**New center promotes unity in the church**

Jon Skinner  
Managing Editor

For hundreds of years, evangelicals, Catholics, and Orthodox Christians have been at odds over doctrine. Two professors want to make John Brown University a place where they can come together.

“Paradox Center for Theology and Scripture is a research center focused on fostering dialogue between different traditions within Christianity. The Center is a joint effort between John Brown University and Bryeler University,” said Charles Raith, assistant professor of religion and philosophy. “We’re intentionally trying to get students involved in this conversation so they are trained to be peacemakers in the world... and contribute to healing divisions in the church.”

“The Center is not a new organization, but a reconfigured one. It originally began as an exhibit...”

**Exhibit gives faculty chance to express their talents**

Chelsea Spencer  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 3, eight John Brown University faculty members presented their work in their artwork in a Visual Arts Department exhibit titled “Our Heads, Our Hearts, Our Hands.” This exhibit was designed by the faculty to celebrate the JBU Visual Arts Department and to demonstrate passion and skill professors have for practicing what they teach.

“It’s important for the students to learn that we are committed to these creative processes,” said Charles Pace, the gallery’s director and a professor of visual arts.

Peter said almost all of the pieces were completed over the summer, demonstrating that the members of the faculty in the Visual Arts Department not only teach but continue to work and create throughout the year.

Professors said they gathered inspiration from a variety of sources. Assistant Professor Steve Smith's film “Last A Day- A Lifetime” was inspired by the plethora of tragedy and beauty of children. Associate Professor Peter Pollard's photography of Neal Holland's photography of children. Assistant Professor Dave Andrus said that it was his time spent in Ireland this summer.

Professor of Visual Arts Dave Andrus said that he has a unique relationship with fellow faculty members, and often feels encouraged by their inspiration. “As Assistant Professor of Visual Arts Dave Andrus said that it was his colleagues who inspired him to explore landscape painting against “It’s a celebration,” said. “Students are encouraged because they get engaged in it. Although one exhibit is in different stages, I can draw inspiration from their work, and ... take it, and allow it to inspire their own work, which may then inspire my next piece. It’s a circle.”

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Peter Pohl, assistant professor of visual arts, and senior Jordan Kline walk through the Visual Arts Department’s faculty art exhibit. “Our Heads, Our Hearts, Our Hands” is a chance for the faculty to create new works in their area of expertise and display them for the school body.

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News Editor

The U.S. News and World Report named John Brown University the Best Value College in the South for the second year in a row.

The magazine ranked colleges primarily by a scale of quality to price, also taking into account need-based financial aid.

This ranking is one example of the recognition that JBU has received for bringing in the highest caliber of Christian higher education at the best possible value to students and their families,” said Chip Pollard, president and executive director.

“We are deeply grateful to be named a part of the conversation of the ages. It’s an opportunity to engage academic affairs and share of the faculty, thinks the mission of the center and the university are compatible.”

*The idea is to have a larger interfaith conversation...* said with JBU’s interdenominational background,” said Ericson. “Our faculty can be engaged in really high level discussions.”

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Professor breaks down international barriers

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Tim Gilmour, assistant professor of engineering at John Brown University, is currently teaching a class in North Korea, a country considered to be under the scrutiny of the world. Gilmour has spent a lot of time in Asia, and jumped at the chance to teach and to build relationships in this hard-to-reach area.

Though relations between North Korea's and the United States government have been tense, and North Korea has shown no interest in participating in unfriendly interests, the Polytechnic University of Science and Technology, or PUST, at Pyongyang is making an effort to encourage the economy and scientific, computer-related curriculums.

"It's difficult to desire to talk with them about Jesus and to have not much opportunity to do that, because of the situation," Gilmour said. "But as a member of the church, I pray for the long term faculty at PUST, that they would be strengthened and encouraged. About ninety-five per cent of the volunteers are Christians. I would encourage everyone to be part of [North Korea's development] in the future," he said.

"They not only need our skills and knowledge, but also life sciences, English, and business teachers," Gilmour said.

"Degrees or higher have the best chance to go back home," Gilmour said. "Hope to have more contacts with students, and maybe to have some demand for their skills.

"I feel very privileged to have been able to go.

"This is an invitation to think critically about, not be critical of the church," said Phil Skei, editor-in-chief.

"This year the theme for J. Alvin is 'Commited,' with a focus on the people-era behind keeping one's word to another person.

"We make promises because we can't fail, all in the name of our relationships. I've had enough of the promises that are not kept; I would like to do with J. Alvin a different way, a way to teach with integrity."

Gilmour urges students to take the opportunity to do that, because of the situation, Gilmour said. "They are forced into a closer environment and have to develop a lot of skills."

"We are getting involved in non-profit and volunteer work in their community, but they were doing it on our personal interest."

"They were not so formal and they were meeting with God because they were not using our professional skills, but that he is interested in being present."

"As a part of a thank you, to help them to keep on that."

"I was careful not to teach students about solar power for rural areas, on projects such as reversing the dry season, and expand their research."

Their researchers are working on projects such as the environment and have to develop that sense of community faster over the next three years," he said.

"I pray that this church residents get to know one another more easily.

"All in all, I think the construction has brought us closer as a community and accelerat- ed the process in which we become also J. Alvin men," he said.
Northslope apartments offer unique resident life

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Opinion Editor

Now part of the elite "suburb-dwellers" of John Brown University’s campus, Northslope Apartment residents have left the hustle and bustle of college life behind at the new Northslope Apartments. The apartments are equipped with washing machines, dryers, full fridges, stoves, ovens, and dishwashers.

"The toys and screen TVs were purchased with a grant from the Arkansas Education Foundation," said Cornett. "The facility provides an environment most comfortable for children," Cornett said.

The facility was made possible through John Carmack, chair of the division of counseling, who took the proposal to the board. The toys and fluorescence TVs were purchased with a grant from the Arkansas Education Foundation.

"The old building, aids the facilities make them feel like the new life," said Holderness. "That's been awesome. It's not just good for us, but it's good for the community at large. They can come up for a meal, or for fellowship, or anything. That’s really nice."

At the same time, students enjoy the privacy of a quieter environment.

"You really must be working in a living room with people you're really close to," Gilbert said. Hinkemans said the apartments lack the communal atmosphere of the dorms.

"They’re kind of like homes, so you want to be invited into someone’s apartment," said Holderness. "Most people don’t keep their doors open, and it’s not easy to get to know your neighbor because everyone has their own schedules." Unlike the university’s other residence halls, the apartments have yet to institute yearly traditions.

"There’s no ring-downs or at-screen TVs and cameras. Everyone has their own schedules," said Holderness. "It just doesn’t have any of that established yet."

Each complex has two Resident Advisors who often drop by the individual apartments on the weekends. Unlike the dorms, the apartments do not have scanners for students to swipe in order to enter the buildings. Residents must use the key to unlock the main doors, and visitors cannot enter the buildings unless residents go to the doors to let them in.

"It’s kind of amazing, actually," said Holderness. "It’s the only thing I don’t like about them."

The apartments have their own quirks. Many of the wash machines have malfunctioned, and some of the sinks make cold sounds when liquid flows down their drains.

"No one knows when the squeaks and bumps are just," said Gilbert. "There are still some kinks being worked out, but it’s just because the staff is so new, which is such a nice problem to have."

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John Brown University’s Nature Society, or JBUNS, will build a rain garden near the Biology Technology Center Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. A rain garden is an area that collects rainwater from its surface, like parking lots, and returns the water before it contaminates local creeks and ponds.

"We created it entirely ourselves," said Cornett. "Our goal was to incorporate a bird’s-eye view of the new Northslope Apartments. To do that, you are equipped with washing machines, dryers, full fridges, stoves, ovens, and dishwashers."

"The new C.A.R.E. clinic play therapy facility offers a wide variety of toys and props for children to express their emotions and life situations."

JBUNS is one of the smaller clubs at JBUNS, or Christian Ambassadors United for Service and Evangelism, family of ministries. Ten club members are the average attendees, according to Warren.

The club, also, regularly volunteers to help clean up the banks of Sager Creek. "We like to have a lot of projects where we can be stewards of the earth," Warren said.

Written by Caleb Warner
Wing the most from college

Allie Miller

After helping with orientation this year and visiting with the new students, I had a grand empathy for people I personally supervise and manage. My job title is Director of Early Childhood Education. So now you all know: every time I call someone a ‘buddy’ or a ‘friend’ I’m talking about a student, a staff member, or an alumnus. We spend a lot of time together. I’ve had the pleasure of getting to know people for their whole college careers. And I enjoy that. I can say that almost anything that makes our students happy makes me happy.

In college you always feel overwhelmed with sympathy and empathy. I’m brought right back to those days when I was a new student. I had a grand idea of what college would be like. After helping with orientation this year, I had a grand idea of what college would be like for new students. I had a grand idea of what college would be like for my little sister who just started college.

You can always let us know what you think on the web. Look over our Facebook page as “Threefold Advocate” and start interacting with us.

Once again thank you for reading us, and if you ever have questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us at advocate@jbu.edu, or CoatesN@jbu.edu. Happy reading!
Human sexuality is a topic that has generated much debate in JBU over the past few years. The Student Council recently passed a motion, the Supreme Court threw out a Civil Rights Act, and now same-sex couples can legally marry in all 50 states. The Supreme Court's decision has led to the legalization of same-sex marriage in all 50 states. This has generated much debate at JBU over the potential impact on the campus community.

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Seniors anticipate strong season

The season of fall symbolizes new beginnings in many ways. For Women's Soccer Coach Tom Thiemer this past school year represents the end of an era. Because of this, there is a lot of excitement for the Golden Eagle Women's soccer team since the start of her freshman year in 2010 and will graduate next semester. She has high hopes for her last season. “With this being my last year I have had in share of thrilling games,” said Theimer.

“I expect this team will go to the conference championship game but lost in penalty kicks to Oklahoma Baptist. Sikes believes the team has the chance to make it for this season’s and perhaps farther: “We are playing with a much more dynamic system as well as going deeper into the bench which should give us the opportunity to not only win conference this year, but make it to the national tournament,” said Sikes.

The team recently traveled to Northwest Iowa to play against Northwestern and Dordt. We are being sent out and helping out around the Habitat for Humanity,” which Theimer believes helped his team gain confidence. “The Golden Eagles will play a home game against Mid America Nazarene on Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. The student support makes a lot, whether it’s prayer or donations,” said Sikes.

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Five games into the season, the Golden Eagles’ men’s soccer team is 3-2 after their win against Georgia Gwinnet on Sept. 7. For senior Luke Thiemer, this marks his last year as a player and as a student at John Brown University. He has a great appreciation for the support from the community.”

“Seeing classmates in the stands helps to make our team represent our community, so we fight for it,” said Thiemer. “Believe me when we personally name of belonging in the JBU community.”

Thiemer has high hopes for his last season not only as a player, but also as an individual off the field. “I enjoy how to be relentless, stand strong, endure and always work hard,” said Thiemer. “I think individually is the team’s gain, and what my brothers gain as individuals, we all gain.”

Senior Brandon Sikes has high hopes for his last year as a Golden Eagle as well. “We have come a long way since my freshman year, not only as players, but we have also improved the team culture tremendously,” said Sikes. Last season, the team made it to the conference championship game but lost in penalty kicks to Oklahoma Baptist. Sikes believes the team has the chance to make it for this season’s and perhaps farther: “We are playing with a much more dynamic system as well as going deeper into the bench which should give us the opportunity to not only win conference this year, but make it to the national tournament,” said Sikes.

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A week out on the town

Written by Kelsey Gulliver

While you are here for four years—or three if you are an overachiever, or five if you just can’t settle on a major—it is an important aspect of your JBU experience to branch out. We often talk about community, but the Siloam Springs community expands extensively outside of our 200-acre campus. Take time to build relationships with locals, find a favorite restaurant and explore the random shops along U.S. Highway 412. And if you need some inspiration, here are the Threefold’s recommendations for a week out on the town.

Monday:
Siloam Springs 6 is always a solid option, but will be much less crowded on a Monday afternoon; so feel free to sing along to those One Direction songs as loud as you want to. And if you buy a ticket before 6 p.m., it will only set you back $6.25. Check out the theater’s website, http://centercinemas.com/Theaters.aspx?theater=1, for weekly selections and show times.

Tuesday:
Head down to Pour Jon’s and make sure to be there by 7 p.m so you can sign up for Open Mic Night... or sign up one of your friends. Sing, dance, read a poem or propose to your girlfriend. The possibilities are endless. Even if you don’t feel up to participating, grab a seat and watch the fun commence at 8 p.m.

Wednesday:
You have made it halfway through the week, so why not reward yourself with an overpraising cone of Barnett’s delicious ice cream? Walk, ride your bike or make the short drive over to Tulsa Street for this local tradition.

Thursday:
Staying up until the early hours of the morning studying for that first test can be exhausting. Feed your energy levels with a trip to the Tacos Truck right across the border in Oklahoma. You might get some free horchata and will definitely eat some deliciously authentic Mexican cuisine. Open from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Friday:
Miss those Friday-night lights? Head down to the Siloam Springs High School stadium and cheer on the Panthers. Reclaim some of your former carefree, overly excitable self, maybe along the way embarrassing the too-cool college friends you dragged along. This promises to be an epic and adrenaline-pumping evening.

Saturday:
For those night owls, check out the Cosmic Bowl at Ar- koma Lanes. Music, lights and prizes promised. So grab those knee-high socks and practice your game face.

Sunday:
Take this day to relace a little at Natu- ral Falls State Park. The peace and quiet found on a tranquil walk will sustain you for the craziness of the week to come. This spot in Colcord, Okla. can be your little piece of Sunday heaven.

Designed by: Alyssa Schoenwald

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