

Accident survivor knows hope

Student loses half her family and still calls God ‘good’

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The music swelled and the final note of “It Is Well With My Soul” hung in the air before fading into silence. The guests quietly began to exit the sanctuary, passing the three coffins at the front as they went. A soft murmur echoed throughout the building as each guest graciously accepted a goodie bag upon his or her departure from the funeral.

Avery Schoenwald was there to witness the entire affair. But Avery was not a guest; she was a survivor. Just one month prior all seemed right in the world as the six members of the Schoenwald family set off to Eldora, Colo. for a spur-of-the-moment ski vacation. The family eagerly anticipated hitting the slopes that weekend. They never made it.

At 5:55 a.m. on Feb. 16, 2008, the Schoenwalds’ van unexpectedly slammed into the back of another vehicle as it crested the top of a hill that dusky Saturday morning. The impact immediately killed the driver, Ken Schoenwald, before spinning the van across the median of Interstate 70. The battered vehicle was then hit by a semi-truck, killing 18-year-old Jenna Schoenwald and 13-year-old Jace Schoenwald.

“The first thing I remember was waking up

and feeling a breeze, which is unnatural in a car,” said Avery as she reflected on the accident. “Then I realized that the side of the car had been torn off.”

When the first responders arrived at the scene of the accident, they initially attempted to extricate Avery from the wreckage. Avery, however, insisted that they tend to her sister Alyssa, first.

“Alyssa started freaking out,” Avery remembered. “She just kept saying that she couldn’t breathe. I couldn’t see her, I could only hear her.”

The impact had pinned Alyssa underneath a car door, breaking her back, pelvis and femur. Meanwhile, Avery had sustained severe head trauma and “degloving,” meaning that most of the skin on her scalp had been torn from her skull. The impact had also crushed Avery’s pelvis and torn most of the skin from her right hand.

“The first responders kept saying, ‘Oh my God! Oh my God!’” Avery said. “The only thing I could say to calm them down was, ‘Listen, we’re all Christians, and I know where all of us are going. Everything is going to be okay. We all know where we’re going.’ And then I lost consciousness again.”

When the first responders arrived, they found that Avery’s mother, Janelle Schoenwald had been ejected from the vehicle and lay a mere foot from where



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the semi-truck had skidded after slamming into the van.

When the emergency medical technicians arrived, they extracted Avery and airlifted her to the Medical Center of Aurora South, while Janelle and Alyssa were airlifted to Swedish Medical Center.

Avery recalls the evening of the accident as the loneliest, most broken moment of her life.

“I was physically broken, emotionally broken, and spiritually broken,” said the 22-year-old. “I felt like I had nobody, but God’s peace was still with me there.”

The next morning, Avery was relocated and reunited with her mother and twin sister.

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Bottom photo: Submitted by Avery Schoenwald

The Schoenwald family before the accident: (from left to right) Ken, Alyssa, Jenna, Janelle, Avery and Jace.



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Pope joins in young vs. old earth dispute

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Pope Francis has added to the faith and science debate with an official papal opinion. As a result, faith and science discussions have picked up speed on John Brown University’s campus.

On Monday, Oct. 27, Pope Francis delivered an address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and espoused his stance on evolution for the first time. The pope said, “The Big Bang, that today is considered to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the creative intervention of God. On the contrary, it requires it.”

Pope Francis went on to explain the beginning of the world as a type of

chaos that, while it does require a “supreme” being that “creates out of love,” was still a type of chaos. The pope then elaborated by saying that evolution in nature exists, but does require the initial creation of evolving beings.

JBU sophomore Jared Cannon agreed with Pope Francis to an extent but had hesitations. “You need an unmoved being that starts the very first motion,” Cannon remarked. Cannon explained that he believes the biblical account of creation in Genesis was originally told as an oral tradition and wasn’t necessarily intended to be used as a “scientific account.”

Alex Fahr, junior biology major, interpreted her views as complex and expressed sensitivity

to both spectrums of the debate, both evolution and creationism. “I believe God created everything and He uses evolution over time, like with changes in species and classes and



Fahr explained that although there is a considerable amount of controversy on the interpretation of Genesis, she stands by its tenet that God was the creator in

families,” Fahr said, as she recalled what she had been taught in her science classes at JBU.

the beginning. Fahr said, “Evolution has been, to a degree, proven, but it’s not how everything started.”

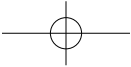
Robert Raborn, junior biblical and theological studies student, identified God as sovereign over creation and possible evolutionary processes. “We know God’s not a wizard with a wand, but he is in Heaven reigning and controlling every square inch of the universe. he does exactly what he wants when he wants,” Raborn stated.

Raborn explained that although he is uneducated to a degree on the evidence for and against evolution, he does believe that things do adapt over time. Raborn stated that ultimately, whether or not evolution plays a large part in life on Earth currently, God was in control in the beginning and will remain in control for the rest of time.

Amy Smith, professor

of biology at JBU, agreed with Pope Francis’ remarks. Smith said, “I think the Big Bang theory is our best explanation, based on scientific observations, for how God may have created the universe.” Smith noted that she considers evolution to be a mechanism God uses for change on Earth.

Smith recognized that science is and always will be limited to what is testable and observable, and God’s presence and his ways do not fall into that category. “That finite limitation means that intelligent design is outside of science. It is not accurate to present intelligent design as science,” Smith explained.



Houston sermons no longer monitored

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Houston Mayor Annise Parker has withdrawn all subpoenas following national right wing and conservative outcries against her city's actions. The subpoenas were filed after Houston area pastors initiated a suit against the city of Houston for throwing out a petition to bring the city's new anti-discrimination ordinance to vote. Protestors gathered 50,000 signatures, enough to include a repeal vote on the Nov. ballot, "but opponents questioned the validity of the signatures," according to the Washington Post. In response to the subpoenas, high profile conservatives and conservative groups complained against the city's action, including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and the Family Research Council. Tony Perkins, president of the FRC, said in a blog post, "The jaw-dropping

move, one in a long line of Houston's 'gotcha' government is only fanning the flames of outrage over the city's totalitarian tactics. Even for Houston's radical leadership, this is an affront to the plain language of the First Amendment." Sen. Ted Cruz said in his statement against the subpoenas, "These subpoenas are a grotesque abuse of power, and the officials who approved them should be held accountable by the people. The Mayor should be ashamed." In contrast to the language high-profile conservatives were using across the nation, Mayor Parker said of the local pastors she met with, "Came without political agendas, without hate in their hearts and without any desire to debate the merits of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO). They simply wanted to express their passionate and very sincere concerns about the subpoenas." Though Mayor Parker withdrew the subpoenas following that meeting,

Houston has yet to return to normal. On Nov. 2, thousands of protestors gathered to support the lawsuit against the City of Houston. Though subpoenas were in the spotlight, the real issue, to many, was how the city threw out the petition against HERO. The Washington Times reports Steven Riggle, pastor of Grace Community Church in Houston said, "I'd like to see all of you and everyone you can bring to city hall to deliver the mayor a message, a really vocal message, and it's real simple: Mayor, let the people vote." Professor of Political Science Frank Niles gave his take on why Houston's subpoenas became so volatile. "In the current environment right now, social conservatives really feel under attack, particularly on the issue of gay marriage. So, gay marriage is being framed in the context of an infringement on religious liberty," Niles said. When the City of Houston issued subpoenas, Mayor



Courtesy of THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE (CHRON.COM)
Protestors gather outside of City Hall after Mayor Annise Parker proposed nondiscrimination ordinance in May. Similar to the crowds of protestors that gathered to repeal the Nov. ballot.

Parker became the face of this attack. Niles continued, "She played 100 percent into that narrative by subpoenaing them." He also said that the subpoenas, which required, "all speeches, presentations, or sermons related to HERO, the Petition, Mayor Annise Parker, homosexuality, or gender identity," were

a huge mistake on the part of the city. "That was a massive overreach of what government can do. Again, government overreaches all the time, but in this political environment, that's something you can't overreach," Niles said. "People who feel very strongly against gay marriage are going to be very sensitive

to any infringement on their ability to express those views because they really feel like they are being suppressed," he added. Houston passed the HERO anti-discrimination ordinance in May, but has delayed any action until the city can settle legal disputes.

Conference to question lack of faith in literature

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Tomorrow, John Brown University will host the Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature. The question guests and keynote speaker Randy Boyagoda will be answering: "Has Literature Lost Its Faith?" Expressing some thoughts trying to answer that very question, Professor Jessica Wilson hasn't seen an absence of Christian literature. Rather she has seen Christians around her choosing not to read literature. "When I ask my friends in the church what they are reading, inevitably I hear a list of novels that seem like secular romances in Christian dress: couples participate in

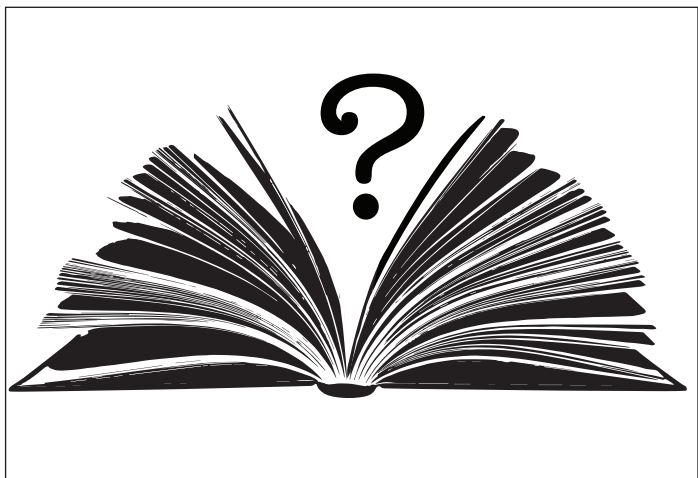
sexual tension instead of intercourse, and they use youth-minister-approved curse words like 'crap' in place of other expletives," Wilson said. She added, "If Christians are reading fiction, and I stress if, it seems they are not reading literature." The problem then, according to Wilson, is not a lack of solid Christian literature, but a Protestant hesitancy to read what they deem unsafe. If we look back we see examples such as Flannery O'Connor, C. S. Lewis and Dostoevsky, as well as present authors: Jeanne Murray Walker, Brett Lott, Kathleen Norris and Leif Enger. She noted that violence in O'Connor's work makes some Christians uneasy. She responded to a recent essay by Boyagoda published in *First Things*, and said, "Boyagoda may be sick

of O'Connor and Percy, but I would be happy to live in a world where at least Christians *en masse* were reading them, where preachers quoting Dostoevsky didn't raise eyebrows, and where Eugene Peterson's recitations of Hopkins didn't make parishioners blink in confusion." The last time the conference came to the university, Charles Pastoor directed the event and brought in author Kathleen Norris. Regarding this year's topic, Pastoor said, "I think a general, cultural decline in religious faith and observance is reflected in contemporary literature." Professor Brad Gambill will be presenting his paper this weekend, as well as other JBU faculty members. He is looking forward to the grounding of perspective a

conference like this always brings, centering on seeking God's truth through literary texts. Gambill is also excited to see JBU students interact with Christian scholars, "I'm wanting my

particularly. In short, I want them to engage, reflect, and make plans based on this encounter with other scholars." Regarding the conference question, Gambill said that he isn't sure literature

that faith plays in both the writing of and the reading of literature," Gambill said. He continued, "No one talks more about God than atheists, and that's not a jab at them. It's just that they are simply more aware than most of us that we can't make meaning without referencing an idea. In general, writers [and readers] are after truth, and God is Truth." To Gambill, the necessary idea behind meaning is God, and that inevitably comes through in literature. The conference begins at 9 a.m. on Friday and will continue through Saturday evening. Students and faculty may find a full schedule online: www.jbu.edu/hss/conference/schedule/



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students to be exposed to and maybe even wrestle with those characteristics and habits that characterize scholarship in general and Christian scholarship more

can rid itself of faith entirely. "As long as literature is about falling short of an ideal and uses language to communicate, we can never escape the role

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After weeks of prayer, surgery, ICU, and bed-rest in Denver, the Schoenwalds were relocated to a hospital in their home of Wichita, Kansas. The funeral, which had over 2,000 people in attendance, took place on March 11. Only a week before her death, Jenna had mentioned that she wanted her funeral to be a celebration, complete with balloons, cake, and goodie bags. For many days prior to the ceremony, the family packed goodie bags in the hospital and distributed them to over 2,000 people on the day of the funeral. Each goodie bag included candy and a tract about the Schoenwald family and their faith in Christ. "Who survived and who didn't—it was very random," Avery said. "It wasn't like the first front half [of the vehicle] died and the back half didn't. No, God chose who He wanted to go and who He wanted to stay. I wish every day that I was the one who was taken because it's

a lot more pain having to live through it. It's not fair that they got to go to heaven. But He chose who He wanted to take home, and that's a comfort to me." Today, almost five years after the accident, this John Brown University education major admits that this experience has drawn her closer to the Lord, simply because she had no other choice. "People look at my

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story and say, 'Oh my goodness, you're so strong.' But honestly, I didn't have any choice but to rely on God, because I didn't have anything else," Avery said. "I'm so weak that His strength is the only thing I can rely on." Laura Weeks, a friend of Avery's, mentioned that one of Avery's most significant attributes is her compassion for others, despite her own pain. "Even though she's

been through a lot, she cares about other people," Weeks said. "She takes things to heart and does whatever she can to make sure they are okay." Alyssa Schoenwald, a graphic and web design major at the University, is proud of her twin sister, saying, "We've always called her 'Bravery Avery.' She can pick herself up, acknowledge that she's been hurt, and move on. She'll just keep doing

whatever she can, I think it's something that God has given her." Since the accident, the most prominent lesson that Avery has learned is to praise God, regardless of her circumstances. "We often pick through events in our life like a child picks petals off a flower to determine the love of a significant other," Avery said. "We think God loves us more when good things happen in our life. Consequently, we think God doesn't

love us when bad things happen. 'He gave me a loving family. He loves me! A family member gets sick. He loves me not. He provided for my family financially! He loves me. I got in a car accident. He loves me not.' Instead, every petal we pick off the flower that is our life is 'He loves me.' " Avery admitted that choosing to believe the best of God is not always an easy task. "This is a hard discipline to embrace considering how emotionally driven Christians are these days," Avery said. "It takes living above our circumstances in order to proclaim the truth of God's love, even when we don't feel it." Avery reminds herself of this lesson on a daily basis. "I have a sticky note above my bed that says, 'If you praise God despite your feelings, then He will give you joy despite your circumstances,'" Avery said. "When I proclaim God's goodness in the midst of tragedy, Satan begins to realize that there is nothing he can throw at me that



Submitted by ALYSSA SCHOENWALD
Avery shares her story to the JBU student body at the Gathering on Sunday.

will change the way I will praise God. We become most dangerous to Satan when we believe in God's promises even when we don't feel it." She admitted that although she has learned many things from her experiences, she doesn't have everything figured out. She explained that she is still in a healing process, and she expects that she will be healing for the rest of her life. "These lessons that I'm telling you are not something I've learned completely. I have to

encourage myself every day," Avery said. Nevertheless, as Avery reflects on her life, she trusts God's sovereignty above all else. She quoted a song by Babbie Mason during her talk at the gathering that has become the cry of her heart. "God is too wise to be mistaken. God is too good to be unkind. So when you don't understand, when don't see his plan, when you can't trace his hand, Trust His Heart."

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Guatemalan art aids single mothers in need

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Arte de Guatemala is an annual event celebrating Guatemalan heritage and displays the talents and skills of the native people. John Brown University is hosting the event selling art and displaying paintings of the people who created it. The profits will aid families and children back in Guatemala. This year the event focuses on single mothers in a market area called La Terminal. Countless pieces will be sold, including the hundreds of bracelets made by Guatemalans; there will be approximately 250 items for sale and one silent auction item. Among the items for sale will be paintings made by either a family or a single child. These paintings were part of the program that focused on reaching out to single mothers and their children. Joe Walenciak, the teacher of the Guatemala Gateway class, said, “It’s a story. We want to present the people not as objects of pity, but people who are able to create beauty.” “This program is



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An estimated 8,000-13,000 men, women, and children live in communities of Guatemala, scavenging in the dump for personal items, food, and anything they may be able to re-sale on the open market.

great because we aren’t just giving things to the people but helping them earn money by bringing their products to an area where they’ll sell for more,” said Zoë Shafer, a freshman in the Guatemala Gateway class. Alejandra Oroxon, a volunteer in the event and founder of the program Acción Urbana, said the money provides necessities for the families, which they may not have otherwise been able to afford. “If moms manage to

pay for the education of their children, we help them with food, clothing or medicine,” said Oroxon. Oroxon lives in Guatemala, and has constant contact with the people of the community. Walenciak calls her “the feet on the ground” because she helps manage most of the events and finances that partake in the program. The event has chosen to focus on helping women from La Terminal, because

at this location is a big dump where many people, including youth and families, scavenge to survive. The areas around the dump where these people live are very dangerous, especially for women and children. Usually if a person or child is able to work or go to school, they do so and afterwards return to the dump to either rest for the night or scavenge. Children are especially abused in this area. The children work long hours, some adults

abuse them verbally and physically, and the presence of drug cartels threatens their safety. While collecting pieces for Arte de Guatemala, the people involved with the program will minister to the children and their families. Events that help with outreach include the March Mission trip with programs for kids in the street, grocery handouts and medical

care and talking and praying with families. Many times the people who live in this area of Guatemala feel like part of the trash, and part of the ministry is to show them how God created them in his image. The event will be on Nov. 14 in the Siloam Springs community building, and will have a viewing from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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Annual mission trips to Guatemala have become more common among JBU students. This photo of a native artist was taken on a JBU mission trip to Guatemala.

Hunger struggle in Northwest Arkansas overlooked

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Northwest Arkansas is the home of Wal-Mart, providing jobs to hundreds of residents at various levels. Despite this economic advantage, poverty strikes many NWA residents. Endeavour is a foundation that focuses on taking the resources in Northwest Arkansas and bringing them to the communities that wrestle with poverty. On Endeavour’s website they warn readers not to limit what they do to simply giving money away. “Because we are a charitable community foundation, people think we exist solely to raise money, to manage money



and to give money away. We do so much more than that. We connect people and organizations with ideas and resources for Northwest Arkansas.” According to Endeavour’s website the NWA is home to multiple wealthy businesses. The website lists companies such as

Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt. In addition some 1,300 corporate branches of like Procter and Gamble, Coca-Cola, General Mills, Apple, etc. With these businesses and others providing employment in the NWA, no one would expect hunger and poverty to follow it.

“Too many people go to bed hungry in Northwest Arkansas. Almost 40 percent of the hungry are children. Nearly half of our folk have to choose between buying food or medicine, or heating their home.” There are other organizations besides Endeavour who are trying to eradicate this choice from society. According to the NWA Food Bank website, they serve over 700,000 people annually in Madison, Carroll, Washington and Benton. Children under the age of 18 make up 40 percent of the people they serve. In 2013 the food bank served 98, 651 senior citizens. The NWA Food Bank provides several ways for people to involve themselves in the solution

to the hunger problem. Donating to the food bank goes a long way. Just one dollar donated helps to purchase five meals. The food bank also welcomes volunteers to lend a hand at their warehouse to help with sorting food, labeling and assisting in their office. Another agency that is fighting against hunger is NWA Hunger Relief Inc. According to the NWA Hunger Relief website, their mission is “to combat hunger and its ensuing social issues. The organization does so by supporting other agencies through our Agency Support Division who directly touch the lives of their clients, advocating programs and policies for hunger relief and educating people on nutrition and

other social issues.” Since their start in 2011, they have donated 3, 925 lbs. of food. Even with these and many more agencies at work to provide food to the hungry, there is still a growing problem. According to Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance’s website, Arkansas and Mississippi are both neck and neck at a 19.1 percent rate of food in secure homes. This means that children are going to bed at night without dinner, senior citizens are choosing between food and medication and parents are making decisions between paying bills and providing meals for their families.

Curiosity Conference

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The Honors Executive Council are hosting the first ever Celebration of Passionate Curiosity on Nov. 19-20. Shane Buxman, president of the council, said the Council created the event to encourage and celebrate what John Brown students are passionately curious about. “Think of the ‘Celebration of Academic Excellence’ but with a focus on curiosity. Students will present on topics that interest them, not necessarily on projects that they have completed for a class,” said Buxman. “The main thrust of the event will be student presentations. [There are] About nine presentations over the three days, each lasting around 25 minutes just to share with the campus about how they are passionate and curious about one specific topic,” said honor council director of events, Josiah Wadsack. Wadsack said the

potential presenters are: a chemistry major who loves creative writing and a bible major passionate about leatherwork. Glenda Manos emphasized that the event is all about sharing “What you are passionate and curious about with others!” “Part of the mission is to celebrate passionate curiosity; that drive, that makes us learn something just for fun, that makes us move beyond just a classroom assignment, but to be like ‘I’m really interested in this,’” said Wadsack. Wadsack also mentioned the event in relation to TED Talks. “This is one step earlier in the genesis of a mind than TED. We’re celebrating the process that leads to TED.” The almost tangible passion of TED speakers is what the Celebration of Passionate Curiosity hopes to bring to JBU. Wadsack added, “To do things not just because we have to but because we’re interested in it; we’re passionate about it; we love it. We want to learn more. We want to explore more. We want to create more.”

Cancer patient takes her life

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Brittany Maynard was a 29-year-old who was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer and decided to take her life legally on Saturday. Her situation has raised questions about how faith fits into this situation, and John Brown University professors share their thoughts on this topic. Maynard was diagnosed with cancer last spring and made headlines when she announced that she was planning on taking her own life. This decision made her begin a campaign to extend the rules of death with dignity. When Maynard decided to take her own life, she moved to Ore. to be able to take part of the Death with Dignity act. Jason Lanker, a biblical studies professor shares his thoughts on the loss of Maynard. “God created life and promises to perfect it through suffering,” Lanker said, “When we actively seek to avoid suffering, we can actually miss the God who came to meet us in our suffering and give us His perfect life.”



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Tippetts, 38, said she prayed with friends and family after hearing about Maynard’s story. She begged Maynard to reconsider as she had previously fought breast cancer the past two years, and it has since metastasized. This is the consensus of most Christians. At the time, Kara Tippetts had a similar situation but took a different approach as the solution. When she was diagnosed with stage four cancer, she found peace through God instead of giving up on life. Tippetts has since written a book about her situation and how she found hope in the darkest times. Tippetts’ book started out as a blog that she ran to give others hope during the darkest times. This blog and book has led to encouragement for many people. Freshman Clare Warrington gave her views on the subject. “Our response as Christians shouldn’t be condemnation but rather recognizing the tragedy there, and not shying away for taking a stance. But also respecting the brokenness there and the sorrow she felt and the pain that she was in and letting that break

our hearts and the way that it breaks God’s heart. We also need to have compassion for those people in the same situation and praying that God will heal the brokenness in our nation,” Warrington said. People have different opinions on the Maynard situation and there will continue to be controversy surrounding her death.

Save Mock Rock II:
tradition nearly dies again

The lack of involvement in campus productions has surfaced as a continuing trend in the past years. All of the usual people flock to the stage, with only the occasional new face amongst the crowd of already-known stars. The Next Big Thing and the talent show, while dearly loved events, have become somewhat predictable: everyone knows which gifted students will perform. Hidden talents stay hidden. Very little of the unexpected takes place.

As a whole the John Brown University student body comes across as a shy school, hesitant to get involved in activities that will publicize our faces across campus. We The Threefold Advocate challenge the student body to break out of its comfort zone and get involved in campus productions.

The irony of the lack of campus involvement is somewhat perplexing in light of the fact that students truly do appreciate and look forward to campus events. We anticipate Mock Rock’s arrival and hope it lives, but very few of us are willing to participate in the event in order to ensure that it does.

It’s hard to take the risk and chance making a fool of yourself on stage, especially at a school where everyone recognizes your face and knows who you are. But what better time to go crazy than in college, before the transition to maturely restrained adulthood?

It’s a busy point in the semester, and there are a thousand legitimate excuses for not participating in an event like Mock Rock. But if we all succumb to busyness, who will be left to grace the stage and give students something to look forward to?

As students attending a small university, each member of the student body plays a role in setting the tone on campus. In a school this size, students can’t afford to be timid if we want our traditions to live on. Sometimes we must decide not to take ourselves too seriously and risk the fun and embarrassment involved in stepping onto the cathedral’s stage and trying something new.

John Brown University: lose the apathy, pop out of your comfort zones and invest in the events that give our school character!

Honor our soldiers:
More respect due to the military than one day

The country celebrated and honored Veterans Day this week, acknowledging the countless men and women who have served our country. We honored those who have fallen in battle, veterans of past wars and those in active service. We recognized the challenges and suffering that they and their families have faced.

In addition to this annual day of honor, other events and anniversaries are being celebrated at this time. The Great War formally ended 96 years ago, after more than 37 million casualties. The armistice was the cause of celebration across the world, and though things could not go back to normal, healing could begin. And just 25 years ago the Berlin Wall came tumbling down, finally ending the division between east and west.

Why are all these dates important to us? Why should we read about what happened all those years ago when we are on the brink of a new war, battling ISIS and struggling against deadly disease? Well, those reasons are exactly why we should be remembering the past and those who have made sacrifices for their countries.

We The Threefold Advocate urge each and every one of you to take time to honor and pray for our military. If you do not know someone personally who currently serves or did serve in the military, you may feel distant or removed from these days and events. However, it is important that we all recognize their service and sacrifice.

Some may balk at the idea of supporting our troops if they do not support the war or operation these soldiers are fighting in, but they should still show these men and women the respect they deserve.

Those who serve in the military—as well as their families—face a number of difficult challenges unique to them. Some of the biggest concerns are mental health issues. According to a Harvard Medical School professor, the rate of major depressive disorder is five times higher among soldiers as civilians, and the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder is 15 times as high.

In addition to mental health issues, many other problems pose risks to soldiers. According to the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development, there were nearly 50,000 homeless veterans just over two months ago. Thankfully this is a decline since the last survey in 2010.

While Veterans Day is an honorable holiday, it is not enough to merely thank our soldiers once a year. We The Threefold Advocate urge you to think of them often, pray for their families and support them in any way you can. It is clear from our history that wars will begin and end, so people will always be fighting for our safety. These people deserve far more respect than we often give them, and we hope you consider this next time you take your security and freedom for granted.

Change and reconciliation:
a call to end racial discrimination



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Over three months have passed since Michael Brown was shot by Darren Wilson, a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. There is substantial evidence to safely say that Brown was a true victim, not of a confusion in suspects at a close-by gas station robbery, but of a racial profiling. Wilson is still not in jail.

To start the conversation, I feel I have to clarify a few things up front.

1: Not all Caucasians or “white people” are racists. We all know this. Minorities know this. However, it does not change the damage that the few have done and it does not stop minorities from being sensitive.

2: This column is not to blame an ethnic group of people or accuse them. I do not condone racism in any form, even when it comes from minorities.

With that clarified, I will continue.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, one of many St. Louis protests sparked by the remembrance of Michael Brown’s death and fueled further by the



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shooting of Vonderrit Myers Jr. displayed a powerful symbol of the grief and concern of residents and St. Louis. A mirrored coffin was carried over protester’s heads throughout the event. This was not a funeral.

Violence based on racial profiling is nothing new in the U.S., so why are people reacting in such a strong manner to these recent cases? Perhaps one of the most haunting set of words uttered in the midst of this turmoil came from Elizabeth Vega, one of the protesters involved in the St. Louis protests, when she told USA Today, “It’s not our flag.”

People are tired of the systematic discrimination and the justification that comes with such actions, so much so that minorities in the neighborhood feel that as Americans they are severely underrepresented under the star-spangled banner. Vega’s words reflect the exclusion and perception of people whose experiences suggest that the justice system does not provide equality. Details released by each corresponding police department have been released in very inconsistent ways yet the biased public continues to scream, “let’s wait for the evidence.”

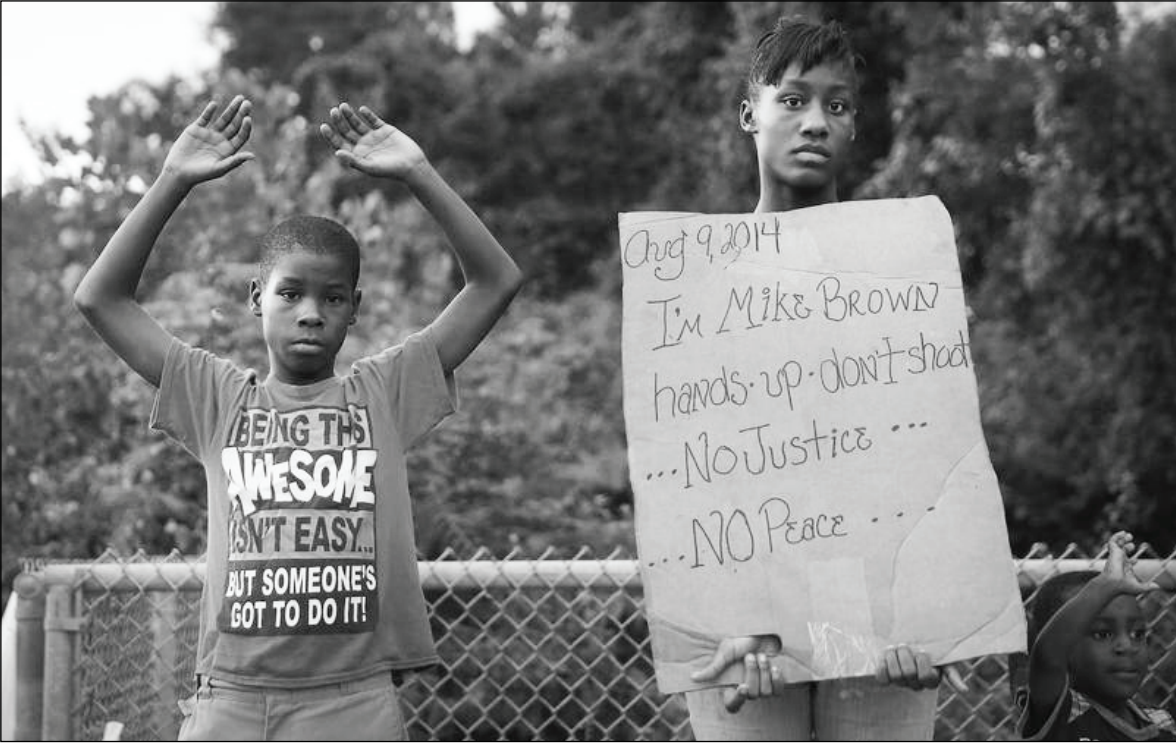
Whether people accept it or not, there is white privilege and racial profiling that is

manifesting itself in violent ways. Reading and watching news reports prevent us from denying it. There is no longer any benefit to blaming anybody, but instead what needs to start happening is that people need to be challenged when they choose to stay quiet about discrimination before it escalates to such a degree as we have seen in Ferguson and Shaw.

Change has to start, and it has to take place with all people. It’s a call for all Christ followers to promote equality and justice for all, regardless of their race or ethnicity. At the same time we need to understand that a group of people who has systematically been held under for centuries will respond cautiously and even suspiciously towards attempts at reconciliation. Who could honestly and reasonably blame them?

Nov. 15 is the announcement date to decide Wilson’s verdict. Military equipment has been prepared as well as over one hundred thousand dollars worth of riot gear in the Ferguson case alone. The public is tired and the scale of preparation to handle the riots is reflecting it.

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OPINION 5

Christians should fight for women’s rights



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I’ve heard people say they don’t understand what the big deal is with women anymore. Why can’t we just get over it? Do we really even need feminism? We can vote; we can work outside the home. We’re not oppressed anymore. We should be happy with all the privilege we have. True, we can do those things. We have more options now than ever before. These changes came about because women were dedicated and didn’t back down. So why are we still so obsessed and angry?

Because here in the States there’s still a 23 percent pay gap. Because women hold less than 20 percent of congressional seats while making up 51 percent of the population. But also because there is a far wider world than America. Because honor killings of teenage girls still happen in Jordan. Because girls born in India are undergoing mass gendercide, at risk of being abandoned or killed simply because they are girls. Because female genital mutilation still

occurs in 27 African countries. Because girls in countries all over the world are taught how to avoid being the victim of rape instead of boys being taught how to respect their sisters.

This is a humanitarian issue, not a gender issue. As Christians, we, more than any other group, should be in this fight, and I think that starts with rethinking our theology about women’s roles and positions in society.

You’re probably wondering how I’m going to challenge Paul on the role of women in the church. Who am I to argue with this man of God?

I’m sorry to disappoint, but I’m not going to challenge. I probably wouldn’t agree on everything Paul said if he and I were to have a conversation

unnecessary for Gentiles and who encouraged women to ask their husbands questions. Paul was before his time. He pushed for change in his culture. And I think if he were here he would still be pushing for change, and I think he would agree that we aren’t there yet.

There’s much to unpack here, but there is a strong theological argument that Paul did not write for all women at all times. He wrote specific letters to a specific segment of women who had more freedom than ever before and needed to learn how to use that freedom well instead of disrupting the church. In some epistles, Paul wrote to women in authority who were teaching in their assemblies. There is Priscilla, Junia, Phoebe, Mary of

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today, and that’s all right. Welcome to the body of Christ. I don’t think Paul is a misogynist, though. I don’t think Paul hated or mistrusted women.

In our day, reading backwards, Paul seems ultra-conservative, telling women to learn quietly and submissively, to keep silent in the assembly. But let’s not forget that in his context, with a forward reading, Paul was a mover and shaker, a revolutionary and radical. This is the guy who wrote letters asking for the release and full restoration of a runaway slave, who said circumcision was

Rome, Euodia, Syntyche, Lydia, Lois, Chloe and Nympha, and maybe if you don’t recognize these names, you should take a second look. These are our spiritual mothers.

More importantly, I think Paul knew and loved many outstanding women because Jesus did the same. Again and again in the gospels, Jesus interacted with women and treated them as equals: the woman at the well, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Salome, the bleeding woman and the woman accused of adultery. Women were the first proclaimers of the



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gospel. They were the ones who shared the good news with the apostles that Christ had indeed risen from the dead!

As Christians, we have a divine motivation to fight for the universal rights of women, because God is in the fight, too. This is humanitarian, yes, and not any less important for that reason. But for Christians, this can also be holy work, our

spiritual act of worship, the raising of the low things, the calling out of gifts and the lifting of the yoke of oppression.

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Ways to become a world-class Christian



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Here I sit with a cup of coffee (always from another country) thinking back to our first missionary journey to Nigeria in the early 1970s. Was it so long ago that my husband-to-be asked the ultimate question: “What do you think of missions and more specifically, Africa?” I had already developed an interest in missions, but the part about Africa... well, I had watched one

too many Tarzan movies!

This may seem like a strange reaction, but before the mid-1970s, no one went on short-term mission trips. Looking back, I see that today there are many more opportunities to get ready to become world-class Christians, believers called to be a blessing so that God will be glorified among all the nations. I look back and wish I had prepared more. Today, I would recommend that you:

Go on a specific short-term trip with a specific goal. If you are interested in orphans in Africa, then go and experience that. When we go global, we enlarge our perspective and see the world through God’s eyes and with His heart. Go as a servant, and most of all, as a learner.

Meet with an experienced cross-cultural worker who can point out potential. What are your gifts and strengths? Can you be a teacher? A bookkeeper? A solar power consultant? A film

producer? God will use your gifts to live and work in countries that require professional skills. Finish a degree, or even two. My degree was in education, but little did I realize I would be leading and teaching women who were ex-fighters in Eritrea or leading Bible studies with eager Lebanese women in Liberia. None of these opportunities looked like my original degree. I was very surprised at how God used me.

Be healthy emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Hidden character issues become giants in the stress of overseas living. What you cover up here and now will definitely come out into the open.

Become a member of a local church. Let the church see you in action and give you Godly advice, counsel and direction. Join Bible studies with those seasoned in the faith—they have much to give and we have much to learn. Take the Perspectives course

offered each Spring semester. I guarantee you will not look at the world, the news and missions in the same way.

If you have student debt, be sure you redeem the time before you go overseas to pay it back. It is an amazing time to start praying and giving to your church and missions. Be obedient and surprised as you give to God’s work. It is an outward evidence of your inward commitment to the Lord.

Pray for the world. Get a map, use Operation World or the Joshua Project. Keep the world visible! Pray for people groups that have yet to hear of God’s love. Watch the news and pray for Syria, Ukraine, Russia, Liberia and Sri Lanka. Have you prayed for those countries labeled in your clothes?

Read, read, read. Those who have gone on missions have much to tell us. I read my first missionary biography in college about Isobel Kuhn in China. I’ve

read many since, and each gives a different perspective. God guided and prepared them for the future. Little did I know that my future would include living in the bush in Nigeria for 10 years, experiencing civil war in Liberia and living in Eritrea.

My husband and I look back and see that there were many things we could have done differently, but now, here at JBU, we have had the privilege and honor to prepare the next generation to live “on mission” and experience the world with God’s heart. If you would like to talk with us, Dr. Klotz and I are available for a cup of coffee. We can’t think of anything more important than being a part in God’s plan as a world class Christian.

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Be happy with God’s plan for you



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I have a complicated relationship with theater. When I go to see a play, my friend Laura will tell you that I am ridiculously repetitive in my pronouncements that I am “so excited!!!!” I am enthralled from the very first line, the first squeaks of the tuning orchestra, the first curtain draw. This is an entirely new world, and I am invited inside.

As far as I’m concerned, going to the theater is the closest I get to magic. But that’s when I witness theater. I also participate in it, and this is where things get complicated.

In some ways, I like it more. I get an insight into the magic, and you’d think that would take away from it, but a scientist knows that the more you study, the more you realize you don’t know, and I always see something new. On opening night, that magic is still there, and I feel it all the stronger for having been a part

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supporting roles, the music, the blocking, everything—but it is the responsibility and privilege of the leads to guide the audience.

And I want that. I want that recognition. With every fiber of my being, I want to be the focus. Me. I. Pay attention to me.

I think it’s a problem a lot of us have, but I recognized it about myself just recently. At first I thought it was only natural. Why shouldn’t I want a little acknowledgment?

The question was answered for me last week at rehearsal. I was talking to one of the main ladies in “Brigadoon,” and she spoke how she felt when she stepped into the theater.

“When I’m here,” she said, “I feel like myself.”

I’ve never had the lead in a play, but I do know what it feels like when you’re exactly where you’re supposed to be, doing what you’re supposed to do. It feels like Heaven, and I do mean

that in the capital-H sense. All is right. God made me for this, right now.

I’m an okay singer and a middling actor. I might, if I worked hard and kept practicing, achieve my aching dream to star in a musical. Somehow, though, it seems off. My envy of actresses is not based in my purpose or even my dreams, but a craving for recognition that I now see as sinful. It is not my place.

It’s a lesson I’ll have to learn over and over. Every day, probably, and not just as it applies to theater. I am fiercely jealous of who I cannot be, and the only answer to that is repentance and contentment.

I love theater, but it’s not where I belong. If I can be a part of it, I am blessed, because I get to see those who were made for theater doing what God made them to do. And that is a kind of magic.

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It turns out that music is good for you. Listening to it helps with anxiety, singing a language helps you learn it faster and playing an instrument completely opens up your mind. Imagine your brain working on all new cylinders—that’s your brain on music.

In an article by CNN journalist Elizabeth Landau titled “This is your brain on music,” Landau wrote that, in one study reviewed by Daniel Levitin, a prominent psychologist who studies neuroscience of music at McGill University in Montreal, “researchers studied patients who were about to undergo surgery. Participants were randomly

assigned to either listen to music or take anti-anxiety drugs.”

“The results,” Landau concluded, were that “patients who listened to music had less anxiety [...] than people who took drugs.”

That’s not all, music lovers. Bahar Gholipour, staff writer for *Live Science*, wrote “4 Unusual Ways Music Can Tune Up the Brain.”

Gholipour wrote that music can unearth lost memories, and therefore can be used as a treatment for patients with memory problems. Music can train people to better detect emotion in people’s voices.

A study published in the Journal of Neuroscience in 2013 found that people who took music lessons as children had long-lasting brain effects when it came to detecting sounds in noisy environments.

Last but not least, Gholipour wrote, “Scientists recently found that when learning a new language, singing the phrases can help people learn the language better, compared with simply reading those phrases.”

Boston news writer George Hicks wrote “How Playing Music Affects The Developing Brain,” and although he wrote that evidence shows that Mozart doesn’t make babies smarter, music can do so much more for the human brain.

Hicks quotes Ani Patel, an associate professor of psychology at Tufts University: “‘On the other hand,’ Patel says, ‘there’s now a growing body of work that suggests that actually learning to play a musical instrument does have impacts on other abilities.’ These include speech perception [...] and the ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously.”

There is even a form of therapy conducted with music. The American Music Therapy Association defined music therapy as “the clinical and evidence-based use of musical interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has

completed an approved music therapy program.”

The AMTA website stated that music therapy can be designed to “promote wellness, manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, enhance memory, improve communication [and] promote physical rehabilitation.”

Jonathan Himes, associate professor of English, who is known to wander the halls loudly singing classic rock, agreed that “music is definitely good for the soul.”

“Look at how David’s harp songs soothed the bedeviled soul of King Saul,” Himes said. “I use music (mostly my raucous renditions of classic rock songs) to tame my unruly thoughts and quiet them

down.”

“Musically oriented people give the world a precious gift,” Himes added. “I won’t say they are smarter or better than others, but they do have a special gift, and although it’s not one I am especially blessed with, it is one I can admire and derive rapturous delight from without much envy creeping into the equation.”

Junior Natalie Smith agreed that music is helpful. “I can’t think without music,” she said, mentioning that she listens to it while she does homework.

It seems that the overall consensus is that music is not only beneficial for the mind, but a pleasant experience for everyone involved.

Exercise improves more than just physical health

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Everybody knows that exercise is good for you, but other than its obvious health benefits, what else is it good for? It turns out that exercise is good for a lot, actually.

Mayo Clinic, a nonprofit worldwide leader in medical care, research and education, posted an article by its staff titled “Exercise: 7 benefits of regular physical activity.” The article begins with what everybody already knows: exercise controls weight and combats health conditions and diseases. Exercise also, however, improves mood.

“Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier and more relaxed,” the Mayo staff wrote. “You may also feel better about your appearance and yourself when you exercise regularly, which can boost your confidence and improve self-esteem.”

So have you been

depressed and stressed because of end-of-semester assignments piling on top of one another at your desk? Take a brisk walk once a day, or even every other day. It may help you be in the mood to focus.

It may also help you have the energy.

“Exercise and physical activity deliver oxygen and nutrients to your tissues and help your cardiovascular system work more efficiently,” Mayo staff said. “And when your heart and lungs work more efficiently, you have more energy to go about your daily chores.”

Are you having trouble sleeping? Exercise can help with that too.

“Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and deepen your sleep,” Mayo staff wrote. “Just don’t exercise too close to bedtime, or you may be too energized to fall asleep.”

Senior basketball player Jordyn Williams confirmed that exercise helps her out with more than just her basketball playing and

general health.

“I feel worse on days where I do nothing physical,” Williams said. “I always have to do something!”

John Brown University writer in residence Patty Kirk said that she gets writing ideas when she goes on runs.

“Doing yoga with a bunch of other likeminded people feels like church,” she said of how exercising with others can promote community.

Kirk runs daily, totaling 21 miles a week. “I feel stressed and crappy if I don’t exercise,” she said.








So even if you aren’t looking to improve your health or lose weight, exercise can help you work through sour moods, give you the energy you need to get through your day and help you sleep better at night. Need an exercise partner? Ask your friends. Improving your lifestyle with some good company can prove to be more fun than people make it out to be.



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There are a multitude of classes to take at John Brown University, all of which are interesting. Some may be more interesting to others, but each department has its “gems.” That being said, here is a list from a handful of students of what classes to take from various departments.

Written by KELLY ESCARCEGA

 <div>Humanities and Social Sciences:</div> <div>Shakespearean Drama</div> <div><i>“You can learn so much through a play and not even know why.”</i></div> <div>-Addison Cook [English]</div>	 <div>Family and Human Services:</div> <div>Family Sexuality</div> <div><i>“It’s something a lot of people don’t know they need to learn about. People don’t understand how little they actually know about sexuality”</i></div> <div>-Kristin Stutzman [Family and Human]</div>
 <div>Biblical Studies</div> <div>Discipleship and Evangelism</div> <div><i>“It didn’t even seem like a class. It was like an angel came down in the form of Dr. Lanker to challenge and encourage.”</i></div> <div>-Kileab Ammons [Youth Ministries]</div>	 <div>Business</div> <div>International Management</div> <div><i>“It gave me a glimpse on management in a global environment and the different dynamics in companies across cultures.”</i></div> <div>-Carlos Lopez [International Business]</div>
 <div>Natural Science</div> <div>Cell Biology</div> <div><i>“Cell Biology is a great class if you love science. The class also prepares you to get into the flow of college. Mrs. Beers helps you a lot with that.”</i></div> <div>-Stephanie Smith [Chemistry]</div>	 <div>Art and Design</div> <div>Introduction to Cinema</div> <div><i>“It gives you an overview of everything, plus you get to watch movies.”</i></div> <div>-Emma Pell [Digital Cinema]</div>
 <div>Construction Management and Engineering</div> <div>Engineering Concepts and Design</div> <div><i>“This is a really fun and easy course taught by Dr. Will Holmes in the fall. It is an introduction to engineering as a whole course. A very qualitative analysis of engineering: no technical work at all.”</i></div> <div>-Drax Geiger [Engineering Major]</div>	

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Transitioning into adulthood

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As we reach adulthood, everything seems to change. We may no longer feel at home in our childhood homes. More is expected of us from family, supervisors and even the federal government. For most people, college is where they will face these often-disruptive changes for the first time.

John Brown University has seen thousands of students weather these changes over the years, and students often face and cope with these struggles in different ways. A great example of the paradigm shift students face is how bathroom breaks play out. All throughout our academic existence, school hallways were always closely monitored, and explicit permission was always required from a teacher.

Then we come to college; many students have experienced the awkwardness that follows interrupting a professor to ask to use the bathroom. Either amused or irritated, these professors are quick to inform the interrupting student that they do not need permission to go to the bathroom. This information is often accompanied somewhere by the phrase “You are an adult.” But many students do not know what it means to be an adult, which is reasonable as

different people often have different ideas of what constitutes “adulthood.”

For some students, the John Brown experience has been one lived within a bubble. Senior student Josh Crown stated that “We don’t experience many adult situations. Teachers say, ‘This will help you in the real world,’ but I’m not sure if that’s always true. I feel like I grew more once I had a job rather than with just school.” This response just goes to show that for some, JBU’s unique culture can feel less real to the world, but for others the protection that JBU’s culture offers is more refreshing and comforting.

Another major shift in expectations comes in the form of the syllabus. This collection of paper has a huge bearing on how a student’s semester will go, and many have passed or failed based on the amount of attention paid to this document.

Looking back at previous education, it makes sense that teachers would approach work on a day-to-day basis, but many students are disrupted when responsibility is placed in their hands for knowledge of each assignment. Senior student Kati Watkins expressed her initial confusion with the practice.

“You actually have to look ahead for assignments rather than the teacher telling you daily what is expected. You don’t realize how in the dark you were in high school.”

Responsibility is the major difference



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between childhood and adulthood. And this shift is so difficult due to the abrupt way it is observed. The expectation changes as soon as adulthood is reached, or even earlier, regardless of relative maturity experience. Eventually, adulthood comes for all, ready or not. And syllabi are the ever-present academic reminder of this truth.

This shift meets students in different places as well.

College isn’t the only time when expectations shift. Sometimes, college is refreshing compared to alternate expectations. Senior student Nate Mace expressed his experience much along these lines.

“A lot of people feel a sense of autonomy, but for me college hasn’t affected the transition to adulthood. I didn’t live with my parents my junior and senior year of high school, so my situation is

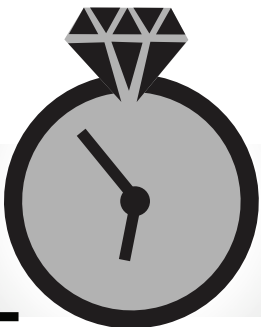
pretty unique. I had a lot of responsibilities during that time. Normally, college is the first time kids aren’t living with their parents, and for me, that wasn’t the case.”

Adulthood doesn’t meet us where we are. It’s certainly a reality, but it is often unpredictable. There are ways of delaying or denying more adult responsibilities that some students indulge.

Other students face

those realities earlier. Some need jobs to pay their way through college and must sacrifice some of the relaxing social joys that college provides. Sometimes adulthood comes knocking unexpectedly. Sometimes a student has more agency in the process of growing up. Eventually, all must embrace that adult responsibility. For many, that change is happening right now.

MARRIAGE



MADNESS

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By Zach Cade

Any student who has attended John Brown University can attest to a real and often-ridiculed pressure to get married. Undergraduates jest about “rings by spring” and “MRS degrees,” but where does this pressure originate? There is no explicit encouragement to get married put forward by the university itself. So why do we feel pushed regardless?

One major factor is JBU’s location. Siloam Springs is a town of roughly 15,000 people, which is a rather unremarkable number. However, many students know that what’s very remarkable about Siloam is that there is roughly one church per 300 people in Siloam. Siloam is a highly religious town, overall, with a robust Baptist population, a

very marriage-focused tradition. With students dispersing among different churches, these traditions inevitably diffuse back into the university community, influencing the student body.

The traditions students come from have a major effect on the university, overall. David Ruales, a graduate business student from Ecuador, acknowledged a difference in tradition between how he was raised and what he often sees in relationships at John Brown.

“My parents told me to make sure you have a good foundation,” he said. “Marriage doesn’t work without that, but I think the idea at JBU is to build that foundation together. Sometimes that works, and sometimes it

doesn’t. I know people who are happily married, and I know people whose relationships have ended in divorce. For me, it’s hard to think of marriage.”

The focus given to marriage, even in ridicule, feeds the overall pressure as well. While there is no one going from couple to couple telling them to get married, the jokes about married freshmen and six-month relationships becoming three-month engagements leave marriage at the forefront of our minds. This is a factor that contributes massively to this obsession with marriage that seems to be present on campus.

KaLee Holloway, an early childhood education major, contends that the pressure to get married comes with the transition

to adulthood forced by life in college. “It is believed that most people will find their spouse in college, and it has become a trend to get married at a young age,” she says. “Also, there is unintentional pressure from peers. A friend gets engaged and then married, and their friend group feels pressure to do the same. It’s a continuous cycle.”

KaLee’s words speak to a widely-held feeling that perhaps a person is not the best person that they could possibly be without a spouse. This insecurity feels somewhat inevitable, especially when reinforced by happy couples getting engaged and married, all within the student body. There could probably be a debate found on campus on any given

day between proponents of Genesis 2:24 (“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”) and happy singles looking for support from the happily single Paul in 1 Corinthians 7.

For many students, marriage has been held up as the ideal state for their whole life. Because of this, college is a high-stakes time. There is a multitude of eligible singles to be met on any given day, and people tend to couple up at an alarming rate. This atmosphere invites an insecurity tied to one’s singleness and stirs a desire to be in a happy relationship. Kaitlin O’Hara sees this reality daily. She asserts that “It’s a trendy thing. I think there is this

idea that if you’re not in a relationship, then you’re incomplete.”

Life proceeds as it always has and will continue to do so, and happiness abounds in singleness or relationship. Relationship status does not define happiness one way or the other. Healthy attitudes and practices are what create and maintain happiness, and these can be maintained in singleness, dating or marriage. A person’s responsibility is to do the best with what they have been given.

Corrections

In Issue 7 of The Threefold Advocate, in the article titled “University welcomes new musical director,” the name Liesl Dromi was spelled incorrectly throughout the article.

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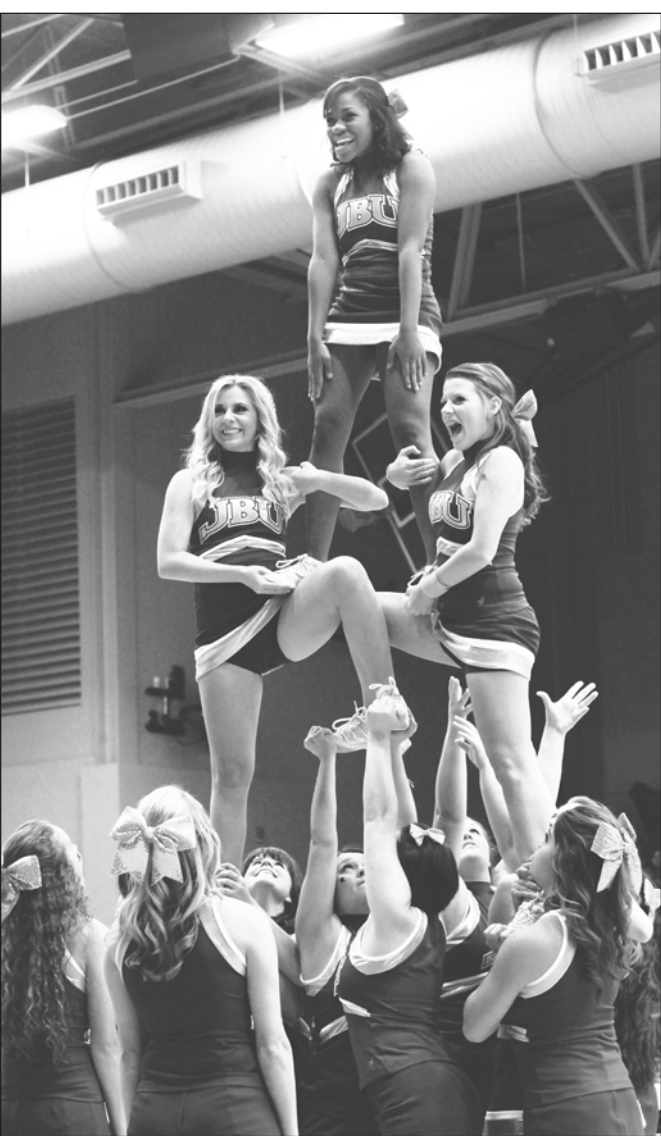
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Cheerleading boosts team morale



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Cheerleading is one of the most overlooked sports in America. Not only does cheerleading require just as much hard work as any other sport, cheerleaders have to do their best to boost the morale of the team they're cheering for. "Cheerleading began in the 1860s in Great Britain and moved to the United States in the 1880s," according to an article on epicsports.com, a website for a range of sporting information and goods for sports such as football, soccer and even MMA. "Surprisingly enough, men started joining the sport. "Princeton University, in 1884, got the idea that crowd chanting at football games would boost school spirit," the article stated. Ten years later, Thomas Peebles, a graduate from Princeton, introduced the idea to the University of Minnesota.

cheerleading took off, becoming an official sport in 1972.

So, does cheering boost team morale and impact players' performances? One example of crowd participation in Korea says it does.

Julian Sonny, a sports writer for the *Elite Daily*, wrote, “The future is here. Proof of this can be found at Korean Major League baseball team Hanwha Eagle’s stadium, where, because of their historically bad team record, they’ve implemented cheering robots to keep team morale high.”

Sonny added that fans who are watching the game live elsewhere control the robots through their phones or computers. Fans comment, and the “fanbots” respond by signaling their cheer to the stadium. A video accompanies Sonny’s article, revealing that about thirty of these cheering robots have their own seating section in the crowd.

“Not only does it

help with the stadium's morale," Sonny wrote, "but it encourages more user interaction and builds up the social media community."

John Brown's own cheerleaders can attest to the fact that cheerleading aids team spirit.

"I definitely think cheerleaders affect the morale of the teams," said junior cheerleader Lindsay Dodson. "I think that the relationship between the cheerleaders and the athletes determines to what extent the morale is boosted—the closer the relationship, the greater the morale."

Not only does cheerleading affect the team for which she is cheering, but Dodson said that she never has to pretend to be happy when she's cheering.

"Cheerleading makes me happy, and after a game is over, I am normally in a much better mood than I was when I started," she said.

It doesn't stop there. Dodson also said that cheering influences the

audience.

"I can tell a short-term difference in the mood of the crowd when I'm cheering," Dodson said. "When cheerleaders are in their faces yelling at them, the mood changes, but it can change back fairly quickly."

“When the team starts to lose, if the cheerleaders lose their spirit, I think it sends a very strong signal to the fans and the players,” Dodson added. “I feel as though my most important job as a cheerleader is to always keep on cheering my hardest no matter what the score.”

Junior basketball player Tristan Carrasquillo agreed.

“Absolutely, we need the cheerleaders to get that spark of excitement going in us,” Carrasquillo said. “When a bad call was made against me, or a foul, but they still were positive for me and called me by name—something small like that is really uplifting and makes you feel like you really are being appreciated on the court.”



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JBU cheer members Shallen Orband and Rachel Blaak perform with the JBU cheer squad during half-time at the Toilet Paper Game. The cheer team strives to encourage crowd participation as they pep up the crowd.

Rugby falls in 32nd tournament round



JBU Rugby team travelled to St. Louis this past weekend to participate in a tournament. The team lost to the University of Southern Indiana but still claims Mid-American champions.

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The rugby team travelled over 300 miles to St. Louis to attend the NSCRO Mid-Central Qualifier. In Round 32, the team lost to University of Southern Indiana 35 to 5. With just a few minor injuries, the rugby team played their hardest against the university.

"It was good and we all fought," Braden Hildebrand, a freshman who tore his ACL at the game, said. "We had a few injuries. We ended up losing but we played pretty well."

The rugby team advanced to that 32nd round of the national tournament by beating Wayne St. 38-21 and Pitt St. 12-10. With these two wins, the JBU Rugby team became Mid-American champions.

The NSCRO is the National Small College Rugby Organization that gives small college rugby clubs the opportunity

to compete for the Small College National Championships, stated the website.

“There are nine hundred colleges that play rugby for women and men,” Darrin Barner, coordinator of the Mid-American Rugby Football Union, said. “It is the fastest growing sport in the United States. Most teams practice twice a week. It’s a combination of football, soccer and basketball. It is a high intensity contact sport that is appealing to raw athletes. It will be in the Olympics in 2016 and the NFL is starting to draft professional rugby players from overseas due to physicality and competitiveness.”

John Brown competed against schools from Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. They will play regular season games until late October.

“Rugby is more of a brotherhood than a team,” Hildebrand said. “It was really good to hang out with my brothers on the team.”

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JBU wins 13th consecutive TP Game



JBU students anticipated the throwing of the toilet paper at the annual Toilet Paper Game. The Golden eagles beat Central Baptist 82-67, making it the 13th consecutive TP Game win. Photos by GRACE NAST/The Threefold Advocate

GET TO KNOW: NEW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL PLAYERS



NAME: Courtney Fine
POSITION: Point Guard
FROM: Rowlett, Texas
FAV. B-BALL TEAM: Dallas Mavericks
FUN FACT: I love watching movies, it’s like a hobby
FAV. QUOTE: “Things turn out best for those who make the best out of the way things turn out.”- John Wooden
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: I love what JBU is about, the atmosphere and the basketball program



NAME: Mariah Knox
POSITION: Post
FROM: Oklahoma
FAV. B-BALL TEAM/ PLAYER: OKC Thunder/ Kevin Durant
FUN FACT: I don’t watch T.V. unless the Thunder is playing
FAV. QUOTE: Hardwork beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: The team



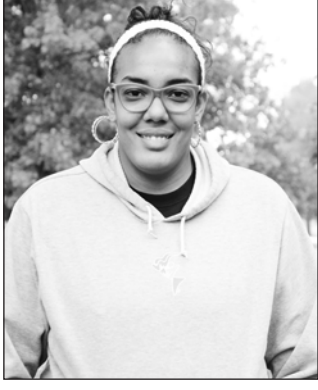
NAME: Melody Williams
POSITION: Guard
FROM: Ft. Worth, Texas
PRE-GAME RITUAL: I pray and chew gum (a lot of gum)
FAV. B-BALL PLAYER: Kevin Durant
FUN FACT: I love to bake all kinds of desserts
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: I wanted a Christian education and to play for a coach and a program that actually seeks to live it out



NAME: Lauren Pelegreen
POSITION: Guard
FROM: Rockwall, TX
FAV. B-BALL TEAM/ PLAYER: OKC Thunder/ Kevin Durant
FUN FACT: I studied ballet for 10+ years and performed in Austria with the Dallas Ballet Company
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: I loved the coaches and the girls on the team. The campus is beautiful and I really liked the atmosphere and the Christ-centered focus



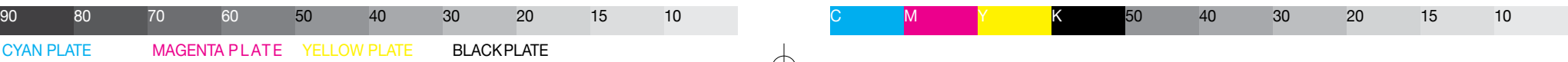
NAME: Kimmy Deines
POSITION: Guard
FROM: Springfield, MO
FAV. B-BALL TEAM/ PLAYER: OKC Thunder/ Kevin Durant
FUN FACT: I was born in France
PRE-GAME RITUAL: Listen to country Florida Georgia Line
FAV. QUOTE: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: Basketball scholarship



NAME: Sofia Mendoza
POSITION: Center
FROM: Colombia
FAV. B-BALL TEAM/ PLAYER: Chicago Sky/ Elena Delle Donne
FUN FACT: I like to make people laugh
FAV. QUOTE: Play like a champion
WHAT MADE HER DECISION TO GO TO JBU: The team, coaches and that it is a good school

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Upcoming Home Games	
<p>Today @6 p.m.: Women's Basketball vs. Crowley's Ridge @8 p.m.: Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern Adventist</p> <p>Saturday, Nov. 15 @7 p.m.: Men's Basketball vs. Philander Smith</p>	<p>Tuesday, Nov. 18 @7 p.m.: Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan</p> <p>Wednesday, Nov. 19 @7 p.m.: Men's Basketball vs. Benedictine</p>



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