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JBU receives \$1.5 million grant

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The Mabee Foundation recently awarded a \$1.5 million challenge grant to John Brown University, with funds designated for the construction of the new Health Education Building, nursing endowment, Walton Lifetime Health Complex renovations and the JBU Scholarship Fund.

In order to receive the grant, the University must first raise \$5.2 million for those three projects by June 2016. All projects are a part of the University’s Campaign for the Next Century, a capital campaign announced last year that is set to be completed by the University’s centennial in 2019.

“It’s very helpful to encourage donors,” Vice President for University Advancement, Jim Krall, said. Krall is excited to receive the Mabee challenge grant, and

hopes that it will help encourage donors to give in the next year in order to meet the goal.

Krall explained that, to receive the grant, the University had to apply earlier this year in May. After considering the proposal, the Foundation awarded the grant to the University in late summer. The grant was made public last week.

“The President was instrumental in writing the proposal,” Krall said of University President, Chip Pollard. “The Mabee Foundation has been a friend and partner of excellence in Christian higher education at JBU for decades,” President Pollard said. “We are deeply grateful for this challenge grant, which will inspire others to participate in our mission to empower students to honor God and serve others.”

The Mabee Foundation has been a significant donor at the University, with funding from the

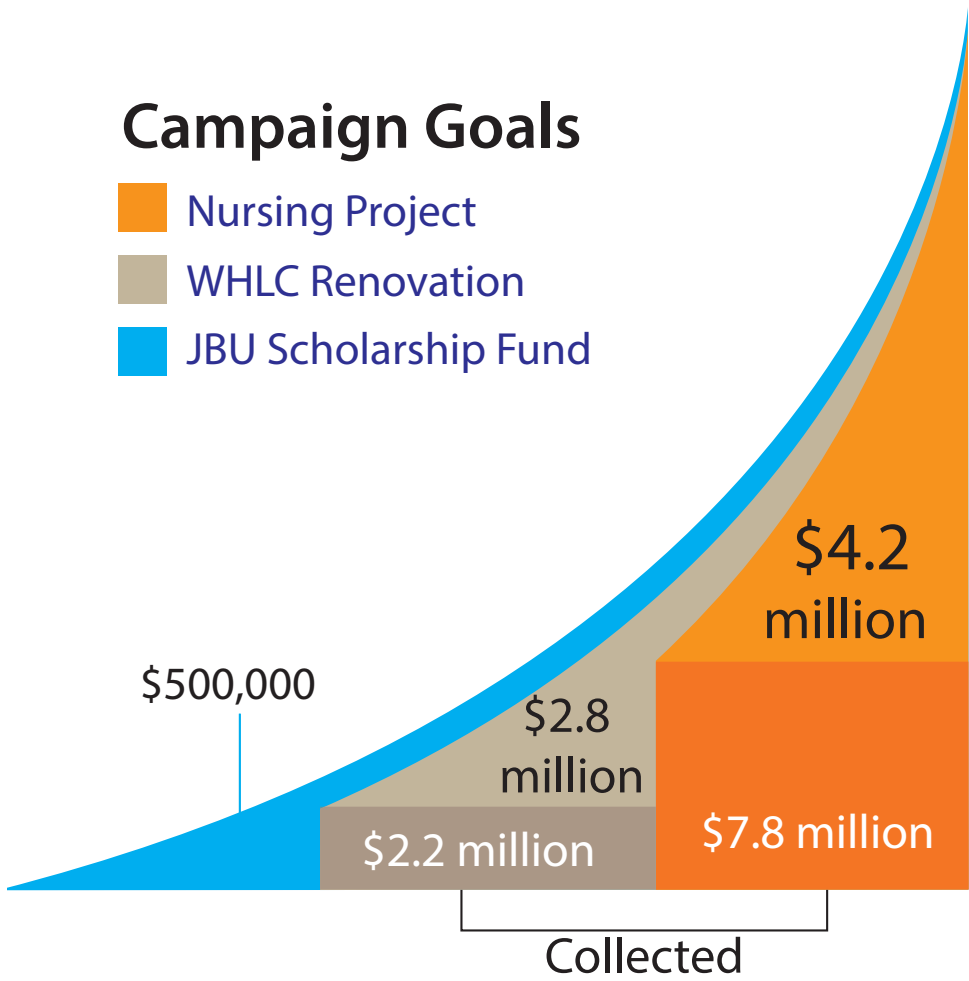
organization going toward many buildings on campus including the Cathedral Group, Berry Performing Arts Center, Bill George Arena, Soderquist Center and Walker Student Center.

The Foundation, based in Tulsa, Okla., serves “Christian religious organizations, charitable organizations, institutions of higher learning, hospitals and other organizations of a general charitable nature” in the surrounding states. Since its foundation in 1948, it has paid more than \$1 billion in grants to such institutions and organizations.

The University is already seeing improvements in the Health Education building construction and the WHLC renovations. In addition, the JBU Scholarship Fund will benefit from the grant, with funds going directly to students and aiding more than half of the student body.

Campaign Goals

- Nursing Project
- WHLC Renovation
- JBU Scholarship Fund



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Siloam responds to refugee crisis



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Syrian refugees have traveled to Europe by the millions in search of safety and shelter, but many countries are refusing entrance or are at maximum capacity.

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The United States is increasing the number of refugees it accepts by 15,000 beginning this month. Currently, the U.S. accepts 70,000 refugees from around the world, but will increase that number to 85,000 over the next year.

In addition, John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State, announced that the U.S. will take in another 100,000 refugees in 2017.

As millions of Syrian refugees search for safety, some Americans are skeptical of opening the doors to their country. However, many of the people in Siloam Springs, Ark., seem to be more accepting.

Brittany Ayers, junior psychology major, believes the U.S. should provide shelter for the refugees because the U.S. is most capable.

“We have the best ability to cater to their needs,” Ayers said.

When asked whether they thought the United States was doing enough to help European nations and the refugees in the midst of this crisis, many residents of Siloam Springs thought not.

Melissa Mitchell, coordinator of audio-video-lighting (AVL) technologies, said that taking in the 100,000 refugees was “not even close” to enough aid.

Mitchell believes that America was founded as a place for people like the refugees to run to for safety. Mitchell’s ancestors were refugees who fled to America to

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- Melissa Mitchell

escape hard conditions in Europe, which has given her strong feelings of sympathy for the refugees.

“If it was the reverse, we’d want them to open their door for us,” Mitchell said.

Carol Johnson, resident of Siloam Springs, believes that the United States should not interfere in European issues.

“We shouldn’t be taking any of them,” Johnson said.

Johnson said that the aid the U.S. could offer to the refugees would barely accomplish anything. Instead of helping the refugees, she said, the government should take care of the root of the problem: ISIS. She believes that, if the problem is solved, the refugees could return to their homes.

Ingrid Gibson, sophomore international business major, believes that the United States should have compassion on those who are less fortunate. It is the Christ-like thing to do to offer shelter to those who are in desperate need of it, Gibson said.

Robert Clauson Jr., another Siloam Springs resident, offered a unique view on the refugee crisis. Hurricane Katrina destroyed Clauson’s

home in 2005. He and his father were stranded for days before any aid arrived, and even after they were rescued, they were unable to find food, shelter or transportation.

Because of this, he sympathized with the refugees in Europe. Clauson maintained that the United States should do all it can to help those suffering in Europe.

“I’m just hoping that they can get them on their feet,” Clauson said, referring to the government’s plan for the refugees once they reach the United States.

“But, at the same time, you can’t forget to take care of home,” Clauson said. He spoke of the millions of people in the U.S. without homes or jobs who need aid just as much as the refugees in Europe.

Lucy Jones, resident of Siloam Springs, echoed that sentiment. The United States is already in poor shape, she said, and Americans should care for their own people before they accept more, no matter how much she grieves for the refugees.

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Festival showcases Siloam’s character

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This year’s Homegrown Festival takes over South Broadway Street for its first-ever fall season debut. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Homegrown Festival is a free event and features live music and food trucks, started in Spring 2014. It will showcase a variety of local handmade goods, curated and refurbished vintage, original illustrations, prints, jewelry and accessories. There will be more than 30 vendors from northwest Arkansas set up at the Twin Springs Park. Director of downtown development and promotion for Main Street Siloam Springs Lauren Huffman said “It’s a group of individuals that came up with the idea. “All of them are JBU alumni, with the exception of one.”



Submitted by EMILY PEARCE
Jown Brown University alumni band Anchorage played for festival goers on Broadway Street during Siloam Spring’s Homegrown Festival last spring.

A couple of these creative minds behind the festival own businesses in downtown Siloam, including Tyler Caroll of TC Screen Printing, and Matt and Meghan Feyerabend of Feyerabend Photoartists.

Although it was “their idea and their vision,” Huffman hopes that Main Street Siloam Springs will take it over in the future. However, Huffman also ensured that “they’ll definitely still be a part of it since

they kind of pioneered it.” Main Street Siloam Springs is a “non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of historic downtown,” according to their website. The fall 2015 festival

will feature food vendors such as “pink House Alchemy,” who makes syrups, shrubs and bitters, and “Hill City Popcorn,” whose unique flavors vary from sweet, savory and spicy, from orange to jalapeno, along with multiple food trucks. Stacy Hester, manager of the Siloam Springs Farmers Market, coordinates the market’s venue. “We’re moving the whole Farmers Market to the festival that day,” Hester said. Overall, Huffman described, “People from the community and the northwest can come and

see what Siloam is, since many know it as the place you drive through on 412.” She continued, “We want to introduce people to Siloam Springs, and we wanted to showcase the people from Siloam Springs and the surrounding area.” Therefore it is appropriate to have the local musical talent, “The Sons of Otis Malone,” booked to perform at the festival. Hester said, “We like to be cooperative and promote the events. It’s about community.”

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- Curt Sullivan

Popular fast food restaurants below standard

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Starbucks, Subway and Taco Bell were among the 21 popular restaurant chains that failed a health evaluation in a recent research report entitled “Chain Reaction.” Eighty percent of all antibiotics sold in the U.S are consumed by livestock and poultry instead of people, reported The Natural Resources Defense Council. In light of this data, several organizations involved with animal antibiotics and food, including Keep Antibiotics Working and Center for Food Safety, researched the policies of 25 fast food chains concerning the use of antibiotics in their meat. “From double bacon cheeseburgers to chicken

nuggets, most meat served by America’s top chain restaurants comes from animals raised in industrial-scale facilities where they are routinely fed antibiotics,” according to the report. The research consisted of a survey posed to the participating restaurants. The survey aimed to gain information related to meat procurement policies and use of antibiotics. Restaurants were graded from A to F based on their policies. Chipotle Mexican Grill and Panera Bread received an A; Chick-fil-A received a B; Dunkin’ Donuts and McDonald’s received a C; the other 21 restaurant chains received an F. On Sept. 15 different health, governmental and environmental organizations as well

as colleges sent a letter to the CEOs of the top restaurant chains in the U.S. asking them to stop serving meat in their restaurants that has been raised using antibiotics. The organizations proposed to “publicly adopt an antibiotics stewardship policy that prohibits the use of antibiotics” and let suppliers know that the company expects poultry and other meats sold in your restaurants to meet this standard.” Joel Funk, assistant professor of biology, said that there are two reasons livestock producer uses antibiotics. The first is to help animals recover when they are sick, and the second is to increase weight. A consequence of using antibiotics to feed animals is that bacteria develop resistance to antibiotics. The U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that every year at least two million citizens develop antibiotic-resistant infections. “If I get sick, it is going to make it more difficult to treat my disease because there are fewer choices for antibiotics,” Funk said. Krizana Saucedo, senior biology major, expressed that sometimes even though the meat is cleaned, some bacteria might remain in the meat. Those bacteria that survive become resistant. “I think, if the food industry is going to use antibiotics, they need to be regulated more,” Saucedo said. Research authors hope to make this survey an annual strategy in order to provide consumers with the necessary information to make better eating choices. “I think it is a good idea that a survey of this kind takes place annually. It will give us a better view and we will be able to develop a trend and maybe other people might pick up more research topics about this problem. It brings awareness to the public of current issues,” said Ayuso.

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Facebook hopes to promote empathy with new button

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Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of Facebook, said in a public Q&A that an alternative to the like button will be added to Facebook. “I think people have asked about the dislike button for many years... today is the day where I actually get to say that we’re working on it, and are very close to shipping a test of it,” Zuckerberg said on Sept. 15. Zuckerberg said in an interview with USA Today, “It’s important to give people more options than just ‘like’ to help express empathy and sympathy.” Zuckerberg said in the public Q&A that this like button alternative will

not be a dislike button per se, but rather a way to express empathy when someone posts something that isn’t happy. Division chair of the humanities and social sciences Jacob Stratman said that this actually will not help add empathy to Facebook. Stratman explained that the dislike button would just increase the amount of sympathy. He said that effectively showing empathy requires face-to-face interaction because empathy is immersion into another reality, suffering with someone and being present. “Oxytocin is released when we make eye contact and reach out to someone in person, according to neuroscience research,” psychologist and Globe



Courtesy of GOOGLE IMAGES

Zuckerberg announced at a public Q&A that Facebook is working on a like-button alternative.

and Mail contributor Susan Pinker said. Pinker also spoke of neuropeptide, also called “the cuddle chemical,”

which helps lower stress and is released when a person is close enough to nurture or be nurtured. During Breakaway

two weeks ago, Stratman gave a talk on empathy. Abby Acker, freshman engineering major, said that Stratman explained

“empathy as being willing to sacrifice to be with and feel with someone in their pain.” Acker believes that adding a dislike button to Facebook is a good idea because it would allow her to show someone that she is “really feeling pain with them and often the like button just seems to not make sense.” Also if a person is not living close, it is an “easy way to support someone going through a hard time,” Acker said. Social media makes showing empathy hard in general, said Stratman. He said that social media mistakes presence on social media for physical presence, but empathy requires emersion, which is much more than being online.

New talent takes stage



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The annual freshman play opens this Friday amidst other Homecoming festivities and it promises to be a hit. This year’s production is “Harvey,” a Pulitzer-Prize winning comedy written by Mary Chase in 1944. The play was made into a classic film starring James Stewart six years later.

“It’s really funny, but there is definitely a message,” Jan Lauderdale, director of the play, said. “That’s my favorite kind of play, something that will entertain people, make them laugh, but has a message for them also.”

Harvey tells the story

of Elwood P. Dowd, who has an imaginary friend, a six-foot tall rabbit. Comedy unfolds as Elwood’s family thinks he is crazy and attempts to have him committed to a sanitarium.

Lauderdale said she has been considering the play for several years now, but explained that it needs a strong lead actor because the role of Elwood is not easy to play. With so many new students at the University this year, Lauderdale was sure she would find enough qualified students to fill the 12 roles in the show.

One of those students is Emiley Horton, freshman construction management major, who plays sanitarium nurse Ruth Kelly. With years of high school theatre

behind her, Horton was excited to audition and get involved with something she wouldn’t get to do within her major.

“That’s why I really wanted to audition,” Horton said. “I knew it would be a great time to get involved in something totally different.”

“I was a little nervous at first just because there were only six female roles in the play, and I wasn’t sure how many people were auditioning,” Horton said. Despite her initial nerves, Horton was naturally suited to theatre. She is confident in expressing herself and loves being in front of people onstage.

“I was a little bit familiar with the play before auditioning,” Horton said. After signing

up at Early Registration, she received an email announcing the play, and her mom suggested they watch the movie. “I actually ended up falling asleep in the middle of it,” she said. However, she quickly came to enjoy her role in the play and relates well to her character.

Horton said she would encourage other students to audition for plays at the University.

“It absolutely helps bring out self-confidence,” Horton said. She has also built a close relationship with her castmates.

Horton said the first person she met at the audition was her fellow cast mate, Josiah Coroama. Coroama, currently undeclared, plays a fellow sanitarium employee, Duane Wilson,

the security guard.

“I don’t think he enjoys his job,” Coroama said, describing his character. Coroama sees the character of Duane Wilson as a gruff, expressive man who works hard to provide for his family.

“Theatre is something I’ve always had a passion for,” Coroama said. Like Horton, he acted in plays throughout high school and has considered auditioning for more shows at the University in the future.

Ashley Burger, freshman photography and communication major, also came from a theatre background. However, she had no intention to try out for the play.

“I was just dropping off a friend and wasn’t

planning on auditioning, much less getting cast,” Burger said. She was cast as Myrtle Mae Simmons, a sassy but sweet young woman who is always trying to get a husband.

“I’m really glad I got involved, even though I wasn’t expecting it,” she said. Burger said she is definitely considering going out for other University plays and musicals in the future.

The show opens tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Performing Arts Center, with a matinee at 1 p.m. on Saturday and 7:30 p.m. showings on Oct. 9 and 10. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and alumni, \$3 for JBU students and \$6 for other students.

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Luke Merrick, lead role as Elwood P. Dowd, insists to his family and friends that he’s not crazy for believing in his six-foot tall imaginary friend, a rabbit. See the play with sole freshman actors starting tomorrow.

HARPER LEE’S GO SET A WATCHMAN

Sequel slowly begins, ends with gripping uncertainty

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Everyone has a watchman. It’s something like a conscious, and sometimes it just needs a little waking up. Sometimes the real world is an alarm clock.

This is something Jean Louise Finch—or, Scout—learns in the sequel of “To Kill a Mocking Bird.”

Let me be entirely honest with you though. I hated “To Kill a Mocking Bird.” I found it dull and boring; this book was just another thing I had to read for class.

That was how “Go Set a Watchmen” began and proceeded for the next hundred pages. I had to

drag myself through the pages just to get through it. Sometimes, I could only get through a few pages at a time because I was so bored and I couldn’t stand myself.

In a short spoiler-free summary, Scout finally goes home to see that home isn’t quite how she left it. And aside from the fact that Jem is dead—not much of a spoiler, surprisingly—and Calpurnia is no longer working for Atticus.

None of the interactions seemed to be written for any purpose other than to show just how out of place Scout was and how awkward her conversations were. Now I understand there was a purpose of it. I just wish it was made

clear a few hundred pages earlier when I was wondering who Hank was and why Scout had to talk to so many people she couldn’t stand.

Finally, a good hundred and some pages in, action finally came to the scene. The cause? Scout realized racists surrounded her. Unlike them, she is “color blind,” so the real world of racism came as a shock to her. Scout reflects and soul searches in Maycomb, Ala.

If I said anymore on the plot, I’d end up spoiling the entire book for you. I couldn’t do that. So let me give you some thoughts on the book itself instead.

As I said before, the beginning was annoyingly slow. I had to slog through the words just to make

any headway in the story. Yet when the action came in and the real purpose of this book came to view, I was hooked. Just like a fish avoiding the lure for so long, I finally took the bait and took the plunge. I couldn’t stop reading!

I finally saw a reason for Scout’s interactions with Atticus, her uncle and even Hank. They made sense and all the relationships, in my opinion, had a satisfying end. Scout had a voice and she let her stance be known.

However, if I said the boring first half was the only thing that bugged me about this story, I’d be lying. As this is meant to be a sequel, I found it terribly disappointing that Jem is no more than

a memory and Calpurnia is nearly pushed out of the story to stay in her little black neighborhood.

I also wanted more closure. For a story that had me hooked, I wanted more—much more—after I hit the end. I needed to know what Scout did from the end on. I wanted to know more about her life. I just wanted more, though I doubt we’ll get another sequel.

I’m not surprised nearly everyone around campus was telling me to give this book a read, however. If you can manage to get past the first half, the rest of the story is enough of a reason to make it worth the read.

US-China relations threatened
Cyber security issues cause tension

The United States and China have not had a very strong relationship in recent years. Relations between the U.S. and China have been strained because of strong differences in government structure, human rights violations and currency manipulation. While all of these factors are reasons for potential conflict between the two centuries with China, the most dominant issue between the two countries at the moment is the threat of cyber-attacks on both sides. The U.S. has accused China of several hacks, including “stealing intellectual property and business-sensitive information from U.S. companies,” according to the BBC. Meanwhile, China claims “it is the U.S. that is the greatest problem because of the way it uses its dominant position to control the internet and facilitate its preferred forms of espionage.” Within the last week, American officials have accused China of cyber-espionage. China’s president, Xi Jinping, has denied this activity. President Obama issued a statement saying, “There comes a point at which we consider this a core national security threat... we can choose to make this an area of competition, which I guarantee you we’ll win if we have to,” according to BBC,

We The Threefold believe that the U.S. should actively pursue better relations with China. Though this may seem counterintuitive with everything that is occurring, this is the best option. We The Threefold believe that we should use the method of international relations that was used during the Nixon administration.

The idea his administration espoused, according to the BBC, says “The government of the People’s Republic of China and the government of the United States have had great differences. We will have differences in the future. But what we must do is to find a way to see that we can have differences without being enemies in war.”

The U.S. and China will never see eye to eye on everything, or most things for that matter. However, it is important that we as a nation work to minimize conflict and benefit from each other’s differences.

We can start by establishing clear accountability for cyber-espionage. Both nations should work to improve secure technology so that it is not as easy for information to be hacked. The two countries need to collaborate in order to create a clear agreement as to what is acceptable for cyber security.

Not enough blood donations
Students should donate to save lives

“Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood,” according to the Red Cross. Sometimes, blood is needed for a one-time emergency. “A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood,” says the American Red Cross. Other times, one patient may need blood transfusions regularly. Cancer patients may need blood transfusions daily during chemotherapy.

While it may seem that one blood donation is just a drop in the bucket of need, the American Red Cross states that one donation can help save up to three lives: “There are four types of transfusable products that can be derived from blood: red cells, platelets, plasma and cryoprecipitate. Typically, two or three of these are produced from a pint of donated whole blood – hence each donation can help save up to three lives.”

We The Threefold believe that blood donation is a positive way to promote health and life to those in need.

“The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they ‘want to help others,’” according to redcrossblood.org. “Two most common reasons cited by people who don’t give blood are: ‘Never thought about it’ and ‘I don’t like needles.’”

“Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has issued a CODE YELLOW ALERT for O Negative and B Negative blood types. A Code Yellow Alert means that there is less than a two day reserve supply of blood for use by area patients,” says the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) website. The CBCO urges eligible donors to give this week.

Today, Thursday Oct. 1, John Brown University is hosting a blood drive in the Walton Lifetime Health Complex Wellness Lab. We The Threefold encourage all students, faculty, staff and community members who are able to donate blood to do so regularly, whether today or in the future. According to the University calendar, the next blood drive on campus will take place on Jan. 21, 2016.

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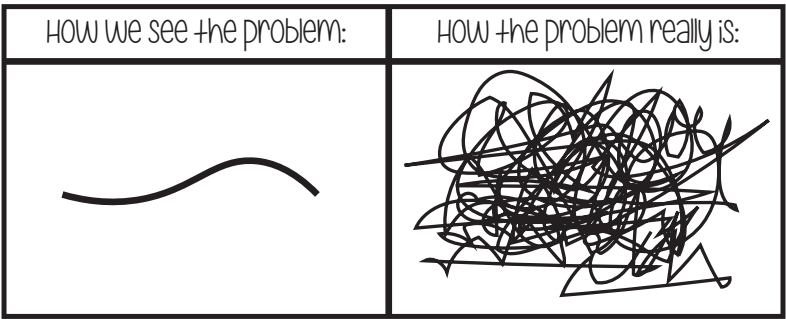


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Black and white are polar opposites. They are easily identified and rarely mistaken for one another. One can clearly identify black as black and white as white. Some people seem to think that many issues in politics should be approached in the same manner. Abortion, amongst many other issues, seems to receive this type of approach.

Most people, when asked whether or not they are in favor of abortion, would answer with a quick yes or no. They would then follow up their answer with reasons that support their position. Some would say that destroying human lives is illegal. Yet others would say that expecting a young, and oftentimes inexperienced, girl to take care of a child is not in the best interest of either herself or the child.

Is it really that simple though? Republicans are usually the ones voicing their opposition to abortion, but, at the same time, they oppose welfare and other types of aid that could help mothers



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who, in a sense, have been forced to keep the child. Sure, you could argue that it is not the government’s job to give handouts, because after all, it is her fault. But what if it is not? What if she was raped? Regardless, if the government is not giving aid, who is?

Church-goers—as I will refer to them since you can be a church-goer but not a Christian—will often petition to repeal any pro-choice bills. That’s fine, though it would be in accordance with Christian values to have a sign-up sheet where the same people opposing abortion are pledging to help in raising these children.

This is only one of the many issues that receive such a reductionist approach. Issues are far deeper than we make them appear. It is absurd to present political issues as a clear dichotomy. The extension of this train of thought is that people can be dealt with in a similar way, placed easily in one camp or another.

The problem of carelessly taking issues only at face value lies in the fact that many

people tend to be misinformed or not informed at all. Gay marriage, immigration and welfare are all issues that require a deeper and more nuanced level of thinking and investigation. It is necessary to always keep in mind that these issues are dealing with people, and people are complex. We need to avoid approaching these issues from a reductionist point of view, because political activity is human activity. We are not just dealing with abstractions, theories and concepts. Everything we stand for or against impacts the lives of real people. These impacts are therefore not as simple as we would wish they were.

Become informed and involved, always keeping in mind that these issues are intricate. Because these issues deal with us.

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Enactus community



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You have probably heard of the word Enactus around campus, yet you may only have a vague idea of what they do. Let me explain what we do as Enactus JBU. We are students with an entrepreneurial mindset who tackle economic, social and environmental issues through different projects. To give you an idea of the dimension of our club, we are part of Enactus Worldwide which has presence in more than 35 countries, in more than 1,700 college campuses around the world. I have been involved in Enactus JBU since freshman year. Looking back at all I have learned throughout my involvement, I feel so privileged and grateful. Currently, our team has eight projects: four of them are local projects, and four of them are international projects.

Anyhow, I want to share with you a recent experience I had with our team. During my junior year, I worked on an international project called the Guatemala Water Project. In a nutshell, we partnered with Compassion International to find a community that had struggled with access to clean drinking water. We identified three communities, even though our original plan was to select one of the three; God worked out the details so that we could work on two communities instead, Champollap and San Bartolo. The project was to install a water purification system so that these communities have access to clean drinking water at an affordable price. We worked with the community



Submitted by JOE WALENCIAK

While in Guatamala the Enactus team worked with community members to make positive improvements through business.

leaders to write a business plan for the new business. Through Skype interviews and emails, we facilitated the process of writing a business plan and helped them plan the facility for this project. We partnered with the engineering department to help us with the installations of water systems.

This past summer, along with nine other JBU students and two faculty members, we traveled down to Guatemala to finalize the project. We were there for a week, and it was so encouraging to see how the community leaders took ownership of the project. We facilitated the installation and provided training on various areas—from health and hygiene to business and marketing.

One time, I talked to one of the members of the community that I was working with and she told me, “You have no idea how much this will help the community, the local water distribution charges so much per five gallons of water. With this new business, we are going to get clean drinking water for a really cheap price.” It was so great to hear those words and realize that we are making an impact, that we are changing lives and that we are capable.

This year, we are continuing our work in Campur, Guatemala, with a project that will build a school to teach kids English and other skills. A Walton scholar from Guatemala is leading this project. We also



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have projects going on in Chile, Ethiopia and Nicaragua, along with local projects that include helping small businesses grow or help alleviate hunger in Northwest Arkansas. Enactus means a lot to me, and I would encourage you to check it out if you’re passionate about small businesses, community development, sustainability, helping others and so many other things. Reach out to me or any of our officer team members (Jake Knight, Meaghan Ranz and Ryan Hackett) with questions about our team and what we do. We meet on Tuesdays at 4:10 pm in SBC 110.

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Trump: Choose a side already



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On the afternoon of June 16, our nation received a blessing from the gods of the electoral process. This blessing came down to us on a golden escalator in the form of Donald J. Trump. As he descended upon the unsuspecting crowd, we all thought the same thing: “What’s the host of ‘The Apprentice’ doing on CNN?” Then we began to listen, and realized that this, titan of NBC programming, was running for president. We also realized that Trump is a pretty blunt racist, but a blunt racist on his way to the White House.

The Republican Party as finally been able to offer up a heroic contender for the republican nomination. This is, after all, the party that gave us national icons like Rutherford B. Hayes, Warren G. Harding, Howard Taft, Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon, George Bush and the other George Bush.

None of them can measure up, though, to the new presidential front-runner who is, in his own words, “the best at the military” and “really rich.” Sounds like the kind of leader Americans need right now.

We need a leader who can recognize that the diplomatic deal to keep Iran away from a nuclear weapon is “incompetent.” So incompetent that six other nations and the E.U. apparently didn’t know what they were doing when they negotiated it. And Donald Trump would be the perfect leader to fix that, because no one knows incompetence like Donald Trump.



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What qualities do Trump’s rivals possess that Trump doesn’t already have? Sure, Clinton may have years of experience working with other governments as the Secretary of State, but Trump has plenty of experience in foreign affairs. Like when he went to court against the Scottish government when they built a wind farm near one of his hotels and ruined his view. Or when he got the

attention of the entire Mexican government to the point they called his immigration plans “racist” and “absurd.” If that isn’t diplomacy, what is?

Does Bernie Sanders have a consistent, progressive record and 20 years in congress? Has Sanders been fighting for African American and LGBT rights his entire life? Absolutely. But Trump was consistently the host of “The Apprentice” for over 10 years. And that

is consistency the American public can really trust. They’ll just need to forget he’s switched parties twice in the past 15 years and has donated money to both liberals and conservatives.

Some people may say that Trump will say anything for attention or that he tries to buy politicians, but we all know these are characteristics of a wildly successful American businessman. Nothing says success like his companies going bankrupt four times in the past 18 years. Trump says these were “shrewd and calculated maneuvers,” according to the Washington Post. These maneuvers are signs that assure Americans that they can look forward to 4-8 years of a shrewd and calculated presidency.

In this bizarre race for a

new president in 2016, we can all rest easy knowing that there is an eye of the storm. Donald Trump is that eye, as he continues to surge to the top of the polls. America doesn’t need to join the rest of the world in progressive agendas and federal aid to the lower class. We don’t need better schools or cheaper healthcare. We need to reach back into the past and “Make America Great Again.” Godspeed, Donald.

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Controversy highlights the power of words



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Last semester I wrote a profile for the Threefold Advocate about John Brown University nursing student Lulu Siamambo entitled “Zambian student has big plans.” Little did I know that two weeks later, a scalding article in response to this profile would run front page in a Zambian newspaper.

The story I wrote highlighted Siamambo’s passion for using her nursing education to improve her country’s healthcare. It also exposed poor healthcare in Zambia from Siamambo’s perspective and provided data to show the huge difference between infant and maternal mortality rates in Zambia and in the U.S.

Within a few days, I

found out that the Threefold article had been republished verbatim online in a major Zambian newspaper, Lusaka Voice.

I didn’t understand how they found the story on the internet, but I was happy that Siamambo’s story was getting publicity in her home country.

However, I soon received five angry facebook messages from Zambians who were not happy with the story, especially with the way I generalized their nation. Through them I found out that negative articles had been written about my article. I edited one part of the story that was an inappropriate generalization and composed a formal response to these readers.

What I learned:

1. It is easy to assume that foreigners are experts on their own country’s affairs.

Just because someone knows a lot more about their country than we do does not mean that their opinion will be regarded as expert testimony back home. When writing a profile on Siamambo, I considered her an expert on the condition of healthcare in her country. While she provided valuable stories based on personal experiences, many Zambians, especially those with radically different life experiences, did

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not find her descriptions of Zambia’s healthcare accurate for them.

2. If I am going to expose something, I should do it correctly. The more accurate, precise and error-free my writing is, the more people have to deal with the issue itself instead of their anger towards the reporter. Readers will hold me accountable for what I write. I’m thankful for this. I’ve learned a lot about journalism because of readers’ feedback.

3. My words can hurt the people I care about. While Siamambo is as fired up as ever to change health care in her country, I know that she has been labeled a liar on the front page of a newspaper back home. I’m partially responsible for whatever flack she, her husband or her brother-in-law (all of whom were mentioned in the story) have received.

4. From this experience I learned to be careful, but more than anything else I’ve learned was that words are powerful. While my words stirred up more controversy than I could have imagined, Siamambo says that there has been more positive than negative feedback.

When reading through the comments section of the negative re-writes of Siamambo’s story, I found many people who supported Siamambo.

“This is no lie,” wrote one commenter on mwebantu.com. “That is the naked truth which she has told,” wrote another. Siamambo said that a member of parliament has contacted her and asked if she would host a talk show in Zambia and openly discuss Zambian health issues. She plans to do so after she completes her education.

Two Zambians contacted

Siamambo via Facebook saying that her story has encouraged them to pursue nursing so they too can improve health care in their country. One is pursuing this education now.

While I was learning to be a better journalist, people were engaging with the issues that Siamambo’s story brought forth and considering ways to improve healthcare in their country. Siamambo’s story made people angry, but it also made people think. Ultimately, it is making a difference. Isn’t that what all journalism seeks to do?

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Professional cheaters: Deflategate’s impact



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The news broke four weeks ago that Tom Brady’s four-game suspension from the NFL had been lifted by federal courts. Upon the release of the news, the online world exploded with opinions, ranging from

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outright joy to deep contempt for the Patriots, the NFL and the justice system altogether. The court’s decision to release Brady from any punishment lives as evidence for the NFL’s poor history of dealing with scandals and the presence of cheating in professional sports. Even more significant, however, is the obvious influence that professional sports have on our society, and the need for discretion in how we view these athletes. It is my personal opinion that Tom Brady did have knowledge of the deflated footballs being used in playoff games. Given the history of scandals in the Patriots’ organization (their Spygate scandal lasted from 2000 to

2007), there seems to be little regard for sportsmanship and integrity in the organization. This lack of respect spreads to all sports, and unethical practices include the use of human growth hormones and performance-enhancing drugs, the occurrence of fights and brawls and the frequent exemption from law that professional athletes seem entitled to. These are issues that regularly come up—from athletes being caught possessing marijuana to facing charges for domestic abuse. The athletes caught are clearly causing harm to themselves and maybe a few close others, but they do not realize the harm they are causing to society. Children grow up idolizing their favorite basketball or baseball players, longing to be just like them, to have an identical swing and to replicate their touchdown dance. When these athletes handle their influence so carelessly, they are teaching their young admirers to do the same. I have a clear problem with cheating. Rules exist to be followed, and punishment exists for when rules are broken. When professional athletes with millions of admirers repeatedly attempt to appeal their punishments, they are teaching children

everywhere that rules do not matter and that it is okay to break them as long as you apologize. Ultimately, they are perpetuating the idea that success and achievement are more important than respecting the boundaries set to make achievement fair. Sometimes it seems that there is no role of religion or God in sports. However, sports are part of God’s great

creation, and we need to handle them with care as we attempt to honor God in all we do. We must not hold athletes as our main influences, and we should not support appeals of punishments that are deserved. Whether or not Tom Brady was truly guilty of cheating, we must hold him and all others to standards of virtue. Christians must

seek the highest degrees of integrity and respect in sports, seeking to glorify God before anything else. That will offer more satisfaction than any championship can. Matthew Ogan is a sophomore majoring in family and human services. He can be reached at oganm@jbu.edu.



Tom Brady’s four-game suspension for allegedly having knowledge of deflated footballs during last season’s playoffs was nullified by the federal courts on Sept. 3. Courtesy of GOOGLE IMAGES

Major League teams pursue playoffs

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American League

October is upon us, which means the sports world will turn its attention to baseball as 10 of the MLB’s teams will compete for the right to be called World Series champions. Though the postseason has not begun yet, here are the teams currently in the hunt for a place in the playoffs.

National League



Toronto Blue Jays (91-65)
Clinched playoff berth; lead American League East Division



Kansas City Royals (90-66)
Clinched American League Central Division



Texas Rangers (84-72)
Lead American League West Division



New York Yankees (86-70)
First place American League Wild Card; second in American League East Division



Houston Astros (83-74)
Second place in American League Wild Card; second in American League West Division



St. Louis Cardinals (99-58)
Clinched playoff berth; lead National League Central Division



New York Mets (89-68)
Clinched National League East Division



Pittsburgh Pirates (95-62)
Clinched playoff berth; first place in National League Wild Card; second in National League Central Division



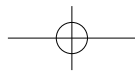
Los Angeles Dodgers (87-69)
Lead National League West Division



Chicago Cubs (91-65)
Clinched playoff berth; second place in National League Wild Card; third place in National League Central Division

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8 SPOTLIGHT

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1 *Adventure in a corn maze*

Corn mazes are one of the coolest new activities for college students. For a fun adventure, try out the nine-acre corn maze in Springdale at Farmland. Adventures for \$10, plus admission to the pumpkin patch. Or, if you're more of a thrill-seeker, the haunted Lost Corn Maze in Siloam Springs may be more your style for \$12.

2 *Pick and carve a pumpkin*

Next time you're at the grocery store, pick up a big, orange pumpkin and some carving supplies. Or, if you want to find the perfect gourd, head out to Springdale to pick your own at Farmland Adventures. There are endless templates for the perfect Jack-o-lantern online, and don't forget to save and toast the seeds for a tasty snack!

3 *Go geocaching*

A great outdoor activity for beginners and extreme outdoors-lovers alike, geocaching is a fun but often overlooked activity. If you're not familiar, geocaching is a scavenger hunt for adults and children using GPS coordinates to find the hidden cache. Caches often contain a little treasure such as a note or trinket for you to collect, but you are expected to leave another behind so come prepared! Check out geocaching.com for a list of nearby caches and their coordinates.

4 *Thrift for a new-to-you sweater*

Thriftng has become a JBU pastime, with many students competing each year to find the funniest or most hideous sweaters courtesy of Goodwill. Kick off the autumn season by making a trip to Potter's House, Salvation Army or Goodwill and finding some cozy sweaters to keep you warm—and entertained—in the coming months.

5 *Bake a pie / Make a soup*

If you grew up in the United States, fall is a time when most think of pumpkin pie and warm, hearty, home-cooked meals. Even in the limitations of a dorm kitchen, you can still whip up a fall themed feast with the help of Pinterest, or get some help from the freezer section of Walmart.

6 *Go camping*

The weather is getting to be just right and the leaves are just beginning to turn yellow. There are several popular camping areas within a few hours of school, including Devil's Den State Park and numerous campgrounds in the Buffalo National River area. Don't forget to bring your camera!

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