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New building unifies nursing students

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Nursing student Anna Klein walked through two sets of glass doors and passed a reception desk similar to that of a hospital. Down the hallway she passed large glass windows looking into practice examination rooms. In one is a robotic mannequin that simulates a pregnant woman. In another, a mannequin of a man lays on a hospital bed next to machines that simulate his vital signs.

“When it was just sheetrock and open outlets, it was exciting to think all that it could be. But now seeing it, it’s just more than I would have ever thought it would be,” Klein said of the new Health Education Building.

The Nursing Program started in fall of 2014 with 53 students enrolled in pre-nursing classes, one full-time faculty and a long way to go. This year, the program has grown to be the third largest major with nearly 115 students enrolled, seven faculty members and a brand new building,



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explained Ellen Odell, director of the Nursing Program.

The two-story Health Education Building is equipped with three classrooms, exam rooms for clinic teaching, simulation rooms, labs for health assessment, offices, study areas and a computer lab, offering students a hands-on, high-tech learning experience. However, providing students with new tools for learning is only one portion of a ripple-effect of unity and pride within the Nursing Program.

“We just had a conception in

our mind of what it was to be a nursing student,” Klein said. “But now it’s been so encouraging and so almost hopeful to have staff members, to have a building, to have classrooms. All of these things were just dreams,” Klein added as she grinned.

Having simulation rooms, says junior Alyssa Bowerman, gives her better practice and more confidence to enter her future career in nursing. “We are not thrown into a completely new situation with actual people in beds where we have to sort of adjust on-the-go,” Bowerman said.

Nursing students will apply their knowledge from classes through simulated, real-case scenarios using human-like mannequins as patients, said Klein. “They have wrinkles in their skin, toenails, facial expressions,” she described.

These “High Fidelity Simulators,” according to the university’s website, are “computer-operated interactive mannequins that can blink, bleed, drool, cry, dilate their pupils, generate heart and lung rhythms and sounds, mimic breathing and more.”

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Walker computer lab moves to library

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“Click” go the gray library security gates every time someone walks between them. Library traffic has more than doubled this August as compared to August 2015. Meanwhile, the doors to the former Walker computer lab are locked.

Brent Swearingen, director of the library, attributes to the increase in library traffic to the recent relocation of the Walker computer lab and Help Desk.

The library has been refurbished to include a new set of computers, conference table and coffee nook – much like the old Walker lab. The Help Desk, which was formerly inside the Walker lab, now has a larger, naturally-lit room that creates a direct route between the Media Lab and library. The result is

that people are using the library and Help Desk more frequently and the library now has later hours to match those of the former Walker Lab. Meanwhile students who regularly used the Walker Lab are adjusting to a quieter study environment.

In place of the two printers in the Walker computer lab, there is now a single Cloud Print printer in the student center, between the ATM and the mailroom window.

Swearingen called the library/help desk/media lab trio a “one-stop shop.” He said in addition to doubling foot traffic, people have used the reference desk and checked out books in August 2016 more than in August 2015.

“You get more people in – then they’re more likely

to use the other services because they’re right there,” Swearingen said.

Swearingen said library open hours have increased by 26 percent. It is now open until 2 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, midnight on Friday and 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Ana Rodriguez, a sophomore biology major who said she frequently uses the library, smiled when she mentioned the extended hours. Rodriguez said that several times last semester she was in the library when it closed at midnight. Library staff would come into a study room upstairs where she had filled a whiteboard with notes, and she would have to leave

Brazil’s president impeached, crime escalates

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Brazil’s senate voted to remove recently suspended President Dilma Rousseff from office on Wednesday, August 31.

Rousseff was impeached for “fiscal irregularities” after a five-month long suspension that was a result of the president’s corrupt tactics to hide the extent of the country’s financial problems. Michel Temer, Rousseff’s successor, was sworn in as president shortly after her removal, according to USA today.

USA Today reported that Brazil’s economy slid into a deep recession after a global slowdown decreased the value of its exports and that the economy has been deteriorating even further since Rousseff’s re-election. Because the economy is doing so poorly, Brazil is seeing its crime rates go up. “Growing up I never heard of any protest but after she had become elected there were so many protests all over the country,” said Jennifer Johnson, a junior nursing major who was raised in Brazil.



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“The economy is driving normally honest people to do crazy things.” Jessica Jansma, an MK from Brazil, said that because the economic decline

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the whiteboard and move to the Walker computer lab to continue studying.

Students listed multiple things they would miss about the Walker computer lab, including its convenient location, multiple printers, whiteboard walls and relaxed environment.

“Now it’s not central, and I don’t like that,” Janelle Hale, a senior Family and Human Services major, said.

“Put it back,” said Patricia Morales Chang, a sophomore engineering major, who was studying at a library computer.

Morales said she used to study in the Walker lab almost every day, especially before she got a laptop. She said that it was a place she could speak to a friend across the room or play music out loud when she and a few friends were the only ones there.

“Now I feel bad if I’m making noises with my bag of chips,” Morales said.

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# New statue honors Walton family

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The Angel of Vision statue, which is currently veiled, catches your attention as you walk between the Walton Lifetime Health Complex and Walker Student Center. The statue is a gift of gratitude from the Walton alumni in memory of Sam and Helen Walton.

The 31-year-old program has enabled 474 students from Mexico and Central America to study at John Brown University.

The name of the statue is a testimony to the Walton family, which had a vision to start a program like no other in the world. Their vision was to impact students from Central American by providing education to several students at private Christian schools in Arkansas.

The plaque for the statue read, “‘An angel can illuminate the thought and mind of a man by strengthening the power of vision,’ by Saint Thomas Aquinas. In gratitude to Sam and Helen Walton from the Walton Alumni Association.”

Ron Johnson, director of the Walton International Scholarship Program, has been part of the team involved in this project.

“When you read about the



**The Angel of Vision Statue**, located between Walker Student Center and the Walton Health Complex, is a gift to show gratitude for the Walton Scholars program.

history of the Walton program, there were so many initial struggles in its development, but Mr. Sam really took a strong stand to say, ‘We are going to make this program work,’ ” Johnson said.

This \$73,000 project has provided an opportunity to closely unite the alumni for a common goal of raising

funds for the statue.

“We don’t expect this to be a one-time project. We really expect that through this, our alumni will seek out other opportunities where they can perhaps support children, or groups, or organizations in Central America and Mexico,” Johnson said.

The cost of this project

is still being paid off and one of the avenues being used is selling bricks.

According to Steve Brankle, the director of facilities services and sustainability, the old bricks will be taken out and replaced with new ones that will have donors’ names.

Once purchased, each brick will be engraved with

the name of its respective donor and will then be placed around the statue.

“Not only will we have the angel but also the people who donated it,” Brankle said.

The cost of each brick is \$125 and the bricks are available for purchase by the general public.

Gustavo Zavala, a senior marketing major and Walton Scholar, said he finds this initiative fascinating. Zavala said he believes that the emotional value that this statue brings to the University campus is immeasurable.

“We are so thankful and this is a way to transform that thankfulness into something tangible,” Zavala said.

Emma Wingert, a senior child and family studies major, said she is excited that the University is getting an additional art display because she believes that college campuses are creative places and this will be a great addition.

The monument will be unveiled during homecoming weekend on October 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Sculptor Jose Toledo, dignitaries from the Guatemalan Embassy, Walton alumni and other distinguished guests will be present for the dedication and unveiling of the statue.

# Sophomore year struggles not unique

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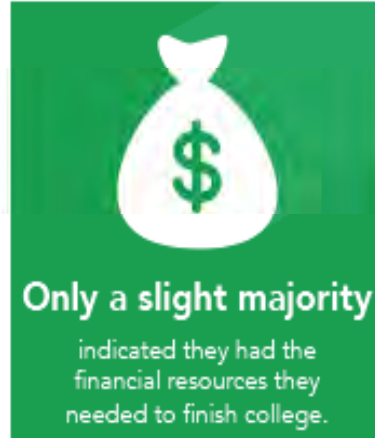
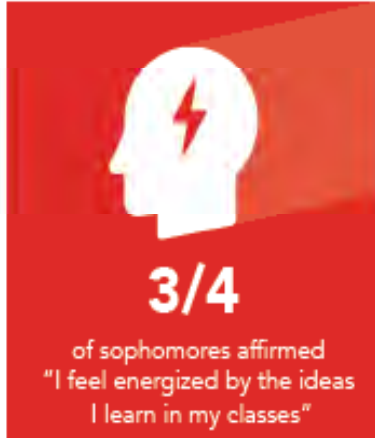
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The so-called sophomore slump, along with the dreaded “Freshman 15,” and the fight against the status of “super senior” is a part of college life that is frightens students. Is there, however, a bigger problem for sophomores than there is for any other year in college?

On the surface, it would make sense that a sophomore would have difficulty working through the second year. As freshmen acclimate to the instability of college life, they tend to go one of two ways, Kyle Ireland, director of Student Support Services said.

Ireland, whose walls are studded with Baseball heroes and whose desk is meticulously kept, adopted an assured tone when addressing the question of the Slump, “You know, I don’t think I could say that I’ve seen a significant amount of students decline in their sophomore year.”

## 2013 Report: The Attitudes of Second-Year College Students



Source : Noel-Levitz

GUSTAVO ZAVALA/ TheThreefoldAdvocate

“You’re either going to thrive even more, or you’re going to go the other direction where it was difficult as a freshman and now you’re struggling even more because of these more difficult classes,” Ireland said.

Ireland made the qualification that his experience is anecdotal, though that experience is plentiful. Ireland has acted as resident director for Olivet Nazarene University, as a professor teaching intermediate

algebra and finally as the director of Student Support Services on campus.

Statistics would seem to agree with Ireland. In a study done in 2013 by Ruffalo Noel Levitz, (a consulting group dedicated to gathering data relevant to colleges, universities and non-profits), reported that a quarter of second-year students surveyed felt energized by the classes that they were taking, and a third felt as though they had no

home or place where they were.

Tim Dinger, director of the counseling center on campus, agreed with the data, but said that the problems were not unique to the sophomore year. “Here’s some data; most of the people served by the counseling center are freshmen and seniors, and there’s a similar trend between sophomores and juniors.”

“The numbers between these groups I haven’t seen

# Price of EpiPen rises again, up tenfold since 2007

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The price of EpiPen has recently been raised for the fifth time since 2009 by the product’s parent company, the Mylan N.V.

EpiPen is a type of epinephrine injector, a lifesaving drug for allergies that cause anaphylaxis, a potentially deadly reaction involving hives and potentially the swelling of the throat.

For example, if a person who is allergic to bees is stung and has a life-threatening reaction the person can save themselves with the EpiPen. According to USA Today, the price has been raised from \$57 in 2007 to \$615.58 as of August 2016, increasing by more than tenfold.

“The sad thing is they’re going to pass the cost onto the customer, or the patient,” Rhonda Hostler, director of JBU’s health services, said.

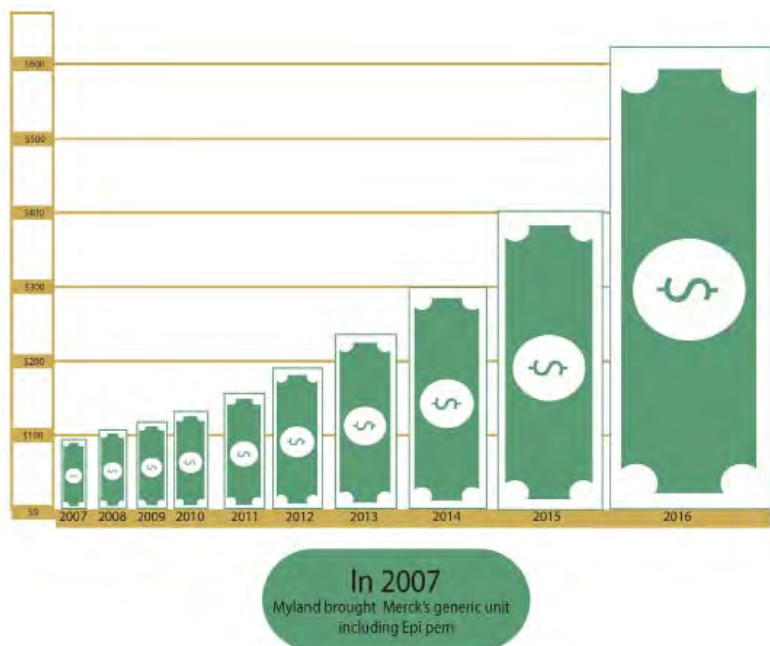
The EpiPen has a shelf life of only one year, meaning

that families and schools have to buy more annually after they old ones expire. While many hospitals administer epinephrine through manual injections, places that don’t have staff trained to use a manual needle need the EpiPen’s injector. This could be a huge financial burden.

“EpiPen has an extremely short shelf life,” said Dr. David Chorley, a physician from Bigsby, Oklahoma who prescribes the EpiPen, “Schools often won’t use more than one per year, so they have to keep buying them.”

While there are schools that receive the drug for free, those with a high deductible insurance or no insurance at all will still be shouldering the high cost. “It could be debilitating for families that have limited access to medical treatment,” Dr. Chorley said, “You could end up with a kid, an allergic to everything kid, who has to go to school without an epipen.”

This price increase comes as another instance



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in the continuing trend of pharmaceutical companies increasing prices far above what is affordable for the average citizen. “Absolutely it is [a part of a trend],” states Hostler, “why can you go down to Mexico, to Canada, to get prescriptions

for relatively inexpensive, but here in the States they’re two or three times the cost?”

According to USA Today, pharmaceutical companies have been gouging prices of lifesaving medication since at least 2001, with Novartis’ cancer treatment drug Gleevec.

as statistically different, but the problems themselves are different,” Dinger said. “There’s not a significant number of sophomores that differ from those other classes. If I just look at my census data, I wouldn’t say that the sophomores are unique among people who need help.”

“The freshness and enthusiasm of the freshman year is over and before them is much work to be accomplished. Moreover, the urgency to have a major is looming and the student’s sense of calling may not be well defined. Plus many of the acquaintances made over the previous year often do not mature into what students often think of becoming their close friends,” Dinger said.

Dinger described the major issue that each year faces. Freshmen are thrown into a new and hectic environment. Sophomores are trying to find themselves. Juniors are heavy laden with work and responsibility, and seniors are being forced to look to a future they could not be sure of. “The context is different, but there

“It’s like the textbook costs at universities,” says Chorley. “You have to buy the book from the publisher, so they can charge whatever they want. That’s not as bad of an issue, but it’s similar.”

Mylan has since stated that they will be manufacturing a generic alternative to the EpiPen at 50% of the cost, but at \$615 for the main product, that may not be enough to make it affordable for many who need it. According to USA Today, other companies who could release a viable alternative to the EpiPen are unable to do so due to the patent enforced by Mylan, delaying a true generic product for some time. “The problem with all medicine,” said Chorley, “is that the consumer, that’s you and me, have no idea of the true cost of medication. We have no way of choosing the best healthcare value.”



# Catholics respond to Paradosis

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Various religious backgrounds will be represented as people from all over the U.S. and Canada travel to John Brown University to attend the Paradosis Conference. The conference will be held September 15 through 17 at Simmons Great Hall. This event brings scholars from different theological backgrounds to the University. Its main purpose is to “bring together Christians from Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical backgrounds to have meaningful theological exchanges centered on Scripture,” according to the Paradosis Center’s website. In this event, six Orthodox, six Catholic and six Evangelical leaders come together to discuss topics from the book of Acts. This event is free for JBU students.

Chad Raith, professor in biblical studies, is the director of the Paradosis Center. “This conference will communicate to the world that we are willing to have discussions with people different than us. We are not hiding intellectually or pushing back different ideas. We recognize our differences, and rather than sweeping them under the carpet we are willing to engage them with honesty, respect and conviction,” Raith said. Molly Devine, senior intercultural studies, did her senior ethnography project on what it is like to be a Catholic on campus and found that this semester there are roughly 30 Catholics attending the University. “Catholics on campus as a minority do not have much of a voice,” Devine said. “We are all very proud of our Catholic roots and we feel like we need more space to open up and

be understood about that. That is why I think this conference is a good thing,” she said. Devine has never attended the Paradosis conference. She explained that she was aware of this event but has never had the opportunity to go. “I avoided them because I’m Catholic and I tend just to keep that quiet here on campus because a lot of people have misunderstandings about what that means,” Devine explained. According to her report this is not uncommon. Divine said her report “unearted that Catholic students may experience a perceived bias against them.” She said some, “feel isolated or uncomfortable with taking communion in Chapel, feel like there are misunderstandings and misconceptions of what they believe within their theology classes, and experience unnecessary division and false

perceptions of Catholicism within their social lives.” She said all of those who participated in her study wanted “unity and for people to understand that division between Evangelicals and Catholics is unnecessary. They also agreed that Catholics need a place to connect with one another and find solace in community here on campus.” Astrid Rodriguez, junior in marketing, shared her opinion as a Latin American Catholic. “I do feel like a minority, but I do not feel excluded because we are all here for the same purpose, that is to learn about God,” Rodriguez said. Devine said she hopes the Paradosis conference will give Catholics on campus an opportunity to be heard. Besides the conference every other year, the University organizes on going events throughout the year. One example

is the monthly “Caffeinated Theology” sessions held at Pour Jons where participants dialogue over controversial issues within Christianity. “Both administrators and faculty are highly supportive of discussing a variety of issues related to Christianity. Nothing is really off the table to discuss, as long as we do so intelligently and respectfully,” Raith explained. Devine and Rodriguez recognize the effort that JBU is making to welcome their beliefs into the campus, but Devine also believes that there is a long way to go in order to fully be open to all denominations. “We as Catholics love Jesus. Our worship looks a little bit different from evangelicals but there is no need for division,” Devine said.

# New ministry breaks the sound barrier

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Tannis Taft, founder of John Brown University’s newest ministry, Friends of ASL, made the sign for the letter t and shook her first. “My name was toilet,” she said. In her first ASL class everyone had a name sign of their first initial shaken. After a Deaf person visited the class they realized their mistake and her name sign changed. She explained that only Deaf people can give name signs, so when she was still new to learning American Sign Language, or ASL, Toilet was her make-shift name sign. Three years later, Taft is conversationally fluent in ASL. Taft decided to start Friends of ASL because she noticed there is no space to speak or learn ASL at John Brown University. “I almost didn’t go to JBU because they didn’t have sign language,” said Taft, pointing out the exclusion of the language. While the University does not offer ASL, it does provide services for the Deaf. Director of Student Support Services, Kyle Ireland noted that “Hearing impaired students are provided with

what is called Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) services.” He said that “students who are hard of hearing or deaf can and have been successful here at JBU.” Taft said she hopes that Friends of ASL will minister more effectively within deaf culture, teach students a new language and encourage relationships between the hearing and the deaf. Especially because, according to Taft, the deaf community is already marginalized in many ways. Friends of ASL is the University’s only Cause Ministry that seeks out people in the Deaf community. “We see these people all the time and can’t talk to them,” Taft said, stating that she has a passion for deaf missions which is considered a relatively new mission field. Friends of ASL hopes to bridge that gap and spread the gospel. Becky Ramirez attended the first Friends of ASL meeting. She noted that those with disabilities, especially the deaf, don’t have a voice in many of the larger conversations. Taft acknowledged that Friends of ASL won’t fix the disconnect. Addressing the perhaps daunting task of learning a language, Taft said that learning ASL is not like learning other languages. It is



KENZIE MEEKER/ TheThreefold Advocate  
Members of the Friends of ASL CAUSE ministry are currently learning basic American Sign Language. In the above picture three members abbreviate the name for the language, ASL.

systematic and many of the signs make logical sense. Taft added that ASL is extremely accessible and easy to remember, even for those who may struggle with studying spoken languages. In just one meeting, new Friends of ASL members learned the

alphabet. The club is open to everyone regardless of previous ASL knowledge. By being a part of Friends of ASL, JBU students will have the opportunity to learn sign language and interact with people in the deaf community. Taft said she plans to work

with Bethel Deaf Fellowship, a church in Springdale where they hope to have events. Taft hopes this relationship will allow students to connect with the deaf community and practice their language skills.

# Breakaway aims to start conversation

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The theme this year is “What Makes Jesus Angry,” and James Bruce, an associate professor of Philosophy at JBU, will be the main speaker. Breakaway, John Brown University’s annual fall retreat, is taking place on September 16 and 17 at New Life Ranch. This is a one night event where students relax and take a break from school by receiving spiritual nourishment and participating in outdoor activities such as zip lining, kayaking, hiking, ropes courses and making s’mores. “I am hoping to generate student conversation and controversy,” Bruce said. Bruce would like students to have the kinds of discussions that Jesus had with the religious leaders in his own day. “My hope would be that

people could go out to New Life Ranch, and then in the weeks afterward they would continue to wrestle with what Jesus had to say to religious leaders,” Bruce said. In addition to spiritual nourishment, students will also get to rest, meet new people, and foster ongoing relationships. Kristie Moergen, the new director of campus ministries, will be attending Breakaway for the first time in six years. Moergen, who graduated in 2010, attended Breakaway in her junior and senior year at the University. “One thing that I love about Breakaway is that it offers our campus community a really unique opportunity to connect and rest in a new environment, and that is a rare thing,” Moergen said. Moergen said she believes that the fact that we continue to do Breakaway as a tradition and as a part of our culture at the University is a significant

statement about how important it is that we spend time together. “We particularly want to offer students the opportunity to rest in a totally different way than what you experience during a weekend on campus; so not resting like napping and watching Netflix the entire time, but the sense of rest that is being filled and celebrating life together and finding even quiet or solitude,” Moergen said, “it’s an opportunity for a different type of rest.” Sydney Weaver, the student campus ministries director, is leading this year’s Breakaway for the third time. “The night zip lining is like a must do,” said Weaver as she beamed with a smile. Bruce encouraged any students who are unsure to attend. “It is more likely that you would regret not going to this than other things,” Bruce said. Free transportation is offered from campus to New



COURTESY OF RACHEL BARBER  
At Breakaway students spend time in worship, study and fellowship. Above Connor Young and Rebbecca Lindstrom lead worship at the retreat last year.

Life Ranch at the flagpoles on September 16 at 5:30 p.m. Those who do not want to take the bus can drive to the venue, which is fifteen minutes away from campus. Registration for Breakaway

is going on this week at the tables in front of the cafeteria and in Walker Student’s Center. The cost is twenty dollars and this includes a T-Shirt.

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“Think of it as a person you can’t kill,” Bowerman said with a candid smile. Dr. Odell explained that by having a more hands-on learning experience, students will be more prepared to meet the high expectations of perfection in the nursing field.

“What we are trying to demonstrate to students is that learning here in the building it’s a very safe environment where it’s actually okay to make mistakes, as long as you’ve learned from your mistakes.” Bowerman said in comparison to previous years, labs classes are smaller, which allows her to ask questions and have a more effective one-on-one interaction

with professors. She explained she has eight people in her lab group, whereas last year there were about 20 students. “It makes me feel like I am in my round,” junior Christian Faust said. Faust explained that learning in a hospital-like environment makes the transition to a real job “less intimidating.” Klein, Faust and Bowerman all said that the physical building has

brought a sense of community for nursing students. “It’s having seen each other in scrubs that makes us recognize more that we are all in this together,” Klein added. Dr. Odell said she hopes that students understand that nursing is both a profession and a vocation and that it is God’s calling on these students’ lives. She went on and said she wants students to “continue to have fire inside of

them about what they are doing and where they are headed in life and how God is going to use them.” “I’m wearing scrubs. I have a stethoscope. I am wearing a badge that says ‘nursing student’ on it. It helps motivate me to be a better nursing student and excites me for the future that I have in nursing,” Klein said exuberantly.



# Turkish military attempts coup, fails

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An attempted military coup took place in Turkey this summer. The coup was crushed almost immediately, lasting only from July 15-16.

As with many issues, the contributing factors surrounding the coup are greatly varied. Turkey’s president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has accused a cleric, one Fetullah Gulen currently living in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, as being the mastermind behind the failed coup, and has requested that the United States extradite Gulen immediately, a request that Washington has so far declined to comply with, citing the speed with which the U.S. justice system operates.

“It takes time to work through an extradition request.” U.S. Vice President Joe Biden told President Erdogan in a meeting with the Turkish president. “But there will be no doubt that we’ll continue to work closely with the Turkish government as this process unfolds.”

Whether or not Gulen had a hand in the recent attempted coup stands in light of the fact that this most recent attempt is the fifth in the past century, the other four having taken place



Citizens of Istanbul storm the streets in protest of the attempted military take over. Courtesy of MAURICE FLESIER

in 1960, 1971, 1980, and one of a more political nature in 1997, where the military submitted a list of “recommendations” to the government. All of these coups, according to Al Jazeera, have been conducted by the military to reestablish stability within the Turkish state.

It should be noted that these are only the coups that have succeeded. According to CNN there have been three more that crumbled to the government. The continued reversals of power reveal an internal struggle within Turkey that has many faces, according to JBU professors.

Dr. David Vila is the Professor of Religion and Philosophy at John Brown University. His doctoral work is in Muslim-Christian relations and spends a fair chunk of most every summer season the Middle East. Vila feels that the coup was caused in part by the religious and secular tensions with the Turkish nation.

“In many ways, historically, Turkey has been in some ways a continuation of the Caliphate. The Ottoman Empire began in the middle of the fifteenth century and it was one of the leading Muslim empires for almost half a millennium.”

“In some ways it sort of carried the standard for Islam as the last truly Islamic empire that survived into modern times.” Vila said. “The other side of the equation is that, by the end of the twentieth century, a caliphate could no longer survive in modern times, so there were forces within Turkey that wanted to secularize and modernize. There have always been these two forces within Turkey.”

“Right now, [Erdogan] is leaning more toward the Islamic side, and there’s a significant force within Turkey that supports him. The military

leans more toward the secular side. As they began to see more Islamists gaining office, they [the military] decided to overthrow. It was a feeble attempt. It didn’t last, it didn’t work, and so the future of Turkey is to be determined.”

Dr. Robert Moore agrees in the general. In his view, the coup was more concerned with politics than with religion.

“The military has had a central role in the Turkish state since the fall of the Ottoman empire.”

Moore’s shelves are covered with Arabic encyclopedias describing the History of Muslim empires, the Abbasid in particular. A figure that belies a clean intellect, Moore described the tenuous relationship between the Turkish military and government. “All the way back to Kemal Ataturk [Turkey’s first president] you’ve had a series of military governments that have guided Turkey towards a more secular state. This has been a place where military leaders have enjoyed a great deal of power.”

Time will tell the implications of the failed coup. Only recently there have been 30,000 prisoners released to make way for the coup’s military belligerents, according to Al Jazeera. Over 43,000 people have been removed from positions due to ties with coup military belligerents.

# Latin American taxi unions protest Uber

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“We either unite or let ourselves be carried away by this trap.” “Get out, Uber!” “We will go out to the streets. We will shut the streets down and will work legally along with our lawyers.” Taxi unions in Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama are fighting to regulate Uber and make the competition fairer.

The strikes and protests are causing customers to lose trust in traditional taxi drivers and turning to Uber as their go-to selective transportation. Roberto Pozuelo, from Costa Rica, said.

As Pozuelo explained, taxi drivers have shut down the streets and even damaged Uber drivers’ cars. Despite these setbacks, Uber has managed to triple its growth in Latin America, according to an article published by Fare Estimate, a website dedicated to study the “disruption of transportation by technology.”

Rodrigo Arevalo, Uber’s Regional General Manager

for Latin America told international news agency Bloomberg, that the company is present in 45 cities across 10 Latin American countries, with more than two million users on a weekly basis.

Customers have used traditional taxis for years but have slowly switched to Uber. Sophomore Jostin Diaz, a Panamanian, said he is very pleased with the service Uber offers. Moreover, he pointed out that taxi drivers must see Uber’s entrance to the market as an opportunity to improve the quality of their service.

“They are selling a product. If they actually don’t want to lose their jobs, they need to improve the quality of their service.”

“Everybody said taxi drivers are just giving free publicity to Uber. Who wants to use a service that charges more, treats people badly and then that they create huge really ridiculous traffic jams?” Pozuelo said.

Convenience is another aspect that motivates customers to use Uber. Pozuelo explained that his friends use the service regularly because that way they don’t have to worry about parking or driving

after going to a party.

Diaz and Pozuelo mentioned that they prefer Uber over traditional taxis because of the fair prices. Diaz explained that a ride that would have usually been around \$10, is actually half the price.

In some countries, such as Panama and Costa Rica the government has stayed in a neutral position to avoid losing

the people’s trust. President of Panama Juan Carlos Varela told a local media outlet that his government’s main goal is “to provide the opportunity for all citizens to mobilize safely and reliably, without distinction,” Varela said.

Whereas taxi unions are still fighting to get Uber inspected, their reputation is in decline due to the

heavy traffic jams that affect directly their customers.

“We aren’t opposed to technology. We aren’t opposed to competition. The only thing we’re asking for is a level playing field for everyone,” Mexican taxi leader Eleazar Romero told Fusion, a local media outlet.



A taxi in Mexico City protests the presence of Uber. The text reads “If Villa lived, Uber wouldn’t be here.” Courtesy of DANIEL CASE

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occurred during Roussef’s time in office, most of the people blame her. Jansma has friends who have seen the effects of the recession and the high crime rate first hand. “There are pirates on the river, people are shooting their neighbors.”

Roussef manipulated the government budget to preserve

popular social programs to bolster her re-election in 2014, according to USA Today. Jansma said that she seems to be more popular among millennials because of these social programs, and Johnson said that the candidate who appealed to the lower-class generally got the majority vote.

Temer, formerly Brazil’s vice-president, is just as unpopular as Roussef, according to Jansma.

She believes that under his leadership Brazil will see the same amount of corruption. “The people of Brazil have been protesting for two or three years to have [Roussef] impeached. It’s discouraging for the people to have the possibility of the same level of corruption,” she said.

Johnson said that the protests could be a wake-up call for Brazil. “I feel like people have

the tendency to blame their problems on one person, but in reality its gonna take a lot of time for it to get better,” she added. “If the whole nation doesn’t want it, then it’s not gonna happen.”

Despite their slumping economy and political upheaval, Brazil still decided to host the summer Olympics, which was “a sacrifice for Brazil,” according to Jansma. “It’s

cool to know how these people opened their country to us.”

“The situation in Brazil is bad,” Johnson said. “But there are other countries that are way worse.” She also noted that it’s important to be aware of what’s happening in other countries, to have empathy, and to broaden your worldview.

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Morales said the change will be difficult for her and her friends, who used the Walker lab almost daily to study, access computers and be together;

“We love that place.”

Swearingen said that bringing the computer lab to the library came with the understanding

that the first floor of the library may become a louder study space.

“We do want students to feel comfortable, and you certainly can talk to each other,” Swearingen said.

Liz Woll is a senior art and illustration major who is starting her second year of working in the Media Lab. She said she has noticed more foot traffic in the Media Lab for this time of year,

and is glad to have the Help Desk next door.

“There are definite benefits,” Woll said, mentioning the convenience of having multiple resources close to each other.

“I think it will prove to be a good change, at least for the Media Lab.”

Media lab workers like Woll can now poke their heads into the room next door whenever they are having trouble with

their printers, computers, money machine, network or student IDs. Previously, if they needed to give a student a refund on a printing job, they had to fill out a form and send the student to Walker.

Woll said she misses having computers that could print to the Walker printers, and suggested that the computers near the new printer be connected to it.

She also said she would like

to see more than one printer in the student center.

“The benefits will make themselves known over time,” Woll said. “We only know that the Walker computer lab isn’t in Walker anymore and we find that frustrating.”



# Students encourage research before voting

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Twenty-five percent of voters dislike both Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump, compared to only eleven percent who disliked both Mitt Romney and President Obama, according to a Gallup Poll published in July. Trump, the Republican nominee supports health care reform, U.S. China trade reform and immigration reform. Clinton, the Democratic nominee, supports criminal justice reform, debt-free college and gun violence prevention, according to her campaign. Allan Aguilar, President of Young Democrats, said students who are against both main party candidates should be aware that there are others running as third party candidates, most notably Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

Both of these third party candidates could be on the ballot in all 50 states, and are working to be included in the debates, according to the International Business Times. Johnson, Libertarian candidate, according to his campaign website, supports a consumption tax, immigration reform and term limits. Stein, the Green Party Candidate. According to her campaign website she supports the living wage, abolishing student debt and protecting the environment. Even with these other options, there is “never going to be a candidate that is perfect or ideal,” Aguilar said. Phillip Todd, president of the College Republicans, agreed with this sentiment and said even in an election cycle without such polarizing candidates people still must make compromises. He advised students



The three leading candidates, Donald Trump, Gary Johnson, and Hillary Clinton. Courtesy of MICHAEL VADON, GARY JOHNSON, and GAGE SKIDMORE

to reconsider their beliefs. Todd stated that both candidates have said and done awful things. He said students should look beyond the media and see what aligns with their values. Todd said students can get involved in politics through the clubs on campus. He mentioned that his club will be working with the Young Democrats. Aguilar

echoed this sentiment and said that the two clubs will work together to encourage student votership. Some of the events they could be hosting are a mock election, debate watch parties and a 9/11 memorial. Todd also suggested students read USA Today, which is on stands on campus, though he reminds students to be aware

# Student political leader fills need, leads by example

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International Business and Marketing Major, Phillip Todd began his political career at John Brown University because of an empty table. As a freshman, he, like many others, attended John Brown University’s club fair only to find that the table labeled “College Republicans” was unmanaged. Todd would shortly thereafter discover that John Brown University’s chapter of the national organization College Republicans was one semester old. Furthermore, the founder of College Republicans was studying abroad in Ireland at the time. Todd decided to join the club anyway. “I’ve been interested in politics since I was young,” said

Todd, “I’ve always been involved.” Todd’s mother is native to Georgia, a country situated south of Russia, sandwiched between the Black and Caspian Seas. Georgia has experienced turmoil due to Russian interference. “I grew up hearing the perils of communism,” Todd said, which led him to form strong beliefs about politics, the importance of religious freedoms and the benefits of a free market system. He stated that the difference between high school and college for him was that high school was “a whole lot of thinking and not doing.” Todd says he was “baptized through fire,” as he started his freshman year by joining the College Republicans. By his sophomore year, he was elected as president of the club. Since joining the College Republicans,

Todd has sought to change the face of the Republicanism on campus and deal with the growing pains of the club itself. He said that he wants the emotional dialogue to be tempered with rational thought so that people might be properly educated about the issues and productive conversations can occur. Todd has been active both on and off campus. He spent time interning at the Leadership Institute which focuses on “Training conservative activists, students, and leaders.” Todd says it is his hope to bring some of the knowledge and resources he gleaned from his experience there to the University and the College Republicans. No longer do the College Republicans stand unrepresented. Along with Todd, today’s College Republican leadership team includes Ross Minner, Jackson Love, Cole Mowrer, Matt Logan and Caitlin King. They host events and raise awareness for various issues. They work alongside various organizations and even cooperate with the Democrat club on campus. In the future, Todd plans to stay politically involved and informed. He says, “Wherever I go being politically active is an investment.” Eventually, Todd

has dreams to go into developing countries and aid their markets by introducing entrepreneurship and sustainable means of production. Todd’s final word was an exhortation for his fellow students to think for themselves and act according to their own convictions. Todd professed a desire for students to delve deeper into the

news and go beyond sound bites. “It’s important to get educated beyond the headlines,” Todd said. He encourages people to listen to full speeches, watch C-SPAN, and think about the implications of policies before solidifying their opinions.



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being politically active  
is an investment.”  
-Philip Todd

# Midnight Musings: Where the news is fresh and the coffee is decaf



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Following the Melania Trump speech scandal, the Trump campaign has hired a new speech writer. Sources report that the new speech writer is a cat, named Demi Meower. The cat apparently has spent most of her time rolling across a keyboard, but the material she churns out is somehow much better than all of Trump’s previous speeches. It has been speculated that perhaps the Trump Campaign meant to hire Demi Moore, but unfortunately this cannot be confirmed. Trump also recently unveiled structural plans to redesign the White House, should he become elected. The rough sketch consisted of a long entry hallway running north-south, connected at one end to another large hallway running east-west. The new design would include multiple levels, and countless guest-rooms.



Early designs of the plan also included a mysterious “Apprentice Room,” though this was quickly removed from the blueprints. When asked for comment, Trump remarked that “everybody loves the White House, but no one loves it more than me. I love it. It’s great. I’ve been saying I want to make America great again, and I think the White House should be great too. So yeah, I think it’s time for a change. People love change, and I know what people love. I’m always looking at the polls, so I know what people love.” On the Democratic side of

things, the Clinton campaign is on high alert this week, following the release of Hillary Clinton’s high school yearbook photos. Clinton, though labeled “Most Likely to Marry Rich,” had no photos present in the yearbook. When the school was contacted in regards to the missing photo, the administration gave a satisfactorily vague answer about “misplacing the hard copies... probably due to operator error on behalf of the school secretary.” This is not the first bit of scandalous news to beset the Clinton campaign in recent past. Earlier in the month during a

meet and greet, Clinton was unexpectedly caught in a small downpour. While most supporters trickled away for a more favorable setting, Clinton did not move, her face frozen in a painful smile. Witnesses reported hearing a small popping sound, accompanied by puffs of smoke from Mrs. Clinton. Two young men with thick glasses, white coats, and pocket protectors hurriedly covered Mrs. Clinton, and walked her stiffly to her vehicle. Some spectators reportedly observed the antenna of a remote in the back pocket of one of the men. In news no less bizarre, in

Rapids City, SD, a well known statue of former president John Adams came to life, and began walking around the city. Traumatized residents claim that the statue called itself the “Ghost of Election Past,” which had “come to warn of the danger of a two party system.” The statue stood in town hall and delivered a condemning warning to the public: “As I said before, so I shall say again: that there is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution.” An interview with one of the onlookers revealed a similar sentiment. John Stevens, 35, had this to say: “I definitely agree with this freaky ghost statue thing. Our political race has become such a joke. We’re supposed to be electing a great individual to lead our country, and instead it feels like reality television. At this point, I’d be more willing to vote for this statue than any of the current major candidates.”

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# Register to vote

## Choose your government

About 66 percent of eligible Americans were registered to vote on August 15 2016, according to the Statistic Brain Research Institute.

At first, that may sound like a relatively high percentage, but it means that 44 percent, or 72 million eligible Americans will not be able to vote. The number of Americans who are not registered to vote is a shocking problem, and it must be changed.

You might be wondering, “is low voter registration really such a big problem?” Yes, it is. When we don’t register to vote, we obviously do not vote. Thus, our voices are not being heard. When citizens do not vote, we end up with a government that does not accurately reflect the views of the people. As a result, we will have a government that citizens are less likely to trust. Just by registering and voting, you can help America have a more trustworthy government.

Now that we have identified it as a problem, we should also understand what causes people to fail to register to vote. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, on July 10, 2014, about 17 percent of young unregistered Americans said that they did not have time to register before the deadline. In most states, the registration deadline is in mid-October, so there is still plenty of time. As citizens of eligible voting age, it is up to us to be aware of the deadline and to make time to fulfill our civic duty and privilege.

The easiest solution for low voter registration on an individual level is to have an interest in voting. While it can seem like a hassle, it is very important. If we want a say in our government, and if we want our voices to be heard, it is up to us to make it happen.

In order to register to vote, you can either visit a State Revenue Office or a Driver Services Office, or you can apply for a registration form online on your state’s Secretary of State website. The form will then be mailed to you, and you can complete registration by mail. If you will be absent from your voting location on Election Day, you can also download an absentee ballot request form on the Secretary of State website. When you have completed and signed the form, it should be mailed to your county clerk.

The shocking amount of Americans who are unregistered to vote must be changed, and we can start with ourselves. The 2016 election is going to be very critical for the future of our nation. Do not let your voice be left unheard. Make sure you register and vote this year.

# Be a Contributor

## Let your voice be heard

*Are you passionate about a particular issue? Is there a burning desire within you to share your thoughts and ideas? Is there a conversation that you'd like to see started on campus? If so, we would love to hear what you have to say! Here are a few ways that you can contribute to the paper and let your voice be heard.*

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# Election warrants response

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# Education empowers



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has also lead to my family, like many others, to have generational sin of broken and abusive marriages, refusing to love others who simply don’t agree with the “family beliefs,” and looking at the family who make it out of the cycle of poverty as if they think they are too good for the family.

My story is, unfortunately, like a lot of others that live right down the road from each and every one of us. But, observing my own life, there is a solution to this problem, if only the children whose families suffer from such a cycle can reach it.

Higher education is already changing my life and the lives of my family members. After beating the odds once and graduating high school having achieved my goals, I had enough scholarship money to be able to attend a university such as JBU. I’ve not only been pushed academically and spiritually here, but I also carry my experiences and personal changes home, where I can have conversations with my family that show them how big and diverse the world truly is and how sovereign its Creator.

If I beat the increasingly unlikely odds again and graduate from university, I am one step

closer to being able to break this cycle of poverty in my family. Even if I don’t, I have expanded the playing field for my future family and paved a clearer path for my children to have access to lives where they can afford the basic needs.

This is definitely a forgotten place where the Church could have a huge impact. For children to actually get higher education, they need to have support through grade school, and many impoverished homes just don’t have such a luxury due to a parent or parents working overtime to make ends meet, a parent or parents that selfishly neglect their children, or worse situations. The Church could be a source of tutoring, encouragement and most importantly, relationships that exemplify the true love only found in Christ for each of these children.

We’re told the unfortunate truth that “[we] will always have the poor among [us]” (Matt. 26:11, NLT). But Christ showed us an example of battling it anyway to show that He is empathetic to each soul and will one day be victorious in defeating the consequences of the Fall. Aiding students in their efforts to break their families’ cycles of poverty and sin will spread the Good News not only to the students helped, but to their families present and future.

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# -Letter from the Editor-

Welcome to the Threefold Advocate’s first issue of the year. Our team looks forward to a year filled with new story ideas, healthy discussion and spontaneous conversations. As editor, I would like to encourage you to think about ways you can be an agent of change to those around you. If you are a freshman, allow me to encourage you to get involved and to build relationships. If this is your second year, take every opportunity to stay connected with those you love. If you are a junior, stop and reflect on what your college experience has been and look forward to an optimistic future. If this is your senior year, be thankful and live every minute to the fullest. Endings are bittersweet, yet hopeful, because they are followed by new beginnings. It’s a new year here at JBU. A new, blank page awaits you. Make this year count!

The Threefold Advocate’s vision for this year is to foster a community where passionate writers, designers and photographers can express themselves and produce content that matters. We are committed to producing high-quality content that not only shapes conversations but also leads to a better understanding of issues that affect us on the local and global realm. As we seek to have open discussions about national and global matters, two new sections are being added to the newspaper: World & Politics, increasing the page count to 12 pages. Moreover, the Threefold Advocate will come out on a bi-weekly basis instead of a weekly basis due to printing costs.

We see these changes as opportunities to be challenged in new areas. We also seek to dive into issues in a deeper fashion and to live out our higher calling as carriers of the Good News of Salvation.

Think outside of the box. Break stereotypes. Get out of your comfort zone. Speak up in the face of injustice. Get angry. Celebrate. Let your voice be heard. Your voice matters.

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# Study abroad helps conquer fear



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Study abroad is a big topic discussed at JBU. Personally, I feel like everyone should go on a study abroad trip. John Brown has sent people to Ireland, New Zealand, Germany and many more. There are major benefits to studying abroad. First of all, you get class credit! You can sit in a classroom every week viewing pictures of what you could see in real life, but with a study abroad you actually see everything in real life. Second, you gain new friendships, and you grow closer to your professors. Third, you get an experience of a lifetime by traveling the world. I got the opportunity to



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explore France for two weeks this summer on the European Art Tour offered by JBU. I joined a group of girls that I barely knew and adventured to the unknown streets of Paris. The trip was filled with new explorations and adventures. We went to museums and saw world-famous paintings like Mona Lisa and Raft of Medusa. Furthermore, we went to famous landmarks like Notre Dame, Arc de Triumphe, Eiffel Tower (of course), Rodin Museum, Napoleons

tomb, Monet’s gardens and the list goes on. I ate some of the best food I have ever tasted in my life. I gained so many memories with such a wonderful group of strangers that I can now call my friends. But aside from all of the fun places we went and all the amazing food I ate, I conquered lots of personal goals. The best part of the trip was being able to step out of my comfort zone daily. Every day I conquered a new fear. I was afraid to go to the top of the Notre Dame, but I

did it. The next day I was afraid to go to the top of the Arc de Triumphe, but I did it. Most of all, I was afraid to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower, but I did it. I conquered the feeling of being uncomfortable. There are a lot of uncomfortable situations on a study abroad trip, but the best part is you never have to do it alone. I gained friends on this trip because we all conquered our fears together.

God wants everyone to go out of his or her comfort zone because He is found when you are helpless, confused and lost. Everyone should go on a study abroad trip at some point in their education because you gain friends for life, get class credit, and experience a once in a lifetime opportunity.



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I was never alone, and I was always encouraged to beat my fear. Overall, my faith grew stronger because of my study abroad trip. I learned to trust God more because my fear stems from my human body, but God can conquer it all.

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# Beauty and identity are found in Christ



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“You are the most beautiful when you are yourself.” I did not understand what this statement meant and how to apply it to my life until my junior year of college. I lacked confidence as a teenager and looked to others to affirm my sense of beauty. I grew up going to a school that required uniforms, so I was not able to choose my own clothing style until I graduated. As a freshman at JBU, I experienced phases of questioning who would approve of my clothing style. There were days I stood in

front of the mirror trying to find a flaw, and once I found one I then questioned how to please people who might not like me because of that flaw. Along with pleasing others with my appearance, there were other times I questioned if my friends would approve of an upcoming activity I wanted to participate in. My mind began to imagine all of the circumstances that could go wrong; including my friends disapproving my choice and not supporting me, and whether I was using my talents to glorify God, or to gain affirmation from friends.

After several years of processing who I was and whom I should be pleasing, I came to a few simple conclusions. With my clothing, there is no fashion police telling me what not to wear. I realized that I will not lose friends just because they do not approve of my style. When choosing an

activity, it should not matter what my friends think because it’s something that I want to do.

Finally, I discovered that by using my talents to gain affirmation, I was idolizing the praise I would gain from my friends and not remaining focused on giving God the glory for blessing me with my talents. The curious part of it was that no one ever told me my clothing, choice of activity or talent was not good enough; it was all in my head. In fact, my friends supported me in all areas because my choices reflect who I am and they value that.

As I grew deeper in my walk with the Lord, He revealed something to me: when I lay a hand on a friend’s shoulder during worship to pray over them while I raise my other hand, I feel that I am the most genuine version of myself that I could be. I feel beautiful, not because of what I’m wearing,

or because my friends have affirmed my action, but because I am speaking to God on behalf of my friend. When I get to have deep conversations, I gain something that is richer than a compliment about my clothes or an activity I was in. When I serve I feel as though I have gained something through giving. God admires my work, and through that I feel a sense of selflessness and contentment. I am doing what God has called me to do, which is to love other people through the good and bad, and to serve. Do looks and opinions matter? I would say to an extent they do. It’s nice when someone looks presentable, and it’s nice to have affirmation about an activity, but looks and opinions are not everything. My identity comes from God and God alone. Sure, I will thank someone for complimenting me, but I don’t seek affirmation from people above God. I seek affirmation from God above people. The greatest part of it all is that when I look to God first, I stop seeking affirmation, because God has already accepted me and given me worth. When I am myself, I feel the most beautiful.



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“God admires my work, and through that I feel a sense of selflessness and contentment.”

# Freshman romance: Proceed with caution



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If you are a freshman, you should not date. I suppose you have been set up to fail this plea. After all, you have heard now for years about people meeting “the one” in college. Your parents, your siblings, maybe even your friends are proudly sporting the latest (or oldest) fashion of ring, now it’s your turn to shine. Then of course you have the upperclassmen who, during karaoke, firmly reinforced that

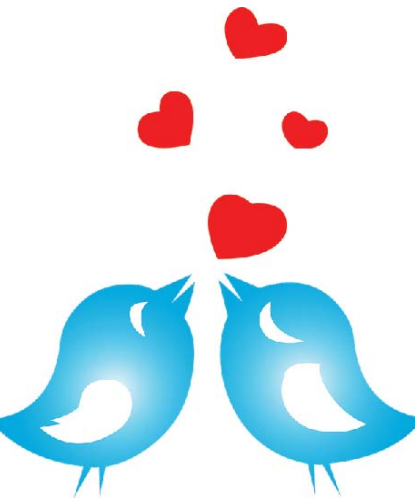
you will in fact get a ring by spring. The only thing that was missing was, of course, your one and only. Nevertheless, at Big Games, as if by fate, your eyes met with the most bodacious (or handsome) specimen in all the land. Yet still I ask, do not date.

Feelings can be a strange thing. They seem to come and go as they please. Everybody has feelings and they will forever be a part of your life. What you do with them however, will make or break the years to come. The world will tell you that you must act quickly, that at the first sight of affection it is necessary to test the waters. Our JBU culture promotes that relationships are a must-have now that you’ve made it to the big leagues. But, what if our culture is wrong? What if this idea that spontaneity and whimsical love at first sight does not occur as much as we wish it would?

We, as people, want to be loved. We want feelings. We want affection. That is

why it is so easy, as freshmen, to come to college and jump on the first liking that we have. Or maybe the second or third. Have you noticed that you can’t control feelings? You like someone one week, you have your entire life planned out, and then the next week it is the same thing with the next “the one.”

During your freshman year of college, you will grow more than your entire four years of high school. Who you are now will not be the same person that you are in



“Dating now only means setting yourself back emotionally, academically and spiritually.”

eight months. Your entire life has been affected by the people around you. Your parents, teachers, pastors, even friends have molded your identity. Now you’re on your own, and you can form your own identity. Dating at this time in your life would mean forfeiting the opportunity to find who you are by placing your identity in someone who will likely be a stranger by the end of the year. Dating someone now would mean missing out on friendships that could last a lifetime. Dating now only means setting yourself back emotionally, academically and spiritually.

College is not easy. No matter who you are, you are ultimately here to get an education. You are here to grow and to learn. Your sanity

will be tested over and over. The world tells us that the only way to overcome this is by having someone there to comfort you, to guide you, and tell you that it is going to be okay. They’re not all that wrong. You do need someone there, but His love will be much more than the feelings a J. Alvin man or Mayfield woman can give you. His love and his comfort are unconditional. Instead of placing your identity in temporary feelings, use this time in your life to grow in your identity in Jesus Christ, who is forever. Please, do not date your freshman year.

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# Mountain biking captivates students

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Mountain biking is a sport often pictured high on the precipice of a mountain. A lone figure, suspended on a ledge with only a thin piece of metal standing between control and a plummet to almost certain death. There's an air of danger and the thrill of the unknown. This year at JBU however, mountain biking has left all stereotypes behind and has penetrated the community of Siloam Springs.

The Sager Creek Mountain Biking Trail, funded by the Walton Family Foundation and Simmons Foods, has brought the unforgettable experience of mountain biking to the citizens of Siloam Springs. Two courses, dubbed the South Loop and North loop, were built around the JBU campus beginning February of 2016.

Nathan Reindel, Vice President of Biking Club at JBU, is one of many mountain biking fanatics at JBU excited about the biking trails that recently opened this year on campus.

"There's a lot to offer in Northwest Arkansas, but almost all of the good trails are about an hour away, so they're really only good for weekend rides. This trail will allow us to train riders in form and endurance during the week, so we can really maximize our experience on other trails."

Reindel has been biking for the better part of his life, and has actively competed in mountain biking competitions for the past five years. Having seen some of the better courses North



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West Arkansas can offer, his assessment of the course warrants merit. "I absolutely love this trail," he said. "You're kind of weaving through a thick forest which I think creates an enchantingly serene atmosphere. I'm pretty happy with the quality of the trail overall; Crossland did a great job."

Steve Brankle, the Director of Facilities Services and Sustainability at JBU and the owner's representative for the

mountain biking project, describes the new bike trail as a popular attraction.

"I have seen so many more people come out here," he said. "And people that haven't been biking, they're pulling out their bikes and coming to ride it because it's a cool thing." In fact, Northwest Arkansas as a whole has begun attracting more attention from the mountain biking community. The IMBA (International Mountain Biking

Association) is hosting their fall meeting in Bentonville Arkansas. 150 miles of mountain biking trail already exists in Bentonville, and is scheduled to be doubled in the next few years. Many biking fanatics are hopeful that the trails in Siloam Springs, Bentonville, and other locations around Northwest Arkansas, will eventually be connected.

Now, the Sager Creek trail stands on its own, but will boast over seven miles of

mountain biking trail by its completion. The South Loop trail, ranked as a Blue level (intermediate level) course and measuring 1.8 miles, encompasses a flow trail--a downhill trail with multiple banks and fast jumps.

"It flows well in a way that it is easy for beginners to ride, and also in a way that the more experience can really just get a lot of speed," said President of Biking Club Harley Barker.

The North Loop, ranked

as a Green level (beginner) course, is still under construction, but is scheduled to be completed before the track hosts the Ricochet Run on September 24.

This first race is scheduled to promote the new bike trail and is partnered with Pedalfast. It includes both a seven-mile and a fourteen-mile race, along with a family fun ride and a one-mile race for children.

Barker encourages everyone who has an interest in the sport to at least give it a try.

"I think that the biking community is very accepting as long as you are willing to learn and fall a couple of times, they are willing to teach and share the sport that they love with you," he said.

Basic Mountain Biking Lingo

Double Track-Refers to the width of the trail. This means you and another rider can ride side-by-side.

Single Track-Only a single rider can ride a course at a time.

Projecting-Riding a difficult section multiple times to try and master it.

Cleaning-Riding a trail perfectly.

Wash out-Lose traction while riding a tight corner

Technical-A term used to measure the difficulty of an obstacle or the frequency of obstacles that appear on the trail.

Bank or Berm-A curved pile of dirt that is placed to help lean into turns and keep up speed.

# Eight steps to start Bible journaling

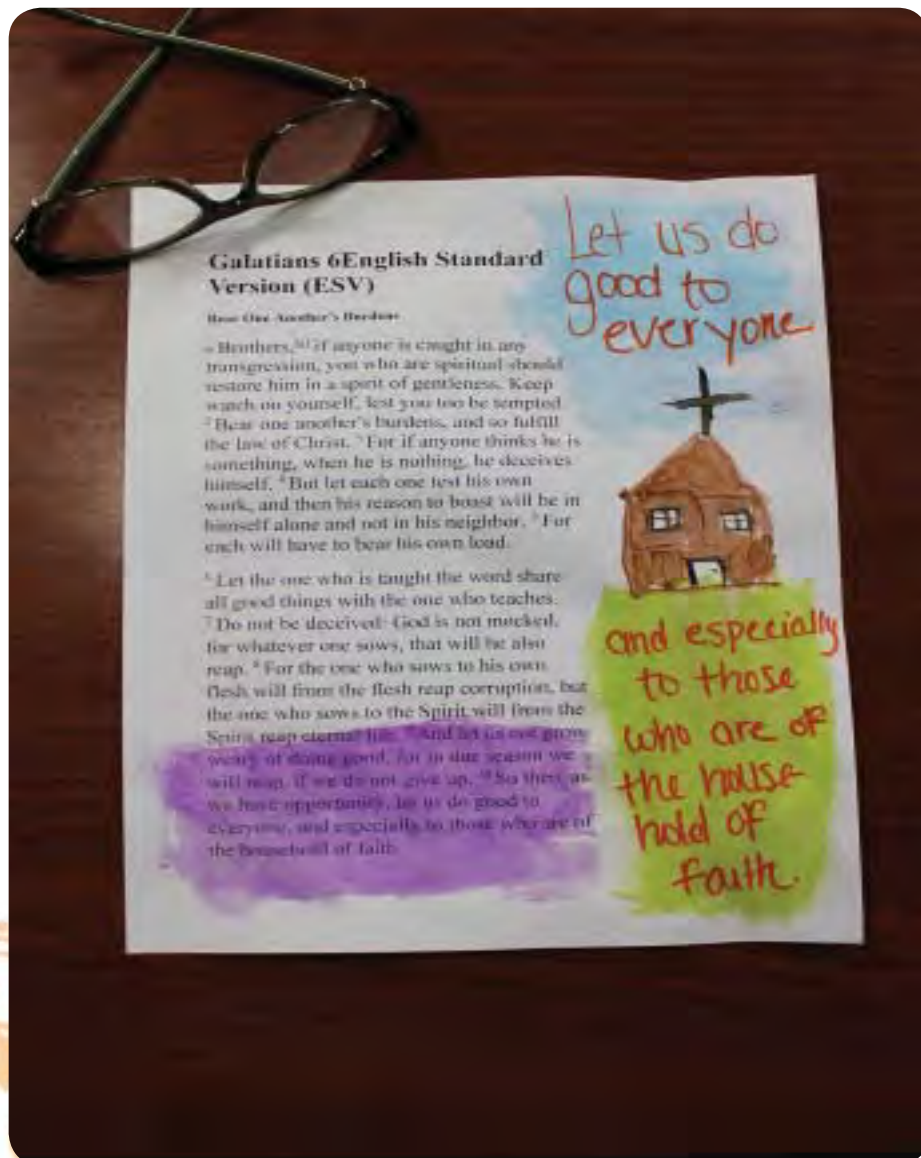
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Bible journaling has become a new trend in digging deeper in the Lord's word. Do not fret. You do not have to be artistic to start it. There are many unique ways of journaling and bunches of different products out there to help with it. Here are some tips on how to get started.

**1** Gather a group of friends that want to try a new way of growing in God's word or that just want to see what it is about. Start with printing out the Bible verse that the group wants to study. Juanita Groomer, project manager at DaySpring said the groupshe Bible journals with agree on what they want to do. That way when the group meets, they are all on the same page.

**2** Gather supplies. You can get supplies from anywhere and they don't have to be the most expensive ones in the store. If you decide you want to use premium or name brand items, you are more than welcome to.

**3** Do not be afraid of the idea of journaling in your Bible. Groomer suggested to think about it this way: "you have your Church Bible and your study Bible. So the one that you take to Church will not have all of your journaling in it."



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**4** If you have no idea on what to journal, Groomer said to check out some social media sites such as Pinterest or YouTube. Pinterest has a plethora of ideas.

**5** Let God speak to you. Take sometime after reading a verse to just stop and think. Pray as a group to let God speak to you in a fresh way and guide you to a better understanding of His message.

**8** Remember this is not about who has the nicest looking Bibles or the most update to Bible journaling supplies. Take this time to express what the Lord is saying to you and what knowledge you have gained from digging into His word.

**7** If your group decides that they would like not to journal different passages in the Bible, choose a worship song. Close your eyes while the song is playing, try not to listen just to the words but to what God is speaking to your heart

**6** Write whatever comes to mind even if it does not make sense. Then go back and make it look nice and add all the extra stuff. The most important thing with this is your time with God and His word.



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# POKEMON GO

## HOW DO I POKEBALL

Niantic’s new Augmented Reality Pokémon has been raking in oodles of cash from investors and advertising agencies since its launch in early July. Since launching, there have been many stories from various sources about people just being people in the most ridiculous ways. From walking off cliffs to avoiding a good ol’ Sunday Stabbin’, here are five tips to keep you catching useless Magikarp for as long as you can.

*Do not play while driving.*  
No brainer, right? Well, tell me: when was the last time you texted in a car?

1 And when was the last time that text was something pressing and important? You were texting bae weren’t you? It’s not too far of a stretch at all now is it? Think about it; if there’s a Snorlax nearby, wouldn’t you be at least a little tempted? Don’t do it. Just don’t. Think about the children. And the fact that they probably need it more than you. Professor Patty Kirk, John Brown’s writer-in-residence, made that mistake. “I was riding bicycles with my daughter and... the very first thing that I did was run right into her and made her furious.

2 *Watch Where You’re Walking*  
Ever been walking down the sidewalk and you step in gum? Awful, right? Now imagine that walking is falling and the gum is a cliff. According to a story by CNN, two men were playing Pokémon GO in San Diego, ignored a No Trespassing sign and straight walked off cliff. Now, we don’t have a lot of cliffs here on JBU’s campus (unless you count the Hundred Steps), but we certainly have crosswalks. Josh Kruntorad, an RA in J. Alvin wasn’t. And doesn’t. “I fell down some stairs in J. Alvin once. I’m getting pretty aware of my surroundings. I’d say I only run into things once every couple of days now.” Watch where you’re going, people, and on a similar note...

3 *Know When It’s Not Worth It*  
I don’t care if you’re one Dratini short of a Pokérap, if that Dratini demands you to walk into a crack den, you turn tail and book it back to your car. There’s some precedent for criminals using GO to find their victims: in a report issued by the O’Fallon police department in O’Fallon Missouri, four men used the app to track their victim to a Circle K, where they promptly committed armed robbery. Just know that you’re not invisible,

invincible, or invulnerable to being robbed.

4 *Don’t Be a Jerk About It*  
If there’s a gym in the middle of a funeral, don’t try and take the gym. If there’s a class going on outside and you just have to be in the middle of the group to catch something, don’t. There’s a time and a place for everything and sometimes GO can wait. Believe me, there are more important things to worry about. Likewise, the rivalry between teams Mystic, Valor, and Instinct are fun, but don’t draw battle lines when there don’t need to be any drawn.

5 *Have Fun With It*  
For as important as it is to be conscientious of the dangers of Pokémon GO, it’s also important to realize just what it is to all of us. Many of us grew up on Pokémon and have nothing but fond memories of it. Pokémon GO is a great opportunity to relive and remake those experiences in the years that we may have grown away from Pokemon and video games in general. Have fun. Root for your team (Instinct, woo), and don’t forget that games are meant to be played, to make fun, and, in this case, bring us together.



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# Used bookstores to visit in town

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## Once Upon a Time Books

Walking through the doors the book store is like walking through the wardrobe in the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. The outside looks like a normal warehouse but on the inside is a book heaven. The walls are lined with all different types of books. They have books that range from vintage fiction or children’s books. If a person cannot find what they are looking for in the bookstore there is a website for the store that offers 3,000 books that are sold only online said employee Bethany Robertson.

## Dickson Street Books

37 years ago, Don Chafe and Charles O’Donnel opened the bookshop. “We have over 100,000 used, rare, and out-of-print books on virtually every subject. Our uniqueness comes from the fact that our store has a rare H.P. Lovecraft book in the same room as the Harry Potter series. And our booksellers that can somehow locate anything you might be looking to read” said employee Roger Barrett who has been working there for the past three years. Just be careful not to get lost while wondering around the place... with the winding hallways it is easy to do.

## Friends of the Library Used Bookstore

Around the corner from the children’s area in the Siloam Springs Public Library is a used bookstore tucked away in the corner waiting for people to discover its magic. The money that the bookstore makes is allows the Friends of the Siloam Springs Public Library to help put on different events for the general public and donates items to the library.



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# Futsal courts coming to University

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Students can expect to see the construction of a new sports facility at John Brown University starting in December.

The University has recently accepted a grant from the Walmart Foundation to build a futsal court near the intramural fields. Construction is slated to be completed by February 2017.

Futsal is a modified form of soccer with five players on each team. It is played on an indoor court with a smaller, denser ball than a standard soccer ball and is played professionally around the world. Countries with top futsal players include Brazil, Portugal, Spain and Russia.

The Wal-Mart Foundation gave the \$76,677 grant to the University for the purpose of building the court as both a community and a campus project.

"It was a really great kind of convergence of different groups," said Professor of Psychology Kevin Simpson, one of the professors involved with the grant.

The City of Siloam Springs will provide labor and equipment for the construction of three hard-surface courts that are fenced and lighted. The Siloam Springs Futbol Club will oversee facility operations once it is constructed.

Scott Marksberry, head coach of men's soccer, said,

"Futsal is, globally, a great way for people to spend time together."

-Scott Marksberry

"Futsal is, globally, a great way for people to spend time together. You see futsal courts as kind of a centerpiece to a lot of communities. It's a place for people to gather and play. It's a very casual version of the game."

While the court is being built on campus, Marksberry said he hopes that the larger community of Siloam Springs will use it; "I think for us it's really a great way for the Siloam Springs community to come together."

"I think that the community will use it more than intramurals will use it," Marksberry added. "It'll really wind up being a facility [for] community use."

Freshman soccer player Tim Hoffine also expressed excitement for the new court.

"It'll be cool just that we have our own designated space," Hoffine said. "Futsal's a good way to stay fit, you know, work out. It's really fun, you know, like small-sided games. Anyone can be good at futsal."

Marksberry said that he thinks that intramural futsal will be organized a year after the court's completion.



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Professional futsal players from Argentina and Brazil compete in the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio.

# New players start season with success

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The John Brown University volleyball team has had a great start to their season, winning their first five matches. Their success has been influenced in part by the arrival of five new freshman players.

Carly McKinney, Jessica Meyer, Elizabeth Williams, Lindsey Davis, and Megan Beck are the new additions to the Golden Eagles this year, and they are already making an influence on the team.

Coach Ken Carver said his new players "bring a lot of energy to the team as well as a lot of spiritual depth and character."

The Sooner Athletic Conference named McKinney, an Elementary Education major and a 6'0 outside hitter from Mission Viejo, California, Attacker of the Week after her first few collegiate matches. In high school, McKinney's team was able to win their league and take third place in state. Now she looks forward to her future career as a member of the volleyball team, who she said have made the University feel like home.

"I love the fast pace of the game and coming together as a whole with my teammates, and the thrill and passion it takes to just get to point 25," McKinney said.

Carver said he believes she has the potential to be a dominant offensive player the team can rely on; "In addition to her offensive prowess, she is an equally good defender and has very good ball control skills."

Jessica Meyer, a nursing major and 5'11 middle hitter from Windsor, Colorado, came from a competitive high



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Left to right, Megan Beck, Elizabeth Williams, Lindsey Davis, Carly McKinney and Jessica Meyer join the JBU Women's Volleyball team.

school team that won two state championships and finished second at state her senior year.

"When I think of Jessica, the term 'winner' comes to mind," Carver said. "She is a very athletic, quick and explosive middle hitter. She is just the caliber of player we were looking to add to our middle hitter corps."

Meyer said she is most excited for the friendships she is making; "I am most looking forward to play with my great teammates."

Elizabeth Williams is another freshman player looking to make an impact on the court.

She is a graphic and web design major and a 5'9 setter from Springdale, Arkansas. Coach Carver believes her ability to set tempo and her volleyball IQ will help take the team to new offensive heights this year.

"Elizabeth is very solid and seasoned setter who has experienced a lot of success on the court," Carver said, mentioning her ability "to deliver the right set, in tempo, to the right attacker and putting our attackers in ideal positions to score."

Lindsey Davis, a 6'0 middle hitter and accounting

major from Plano, Texas, has versatility that Coach Carver believes will be able to impact the team in the long-run.

"She brings a lot of experience as a middle hitter," Carver said. "But we are training her to be an opposite hitter to take advantage of her height and long block reach. Lindsey is a quick study and has made great strides in learning this new position."

Megan Beck is the final freshman rounding out the JBU volleyball team this year. Beck is a 5'9 right side hitter from Frisco, Texas, majoring in Christian Ministries with a focus on Christian Schooling. She brings versatility to the Golden Eagles this year, as she had experience playing almost all positions on the court during her high school career. She is also left-handed, which gives her an instant advantage as a setter and opposite hitter.

"We're currently utilizing

Megan as one of our opposite hitters and serving as a back-up setter," Carver said. While the five new freshman this year have certainly met or exceeded Coach Carver's expectations, he has high goals for his team overall.

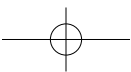
"We want to consistently take advantage of the learning opportunities we are given each day and attempt to grow and get one-percent better each and every day," Carver said. "We want to be a team that ultimately is a reflection of Christ in how we play, and to do it in a way that brings Him honor and glory both in victory and defeat."

The University volleyball team is getting ready to dive headfirst into the middle of their season. In the coming week they will take on Bacone, Oklahoma on September 8 and will travel to Springfield, Missouri, to compete in the Evangel Tournament on September 9-10.

"I love the fast pace of the game and coming together as a whole with my teammates"

- Carly McKinney





# Students respond to quarterback’s stand

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Colin Kaepernick, quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League, has received widespread attention and stirred controversy by choosing not to stand when the national anthem is played before a game.

“I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color,” Kaepernick told NFL Media after a 49ers preseason game against Green Bay. “To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way.”

“There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder,” Kaepernick said, referencing multiple cases of officers getting paid leave after shooting a black person, including cases this summer in Miami, Minnesota

and Florida.

John Brown University students and athletes shared their thoughts on Kaepernick’s stand. “Initially I feel like as an athlete representing the U.S.A on a professional level, he should honor our country by standing for the national anthem,” Brittney Ayers, senior psychology major and JBU volleyball player. However, I do believe that he has the right to stand for what he believes in.

“I respect that he’s standing up for what he believes in because he’s in a position to raise awareness and make an impact,” Ayers added.

Celeste Lindsey is a sophomore art and illustration major and secretary of Multicultural Organization of Students Active In Christ (MOSAIC).

“I support what he’s standing for,” Lindsey said. “Hopefully this is something that will cause America to be like, ‘Hey, maybe since all of these people have been protesting stuff,

maybe we should look into this and see why they’re so upset and do something about it.”

Zach Bower, junior biblical and theological studies major, said he supports Kaepernick’s right to sit down during the national anthem because he himself does not pledge during the pledge of allegiance.

“I can’t pledge allegiance to the Bible and Christian flag and at the same time pledge my allegiance to America because they will have competing goals,” Bower said.

Bower added that he supports Kaepernick’s statement itself, as well as his right to make a statement.

“There are cops who are racists and who are in places of authority,” Bower said, mentioning the fatal shooting of Alton Sterling in Louisiana in July. “As a nation we are not racist, but as a nation we do need to take a stand for what is happening within our nation.”

“I don’t pledge allegiance to the flag, personally.”  
-Zach Bower



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Colin Kaepernick’s decision to kneel during the national anthem has inspired some and offended others. President Barack Obama commented, “If nothing else, he’s generated more conversation about issues that have to be talked about.”

## Upcoming Home Games

Thursday Sept. 8  
@7 p.m.  
Women’s Volleyball vs. Bacone

Wednesday Sept. 14  
@7 p.m.  
Men’s Soccer vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan

Saturday Sept. 10  
@11 a.m.  
Men’s Rugby vs. Pitt St.

Saturday Sept. 17  
@3 p.m.  
Women’s Soccer vs. Ouachita Baptist

Saturday Sept. 17  
@5 p.m.  
Men’s Soccer vs. Ecclesia

Tuesday Sept. 20  
@7 p.m.  
Women’s Volleyball vs. Crowley’s Ridge

Friday Sept. 23  
@5 p.m.  
Women’s Soccer vs. Bethel

Friday Sept. 23  
@7 p.m.  
Men’s Soccer vs. Bethel

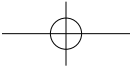
Friday Sept. 23  
@7 p.m.  
Women’s Volleyball vs. Texas Wesleyan

Saturday Sept. 24  
@1 p.m.  
Women’s Volleyball vs. Southwestern A.G.

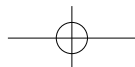


## Michael Games Men’s Cross Country

Major: Biology  
Year: Sophomore  
What other sports are you interested in? Pretty much all of them, but you don’t want to see me play any of them. I am quite uncoordinated.  
Anything else you want to say? Doug the deer is majestic.







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# ‘JUST DO SOMETHING’

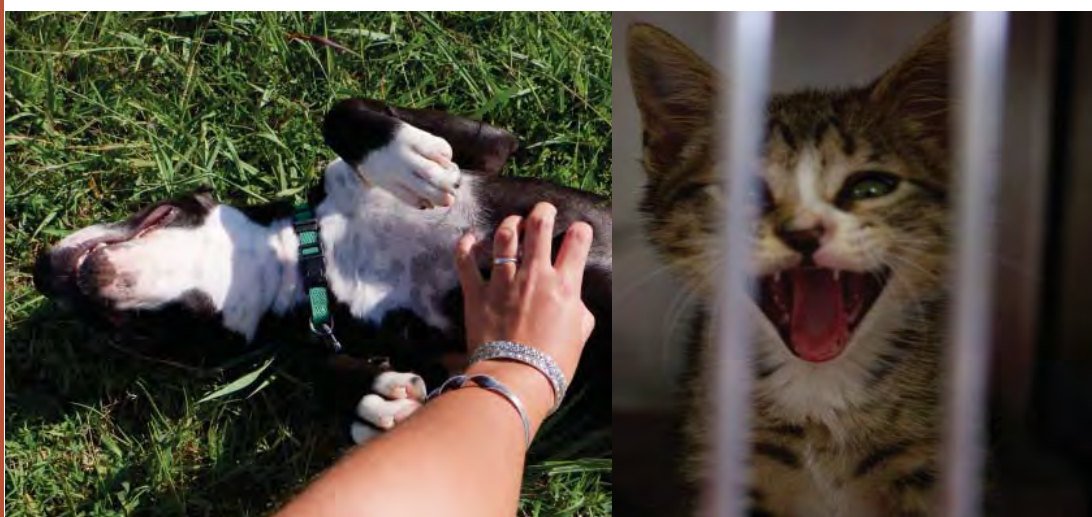
It's the advice John Brown University's Director of Service and Outreach Ministries, Frank Huebert offers on volunteer work. "I think there is a tendency for us to wait for the right thing. We tend to put off volunteering and serving until we are better prepared. And often we are never prepared to serve until we serve," said Huebert. Here are some six volunteering opportunities in Siloam Springs.



**Potter's House Thrift** seeks to provide the Northwest Arkansas community with furniture, clothing and general home décor. Students can get involved by donating items, or labeling or pulling tags.



**Dogwood Literacy Council** is an organization with a mission to provide free English or Spanish lessons to those wanting to improve their language skills through classroom teaching or one-on-one tutoring sessions. The organization is also searching for volunteers to create promotional material or to collaborate with website design. Dogwood Literacy Council lessons include instruction in reading, writing and speaking the English or Spanish language.



**Tailwaggers** is a local non-profit organization working with local animal shelters, attempting to thwart animal abuse and seek stable and loving homes for the animals in their care. Tailwaggers also tries to educate animal owners of spaying and neutering and raise awareness of animal abuse. Volunteering students have the option of working with cats or dogs in grooming, socializing, or dog walking.

If you'd like to partner with local students or learn more about these organizations, John Brown University provides two primary ways to get involved in the community: through campus CAUSE ministry or through the upcoming volunteer fair. CAUSE offers a range of volunteering options including Students Against Sex Slavery, Jail Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Side by Side, Ability Tree Partnership Ministry and more. The Volunteer Fair is scheduled for September 13 in Simmons Great Hall B from 6-7:30 p.m. It offers JBU students easy access to understanding off campus options for volunteer work in the Northwest Arkansas community.



## Choices Pregnancy Services

**Choices Pregnancy Center** is focused on supporting and mentoring women faced with pregnancy crisis. Jan Rakestraw, client services manager, says there is a need for weekly volunteering mentors to spend a consistent 4-hour period a week with clients. Rakestraw notes that a need for volunteers who understand computers and can work in reception would also benefit the care center

## Kind At Heart MINISTRIES

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**Kind at Heart** is a Christian interdenominational organization in which care for the elderly or disabled adults is provided through social visits, home modifications, and outdoor or yard maintenance. Students volunteering may assist in installing wheel chair ramps or railings, mowing lawns, or simply making visits.

## building futures MENTORSHIP

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWA

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** is a mentoring program with the goal of developing intentional relationships between volunteers and underprivileged children by spending time with them.

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