said Symone.

She said she enjoyed being able to talk and celebrate with their loved ones and the small size made the wedding much more special.

Many of Andre’s past teammates were able to come, but senior captain David Castagne was the only Golden Eagle at the service. He was the best man.

of the wedding, a copy of the invitation and even their menu, to prove they had a real marriage.

Since Andre would still have to return to Siloam before Symone, he searched for a connecting flight through Dallas so she could avoid the notoriously tough immigration officers in Miami, but he could not find one.

After Symone landed in Miami, an immigration officer asked her to follow him to a room where everyone spoke Spanish. They took her bags and she was not allowed to make a phone call. She waited for two hours, missing her connecting flight to Dallas.

Finally, the immigration officer informed her that amid all the paperwork her husband read and signed before her arrival, he did not sign her I-20. She was supposed to be sent back.

“If I don’t send you through,

glance at the stands and know she was there...” Andre said, smiling brightly and shaking his head.

Even though the couple is together in Siloam Springs now, things are not suddenly easy. Neither of them are allowed to work because of Andre’s student visa and Symone’s legal standing as his dependent.

“It’s not anything I am use to, doing nothing,” said Symone. “It was a big choice, to let that go, to know that I would not be able to work. But he’s worth it.”

The whole experience has been a lesson in faith and trusting God as she gave up the life she may have planned when she started dating Andre five years ago, she said.

“I still don’t know what to expect,” said Symone. “God knows why he put me here.”

Prayer is central to life as an athlete

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We have all seen Tim Tebow take a knee when he scores a touchdown. This is an excellent form of witnessing and it is quite encouraging to believers who routinely see athletes glorify themselves. However, an athlete integrating his prayer life in competition can go much deeper

than visibly praying after a goal, win or with his teammates at the conclusion of a match.

Paul says in Thessalonians that we are to “pray continually.” What does this look like for an athlete, coach, or a team as a whole? This is something I wrestled with as a college athlete and it is something I am trying to perfect as a coach today. It is very easy to try to “Christianize” our athletic endeavors by having a legalistic approach to sport through developing a list of “dos” and “don’ts.” Only trying to “act like a Christian” during competition limits one’s opportunity to fully worship the Lord and commune with Him.

We are called as believers to love the Lord with all of our heart, with all of our soul and with all of our strength. We are to love/worship God with all that we have and in everything we do. So as athletes, we are called to strive for perfection and strive for excellence while attempting to worship God through the sport we are playing. Many believers have a limited understanding of worship. It does not merely happen in church, chapel or any sort of organized worship service. By attempting to honor the Lord with every thought, action and word we speak, we are offering whatever we happen to be doing at that moment to the Lord as a

form of worship. This certainly applies to sports. Playing a sport with a praying spirit and not simply adding the act of prayer to sports is a fuller way of glorifying God in athletic competition.

So what does a praying spirit look like in athletic competition? Proverbs 3:6 says “in all your ways acknowledge him (NIV says “submit to him”), and he will make your paths straight.” Eric Liddell in the movie “Chariots of Fire” said, “When I run, I feel God’s pleasure.” So, every step, every kick, tackle, goal, homerun or whatever it is should be intended to please the Lord. This is quite a challenge for a Christian athlete as we all have

seen sports bring out the best and the worst in human nature. However we should be seeking the Lord before, during and after the competition, asking Jesus to help us honor the Father with every detail, thought and emotion while we compete.

An athlete praying after a goal/touchdown, or a team praying before/after a game are all ways to be visibly in prayer and these are all good things. However, imagine if an individual athlete or collective team attempted to honor God in all aspects of the game by trying to surrender every thought and action to him. This, in my opinion, is a deeper approach to prayer in sport.



KARA UNDERWOOD/ The Threefold Advocate

By Esther Carey

Visitors to Broadway Street in Siloam Springs may or may not notice the most recent changes – and that is part of the plan.

Café on Broadway opened a new dining area next door to its original location Tuesday, in the store previously called Books on Broadway. The extra space includes a commercial-grade kitchen to increase room for cooking and baking. While the Café placed additional tables in the front of the old bookstore, many of the bookshelves and books along the side remain in place.

The Café’s owners, Rick and Carolyn Robinson, called the new section “Café on Broadway & Books” to provide both cohesiveness and differentiation between the two parts. From the street, the only visible difference is the change of logo over the old Books on Broadway and the expansion of the Café’s outdoor tables.

Inside, a new doorway and window

provide passage for people and orders between the two parts of the Café. Carolyn said plans are still being made for other changes.

The next probable step is to begin operating a second cash register in the addition during times of heavy traffic, particularly the lunch hour. Eventually, they are also considering increasing their menu options for dinner.

The building and books still belong to Trish Houston, the owner of the previous Books on Broadway. Café staff will sell the books for Trish, and Trish will continue ordering books requested by customers.

Andrew Nycum, day manager of the Café, said the new arrangement benefits both parties.

“The Café gets more space, and Siloam Springs gets to keep a living and active bookstore,” he said. “It would have been a horrible loss for the city to not have that.”

The new kitchen, mainly built by Rick,

provides a significant improvement compared to the crowded kitchen in the original section. Along with the additional space, the Café upgraded to larger ovens, mixing bowls and other kitchen appliances.

The Café added eight tables and 40 chairs in the new area, including a couple eight- and six-person tables. Rick said this doubles the size of the Café, which can now accommodate larger groups or meetings.

Lauren Tremonti, a sophomore at John Brown University, agreed that the Café needed more space. She said the addition might make students more inclined to go to the Café, “if they advertise it right.”

Nycum said the goal is not to change either Books on Broadway nor the Café substantially.

“We are molding how they look together,” he said. “Things are a lot the same, but in a new way.”

BOOKS TO LOOK INTO

Reviewed by Jamie Odom

Eric Weiner is not a pleasant man. In fact, he is a grump. Therefore, he sets out on a year-long journey around the world to find happiness. No, not personal happiness. Weiner wants to find where happiness lives geographically. His travels take him from North Carolina to India to Iceland. Everywhere he goes, Weiner explores with an eye for political structure, weather dynamics, and science to figure out why people from different areas of the world are so happy. This memoir-type novel, with its Eeyore-like humor style and genuine passion for the search, lets readers travel across 10 different countries worldwide on a quest for the rationale behind happy people’s happiness.



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Move over and make room for “Quite a Sightly Place” in your personal bookshelves. This artful and hilarious book by David Middleton covers his five-year span living on a dairy farm in Vermont, the location of a once-booming milk industry. Now, though, only four dairy farms remain in the area. Middleton worked alongside one of these to learn from a family of milkers three generations deep. Worry not non-readers, David Middleton doubles as a photographer, so “Quite a Sightly Place” is chock full of interesting pictures of dairy farm living and, of course, lots of cows. Don’t be surprised if you find yourself moved to tears. Middleton has a tendency of mixing humor and sentiment, so both laughter and sympathy could produce waterworks. You will not want to miss out on the inside look at this near-extinct way of living.

“Essential Muir” is a collection of works on nature from Californian writer John Muir. Not only does Muir scientifically spin to perfection the inner workings of flowers and plants, he also is an interesting study himself. Muir is not just a writer, he is also an inventor. Among his peculiar inventions are an alarm clock bed that actually tilts you out of your sleeping form and a study desk that would actually open up your textbooks for you to the right page. Muir used his notoriety as an inventor and author to become a nature activist, protesting deforestation and the destruction of natural beauty. Written by the founder of the Sierra Club and one of the creators of Yosemite National Park, this book is a wonderful read for nature lovers and activists alike.

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