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Poverty plagues Arkansas children

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Arkansas is currently facing two major problems: poverty and hunger. For many families, jobs are not enough to keep either of them away. Families are struggling to afford essentials like safe housing, food and transportation, according to a press release by Arkansas Advocates titled “Poverty line wages in Arkansas don’t cut it.”

More than 200,000 Arkansas children are living in poverty, according to Arkansas Advocates. That is almost 30 percent of children in the state. Many of these children are minorities, particularly African-Americans, Latinos or Native Americans.

“Today, as the economy recovers, we see a widening gap between the living standards of many children of color and other kids,” Laura Speer, associate director for policy reform and advocacy at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, said.

Another group of

impovertished children in Arkansas are those in foster care. Arkansas is ranked 13th in the highest percentage of foster children who are not in family settings, according to another press release by Arkansas Advocates entitled “Too many children in U.S., Arkansas child welfare systems not living in families.”

“It is very important for children to develop secure attachments with families while in foster care. Research shows that by doing so they are better prepared to thrive in a permanent home,” Jennifer Ferguson, deputy director of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, said.

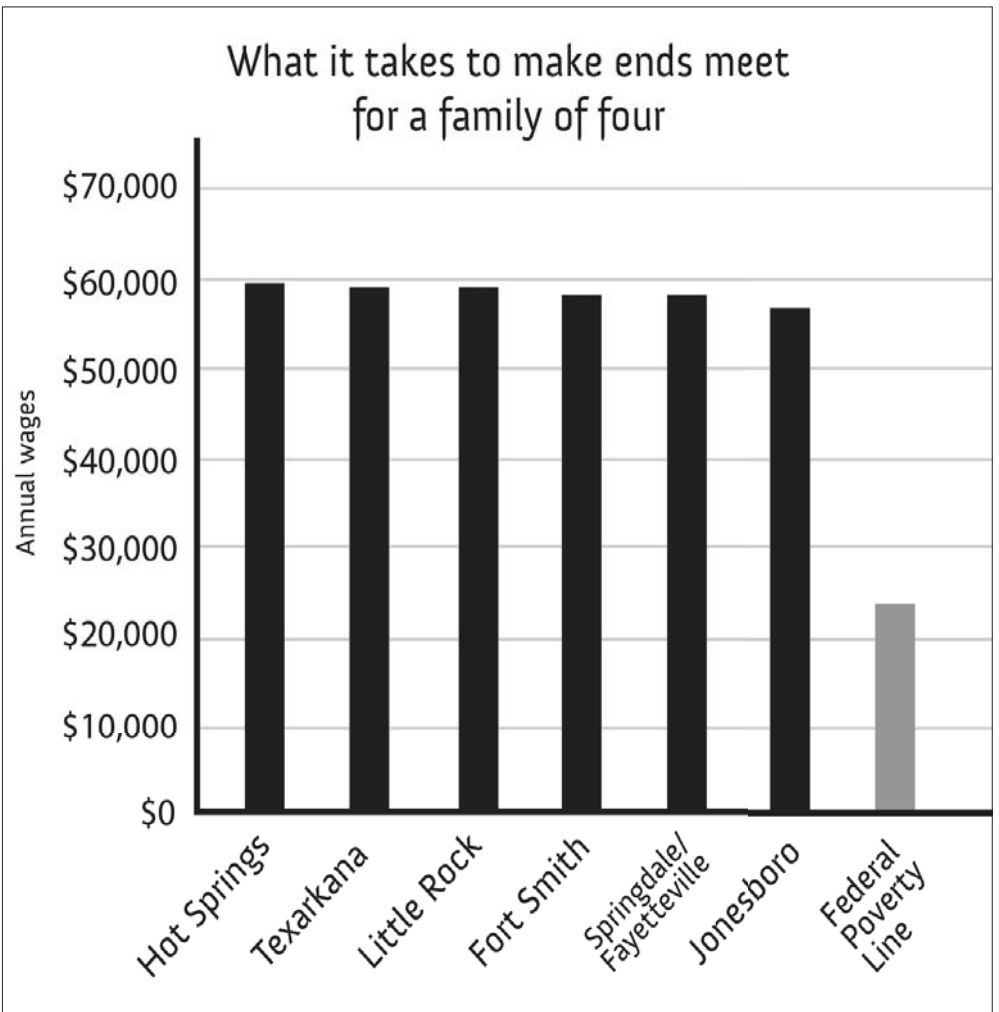
Senior Allyssa Westerfield, expressed her worries about the situation.

“I think people and churches don’t think about the issue of hunger enough,” Westerfield said. “People will use things like soup kitchens, but it’s become more of a hobby for people. It’s something to do on the weekend. People don’t really think about it or want to fix it.”

Though minimum wage was once enough for a hard-working employee to take care of their needs, the cost of living has increase and wages have not caught up yet. The federal poverty line for a family of four is \$23,850, while it actually takes somewhere between \$56,051 (Poinsett County) and \$59,548 (Hot Springs) to adequately provide for such a family, according to Arkansas Advocates.

However, the Casey Foundation has offered recommendations to help better situations for children and keep them out of poverty. This two-generation strategy will assist children directly while offering tools and resources to their parents. The foundation listed three critical strategies in particular:

“Provide parents with multiple pathways to get family-supporting jobs and achieve financial stability. Ensure access to high-quality early childhood education and enriching elementary school experiences. Equip parents to better support their children socially and emotionally to advocate



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for their kids’ education.”

This plan does not specifically mention raising minimum wage, but the foundation supports policies that promote higher pay

and more benefits.

Senior Alex King expressed problems with raising minimum wage.

“I don’t think our wages are enough to live on, but just raising

minimum wage isn’t enough either,” she said. “Just raising minimum wage will raise the cost of living too.”

‘Peeeple’ rating app sparks controversy

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The scale of one to ten is used to place value on places and things, but Peeeple is a new app designed to rate individuals on this scale. Created by founders Nicole McCullough and Julia Cordray, Peeeple, has received an overwhelmingly negative response, despite its claim to be “a positive revolution.”

Yik Yak, Yelp, and Rate My Professors are three examples of similar resources where people give their opinions on people and places, and Peeeple intends to be another resource.

After Peeeple’s creation, it sparked a negative uproar from the public, including death threats to its co-founders. Peeeple removed their app and social media outlets since its creation according to Business Insider.

The app intends to re-launch as the founders’ intentions were to provide a service, despite the reaction it has received according to Entrepreneur.com.

“People do so much research when they buy a car or make those kinds of decisions,” Cordray said. “Why not do the same kind of research on other aspects of your life?”

Meghan Cushman, senior family and human

services major, believes that this kind of research should not be validated.

“I personally never used apps that use ratings, because I’ve seen and heard of all the hurt it generates,” Cushman said.

She said apps such as Peeeple make it easier to hide behind a screen and spread hurt.

“It’s not our job to rate people. People don’t determine who is worthy and who is not. Apps like that give people power to either speak destruction or diminish others,” Cushman said, “I don’t know why hurting people is so fun.”

Emmy Scott, senior family and human services major, said the app has the potential to be relationally devastating.

“The users would begin to create unhealthy comparisons which in turn would create overall discontentment,” Scott said.

Scott said it could boost one’s self-confidence, yet be too much of a booster for egotistical and narcissistic personality types. She said we, as people, are all searching for acceptance and when there is an opportunity to find it in other’s opinions, it can become dangerous and have a detrimental effect on society.

“Let’s create an app that encourages people for their kind actions, hard work and overall character

instead of creating an app that steals human dignity—an app that encourages people simply because they are a person and have inherent value,” Scott said.

Scott suggested her solution and added, “When you give someone a rating you are essentially saying that there is rubric that humanity is reaching. Giving a human a rating takes their dignity and rips it to shreds.”

On their website, forthepeeeple.com, their slogan is “Character is destiny” and their tag line is “Join the positive revolution #oct12.”

This hashtag was intended to represent the day that the founders of Peeeple “will be taping for an exclusive talk show and expose our concept to the world,” Business Insider reported.

Their website currently has a box to fill out one’s information to be added as a beta tester, powered by Google forms. To rate a person through the app, one must know a person in personal, professional or romantic capacities and use their cell phone number to add them to the database according to Business Insider.

“The intention may be to give positive feedback, but the majority of people just use it to tear people down,” Cushman said.

Ugandan imparts vision



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Innocent Byaruhanga answers a question following his talk in Simmons Great Hall for an event sponsored by MOSAIC. Byaruhanga spoke about his work and experience on the streets during University classes and meetings this past week.

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Innocent Byaruhanga, founding director of Save Street Children Uganda, spoke to faculty and students gathered for a Mosaic meeting on Tuesday.

“I was a street boy who left my family when I was five,” Byaruhanga said, explaining that he lived on the streets for nine years. “But God had a plan,” he said.

Byaruhanga founded his street ministry in 2005 to help those living the life he had lived.

“Save Street Children exists to protect and restore hope amongst street children, orphans, and vulnerable children and youth,” Byaruhanga said.

Byaruhanga has been able to help 385 children, the majority of which are now living with their families again.

Currently 54 children find shelter through the organization, but it also supports the other 331 youths through education, medical care, skills training, providing scholastic supplies and advocating for their rights.

Byaruhanga encouraged international students to go back to their home countries when they graduate from John Brown University. “I wonder why some people come, and they tend not to remain in their countries,” he said.

“You are the driving force of your communities,” Byaruhanga said. “If you don’t sacrifice your lives for your countries where you come from, then no one is going to change it.”



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The Peeeple app would allow users to rate people on personal, professional or romantic capacities. Peeeple intended to re-launch on Oct. 12, but has yet to release any information.

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Soccer thrives in conference play

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After tough first halves for both men’s and women’s soccer, the Golden Eagles are currently enjoying successful records. They are now playing games in the Sooner Athletic Conferene, which comprises the entire second half of the teams’ seasons.

The teams’ schedules were not easy during the first half. The men’s team competed against sixth-place University of Mobile and third-seeded Oklahoma Wesleyan University, not to mention the team played away from home for over half of their games.

The women’s team faced challenges in the form of competing against ninth-seeded William Carey University, tenth-seeded University of Mobile and sixth-seeded Benedictine College. Annika Bos, who plays center-back defender, thinks that such a tough first half has helped the team perform better in their conference games.

“I think that because

we got to work through those losses against top-10 teams, we’ve been able to come together as a team and beat other teams in our conference more effectively,” Bos said.

For the men’s team, their success began with the final two non-conference games they played in the first half. The first of the two victories came in the form of beating number three ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan University away from home.

“When we played Oklahoma Wesleyan, we ended up beating them 1-0 at their place,” Will Simonds, who plays center-back defender, said. “That was a big confidence booster. We’ve just been riding that confidence into conference play.”

The men’s team is currently 3-1 in conference play; the women’s team is 2-1-1. Both teams have expressed one key component in their current success: defense.

“Our defense has been really solid, and we’ve all kind of grown closer as the season has gone on and been able to work together,” Bos

said. “We’re just working together really well as a team.”

“Getting wins away from home is all about team

who plays goal keeper, said. “So it was really good to get another win there. As the season has gone on, we’ve kind of snowballed

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-Will Simonds

defending, and it shows, because in our last five games, we’ve had a lot of goals,” Holt said. “From that, teams get frustrated and start to attack on us more and more, and that’s when we get more opportunities to score. When we score goals, it just makes everything that much easier.”

Another massive confidence booster for the men’s team came when they blanked Oklahoma City University, one of the best teams in the Sooner Athletic Conference, by a score of 2-0.

“[Winning against Oklahoma City] is a super tough result to get no matter where you are,” Adam Holt,

and gained more and more confidence.”

Even though the women’s team tied the game against Oklahoma City, Bos expressed that the team is still confident in their abilities to succeed throughout the remainder of the season.

“We were by far the better team; it was just an unlucky turn of events,” she said. “So I think we have a really good chance of winning conference this year and possibly moving on to higher levels of victory.”

The teams have five games left in the season. They expect to continue their success in conference play.



Image courtesy of JBU ATHLETICS
Forward Anna Brown drives the ball against Bacone College. Both John Brown University’s men’s and women’s soccer teams have winning records in conference play.

“I feel like our team has been very adaptable to the types of opponents we’ve been playing in conference,” Bos said.

“I think we can beat anybody,” Simonds said. “I think we have a lot more

raw talent than we’ve had in the past. Everyone seems to be on board, and I think that there’s nothing that we don’t stack up against.”

Runners benefit from Athletes In Action



JESSIE BRANDON/TheThreefoldAdvocate
The Cross Country teams pray at the end of their weekly meeting. The teams will travel to Wilmington, Ohio to work with Athletes in Action to improve their ministry through their sport.

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If you think everyone is going to relax over fall break, you should think again.

John Brown University’s Cross Country team left campus at 6 a.m. today. They are traveling to Wilmington,

Ohio, where they will do a variety of activities that will benefit their efforts as a team.

The first of these activities is what has taken them to Ohio in the first place: a conference for Christian athletes.

Claire Greathouse, senior Cross Country runner, said that Coach Scott Schochler has been involved with an

organization called Athletes In Action, which specializes in equipping athletes with tools to share their faith through sports.

The team is going to one of the organization’s campuses and will hear from professional athletes about how to minister through their given medium, whether it be through witness or through

performance.

“It’s where we connect being an athlete and being a Christian together,” freshman runner Carly Coney said.

“Often times, we just do sports because it’s something we’re good at or something we do. But it’s also to glorify God. So it’s an organization that helps athletes see that and see Christ in what they’re doing.”

“Basically, we’re going to gain a basic understanding about how to share the Gospel through running,” Greathouse said.

The next activity the team will do in Ohio is something that they are all quite used to.

“We’ll be running probably three times a day,” Levi Nordmeyer, junior runner, said.

“We’re going to be training, using their facilities,” Greathouse said. “It’s not like we’re going to

be lounging around. We’re going to be working hard and continuing to work toward our conference at OBU.”

The third activity the team will do is also not out of the ordinary for them, if not for it being in Ohio.

“We’re gonna go up there and run a race on Friday night,” junior Levi Nordmeyer said.

The team will compete in the 23rd annual #JennaStrong Fall Classic at Wilmington University. Some members of the team said that the race will be larger than the race that took place at Chile Pepper Festival, a race of 466 men and 436 women, where they ran at the University of Arkansas on Oct. 3.

Greathouse expressed her excitement to see how the team does in the race due to the fact that they have improved. She said #JennaStrong will be a good

indicator of the team’s progress.

“It’s gonna be a big race,” Nordmeyer said. “There’s gonna be a lot of NAIA teams there that we never race against because they are not in our conference. I’m excited to see how we do against them.”

Greathouse also mentioned that the Cross Country team’s trip will be a great opportunity to improve both their running and their faith.

“Jesus gives you strength. It’s factual, and He’s glorified in it,” Greathouse said. “That’s kind of what this whole Ohio trip is encompassing. It’s about bringing those two aspects— strength in running and strength in faith— and combining them.”

Women’s rugby tackles stereotypes

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The Student Government Association has officially approved the Women’s Rugby club. After reciving the good news, the club held practice last Thursday, continuing in their rhythm of hard work and dedication towards their newfound passion.

“We can’t say enough about the coaches...about the community and how much we love rugby,” Madison Pfrimmer, flank, said. “I want other people to feel this sort of joy that I feel.”

Talking alongside Pfrimmer were Rebecca

Baughner, who plays hook, and Kailin Salman, who plays fullback. Each one raved about how their lives have benefitted from the sport, as well as the positive environment on the team because of the relationships they have carried into friendships off the pitch.

“We want people to know the community that we found because we want everyone to experience the same,” Baughner said.

Baughner came to the University as a transfer from Southwest Baptist University in Missouri.

“I came from a school I really loved and I was really apprehensive about coming to JBU,” Baughner said. “Rugby has given me

a community and a support system, not just on the field, but academically, socially and emotionally. I don’t know where I would be emotionally without Rugby.”

This is a common theme that has developed on the team the value and appreciation for every player’s unique body shape and size.

“When we come together, every person has a different purpose,” Salman said.

With heights ranging for 4’8 to 6’2, “There is a place for every body type on the field,” Baughner said. “There is not one body type. There are literally 15 different body types,” she said in reference to the amount of players on

the pitch at one time.

Many of the players spoke with admiration of Coach Jarrod Heathcoate’s efforts to inspire the women to accept their physical differences.

As opposed to working out for individual gain, Coach Heathcoate encourages the perspective, “You have to workout so you can do these things for your team,” Pfrimmer said.

Unlike working out for individual purposes, Baughner explained how she enjoys working out for her team so much more. “I’m working out these legs, and these legs are going to push us forward.”

The hard work of Coach Heathcoate and the effort of alumnus rugby

player Ryan Cowell were both acknowledged as the girls bragged about how supportive both are of the players. Pfrimmer mentioned how observant and aware both are of the girls’ individual needs on the pitch to provide them with help and support that are needed in such a physical sport.

“Coach lets us fight through stereotypes and tells us to wear our bruises proud,” Salman said. “It’s cool to get encouraged like that.”

As the women exchanged showing off their bruises and battle scars, which Salman said come with hard work, their bond, support, joy and true enjoyment they experience around

each other were obvious.

The women were also excited to announce three new players they received at practice last week.

They thoroughly support any new people who wish to join the team because as Baughner said, “It’s a very fluid group of people.”

The official JBU Women’s Rugby Club will continue to practice in preparation for their upcoming game on Oct. 24. They will play against Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.



Recent stabbings in Old City

Israel should not ban Palestinians

Israelis and the Palestinians have been in conflict for decades. There have been multiple developments in recent weeks. According to USA Today, there have been several outbursts of violence near Jerusalem’s Old City, a sacred place revered by Jews and Muslims.

In response to this problem, Israel banned Palestinians who are not living in the Old City from entering it. USA Today expressed this reaction to be unprecedented. More recently, Israel banned all men under the age of 45 from entering the Old City.

We The Threefold believe that Israel should not have banned Palestinians from the Old City and that this will only escalate the violence. Instead, Israel should increase security around the Old City and not restrict people simply based off of their ethnicity.

On Friday, almost a week after the Palestinians were banned, USA Today had a story titled “Israel struggles to contain wave of stabbing attacks.” This article reveals that the violence has spread from the Holy City all the way to Gaza.

Also, according to the USA Today article, much of the conflict is caused by restrictions to holy places, specifically the Hilltop compound. Currently non-Muslim guest can only enter at specific times.

The article continued by stating, “Many Muslims view these visits as a provocation and accuse Jewish extremists of plotting to take over the site. Israel has promised to ensure the delicate arrangement at the site and insists it will not allow the status quo to be changed.”

Though the two issue may seem unrelated, The Threefold believes some people may see the restriction on Palestinians and others as a possible foreshadowing to an attempt to take over the hilltop sight.

Furthermore, restricting someone’s entrance because of their country of origin, their age and/or gender is ethically wrong. If having a terrorist from your country or around your age is grounds for restriction, then based on this criteria, everyone should be restricted. To prove that all Palestinians are not at fault and are undeserving of this restriction, USA Today describes the attacks as independent and not representative of the nation as a whole or all of its citizens.

The Threefold understands and realizes this measure is taken in order to protect Israeli citizens and that many people on both sides have been killed. However, banning Palestinians seems to only be adding to the violence rather than resolving conflict.

Therefore, We The Threefold believe Israel should increase it security around the Old City and not restrict people based on ethnicity or religion.

Credit card technology changes

Learn about the new EMV chips

The deadline for credit card companies to switch over to the EMV chips was Oct. 1. The chip has stronger protection because “Unlike magnetic-stripe cards, every time an EMV card is used for payment, the card chip creates a unique transaction code that cannot be used again,” according to creditcard.com.

The deadline simply changes the responsibility of the card distributors. If distributors have the EMV chips and retailers do not have the machines to read them, retailers will be held responsible for any fraud. If not, then the credit card companies are held responsible.

This has produced some changes for consumers and also increased potential for scams

Therefore, We The Threefold believe that students need to be aware of EMV chip controversies and potential scams.

USA Today has researched one potential scam in which the scammer poses as the credit card company via email and asks the victim for updated information on their credit card to receive an EMV card. The article advises consumers to recognize these emails as scams, denying that the company would ask you over email for sensitive information to receive the new card.

Furthermore, this does not affect consumer responsibility. Each person is liable for \$50 of fraud that is used on their card.

There is one significant difference between the EMV chip and the magnetic strip. According to USA Today, in all EMV cases, one must use the card after the complete total has been rung up. This is because it is important to the coding of the information.

The Threefold urges students to stay informed with regards to recent changes to their credit cards.

It is possible for more changes to occur as this new technology is being introduced in the U.S. This is an important issue for students who regularly use debit or credit cards. Therefore students need to be aware of what is going on in the finance world.

Beauty is not a commodity



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I would like to address an issue that perhaps the majority of students on campus are not aware of. We are in the midst of a cultural shift that directly, or indirectly, affects our lives and interactions with each other. My hope is that you become aware of the need for change.

I believe our society has lost its moral perceptions on how we should view beauty, especially in industries that directly influence our culture. We are taught throughout society that beauty is primarily defined as the physical appearance or sexual appeal that a woman demonstrates, and the majority of the fashion and magazine industry has exploited this perception.

Take the recent outbreak of celebrities, fashion icons and famous models that showcase

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clothes that not only body shame others but also highlight sex appeal. Companies such as Abercrombie & Fitch, Calvin Klein, H&M, Chanel and, of course, Victoria’s Secret, all exploit the idea that you have to look a certain way to be of value. They place these standards through their marketing campaigns and portrayal of their models while claiming to empower men and women. Yet are they?

Cara Delavingne, actress and former model, has spoken out against the standards set upon women in the fashion and modeling industry. She joins with other actresses such as Emma Watson and Scarlett Johansson in condemning sexual appeal and body shaming. Delavingne has stated that, since she was young, she was forced to “pose in sexually suggestive poses” and model on a rigorous schedule that made her feel emotionally, and at times, sexually abused. It is a trend in the industry. “You start when you are really young and you do, get subjected to...not great stuff,” Delavingne said.

We, as a society, and as Christians, need to condemn these standards of beauty and how women are portrayed and treated in the fashion and modeling industry. I am a Christian feminist because this environment is wrong, and it needs to change. We are not empowering women, and for that matter, empowering men as to what beauty is and how others should be treated. Why should we allow industries and companies to define beauty, when they only seek to sell sex appeal? What are we teaching ourselves? Whether or not we look at beauty from a biblical perspective,

nothing healthy comes from making beauty a commodity.

As a man, I believe it is essential that my gender plays a major role in overthrowing the current perceptions and standards. We buy into the industry, whether it’s magazines or clothing that is sexually attractive. But why does sex have to sell? Why can’t we instead allow women, whether customers or models, to define how they see beauty and how they desire to be viewed, and have companies model off of those perceptions?

Beauty is not a commodity, and our society should reflect that notion. If companies change their standards so that the focus is on the value of a person and not on sexual exploitation and body shaming, then positive and healthy change can occur.

Not all fashion is sexually exploited, and there are companies and agencies that combat the current standards. Yet I believe our generation needs to stand up and be more active in empowering ourselves in how beauty should be portrayed. Our generation is poised to be a positive force by speaking out and not supporting the standards and companies that degrade beauty. I believe we can make a difference.



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OPINION 5

Understand affirmative action



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“You are so lucky you don’t have to pay for tuition because... you know...you’re black.”

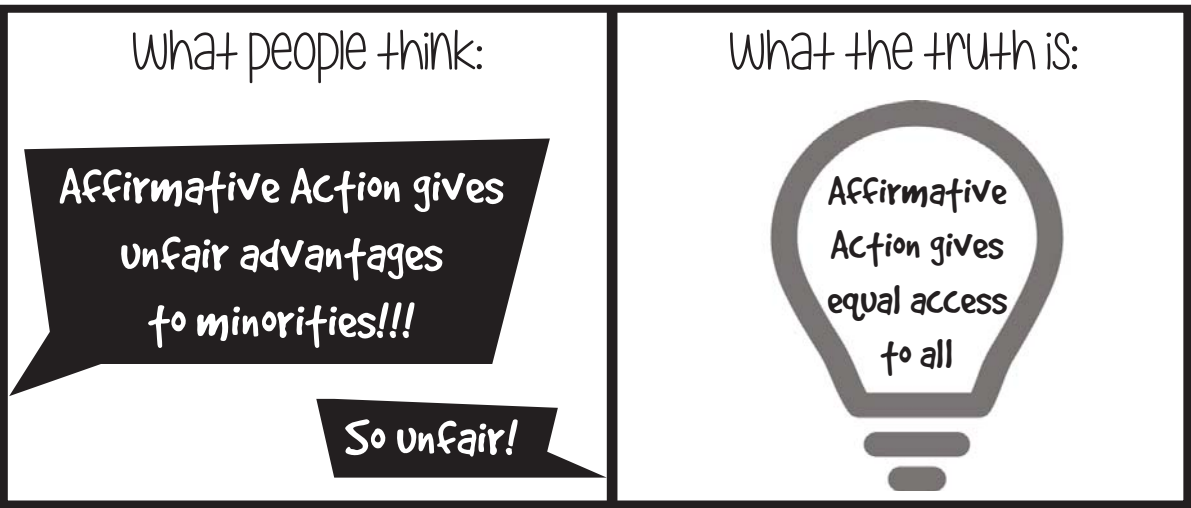
“You probably don’t have any problems getting jobs, since employers have to meet their quota.”

“I wish I was a minority, because it so easy for you people to get in to college.”

“It would be tough for anyone else to get accepted, but since you’re a minority it should be easy.”

I wish these statements were a result of my overactive imagination, but they’re not.

Ever since its conception in the 1960s, affirmative action has been a highly debated topic.



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On one hand, people believed that the policy gave minorities and women equal access to employment and education. On the other hand, people argued that the policy was unfair because it gave minorities and women unequal advantage. Despite the latter argument, President Kennedy and Johnson pushed for affirmative action, making policies prohibit employers from discriminating against minorities and women.

Unfortunately, affirmative action has been said today to be another type of discrimination. This argument has birthed the popular myth that minorities

do not have credentials for the jobs they hold but are instead hired solely on the color of their skin. Such interpretation is inaccurate.

For one, affirmative action does not tell businesses to hire minorities because they are minorities. Kennedy wanted employers to use “affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and those employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin.” Kennedy invited employers to look at prospective employees’ credentials before

dismissing them because of their ethnicity or gender.

For two, affirmative action does not permit minorities and women to get a free ride to college. Affirmative action helps to create more opportunities for minorities and women to pay for tuition, and prohibits universities from rejecting them on the bases of race and gender. The policy causes universities to reach out to underrepresented groups on their campuses. As a result, universities changed their recruitment style and reached out to communities that they normally wouldn’t consider. Scholarships and grants

that are targeted towards minorities and women ensure an equal opportunities for students to attend college and be able to pay for tuition. The purpose of these scholarships is to encourage minorities to attend college. There is a socioeconomic imbalance that these scholarships try to make up for. The African-American and Hispanic community have higher rates of poverty than White communities in America with African Americans at 27 percent and Hispanics at 24 percent. It is hard to dream of going to college if you can’t even picture food on your dinner table.

The fact is that it is unacceptable to believe that certain ethnicities or genders are handed opportunities, and that they did not earn the positions they have. The fact is that, in this country, oppression still exists towards minorities and women, and, to reverse it we have to support policies that enforces equality and boldly addresses America’s history of discrimination.

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Stop giving shooters fame and attention



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In the last couple of weeks, there have been multiple shootings.

There was the shooting at Umpqua Community College, Ore. At Northern Arizona University, there was a recent shooting. Also at Texas Southern University, there was a shooting.

I think the most devastating shooting was when an 11-year-old boy shot an eight-year-old girl over an argument on puppies in Tennessee.

In Oregon, right after

“By releasing the shooters’ name, you are giving them 15 minutes of fame. Their name is blasted all over the web, print and broadcast media.”

the shooting happened, the sheriff refused to give out the shooter’s name, which I was very thankful for.

By releasing the shooter’s name, you are giving them 15 minutes of fame. Their name is blasted all over the web, print and broadcast media. People will go to the shooter’s Facebook page to figure out who this person is and why he or she decided to commit the shooting.

An example of this would be when the shooter shot the

people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. People went to his Facebook page and saw him with a confederate flag. The photo of the shooter with the flag made the incident more of a hate crime against African-Americans and gave the confederate flag an even worse image.

These people that committed shootings, rather a public place or at a neighbor’s house, we should try to figure why they did it. If they are

mentally ill, we can learn to spend more time loving and helping people with mental issues. We should not push them aside because they are different from the rest.

If they grew up in a bad home environment, we should help them seek professional help. It is hard to think of the shooters as people who deserve our love and care.

At some point in their life, they were children who were bullied because they were a little autistic or did not have clean clothes because of how bad their home life was. I think the reason some of these shooters targeted Christians was because we did not show love and support when they needed it. We never offered to listen to them when they needed someone. We were quick to judge and slow to listen to their stories.

The reason I never mentioned their names in my article is because I do not want them to get any more recognition than they deserve. I just hope that next time you see a person that

is a little bit different, you do not just walk pass them when they ask for your help. Take the time to listen to someone’s story instead of judging that individual, whom you don’t even know.

If we, as a community start doing this, then maybe we will have a chance to be the change we want to see. Our school is not huge, but if we start to change how we interact with people it will carry on throughout our whole lives. We have a chance to be a great influence to younger generations on how to treat people.

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Senior defends ‘failed’ college transition



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I cried when I said goodbye to my parents in August. Just like I cried when I said goodbye to them in the Mayfield parking lot during freshman orientation. It’s hard not to cry when your mama says, “Not everyone gets

to have their daughter also be their best friend.”

Oftentimes, when the sun is setting, my throat hurts and my body feels untethered in the worst way. I had just sent out invitations for my birthday weekend to my three best friends from home. I always, always go home on breaks. Sometimes I listen to Owl City and A Rocket To The Moon when I’m showering because they remind me of high school.

Every single time I leave home, it’s hard. And I honestly don’t really want it to get easier. It being hard is a sign that there are so many people that love me so well there.

Living in the tension between places is hard, but people back home keep me grounded and safe; they give me strength so that I don’t want to give up. I

am so opposed to cutting those ties.

I’m a Gateway mentor, and we read a bunch of articles about helping first-year students transition to college. I hate those articles because according to them, I have unsuccessfully transitioned. While I’m not one of those 20-year-olds who sits in the home stands every Friday night, my top friends on Snapchat are from Iowa. What does that say about me?

Some day, I will leave JBU and go somewhere else. Actually, that day is feeling pretty close. I don’t want to lose touch with Madison, Peyton, AnnaClaire and so many others when I leave Arkansas because I will be leaving Arkansas. Some of my best friends in the world are here, and it would be such a shame to forget about them in order to make my transition to a new city or grad school or a job easier.

This is a transient time of life, and I want to haul my people around with me. Staying in touch with people across miles and life seasons has been difficult but fulfilling for me. Starting fresh in each new place may be easier, but I don’t know if easier is necessarily better.

For those of you who don’t



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keep in touch with a single person from high school because high school was horrible, or you didn’t have any good friends or you’ve just gone a different way, I’m so happy you’re at JBU. There are so many great people for you here, people who will stick with you long into the future.

For those of you who still have close friends from home, from camp, from the past whom you miss fiercely and love so hard, it’s all right. You’re not doing anything wrong. I’m so happy you found your people; it doesn’t matter where they’re

from. Hold onto them, and allow yourself to find more friends while you’re here.

Sometimes people find their forever friends in college, and sometimes, they find them in preschool. Our hearts are big and love multiplies. There is enough room. Don’t restrict your circle. Curate your tribe well.

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Recognized alumnus contributes



Submitted by BENJAMIN RASMUSSEN/TheThreefoldAdvocate

Left: Rasmussen shoots on site for a client.

Right: Rasmussen stands on the van, going the extra mile to get the best shot. Rasmussen received JBU's Young Eagle Award as an alumnus for his outstanding work in photography.



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The alumni board awards committee recognized photojournalist Benjamin Rasmussen as recipient of this year's Young Eagle Award.

Rasmussen's professional commissioned work includes an Afropunk fashion shoot for Vogue,

Ferguson, Mo. protestors for Businessweek, a Denver Broncos versus Kansas City Chiefs game for ESPN, American sumo wrestlers for The New York Times, an oil pipeline for Fortune Magazine, global warming in Alaska for Bloomberg Markets and many more commissions and clientel.

"We're not looking for perfect people," Jerry Rollene, the director of alumni and parent

relations, said. Yet the impressive responses from Rasmussen and his references, as well as his accomplishments and character, proved him deserving of the award.

Photography major Klara Johannesen is a cousin of Rasmussen and is interning with him as a photojournalist. Rasmussen and Johannesen are of Faroese decent, which Johannesen says she sees influence

of in Rasmussen's work.

"A Faroese way of doing it is very raw... use of light is very important in the North. You take advantage of all the light you can get," Johannesen said, going on to talk about the contrast between darkness that envelops the islands in winter months, and the light that takes over in summer.

As a successful freelance photographer, Rasmussen is submerged

in a competitive environment and surrounded by extensive creativity. He referred to the "constant cycle of growth and failure

and the existential crisis of why you're even pursuing what you're pursuing," all of which he has experienced since graduating.

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Seniors share Fall Break experiences

"Last year my roommate and I decided to stay in Siloam Springs over fall break to save money and rest since we don't get many chances to rest in college. What I thought would be an uneventful break turned into something more the night I met a homeless man in downtown Siloam. I found him by the gazebo and tried to start conversations with

him with little to no success at first. After a few hours of talking with him, I left him with a few blankets and pillows for the night. The next morning I went back to visit him and only found my blankets folded up next to the pillow and my new friend nowhere to be found. Looking back, that was such a great fall break experience for me.

It made me more aware of the needs around me. I never would have thought that at 2 a.m. during fall break, I would have the opportunity to spend hours trying to connect with a person and help meet his needs, but it happened. Growing more aware through that experience made it my favorite fall break at JBU thus far."



Joey Stamps



Salina Adolph

"Two years ago I went on the Chicago vision trip. We stayed in a community that was known for its violence and gang-related activity, but the pastor we worked alongside was invested in the community. We were able to learn about the history of race in that community and racial issues in our own lives. While there we learned about lynching, the Tulsa race riots, did community work and spent time having a meal with the homeless men and women in the community. During that trip my entire perspective of God's love shifted and I learned to appreciate everything I have and how I can step out of my comfort zone to help others."

Elise Farrell

"While I was studying in Ireland during the fall of 2015, I was able to go to London, England during my fall break. I went with two other team members and hopped on a red-eye flight after a night in the airport. When we arrived, we wandered around artsy East London where our hostel was located and checked out all the food, street art and second-hand stores that our hearts could handle that day. On the second day, we explored non-stop and saw amazing food markets, museums, a NFL rally, the Tower of London and even an opera at the London Coliseum. The last day was spent walking the streets lined with fall foliage visiting some of the most beautiful spots such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. It was the trip of a lifetime."



Audrey Macy

"Two years ago, my friends Elise Farrell, Alyssa Garza and I went to Colorado for fall break. I had never been there before and I thought it would be a fun trip. Alyssa lived up near Denver, so we spent most of the week there

with her family. Some of my favorite memories from that trip were our time exploring Boulder, getting delicious ice cream at this place called Little Man Ice Cream and exploring Red Rocks."

to cultural conversation

During her internship, Johannesen is excited to learn from a professional who works outside John Brown University and “to see what [photojournalism] looks like from the inside instead of just reading about it.”

During Rasmussen’s time at the University, “He learned something in the U.S. that helped him survive in the secular world... God sends us to change it and Ben is an example of that,” according to Rollene.

“I have really strong feelings about people who come out of John Brown and go and work within the Christian world... because I think that that’s sort of not the point to stay in that comfortable little ecosystem—but to try and be part of a larger cultural conversation,” Rasmussen said.

Although he described being part of this “larger cultural conversation” as a privileged position,

“It’s definitely hard and you’re put in weird situations...choosing to be in difficult situations and feeling peoples pain,” said Rasmussen.

On an assignment to the Philippines after hurricane Haiyan, Rasmussen had to “consciously avoid seeing gruesome dead bodies” in order to complete the work that was required of him. “I kind of try and be more mindful of how much I can actually take,” Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen spent much of his childhood in the Philippines, where his parents were missionaries. It was there that the University recruited him in high school.

Despite Rasmussen’s success in the field of photography, he came to the University before photography was offered as a major. In fact, he came undecided about what exactly he wanted to study. It was not until he was influenced by Gary Warner,

journalism professor at the time, that Rasmussen was persuaded to pursue journalism for his bachelor’s degree.

During his studies, Rasmussen took a class with current professor of visual arts Neal Holland. It was in that class that he discovered photography and decided, “This is way better than writing,” Rasmussen said.

“You just never know how the experiences you have here will change your life,” Rollene said.

Rasmussen greatly values the support and encouragement that he received while at the University. “Sometimes it feels like it would be nice to do those years over. Everyone giving you what you need is sort of hard to take advantage of when you’re 20,” Rasmussen said.

He compared larger colleges with well-established journalism and photography

departments to that of the University. Rasmussen explained how students in larger universities come out molded a certain way and are set up to be successful, but it makes finding their unique voice more difficult.

“What JBU has going for them is that you’re given the tools but you’re not shoved in this box, so you have a lot more freedom,” Rasmussen said. “It makes for a more difficult proces, but you have more room to be unique than those who were suppressed.”

“I think one of the things that was hard at JBU is that professors can only do so much. A lot of it has to do with the larger student culture. I think what really helped me in the long run was to find that maturity of people that were more critical,” Rasmussen said.



Submitted by KYLE AGEE
Benjamin Rasmussen gives a speech as he accepts JBU’s Young Eagle Award at a special event during Homecoming. Rasmussen has been featured on Vogue, Business Week, Fortune Magazine and New York Times.

9 Ways to Tie a Scarf



- 1. **Classic Infinity:** Take two opposite corners of the scarf and tie them together in a tight knot. Wrap the knot around your neck.
- 2. **Accessory:** With a thinner and smaller scarf, wrap the scarf around your head and tight either in a knot or bow in front or back of your head. Style hair as desired.
- 3. **Waterfall:** Loop the scarf around your neck creating uneven loose ends, one end should be longer than the other. With the longer side’s corner, tuck in the opposite side creating a “waterfall” with your scarf.



- 4. **The Celebrity:** Fold the scarf in half creating a loop. Wrap loop around neck. Pull one loose end of the scarf over and through the loop. With the second loose end, pull the scarf over and under the loop, pulling the loose end towards your face. Tighten and let the ends hang down.
- 5. **The One Loop:** Take the loose ends of the scarf and wrap around neck until desired length.
- 6. **Fake Knot:** With one end, tie a knot. Loosen it and pull the opposite loose end within the knot. Tighten.

- 7. **The Wrap:** Wrapping the scarf around your neck until desired length.
- 8. **The European Loop:** Fold the scarf in half creating a loop. Wrap loop around neck. With the loop on the end, pull the rest of the scarf through the loop and tighten.
- 9. **The Hidden Knot:** Wrap the scarf around your neck. With the loose ends, tie and tighten. Tuck the knot underneath the wrapped section of your scarf.

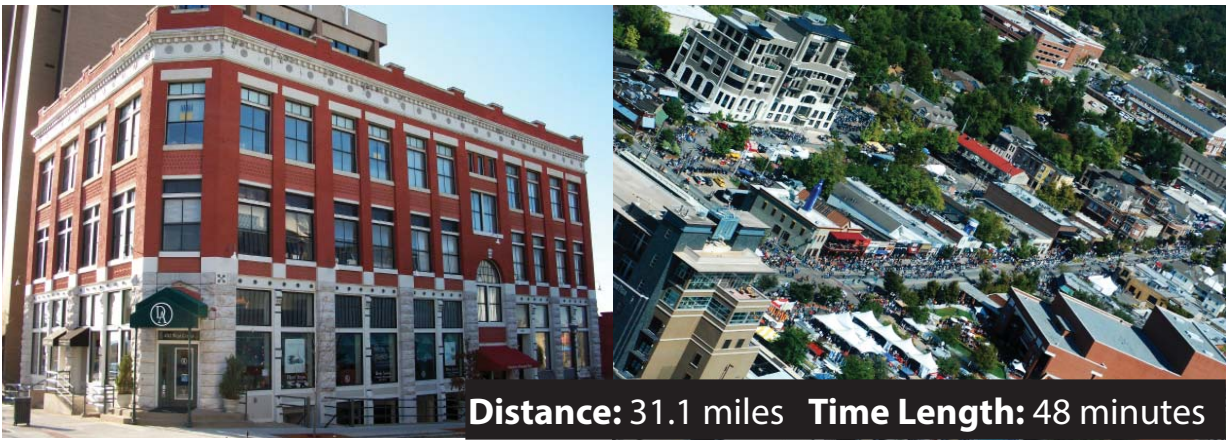


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Fall Break Affordable Destinations

Fayetteville, Ark.



Distance: 31.1 miles Time Length: 48 minutes

Less than an hour away from John Brown University, Fayetteville is an affordable destination for fall break. Students don't need to worry about lodging as it is less than half a tank of gas away. Here you can check out the Arkansas Air & Military Museum at Drake Field or the Clinton House Museum. If you visit on a Saturday, you can also visit the farmers market. The Fayetteville Square also has several unique shops to explore, plus some great coffee shops.

Tulsa, Okla.

Another close desitnation is Tulsa. This city has a plethora of museums and sights, including an art museum and the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium. This allows students to learn and have fun simultaneously over their break. There is also the Tulsa Zoo to explore. Since students might want to stay overnight here, lodging is important and can be found as low as \$60 a night.



Distance: 84.8 miles Time Length: 1 hour and 23 minutes

Branson, Mo.



Distance: 117 miles Time Length: 2 hours and 20 minutes

A little bit further away is Branson. Here students can visit Silver Dollar City and have a fun time exploring the amusement park. Branson has interesting museums to offer, such as the Titanic, World's Largest Toy and Hollywood Wax. Riding the Vigilante Extreme Zip-Ride or Ride the Ducks are also great options. This will allow students to have a unique view of the city. If staying with friends is not an option, lodging can be found for as little as \$60 a night.

Little Rock, Ark.

The Capital of Arkansas has a lot to offer. Students even have the opportunity to visit the Arkansas state capital building. People who love history can go to the Clinton Library. This currently has a temporary exhibit of dinosaurs around the world that will be viewable until Oct. 18. Lodging in Little Rock can be found for as little as \$70 a night.



Distance: 221 miles Time Length: 3 hours and 25 minutes

Nashville, Tenn.



Distance: 559 miles Time Length: 8 hours and 18 minutes

Nashville is located a bit further away, but with a 4-day weekend, students can have three full days in the city. Nashville has quite a bit to offer, especially if you enjoy art and music. The city has multiple art museums and theaters, such as the Johnny Cash Museum. The city also has several mansions and plantations for history lovers. Lodging can be found for as little as \$70 a night.

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