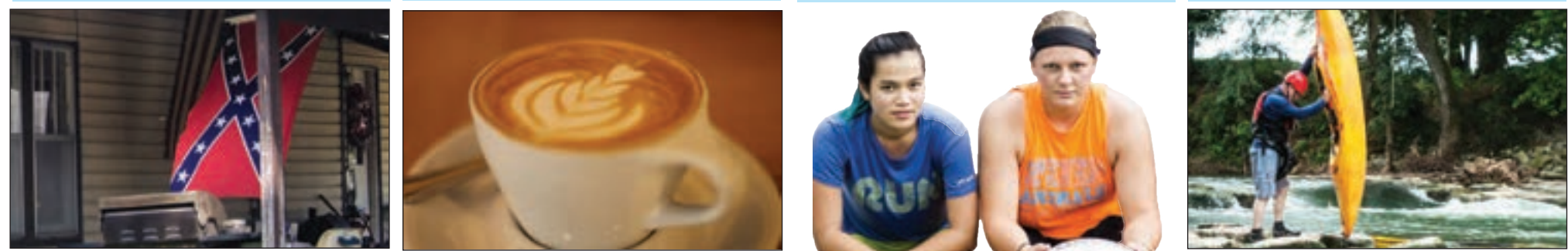


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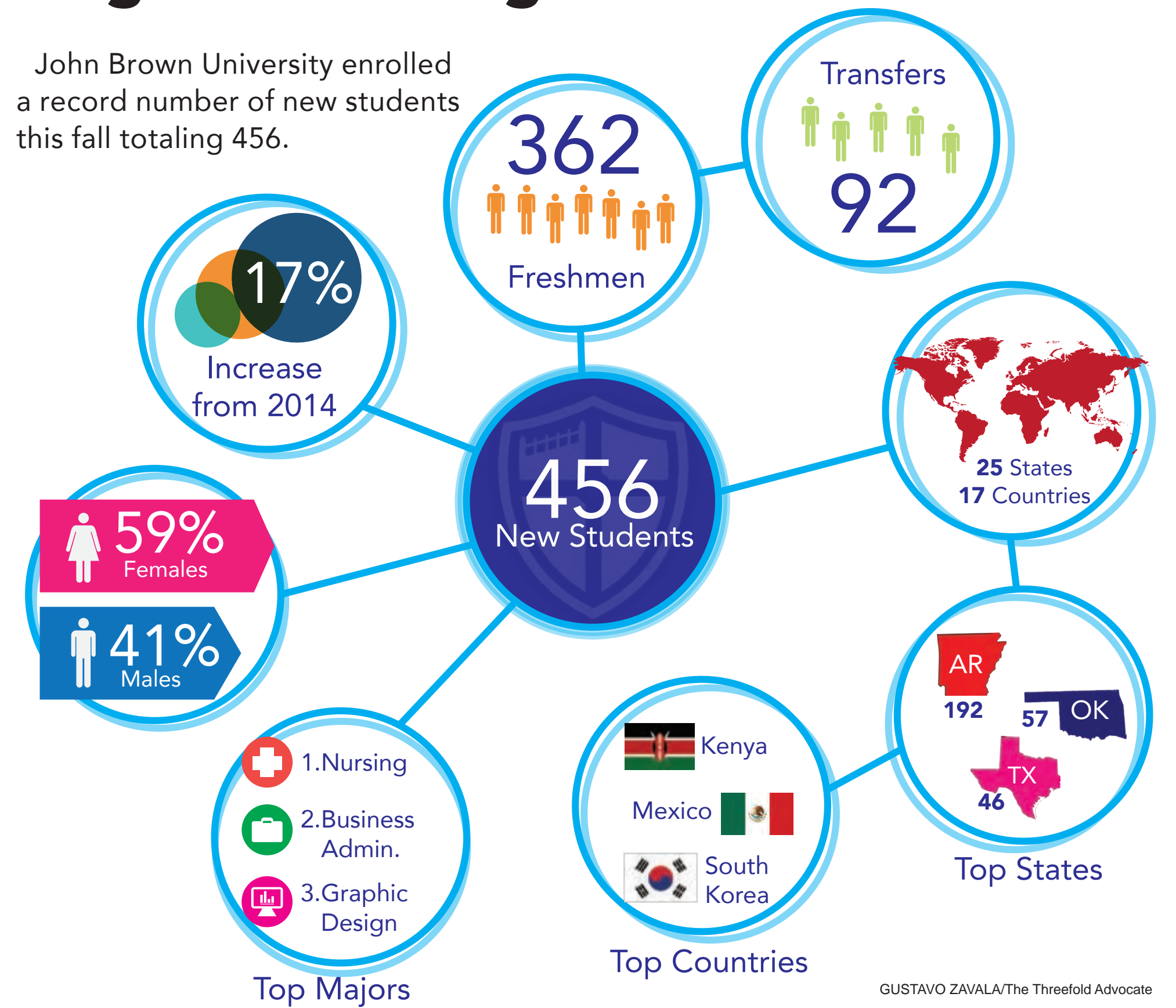
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Largest incoming class breaks record

John Brown University enrolled a record number of new students this fall totaling 456.



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Guatemalan protests force president's arrest

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Guatemala's public protests achieved their desired goal on Sept. 1, when the Guatemalan congress lifted President Otto Perez Molina's immunity against charges of corruption. This 132-0 unanimous vote marks the first time a Guatemalan president has lost immunity. International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), a corruption investigation agency, reported that the president and his administration were involved in a corruption scandal on April 16. The CICIG found that the customs office allowed different businesses to bribe in order to evade taxes. According to NBC News, the customs office has received more than \$3.5 million in bribes. This scandal triggered protests across the nation asking for the president's resignation. "Guatemalans got tired of corrupted politicians," said Mario Escobar, a junior business

management major from Guatemala. "August 27 was a historical day for Guatemalans because the whole country decided to stop labors and protest," Escobar said. Even though this political crisis reveals corruption, Guatemalan student Karen Carrera said the situation is creating a positive outcome. "This situation united Guatemalans to fight against one of the biggest problems our government has," said Carrera, a sophomore business administration major. Carrera explained that, in the past, protesters were fragmented. People from different professions create their own groups and went out to protest. She explained that lack of unity also came from factors such as differences in age, motivation, and social class. "This time was different. People decided to leave their differences and went out to protest for the same cause," Carrera said. News about the president's failure to achieve immunity soon swept the country through pictures, posts, tweets



Courtesy of THE GUARDIAN

Guatemalans celebrate President Otto Peréz Molina's resignation after months of protests last week outside of the Metropolitan Cathedral in Guatemala City.

and other media. Perez Molina's spokesman, Jorge Ortega, said that Perez's resignation does not mean he is accepting the charges. Now the court has called President Perez to face the charges of fraud, illicit association and corruption related to an alleged multi-million-dollar customs fraud, according to the Washington Post. Many Guatemalans are celebrating the actions that the government are taking in order to solve this problem. "This situation shows that the law is applicable to all people," said Enrique Lopez, a Guatemalan freshman chemistry major. Guatemalans are now focused on the elections for the new president. The initial election took place this past Monday and a runoff election is scheduled for Oct. 25. The candidates are Jimmy Morales, Manuel Baldizon and Sandra Torres.

Ground broken: construction continues

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As director of facilities Steve Brankle sat down for an interview, he wiped his brow, having just come in from digging up a gas line that was in the way of construction. This summer John Brown University officially broke ground on the new health sciences building on Aug. 17. When this story was written, construction workers were pouring concrete footings and laying down the plumbing. “By homecoming, there’s a good chance you’ll see steel columns and beams,” Brankle said. July 1, 2016 is the official date of completion, but Brankle said he expects to have the building constructed in June. At that point, the University’s information technology services will start installing the computer equipment

building fully furnished by early August, but the deadline is Aug. 24, when students begin classes. In May of 2018, the first class of nursing majors will graduate from the University. “Really, this is something JBU has been thinking about for a very long time,” said director of nursing Ellen Odell. Odell said that JBU first started making moves to create a nursing program in May of 2011. In February of 2013, The University hired Odell as a consultant to get prerequisite approval from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing to create a nursing program. By October, three weeks after receiving state approval, the University announced that it had received the \$6 million needed for construction through an anonymous donation. The University hired Odell full time as the director of nursing in January of 2014. That August saw the first class of JBU freshmen



Courtesy of JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY
Community members, faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the official groundbreaking of John Brown University’s new health sciences building on Aug. 17.

sophomore student who plans to become a nurse practitioner. McChristian lives in Siloam Springs and said

finally have a home on campus and that there will be no more “random nursing classes thrown into Walker.” Fellow pre-nursing sophomore Beth Brankle is the daughter of Steve Brankle. Beth Brankle also said she hopes to become a nurse practitioner. Beth Brankle explained that since she has been taking all her university core classes, by the time the Health Sciences building opens, the classes she will be taking will be almost exclusively major specific. Brankle said she is

most excited to be able to work with the High Fidelity Simulators. These “dummies” are so smart that they can simulate breathing, turn pale, blink, speak, bleed, have a pulse and, in the case of the mother-newborn simulator, even give birth. Students can practice drawing blood, inserting a catheter, performing a checkup, aiding in childbirth, and performing other job-related tasks without fear of making mistakes with an actual patient. Steve Brankle said that while every project at The University is a personal project for him,

this one is extra special. “My daughter is in the first nursing class,” Brankle said. “It’s going to be fun to build a building, in a sense, for her.” “This campus is so blessed, and I am blessed to get to be a part of it. It’s been so much fun over the years getting to see it change,” Brankle said.

“By homecoming, there’s a good chance you’ll see steel columns and beams.”

-Steve Brankle

and facilities services will install furniture and extensive nursing equipment. Brankle said he hopes to have the

to declare pre-nursing as their major. One of those freshmen was Andrew McChristian, a

he has been keeping up with the construction throughout the summer. He’s most excited that nursing majors will

America divided over Confederate flag

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After the shooting at the historically African-American church, Emanuel African

Associate professor of history Trisha Posey said that the Confederate flag that we use today is not the Confederate flag that the Confederacy hung at their capital. Posey explained that

problem, the Confederates made a battle flag, which is the one that is used today to represent the Confederacy. Freshman English education major Josh Estes said he believes

said that the people in his hom town still fly the Confederate flag, not out of hatred but to remember the history of their town. Estes also said that people in the United States are proud of the region of

which formed in 1948, used the Confederate flag, or “Southern Cross,” as a political symbol. The Dixicrats protested the Democratic platform of the civil rights movement and supported segregation laws. According to CNN, the Ku Klux Klan began using the flag more widely around this time. “The Bible tells us to identify those who have been oppressed,” Posey said while describing how Christians should handle issues concerning

the Confederate flag. Posey also encouraged students to try and find a way to identify with the oppressed and, at a minimum, try to see issues from their point of view. “As Christ came to reconcile us to him, we should be people that are the work of reconciliation, and anything that is not a part of reconciliation, we should not be a part of,” Posey said.



CLAYTON LYON/The Threefold Advocate
A resident of Siloam Springs flies the Southern Cross alongside a faded American flag. The Confederate flag represents a symbol of pride for some and signals racism for others.

Methodist Episcopal, in Charleston, S.C., America started to reconsider how it should view the Confederate flag. Use of the search term “confederate flag” spiked in June 2015, according to Google Trends, the same month of the Charleston shooting, and remains higher now than it was in the past 10 years prior to this June.

“As Christ came to reconcile us to him, we should be people that are the work of reconciliation.”

-Trisha Posey

the United States flag and the Confederate flag looked so much alike that it confused soldiers. In order to solve this

the Confederate flag is a symbol of the South. Estes is from Pea Ridge, Ark., where a Civil War battle took place. He

the country they come from and, to him, the flag represents southern pride. Senior graphic design major Abby Servaes said that she believes the flag is a symbol of the discriminated against African-Americans during the time of the Civil War. She also said she feels that the flag should not be kept around. The Dixicrat party,



CLAYTON LYON/The Threefold Advocate
The Southern Cross is proudly displayed alongside symbols of Arkansas pride.

Concert highlights value in secular music

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John Brown University student development hosted the annual welcome back concert on Aug. 29. As they have done several times in the past, they chose a secular band to perform on campus.

Performing this year was Penny and Sparrow, a two-man folk band with musicians Kyle Jahnke and Andy Baxter from Texas.

Coordinator of Student Activities Maria Lehr does not take the task of hiring bands lightly. Lehr said she usually finds bands through student suggestions and then researches bands’ attitudes and values through their lyrics, website, blogs and social media.

Though Lehr chooses bands that are not explicitly Christian, she said it is important that they are willing to adhere to JBU values while they are here.

“Communication is key,” Lehr said.

Lehr said she often sends a copy of the covenant to the band so they understand community values and standards for behavior. This way the band can determine whether the job will be a good fit for both the artists and the University.

After agreeing to do a concert for the University, the band and their management will write up a contract and begin negotiations over pricing and other stipulations.

Even with such a precautionary process, Lehr admits there is a level of risk to be considered when bringing in any outside musical group.

“There are both



Courtesy of EVENTBRITE.COM
Secular band Penny and Sparrow held a concert at John Brown University on Aug. 29. Coordinator of student activities Maria Lehr has the job of determining which bands are a good fit for the University.

“We serve a creative God and I think we severely restrict what we can learn about God’s character if we put on our blinders and say ‘I will only support explicitly Christian artists and authors and people.’”

-McKenzie Raub

positive and negative viewpoints to having a secular artist perform on campus,” said senior communication major Elise Farrell. “Some may say bringing in a secular artist allows that artist to be recognized, versus a Christian artist allowing

God to be recognized in their music.”

Lehr said she believes that the risk is worth the returns. John Brown is a musical campus and Lehr believes it is her job to organize an event that is enjoyable and relevant to students.

She also believes that there is value in bringing secular artists to JBU.

“I don’t believe that Christian music is the only place we can find truth,” Lehr said.

When choosing a group Lehr looks for meaningful music with a positive message that college students will relate to, she said.

Senior history major McKenzie Raub attended the welcome back concert featuring Penny and Sparrow.

“As Christians, I think it is important to celebrate creativity inside and outside of the church. We serve a creative God and I think we severely restrict what we can learn about God’s character if we

put on our blinders and say ‘I will only support explicitly Christian artists and authors and

artists with kindness and consideration.

“It’s a great chance to be a witness,” Lehr said.

“I don’t believe that Christian music is the only place we can find truth.”

-Maria Lehr

people,” Raub said.

Lehr pointed out the positive influence that the University can have on the secular artists that come here. She stressed the importance of hospitality and that whatever their beliefs, it is important the University treat guest speakers or

Opportunity for growth Kentucky clerk released



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Have you ever wondered what ever happened to growth groups?

If you are unfamiliar with this term, growth groups are groups of underclassmen who are mentored by upperclassmen, typically in a Bible study setting.

Growth groups sponsored by the Student Ministries and Leadership Team (SMLT) and are designed to help students grow in their relationship with God and each other through a book study.

Growth groups also encourage students to

enjoy an activity together. Sometimes growth groups will see movies, play board games, or go hiking together in an effort to bring underclassmen and upperclassmen together.

Senior graphic design student Madison Gies said, “When I was a freshman, growth groups

“It was really good to have that community.”

- Madison Gies

were really encouraged. You go to classes and you’re in a growth group. Immediately after your orientation group you were placed in a growth group. It was in addition to your major, sports, dorms and other social settings.

“You meet people who you never would

have crossed paths with otherwise,” Gies explained. “It was really good to have that community throughout your first semester: a group that was formulated just for your growth.

“I don’t really know where they are anymore,” Gies said. “I never hear about them, and I think this is unfortunate.”

SMLT is hosting a mixer in the University’s amphitheater on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 10 p.m. for students who are interested in being a part of or leading a growth group.

Senior SMLT leader Cesia Melendez said in an email, “This may be the best decision you make! Don’t miss out the opportunity to impact lives, have fun and learn about God together.”



Courtesy of ABCNEWS
Kim Davis and Mike Huckabee hold hands in celebration before a crowd following Davis’ release from jail on Sept. 8.

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Kim Davis, the Kentucky country clerk jailed on Sept. 3 after refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses, was released from jail on Tuesday.

“I just want to give God the glory,” Davis said, crying, as supporter’s cheered her on from the crowd.

According to the New York Times, thousands gathered to celebrate her release, of whom many agree with Davis that same-sex marriage violates their religious beliefs. Republican presidential candidates Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, was present at the rally in support of Davis.

“It is unconscionable that someone in this country

would spend almost one week in jail for peaceably practicing their faith,” Huckabee wrote on his campaign website. “Exercising Religious Liberty should never be a crime in America. This is a direct attack on our God-given, constitutional rights.”

U.S. District Judge David Bunning ordered Davis’s release, but issued her a warning.

“Defendant Davis shall not interfere in any way, directly or indirectly, with the efforts of her deputy clerks to issue marriage licenses to all legally eligible couples,” the judge wrote in a court order.

“If Defendant Davis should interfere in any way with their issuance,” Judge Bunning wrote, “that will be considered a violation of this Order and appropriate sanctions

will be considered.”

After her arrest by Federal Marshals, Davis spent only five days in jail for being in contempt. During that time, people across the country came together in protest and on social media to support her freedom.

In the meantime, deputy clerks at the Rowan County office followed the judge’s order to issue all marriage licenses to eligible couples.

According to the New York Times, Davis’ main problem with issuing the licenses is that they say they are issued by the clerk. Because this violates her conscience, she has refused to authorize them.

“We’ve asked for a simple solution,” said Davis’ lawyer, Mathew D. Staver. “Get her name and authority off the certificate.”

Refugee Crisis:

What’s being done, what needs to be done

The news has been covered with tragic and disturbing images of a boy washed up on the shore of Syria. We cannot ignore the serious issue that European migrants are suffering. It is clear, through the heartache, tragedy and increasing number of deaths, that change needs to happen in the way we treat these migrants.

We The Threefold believe that we need to have more compassion and redemption in the way that we interact with families and refugees in this situation. In addition, countries need to communicate and accommodate for these hurting people, but the biggest change that needs to occur is freedom from the oppressive terrorists groups causing these migrants to flee their country.

Migrants who flee in the hopes of reaching the Austrian border have now flooded Europe by the thousands. There is an inability to accommodate them in an organized way, and the borderlines are being blurred. From the beginning of this year till now, more than 350,000 migrants were detected at the European Union’s border of Greece and Macedonia.

There have been numerous standoffs between migrants and the police, migrants who moved to refugee camps, clashes between extremists and tragic cases such as the body of the drowned Syrian boy buried in Kobane.

We The Threefold believe that there should be safe havens for migrants as they are pushed out in response to terrorists groups. People unable to pull themselves out of their current oppression need to be assisted.

Germany, Italy and France have made an effort by calling for “fair distribution” of refugees throughout the EU, but they are still facing opposition to taking in more migrants in many countries.

We The Threefold believe that it is unjust for these migrants to continue to face opposition and that all people should be have the right to fair distribution.

Freshmen merit easy parking
How RHA can help

With the beginning of the school year comes many different types of events. Some have to do with athletics, and others with clubs. The events put on by each respective residence hall varies quite a bit from execution to type of event. Mayfield has the paint war, while Walker does Float or Dye.

Yet one event that is shared by all residence halls is the parking spot auction. The exact details vary, but basically a few choice spots are sold to students. This is put on by each dorm’s Residence Hall Association (RHA) and is one of their biggest fundraisers of the year. However, the parking spots are not always given to people who really need them.

Freshmen have to walk all the way from behind Hutchison Hall to their respective dorms. At the begining of the semester, freshman are forced to take multiple trips because of all the items they have brought back to campus.

Freshmen girls can also feel unsafe walking up at night. This makes it clear that freshmen would benefit far more from the RHA parking spots.

Therefore, We The Threefold believe that RHA should change their procedure involving the parking spot auction. We believe that freshmen should be given priority to purchase parking spots. This means RHA will start the auction as “freshman only.” This will allow incoming freshmen a chance to get the parking spots they need first.

We understand this is a fundraiser, and RHA needs to make money off of it. Decreasing the amount of people who are allowed to obtain each spot could potentially lower the amount of revenue they will receive in the fundraiser.

However, this should not have a large affect on the revenue because freshmen are the students who will be more likely to spend the money on the spots.

In the case that no freshmen want to spend the money on the parking, the auction can be opened up to everyone.

If RHA still felt concerned about decreased profit from the auction, they could also choose to compensate by increasing the initial cost of the bid. This could allow the parking spots to be sold at the same price even though fewer people are competing for the spots.

If all of these changes were put into action, freshmen would have a better opportunity to get the RHA parking spots. Having an RHA parking space will be the most beneficial to a freshmen walking from Hutch and the cost of changing this fundraiser to accommodate freshmen will be minimal.

We The Threefold ask that the RHA consider these suggestions for next year.

Find knowledge everywhere



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My parents live in San Antonio, so I drive through Dallas at least 4 times a year on my way to or from JBU. Each visit, I always try to stop for a few hours at the Dallas Theological Seminary’s library.

Their library is probably the ugliest library I have ever seen. Everything in the building is old and outdated, and its radical color scheme must have felt very at home in some sad past decade. Their doctoral students use study carrels lined with a strikingly ugly shade of pink. Ugh.

But though the aesthetics of Dallas Seminary’s library may be the best reason I could give to not be a dispensationalist, I make it a priority to visit whenever I’m in town.

Although it is in this ugliest of libraries that I see most clearly the beauty of learning and curiosity.

Each visit, I focus on one topic (usually missions) and make my way to the couple of shelves with those kinds of books. Glancing through the titles, I would choose the first five or

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so that most peak my curiosity and sit down at a table to skim.

I’ll read whatever seems most interesting — usually just one chapter or subsection of a book. And if I feel like it, I might spend an hour or two delving into one random idea I stumble across, maybe even walking over to the periodicals section to find some referenced journal article.

For me, those hours in Dallas are like a breath of fresh air. Sitting next to ugly pink study carrels, skimming through random books, devouring knowledge, I feel alive. I feel free and unrestrained, excited about learning and knowledge in a new way.

At JBU, I tend to spread myself thin and have little spare time. Plus, I try hard to get good grades. So when I’m reading for a class and run across an intriguing idea I’d like to explore, I usually don’t.

With limited time, I have to choose between studying what a professor wants and what I do. The grades, quizzes and essays end up deciding , not my curiosity.

It’s not that what a professor wants me to learn isn’t worth knowing (it usually is, and that’s

why I’m taking the class!), but there’s a difference between learning important things and learning intriguing things.

It’s kind of like how some distinguish between crafts and art. Crafts have beauty, but it’s the same thing over and over (think a thousand mass-produced blankets). Art has inspiration, sharing a part of the artist’s very person with the observer. It’s a whole other kind of beautiful.

Dallas isn’t the only place that I get to set my curiosity free, but it’s there that I see inquiry most clearly happen. Because five hours away from JBU in such an ugly library, the beauty of learning is most apparent.

Don’t worry – I’m not going to stop doing assigned readings or learning what professors want me to learn. But it’s my “free swim” learning that makes it worth it.

Get good grades, yes. But don’t let a syllabus stop you from learning. It’s too beautiful to not see.

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Student responds to race related attacks



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Sometimes today can feel like the 60s. Many images splattered before me: black churches being shot and burned down by domestic terrorists; brown-skinned boys slain in the streets by those who were meant to defend and protect them, brown-skinned children were harassed and incriminated in front of their homes; brown-skinned women were mysteriously murdered



Courtesy of SHMOOP.COM

The 1960s was a time of marches for Civil Rights. During these events there were many examples of police brutality

in police custody, and no one knows how. It feels like the 60s, but when I turn on my smartphone, all of its lights and apps declare that it is the 21st century. It is the age of progression, equality, technological advances and a time when a man of color has been voted in as president of the United States of America. But true justice for all is still an elusive concept. Instead of justice the African-American community

is told that our men are criminals and insight fear into law enforcement. Black women are told they are too bold and outspoken, and their children are unruly. Yet in Charleston, S.C. at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, a room full of black men, women and children were slaughtered in their own sanctuary. None of them were hostile; they loved and welcomed the terrorist when he walked in. The terrorist said he was not

killing them because of any characteristics but because of the hue of their skin. The incident is reminiscent of the 1963 bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., where four

with that body. We all suffer because we are all part of the human race, and when one hurts, shouldn't we all hurt? The issue of racism in this country is often ignored until a tragedy happens, like Eric

“We all suffer because we are all part of the human race, and when one hurts, shouldn't we all hurt?”

small black girls were killed. It seems that America is progressing at the same rate as it is regressing because of its failure to address her illness. There is chaos when America does not find a cure but simply bandages symptoms with shallow policies. All of America suffers, not just one group of people. We all suffer because our fellow citizens are being robbed of rights and privileges that are guaranteed to some but not others; we all suffer because our fellow Christians are dying for showing the love of God; we all suffer because a dream, a business, an activist, a CEO, a doctor, a lawyer, a preacher, a librarian and a brilliant mind died along

Gardner or the Charleston shooting. That's a problem. Racism happens continuously whether we recognize it or not, so it is counterproductive to only speak of it when people are murdered. By then it's too late. Racism is a tough and difficult subject to discuss but it must be discussed on a regular basis, so when citizens see racism, they recognize it and fight against it with all of their being.

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Comedian sets journalism standards



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Journalistic backbone seems to have disappeared. I am not a journalist nor do I claim to be one, but in the last few days this has become a topic of interest. The interest arose thanks to Donald Trump, who, by the way, seems like an awful candidate and an equally awful human being. On Tuesday in Iowa, Trump held a news conference, and in that conference, a journalist and anchor by the name of Jorge Ramos from Univision began asking questions concerning Trump's plans on immigration. Ramos himself is a Mexican-American. Trump, in his arrogant, condescending and all-but-humble style, basically tried shooing him off. “Wait your turn,” Trump said once and again, trying to get the pesky journalist to sit down, but Ramos did not let up. In the meantime, while

“He, without knowing it, and perhaps without wanting it, became a beacon of real news reporting and many followed in his steps.”

Things were not always like this. Back before Reagan's glorious Republican reign, journalists would fight their way through a crowd to get their hand noticed by whoever it was they were trying to get an answer from. Politicians, on the other hand, would prepare themselves for combat against this unrelenting hoard of truth-seeking journalists; there were no carefully crafted and rehearsed responses given by political figures. The lack of veraciousness became all the more evident when Jon Stewart, a comedian, not a journalist, came onto The Daily Show. He brought back

that tenacity and backbone that journalists had lost, but he did it a bit differently by mixing in some satire and humor. Stewart became a breath of fresh air in a smog-ridden news hub. Of course, some might say that he was not out there on the field asking those same biting questions to politicians or VIPs, but I would remind those people that Stewart is not a journalist; he is a comedian who took on a



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Jon Stewart retired from the Daily Show on Aug. 6 2015, paying tribute to those who worked on the show and watched.

News. At the start of his show, The Colbert Report, —the ert and ort are silent—Colbert's character told his audience that he would not support any of his claims with facts and figures; rather, he would support his claims with “truthiness.” This “truthiness” came from the gut; it was a feeling, it came from the heard, and it supported a claim in a way that facts never could. He was, of course, mocking the journalistic style that has become common place in a journalist's line of work. Colbert was a protégé of Stewart with the goal to lift the veil that many news networks have placed over current events.

However, both of these journalistic comedians are gone and only John Oliver and Larry Wilmore remain to carry the torch, though it will not be the same. For over 10 years, these comedians became the journalists who asked the hard questions; they became thejournalists who sought the truth and communicated it; they became the journalists that journalists today ought to be.

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Senior reflects on joyful memories to combat senioritis



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The 26th of August marked my 17th “first day of school.” I know that deep in the caverns of my mom's numerous photo albums there's a very small Matt beaming a smile on his actual first day of school. But this time I couldn't even manage a first day selfie to send my mom. I know she'll probably never let me live that down. Call me awful but I found it really difficult to

care. I blamed senioritis at the time, but I'm starting to get some perspective now. This is my last year at JBU. Nostalgia beckons me and I find myself thinking about the people that made these years so incredible. Danny Ahn was a Korean missionary in Kenya. And when I met him he was sitting on his bed, holding his knees, looking thoroughly culture shocked. He gave me a very formal handshake. My first impression of him was a withdrawn, quiet, Korean kid. But our friendship was far from formal or quiet for that matter. He would inadvertently wake me up in the middle of the night with loud and angry Korean expletives. He had lost another match of League of Legends — a super popular computer game at the time — and I had lost another moment of precious sleep. He would pick fights in our suite over ping pong matches, Mario Party, dead

“JBU hasn't just given me the best four years of my life. It's prepared me to love every moment of what the future might hold for my relationships, my career and my relationship with my Savior.”

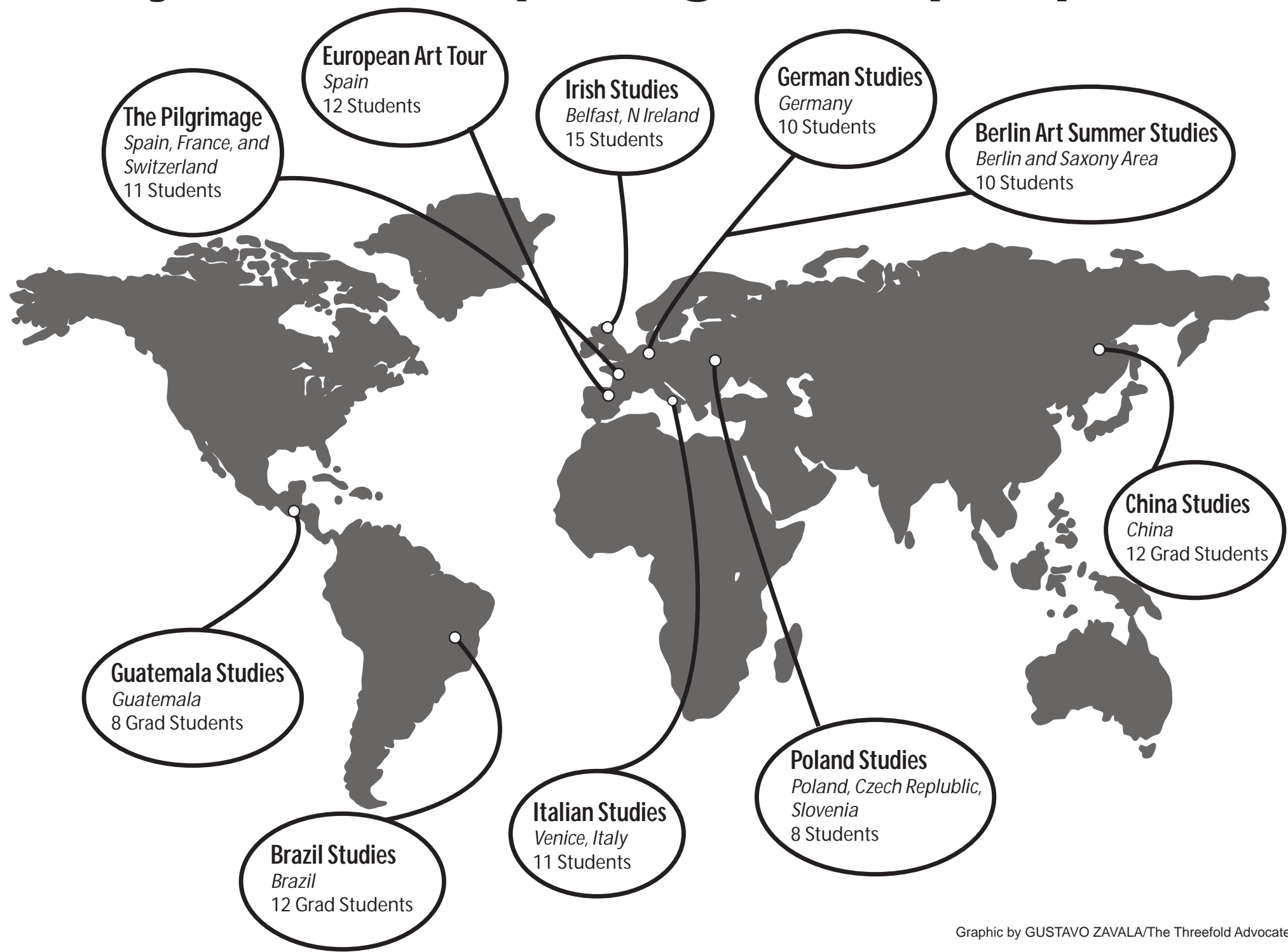
fish and he would make us refer to him as our master. Though there were lots of fights, I hated to see him return to Korea to fulfill his duty to the Korean Army. He said he'd come back when he was done. Instead he went to Australia to continue his studies. I wish I could punch him for lying to me. Just outside of our suite in J. Alvin during Freshman year, I found myself mesmerized by the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. She had dolled

herself up and gone out with her girlfriends, only to return back to campus to hang in the J. Alvin atrium. I tried talking to her, but she had cast a spell on me. My tongue swelled up, my palms got sweaty, and I discovered to be completely flabbergasted by this gorgeous girl. Ashley and I are celebrating our two-year dating anniversary this September. As a certain Darcy once said to Elizabeth, “You have bewitched me body and soul” and, after all

this time, I still find myself completely bewitched by her. Four years ago I would have never imagined myself in such a joyous place. Senioritis has gotten the best of me a number of times already. But this pervasive feeling of joy lingers despite the apathy. JBU hasn't just given me the best four years of my life. It's prepared me to love every moment of what the future might hold for my relationships, my career and my relationship with the Savior. Every moment I walk on this campus, it reminds me that the present is a gift to be seized. No more senioritis, I choose joy.

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Study abroad: Exploring a new perspective



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Fall semester is upon us and students have reconvened onto the Siloam Springs campus. Throughout the summer over a hundred students traveled to over 10 countries and each experienced life-changes. From a wide variety of cultures, countries, families and lives back home, together they form the diverse JBU community. Of this diverse community, both American and non-

American students took advantage of the opportunity to have a cross-culture experience this past summer. The Poland Studies trip was one that collaborated with youth ministry and human and family services, and psychology majors. Associate professor of youth ministries, Jason Lanker, and the department head and professor of psychology, Kevin Simpson, lead the students through Eastern Europe this summer. The group split up and participated in a “great race” style of travel, incorporating students from other countries.

But, why Poland? “I wanted to pick a place that would help raise questions, where we would talk about issues that we wouldn’t talk about if we weren’t there,” said Lanker. In Poland, groups were challenged in conversations with ministry workers and students about bullying. They discussed other conversations such as race and crime in the Communist and Nazi history of Poland. They also visited the historical holocaust sight, Auschwitz, to gain a better understanding and a new perspective of the injustice and suffering that occurred there. “I wanted

their lives to change; mine did,” said Lanker. Lanker concluded that hopefully the relationships formed between the University and Eastern European students could form further ministry opportunities with Poland in the future. In addition to the Poland summer trip, another group made up of photography and illustration majors went on an educational tour to Berlin, Germany. Senior illustration major, Hannah Newsom, was one of the students who traveled with the art department to Berlin. While traveling to art museums and sightseeing

in and around the city, Newsom said she was not only moved by the beauty of the art and history around her, but she was also inspired by the work of her fellow students. Returning to campus with memories of the trip, “I find myself talking about it all the time,” Newsom said. Alyssa Garza, senior child and family studies major, experienced a similar reaction after the Pilgrimage study trip. “People ask about it all the time,” said Garza. While she grew closer to the other students on the trip, she also explained how difficult the journey was.

“It was emotionally draining,” Garza said, as she went into details about their time at a French monastery and hiking along El Camino in Spain. “It was kind of overwhelming how sweet the people were.” Each trip and individual produced different reactions and memories based on personal experience. In these experiences, Lanker emphasized how important it is, “to get inside somebody’s shoes and really see them and not just this caricature of them.”

Professor transitions from Florida to Arkansas

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The Donald G. Soderquist College of Business at John Brown University recently gained new undergraduate department head, Ryan Ladner. Ladner, who recently received his doctorate from George Fox University, defended his dissertation in June. Ladner has lived in several places across the United States including Tennessee, Florida and now Arkansas. He grew up in Passchristian, Miss., a small town similar to Siloam Springs. “Well, you had cow pastures and fields and it was a very rural town in particular,” Ladner said. “It was fun, family-oriented. Almost a childhood like you would see in a movie nowadays. You knew all these people, you grew up with all these people, you went to school with these people, you graduated with these people and you still keep in contact with them.” Ladner stayed in

Mississippi to accomplish his bachelor’s degree in finance. Then, he worked for Frito-Lay for three years. While he was there he married his wife, Brittany Ladner. Two years after they married, they found out they were expecting a child. Ladner then decided to pursue a career in higher education, leading him and his family to Chattanooga, Tenn. He worked as a resident director, and eventually moved to Palm Beach Florida. While working and trying to raise a family, Ladner began to become disenchanted with Florida, due to the cost of living and lack of family environment. A friend of his and current professor and department head for degree completion in the Donald G. Soderquist College of Business, Sam Heinrich, began to talk to Ladner about joining him at the University. “I said ‘I want to be in an area where we can afford to live comfortably, where the school system for my kids is good, where they encourage relationships between



Ryan Ladner leads a class as the new undergraduate department head for the Donald G. Soderquist College of Business.

the professor and the student and they have a Christ-centered mission,” and Heinrich said ‘I really believe JBU has everything you want,’” Ladner said, describing his conversation with Heinrich. However, after his conversation with Heinrich, Ladner was still not completely convinced. “I’ll just be honest,” Ladner said, “Moving

from Florida to Arkansas it was like ‘Who wants to move to Arkansas? No way am I going to Arkansas!’ and I told my wife that and she said, ‘There’s no way I’m going to Arkansas!’” Although Ladner was hesitant about moving across the country, his frustration with Florida continued to grow, when he and his wife came to Siloam Springs for

the position interview they had a positive impression of Siloam. “We were on the back roads from XNA to Siloam, and it was just like pasture after pasture and barns and I look at Ryan and said, ‘So how far are we?’ and he looked at his map and said, ‘Um, we’re pretty close,’” Brittany Ladner laughed retelling her first experience in Arkansas.

“And my eyes got huge! But once we drove into downtown Siloam, I kind of started to fall in love.” The Ladners agreed that since they have been at The University they have felt assured that it is exactly where God wants them and their children to be. “We moved here and the kids have a backyard,” Ladner said with a smile on his face.



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Northwest Arkansas offers coffee variety

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In the Northwest Arkansas area, there are a variety of coffee shops for students to hang out with friends, grab a cup of Joe or even listen to local bands. Let's examine each one. Siloam Springs has two great places to go: Pour Jon's and The Cafe on Broadway, as well as surrounding areas. The atmosphere in Pour Jon's is very cozy with hand-written

notes from guests on the exposed plaster. Pour Jon's also plays music on their record player, ranging from soft ballads to indie folk. Pour Jon's welcomes students as a haven from on-campus life. "I went to Pour Jon's a lot last semester, especially during finals week," Claire Griffin said, a sophomore communication major. Griffin explained it was a great atmosphere for studying and great coffee. The Café on Broadway scene offers

seating areas for people to fellowship with one another over a lunch, delicate desserts or even coffee. The chai latte "tasted like fall in a cup," Caitlin McGuire, freshman nursing major, said. According to Emma Hahn, sophomore political science major who doesn't share the same opinion, the only downside of Café on Broadway is that, "it is like a home school mom hang out or a place where moms go and talk about their kids."

Venture up to Fayetteville, Ark. for more welcoming coffee shops, for those wanting to get out of the Siloam Springs' area. Onyx, with two locations in Springdale and Fayetteville, is a chic, ultra-modern place to hang out and study. Surrounded by wood-made and modern furniture, Onyx uses local and organic products. The milk is low pasteurized and the syrups are homemade. Onyx sells their coffee to local coffee shops

in the area like Pour Jon's and also teaches local coffee shops different techniques on making coffee. The most recommended drink at Onyx is the Ethiopian Guji Hambela, which contains the flavors raspberry, juicy white grape, lychee and chocolate malt. Mama Carmen's Espresso Cafe, another coffee shop in Fayetteville, feels similar to walking into the store Anthropologie. Besides selling drinks, they sell clothes

and accessories. Mama Carmen's Coffee Shop donates all the profits from the coffee to an orphanage and a coffee farm in Guatemala. Mama Carmen's and Onyx both offer a drink called affogato. Onyx serves this drink with espresso and ice cream, whereas Mama Carmen's adds gelato with espresso, instead of ice cream. Visit these shops to experience more of what Northwest Arkansas has to offer.



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Coffee drinks to try



Pour Jon's:
V60 Pour Over



The Cafe on Broadway:
Vanilla dirty chai latte w/
white chocolate



Onyx Coffee Lab:
Ethiopian Guji Hambela &
Lavender and Honey latte



Mama Carmen's:
Cappuccino



Mama Carmen's/ Onyx:
Affogato

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New athletes share journey to JBU

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Each year, John Brown University’s sports programs see plenty of fresh faces as freshman athletes come to school seeking to compete at a collegiate level. This year is no exception, and each athlete has a story to tell about how they came to the University.

Some athletes, such as volleyball player Brittany Ayers, had to overcome injuries to achieve the goal of playing on an athletic scholarship at the collegiate level. She first heard about the University at the end of her senior year of high school and coming from Lamar, Mo. found it to be the best option.

Although she had other offers from different schools Ayers said that coming to the University was, “a total God thing.”

“I got into searching for what I wanted academically in a school, which is a graduate counseling program... I found JBU online and it was a great school,” Ayers said.

She reached out to Coach Carver and it happened that Carver had seen her play at previous club games.

“It was a huge eye opener that he had seen me play previously,” Ayers said.

Carver had responded and set up a tryout for her, but during her second club tournament of her final season before college she tore her ACL and both menisci in her left knee. It was the Saturday night before the tryout.

“It was horrible and the JBU tryout was scheduled for the following Sunday,” Ayers said.

Even though the injury ended her club season and Carver only had seen her play a few times Ayers said it was by the grace of God she was able to recover.

“Usually that type of injury is a six month to a year recovery and rehab,” she said.

“I was able to recover quickly and I came down met the team and absolutely fell in love with JBU.”

Ayers was able to miraculously recover in five months.

“The outcomes of the tests and the therapists acknowledged it was something they weren’t familiar with; I told

them it was the complete glory to God that I got through it,” she added.

“The fact that Coach Carver had such faith in me that I could really come back and play at 100 percent and play at the collegiate level was a total blessing.”

Others, like soccer player Tainara Oliveira, traveled far away from home to play at the University.

Although her home is 5,121 miles from Arkansas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Oliveira found herself in Arkansas and loves it. She discovered the school because she attended school in Florida and her host family encouraged her to go to the University.

“Growing up I didn’t have a close relationship with God, but since I started living with my host family in Florida I felt closer to him,” Oliveira said.

“My host family said if I wanted to keep building my relationship with God I should go to JBU and play for them!”

After visiting other colleges Oliveira didn’t feel comfortable so she visited the University and felt at home.

“They changed my mind! The environment at JBU is what brought me here,” She said.

Oliveira faced a few odds in her journey to the University- she spent an extra year of school to learn English and got other offers that had to be revoked because of budget cuts. But now that she’s here, Oliveira said she is enjoying the calmer, slow-paced atmosphere of Arkansas and loves her team.

“The team is the best thing that happened in my life,” Oliveira said.

“I love that they are not just about soccer, they make it a way to glorify the Lord and that’s what brought me here.”

While fellow soccer player Corey Ferguson is also far away from home, his journey to the University was not what he expected, but, as he said, “in the end it was all worth it.”

Like many athletes, Ferguson had offers from different schools, but he did not feel welcomed.

“It didn’t feel like I was home; settling in just felt like it would take forever,” Ferguson said about other colleges.

“Just by clicking around [my dad and I]



Courtesy of JBU ATHLETICS
Pictured clockwise from top left: Bethany Ayers from Lamar, Mo., Tainara Oliviera from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Corey Ferguson, Georgetown from Cayman Islands and Bayli Reagan from Springfield, Mo.

both stumbled upon JBU and I really liked what I saw by the statistics for the soccer team.”

Ferguson decided to send the University’s Coach Marksberry a video of him playing As a result, he was given an offer he greatly accepted.

Even though Ferguson is far from home, he decided that going to the University was a good decision.

“There are way much more opportunities for me to further my education as well as play competitive soccer,” he said.

“It was a tough decision to leaving my family but in the end I made them proud.”

Since coming to JBU, Ferguson has enjoyed playing with his teammates.

“I feel a strong bond with everyone on the team already and I pretty much just met them,” he said.

“We all motivate each other at training

and I cant wait to see what the future holds for us this season.”

Finally, there are those like Bayli Reagan, who, though she lives in close-by Missouri, thought that they would end up anywhere else for college.

choose and even had offers from D1 schools. A fellow teammate in high school showed interest in visiting the University, and convinced her to go.

“I thought a weekend with friends, to play ball, no big deal,” Reagan said.

“I called the athletic director, Robyn, and explained how much I needed to be at JBU,” Reagan said, “Robyn said that she saw video of me and would send my name to the new coach when they hired him.”

She added, “I put off full-ride offers because I felt that I needed to be at JBU.”

The biggest thing she appreciated when coming to the University campus was how welcomed she felt by the upperclassmen.

“I had been on visits to other colleges where the seniors snubbed us, but when I came here a senior stopped everything they were doing to get to know me,” she said.

Now that they are here, the student body has the opportunity to watch them play.

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Cool places in Northwest Arkansas

If you have extra time, then use it to visit these places in Northwest Arkansas!



Siloam Springs

Siloam Springs Historical Downtown

Downtown is well-known for its historical buildings. This charming place offers different venues to spend time with friends. The Café on Broadway and Pour Jons are coffee shops that provide pleasant atmospheres and great places to study.

Whitewater Recreation Park

Located 4 miles outside of town, this free park provides an ideal location for kayaking, canoeing, and tubing adventures. There is not an outlet on location, so students will have to bring their own kayaks or visit a local outlet for rentals.



Siloam Springs



Bentonville

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Crystal Bridges is a fantastic free option for seeing great American Art. The museum contains a collection of paintings as well as scenic trails with beautiful sculptures dotting the paths.

Botanical Garden of the Ozarks

Nature lovers will enjoy the Garden. This place contains 12 themed gardens and a butterfly house. It is a beautiful spot to spend the afternoon surrounded by a unique landscape.



Fayetteville



Winslow

Devil's Den State Park

Nestled in the Ozark Mountains, this scenic state park is just an hour away from the university. Devil's Den features hiking and biking trails, rental canoes and pedal boats on site, as well as cabins and campsites for a great weekend off campus.