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New community library opens

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Promising entertainment, music and snacks, the new Siloam Springs Library will host its grand opening celebration this Saturday, March 12.

The long-awaited new building, located at 205 East Jefferson Street, has gone through years of planning and months of construction. Community members, schoolchildren and city officials celebrated the building's completion with a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 7.

"We've needed a new library for years," Connor Wilkinson, University student and resident of Siloam Springs who attended the ceremony, said. "I'm glad they finally got around to it. My favorite part of the new building is probably the tables by the windows. You can see the whole town."

Wilkinson also said the new library will be a great alternative to the local coffee shops for University students to do homework and study in.

Carol Onstott, president of Siloam Springs Friends of the Library, said the reason the library is moving is to better "meet the needs of our community."

Brenda McCord, a member of Siloam Springs Friends of the Library, said they outgrew their old building. The previous location of the library was an old facility and it was constructed when Siloam had a much smaller population.

"The new library sits on the previous site of the old hospital,"



The new Siloam Springs Public Library opened this week, featuring expanded spaces, brightly painted walls, multiple computer stations and large windows allowing natural light. The new facility will better fulfill the needs of the community with easy access and more parking.

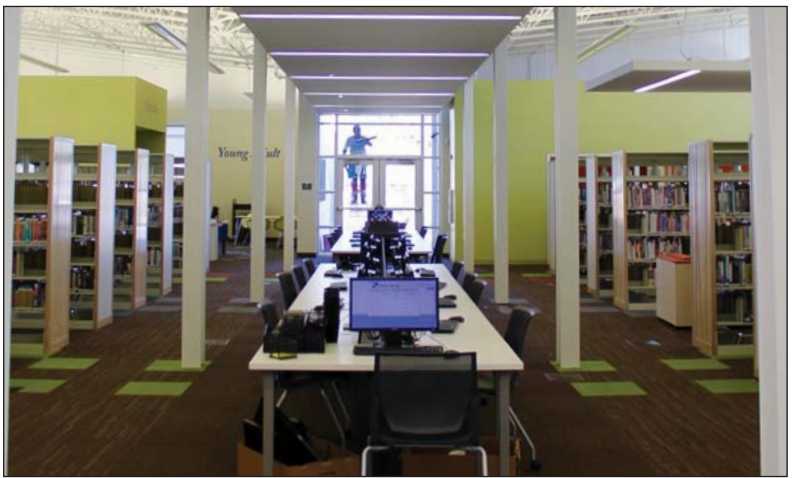
McCord said. "The city-owned hospital was sold several years ago and the public encouraged the city board to put some of those funds towards this much-needed public space."

McCord said some of the benefits of the new library include reservable private study rooms and reservable conference rooms.

Onstott also said the facility will be used often by everyone in

the community. This will include schools and businesses. The facility "will provide space to meet the needs of the people of our city, an increase in parking, easier access, continued support for the Summer Reading Program and other programs of the library, with room for growth in community involvement."

Sarah E. White, a senior education major, said, "There



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are very few things as powerful as reading. Reading opens up opportunities, takes you to new worlds and is highly empowering. As such, it is truly exciting to have a new library in Siloam Springs."

White said, "The new, open, spacious building just seems to be filled with possibility. As a future teacher, I am thrilled that the students of Siloam will have access to such a great place to study, learn,

and grow. Be sure to check out the new library off Jefferson St. and remember, you are never too old to get a library card."

The grand opening celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include music, a magician, caricaturists, balloons and snacks, according to the city's Facebook page. The event is free and open to the public.

Campus improves energy efficiency

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In efforts to increase the energy efficiency on campus, facilities services is in the process of replacing old exterior lighting with new LED lights.

LEDs—or light-emitting diodes—have developed significantly in recent years, allowing for more widespread usage. Compared to incandescent lights, LEDs have a longer lifespan, lower energy consumption, are more hardily constructed and have faster switching. Because of this, the University decided to make the change.

"Now that the cost is down, the savings is there. As the old pole lights go out, we are replacing them with the new LEDs," Steve Brankle, director of facilities services, said. "We want to get our money's worth out of the lights before replacing them."

There are approximately 250 light poles on campus, and even more exterior lights mounted on the buildings. Brankle said that he is focusing on the light poles first.

The old bulbs are metal halide

bulbs, which are rated to run for 7,500 hours. If they run throughout the night, they only last for about two years. However, the LED bulbs are rated at 100,000 and should last for 20 years, Brankle said.

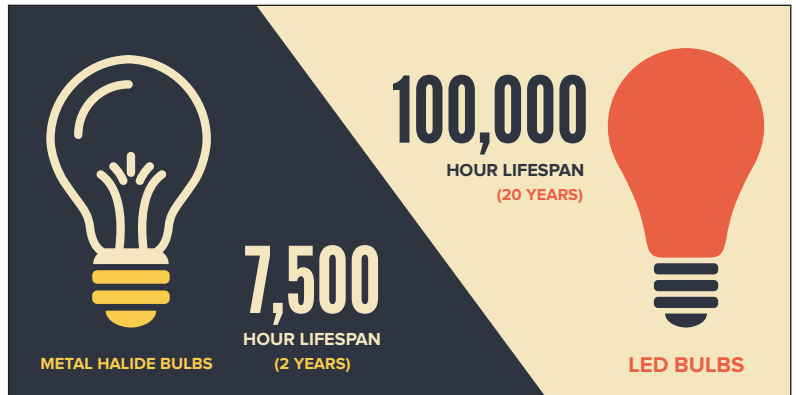
In addition to lasting longer, the LEDs also use about one-sixth of the electricity of the metal halide bulbs, which translates to a quarter million dollars in savings for the University.

Last month, Kim Hadley, vice president of finance, listed sustainability initiatives as one of the factors in next year's tuition increase. About two-thirds of the sustainability budget is going toward exterior lighting, Brankle said. However, Brankle explained that the initial cost will be paid back within six years thanks to the savings the new lights will provide the University.

"These lights will still be working by the time I'm retired and your kids are attending school here," Brankle said.

In addition to the savings factor, the new lights will also save on manpower costs and reduce safety issues. Since the lights will not need

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UK voting to leave EU

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United Kingdom Prime Minister David Cameron decided a date for a referendum regarding the United Kingdom's possible exit from the European Union, according to BBC News.

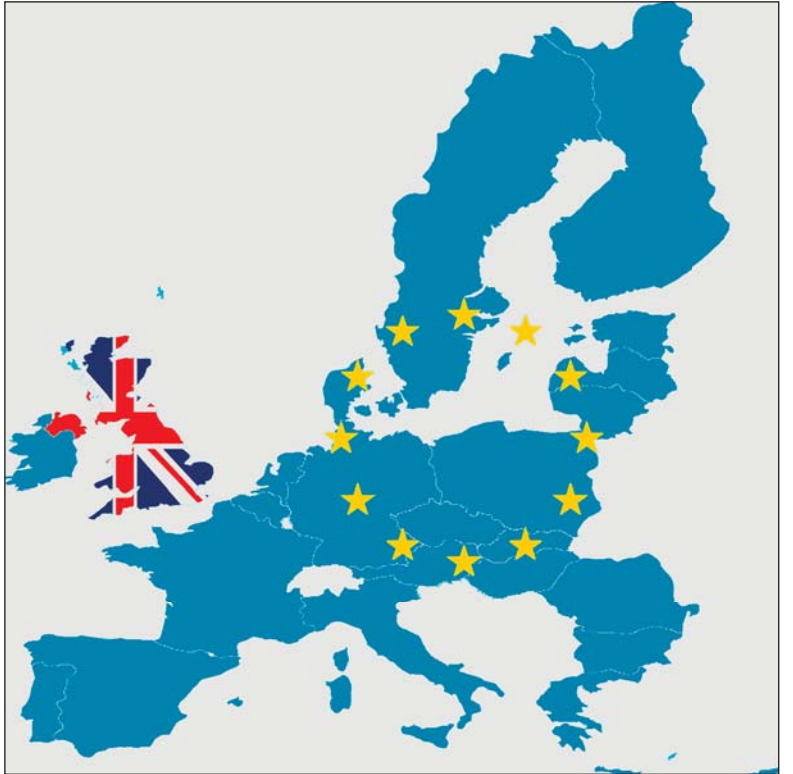
A referendum is a public vote on a particular decision. The population of the U.K. is asked to answer a question, and the government chooses which direction to go based on popular opinion. The question asked in this instance will be "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?"

Public opinion on whether to stay is split, with 51 percent saying to stay and 49 percent saying to go, according to a study conducted by YouGov.co.uk.

Those against staying in the European Union argue that the U.K. is pouring money into the Union, but getting very little out of it. They also cite the number of people coming over the border to live in the U.K.—as one of the stipulations of being in the European Union is free movement—allowing residents of the Union to live anywhere within it without a visa, according to BBC News.

Those in support of maintaining Union ties cite the increased ease of trade with the rest of Union countries. They also think that incoming migrants would help support the economy, according to BBC News.

Cameron is in support of staying in the Union. "Clearly...our membership amplifies our power as a nation, and...now is



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not a time for disunity among Western nations," Cameron wrote in an article for the Telegraph, a leading U.K. newspaper.

"We need to be absolutely sure, if we are to put all that at risk, that the future would be better for our country outside the EU than it is today," Cameron also wrote.

Kyriana Lynch, who just returned from a semester in Oxford, spoke on the British public's division of opinion. "It depends a lot on who you ask. Many people who I've talked to are in support of British autonomy. They feel like the EU will control the choices that Britain makes," Lynch said.

"They're worried that, if another country in the EU collapses, will Britain have to rescue it, and, if so, how long before that happens to another?"

They're concerned about the stability of the EU as an economic structure," Lynch said.

Emma Mutimer, who moved to John Brown University from England two years ago, said that these talks are not new. "We've always been part of the EU and there have been struggles when economies go under, such as Greece, so there have always been talks like 'we need a referendum' or 'we need to leave', and it's completely split down the middle," Mutimer said. "It was in that stage when I left, and it's in that stage now." Mutimer said.

The date for the referendum has been set for June 23, 2016. At that time it will be decided by the people whether Britain should remain a member of the European Union.

University to ban hoverboards

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Students planning to buy a hoverboard may want to wait until after graduating, as John Brown University will soon be banning them from campus.

Hoverboards, also known as self-balancing scooters or hands free Segways, have been banned by more than 30 schools, according to USA Today. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recently came out with a new list of safety standards for manufacturers to lessen the risk of fire, injury and even death for consumers. Hoverboards that do not meet these new requirements are at risk of recall.

The hands-free Segways may be responsible for 28 fires in 19 different states, and have caused more than 70 injuries that have led to emergency room visits, according to USA Today. Explosions are caused from faulty lithium ion batteries, overcharging and other undetermined problems.

Madison Mitchell, a senior kinesiology major, currently has a hoverboard on campus. “It’s disappointing,” Mitchell said of the impending ban. “It’s just fun. I use it in the dorm, and I let people play with it.”

“I don’t take it outside,” Mitchell said. The hoverboard doesn’t work on the uneven sidewalks.

Mitchell has not had any injuries, experienced any fire or had problems with her personal hoverboard. “I’ve fallen, but there’ve been no mechanical malfunctions.”

Riley Moore, a sophomore engineering major, also owns a hoverboard. “It’s over the top,” Moore said of the bans. “I mean, how many people



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More than 30 schools have banned hoverboards as they can spontaneously combust. Madison Mitchell was accustomed to riding her hoverboard around her dorm, Mayfield, until hoverboards were banned this month. “I don’t really see the point of banning them,” Mitchell said, citing the low percentage of people on campus with hoverboards. “As long as people who have them have the ones that don’t catch on fire, we should be allowed to have them.”

get hurt on bicycles?”

Both Moore and Mitchell have Swagway, the original brand of hoverboard, and both mentioned the importance of choosing a good brand before purchasing.

“There’s a chip that keeps them from exploding,” Mitchell said of her Swagway. “It has something do with converting the power for charging.”

Fernando Hurley, a sophomore accounting major, disagrees with the ban even though he does not own a hoverboard. “People should be able to use their money on whatever,” Hurley said. “But they should try to find name-brand batteries.”

Stephanie Ortiz, a sophomore

family and humanservices major, wants more research. “What’s the percent of combustion?” she asked.

“I don’t think they should ban them. I mean, it’s not paraphernalia, it’s not illegal, it’s not against the covenant,” Ortiz said. “It doesn’t affect the majority of the student population.”

Mitchell and Moore both said they knew of only one other person on campus with a hoverboard, indicating that the number of students who own one on campus is very small.

Moore sees no issue with fire hazard. “The [electrical] outlet is more of a problem than the Swagway,” Moore said.

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- Sarah Hill

brands,” Mitchell said, when asked what a better alternative might be. “But, I don’t know how that would be controlled.”

Brandon Tuttle, a freshman management major, said he doesn’t care very much if hoverboards are banned. “It seems illogical to use them

here. You can’t use them on the sidewalk, you might as well have a bike,” Tuttle said.

“It’s the same as microwaves and open candles. There’s potential there,” Tuttle said.

City votes to extend sales tax

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The residents of Siloam Springs have voted to extend a 10-year addition to the city sales tax.

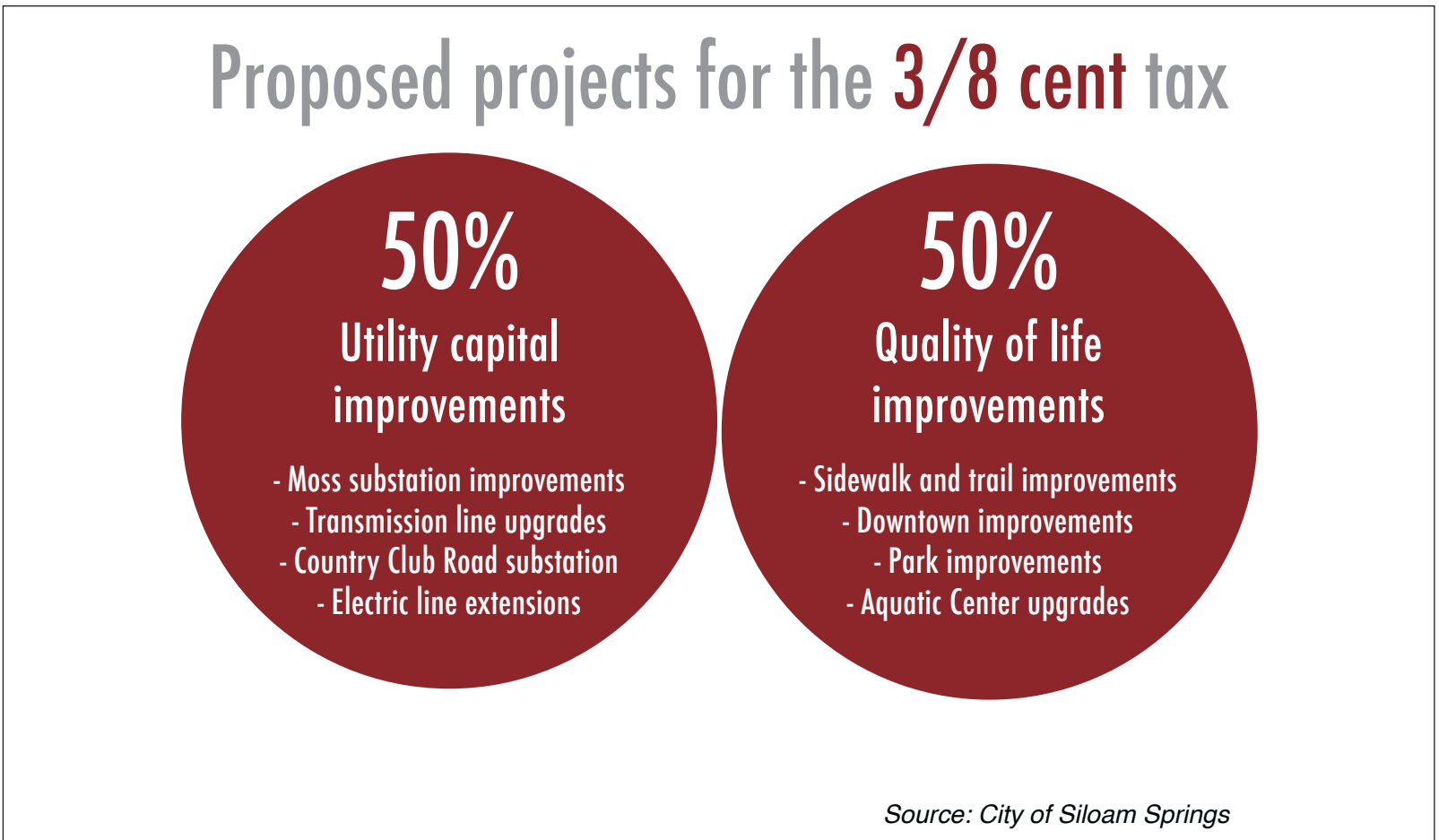
The sales tax is 3/8 of a cent, according to the Siloam Springs city website. This extension will not raise taxes for city residents, as it has been in effect since 2006.

“From 2006-2014 this 3/8 cent sales tax has generated apporoximately \$8.94 million,” according to a report on the city’s website. “The estimated 10 year total projection for this existing tax is approximately \$13.7 million.”

The previous use of the tax was utility improvement, including electric and water/waste-water projects. The master plan, where half of the revenue will go, launched in 2014. The master plan is a five-to-seven-year implementation plan.

“The purpose of this plan is to continue preservation and improvements in downtown’s built environment through infrastructure and facility planning, to ultimately realize a more vibrant urban core,” according to Main Street Siloam’s website.

Steve Beers, member of the Siloam Springs board of directors and vice president of student development at John Brown University, said, “I am excited to see the community get behind quality of life improvements to our town. I was also pleased to see that it passed with a great margin, elevating confusion about what our citizens really want. The city board and the city now have the honor of



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maximizing the tax proceeds for our community.”

Bob Coleman, member of the city board of directors, said, “I am delighted that the voters of our city gave overwhelming approval (74 percent), for the extension of our 3/8 cent sales tax.”

“This tax will be divided 50-50 between infrastructure maintenance and improvements and quality of life improvements,” Coleman said. “It is exciting to know that, not only will we be able to maintain the high quality of our water/sewer/electrical infrastructure, but also we will be in a position to begin implementation of many of the improvements recommended in our recent Main Street/Downtown study.”

Coleman also stated that through this tax, “words like sidewalks, trails, connectivity, splash pad, amphitheater, farmers market [and] street diet, will now come off the page and take on reality.”

Carol Smiley, another board member, agreed. “This extension allows the City to continue upgrading and maintaining Siloam Springs’ infrastructure [that] our citizens deserve and need, and to begin the quality of life improvements to our parks, sidewalks and trails and improvement to downtown that the city has been working towards for several years,” Smiley said.

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to be replaced for several years, it will save time and work for the facilities crew. It will also prevent potentially unsafe dark spots on campus.

Some of the new and renovated buildings on campus, such as the nursing building and renovated townhouses, already have exterior LED lights as well as other energy-saving specifications like quality insulation and energy star appliances.

Students and parents may wonder how these initiatives will cost them more money.

The impact on students is minimal, as students do not pay—through tuition, fees, room and board or other means—for any of the construction projects on campus, which is all covered by endowment or donations.

In order to keep costs down for students, Brankle works to reduce electricity costs when possible. He explained that even though the University’s acreage has increased, electricity use has decreased due to the sustainability initiatives in place.

“I don’t think it’s right to be more green if it’s going to cost you more green,” Brankle said.

Students host 24-hour prayer

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John Brown University students are organizing a 24-hour period of worship and prayer in the Cathedral of the Ozarks this weekend. As of Tuesday, two local churches have committed to have worship bands there. The event is the result of collaboration between University administration, the Audio Visual Lighting crew, local churches and a student-led bible study group called New Generation. It will involve worship, focused prayer, scripture reading with times of silence and teaching by University and church leaders. “We, as children of God, are called to worship the Lord at all times with everything we do,” David Ruales, co-founder of New Generation, said. “This is an opportunity for us to make a joyful noise to the Lord in unity with other sons and daughters of the Lord.”

Several key players have committed to be a part of the worship day. Worship bands from The Pointe Fellowship and New Life Church are officially on the schedule, and several more are being contacted. A group of students from the Audio Visual Lighting crew has committed to work all 24 hours. New Generation, the event instigator, has been meeting for about a year in the Walker prayer room on Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to midnight to worship God, pray for the campus and study scripture. New Generation’s goal is to inspire other people to rise and work together as a driving force in the global church. “When I was an undergraduate student, I attended a 24-hour worship on campus and I always remember it,” Ruales said. “I remember that it was a good intimate time between the Lord and I, but it was also good to see other students come to worship the Lord really early in the morning or late at night. This inspired me to do the same.” The goal of the event is to encourage the Christian



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John Brown University students and community members meet on Wednesday nights in the Walker Student Center Prayer Room to pray, worship and study scripture. The group, called New Generation, is organizing a similar meeting, extended to be 24 hours long and involve more campus and community members, in the University’s Cathedral of the Ozarks this Friday to Saturday, 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. The group hopes this event will unite the community in worship, provide students a time and space to seek God, and foster renewed passion for the faith.

church in Northwest Arkansas to unify under Christ and to meet together in his name, said Alejandro Ruales, co-founder of New Generation. Anna Klein, a regular member of New Generation, echoed these feelings. “We really feel like there’s a need for unity in the Church, so our goal is to drive in the whole of Northwest Arkansas,” said Klein. “The churches in Siloam, yes, but also the churches in Fayetteville, and bringing in the International House of Prayer, and bringing in church bands and youth groups, all for the same reason. We want to see unity and revival with and in these churches.” “Our goal is to see a body of believers rise up out of our generation who will be leaders for Christ,” Klein also said. Stephen Ruales said that this event will be good to reorient the Church on campus. “Worship is a place where we can acknowledge and become

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- David Ruales

aware of God’s character, and this brings faith to our hearts. The Lord is bringing an awakening. Things are changing, the atmosphere is changing, people are changing,” Stephen Ruales said. “There’s an attitude on campus that we want to be closer to God. We

need to become aware of that.” The inspiration for this event was birthed out of New Generation’s meetings. Betsy Burns, another New Generation member and event organizer said, “It really came out of the community that we’re a part of now. God has really pulled us

together. Our passion consists of worship, prayer and giving God the glory He deserves, so one day when Alejandro, David and some of our leaders mentioned this idea, we just jumped on it.” Burns echoed the same sentiment of other New Generation members. “Our goal is to see this event spread beyond John Brown University’s campus, to bring unity within the Body of Christ,” Burns said. “That’s been our prayer. We would love to see the church of God at large come together, lay down her disagreements and worship the God of the Universe.” The 24-hour event will be held this Friday and Saturday in the Cathedral from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. Students are welcome to come and stay as long as they are able and leave when they have to.

Disney parks to charge more on peak days

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Disneyland and Walt Disney World started charging 20 percent more on Feb. 28 for tickets during peak visiting days as part of a new attempt to spread out park visits more evenly. This system is called demand-based pricing, and it is commonly used by lodging and the airline industry. Another theme park, Universal Studios in Orlando, also uses demand-based pricing. Sports teams and movie theaters are also experimenting with similar pricing efforts, according to The New York Times. “In addition to expanding our parks, we are adopting seasonal pricing on our one-day tickets to help better spread visitation throughout the year,” Disney said in a statement. “Multiday tickets, annual passes and visiting during nonpeak periods also provide our guests with options and savings.” The demand-based pricing is going into effect right before the additions of new attractions themed after Frozen, Avatar and Star Wars. Disney has divided the calendar into value, regular and peak periods. Peak season times include weekends, spring break, a good portion of the



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summer and the last week in December. It also includes popular traveling holidays, such as July Fourth, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The peak season accounts for a little more than a fourth of the days at Disneyland and Disney World. Madison Perkins, a John Brown University student who has taken the semester off from school to work at

Disney’s Pinocchio’s Village Haus in the Magic Kingdom, recalled that Valentine’s Day and the surrounding days were especially hectic. She described these days as requiring “staying later, working harder, sweating more, going crazy.” The regular period, on the other hand, is most weekends and many summertime weeks. This accounts for a little under

half of the days at Disneyland and Disney World, which makes regular days more common than peak or value days. The value period includes Monday through Thursday, the last week and a half in August and almost all of September. Hannah Nester, a 2015 graduate of the University, has worked in the Magic Kingdom as a server in Pecos

Bill’s Tall Inn and Cafe since September 2015. “Pecos Bill’s is the second busiest quick service restaurant in the Magic Kingdom. We serve a million guests a year,” Nester said. “Being in the kitchen during our busiest times is a wild experience. You have less than 100 cast members serving hundreds of people as fast as possible.” Blake Patterson is a current university student who worked at the restaurant Pizzafari in Animal Kingdom at Disney World from January to August 2014. Patterson said part of the reason for cheaper prices is to encourage increased attendance of local Florida residents. “Last I knew, and hopefully it has grown a bit, 80 percent of all the guests that come to Disney on a daily basis are out of state guests, the other 20 percent are Florida residents. Lower prices means higher attendance from the locals, which is always good for business,” Patterson said. Perkins agreed that since many of the value days are weekdays, they are most helpful for locals. The three other parks, Epcot, Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios, will cost \$114 during peak times, \$102 during the regular period and \$97 during the value period.

Eliminate Fear

Churches need to help refugees

Churches are much more likely to fear refugees than actually help them, according to a recent report by Lifeway Research.

Nearly half of the interviewed Protestant pastors said that their churches have “a sense of fear about global refugees coming to the United States.” Yet, 86 percent agree that “Christians have a responsibility to care sacrificially for refugees and foreigners.”

The most disappointing part of the report, though, is that only eight percent of interviewed pastors said their churches are currently involved in caring for refugees.

To put this in perspective, there were approximately 350,000 religious congregations in the U.S. in 2010, according to the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, which means that tens of thousands of churches are not practicing what they preach.

We The Threefold Advocate have written often about the refugee crisis and how Christians should respond. However, in light of this abysmal survey, we again urge all our readers to actively get involved in caring for these refugees.

Many people give the excuse that someone else will do the hard work, but we cannot use this excuse any longer. Based on the Lifeway survey, very few churches are actively helping, so we must step up: each and every one of us.

Yes, it is much easier to stand in the pulpit and preach or write an article or opinion column about helping refugees than it is to actually donate money or volunteer your time. However, as the body of Christ, we are called not only to help those in need, but we are called to not fear. “The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1).

We The Threefold encourage your church’s involvement in caring for the refugees. You can raise money, volunteer time at an aid organization, open your home or church to resettling a refugee family or encourage your local government representatives to provide more aid for refugees. It is also important to educate your friends, family and colleagues about the refugee crisis and remind them not to be afraid.

We cannot let fear stand in the way of God’s holy commandment to care for the refugee. “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt” (Leviticus 19:33-34).

Stop bullying

Schools should not take offense lightly

Lombardy Elementary School accidentally sent a satirical form called the ‘Hurt Feeling Report’ making fun of whiners to parents, according to USA Today.

The article said the document is set up similar to a bullying report form. The school has claimed that the document is not from the school or the district and came from an external source.

Whether or not the document is an official form or originated with the school, questions have arisen about the schools response to bullying.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that bullying needs to be taken seriously by all schools, and children should not be mocked by authorities for taking action.

The government has defined bullying as “unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.”

It also list multiple side effects of bullying including decreased academic achievement, health complaints and depression.

Bullies are also affected by their actions. Some of the side affects include alcohol abuse, problems in school, criminal convictions and future abuse towards “their romantic partners, spouses, or children as adults,” according to the U.S. government.

Bullying also affects bystanders. Students who watch bullying are more likely to use drugs, have mental health problems and miss school.”

With all of these potential problems for students We The Threefold Advocate believe that bullying is not a laughing matter.

Some may point out that this document did not originate with the school and is, therefore, not a big deal. However, the government says that “when adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time.”

This situation shows that adults response to bullying is very important and affects the way children view these situations.

We The Threefold Advocate believe the school should do more than apologize and investigate how this document was sent out. They should also make sure that all students feel safe and bullying is dealt with properly.

Kindness pacifies fear



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Towards the end of February, I had a blood transfusion and tested positive for the flu. Then a couple of days after I was released from the hospital, I started to run a temperature so high, it felt like my neck, ears and face were on fire. While my face felt like it was on fire, the rest of my body was so cold that my hand was trembling so badly that I could barely hold a cup of water. It was terrifying. Just to ease my parents’ minds and my mind, I decided to go to the local emergency room.

It was about 12:30 in the morning when I got to the emergency room. My motto whenever going to the emergency room is to have a positive attitude and to refrain from showing fear.

When I first got to the emergency room, the nurses attended to me immediately and they were positive and fun to talk to. One nurse listened to me as I rattled off everything I could think even if I thought it was unimportant. Then the other nurse came into the room to do my flu swap. It’s just so much fun to get an oversize Q-Tip stuck up your nose. I joked around with her about why we don’t just blow snot into a cup, because everything else is done in a cup.

“...please try to show a little more patience and forgiveness when things are not going right.”

At 2 a.m. I was woken up from a nap by a lovely tech who asked me if I could give her a urine sample. I was half asleep and respond with “maybe,” because I didn’t know if I would be able to. The tech then told me if I could not give her a sample within five minutes, she would put a catheter in me. This started my downward spiral of unhappiness.

So I gave her my sample because, Lord knows, I do not want a catheter. Then my nurse came into my room. He did the usual routine: he listened to my heart, lungs, stomach, checked my blood pressure and pulse oxygen. When he asked about my medication, I kept repeating that I was on medicine for Crohn’s disease. I completely forgot that I was also on Tamiflu because it’s something that I don’t take regularly and I was almost finished with taking it.

After the nurse left, the doctor finally came in. He explained how my flu swap came back negative and how it was probably a false negative because of my fever. He also gave me a lecture about how the only prevention is getting the flu shot.

After I was discharged, the nurse came back to the room to let me sign the discharge papers and to take out the IV that they never used. Then he started harping on the fact that I forgot to tell him

about the Tamiflu. He didn’t just say it once or twice, he said it about five different times in the few minutes that he was in the room.

Earlier that week I was a patient at Siloam Springs Hospital for my blood transfusion. Everyone was so nice and I kept telling them how nice they were and how I appreciated it. They always responded with “you feel bad enough and we are here to help you feel better.”

Pre-medical and nursing majors please: remember that your patients are probably scared and worried even when they do not show it. Yes, some adults turn into little kids or clam up and forget to tell you stuff, but we do mean well. So please try to show more patience and forgiveness when things are not going right. Your patients do appreciate you and are thankful that you are taking care of them even if they do not show it.

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Bedside manner, or how patients are treated, is becoming more and more important for people in the medical profession.

- Letter to the Editor -

At first glance, the recent article titled “Students Share Thoughts about Recent Political Rallies” appears to cover “recent political rallies” from multiple presidential candidates. However, it quickly devolves into an undisguised personal attack against Donald Trump, one which should at the very least be under the banner of “opinion” instead of “news” if not dropped altogether.

For starters, the title is severely misleading, as the article fails to cover any rally other than that of Trump, with only a passing mention given to a demonstration by Sanders. Even with such a singular focus, the only information communicated from the second-hand source of student rally-attendees is biased, hate-filled speech which has next to nothing to do with the rally and berates Trump and his supporters with a seemingly Trump-inspired style. The only resemblance of actual reporting on the Bentonville demonstration is not even sourced from the students; rather, it comes from an article published by an Arkansas news station that covered the event themselves (not to mention the opening to both articles are near-plagiaristic in similarity). In its entirety, the article reeks of Trump-centered abhorrence, with every student interviewed expressing extremely negative opinions toward him and two out of three interviewees having harbored their views before even attending the rally. For being an article in a university newspaper’s “news” section, it shows shocking one-sidedness. To top it off, it closes with a thinly-veiled assault against not only Trump, but also Cruz and Rubio.

In the future, articles containing singular political opinions should be marked as such, not placed in the general “news” section. Also, and perhaps more importantly, articles containing such opinions should at the very least discuss their reasoning, not merely their conclusion, so as to enlighten the reader and not give him a house without a foundation.

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'Trump is ruining my faith'



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Trump is ruining my faith in Christianity. The short response to the statement is that people are supporting him (I'm not even going to say his name anymore. I can't handle it, so I'll give him the Voldemort treatment). I'm talking about good, Christian, God-fearing people. Don't get me wrong, I love these people; they are my family, my friends, friends of my family and family of my friends, which is precisely why it absolutely breaks my heart to see them supporting "He Who is Not to be Named."

As a good, Christian, God-fearing man myself, I feel obliged to do everything that I can to utterly and completely destroy even the slightest possibility that this guy has at winning anything, which, realistically, is not in my power. However, it is not in my nature to outright challenge people in their political beliefs by telling them that they are flat-out wrong for supporting this poor, cowardly man.

Among the people whom I have relationships with that support him, the most common question that I get regarding



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According to Politico, Trump has the most support from white Evangelical Republicans with 37 percent. This 17 percent more than Cruz, his closest competitor.

my disdain for the bigot is, "Why do you dislike this guy so much?" Well, firstly, I would like to say that my contempt is not aimed at him; however, it is aimed at basically everything that he stands for and perpetuates. I could not care less about Mr. _____ because he is a small man. What I do care about is love and furthering the Kingdom of God through loving means.

So, in response to the question of my disgust for this particular human being, I dislike his values because his values seemingly begin and end with one thing: fear. Fear is absolutely not worth alienating anyone: not Blacks, not Muslims, not the Chinese, not anyone. We are called by Christ to love God and one another above all else. Christ tells us to "love thy neighbor as thyself," not just to love white Christians as ourselves.

Mr. Voldemort has had numerous opportunities to shoot

down, condemn and correct blatantly racist and wrong statements. However, he has not once taken the opportunity to do so. For example, while attending a rally in New Hampshire, Mr. _____ opened the floor for questions and, sure enough, the first question was a great opportunity for him to do something right, but did he? Of course not. According to a CNN report written by Theodore Schleifer, the question went like this:

"We have a problem in this country. It's called Muslims ... You know our current president is one. You know he's not even an American... Anyway, we have training camps growing where they want to kill us ... That's my question: When can we get rid of them?"

We're going to be looking at a lot of different things," Trump replied. "You know, a lot of people are saying that and a lot of people are saying that bad things are happening.



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We're going to be looking at that and many other things."

From this report, he had two opportunities to correct the horrifically misguided questioner, yet he did not take advantage of either. Firstly, he should have correctly stated that President Obama is not a Muslim, but that he is a professing Christian. Next, he should have corrected the questioner in saying that, yes, President Obama is, in fact, an American. And the last thing Mr. _____ passed on is the opportunity to say something along the lines of, "Please leave, I do not want your endorsement because it is inherently wrong."

Instead, Lord Voldemort chuckled (this guy seriously laughed at how racist and misguided of an assertion it was instead of correcting it. How are people still supporting him?) and made light of the situation. I don't know about you, but, to me, that comes across as

completely cowardly. This guy is notorious for offending large groups of people, but when confronted with a blatantly wrong assertion from a racist white guy, he doesn't have the guts to correct it.

What kind of a leader will he be for our country? What kind of a role model will he be for the children of the next generation? The value that Trump perpetuated in this instance, as well as in many others, was fear. Fear is not of God. I'll say that again: Fear is not of God.

"As a good, Christian, God-fearing man myself, I feel obliged to do everything that I can to utterly and completely destroy even the slightest possibility that this guy has at winning anything."

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Protection for journalists everywhere



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It is important to report everyday activities. The information we read and are able to share is made by people—journalists, to be specific. As a communication major and a Threefold Advocate staff member, information is vital to me. I have to admit that there are topics I do not like to read, but I try to learn about them anyway because they are necessary. Reading and analyzing what is happening—not only in my community, but also in the entire world—is something that gives meaning to this profession. Even though I have

a public relations emphasis, I feel passionate about reporting. However, sometimes it is hard not to be discouraged by how underrated journalism is.

I am lucky to be inspired by a professor who always encourages communication students to tell the truth and "give voice to the voiceless." Now that my time in the United States is ending, I have been thinking about working as a journalist in Mexico. However, the experience I had was in a college newspaper in the U.S., and the reality that is waiting for me and for those who are planning on entering the profession, is the danger of being kidnapped, tortured and even killed.

Something that upsets me about Mexico is that it does not protect its journalists. I admire the U.S. Constitution because it protects the freedom of speech, and therefore, it protects those who practice it. It is true that journalists need to double-check information before publishing it, but at least they are free to report and investigate. Sadly, in Mexico, journalists do not have the same privilege. In only three months, four journalists have

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been killed, according to Reporters Without Borders. The government is trying to stop the violence against journalists, but it has not succeeded.

On April 23, 2012, the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic approved La Ley para la Proteccion de Personas Defensoras de los Derechos Humanos y Periodistas. This law seeks to protect the people who defend and promote human rights as well as the freedom of speech. Unfortunately, this law is useless to journalists because they are still in danger.

Article 19, an independent organization that promotes and protects the freedom of speech around the world, reported that alleged aggressors are mainly public servants, organized crime, teamsters/social groups, party force/candidates/parties,

private institutions and the rest is unknown. The impunity towards the aggressors and the lack of cooperation of the same government has made this profession harder. I remember when I was doing my internship in a newspaper back home, I heard that a journalist was killed and beheaded. It seems that killing the journalist was not enough for the assassins, so they left his head in front of the newspaper offices.

I recognize that some journalists are not the best. Some are killed because they are headed down the wrong path, but others are just doing their job. Journalists have an innate passion for the truth and they love to share it. I have learned that this profession is unique in nature and I admire the people who, despite the danger of the

job, are willing to risk their lives and seek the truth.

It is hard to admit it, but Mexico is still under a dictatorship disguised as a democracy. We cannot talk because we can be killed... We see the suffering but we decide to ignore it. Fear is everywhere and it paralyzes us. Sometimes I just sit and wonder if it is worth risking our lives to tell the truth or even if it is worth our being a journalists. Dear readers...is it worth it?

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Climbing challenges students' fears



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Warmer weather and clearer skies provide the perfect opportunity to take advantage of outdoor activities. Those in search of a hobby should consider pursuing rock climbing. This activity requires a mixture of mental persistence and brute physical strength to overcome height and fear.

“Climbing scares me 100 percent, which is why I think it’s so good for me to try,” Kaitlin O’Hara, a University alumna said. “Heights have always been one of my biggest fears, so it’s awesome to feel myself slowly get over it in such a direct way. I am able to push through the fear only because of my fellow climbers telling me I’m capable and because of the sheer adrenaline that pumps through your veins the entire time you’re on a wall.”

Climbing doesn’t just involve arms. Climbers also use their legs and feet to push off of the rock while using their arms to pull themselves up.

Beginners, hoping to advance in outdoor rock climbing, can utilize gym walls to improve technique and build strength. O’Hara first became involved in the sport through friends at Ozark Climbing gym.

“They held women’s clinics that helped May and I get into the sport

without an intimidating environment,” O’Hara, who often climbs with fellow JBU alumna Rachel May, said. “It was very welcoming.”

Climbing is both an individual and team sport. Although climbers challenge themselves to overcome rock or boulder, they also trust and rely on other climbers with belaying, dismounting after reaching the top and safety.

“I love that every single person in the climbing community thus far has been incredibly welcoming and warm to newcomers,” O’Hara said. “Everyone wants everyone to succeed. It’s not about competition amongst climbers, but more of collaboration. It’s a really beautiful community unlike any other sporting community that I’ve personally experienced.”

The four most important tools are gear, ropes, knots and safety. The basics of climbing gear include harness, rope, locking carabiner, spare carabiner and a descender. Climbers need to wear clothes that offer comfort and mobility as well as shoes fit for gripping the rock.

“It is really good cardio and exercise,” Matt Bowen, biblical and theological studies senior who enjoys inside and outdoor rock-climbing, said. “There is such an intense feeling of

accomplishment once you get to the very top, whether it’s just a bouldering wall or an actual rock face that you are climbing. You put so much effort and thought into one goal. When you make it to the top, it is a feeling like none other.”

With a number of places to rock climb across the state, this hobby is a great way to connect and meet new people.

“You can find a whole new community of people,” Isaac Weaver, a communication senior who mostly boulders at the gym, said. “You meet really diverse groups of people who are bold and like to exercise.”

Horseshoe Canyon is a world-recognized rock-climbing destination in Arkansas, thanks to the quality and quantity of routes for climbing. Their certified guides provide all gear and safety instructions. This ranch is located in Jasper, Ark., just a 2-hour drive from Siloam Springs.

“The risk is totally a huge part of the overall excitement,” O’Hara said. “There’s nothing like being suspended 60 feet in the air with no choice but to climb further up and further on. I’m not even a huge adrenaline junkie myself, but there is just a certain thrill to climbing that is completely contagious.”



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Swing Society continues tradition

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The Swing Society is a John Brown University club dedicated to teaching students how to dance. Their repertoire consists of east coast swing, west coast swing, salsa and line dancing, according to its Facebook page.

Allena Palmer, president of the Swing Society, said that students can expect cookies, music and, of course, swing dancing, when the club meets once a week.

“If people come and get a little oasis away from the endless, relentless, vast land of homework, I think the event did what it was meant to do,” Palmer said.

Zoe Shafer, junior biblical and theological studies major, attends the club’s dances regularly.

“Its just so much fun to dance,” Shafer said. “Especially when you get good enough to do the moves.”

The Swing Society will host its annual Masquerade event in The Simmons Great Hall B at 9 p.m. on March 12.

The Society has hosted the Masquerade since its

foundation and Palmer wants to continue the tradition.

“[Last year] was a lot of fun; the room was gorgeous and everyone came with such great costumes,” Palmer said.

While this year’s Masquerade will be just as fun as last year’s, Palmer has changed a few things.

“The color palette is also different for this year; I went with a very classy, royal theme with red’s, gold’s and black’s,” Palmer said. “The music playlist will be different as well with some songs you wouldn’t expect to swing to!”

All students are invited,

even if they don’t know how to dance.

“Everybody feels awkward at first,” Shafer said. “But you get the hang of it and then you get used to it and then you get to the point where you don’t feel awkward. It’s a lot of fun.”

Palmer’s years of dance

experience qualify her to help her fellow students learn.

“I love to dance,” Palmer said. “Dance is just such a freeing experience. It’s like creating art with your body and air, plus it’s an excellent work out.

I want people to start respecting and using dance the way it should be respected and used.”

Shafer expressed that she has fun at the dances, and people shouldn’t be nervous.

“There are a lot of people interested but people usually don’t go because they can’t find a dance partner, but odds are there’s someone there who doesn’t have a partner either,” Shafer said. “They shouldn’t be nervous because we all look funny.”

The cost is \$1 for admittance. For such a small price, you’ll have the chance to eat cookies, have fun with friends and learn some stellar dance moves.

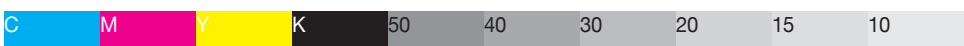
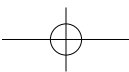
“I want people to just come and have fun,” Palmer said.



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STEPS FOR SPRING BREAK PREPARATIONS



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March is finally here! Which also means that spring break is coming! Students everywhere are preparing themselves for the break. Many are returning home and others are traveling inside the U.S. and overseas. Here are some basic steps to be well prepared for any trip.

by **Maria Velazquez**

SAVE MONEY

No money, no travel! First, think of how you will be traveling for spring break, whether by car, train, bus or plane. If you don't travel outside the U.S., you will need money for gas. It is important that you decide at least a month or two in advance to save. Take out that piggybank and collect those pennies daily or weekly.

"You can't do anything if you do not have some money," said Luis Villalaz, a sophomore who is planning to travel to Las Vegas this year.



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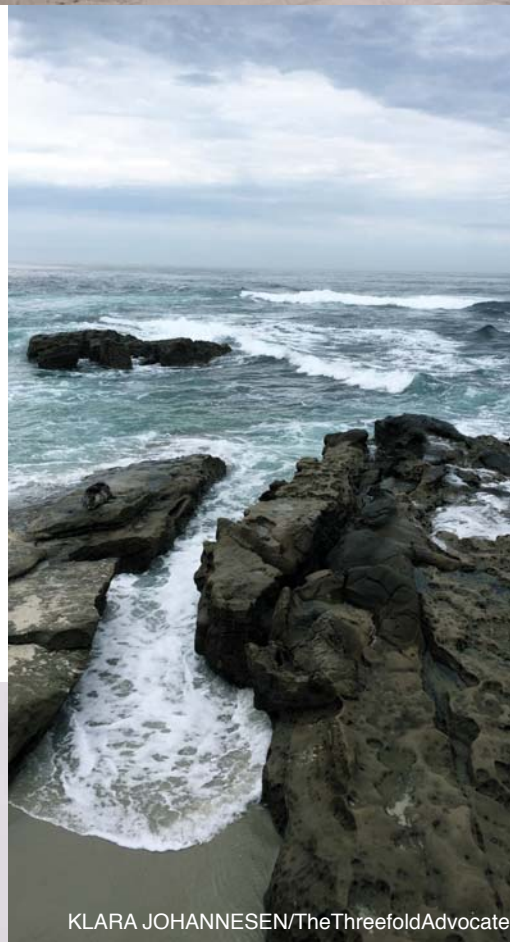


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TRAVEL WITH YOUR PALS

Second, consider whether you will travel with a group of friends or alone. Both experiences are rewarding! Traveling with a group might be challenging because you have to include others in all trip decisions, however you will be able to share your fun memories with others.

If you are thinking of traveling by yourself, you will be able to manage your own time with the things you want to do. You will have the opportunity to talk with other people, even if it is only for help.



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PICK A PLACE

Spring break gives you a whole week to enjoy, but do not over think and try to travel to far places. Remember that it is only a week and you do not want to spend it sitting on the airplane for two to three days. Depending on your interests, you can choose a variety of places to go.

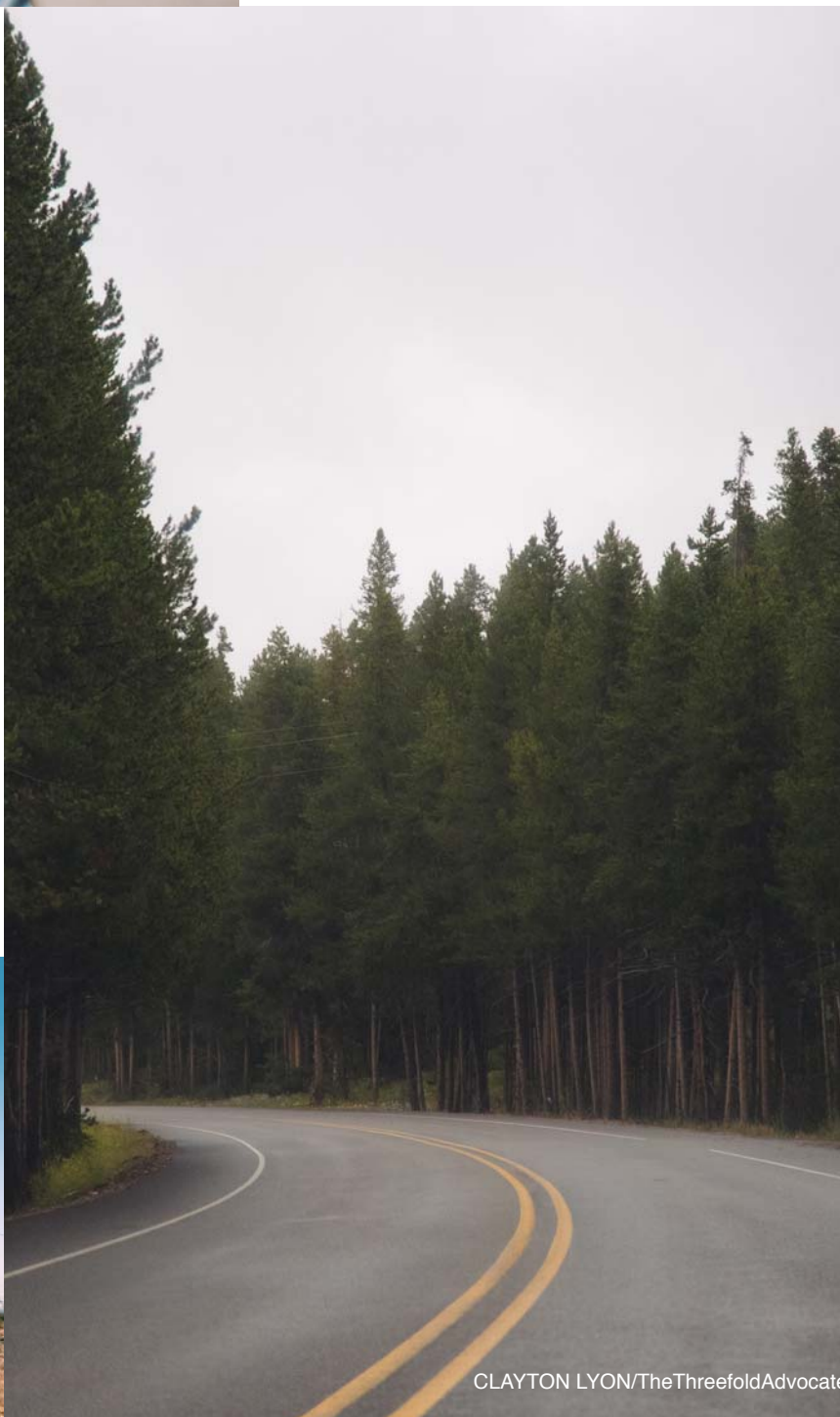
"I'd like to go to Kenya," said Stephanie Barrera, a sophomore who has traveled to Africa before. "It is just a beautiful country and people are so welcoming."

The traditional trip for spring break is going to the beach. Some of the best places to travel to are Miami, Cancun, Bahamas, Cabo San Lucas, Maui, Puerto Vallarta, South Padre Island, Playa del Carmen, Jamaica and San Diego, according to Business Insider.

Once you decide where you want to go, then do some research about interesting places to visit and activities you can do while there. This will make it easier to move once you arrive at your destination.



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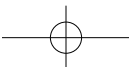
BUY TICKETS & RESERVE A PLACE TO STAY

Once you've researched your destination, it's time to buy either the bus or airplane tickets and find a place to stay.

Some of the best apps that compare airplane tickets are Google flights, Hopper, Kayak, Hipmunk, Skyscanner and Momondo, according to Yahoo Travel. These app gives you an idea of what the tickets will cost. If you are riding the bus then you should check GotoBus, Wanderu and Checkmybus.

Most of these apps give you the option to find hotels or inns that are acceptable in price.

By car, calculate the amount of gas you will need and the best gas stations to find the cheapest gas.



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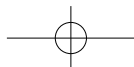
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Men's tennis faces challenges

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With two matches under its belt, John Brown University's men's tennis team is firing up for two more matches against Southwestern College and Oklahoma Baptist today. The team kicked off this season with a

7-2 loss against Hendrix and a quick comeback of 7-2 win against College of the Ozarks in Conway, Ark. As their matches approach, the team is looking forward to proving their worth.

Nathan Kuykendall, a freshman tennis player who started off his collegiate career 4-0, is especially looking forward to competing with Oklahoma Baptist. Kuykendall, who tried out for Oklahoma Baptist's team and was turned away, is excited to represent the University in the upcoming match.

"OBU has a strong team," Kuykendall said of their men's team. "They're very serious about what they do and they're very good."

The low funding provided

"I want to do my best in order to bring the program to new heights."

- Nathan Kuykendall

for the University's tennis program serves as further motivation to do well as a team. The Golden Eagles are currently the only team standing in its NAIA Division I region. Phillip Todd, sophomore tennis player, explained that getting matches in other conferences has made the booking process more difficult for the team.

"Since we're not technically part of other regions, we've had to tag onto another conference to get some matches there,"

Todd said. "We've had to cut trips and matches this season

because we haven't had enough money to travel," Kuykendall stated. "We're looking for ways to raise funds for our trip later in March and money to go to regionals."

The nationally-ranked Oklahoma Baptist team recently moved out of the NAIA division up into National Christian College Athletic Association. They, too, will be looking to prove themselves against opponents as they continue to strengthen their team in their new division.

"It's a healthy pressure that makes me want to get better," Kuykendall said. "I'm here representing JBU. It's a growing program, and I want to do my best in order to bring the program to new heights, which will hopefully bring more awareness and more funds so that we can do more."

The team will first take on Oklahoma Baptist at 10 a.m. and then will take on Southwestern at 1:30 p.m. Both matches will be played in Shawnee, Okla.

"We don't have as much support as some of the other sports have, but as far as what we do have I'd say it's encouraging to see so many people come out to matches," Todd shared. "I'd like to see more!"

Kuykendall was upbeat about the matches.

"I know we'll be traveling to Oklahoma as soon as we're done with Southwestern, and I'm just hoping we can keep good energy, play hard and hopefully pull out a win," he said.



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March Madness inspires competition

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March is here, and so is March Madness.

The annual National Collegiate Athletic Association college basketball tournament, which is popularly known as March Madness, is a Division I tournament in which 68 college basketball teams play against each other in single-elimination games.

The NCAA divides the teams into four regions: East, South, Midwest and West. The teams are then organized into win-or-go-home style games. A popular tradition among the fans is to predict the winners of the every game. At the end, awards and prizes are given to those who guess the most wins correctly.

Jordan O'Hara, a student who has watched March Madness before, said that he is excited about this event because it not only represents an opportunity to support college teams but is also a time in which family and friends can spend time together.

"I love March Madness because it's a time in my family and culture where every month friends and family comes together to watch the game on television," O'Hara said.

O'Hara said that watching the games is a fun experience. He said that he enjoys the company of his family, eating good food and sharing the passion and emotions the game creates.

"There will be always be food spilling on the floor because we are always eating on the couch," O'Hara said. "When someone scores a basket or if it is a really awesome shot, everyone stands up and there is food falling on the floor."

Macayla Warren, another student who has watched March Madness before, expressed that watching this event is like a tradition.

"I like watching March Madness because my family loves basketball, so I grew up just playing and watching it and we just love it," Warren said.

Warren said that her family cheers for the Texas Longhorns. However, due to school responsibilities she cannot watch the games as she wishes to.

Myriah Yam, a student who enjoys basketball, faces the same struggles that Warren does.

"I do not watch TV at all at college, but back home, my dad would have it on and we would watch it with him," Yam said of the games.

Even though Yam does not watch the games as she used to, she pointed out that one of the reasons she loves March Madness is because she thinks it's better than the NBA.

"I like it because it's college basketball," Yam said. "It's better than NBA because they are not famous or getting paid and they all work really hard."

Brianna Bowerman, another student that watches the event, expressed that she enjoys watching athletes her same



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age competing. Bowerman also explained that the time she spends with her friends in March Madness reminds her of the Super Bowl.

"I am usually wrong so I do not guess anymore," Bowerman said.

March Madness will be broadcasted on CBS, TNT,

TBS and truTV, according to the NCAA website.





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