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"Corporate America doesn't run on academic America timeframes, unfortunately," Niles said, explaining his sudden departure.

It all started when Niles had the opportunity last semester to speak publicly to Walmart executives about leadership. He was invited to a causal 15 minute meeting with one of the executives, but Niles said the two men hit it off and ended up conversing for over two hours.

In this meeting, Niles learned about a potential job that might open up in the future. Niles said when he heard the job description, he

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students," Niles said, saying he will miss ongoing interaction, seeing students grow as people and in their understanding of class material, and hearing about students' development after undergrad education as they go to graduate school,

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Allan Aguilar, junior political science major said he first found out that Niles was leaving when it was announced in

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said, calling Niles "a great mind," but added, "I'm happy for him."

"He's a great professor, super intelligent, knows what he's talking about obviously, and it's just unfortunate that I'm not going to have him for all the other classes."

Despite his remorse for seeing Niles go, Aguilar

program can recover and grow, and he hopes that students will continue to join the program.

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Last week more than a quarter of registered Fayetteville voters cast their ballot, approving Ordinance No. 5781: the Uniform Civil Rights

Protection Ordinance.

The new ordinance states, "The right of an otherwise qualified person to be free from discrimination because of sexual orientation and gender identity is the same right of every citizen to be free from discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, gender and disability as recognized and protected by the Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993."

Voting was open from Sept. 1 until Sept. 8. 52.77 percent of voters voted "Yes" on the ballot, while 47.23 percent voted "No," a margin of 5.54 percentage points.

"I have heard nothing but positive feedback. I think most people in Fayetteville realize that this city is a tolerant one and we want to keep it that way," said Jacob Hook, a student from the

14,593 residents 49,634 registered voters in Fayetteville

University of Arkansas who previously attended John Brown University and is a current resident of Fayetteville.

Citizens of Fayetteville just approved the legislation, although the Civil Rights Commission presented this topic several times to the City Council in the past year.

In December 2014, a similar piece of legislature, Ordinance 119, was repealed with a 52 percent of vote and a voter turnout of 14,000.

Still, 29 percent of Fayetteville's total registered voters voted on this topic.

"If we don't go to the voting booth, we can't maintain a progressive and healthy democracy," Hook said.

On June 16, 2015, the City Council passed ordinance 5781 titled, "An ordinance to ensure uniform nondiscrimination protections within the city of Fayetteville for groups already protected to varying degrees throughout state law."

The ordinance states, "This shall not mean any religious facility or other religious institution including their owned and operated schools and daycare facilities."

After being passed, the new ordinance became quite controversial. In response, the referendum was created to give the people of Fayetteville

35,041 did not vote

the final say. "This ordinance is not about denying religious rights. It's about protecting human decency," Hook said.

Senior accounting and international business major Oddmar á Lakjuni is a JBU student from the Faroe Islands. He compared the passing of this ordinance to a law that was passed by the parliament of his country in 2007.

Unlike in Fayetteville, "People didn't get to vote, but the Parliament

52.8% (7,666 voters approved ordinance)

47.2% (6,860 voters opposed ordinance)

decided," Lakjuni said. "Many people saw it as a sliding slope," Lakjuni said.

This past week, the citizens of Fayetteville had the final say and approved that that "gender identity and sexual orientation should also be protected by the City of Fayetteville," as the ballot stated.

The ordinance will go into effect Nov. 7, and a Civil Rights Commission will be instituted to decide on discrimination complaints.

TORI LASATER/The Threefold Advocate This commission will

be composed of "two representatives of the business community, two owners or managers of rental property, one representative with experience in Human Resources or employment law, and two citizens at large," one of whom must identify as gay, lesbian,

bisexual, or transgender. This new Civil Rights Commission will meet every year once new members are appointed. All of the meetings will be open for the general public to attend, the first of which will be 60 days after it goes into effect.

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Recently, there has been a new discovery that, if approved by the FDA, will increase the number of heart transplants possible. According to USA today, this invention is a "sterile chamber with oxygen, blood and nutrient supplies that keeps a heart pumping outside the body until it's ready for transplant." The same article also states that this development could increase the number of successful heart transplants from 15 to 30 percent.

As expected with new technology, the innovation is prompting debate about whether or not it should be introduced. The two main concerns for those in opposition to the introduce the technology are cost and "ethical questions about when patients should be declared dead."

Despite criticisms, we The Threefold Advocate support this new piece of technology for a few reasons.

According to Newser, the chamber is expected to cost \$250,000. However, the easiest way to lower the cost would be to allow its use. The price will eventually decrease as the device is improved and made more accessible. Over time, once other people witness its effectiveness, they will improve on the machine and find ways to make it cheaper.

The second issue is more important. This machine will allow doctors to revive hearts. This brings up the question of whether or not the deceased is really deceased. Because of the sensitivity of this issue, we The Threefold believe that the family of the deceased should be allowed to decide. However, if the family does not want to do this and wants to donate the heart, they should be able to choose that option.

We The Threefold urge people to consider the arguments put forth. If approved by the FDA, this device can help save lives.

#### Commuters should consider carpooling:

Students can help the parking situation

It's an issue every year, but with increasing enrollment at John Brown University, the number of parking spaces available to students is running short. And with only X spaces to choose from—unless you want to get a \$40 ticket—the options can be limited.

There is a considerable amount of cars on campus. These include cars that belong to faculty, staff, on-campus students and commuters. While not all of these cars are on campus at the same time, peak times—such as during chapel—cause complications for drivers, especially those who live off-campus.

Fortunately, commuter students have a variety of parking lots to choose from, making their trek to classes a little easier. However, at certain times of day, commuter students find their designated lots completely full and must waste precious time searching for a space or parking across campus and being late for classes and chapel. In this scenario, no one is a winner.

This is why we The Threefold Advocate want to encourage commuter students to carpool with housemates and friends on their way to campus. Especially for students outside of walking distance, this would be a great way to cut down on the number of cars on campus.

Some students may push back, saying that carpooling is inconvenient because their housemates have different class times. However, if you are at school for an extra hour or two waiting on your carpool buddy to get out of class or finish up with a meeting, this can be a great time to do some homework or catch up with your friends who still live on campus.

Not only would carpooling help solve the problem of overcrowded parking lots, but it would also be good for the environment. We all like to pitch in and recycle, conserve water and shop at thrift stores, so why not cut back on our emissions? Find a commuter friend with a Prius and you'll be ultra-green.

Carpooling can even be economical if you are commuting from Springdale, Fayetteville, Rogers or Bentonville. Splitting gas money is one of the biggest money-savers available in college, so take advantage if this is an option for you.

Since extra parking spaces aren't going to materialize out of thin air—no matter how much you pray for them in your rush to get to chapel before missing the window of time to scan in for credit—the best solution available is to cut down on the number of cars on campus. Carpooling is a simple and effective solution for many and would benefit the majority of commuter students.

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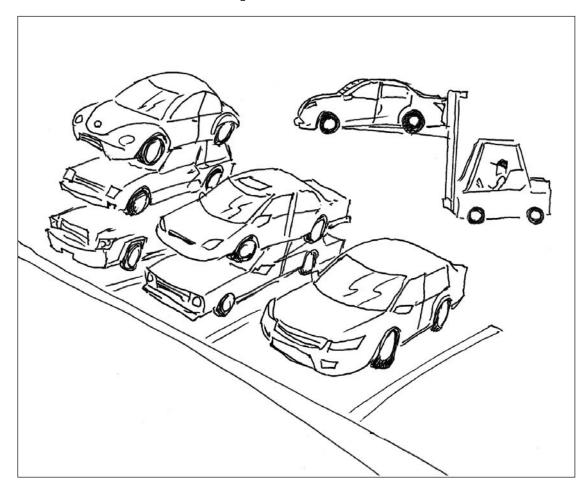
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## University parking garage



Submitted by Callum McNichols

## Fight the model minority myth



Salina Adolph **CONTRIBUTOR** 



A man approaches the microphone. Shouts of approval ring through the audience as he rhythmically speaks against the police brutality that terrorizes his black community. A woman follows, unapologetically addressing the hypocrisy of a feminist movement that often leaves out her Latina women. I'm captivated by these slam poets because, as the daughter of first-generation Indian immigrants, I also understand the weight of living as a person of color in the United States.

Still, I'm limited from fully engaging with the powerfully truthful words, because there is an enormous scarcity of my people in slam poetry and in the entire discussion of race.

Indian Americans, and more largely Asian Americans, seem to disappear when conversations of race, discrimination and culture occur. Our voices simply do not exist. We even attack our brothers and sisters of color when they make any claim

to an unjust system. While strange, this phenomenon is no mystery; it occurs all too often because of the model minority myth.

Indian Americans are known as part of the "model minority." This means that

while fitting into someone else's cultural expectations for us. We constantly try to be perfect, while pretending that our perfection will eventually allow us to "be white." But, we're still brown, dirty and other. We still don't fit the

"...we put ourselves against other minorities and pretend we're accepted when in reality we are as deeply wounded by this society as our fellow families of color. "

we're seen as people who have successfully achieved the American dream – after all, we have perfect grades, great jobs, good economic prospects and good family values. We're then used as an example for other minority groups to live up to.

Though it seems like having these "positive" stereotypes are wonderful, they gloss over and enforce deep struggles and differences within the Indian-American community. These struggles include immigration difficulties, racial discrimination, extreme academic pressures and strong mental health taboos, which have proven to result in personal and social isolation, depression and suicide. In fact, Indian Americans have some of the highest statistics for suicide attempts, suicidal thoughts and depression rates in the United States and among the least access to culturally competent

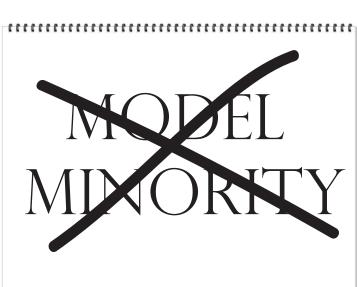
mental health resources. Stereotypes of perfection, combined with the majority's radicalized fears regarding a "terrorist image," lead to a life of overwhelming assimilation and exclusion for Indian Americans. We try to be included by killing our culture, mold we were taught to be our entire lives, and when we try to speak out against this, we're viewed as outside complainers who don't quite understand racism.

This is how the model minority myth holds itself up: we pit ourselves against other minorities and pretend that we're accepted when, in reality, we're as deeply wounded by this society as our fellow families of color.

The truth is that all people of color are fighting against the same unjust system. In education, the expectation that Indian-American kids will overperform causes a pressure that often leads to feelings of immense failure, mental health complications in communities that severely lack mental health resources and sometimes, literal death.

On the other hand, the expectation that Latino and black kids will underperform causes a pressure that often leads to dropping out, cycles of poverty, violence and sometimes, literal death. The only students, then, who truly get to perform — who get to be who they want to be — are majority students.

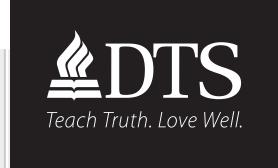
I don't think the solution to this is for me to become a slam poet. But, I do have to honestly speak out about my experiences in my skin so that my people's voices don't remain silent and so that my community begins to bridge gaps across minority cultures. I intend to continue to fight for racial reconciliation in this country because I am included in this story of race.



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## **OPINION 5**

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## County clerk should perform job, not judge



Megan Chapin STAFF WRITER

Kim Davis, a county clerk from Kentucky, refused to give marriage licenses to homosexual couples because of her Christian beliefs.

I think the U.S. Attorney Kerry B. Harvey makes a wonderful point in saying, "Government officials are free to disagree with the law, but not disobey it. The county clerk has presented her position through the federal court system, and it led to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is time for the clerk and the county to follow the law."

I think like she should either quit her job, or have someone else sign the marriage license for homosexual couples. A government job is not a position that allows staff members to force their beliefs onto other

people. Government servants should carry out the laws of the country regardless of whether they agree with them or not.

**BLACK PLATE** 

Something I do not understand about the whole situation is, why they just put her in jail. I think there should have been some sort of trial for her. Everyone has the right to a trial. so why did she not get one?

On Sept. 8, she was released from prison. She did not give in and say that she would start signing marriage licenses. There was no warning about what would happen if she still refused to sign marriage licenses. The officers basically released her from jail in the hopes that she would not do the same thing again.

Mike Huckabee, a candidate running for the Republican nomination for the presidential election, took this opportunity to get free publicity. Huckabee helped lead Kim Davis out of prison, and He told the people that he would spend eight years in jail for his beliefs. It has become the Mike Huckabee and Kim Davis show. Instead of all the attention being focused on Davis, it is now being focused on Davis and Huckabee.

Ohio governor, John Kasich, makes a good point when he said, "Look, everybody is entitled to their opinions, and I love Mike Huckabee and what he stands



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Kim Davis was released from prison on Sept. 8. She made a statement to the media outside Rowan county Judical Center.

for. But I just think there's bigger fish to fry here in terms of people understanding what faith in God really means."

What gives Davis the right to say what is and is not a part of the Christian lifestyle? If you dig deeper into her past, you will find that she has had children out of wedlock and has been divorced

multiple times. I think those are behavoirs that we as Christians are told not to do. Even though she became a Christian four years ago, she still should not judge others.

John 8:7 says, "[Jesus] stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." I think John 8:7 is something

that we should strive to live by. Who are we to judge other peoples sins? We are all sinners. We should do as Jesus did and love everyone no matter their flaws.

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## Too much money poured into bad movies

Academy Award

for Best Picture



Samuel Cross-Meridith CONTRIBUTOR

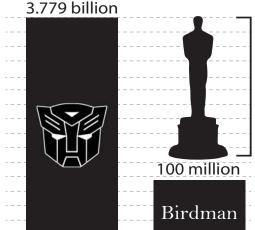
Transformers is a

pile of garbage. Every film in that series, from the first one with its terrible character development (what happened to Jazz?) to Age of Extinction with its ludicrous scenarios (Jeff Bridges is an Autobot! Optimus Prime

is riding a metal T-Rex!), is

nothing but pure trash.

It doesn't bother me that these movies are awful. Some movies are bad—I get that. What bothers me is how much money they've



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made. What annoys me is that, grand total, the Transformers film series received \$ 3.779 billion at the box office. What disturbs me is that, comparatively, Birdman, which won a solid 30 awards (among them Best Picture and Best Cinematography), only earned around \$ 100 million. Nothing to shy at, but compared to the Transformers franchise, these earnings are minute, miniscule and disappointing.

Transformers is a movie where explosions emerge from nothing

and computer generated robots punch one another, a movie that has more product placement than Times Square, a movie series that is cranked out time and again because Michael Bay knows that people will buy this crap, and what annoys me isn't the fact that this film exists.

What frightens me is that this is what our culture wants.

This is what is successful; the numbers don't lie. It's not just what our culture wants; it's what the world wants to see. That ridiculous number is a worldwide estimation. Which is to say, this is what the movie grossed in every nation.

This article is not a critique of the Transformers franchise (partly because I'm not allowed a big enough word count). Rather, this article is a cry for beauty. A cry for truth. A calling back to the things in this world that are good, true, and beautiful.

The reason that Michael Bay is allowed to keep making these movies is because his movies make money, and there's a Transformers for every medium. Fifty Shades of Grey for books, Nickelback's entire discography for music, etc. They make money. There's no denying it. Because these pieces make money, they will not go away.

What truth do these things convey? Honestly, what is the point of these things? Perhaps to be able to tell the mediocre from the excellent, but then my question is: why are they so successful?

I put it to you: the portrait of the artist is not as a young man, but as a witness under oath, and the Christian artist even more

so. Everything in our lives is to reflect the good, the true, and the beautiful. The world is so very quick to ignore the beauty in the world. Quoting comedian Demetri Martin, "I feel like the news should just be called 'What's Wrong'." What, then, is the point of a work that does not reflect truth back to us but that exists for the sole purpose of making

money and entertainment? The world has plenty of beauty. Every 60 seconds, 287 people are born into this world; and every minute, a person falls in love, and a father hugs his child. These things are true, but in the same 60 seconds, 108 people died.; a man was shot in the Middle East, and someone in India starved to

death. These things are true. This is the portrait of the artist: a sign pointing to the truth.

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## Student humbled, grateful for camp experience



Sarah Taha **CONTRIBUTOR** 

I never knew that the Lord would lead me towards one of my greatest passions in life through going to a camp.

As a child, I would occasionally run into people with special needs, and I never knew how to communicate with them. To be honest, it frightened me that they weren't able to speak or move about the same way I could.

During my freshman year of high school, my church was taking a group of kids in youth to serve at Camp Barnabas, and I decided to go. Camp Barnabas is a place where children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities can go for a week and get to do things they normally wouldn't get to do at home: for example, these activities include climbing a rope course, swimming, creating pottery, canoeing, fishing, and so much

more. Each camper is assigned to a teenage volunteer who will hang out with them the whole week with a one-to-one interactions.

After having spent a couple days at Camp Barnabas, Jesus totally rocked my world. He began to show me how beautiful people with special needs are and how they see the world in a totally different way than I do. I was humbled getting to encourage and love those sweet campers, and my life was forever changed.

I later served as a missionary two more times, and I got to be a

in life — for example, being content with just sitting in a bean bag to get a break from being in their wheelchairs all day or dancing with a staffer at the camp dance parties. Most would say people with special needs don't get to experience life fully, but I highly disagree and say they experience life fuller than some of us in this world ever will.

This past summer, I got the incredible opportunity to be on staff for half the summer at Camp Barnabas. My prayer going into the summer was

"Most people would say people with special needs don't get experience life fully, but I highly disagree and say they experience life fuller than some of us in this world ever will."

camper's best friend for a week. The campers have supplied me with a lifetime of joy, but more importantly, they care for others so well. I had one camper who would never be upset or angry with any person, but she would get angry at inanimate objects. For example, if someone accidentally tripped her with their foot, she would get angry at the shoe and not the person. Campers get excited about the simplest joys

that Jesus would confirm that I need to work with special needs throughout my life, and He answered so much more than that.

I got to experience camp on new levels than I had going as a volunteer. At the beginning of each week, the missionaries would arrive, pray over and pick their campers. The next day, campers arrived, and the staff and volunteers made each individual camper feel like a rock



Submitted by SARAH TAHA

Sarah Taha spent part of the summer volunteering at Camp Barnabas. This is a camp for kids with special needs founded in 1996

star entering camp. Throughout each week, I was amazed at how much the campers taught me about Jesus and His love.

One week, a camper shared her testimony to our cabin for the very first time and rededicated her life to Christ in front of all of us. Another week, my co-staffer and all of the missionaries and I prayed that the Lord would soften a camper's heart, and by the end of camp, she was weeping because she had to leave.

Camp Barnabas is a ministry like none other, and I'm honored and forever grateful to be a part of it. Each and every camper that comes through those gates at camp is made in the image of God, and He makes no mistakes.

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MAGENTA PLATE **BLACK PLATE** 

## Professor exudes enthusiasm on campus



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Randy Hollingsworth walked into his public speaking class one day wearing two different shoes: a tennis shoe and a dress shoe. His purpose for his mismatched shoes was to symbolically represent his professional side (the dress shoe) and his personal side (the sneaker) as he teaches class.

Hollingsworth, who earned his doctorate degree from Florida State University, is the new addition to the communications department at John Brown University. As such, he strives to educate the whole person and showcase the many aspects of education.

"Randy brings tons of experience to the Communication Department. His unitque approach to teaching, where he's all in and works to engage students, is exactly what we needed in the department," said Marquita Smith, head of the department of communication.

"I am also delighted that he and his wife Jennifer are very passionate about builiding relationships with our students," Smith said.

"He is relaxed and not

afraid to make mistakes," Grant Jones, freshman communication major, said in reference to his teaching methods.

Hollingsworth teaches a variety of courses at the University such as Faith, Calling and Media, and Public Speaking.

Most of his background in teaching includes "face to face" interactions like small groups and public speaking. With communication umbrella, Hollingsworth mentions that there are two aspects: the communication side and the medium side, such as journalism and film.

Hollingsworth, originally from Florida, graduated from Florida State with a degree in communication. He needed an internship so he took one as a youth minister.

As a youth pastor, he realized how much he enjoyed this position and described his experience as the "cart before the horse." He continued being a youth pastor for the next ten years and even attended seminary school at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hollingsworth and his wife then spent some time reflecting and figuring out their next journey in life.

Hollingsworth wanted a change of pace since he travelled often with his youth pastor position and could not see himself as a head pastor. He remembered that his dad was a community college professor and had enough time to also be a dad. This fact influenced him to go back to school to become a professor.

Hollingsworth and his wife always thought they would retire and live in the mountains in east Tennessee. When his wife discovered John Brown University, he asked, "Who goes to Arkansas?"

Once they started researching, Hollingsworth learned that his school and the university were similar. His previous school's slogan is "Christ above all" and at John Brown University it is "Christ over all."

Hannah Pickle, a freshman communication major, enjoys having classes with Hollingsworth.

"Hollingsworth is super excited about being able to incorporate faith," Pickle said.

Hollingsworth enjoys being able to "fill in the gap" where he is needed. He is excited about brainstorming the "what ifs." He can see potential now in himself and his students.

"His enthusiam rings about campus," Smith said. "And for that I'm extremely grateful."

## 5 steps towards graduate school



Consider both reasons and counseling for Graduate School

There are different reasons to consider before applying to a graduate school. According to Columbia University Center For Career Education, you should ask yourself the following questions:

How much will it cost? How long will it take? Am I ready to do the work?

Is this going to make a difference for my career and long-term income? Should I gain

experience first?
Jesús Bonilla, career
development assistant
and senior marketing and
business administration
major, explained that
getting counseling
for graduate school
is a favorable option
to discern if it is the
correct time to apply
for a graduate school.

Research information about the best graduate degree for you

Once you have decided to obtain a graduate degree, then the next step is to research the best options for graduate schools. There are a variety of programs, so the best way to choose one is to identify your interests, abilities and

personal goals.
Some of the best ways to find information is by attending graduate school fairs, visiting campuses and going on the school's website.
Reading reviews from students who have studied in that place also aid decisions. Once all the information is gathered, it will become easier to choose which program suits you.

Research qualified graduate schools for you

There will be different factors that will influence the decision for which graduate school to go. Some of those factors are the localization, financial aid, admission requirements, facilities, the environment and the prestige of the school.

Each one of these factors will help you decide which graduate school will be the best for your

will be the best for you.

One of the main issues when choosing a school is its prestige; however, Randy Hollingsworth, professor of communication, said that even though the school is not as famous as Harvard or Yale University, if it is an accredited institution and has a great program, then it is worthy to choose it.

Understand things might not be as expected

It is true that a master's degree or a doctorate will help you receive better job offers, but it does not mean you are going to find your dream job.

Keeping in mind that there will be other people who have a master's degree or a doctorate also competing for the position you are applying.

Take the GRE test, most graduate schools require for admissions

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) is a computer-delivered standardized test most graduate schools require of applicants. The test usually costs around \$200 and includes three sections: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing.

If you are interested in applying for a graduate school and have questions about it, the Career Development Center (CDC) is an excellent place to ask. The office is located in the Walker Student Center, next to the California Café. The CDC also will host a graduate school fair this Sept. 21 and 22.

Corrections

In Issue 1 of The Threefold Advocate, on Lifestyles page 6 in the top graphic, we reported that students on the Poland Studies trip went to Slovenia, however they did not. In the same issue and on the same graphic, Czech Republic was misspelled.

## 7 SPORTS

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## Frisbee clubs seek chemistry

#### **MAX BRYAN**

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It is the beginning of the school year, and that means one thing: Ultimate Frisbee practice is on.

The men's Ultimate Frisbee club, Ironfist,

Gulbranson said that their teams have gained several players who have played Ultimate Frisbee before.

"They lost a lot of seniors last year, but a lot of new freshmen came, and most of them have played before," Garrison said. "They're really good, and they pick up on

say that one of our big goals and challenges for this year is trying to get some players in the rotation and getting them that game experience early on," Belvardi said. "Get them experience in the fall so that they can contribute in the spring when it really matters."

"The personality of a person really is apparent in the way they play and the way they think, so understanding that part is really important." -Mark Belvardi

> and the women's club, Savage Skies, have taken it upon themselves to execute a winning formula that emphasizes team chemistry while at the same time developing skill.

"Right off the bat this year, after the club fair got a good list of names, we got a bunch of guys coming out to practice these first couple of weeks," Ironfist president Ryan Gulbranson said. 'It's been really fun to see these new faces and to et to know the new guys. That's always a blast at the beginning of the semester."

Though neither team has had many practices, both clubs have noticed that a bond has started to form.

"I'd say we're gelling pretty well, I mean, as best we can after two practices," first-year Savage Skies member Kate Garrison said after her second practice.

'We scrimmage against h other, which has been good in terms of getting to know people on your team. When it's one big group, it's hard to get to know people, but since we've been getting into smaller groups and scrimmaging against each other, it's been helpful."

Both Garrison and

things pretty quickly." "Seeing from where

these freshmen are coming from this year, I'm looking at all of them, thinking, 'Shoot, these guys are a lot further along then when I first set foot on the Frisbee field my freshman year," Gulbranson said.

According to Ironfist captain Mark Belvardi and Savage Skies cutter Abby Buffington, both teams have the season goal of going to nationals in the spring. Buffington said that one way they plan to get there is to be ready to play against different kinds of teams.

"We work on different types of defense in order to compete against the different teams that we're playing," Buffington said.

"For instance, we'll play a man defense, where we just mark up one-on-one, or we will start strategizing and start working on our zone defense once we get more of our new players mixed in with our more experienced players at practice."

Belvardi explained that the fall season is a great time to get the new players acclimated to the game so that they can be prepared to play when the stakes are high.

"I definitely would

In light of the team chemistry aspect, Belvardi also emphasized the importance of knowing everyone on the team at a personal level. He stated that how well the players know each other as people has a huge impact on how the team

functions on the field. "We've kind of made an intentional goal this semester just to try and focus on building trust off the field," Belvardi said.

"It is easier to understand how they're thinking and how they see things if you understand how they see things as an individual. The personality of a person really is apparent in the way they play and the way they think, so understanding that part

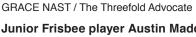
is really important." Overall, both teams are pleased with how they have been developing and can tangibly see success

later in the season. "I think it's going really ell," Buffington said "Hopefully they come to like Frisbee as much as we do and we'll have a good mixture of the old and new players in order to keep good plays going for our tournaments."

"In the fall, (we want to) really develop depth with our rookies as well as keep our skill level up as returners and vets," Gulbranson said.

"That's probably our biggest goal besides having a blast and keeping everyone coming back and having a good time, because when you have fun, you play better."

"Hopefully (the new players) come to like Frisbee as much as we do and we'll have a good mixture of the old and new players." -Abby Buffington



Junior Frisbee player Austin Maddox reaches for the disc. In the first week of practice, players are taught different styles of throwing and catching



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## Twenty One Pilots

Sept. 29, 2015



Brady Theater, Tulsa, Okla.



Alterative hip hop Electropop

Echosmith

**Top Songs** 

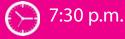
1- Car Radio

2- Holding Onto You 3- Stressed Out

## Ariana Grande



Oct. 7, 2015



**BOK Center,** Tulsa, Okla.



Pop and R& B



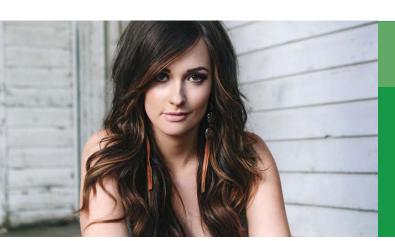
#### **Top Songs:**

1- Problem

2- Break Free

3- One Last Time





## Kacey Musgraves



Oct. 11, 2015



7:30 p.m.



Cain's Ballroom, Tulsa, Okla.



**Americana** 

**Top Songs** 

1- Follow Your Arrow 2- Merry Go Round

3- Silver Lining

#### Ben Rector



Oct. 25, 2015



7:00 p.m.



Cain's Ballroom, Tulsa, Okla.







#### **Top Songs**

1- When A Heart Breaks

2- Sailboat

3-The Beat





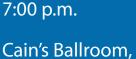
## **CHVRCHES**



Oct. 26, 2015



7:00 p.m.



Tulsa, Okla.





#### **Top Songs**

1- The Mother We Share

2- Recover

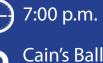
3- Dead Air

## Young The Giant



Nov.14, 2015





Cain's Ballroom, Tulsa, Okla.



Wilding

Indie Rock **Alterative Rock**  **Top Songs** 

1- Cough Cyrup

2- My Body

3- Mind Over Matter



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