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Donor promises millions to nursing

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John Brown received a \$6 million dollar lead gift from an anonymous donor to the new nursing program to build their facility in 2015.

“They are committed to the mission of JBU and nursing fits that mission well,” said President Chip Pollard of the donor.

The new facility will be 20,000 square feet with state of the art equipment including a simulation

lab with mannequin patients. The facility will likely be located between the Bell Science Hall and the Balzer Technology center according to Pollard.

Architectural planning for the building will begin in 2014.

“We have been blessed with top notch laboratories and specialized equipment for our science programs, but to launch a nursing program requires another level of resourcing,” said Brian Greuel, chair of the health and natural sciences division at JBU in a press release issued by the University.

“This very generous gift will ensure our students have access to



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a high-tech training environment enabling them to be very well

prepared to enter the nursing workforce.”

In the same press release, Ed Ericson said the University’s top requested major not offered is nursing.

Later, Ericson said while the program would still be moving forward even if the University had not received the gift, it would be much more difficult to convince potential students and the state nursing board of the school’s dedication to the new major without their own facilities.

“This gift is central to making the

making the case,” said Ericson.

The total estimated cost needed to launch the new program is \$10 million with \$6 million for the new facility and \$4 million to endow salaries and facility maintenance.

“We are immeasurably grateful for this gift that will enable JBU to train nurses to serve as critical caregivers and healers,” said Pollard in the press release. “The profession of nursing aligns neatly with our core Christian value of serving our neighbors.”

Dance ministry to perform with ballet

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On Saturday night in the Jones Recital Hall, a worship service of a different kind will take place.

The Great Abandon Dance Ministry, alongside Ballet Emmanuel, will perform and worship through dancing and music.

Great Abandon is a CAUSE Ministry on campus. The CAUSE leader, Hope Eidson, has been at the frontlines of getting the recital together and planning with Ballet Emmanuel.

Ballet Emmanuel is a professional dance company, which takes its biblical themed shows across the country.

This will not be Ballet Emmanuel’s first time dancing at John Brown University. They partnered with Great Abandon to put on a recital for the rest of the student body last year.

“Last year’s show was about the story in Daniel of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,” Eidson said. “It was put together in such a unique way with a mixture of worship music and classical music. The narration was both creative and inspiring too.”

Kathryn Freund, one of the dance instructors with Great Abandon, said working with Ballet Emmanuel last year was a wonderful experience.



Submitted by REBECCA CURRY

Members of John Brown’s dance ministry perform a choreographed dance. Great Abandon will perform with a ballet company on Saturday.

“It was really great having such amazing talent and Christ-like dancers on our campus,” Freund said.

This year, Ballet Emmanuel

contacted JBU with interest in doing another performance.

Eidson has been the communicator between Ballet Emmanuel and the girls involved

in Great Abandon dance ministry.

“We will be dancing before the women in Ballet Emmanuel do,” Eidson said. “We will be

doing a routine from last year. I know the show will be different, but I don’t know what their part

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Meet the members of the Board of Trustees



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Members of the John Brown Board of Trustees attend the groundbreaking of the Simmons Great Hall. The Board is comprised of 28 members.

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Each year, the John Brown University Board of Trustees comes

together to review the current state of the school and to address how the institution will thrive best in the future. But what exactly is a board of trustees? Who is on it? And what do they do?

A board of trustees in its most basic sense is a governing body that makes financial, academic and other institutional decisions for a university. JBU’s Board of Trustees is comprised of 28 members. 19

are alumni, and the remainder are connected to the school in other various ways.

The Board meets two or more times a year, at least once in the fall and once in the spring. Since

many members live outside of Siloam Springs, telecommunication methods are also utilized.

Last week, the University’s Board arrived on campus for a compilation of meetings. President Pollard and other cabinet members presented the school’s latest achievements and focuses at a special luncheon. Later on, the board divided into its respective committees to discuss in detail endowment, membership, student development and academics.

These four categories stay the same each year. However, the specific topics they deliberate change annually.

Bethany Metzger, the vice president of finance for the student government association, sat in on the Endowment Committee meeting as a student representative. This group focused on how the University’s endowment money is spent.

“Right now, the plan is more short-term,” Metzger said. “They are now working to make it more long-term. Looking at maybe a 20-year plan. And discussing where all

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Class to see work of famous homeless artist



Courtesy of ARK TIMES

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Winslow, Ark., has a hidden treasure, and one class plans to visit it.

Jonathan Himes has assigned his Honors Composition class a field trip to the small town in the Ozark Mountains for the past several years to provide his students the opportunity to study and write about the customs of the residents there. This year, the students will travel to Winslow to study the acclaimed art of Tim West, a homeless man who lived for a number of years in Winslow before passing away at the age of 75 in April of last year.

West remained a recluse in the backwoods of Arkansas for most of his life, but he was renowned for his art and sculpture, which he created out of segments of scrap metal, concrete and other items he could find.

“His work is almost eerie,” Himes said. “[West] would find pieces of concrete, wire and old beat up computers. You’d be driving along down the road and suddenly see these scrap materials made into really interesting post-modern pieces of sculpture on the side of the road.”

West’s art has been showcased at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan, the Louvre in Paris and a

number of other internationally renowned art museums.

“This is an example of the kind of culture you don’t expect when you think of the Ozarks,” Himes said, which is precisely why he assigns his students this project almost every year.

The students are to interview locals, make observations and document their observations of the small community. Himes said that the point of this project is to make students more aware of the culture that constantly surrounds them.

“You can live in a place all your life and really not know its heritage,” Himes said. “This project is designed to stimulate curiosity about the world immediately around



Courtesy of THE RURAL SITE

Tim West, a homeless sculptor, examining a sketch. West spent many years creating post-modern art on the side of roads in the Ozark Mountains. West passed away in April, 2012.

you. We often go abroad, and that is very important, but it’s so easy to miss the nuances of the culture around you.”

West’s unique art and way of

life speaks to the rich culture that Himes’ students will be able to experience when they visit Winslow in the upcoming weeks.

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the money would go within that.”

Sophie Shafer, vice president

of communication for SGA, took part in the Development Committee meeting. This committee devoted time to talking about enrollment management and University

advancement, focusing on topics such as marketing tactics, admissions recruitment, financial aid and raising money for the JBU Scholarship Fund.

Shafer said that the process

helped her to better understand the school’s approach to financial aid and promotion.

Metzger added that since this was the first official meeting of this year’s Board, that the day

was also a time of introductions, general planning and assessment.

“They are working really hard to better the school, and are discussing issues that come up,” Shafer said.

Off Campus

National

Washington, D. C. - Obama nominated Janet L. Yellen as chairwoman of the Federal Reserve yesterday. Yellen has been vice chairwoman of the Fed for three years. If the Senate approves her nomination, she will be the first female chairwoman of the Fed.

State

Little Rock - The Arkansas General Assembly’s Code Revision Commission voted Tuesday to codify two laws banning abortion at 20 and 12 weeks of pregnancy. Some believe the laws to be contradictory, and a federal judge has already blocked the 12-week law’s enforcement while she considers a lawsuit challenging its constitutionality.

Northwest Arkansas

Rogers - British toymaker Redman and Associates will open a new manufacturing plant in Rogers. Redman and Associates is teaming up with Walmart in Walmart’s new initiative to buy \$50 billion in U.S.-made products over the next ten years.

City

Siloam Springs - Voters passed a proposal on Tuesday to redirect the existing sales tax revenue to include the police and fire departments in Siloam Springs. The police and fire departments plan to use the new funding for a new police department building, and to upgrade existing buildings and equipment.

On Campus

Women’s and Men’s Soccer will be playing Oklahoma Baptist on Saturday. The women play at 1 p.m. and the men play at 3 p.m..

The freshman play, Agatha Christie’s “A Murder is Announced,” will be showing for one more weekend. Performances are on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the BPAC. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Career Development Center is hosting a Job and Internship Workshop today at 4 p.m. in the WSC 204.

Auditions for The Next Big Thing and Mock Rock are now open for application. The Next Big Thing auditions will take place on Oct. 26, and forms can be found in the Student Development

office. Mock Rock Auditions will take place on Oct. 29, and forms can be found on Eaglenet under “Student Life” and “Student Activities.”

Tomorrow is the signup deadline for intramural softball teams. Interested students should apply on imleagues.com. Games begin on Oct. 13.

The Swing Dancing Society will be hosting a Salsa Night on Saturday in the Murray Sells Gym in the Walton Lifetime Health Complex. Lessons for beginners will be offered at 9 p.m., with open dancing beginning at 10 p.m. Attendees are advised to wear non-marking shoes.

NWA Healthy Marriages is hosting three talks entitled

“How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk (or Jerkette)” from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 17, 24 and 31 in the Simmons Great Hall. Register by noon on Oct. 15 at nwamarriages.com

The new CAUSE ministry Voices of Justice is hosting a Social Justice Discussion on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Walker second floor lounge.

Mayfield is hosting Dog Day on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in the lobby. Students are encouraged to come and make furry friends.

Great Abandon dance ministry is hosting “All Things New,” a dance performance featuring Emmanuel Ballet. The performance will be in the Jones Recital Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday.

EDITORIAL

The Threefold Advocate

New decade

PLANNING JBU’S FUTURE

Last week it was announced that the University had received a \$6 million anonymous donation for its nascent nursing program. The gift means the program is well on its way to accruing the funds necessary to start up and build a nursing building on campus.

In many ways, the nursing program represents a new chapter for the University, but it also represents the end of an era. The nursing building, along with the J. Alvin renovation, is the last construction project planned for the foreseeable future. The finishing of the nursing building will cap a decade-long construction binge, funded almost entirely by donations, that has completely changed the face of JBU.

In the last 15 years, every major building on campus, except Mayfield, the LRC and the Health Complex are either new or have undergone major renovations. But now that we are nearing the end of an era of building, the question arises how we will spend the donations we receive in the coming decade.

We The Threefold believe that the school should commit to a decade of value, just as they committed to a decade of growth. The University should use the money not being spent on infrastructure to reduce the cost of tuition.

Obviously, many donations are earmarked specifically for building projects. Scholarship funds don’t drive donations like a shiny new building does. However, there will still be an increase in available funds in the absence of major construction projects.

The last 10 years have transformed the school into an elite Christian Liberal Arts University, but they have also priced out less well-off students, the very demographic John Brown I sought to reach when he founded the school. We may be ranked second in value, but the rise of the school’s quality of infrastructure has come with a raising in the quality of its faculty. With that change comes raised costs.

Without a concerted effort to extend more scholarships to less well off students, the school will become just like many other elite Christian schools: elite, expensive, exclusive, and unintentionally unwelcoming. Many proudly call JBU “The Wheaton of the South.” To become Wheaton, however, we would have to lose something that makes us special: the overwhelmingly welcoming atmosphere that comes from a legacy of being a small, obscure school nestled in the Ozarks.

In the last decade, donations have helped to make John Brown great. Now lets use them to keep John Brown good.

Fulfill your calling

GET TO KNOW SILOAM SPRINGS

Within the safe confines of the JBU bubble, we often forget there’s a world out there. Sometimes, we forget we live in a town . . . a town that expands beyond our college campus.

God has given each of us an average of four years to spend in Siloam Springs. We The Threefold Advocate believe students should use these years to invest in and become a part of the city’s community.

Whether we like it or not, what happens in Siloam affects us. Changes in tax codes can potentially change the cost of tuition. The city’s building investments affect our choices in recreational activities.

Two years ago, the city expanded JBU skateboarders’ horizons by renovating the park’s skateboard ramps. This year, the city is considering creating a new park in South Siloam—an area that would offer JBU students an additional place to shrug off the stresses of school and have fun. These and others are places we as Siloam residents are privileged to enjoy.

We urge students to take advantage of all the city has to offer. Attend annual events such as the Dogwood Festival. Tour the Siloam Springs Museum. Peruse the shops on Main Street and take a dip in Sager Creek.

Plug into a local church and get to know true Siloam residents, and support your town by praying for its leaders and involving yourselves in local ministries.

Many of us have stories to share of how God called us to JBU. We need to remember these same stories tell of how God led us to Siloam Springs, Ark.



Global disasters affect JBU



Nichole Coates

Terrorists attacked my country. I was playing at a frisbee tournament when I heard the news. Sitting in the grass with the sun shining on my face, waiting for my turn to sub in, I heard from a friend that gunmen held Nairobi’s Westgate Mall under siege. It’s hard to absorb the full impact of that kind of news when you’re sitting under a smiling sky at a Frisbee tournament.

So I played frisbee while my people died, and my city entered a state of crisis.

I didn’t absorb the news until, back in my dorm room the following day, I had time to read the news articles and see the pictures on every front-page newspaper on the web. Pictures of people I know personally fleeing for their lives filled the screen. Pictures of

my countrymen lying dead in hallways I used to walk and in stores I used to peruse. Pictures of children crying beside their fallen parents. Pictures of parents crying beside their dead children.

I remember a heaviness hanging over JBU last semester after the bombing at the Boston Marathon . . . the same heaviness that hung over the school upon the death of Olivia Pinkerton . . . the same heaviness that weighed over me as the casualty count continued to rise in a distant country that I dearly love. But this time, the cloud only hung over me.

It’s an odd thing, grieving for a loss no one around you feels. During the three days of turmoil in Kenya, no one spelled the scent of Westgate burning in Siloam Springs, Ark. While schools all over Nairobi closed, classes continued as usual at JBU. No extra chapel service was offered as an opportunity for students to share and mourn together. Most of my peers had no knowledge of the events taking place in that little country on the other side of the world.

When everyone around you is doing okay, you feel you should be okay as well. In many ways, you question the validity of your need to mourn. Because when you look around, you see

no signs of pain and loss.

Kenya’s terrorist attack made me read the news through new lenses. I’d been following the events taking place in Syria in the week’s before the Westgate attack. My reaction was usually something along the lines of, “oh no,” or, “that’s horrible.” But I rarely—if ever—took the time to pray for Syria and the people within its borders. Those deaths. That heartache. They were far and distantly removed from me in safe, sunny Siloam Springs.

Even though I’m not affected by the sinking of the boat off of Italy’s coast that killed scores of people, and even though the Taliban’s suicide attack in Pakistan has not turned my world upside down, these events are affecting others in drastic, life-changing ways.

When I read of war and heartache in other places in the world, I want to be one who stands in the gap for those hurting and broken. One who lifts them and their countries up before a God who grieves over the world’s pain alongside his children.

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OPINION

Chapel requirement: help or hindrance?

Forced assembly curtails worship



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Now is the time of the year when, as a college student, I am frequently asked, “is everything piling up yet?” The “everything” is schoolwork, a social life and sleep. For me, the closer I get to midterms, the more it seems that tests, quizzes and papers are all deciding

For followers of Christ, worship is a personal and very organic thing. When restrictions and requirements are put on such an intimate experience, I have to wonder if they stand the chance of robbing from the intimacy.

to take place at the same time during my school week. So with the hurdles of schoolwork in mind, twice a week I walk to chapel to meet my required attendance and listen to the wise words of Rod Reed and guest speakers. However, more often than not, my schoolwork tags along with me. In a quiet corner of the upper balcony I tackle the

extra chapters from western civ that I couldn’t handle the night before. Around me, fellow students’ faces are illuminated with laptop, phone and iPad screens. Everyone has his or her reasons for chapel. I love the atmosphere of worshippers, the chance to reflect...and yes: the extra 45 minutes before class to do homework aren’t that bad either. However, one thing we all have in common as fulltime students at JBU is the 21 chapel per-semester requirement. The reasoning behind the required attendance fits within JBU’s mission to “provide a Christ-centered higher education to their students.” The nobility and good intentions behind this mission are beyond

the quad in post-apocalyptic dune buggies. J. Alvin would not secede from the school and devolve into some sort of Thunderdome existence where jungle law rules. (If the latter were to happen it wouldn’t be related to the chapel situation.) What you would see if the required chapel rule was amended is a chapel service full of students who are there to worship their God corporately with their classmates and friends—without the addition of students who are there to swipe their cards and do homework. As I said before, depending on my workload for the week, I can be either student. I have had deep and emotional moments in chapel. I’ve also crammed for tests and prayed to Jesus for a passing grade during the altar call.

If my necessary studying and heartfelt cries to Jesus over grades were to distract a fellow worshipper for even a second, I would be mortified. However, the fact is that sometimes we need those 45 minutes before class to study, but we also need to attend 21 chapels. Nobody would study for midterms at a movie theater. The crinkling papers and bright phone and laptop screens would be distracting to those around them. However, no students are required to go see movies for 45 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday. If that requirement were in place, eventually people would start using that time to study as well. We all worship God in our own way. If putting parameters around a specific time and location were to dampen the experience, would it be worth it?

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Required chapels ensure student refreshment



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Monday felt eternal, Tuesday was full of worry about Wednesday, Wednesday carried the hope of Friday, and now Thursday just feels like a slow elevator taking us to this weekend’s penthouse. I’m stressed, homesick and in need of food and a good night’s rest. But something kind of crazy happens every Thursday. At around 10:30 in the morning hundreds of students flock to the cathedral for chapel. Together, we struggle to find seating, sing, listen and hopefully receive daily bread from our Father. The speaker may not be the best, the worship may seem repetitive and the pews may feel like they were carved sometime in the early 1300s, but for some reason it’s usually almost exactly what I need in my week.

So, should chapel be optional? I say nay! Even though it seems like we’re filling out just another requirement of being students at JBU, chapel is still a beautiful thing. Three times a week we get to all come together as one in a community. Even though it may be mandatory for us, when God’s people come together and worship, God does not hesitate to attend. And any time spent with God I think we can see as a pretty good time. Mandatory chapel opens doors of conversation with those who usually wouldn’t go. Not everyone here is a Jesus follower,

and many of us aren’t very good Jesus followers. Sometimes the conversations we have after chapel with people who are avidly curious (or even apathetic) toward Christianity are incredibly reflective and deep, and they can often be used as magnificent opportunities to let the Good News out. I can’t imagine that those conversations happen all the time, but when they do, I’m sure God delights in them. In the crazy frenzy that is college life, worship is often exactly what I need. Sometimes I don’t even really realize I need it. But a verse from Psalm 34 taken out of Eugene Peterson’s “The Message” really sticks out to me: “Worship God if you want the best; Worship opens doors to all His goodness.” And that’s exactly what it feels like. Whenever I walk out of chapel from a few minutes of worship and quiet, my whole being feels refreshed and restored. It’s like my soul is a grimy car going through a fancy car wash. I feel washed, massaged, pampered and perhaps even a little bit shiny. And if I didn’t have to scan in and stay in chapel, there would definitely be days I would miss out on His goodness. Maybe we do homework during chapel. (I know that I sometimes take a pretty righteous 30-minute nap.) We’re preoccupied with other things, whether it be a test next class or the “oh no she didn’t” scandals of Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. We frequently have other things on our minds. However, if even for five to 10 minutes we legitimately worship God, I think that’s worth something. We’re sleepy and hungry. But without chapel, we’d be hungrier and sleepier.

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Take hope, confused college students



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As I was approaching high school graduation in the year 2000, everyone seemed to tell me, “College will be the best four years of your life!” Looking back, though, I wish someone had told me instead, “Mandy, your first year of college will be a big transition. And many times, transitions are hard.” No one told me this. Yes, looking back, my college years are full of fond memories. However, as most first-year college students experience, my first year of college was a huge adjustment. Now it is 2013, and I am no longer a first year student at JBU. Today, I am a faculty member whose area of research and work primarily focuses on first-year college students. There are many things I have learned from scholarly research and experience that would have been helpful to know during my first year of college. Begin with the end in mind. College flies by. Envision your college graduation. What

experiences do you hope to have? Start making those a reality. Did you know that one of the key questions students ask themselves during the first year of college is, “Am I smart enough to be here?” One of the lessons I learned during my doctorate was that my ability is malleable and not fixed. So how do you view your own intelligence?

Carol Dweck, a psychologist at Stanford University, found that people tend to have one of two mindsets: that their intelligence is pretty much fixed and cannot change (fixed mindset), or that their intelligence can be changed (growth mindset). Which mindset we have definitely impacts how we respond to setbacks or failures. In college, I thought my intelligence was fixed. So, like many students, I was constantly worried that I was not smart enough. When I got a 60 percent on my first major college exam, I thought, “See! This is evidence

that I am not smart enough.” Years later, after I learned about Carol Dweck’s research, I realized that I needed to change my mindset to a growth mindset. I started to see setbacks as opportunities to learn and grow. When I started to view my intelligence as something that could (and did) change, I realized I should feel no embarrassment in saying to my statistics professors, “I have no idea what

you are talking about. I am lost.” I often tell people that the reason why I successfully finished my doctorate in 3.5 years is because I felt no shame in asking for help. I wish someone had reminded me that developing friendships takes time. New students often tell me that their new college friendships feel shallow compared to the deep friendships they had in high school. Students often forget that these relationships took years to develop and did not happen overnight. Be patient. Give yourself time. First-year students often share with me the belief that everyone

else has their friend groups, but they don’t. No, most students are just like you. You are going to continue to make new friends throughout college. I would encourage you to take the initiative to invite people to do fun stuff with you. Also, if you are in a clique, I encourage you to branch out and get to know different people. Invite people into your community. Emily Henry, a Gateway

student mentor, recommends that you find someone to process with (an RA, professor, your Gateway student mentor, etc.). I agree. There are many great people at JBU who love to pour into students. Get to know us! Going to college is an important transition into adulthood. In any transition, there is going to be stress. Reach out to us when you need support, and make sure to take time to celebrate your achievements. In closing, I offer some practical tips to help you thrive this first year. • Get involved in something outside of the classroom (CAUSE

Ministries, Mock Rock, Enactus, etc.). This is really important. • Use a planner to keep track of important due dates and appointments. • Check your JBU email every day. This is how professors communicate with you outside of class. • Read the Here & Now for important announcements about activities on campus. • See chapel as an important part of your education. Alumni frequently tell me it is one of the things they miss the most about JBU. • Try to get your homework and reading finished early in the day. Use your breaks between classes strategically. • If you need a quiet place to study, use the library study rooms. • Use the Writing Center on campus. • It seems that Facebook and video games become a stumbling block for many students. Stay off of these at night and go to bed. • Find someone you don’t know in the caf. Sit by them and get to know them. • If you are struggling with study skills, homesickness, feeling connected or picking out a major, come see me and I can direct you to the appropriate JBU resources.

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Early in her marriage, Holly Allen, the director of child and family studies at JBU, shared an experience with her husband that changed how she thought of women in the church.

They attended a service where the women of the church prayed together as part of the worship. Her husband turned to her with tears in his eyes and said it was a blessing to hear women pray and what a loss it was that he had not heard it before.

Allen said it was the first time she saw not only the possibilities within the church that women could potentially have, but she also saw what could be received by the men in the church.

“This congregation is not full of men,” said Tracy Balzer, the Director of Christian Formation. “I absolutely think women should be part of the decision making.”

“I really try to avoid making sweeping stereotypes, but women do generally have a very deep way of connecting with God and it is a blessing to the church,” said Balzer.

She said she appreciates working on a staff of men and women because of the greater diversity, especially in her close work with the campus chaplain, Rod Reed.

When she and her husband Carey first came to JBU 15 years ago, there were not any women in the Bible Department. The first woman to join the department was Robbie Castleman, who was voted “Rookie of the Year” for the 2002-03 academic school year.

Allen said she has felt very welcomed on campus, but she would like more women to hold administrative positions.

She also said the faculty at the university share a special fellowship together, not just in theory but also in practice. Once a year, they gather as ‘women in academia’ to talk about the pressure they face to publish, hold positions on committees, to perform highly as teachers and to perfectly balance all of this with their personal lives.

Allen wants fellow women faculty members and other women to realize while they can “have it all,” but they do not need to have it all at the same time.

The North Slope Apartments’ Resident Director Emily Burney said she believes one aspect of bringing restoration to the world is transforming the relationships between men and women to what they were before “the curse” in Genesis 3 while still acknowledging that the relationship has changed.

When she was still single, Burney was not comfortable with how women were viewed within

marriage, but her mindset has changed since getting married.

“Every decision we make we discuss it, then whoever is more passionate about the decision, whether it is him or me, we ask to make the choice,” said Burney. Balzer expressed a similar idea in her marriage with a “mutual submission” between her and her husband.

David Vila said he and his wife are very egalitarian in their marriage.

“I think headship of the man means I submit to what my wife wants,” said Vila. He also said he is very open to women having positions of leadership in the church.

He said he and colleagues who disagree about women in leadership in the church disagree about the interpretation of scripture, but not on scripture’s role.

“I don’t reject scriptures in that view, I think it is within the bounds of Scripture,” said Vila. “If I thought it was not allowed in scriptures, I would not believe it was allowed.”

Vila was raised in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) denomination. This denomination does not approve of women holding official positions of authority in the church and Vila said certain branches of this denomination make the distinction between the roles of women and

men.

PCA’s official ruling on the role of women in the church was decided in 1976 based on a strict interpretation of scripture.

The decision was made to make a clear distinction between elders and deacons, which women could become though they would be referred to as ‘deaconesses’.

“The area in which women may not have authority over men is that of ecclesiastical authority, which is authority invested in the elders,” states the PCA in the 1976 committee report.

While deciding women could not fulfill this role, the report said women could be full-voting members, missionaries, serve on committees and church boards. With careful consideration they can give testimonies.

“Apart from these structures of family and church, they are not by creational role subordinate to men,” said the report. “Women-in-general are not under the authority of men-in-general.”

Balzer believes it is up to each woman to work through what the denomination they are apart of believes about the role of women. Each tradition will have a different view.

She said the non-denominational church she attends in Siloam does not have any women in leadership roles.

“Preaching and decision-

making is all male, which I think is unfortunate, but that’s not a hill I’m going to die on,” said Balzer.

Allen said her denomination also discourages women from positions of leadership.

She has gone to speak with her husband at different churches and events and been asked to sit down, but she is not personally offended because she understands it as a doctrinal issue.

Allen said she might feel differently if her calling was different and she did not have a voice at the University.

“I am very pleased to teach the women. I am very pleased to teach the children,” said Allen. “I do not view it as a lesser role.”

Vila said he has been surprised by the number of women students at JBU who oppose woman leadership, thought he thinks there is some difference “between theory and practice.”

Balzer said a person’s calling has much more to do with their gifts than their gender.

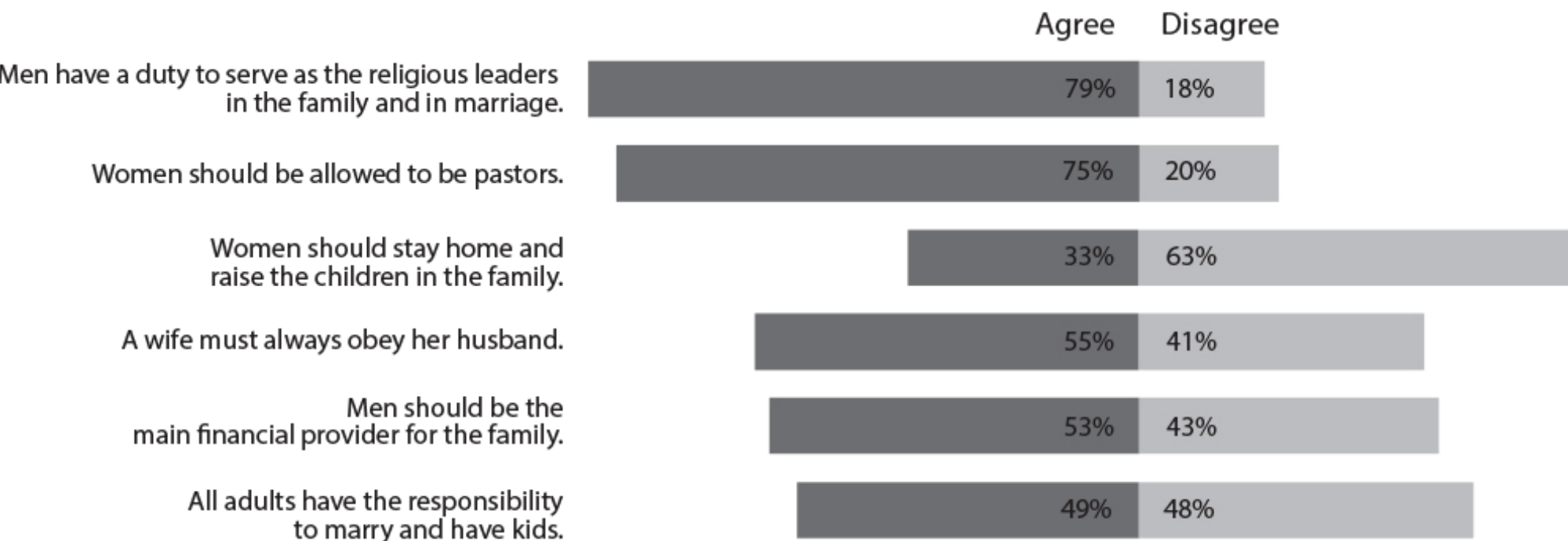
“I’m a campus minister,” said Balzer. “I just happen to be a woman.”

Allen and Burney also said they believe first and foremost that women must follow whatever calling God gives them, even if it is uncomfortable.

“Do not hold back,” said Balzer. “Do not let anything tell you to not continue to grow and flourish in

Perceptions of Women in Christianity

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~ France says boo to Boo Boo ~

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You may have to say bye-bye to “Honey Boo Boo” and her beauty pageants in the near future.

The French Senate passed a ban on beauty pageants for children 16 and younger on Sept. 18. Parliament’s upper house voted 197-146 in favor of the amendment to the larger bill for gender equality. Now all that is needed is a pass from the French National Assembly for it to take effect.

Sparking discussion around the world, the attempt to ban child pageants has encouraged other countries to make similar efforts. Ireland released a statement Sept. 25 saying appeals will be made to support similar bans preventing the sexualizing of children.

This posed the question as to how the United States will respond.

Beauty pageants are much more prevalent in America than in other countries, especially now with hit reality TV shows such as “Toddlers and Tiaras” and “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo.”

Mary Pierce, a freshman child and family studies major at John Brown University, said the American culture has glorified pageants with too much attention. She said it has forced children to act older than they are and try to be something they are not.

“I think parents have placed a lot of pressure on their kids,” said Pierce. “This seems like it may be a good decision so that children have the chance to choose whether

or not they want to be in pageants and not forced into them by their parents.”

Kevin Simpson is a professor of psychology at the University. He said this issue has a lot to do with child psychology and what kids need to develop successfully.

“Child beauty pageants are a bit of a problem. I have this vision of Little Miss Sunshine in my head and it just seems wrong,” said Simpson. “Sure we let our kids compete in sports, music, dance and cheer, but there’s a whole other thing there because when you see these little ones all dolled up—makeup, outfits that sexualize them—I think there are some big questions there.”

Senior psychology major Lexie Rouhselang watches the hit pageant shows on TLC regularly. Even though she finds them very entertaining, she had mixed feelings about the effects pageants on children.

“I just don’t agree with a lot of it because I feel like it’s a lot of parents living through their children more than giving their children experience,” Rouhselang said. “I think it really impacts your self-esteem and it could impact it in a positive way or a really detrimental way.”

Katie Barlett and Jennifer Mendenhall, both students at the University, are conducting their senior thesis on the effects of pageants on contestants.

“Research shows that child pageant contestants tend to struggle more with body dissatisfaction and low self-esteem later on in comparison to those who haven’t been in pageants,” Barlett said. “Similarly to sports, pageants can promote healthy competition, but the positive effects of pageant participation tend to show up in girls who win.”

No action has been taken by the U.S. to support the new ban in any way.

Simpson does not expect there to be any. He explained that France’s views differ greatly from those in America. Simpson said the American public would see such a ban as a limitation or infringement on the freedom that sets this country apart from others.



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Czech Republic to Siloam

Family reunites as parents named new campus missionaries

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When Hans and Jane Koebele first began serving with Operation Mobilization in Eastern Europe, they had no idea that God would eventually lead them to serve in the Czech Republic together for over 22 years.

Hans and Jane Koebele, John Brown University’s Missionaries in Residence for the 2013-2014 academic year, first met in 1987 serving on a team whose mission was to smuggle Bibles into Communist countries of Eastern Europe.

“We were so young... I don’t think the danger of it really registered in my mind,” said Hans Koebele about his first experience with Operation Mobilization.

Nonetheless, the Lord protected them and led them to continue serving alongside Operation Mobilization for the next 26 years. This eventually led them to answer the Lord’s call to move to the Czech Republic in 1991 when their oldest child, Luke, was only eight months old.

The Czech Republic, formerly Czechoslovakia, was held under a Communist regime for over 40 years, the results of which continue to influence the people, even today.

“Czechs can be very skeptical towards kindness, at times,” said

Naomi, have lived in the Czech Republic for almost their entire lives, and the family has spent the past 14 years in the most unreachable area of the country, South Bohemia.

Four years ago, however, Luke moved from the Czech Republic to Siloam Springs to attend JBU, and his sister Lydia soon followed suit and began attending the University in the spring of the next year.

During a video-chat with his parents, Luke once mentioned that they should consider applying for the Missionaries in Residence program at the University, something that they had never before considered.

“We went to the JBU website and read the information about the position, and we immediately thought that it would be a really good fit for us,” said Hans. “We had also seen how positive and beneficial Luke’s and Lydia’s JBU experience had been, and therefore viewed the position as a wonderful way to ‘give back’ through serving missionary kids and the JBU community.”

After consistent prayer, Hans and Jane applied and eventually accepted the position as the 2013-2014 JBU Missionaries in Residence. The Koebele family has been reunited in Siloam Springs, and the timing could not have been more perfect.

“Our third child, Naomi, was about to graduate from high school and apply for college, so if we were accepted for the



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The Koeble family poses with the flag of the Czech Republic outside of the MIR house right off of campus. For the next academic year, Jane and Hans will work closely with missionary kids and international students at John Brown University.

“if we were accepted for the Missionaries in Residence position, it would possibly provide a unique opportunity for us to be together again as a family”

Jane.

Nonetheless, the Koebele family has spent the past number of years ministering to the people of the Czech Republic by teaching English, building relationships and involving themselves in a church-planting ministry in the southern part of the country.

Hans and Jane’s three children, Luke, Lydia and

Missionaries in Residence position, it would possibly provide a unique opportunity for us to be together again as a family, and so special because of the important stage that each child would be at in their college years,” Hans said.

Jane and Hans are particularly grateful to be in the U.S. for Luke’s senior year, Lydia’s junior year and Naomi’s

freshman year at the University.

Hans and Jane also mentioned that it was a perfect time to draw back from their church-plant in South Bohemia to provide the people of the church more opportunities to step into leadership positions and “step out in faith.”

“We are so grateful for how the Lord answered our prayers and led us clearly in all these things,” Hans remarked.

Jane and Hans Koebele plan

to return to the Czech Republic in the summer of 2014, but until then, they are delighted to be able to serve the missionary kids in the community, and also spend time with their children.

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The Threefold Advocate

The men's and women's soccer teams are using the Polar Heart Rate system to further their training. Women's coach Kathleen Paulsen learned about the system in her time coaching at the University of Arkansas.

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“We used the Polar Heart Rate system to give the coaching staff feedback and information regarding practices and players,”

“We use the monitors to figure out how to plan practices,” Paulsen said. “We can decide whether practice needs to be hard or easy and decide what activities will accomplish that goal.”

The Polar Heart Rate

"I didn't really pay attention to my heart rate before, I just thought that since I was an

athlete I was perfectly healthy,” O’Brien said. “After using the monitor, I found out that I had places where I needed to improve, and I wouldn’t have been able to understand that without seeing the data.”



Athletic Director Robyn Daugherty hopes to see John Brown expand the Polar Heart Rate system into academics.

The men's soccer team huddles after a game. The men will play their next game on Saturday against Oklahoma Baptist.

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All three of USAO's goals were scored in the first half of the game. The Golden Eagles

The men will play a home game on Saturday against Oklahoma Baptist at 3 p.m.

**Laura
Bradshaw
#12**
Women's Soccer



Defender Laura Bradshaw tallied her first goal in her Golden Eagle soccer career in a game on Oct. 5 in a game against Southwestern Christian. Bradshaw is a senior from Lubbock, Texas, and will be graduating in May with a bachelors degree in public relations.

Lady Eagles bring home 3-1 victory over USAO

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The Golden Eagles traveled to Chickasha, Okla., on Tuesday to play against the University of Science and Arts where they achieved a 3-1 victory.

Freshmen players made all three of JBU’s goals. Savannah Beth and Sara Lachance both scored their first collegiate career goals, and Hannah Poor scored the final JBU goal.

“We passed and possessed the ball well. We took advantage of our opportunities to score goals as well,” said junior Rachel Harris.

Senior Laura Bradshaw



“We need to play each game like it’s our last. You never know when it actually could be.”

-Rachel Harris



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Freshman Sara Lachance scored her first ever collegiate goal in a game against USAO on Tuesday. The women will play a home game on Saturday against Oklahoma Baptist.

attributes the win to working hard along with following and finishing shots. Being positive on the field is something Bradshaw sees her team succeed at.

“We don’t argue, but rather encourage each other in order to motivate one another, and I love that about us.”

With multiple players out for the season with serious injuries,

Bradshaw believes her team has had to work harder than normal.

“As much as we don’t want injured players, seeing them is a reminder that you never know when your last game will be, so we have to play our best and leave it all on the field,” Bradshaw said.

Harris sees the motivation as well and also believes her team

acts as a family unit.

“We are all family and have each others backs. Having injured teammates has really brought us closer as a team.”

With a home game this Saturday against Oklahoma Baptist, the team has time to improve.

Harris said that the team needed to work on crossing and

finishing, as well as winning the ball in the air off long balls.

“We can always improve our communication,” Bradshaw said.

“Talking is super important for team chemistry and when the field is quiet we tend to play slower.”

Saturday’s game against Oklahoma Baptist begins at 1 p.m.

Volleyball dominates Southwestern Christian

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In a match at Bill George Arena on Monday, the Golden Eagles achieved a complete sweep against Southwestern Christian, winning all three matches by more than nine points each match.

Nicholas Robinson, director of sports information, released a recap of Monday’s game.

“Southwestern Christian has struggled as of late, finding itself in the lost column in 11 of its 12 previous matches,” Robinson said.

Senior “Acey” Stacey Williamson noted that the sweep came fairly easily to JBU, but still saw her team do many things well, like focusing on playing their game and not on the other team’s level.

Williamson said being more aggressive, eliminating unforced mistakes and improving ball control are ways that the team could improve on for the future.

This season marks Williamson’s last as a Golden Eagle volleyball player.

“Many college players get burned out by the end of their senior year, and there have definitely been times that I have felt that,” Williamson said.

“Overall, I will be sad when my volleyball career ends. “

Williamson was named the



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The Golden Eagles swept Southwestern Christian winning all three matches by more than nine points each match. They will travel to Texas on Saturday to play Wayland Baptist.

“These days are memorable and are a gift from God.”

-Staci Williamson

Arvest® Bank Athlete of the Week for Sept. 30 to Oct. 6. She is currently ranked number 30 in

the nation for total digs.

“There are definitely things I look forward to after I finish

volleyball, but ultimately I know that these days are memorable and a gift from God,” Williamson

said.

The team will travel to Texas on Saturday to play against Wayland Baptist. The game begins at 11 a.m.

Athletics Schedule

Men’s Soccer vs. Oklahoma Baptist	Cross Country NAIA Preivew Invitational	Volleyball vs. Wayland Baptist	Women’s Soccer vs. Oklahoma Baptist	Golf vs. U.C. Ferguson
Oct. 12 3 p.m.	Oct. 12 All day	Oct. 12 11 a.m.	Oct. 12 1 p.m.	Oct. 14-15 All day
Home	Away	Away	Home	Away

What’s Happening in Siloam?

Designed by Alyssa Schoenwald

Results of a Wet County

Written by Carter Henson

The sale of alcohol and liquor stores will soon be a normal occurrence in Siloam Springs.

During the City Board meeting on Oct. 1, the Siloam Springs Board of Directors voted to allow two liquor stores to set up shop in Siloam Springs. Both stores will be located near each other on Highway 412 East.

Board member Bob Coleman initially believed that having two liquor stores very close together was bad business. Coleman originally voted no on allowing Stock Tank Liquor to open in Siloam Springs, which made it a failing three to three vote by the board.

However, liquor stores in Benton County must be at least 1,000 feet from any church or school, as noted by the board. Because of the large number of churches in town, locations for liquor stores are very limited.

“It was very tough to find a place suitable for the store. We had to find a place a certain distance from churches and schools, and it just happened to be this location,” Stock Tank Liquor owner Jeff Stokes said.

After discussion by the board, Coleman amended his vote to yes.

Had the vote held up as a failing vote, Stokes said it would have been “very difficult” to get another permit to build the store somewhere else.

“I knew there would be some objections to building the liquor store in Siloam,” Stokes said.

The board also had a fear of “clustering” or having too many liquor stores too close together.

Even though he originally opposed having the two stores near each other, Coleman said he was looking forward to the business that

the stores would bring to the city.

“Having these places in town will really help Siloam grow,” Coleman said.

Stokes said the location was also based on the amount of traffic that drives on Highway 412 East. He also said it will be beneficial in helping bring business and jobs to Siloam Springs.

“We will employ around four to six employees when we first open and expand from there,” Stokes said.

Another law that Stokes had to comply with was the restriction on drive-through windows. Currently, it is not allowed for liquor stores to have such windows.

Stokes said even though it was originally in the plan to have a drive-through window, they would comply with the restrictions of the law. The board did say that Stokes could petition the board for the ability to use a drive-through window.

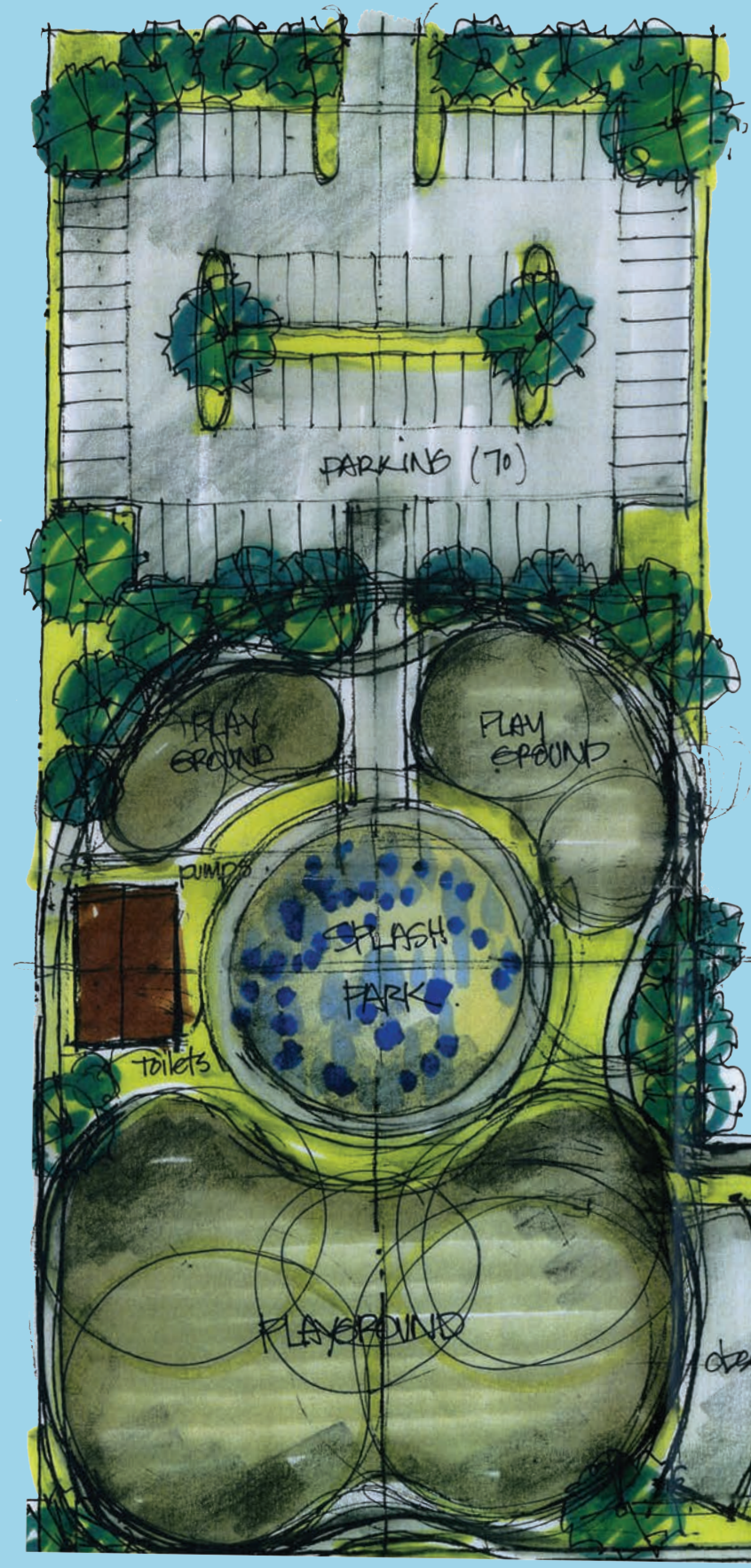
“We need to make this not as restrictive for these business owners,” City Administrator David Cameron said, in regards to the drive-through window policy.

Cameron also said that there would not be a straightforward solution for the issue.

“We don’t want there to be any regulations that make it impractical to open,” Cameron said.

Stock Tank Liquor plans to be open within 90 days of Dec. 1, without a drive-through said Stokes.

After a lot of discussion from the board, there will be two liquor stores in Siloam Springs.



Eyesore to Become an Oasis

Written by Chelsea Spencer

In the coming months, Siloam Springs’ residents may have the opportunity to enjoy a new walking track, playground and even a splash park, said Siloam Springs Board of Directors at the City Board Meeting on Oct. 1.

The city of Siloam Springs has authorized the purchase of the former Rose Bud Trailer Village on Lake Francis Drive in hopes of building a public park on the property. The Siloam Springs Board of Directors convene in the City Administration building in downtown Siloam Springs on every first and third Tuesday of each month. The city council meeting, held on Oct. 1 was chaired by Mayor John Turner and directed by board members Bob Coleman, Carol Smiley, Scott Jones, Judy Nation, James Fuller and Ken Krafft.

Several board members were in favor of building a new park in the southern region of Siloam Springs. However, when the resolution was brought before the board on Tuesday evening with no estimated cost provided for the park construction, other board directors were hesitant to consent to the purchase of the property.

“We don’t have a vision about what it will cost us at the far end,” said City Director Bob Coleman. “I think we need a park; I don’t disapprove. I just want to know what it will cost.”

Fellow City Director Scott Jones responded to Coleman’s uncertainty about the proposed resolution by mentioning that the purchase of the former trailer park would benefit Siloam Springs, even if the city merely cleared the land and refrained from building a new park.

Board member Judy Nation agreed, describing the current state of the land as “an eyesore,” because the property currently contains abandoned trailer homes and “dangerous” scrap metal.

Nation said that she thought the plans for the new park would “do nothing but good” for the city.

The board passed the motion to authorize the purchase of the former Rose Bud Trailer Village for \$56,000, a price significantly less than its approximated value said Jones.

The funds for the construction of the new park on that property, however, have been earmarked at \$350,000 according to the mayor; they expect a large portion of that money to return to the general fund for the city.

Christina Petriches, financial director and new resident of Siloam Springs, said that she has visited the aforementioned property twice, but she described her visits saying, “Yikes!”

She also said, “I really like the idea of making a park, but even if all they do is clear the land, I think that would be a significant improvement for the city and for the safety of the residents. It’s right in the middle of a neighborhood. There are kids all over the place there, so you have to think about that.”

Mayor Turner agreed, “I am totally for it. I think that it is something that is definitely needed.”

Although they have not taken a vote to authorize the construction of a city park on this newly purchased property, the Siloam Springs Board of Directors projected the park to be completed in 2014.

Submitted by the city of Siloam