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## Gift spurs new cafeteria, housing

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The University announced April 2, an anonymous \$4 million lead gift jump-started an \$8 million campaign to build a new banquet hall and apartments on campus.

According to Vice President of University Advancement Jim Krall, the new projects will be paid by gifts instead of tuition dollars. The money raised from the campaign will cover the cost of construction and endowment for operational expenses.

Last weekend, the University

announced at its semi-annual board of trustees meeting the new banquet hall and apartments will open for students and the community tentatively in summer 2013.

“The next step in the process is to finalize construction documents, choose a contractor and if all goes well, start construction early August,” vice president of student development Steve Beers said.

The 17,000-square foot banquet hall, otherwise known as the Great Hall, will seat approximately 500 people. The Great Hall features the ability to divide into three separate rooms and

include modern audio and visual presentation technologies.

Built adjacent to the Kresge Dining Hall, the Great Hall will be accessible for daily overflow in the cafeteria.

Instead of students overcrowding the Walker Student Center for dinner as events are held in the cafeteria, the use of the Great Hall will prevent such displacement during meal times.

The University learned in a survey the Kresge Dining Hall hosted thirty large events in which 250 to 300 people attended, and the Administrative Dining Hall held over 220 events.

“If you look at the current din-

ing facility, it’s been the same for the last thirty years,” President Chip Pollard said. “The new banquet hall will provide more room for students and events.”

According to Pollard, the construction of the Great Hall could pose issues with parking as the fencing for the zone will extend into the lot by Bell Science Hall.

“This project will be the most disruptive because it’s in the middle of campus, but we plan on dealing with the parking issue by creating more spaces,” he said.

In addition to the new banquet hall, the University plans to build new townhouse apartment

facilities, otherwise known as the North Slope Apartments.

The new 10,000 square foot townhouse apartment facilities will house nearly 40 students in an effort to enhance the residential experience on campus.

The University plans to build the apartments on the “north slope,” an area near the existing townhouses. The new apartments include two bedrooms, two bathrooms, an open living room/kitchen area and individual laundry facilities.

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## Leaving home

JBU’s homeschooled community speaks education pros, cons

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Homeschoolers are a hidden community, but not a uniform one. Each has their own unique experiences, challenges and advantages garnered from home education.

“It doesn’t make you any different than anyone else,” said freshman Ely Wynn. “Sometimes they might think you’re super-intelligent, and I’m far from that. I’m just a normal person.” Wynn said that on coming to college, studying came easier for him, but that unlike one stereotype of homeschoolers, connecting with people on campus wasn’t a problem.

Freshman Ashley Grant was homeschooled from fourth grade on through high school. Her

family had moved to a new town two years earlier when Grant’s parents decided to switch her and her brother into homeschool.

“My brother was struggling in school, and my dad said I was bored,” Grant said when she came to JBU she did have some culture shock, especially in large group settings, but that it was lessened by her having taken classes outside of the home before that.

“I’m not a fan of large crowd, though I don’t think that’s necessarily related to homeschooling.”

Grant described how homeschoolers might be at a disadvantage to others because they were sheltered growing up. “I like to think the best of everyone, so it’s hard ... for me to grasp that people really want to hurt other people,” Grant said that though homeschoolers might have a small advantage over others in

time management because homeschoolers often have to learn on their own, homeschoolers were not somehow better than other students. Instead, they “just learn things in a different setting.”

Sophomore Lynnette McClarty was homeschooled for her entire academic career. “I don’t think that being homeschooled has hindered me with fitting into the JBU community at all,” she said.

McClarty struggled initially with going to lectures, because the professor would just repeat what was written in the textbook. She did find it easier to have the self-discipline to manage her time and get things turned in on time, because throughout most of her academic career she already had to teach herself.

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## Windgate building unveiled to public



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**Students, faculty and community members** gather to hear President Chip Pollard dedicate the new visual arts building, Windgate Visual Arts East.

### Staff Reports

John Brown University officially dedicated its completely remodeled art facility, now the second building designated for the growing visual arts program, at a reception last Friday.

“I’m excited to see how our students will utilize the state-of-the-art printmaking, drawing and painting studios and the sound and video suites,” said David Andrus, professor of visual arts and department chair.

The new facility represents the growth in JBU’s visual arts program, which allows students to major in art and illustration, digital media arts, graphic and web design, or photography. With 240 students and eight faculty members, the visual arts program is the largest undergraduate department on campus.

The \$2.65 million project transformed the old Engineering Building — part of the historic Cathedral Group — into a top-tier art facility.

The university also announced Friday that both the newly-renovated and the existing art facility would be named in honor of the Windgate Foundation, which gave lead gifts for the renova-

tions of both buildings. “We are profoundly grateful for the support of the Windgate Foundation,” Andrus said.

The current art building will be named the Windgate Visual Arts West building and the newly remodeled facility will be named Windgate Visual Arts East. Friday’s dedication completes the full renovation of iconic Cathedral group.

Originally built in 1956, Windgate Visual Arts East first housed the university library. Most recently, the building housed JBU’s engineering and construction management programs. The exterior of the building, along with the other two buildings of the Cathedral Group, were renovated in 2008.

“Through their generous support of JBU, the Windgate Foundation has been a critical partner in the transforming mission of JBU of preparing students to honor God and serve others,” said Chip Pollard, JBU president. “We are thankful for this blessing.”

An open house for Windgate Visual Arts East was held on Tuesday. It featured a senior art installation by Katelyn Banks.

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# From jail to Moody: Yuan shares his journey

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Christopher Yuan always knew he was different. He was more sensitive than other students and gifted in music. Because of this he was mocked and called “effeminate.”

The author and Moody Bible Institute professor could recall when his first gay feelings emerged. He was nine, looking at pornographic magazines at a friend’s house.

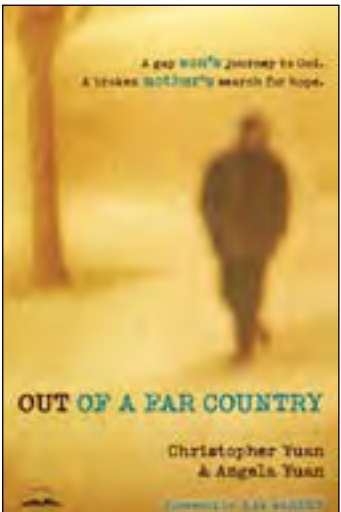
“I was confused and afraid of those feelings,” said Yuan during his chapel speech last week. “Without guidance on sexuality, those magazines gave me a distorted view of sex.”

At 16 he had his first gay encounter and told no one. He kept his sexuality from his friends and family through high school, college and even while in the Marine Corps. reserve. But when Yuan began attending dental school in Kentucky, he came out of the closet and began living openly as a gay man.

This devastated his Chinese parents. Their culture saw homosexuality as deeply shameful and their son as rebellious. His mother, Angela Yuan, told him that news of his death would have been better than him being gay. On top of that her marriage was falling apart.

With a family torn apart, Angela bought a one way ticket to Ken-

tucky and got a tract on homosexuality from a priest and set out to see her son one last time. She was going to commit suicide. While she sat on the train she read the tract and learned of God’s love, forgiveness and sacrifice. She gave her life to Christ.



“She boarded that train expecting to end her life and in reality, she did,” said Yuan, explaining that his mother had been crucified with Christ and that he now lived in her. Several months later, Yuan’s father also came to Christ. His parents then made it their mission to love their son and lead him to the Lord.

Angela began a non-stop campaign of sending Yuan Christian greeting cards with messages of love and forgiveness scribbled from top to bottom. She prayed ferociously day and night in her

prayer closet and at prayer meetings for her son to come to Christ no matter what.

Yuan didn’t even want to look at them. He threw them in the trash.

His life soon began to unravel. His dental school expelled him. He had been spending all his spare time searching for love in gay clubs, doing drugs and selling drugs to friends, classmates and even one of his teachers. It was his search for intimacy and happiness that drove him.

Atlanta, became his new home where he spiraled even more out of control. He began supplying drugs for dealers in more than 12 states. Yuan dove deeper into the gay scene and having more than one anonymous sexual partner a day was commonplace.

“In my world I was god,” said Yuan.

The sex, drugs and money lifestyle came crashing down with the police slamming on his door. Police and German Shepherds poured through. They found more than nine tons of marijuana. Facing up to life in prison, Yuan called every friend he could think of, with no reply. He swallowed his pride and called his parents for the first time in years. They met him with love, acceptance and forgiveness. They were overjoyed that their son was finally in a safe place, even if it was prison.

As Yuan paced around the prison he passed a bin overflowing

with garbage. In it he saw his life – something filled with and overflowing with garbage. He fished a book out of the trash. It was a Gideon New Testament. With a six-year sentence to kill, he began to pore over the Scriptures and they slowly began to work in his heart.

“What we have in our Bibles is not just ink on paper, what we have is the very breath of God, it is living and powerful,” said Yuan.

His world came crashing down again as he was shackled and shuffled into the nurses office. She could barely look him in the eyes or speak. Instead, she slid a piece of paper across the table. It read, “HIV positive.”

“The days that followed were dark,” said Yuan. In his cell he spied instructions to read Jeremiah 29:11 scrawled on the wall. He flipped to it and read that God had good plans for his life. Plans to prosper him, not to harm him. It encouraged him to have hope.

Yuan then began to deal with what he thought was the core of who he was: homosexuality. As he read through the Scripture, it seemed to condemn same-sex behavior. Faced with God’s truth, Yuan had a decision to make: let his sexuality define him, or let his identity in Christ, who lives through him, be the defining part of him.

“God does not say, ‘be homosexual for I am homosexual,’ or, ‘be heterosexual for I am heterosexual,’ he says, ‘be holy for I am

holy,’” said Yuan.

Yuan chose to live a holy life – not trying to become heterosexual, but abstaining from homosexual behavior. The same-sex feelings have faded greatly, said Yuan, but he has not turned straight nor does he believe it necessary to live a godly life. He seeks to redefine the definition of “change.”

“Change is not the absence of struggles,” said Yuan. “But change is the freedom to choose holiness in the midst of our struggles.”

He still struggles with some homosexual thoughts and feelings but chooses not to indulge in them or let them define his life.

While still in prison Yuan applied to Moody Bible Institute with references from the prison chaplain, a guard and an inmate. Yuan was accepted and his sentence was reduced. He was released from prison in 2001, and attended Moody. His parents were shocked but overjoyed that their prayers had been answered. Yuan now teaches at Moody and travels internationally with his mother, telling their story of love and forgiveness.

To learn more about Yuan and his family’s journey, visit [christopheryuan.com](http://christopheryuan.com) where his and Angela’s book “Out of a Far Country: a Gay Son’s Journey to God, a Broken Mother’s Search for Hope” is available.

**See Lifestyles for a talkback story with Christopher Yuan.**

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“I think it’s just something that I take for granted, though,” McClarty said about homeschooling. “I don’t purposefully broadcast it, but I don’t hide it, either.”

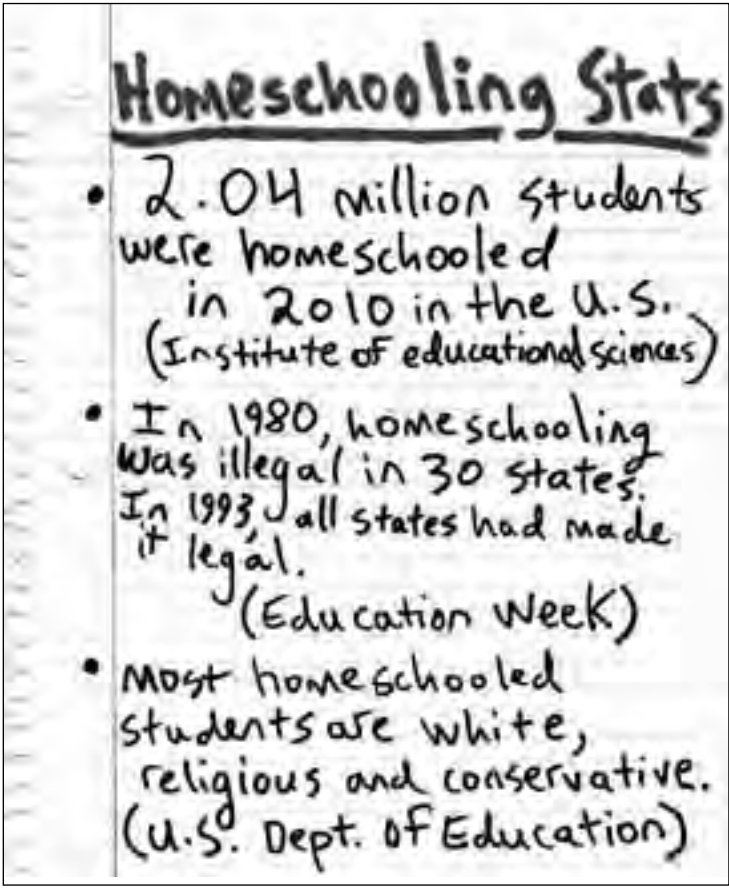
“I don’t really categorize people in my head as homeschoolers and non-homeschoolers,” McClarty continued. “It’s just, oh, we’re all here at JBU and having a good time.”

Junior Matthias Roberts appreciated the way that his homeschool career prepared him for college. “I think there’s fear in the unknown,” he said, and although he was partly afraid of coming to college and finding out everyone was smarter or that he couldn’t fit in, he found neither to be the case. He said one con for homeschooling is that “you definitely get taught a very one-sided view ... of the world.” Roberts explained some diffi-

culty he had in college, as the views expressed in classes didn’t fit with the views with which he’d been raised. However, Roberts also said that because of his upbringing he had the skills to work through questions that came up. “I feel like I’ve come to a ... broader worldview and one that I think is probably more accurate than what I was raised with.”

Freshman Isaac Elmore also had a very positive view of how his homeschool experience influenced him. He said that homeschoolers actually tended to be more outgoing than other students, explaining: “in a lot of ways you’re stronger at doing that than if you’re just placed in a setting with all these people that you automatically are kind of friends with.”

“As long as you have a balance between knowing the world but not being in it, homeschooling is definitely the way to go,” Elmore said.



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## Newly artistic



LINDSEY GERKE/The Threefold Advocate

**Students stand in the midst of senior Katlyn Banks’** inaugural exhibit in the Windgate Visual Arts East building, “Stream of Consciousness.” The display and the building opened to the public on April 3. The new art facility, a \$2.65 million renovation project, was dedicated on March 30.



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Upperclassmen, married students, non-traditional students or even staff has the ability to live in the new apartments once they are

completed.

“The residential experience is the core to many of our educational programs,” Beers said in a press release. “These new apartments will provide us with comfortable, flexible spaces to meet the housing needs of our diverse residential students.”

Beers expects both facilities to

be open by July 2013, providing appropriate approvals by the City of Siloam Springs.

“The blessings of God have been a little overwhelming as a new campaign starts, but we are thankful for our donors recognizing a need on our campus,” Pollard said.

## In the Bubble

**Award excellence**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to nominate professors for the Faculty Excellence Award.

Send letters to [cbalzer@jbu.edu](mailto:cbalzer@jbu.edu). For more information, see the EagleNet classified.

**Pie voting**

Students are invited to donate \$1 to vote for which professor should get a pie in the face. Voting continues in Walker Student Center until April 12. Funds benefit the FHS Irish studies team.

## Out of the Bubble

**Dallas tornadoes**

[washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) April 3

At least two tornadoes blew through the Dallas area on Tuesday afternoon.

The twisters destroyed mobile homes and caused hundreds of flight cancellations.

In one of the southern Dallas suburbs, the tornado ripped the roofs off of houses and destroyed 18-wheeler trailers.

The tornadoes were part of a violent system through the area.

## University shooting

[usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com) April 3

An expelled nursing student opened fire on former fellow students Tuesday afternoon.

Seven were killed and three injured at Oikos Universit in Oakland, Calif. The shooter, One L. Goh, 43, had been kicked out of school in January because of behavior problems.

Goh, South Korean by birth, was upset about his expolsion and being teased for his poor English.

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A black and white photograph of a woman with long, light-colored hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a dark, possibly velvet, wrap-style blazer over a dark top. She is standing on a staircase, with her right hand resting on the wooden handrail. In the background, there are wooden stairs and a wall with some electrical outlets or switches.

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# EDITORIAL

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## A house divided

COMPARING PUBLIC EDUCATION VERSUS HOMESCHOOLING

Though homeschooling caters to the needs of the child, the truth is that homeschool educators have to buy their own teaching material and supplies.

The cost of a public education is usually low for students, all possible from funding from the government and local taxes that helps with providing textbooks and having no tuition fees. Homeschool parents that own a home are also required to pay school property taxes regardless of whether their children attend public school.

For instance, take a family in which both parents work but one has to stay behind to teach the children. Though that parent tries to work from home, homeschooling will end up consuming the majority of their day. At some point there could be a loss of income.

A consideration in leaning toward public education is that it can provide the student with several extracurricular opportunities that could not have been otherwise offered through homeschooling. Children will most likely interact with their peers more frequently, giving them an opportunity to branch outside the four walls of their home and play with new faces.

Homeschooling, however, takes into account where an individual child is academically and gives the best opportunities for the child to understand challenging concepts and excel. The child will spend most of their schooling under a person that loves them the most and hopes more than anyone else in the world that they will thrive and excel in life, beginning with schoolwork.

This sort of tailored education is an incredible luxury that homeschooled children received, for it gives extra time need to understand difficult concepts and extra courses that they are naturally talented in, further preparing them for college or beyond. The flexibility of classes also allows a greater amount of extra-curricular activities that are still educational.

So which is better? Homeschool or public education?

What needs to be remembered is that not one size fits all school models.

Homeschooling should not be taken to the extreme, depriving a child from thriving in society. At the same time parents should not push their children on toward public education and expect the State to raise them.

No matter where a child is educated, if the parent is unfit to teach or parent, the child will most likely to be fail. Parents are called to be selfless and before a decision is made parents need to look both options and make sure that at the end of the day the best decision is made with the child in mind.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Missing Salsa Dance explained

In light of the past two articles concerning an expected Salsa dance here at JBU, SAC has been asked to respond.

Over the past couple years, a Salsa dance was held in February. This event was co-sponsored by JBU Club CIF (Council for International Friendship) and Elevate, a division of SAC. The following are reasons why this dance was not planned this year.

First, both of these organizations have completely new student leaders/directors, with CIF's leaders being new this spring semester. A change in student leadership can shift how an organization operates, plus this caused a major delay of collaboration between the groups. There was an idea to host a dance in February but before the theme could be decided and collaboration to happen, a major calendar conflict caused the dance to be canceled. During this time SGA was trying to determine a theme for Junior/Senior Banquet. Since neither CIF nor Elevate were able to move forward with a Salsa dance, SGA picked up the theme. We believed this to be a win-win situation and supported SGA in pursuing a Salsa dance (not that they needed our permission).

Dances at JBU can be sponsored by any official JBU club or organization. Although SAC has sponsored many dances and will continue to do so (especially the annual Christmas dance), it is important for the JBU community to know they, too, can sponsor a dance. All dances must fit the criteria described in the student handbook, and the sponsoring organization must submit a dance proposal several weeks prior (the more the better) to the Dance Committee, which is made up of students, faculty and staff. Please see the JBU student handbook for more information on how you can sponsor a dance!

Also we, SAC, invite you, our peers, to contact us with any concerns, comments or suggestions regarding events planned by BLUE, Elevate and Vibe, all divisions of Student Activities. You can find us on Facebook or email us at one of the emails below.

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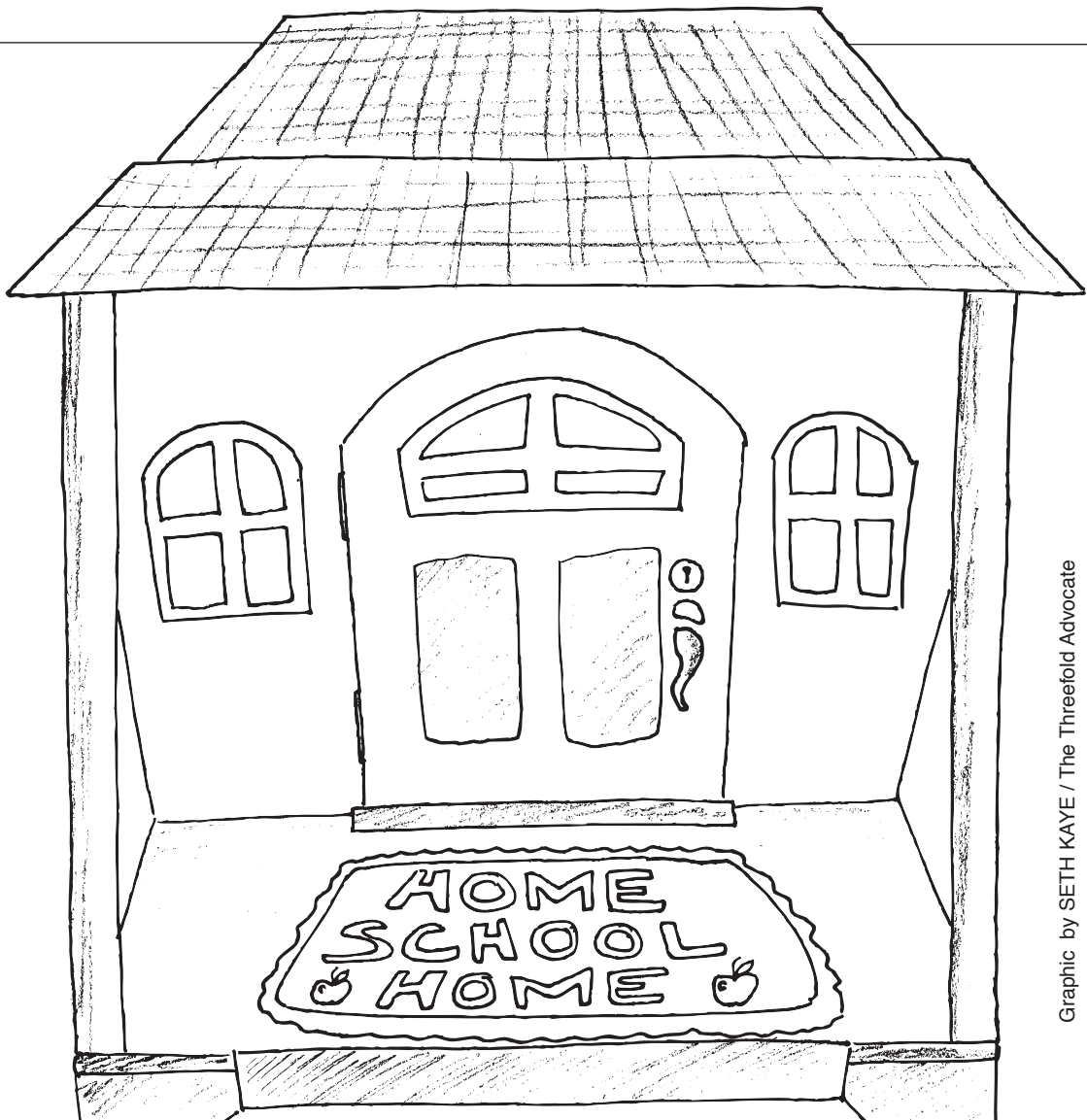
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# Musings of a former homeschooler



Anna Wierman

ti-society. I guess even anti-social freaks shop at WalMart. After that first reaction, they start asking questions. Typically say one of three things: “You don’t seem like a homeschooler,” “did you wear pajamas to class?” or “will you homeschool your own kids?” The last one seems to be the best way for people to gauge my unique upbringing.

The answer is most assuredly, yes.

*“When people who went to ‘real school’ find out I was homeschooled, they have visions of denim dresses, large families, and firearms running through their minds.”*

Why? It is because homeschooling made me a fighter. It made me unique. It protected me from growing up too quickly. It gave me an opportunity to bond with my parents and siblings. It taught me to rethink “typical.” It gave me chances to have a life outside of school. It made me rebellious. I’m sure I live up to several of the stereotypes, but it was worth it. God used the way my parents educated me to mold me into who I am today. I would never say that homeschooling is the only or best way, but it certainly is an option that many overlook because they

only see the stereotype.

The reason I write this is not to suggest that the JBU community is oppressing homeschoolers. I also do not want people to think that I am writing an advertisement for how great JBU has been to homeschoolers.

I think that this campus, like most of the world, needs to remember that God has made variety among His people. We are not to be all the same. In the same way that we need to check ourselves so that we do not become a racist generation, we are also to be careful not to judge those who do things differently from the way we would.

God calls his children to do things that many would not understand. God has a unique role for all of his people. It looks different in every person, yet we as believers still struggle with the desire to make everyone the same.

My prayer is that JBU would be an example for the world of what true community looks like. It looks like variety. It looks like diversity. It looks like a bunch of homeschool freaks mixed in with the rest of the freaks. Different is not wrong. Different is just different.

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# Being an outsider



Esther Carey

This week, a group of prospective students came to one of my classes. The professor asked where they were from, and one said he was from Springdale. “Oh, what school do you go to?” the professor asked. There was that moment of hesitancy, that slight insecurity – “Well, I’m homeschooled.”

Four years ago, that was me: a senior in high school who had never attended either public or private school. A person who was worried about what people in the “outside” or “real” world would think of me. My friends can tell you I have branched out since then, and I agree. I also believe most of those changes have been for the better.

I am thankful I was homeschooled. I am grateful to my parents, especially my mom, for choosing to invest in my life that way. That will never change. But that does not mean—of course—that every part of my upbringing was perfect.

I have learned a lot about myself in college. This could be attributed to the greater self-awareness that comes with the later teens and early twenties. In my life, however, another big piece of my personal growth has been the process of experiencing a wider variety of circumstances and observing how I react in various settings.

This is something I did not get a lot of earlier in my life. For various reasons, my brother and I grew up quite isolated, especially in elementary school. While I can understand my parents’ choice, I will probably also do some things differently when it comes to raising my own children someday. As a high school and early col-

lege student, I was inclined to fear not being accepted. But looking back from this vantage point, I can see that people did not care as much as I thought they would about how I was schooled before high school graduation.

That is an area where my type of homeschool family could improve. The attitude with which we approached life—slightly exaggerated here for emphasis—was that the “outside world” was a dangerous place, full of evil creatures just waiting to suck our faith out of us. Before we could be trusted to go into such a place, we children have to have on figurative suits of armor to keep us safe from any influence by the wicked culture.

The problem is that wearing so much protective gear can make it difficult to move. In some ways, I had too much fear of anything unfamiliar; I had my guard too high. I do still believe that as a Christian I should be careful with how much of the world I assimilate into my own life. It is true that the world can distract us from where our focus should be.

I can understand the need to be more careful with what younger children are exposed to. I wish, however, that my parents had helped me more with the transition to making my own choices. I have had to figure out on my own a balance between my parents’ over-fearfulness on the one side and blindly accepting everything I hear from the culture on the other.

Yes, there is evil in the world. No, not every person who I meet is trying to destroy my faith. But sometimes, in order to tell the difference between friend and foe I need to lift the visor on my helmet. Living surrounded by too much defensiveness can hinder my relationships with others. That, I would say, has been my biggest transitional lesson as I have ventured away from my homeschool bubble.

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# Weighing pros and cons of homeschooling



A.J. Miller

The strangest text I’ve ever received read, “If you ever had kids, would you homeschool them?” It seemed such an odd question and I wondered why anybody would care enough to send a text about it. But it did make me think. What is the value of homeschooling, and is it worth the consideration of students who a

few years down the road may be settling down and having babies? I’ve written an article focusing on how homeschooling has affected students at JBU, especially during college. In this column I’ll review my own experience and how that can show some things to consider, both good and ugly. I didn’t hate homeschooling. I just wanted to be public schooled. I’m the last in a family of six. By my parents’ own admission, they didn’t always know how to handle me like the other five. I was one of those weird homeschoolers who didn’t adjust well to being on my own schedule. Ever. I had a specific amount of work to get done in a day, and it was up to me how much time I spent on it. I remember envying

my hardcore sister who would finish all of her work by 12 p.m. Then there was me, still going at it after dinner. More than anything else I disliked the lack of people. We lived out in the boonies near Summers, Ark. Our neighbors came to visit us sometimes, and I had basketball and youth group, but that hardly counted as a wildly diverse social experience. As an extrovert, I recharge by spending time with lots of people. That worked when I got to hang out with my siblings. But when they went off to college, I went a little crazy. Despite all this, I wouldn’t throw out homeschooling as an option. Most homeschoolers, myself included, find that learning at home prepares them much better

academically. In college I often felt bored by general education classes, because they covered exactly what I’d covered in high school, and maybe even a step beyond that. Minus some drama, I still consider my family to be a strong unit. I know that bears testament to all those extra hours we spent together in school. So, what’s my take on homeschooling? It can be amazing, if it’s done right. My family fought an uphill battle with me, but largely because of my personality. I thrive in high-pressure situations and groups of people. In my case, I think I would have done well with an accountability system, creating a medium-pressure environment. Add to that regular contact with many different people, and I think that

would have helped me thrive after high school. Though my experience was less than ideal, I’d still recommend homeschooling – with a caveat. It takes more time, more effort, to do it in a way that is actually helpful. Especially if you end up rearing children with challenging personalities, look to their specific needs in considering this option. I needed more people and pressure. What another child needs might be totally different. I advise those considering it to just to stay alert and be willing to make adjustments.

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# Rolling into a healthy lifestyle

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Promoting a healthy lifestyle is at the root of the newest businesses in town, one that is also bringing a new type of entertainment for residents of Siloam Springs.

Dogwood Junction, better recognized as the business downtown with a bicycle hanging above the door, is a firsthand recreational rental shop that allows customers to rent everything from six-passenger bicycles to 19-foot-high quality kites.

Siloam Springs native, Ben Jones, said the concept for his business sprouted from the vacations him and his wife would take to large cities while celebrating their anniversaries. Though the locations were all different he could not help but noticing that most of them carried a similar idea: renting recreational gear that consisted of multi-passenger bikes and high quality kites.

“We both enjoyed [the idea], and that is when I first became intrigued,” he said.

However, Jones said the idea truly sold him over last year when he attended the local Bridges to Wellness, an event when the city unites to focus on health and wellness.

“I was inspired and thought this would be a great way to [promote healthy living] while bringing a little fun into the city as well,” he said.

Jones, who worked at New Life Ranch at the time, said he began to take action to build his business once his job came to an end. Without wasting any time Jones enrolled at Financial Peace University where he took online financial courses lead by personal money management guru, Dave Ramsey. To this say Jones is proud to say that the classes have helped him to



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**Known as the business with** the bicycle hanging above their door, Dogwood Junction opened their new recreational rental shop last Saturday. Owner Ben Jones said the business serves as a way of promoting a healthy lifestyle while bringing entertainment to the community of Siloam Springs. The business rents everything from six passenger bikes to 19-foot kites.vd

stay debt free.

Dogwood Junction is composed of different types of bicycle models, including the eye-catching surrey bike, a four wheel bike that seats anywhere from four to six people. Jones continues his philosophy of promoting healthy living by giving a free bottle of water with surrey rentals.

Other bikes include night cruisers, bicycles adorned with LED lights that glow in the dark and tandem bikes, more commonly known as a bike for two. Though

prices for renting rage from \$7.50 to \$20.50 an hour, he said the only requirement to rent is having a valid driver’s license.

The shop does not only serve as a rental place but also doubles as a bike repair shop for repairs costing only \$30 for the month of April.

His excitement has not only attracted curious local but also the eyes of TLC’s 19 and Counting family, the Duggars. Without giving away too much Jones said the Duggars and the camera crew have agreed to visit the shop sometime

in the next couple of weeks.

“The only thing we are working on right now is trying to set up a date for them to come on down,” he said.

There are several project Jones said he is looking forward to this summer including working with the city to get a permit that will allow customers to rent kayaks and use them on Sager Creek.

Jones’ plans do not end there as he talks about the possibility of converting the shop’s basement into a facility for laser tag. He is

currently in the process of talking to the landlord to see what actions need to be taken to proceed with the idea.

“It is a cool thing when you give back to the community while bringing some nightlife to the area,” he said.

Dogwood Junction is located on 100 E. University St. beside the Chamber of Commerce. For more information on pricing visit [dogwoodjunction.biz](http://dogwoodjunction.biz) or call 479-524- 6605.

# Talkback with Christopher Yuan



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**Christopher Yuan, author of “Out of a Far Country”** delivers his story of redemption and transformation after struggling with the issue of homosexuality. For more on Yuan’s journey to salvation, turn to page 2.

**Q:** How can the church serve those with same-sex feelings?

**A:** “There could be more room for those who are struggling with their sexuality, but who are living faithfully and maybe hold to a more traditional view of sexuality and maybe see that God is calling them to a life of celibacy.”

**Q:** What is your advice for JBU students wrestling with same-sex attraction?

**A:** “Find someone you trust and share this with. Don’t keep it to yourself. For those struggling with their sexuality, don’t see this as the main issue in your life. I want us to shift our focus back upon Christ and our faith. That should be our driving focus.”

**Q:** How can a Christian campus address homosexuality?

**A:** “It’s having room for people who are wrestling with their sexuality to be open and talk about it. Christian campuses also need to be vocal about speaking against degrading talk about homosexuality.”

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# GAME ON.

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While the box office odds are ever in its favor, time was not as constraints took a bite out of “The Hunger Games.”

The dystopian tale brought in \$251 million in just 10 days, becoming the victor of box office sales and an ever-increasing fan base.

Though the film got a lot of things right, it lacked a few key scenes that were lost in translation leaving true fans wanting more.

For those of you who have yet to jump on the bandwagon and read the books, **there are spoilers ahead!**

From Haymitch’s drunken fall at the Reaping to District 11’s respect for Katniss to Peeta’s gnarly leg amputation, the film that was just over two hours long still left much to be desired.

Here are the top five scenes from the book that didn’t make it to the big screen:

**1. Haymitch falling offstage at The Reaping**

As depicted in the book, after Effie Trinket begins her infamous, “Happy Hunger Games” speech, we are introduced to Haymitch and his drunken stupor as he falls offstage dramatically at the Reaping. While this adds a little comic relief, it shows a glimpse of the troubled state of District Twelve’s mentor and the effect the Games had on him years later as a grown man.

**2. Katniss becoming deaf**

After Katniss blew up the Career tribute supplies, the explosion sends her flying in the air and there’s a brief moment where the audience can hear a slight ringing noise. Katniss’ condition is never brought up in the film whereas in the book, blood streams from her ear and leaves her permanently deaf in her left ear. The ability to hear is important for Katniss as it is one of her strengths as she hunts for game,

including tributes in the arena. After winning the Games, Katniss regains her hearing after the Capitol provides her with a replacement aid.

**3. District 11 supporting Katniss**

Instead of including the scene in the book in which District 11 sends a sponsor gift to Katniss containing a loaf of bread, the film opted for District 11 uprising against the government after Rue’s death and starting a riot. In the book, Katniss immediately recognizes the bread from District 11 and says thank you out loud for everyone to hear, especially the Capitol. While the film depicts the power Katniss already possesses over the Capitol, the book sets up the scene to portray the other districts’ willingness to trust her.

**4. Peeta’s leg amputation**

One of the most powerful parts of the book happens when Katniss and Peeta are airlifted out of the arena and onto the hovercraft as the boy with the bread is taken away from her. Unaware of Peeta’s dramatic leg amputation, Katniss pounds on the glass door screaming his name. While the reader is left wondering what Katniss’ true feelings are for Peeta, this scene shows that regardless of whether it was all an act, she cares for him deeply.

**5. Katniss and Peeta beyond the Games**

As soon as the Capitol train stops, Katniss and Peeta go for a walk and discuss their relationship. He presents her a bouquet of wildflowers as she works hard to look pleased. Peeta finally realizes their so-called relationship was all a routine planned strategically for the Games. The film glosses this scene over whereas in the book we are left with Katniss saying, “The closer we get to District Twelve, the more confused I get.” As the boy with the bread slips away, we get a glimpse from this scene in the book what Catching Fire will be like.

Graphic by Jon Skinner

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For an opportunity to reflect on your emotional intelligence as well as other important areas of your relational and spiritual health, take the SRA (Student Relationships Assessment). You can find the assessment by clicking on the SRA link on Eaglenet or the link you received in your email. It is confidential and anonymous.

After taking the SRA, you will also be automatically entered into a sweepstakes where you might **WIN** a **Kindle Fire** or a **\$50 gift card** from Barnes & Noble, iTunes or Wal-Mart.









# Cup fans overfloweth with joy

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The Stanley Cup is the oldest, most fabled trophy in sports. But the average student on John Brown University most likely has no idea that National Hockey League's 2012 Stanley Cup Playoffs start in less than a week.

Senior and St. Louis Blues fan Chris Byington said while he finds the lack of hockey fans on campus disappointing, it is not surprising because of the lack of good professional teams in the area.

Byington was born in St. Louis though he moved to Camden-ton, Mo, where hockey was not popular

"Unless you are born in that city, you won't know about it," he said.

Fellow senior Ben Onnen, a Pittsburgh Penguins fan, said while he agrees peope are not likely to follow hockey unless they have a local connection to a professional team, he feels that many students do have that connection through the Blue and the Dallas Stars, both of which have clinched playoff bids.

Onnen has been a hockey fan his entire life and has a cousin who played 3A hockey.

They both remember playing pick up hockey games with upperclassmen during their freshmen year, but most of those students have graduated or left JBU.

"The attitude of hockey fits the South, but it will take awhile to catch on," said Onnen.

While hockey may not be growing in popularity at John Brown, hockey viewership in the United States is steadily rising.

In 2010, game six of the Stanley Cup Finals was the most watched game in the NHL in 36 years with 8.3 million viewers. The next year game seven topped it with 8.5 million viewers in the US and 18.3 million including Canada.

Hockey in North America reached its highest audience at the 2010 Winter Olympics when Canada barely beat the Americans for the gold medal in overtime. 27.6 million Americans and 26.5 million Canadians watched at least part of the

game.

The only other hockey game to have more American viewers was the famous Lake Placid game against the USSR in 1980.

The 2010 Olympic gold medal game had more viewers then most major sporting events in the previous year, including the Masters, the Daytona 500 and the NCAA's men's basketball national championship among others.

While fans will have to wait two more years for a possible rematch of Canada and America's Olympic teams, many of the world's top players will be facing off for the Stanley Cup.

"I'm really excited. Playoffs are always up in the air," said Onnen, "This year more any other year."

Byington agreed, saying that the teams are all rather even, with most of the top teams with-in a few points of each other.

"I would rather have that then a blowout," said Byington.

In any sport, the post season is where anything can happen and the competition gets more intense. Onnen said NHL play-offs bring bigger hits and bigger plays.

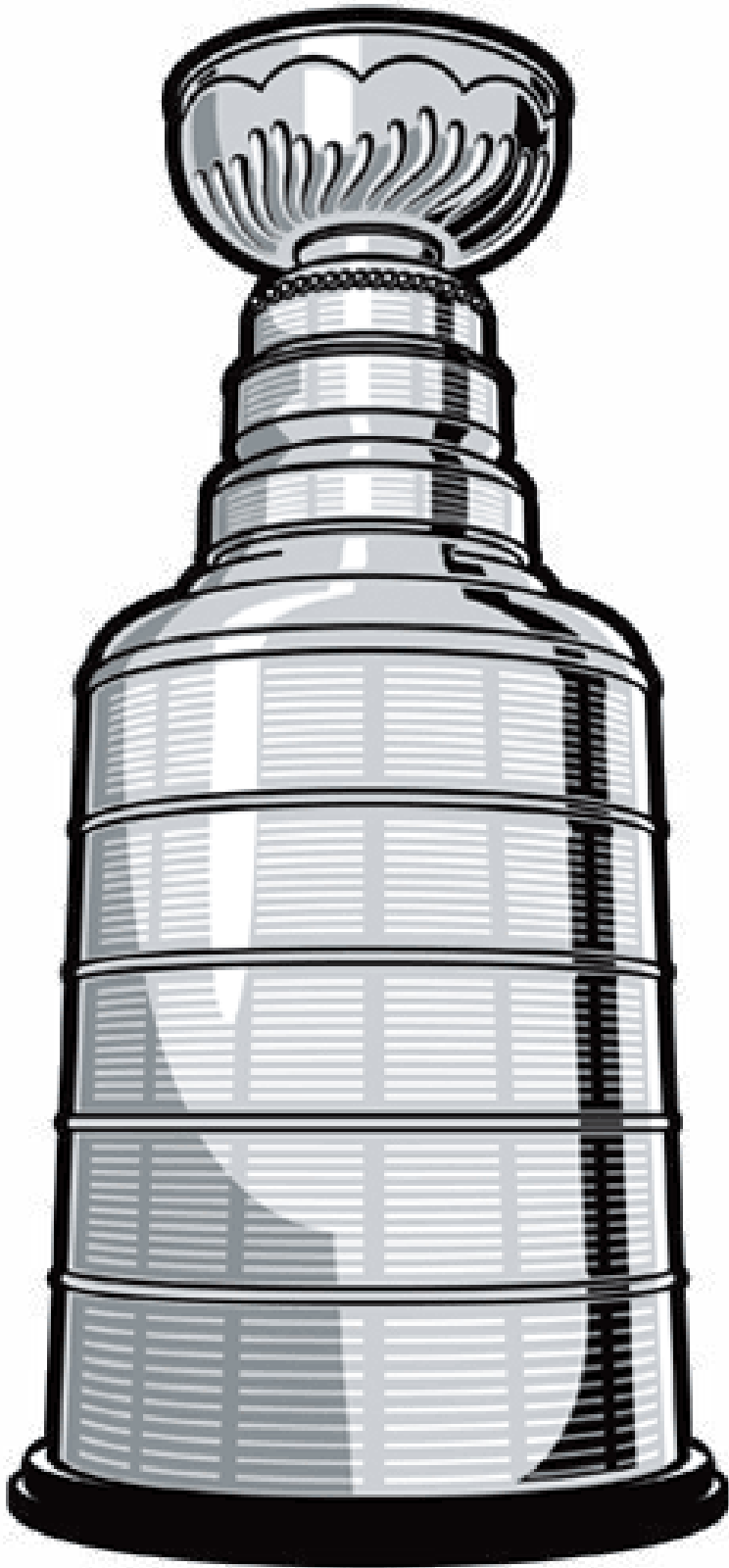
Onnen did warn that watching that people who are not hockey fans are likely to get bored because each round of the playoff has at least four games, like the Major League Baseball's World Series.

Getting to watch their teams play on TV instead of having to search for games online is exciting in it self for hockey fans. Onnen said the lack of access to games is one of the most frustrating parts of being a hockey fan.

Onnen and Byington have both been hockey fans their entire life beginning with playing hockey with their brothers. They both said that if more people grew up around hockey like most sports fans do around other sports, there would be a greater appreciation for hockey.

Onnen said he knows that is very difficult because hockey gear and equipment is expensive and rinks are hard to find in the area. He still feels that fans of other sports would enjoy hockey if they gave it a chance.

"It's a refreshing sport because there are a lot less politics and more people just loving the game," he said.



**The Stanley Cup**, awarded to the champion team in the NHL, is a symbol of hockey dominance. Last year, the Cup was clinched by the Boston Bruins from the Vancouver Canucks causing violent riots in downtown Vancouver. Fans' and players' passion for the Cup can borderline on fanatical.

## Stanley's traditions

Created by Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada in 1893, the Stanley Cup may have the richest traditions and greatest history of any trophy in sports.

**A Day with the Cup-** After winning the Cup, every player on the winning team gets to keep the Cup for a day and do it whatever they want with it. As a result, the Stanley Cup has been drank out of, dunked in pools, gone clubbing, used for baptisms, toured European countries and visited warzones.

**Do Not Touch-** Players refuse to touch the Cup until they have won it, the result of superstition and an extreme respect for the Cup. Some even refuse to hoist the conference trophies, the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl for the Western Conference and the Prince of Wales Trophy for the Eastern Conference, considering only the Stanley Cup worthy of celebration.

**Your Name Here-** Every player on the team that wins the Cup gets their name engraved on the bands surrounding the base of the trophy. Part of the mystique of winning is getting your name put on the most fabled trophy in sports. In fact, the tradition is so old that two bands have already had to be replaced and kept at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

COMING UP

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## Kentucky reaction a shame



Monday night, the Kentucky Wildcats won their school's six NCAA national championship. Players and fans cheered and cried as the floor was flooded in blue and white.

All of that was marred by the rioting that took place in Lexington, the UK Wildcats home city, after the final buzzer. One person was shot, a truck crashed into a crowded bar, multiply people were hospitalized in other incidents, fires and flipped cars were everywhere and vandalism was rampant. A full-fledged riot occurred.

One fan said "If you're part of Big Blue Nation— there's nothing like it. I babysit kids here, and the three-year-old knows all the players' names."

She said this while spray-painting pine trees blue.

I wonder if the parents of the children she baby-sits would appreciate this fan using their child as some kind of justification for her actions.

Riots are never a good thing for

any reason whatsoever. The often come out of civil, social and political unrest. They may alert people to a problem, but they are never a solution.

Though I do think when riots happen for these reasons it is still clearly the wrong response, people can at least understand where it comes from and what set off the rioters.

But with riots over sports, that is not the case. Yes, your team won or lost and it was terrible or it was fantastic. I don't see either of those scenarios as an even somewhat logical reason to start fires, throw rocks and bottles, beat people up or destroy valuable property.

I think it is safe to assume most sports riots are started by very intoxicated people, but if we don't consider intoxication a good enough excuse for other illegal and dangerous actions, it shouldn't be considered a good excuse for rioting either.

Now I know rioting after a sporting event is nothing new. In fact, the first recorded sports-related riot was in 532 AD in Constantinople after a chariot race. Approximately 30,000 people died and much of the city burned to the ground.

A series of riots in the 1980s actually brought about six year bans of multiple English soccer teams. The rest of the world looked down on the entire country, not just these teams, upon for

at least a decade.

In 1994, the FIFA World Cup's organizing committee chairman said only the presence of three specific countries would have brought violence to the World Cup. Two of them, Iraq and Iran, had been at war off-and-on for centuries. The other country was England.

Nothing to that scale happened in Lexington, but that is not because the rioters showed restraint.

"We are the best team in America," rioter Joey Fredrick said during Saturday night's riots when Kentucky advanced to the championship. "I think houses should burn."

Another said he didn't blame the rioters for going crazy because the Wildcats were going to the championship.

"Bourbon Street doesn't have anything on State Street," said UK junior Michael Soto, referencing the famous New Orleans party street and the location of Saturday's riots.

In all honesty, that is how I will remember the University of Kentucky. Not as a school with an amazing basketball team that won the national championship but as a school full of thugs and vandals.

You would think that people would have realized that nobody wins a riot. In the end, sports rioters only bring embarrassment to their teams and wreckage to their own city.

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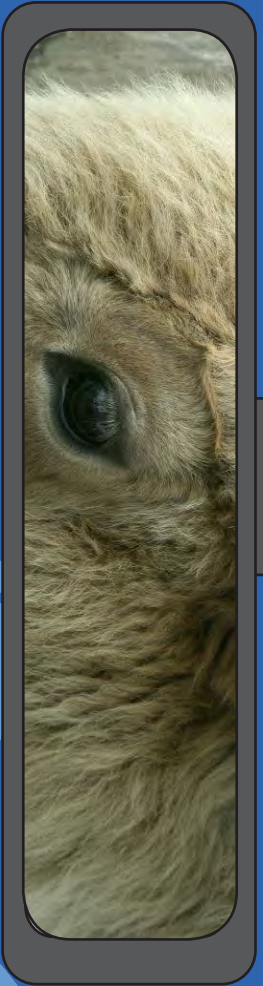
Courtney Pinter  
Women's Tennis

Freshman Courtney Pinter won her singles match against University of the Ozarks then won her doubles match with teammate and fellow freshman Kellie Mower on Tuesday afternoon.



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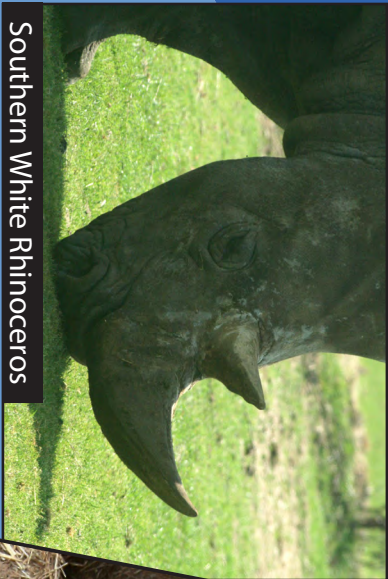
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# DRIVING WILD

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**W**ant to drive a little wild? You don't have to travel to the Sahara desert to enjoy your very own safari. The Wild Wilderness Drive-Through Safari in Gentry, Ark., is a 400-acre home to a variety of exotic animals. Located only 15 miles from campus, the safari consists of a four-mile drive-through, petting parks and walk-through areas for interaction with other animals. For the month of April, the first 200 students to visit the safari receive a five dollar discount. Any students after the first 200, receive a \$2 discount off the original \$10 price. For more information on the Wild Wilderness Drive-Through Safari, check out their website at <http://www.wildwildernessdrivethroughsafari.com>.



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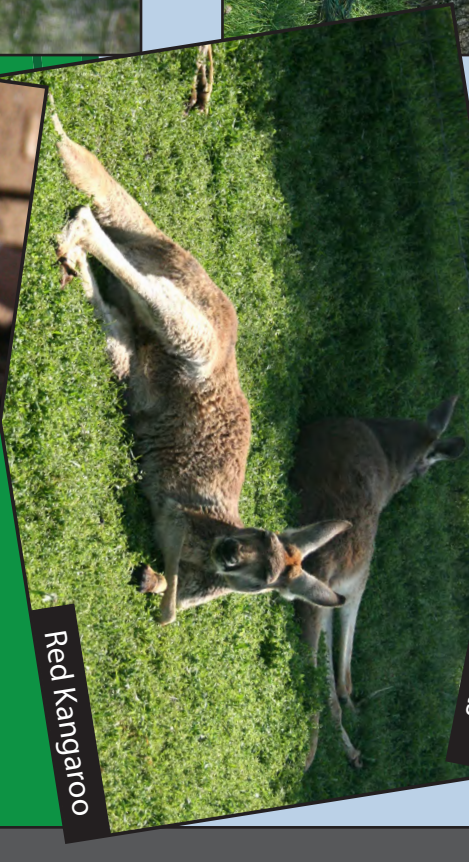
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