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Mexico survives hit, 6 casualties total

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Hurricane Patricia made landfall in the Mexican Pacific coast on Friday night, Oct. 23, primarily affecting the state of Jalisco. Despite being the strongest landfiling Pacific hurricane on record, it left comparatively little damage.

Patricia was a category five hurricane, which is the strongest category in the Saffir–Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. The magnitude of the hurricane is considered “catastrophic,” according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. The Center also predicted that Patricia would have the same intensity as Typhoon Haiyan, a cyclone that devastated the Philippines in November 2013.

Even though this hurricane was one of the most dangerous in

history, there were few casualties reported.

The hurricane made landfall in a less populated area between two more populated areas: Puerto Vallarta, a tourist hotspot, and Manzanillo, a seaport town. Because there were fewer people to evacuate, this reduced the number of potential casualties.

So far, six people have died and seven people were injured. Four casualties were caused by a traffic accident, and a tree, according to Fox News Latino, crushed the other two.

In comparison, Hurricane Katrina resulted in 1,833 fatalities, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Despite its record-breaking wind speed, Patricia quickly lost energy because of its small size. It also weakened prior to landfall, and continued to lose strength on land because of Mexico’s



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Rosario Ruiz Figueroa and daughter survey the damage caused by Hurricane Patricia on Saturday in Naranjo, Mexico. The death toll still remains at six as the Hurricane’s path hit the state of Jalisco on the southwest region of Mexico.

mountains. Mexico’s mass evacuations of populated areas are also credited for the high survival rate.

The National Hurricane Center reported that Patricia had winds of 200 mph. Between Friday evening and early Saturday morning, Patricia

was downgraded from a category five hurricane to a tropical depression, according to ABC News.

Aristoteles Sandoval, Jalisco state governor, said to the citizens of Jalisco that “the hardest part is over.” Residents and

businesses prepared themselves before Patricia’s landfall. They used sandbags and covered windows with boards and tape to reinforce their homes. Airports temporarily closed and hotels evacuated tourists to

shelters further inland, according to USA Today.

Miguel Martinez, senior business administration major, is from Cuauhtémoc,

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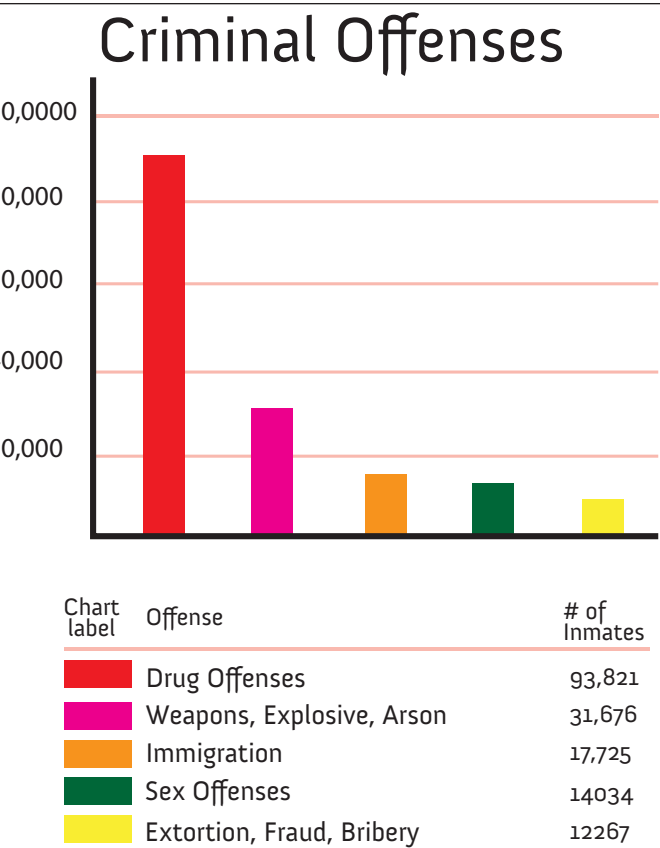
Prisoners freed in largest one-time release

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In two days, 6,000 inmates will be released from federal prisons. The U.S. Sentencing Commission is conducting a penal system reform by reducing sentencing for non-violent drug offenders. Prison reform is one of many hot button issues in the United States that all political parties can agree needs to be boldly addressed.

“The penal system, the way it exists now, unfairly targets groups of people already marginalized in society and perpetuates other problems,” Elyse Partee, senior history major said.

With 2.5 million people in prison and the U.S. holds the record for more citizens incarcerated than any other nation, President Obama has decided to make prison reform the focus of his



remaining time in office.

“I think we have a tendency sometimes to take for granted, or think

it’s normal, that so many young people end up in our criminal justice system. It’s not normal.

It’s not what happens in other countries,” Obama said during a visit to El Reno Federal Correctional Institution in Oklahoma.

“What is normal is teenagers doing stupid things. We have to be able to distinguish between dangerous individuals who need to be incarcerated, versus young people who are in an environment in which they are adapting,” he said.

Trisha Posey, director of the honors scholars program believes there are too many imprisoned for unjust reasons.

“I think we shouldn’t imprison as often as we do for petty crime. I do think, at least at the federal level, they are trying to address this and they are facing challenges as they do it,” she said.

The Senate is considering a new bipartisan prison reform bill titled the Safe, Accountable, Fair,

Effective, Justice Act (SAFE). The bill pushes back against the three-strike law that sends criminals to life in prison after being convicted of three crimes. As it stands now, the SAFE bill has been introduced to the House but not yet passed, according to the Huffington Post.

In an effort to reduce the amount of inmates in prison, federal prisons will be releasing 6,000 inmates who are non-violent drug offenders. Drug offenders make up 48.4 percent of the prison population, as reported by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

One-third of the 6,000 inmates are non-citizens, who will be released into the custody of U.S. Immigration for deportation to their respective countries.

Phillip Todd, president of the College Republicans club at the University, disagrees with the decision

to release such a massive number of inmates.

“I think that members of both parties can agree prison reform is needed. As a conservative, I believe that our prison system is costing U.S. citizens too much money. However, on the other hand I fully believe that the law needs to be enforced,” he said.

Todd said, “the prison system needs to be upheld and releasing 6,000 prisoners early is not an effective way of setting an example of the consequences of crime. A reform is needed in the way we administer the prison, not in the system of crime and punishment itself.”

Although Todd disagrees with the release of the 6,000 inmates,

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International factions perpetuate Syrian Civil War

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With so many nations involved in the Syrian Civil War, many have been left wondering who is fighting who in Syria. Without counting international input, there are three main forces fighting within Syria: Bashar Al-Assad, rebel groups and ISIS.

The Civil War began during the 2011 Arab Spring when peaceful protests broke out against Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad’s authoritarian regime. Many Syrians were dissatisfied with Assad, partially because under his rule, the gap of inequality between the poor and the rich increased.

Assad reacted to the protests by violently crushing activists, leading to increased frustration amongst the people and an armed revolt of rebel groups. France is currently investigating Assad over alleged crimes against humanity during this civil war.

There are around 1000 rebel forces that are against Assad, totaling

an estimated 100,000 fighters, according to the BBC. Some of the most prominent include the Free Syrian Army, the Islamic Front, the Syrian Islamic Liberation Front, independent groups, Jihadist groups (including ISIS) and Kurdish groups.

ISIS, also known as the Islamic State or ISIL, is known for the major human rights violations it has committed while taking over territory in Syria and Iraq. ISIS believes that establishing an Islamic State with Islamic law, or Sharia, will create a just and equitable society, and has demanded allegiance from Muslims worldwide.

ISIS also opposes Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and wants to end his rule. Within Syria, ISIS has taken territory from Assad, rebel groups and Kurdish tribes. Whether forces are for or against Assad, they are all opposed to ISIS.

David Vila, professor of religion and philosophy, said that both Assad and ISIS are “monsters,” but explained that Assad is an Alawite, which means he is part of a minority religious branch of Shia Islam. As

a member of a minority group himself, Assad protected minorities against more radical Muslims.

“Kind of ironically, Assad was a protector of Christians in Syria,” Vila said.

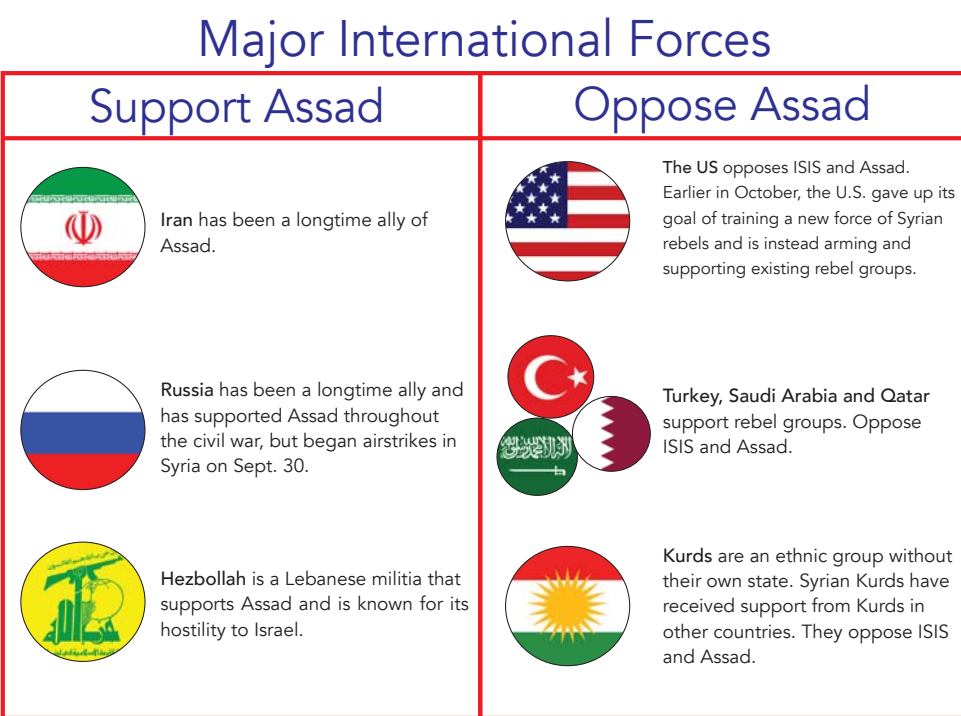
Robert Moore, assistant professor of history, said that a primary reason that this war has been so bloody is because it is not located among the central players of the state.

Assad has three main allies in maintaining his power and fighting off rebels forces and ISIS: Iran, Russia, and Hezbollah.

While Russia has supported Assad throughout the war, Russia has been in the news lately because it recently began airstrikes in Syria.

The U.S., Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar are among the main forces opposed to Assad.

U.S. state department spokesperson John Kirby has announced that Iran is likely to be invited to key international talks with Russia and the U.S. to discuss the Syrian civil war.



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Engineer awarded prestigious scholarship

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Joe Price, sophomore electrical engineering student, received a scholarship from the Institute of the Electrical and Electronics Engineers Power and Energy Society. The organization provides electrical engineering students the opportunity to receive a scholarship for up to three years of financial support. The scholarship gives students a total of \$7,000 and the opportunity to obtain internships. “I did not hear about the scholarship until Professor Song emailed me over the summer and told me that I should apply for the scholarship,” Price said. Students who are interested in the scholarship need to major in electrical engineering, take three power engineering courses, have a GPA of 3.0 or better and consider a career in electric power and energy engineering, according to the Institute website.

Even though these requisites are essentials for applying, Price said there are more elements the Institute considers. “You have to have references, your résumé, you have to demonstrate extracurricular activities at your university and leadership qualities,” Price said. “You have the opportunity to reapply for the scholarship two times. The first time \$2,000, the second time is \$2,000 again and the third time you apply it would be \$3,000,” Price said. Once a student receives the scholarship, the process for reapplying in subsequent years is simply to continue meeting the scholarship requirements. Assistant professor Ted Song said that Price is the second student at the University who received this scholarship. Zach Lee, senior electrical engineering student, received the scholarship two years ago. Students from around the country compete



KLARA JOHANNESSEN/TheThreefoldAdvocate
Joe Price, sophomore engineering student, was awarded a scholarship of \$2,000, which can be renewed for a total of \$7,000.

in order to obtain the scholarship. “This is a national scholarship, so it is a very competitive process,” Song said. Song also said that

this scholarship is an incredible opportunity for students to increase their knowledge in the field. Price said the process took about a month and that he received help from his professors, especially Song. Price remembers the moment when he was notified about the award. “I was in physics lab and I checked my email and I saw that it

said ‘congratulations,’” Price said. “And I was like, ‘yes!’” Applications for this year are closed but they will be available in spring 2016.

Students network for future employment

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Today the Career Development Center will be hosting a networking and speed-interviewing event in Simmons Great Hall A and C from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is the Center’s first year to offer the event, and registered students will get the opportunity to attend. Students were given the opportunity to attend a preparatory session in the Soderquist Business Center to help them prepare in order to get the most out of their interviews. The event will “expose John Brown University students to potential employers and mentors while enhancing their networking skills,” according to the College Central Network website. Gabrielle Marcy,



Courtesy of FACEBOOK

The Career Development Center (CDC) is hosting a speed-interviewing event today at 6 p.m.

a career development assistant, said that in addition to the networking and speed-interviewing event, the Center will also host a job fair, one of the many new events

planned for the year. The Career Development Center is currently rebranding and creating new ways to engage and develop student growth.

Bethany Smith, a career development assistant, said she is excited for the event and thinks it will be beneficial to students. Smith said she thinks the Center has reached

out more this semester than ever before. Smith and Marcy explained that they have also started working with international employers. Another member of the staff works with helping Walton Scholar students find jobs, in their countries. Smith helps domestic students who want to find international jobs; specifically those who want to work in Europe, since she also has an interest in that area. Smith said the increase in student and employer engagement is also due to a completely new Career Development staff compared to two years ago. Marcy explained that the new staff has generated many new ideas. It has also given the center the “freedom to try new things.” On the other hand, Marcy also said the

Center has always existed to help students through developing résumés, portfolios and cover letters. In addition, they counsel undecided students, perform skill inventories and connect students and alumni with new careers. This networking and speed-interviewing event directly serves the Career Development Center’s mission to “advance the Kingdom of God by teaching students to continually integrate who they are with the decisions and opportunities God has or will put before them.” Organizations such as Simmons Foods, Clorox Company and Wycliffe Bible Translators will be represented; students can go to the College Central Network to find out which majors each organization is recruiting.

Renowned harpsichordist comes to University

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Harpsichordist John Paul will be performing a recital today at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Recital Hall. Paul will be playing music from Handel, Dowland, Haydn, Scarlatti and Rameau. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for non-JBU students and free for JBU students with a student ID. Every four to five years, Paul is invited to play his harpsichord at John Brown University. Since the harpsichord is not widely known, it gives people a chance to discover what it is, said Jan Lauderdale, Artist Series events coordinator. “He always invites the

students to come up and play,” said Lauderdale, explaining that it is likely students will again be invited to play the harpsichord after the recital. Paul is a native to Lyme Regis, England. There he taught himself the harpsichord until the age of 18, when he was accepted to the Royal Academy of Music in London. After earning performance diplomas from the Royal Academy of Music and an honors degree from the University of London, he moved to Jackson, Miss. In Jackson, he became the organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral, where he has served for over 50 years. Since the 1980s, Paul has

toured as a harpsichordist. He has performed concerts, workshops and informances, or informative performances, in the United States, South America and Europe. He is a musician in every sense of the word, said Lauderdale. John Paul was awarded the prestigious Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts by the Mississippi Arts Commission in 2002. A harpsichord is an instrument that can play on the bass and treble clef like a piano. Unlike a piano, a harpsichord plucks the strings. Plucking the strings gives it a “bright vibrant feel,” said Ethan Zuck, a senior philosophy and music major. A piano,

on the other hand, has hammers that hit the strings instead of plucking them. The harpsichord is an instrument that is not used frequently, but “it is the precursor to the piano,” said Lauderdale. “Around the time of Beethoven is when the switch was made,” said Lauderdale. Zuck said that it is a wonderful experience to listen to a harpsichord, and this recital provides an opportunity that students might not get otherwise. Jones Recital Hall is an intimate setting, which is preferred for the harpsichord because it is a quieter instrument, said Lauderdale. “Paul is a master with a wide repertoire,” said



Photo courtesy of STANDREWSKATHEDRAL.ORG

Harpsichordist John Paul will perform today at 7:30 p.m. Lauderdale. “We are so pleased to provide such a unique musical opportunity

normal in the state. “Since it affected the beach area of the state, I think it will take a while before they can offer a nice and safe place for tourists, nationals and internationals. For now, the government in Jalisco needs to focus on helping to repair what the storm destroyed,” Villalba said.

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he agrees that there should be an avenue for prisoners to be rehabilitated. “I think it would be wise to invest in rehabilitation. I do not believe that it is the prison’s duty to rehabilitate though. The prison’s purpose is to punish, but a system of rehabilitation following the system may be a good system to prevent repeat offenders,” Todd said. Even though there are several conversations and

bills in progress concerning prison reform, 2016 presidential candidates Hilary Clinton and Ted Cruz want to “ease mandatory minimum sentences,” according to the New York Times. “Prison reform is a difficult concept that we have been working on for 200 years now, and we still have not figured it out yet,” Posey said.

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Chihuahua. Martinez said that Mexico was well prepared for the hurricane. “I believe the country had good prevention measures for the affected states and they have done a lot to be ready just in case this was going to be a major catastrophe,” Martinez said. Patricia left behind flooded homes, raging rivers and fallen trees. Civil protection and Mexican navy officers

were ready to manage the damage and help affected residents. They opened temporary shelters and kitchens and provided transportation to people located in dangerous areas, according to USA Today. The National Hurricane Center warned of torrential rains in the states of Nayarit, Jalisco, Colima and Michoacán which could produce flash floods and mudslides. Israel Hernandez,

junior electrical engineering major from Michoacán, said that his state was not affected as badly as he thought. “In my city there were only light showers, and we’re used to rain,” Hernandez said. Ana Villalba, senior mechanical engineering major from Chihuahua, Chihuahua, said that the government is doing its best in order to bring things back to

Acclaimed tradition brings University fame

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How does a basketball game at a Christian college of just over 1,300 undergrad students make it onto national news? Toilet paper.

The first home game of the John Brown University Golden Eagles’ men’s basketball season will be played this Saturday, which means the crowd will look to continue its 34-year-old tradition of emphatically tossing approximately 2,000 rolls of toilet paper onto the basketball court immediately after the team’s first basket. The game, which has come to be known as the “TP Game,” has gained a

reputation so noteworthy that many national sports outlets such as ESPN, NBC Sports and USA Today have covered the event (the last of which called the tradition the “Best technical foul in all of sports”). This year, the University is partnering with the toilet paper producer Charmin for sponsorship.

It is obvious the crowd and broadcasters alike love this antic. The players on the men’s basketball team hope to give the crowd a reason to continue the tradition which will happen in a couple days.

“The tradition has a real good fan base,” guard Marquis Waller said. “The whole school and everyone in this town knows about it, so we’ve got 100 percent fan support.”

As Waller pointed out, the tradition is not only popular within the University itself, but also in Siloam Springs and the surrounding areas.

“Everyone comes here for the TP game,” guard Josh Rhodius said. “Everyone’s there to see the team and see the first bucket of the season. Families are coming out ... the whole school comes out.”

While the tossing of the toilet paper itself is the real draw to come to the game, there are other factors that play into how great the game is as well. Rhodius mentioned that everything leading up to that moment contributes to the unique atmosphere of the night.

“You could feel it in the stands, and it carried out onto the team,” he said

about last year’s game.

“Even the opposing team knows. It gets exciting. Everyone is just waiting for that first basket. The suspense is crazy. It’s a great experience.”

Every year the tradition continues, there’s no telling how long the game will go until the first basket. Last year, the Golden Eagles played for nearly two and a half minutes, which included free throws, before making the basket that cued the toilet paper.

“It’s kind of fun to see it build up,” Nate Anderson, a junior forward, said. “We don’t want it to, but if we miss a couple shots, everyone in the crowd gets anxious, holding onto those rolls.”

Once the basket is made, a blizzard of Charmin, Cottonelle and Quilted

Northern envelops the court amid the crowd’s ferocious roar. Anderson said it is a sight to behold.

“When I first did it, it was the craziest thing, unlike anything I’ve ever seen before,” he said. “It’s a cool experience to see all the toilet paper come down, be in the middle of it and be hit by a couple rolls, even.”

For all but four members of the team, it will be their first time to experience the tradition. Waller, a freshman, is very excited about the TP game.

“Right now, I’m just thinking about all the toilet paper that’s gonna be thrown,” he said. “It’s gonna be a crazy sight. I’ve seen videos from the last season and the season before that, and it’s gonna be a really good experience

for most of the players. I want to experience it too.”

While the players are definitely excited about continuing the tradition, Rhodius mentioned that there is a strong and important sense of community in such an event.

“The whole school comes out,” Rhodius said. “We definitely need [community] in our JBU sports, whether it’s the soccer teams, the volleyball teams or the basketball teams. Whatever it is, we’re a small school, and we can do better if everyone sticks together and supports each other.”



Courtesy of JBU ATHLETICS

Rugby captain leads on and off the pitch



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In his time at John Brown University, Dye has spent nine semesters playing Rugby, four of which have been spent as club captain.

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Chris Dye is a leader, captain and, above all, a friend. Dye recently shared his story at the Gathering and, despite his talents, he too always has a need for God.

“We’re called to surrender to the Lord

every day, and by doing this, we acknowledge the desire to know God and to trust Him for what He’s done for us,” he said.

As seen, Dye affirms that he is in the continuous practice of surrendering to the Lord. Dye is John Brown University’s men’s rugby captain, and if you ask his teammates, they will say he is a living example of this Christlikeness.

“He leads with a servant’s heart,” teammate Ethan Tradup, who has known Dye since the beginning of this school year, said. “Everything that he has us doing, he does right along with us.”

“He’s very team-oriented,” teammate Caleb LaBelle said. “He isn’t selfish at all.”

Given his selfless demeanor, if one looks at his

upbringing, it almost appears as if Dye was destined to exemplify such generosity through rugby. Dye was born in South Carolina on Oct. 18, 1993. When he was eight months old, he moved to Kenya with his parents, who were pursuing careers as missionaries abroad. Dye explained that his family and his geographic location contributed to his love for the game.

“I started playing rugby in eighth grade because our school offered it as an under-15 sport to get us interested in high school rugby,” he said. “But I first got interested in rugby because my dad played rugby in high school and in college. He taught us the basics; he not only showed us the rules of rugby but also gave us the love of rugby.”

Dye’s teammates also pointed out his outgoing, upbeat personality that they all love. Dye, who is fully aware of his own cadence, said that such a trait comes straight from his homeland.

“I have to attribute a lot of my personality to the Kenyan people and culture,” he explained.

“Kenya is a very joyful and content culture. They’re also very interested and excited to get to know and help other people.”

In 2011, Dye crossed the

Atlantic to attend college here at the University. He described the transition from Kenya to Siloam Springs as a difficult one, but one thing that his new home had in common was rugby.

“I think [my time here] would look a lot different for me if rugby wasn’t here and the joy I’ve experienced through it wasn’t here,” he said.

Dye, now a fifth-year senior, will complete his ninth semester of playing rugby at the University when he graduates this December. The last four of those semesters have been spent as the club’s captain, an office his teammates say he holds extremely well.

“I was just impressed by him and by how naturally he fit into the leadership role,” Eric Seevers, a teammate who began playing rugby as Dye began his time as captain, said. “He was always great at explaining things and bringing in the new guys like me.”

Since taking on the role of captain, the men’s rugby club has continued to go to nationals as they have in the past. Dye said that in his time leading the team, he has tried to approach the game in a fun-loving way.

“I’ve tried to make it creative and fun, but with that, we also have to take

it seriously and have the right mentality,” he said. “I’ve seen guys pick up the game quicker than I ever have in my time at JBU. That’s really encouraging for me as a captain, because it says that the training is working and the knowledge is sticking with the new guys.”

While he is well-known for rugby, Dye’s influence carries onto campus as well.

“He’s a lot of fun; just a cool guy to be around,” LaBelle said. “But I also like him because he’s able to go to a deeper level with people. He’s just a great blessing to everyone he interacts with.”

“He’s just an awesome leader on the field, definitely, but on campus, too,” Seevers said. “People really look up to him and support him.”

As he will soon move on to life after graduation, Dye is appreciative of his time here at the University.

“I look back at my time here at JBU, and I realize that there’s so much that’s happened that I’m thankful for here,” he said. “It’s gonna be hard to leave... Really, it’s just trusting that the Lord is going to take care of things as I go on.”

Golden Eagle Golf Fall Season Recap



- The Golden Eagles participated in the U.C. Ferguson Classic in Oklahoma City, Okla. on Sept. 14-15. Though they took 12th place out of 14 schools, junior Trevor Barton tied for the third-best score for any player in the entire tournament.
- At the Evangel Fall Invitational, which took place Sept. 28-29, the Golden Eagles walked away with third place out of the 11 schools that competed.
- On the first day of the Abilene Intercollegiate Invitational (Oct. 26), the Golden Eagles placed fourth out of eight schools that participated.

*This section was written while the second day of the Abilene Intercollegiate Invitational was in progress on Oct. 27. Final results were unavailable during publication.

Correction: In the Oct. 15 Sports page, photo credit was given to Jessie Brandon for the photo in the article “Women’s rugby tackles negative stereotypes.” The photo was taken and contributed by Anna MacLachlan. We apologize.

Search for new speaker:
House set to vote today

Today is the deadline for the U.S. House of Representatives to vote for a new Speaker of the House. The leading candidate is Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., who announced his consideration last week, despite openly admitting he does not want the position.

Former Speaker of the House Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, announced his resignation without warning on Sept. 25, leaving the Republican-dominated House of Representatives in disarray. Then Kevin McCarthy, the majority leader and next in line for Speaker, dropped out of the running. A scramble to find a new candidate ensued.

Although this is a complex series of events, we The Threefold Advocate urge students to pay attention to the situation in the House. It is an important issue, despite not receiving much attention in the media. While many Americans tend to be apathetic about politics, there are several reasons why finding a new U.S. Speaker is an important issue.

One of the most crucial reasons to find a good U.S. Speaker is because he or she is second in line to the presidency. So if both President Obama and Vice President Biden were unable to perform their jobs, the Speaker of the House would assume the role of President.

In addition, the U.S. Speaker is the highest-ranking member of Congress. He or she is responsible for setting the majority party's agenda and generally works to make compromises and get bills passed.

The problem with choosing a candidate, though, is that the U.S. Speaker must receive an absolute majority of votes cast or more than 50 percent. Though Republicans dominate the House, caucuses have different agendas, making it difficult to agree on a candidate.

If an absolute majority doesn't happen, then the House will have to repeat the vote until a candidate is chosen. The House would be deadlocked until a Speaker has been chosen. In addition to holding important pieces of legislation, this would reflect poorly on the Republican Party, which many are blaming for Boehner's resignation.

"It had become clear to me that this prolonged leadership turmoil would do irreparable harm to the institution," Boehner said of the disagreement amongst House Republicans. According to USA Today, Republicans in the House could not agree on a funding bill to avoid a government shutdown and were threatening to remove Boehner as Speaker if he did not remove funding from Planned Parenthood.

While citizens cannot vote for the House Speaker, they should stay informed about the changes in this crucial political position. Many representatives run for president, so in the midst of a lackluster election season, Americans may see its next great president come out of the House. We The Threefold urge you to keep up with the important changes going on in our government so we can cast a wiser vote come next November.

Afghan hospital bombing
Allow for an independent investigation

Earlier this month the United States military mistakenly attacked a hospital of Doctors Without Borders employees, according to the NBC news.

NBC news stated that this occurred when the U.S started offensive measures to take control of a northern Afghan city that is under the control of the Taliban.

The death toll, which was initially 10, has risen to 23. In response, President Obama issued an apology and a promise of an investigation. However, according to Huffington Post, some Democratic lawmakers are calling for an independent investigation of the incident.

We The Threefold believe that the U.S. should allow for an independent investigation of the situation. We think this is the best way to get the most accurate information.

"The Pentagon has dodged repeated calls from Doctors Without Borders to allow an independent investigation into U.S. airstrikes over the hospital," according to Huffington Post. We The Threefold believe that, if there is truly nothing to hide, and this was an honest mistake, an independent investigation should be no problem.

The assessment team from the U.S. has even been accused of potentially damaging evidence by the organization, according to Huffington Post. This could make it difficult for people to agree that is was an accident even if it is found to be.

Therefore, an independent investigation is in the best interest of the U.S. military because more people will believe the information put forth by the investigation.

We The Threefold understand that some people want the military to investigate this problem because they have the most access to the information and some of the information could be sensitive.

We understand this potential issue, but believe that, when you are investigating a mistake that lead to the death of 23 people, figuring out what went wrong should be the top priority.

Therefore, the use of an independent investigation team is in the best interest of everyone. Citizens will get more solid answers on what happened. The investigation will also be well-respected and the conclusion will be accepted by most.

Choose your speaker



Submitted by CALLUM MCNICHOLS

Challenge your blindness



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"Ah, how blind I've been. How could I have been so blind?"

These are essentially the words that thematically sum up my experience with the Chicago Urban Immersion trip over fall break. Thirteen other students and I brought our varied perspectives and experiences to a place where the underlying darkness of a tumultuous city plagued by violence and discrimination shines brightly with hope.

The joy that emerged in the neighborhood of Lawndale and its Westlawn Gospel Chapel was refined by the fire, as it were – crafted from messy, hard, human connection and conversation. Mark and Jennifer Soderquist connected us with the community to which they minister and call home, showing us, in turn, the greater impact it has had on them.

Through the struggle, the people of this neighborhood are made more aware of the goodness that exists in the city, and that intense communal connection welcomed me in. The three themes of the weekend were immigration, poverty, and race, and I quickly discovered how consistently those things are interwoven.

We went with the purpose of learning and seeing. Throughout the weekend, we sought to *notice*. We did some yardwork in the community's "Garden of Hope". Rashad and Jada and the other neighborhood kids at the Westlawn Youth Network Center taught us how to dance. We sat with human beings living on the street downtown, sharing a meager sandwich and a listening ear with Leo and James and Nade. We listened to their wisdom, stories, and a variety of frustrations explaining why they're there.



Submitted by WALTER MEDRANO RUYAN

The missions team to Chicago consisted of 13 people who learned about immigration, poverty and race during fall break.

"I went to Chicago to observe the process. I left with an acceptance and expansion of my self-centered, one-dimensional tunnel vision of the world."

We walked away feeling our privilege. We bought tacos from a woman who lived with a direct view of the Cook County Jail. We were enveloped into Westlawn Gospel Church and sang the doxology with abandon alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. We met people who speak collectively and with purpose – *we, us, our*. We make change. *Our* history. I went to Chicago to observe and process. I left with an acceptance and expansion of my self-centered, one-dimensional tunnel vision of the world.

As a Christian, I should be committed to truth-telling. I am empowered to redemptively listen and utilize my sphere of influence and the privilege I possess to enact change and learn more. Observing the effects of poverty, the role of immigration, and the tension of racially-charged history is one thing; delving into unspoken thoughts and perspectives that sit and grow bitter at the back of our minds is another thing entirely.

That's what I'm coming away with after this trip. These conversations are hard. I will offend someone. My worldview

will cloud my judgment, I'll definitely fail to make myself heard, and sometimes I won't speak at all. But God has called us to be present in the pain, because at the foot of the cross, we're all equally depraved. And that is freeing to me.

"Grace pools in the low places." I wish I could take credit for that quote, but it belongs to Mark Soderquist. He's right. He's seen it. Lawndale has seen it. Thirteen other students have seen it. Even though the whole of the JBU community isn't consistently confronted with these problems in a widespread way, we have our share of low places. May we notice what we see and why we see it the way we do. May we take a deep breath and get to the heart of it.

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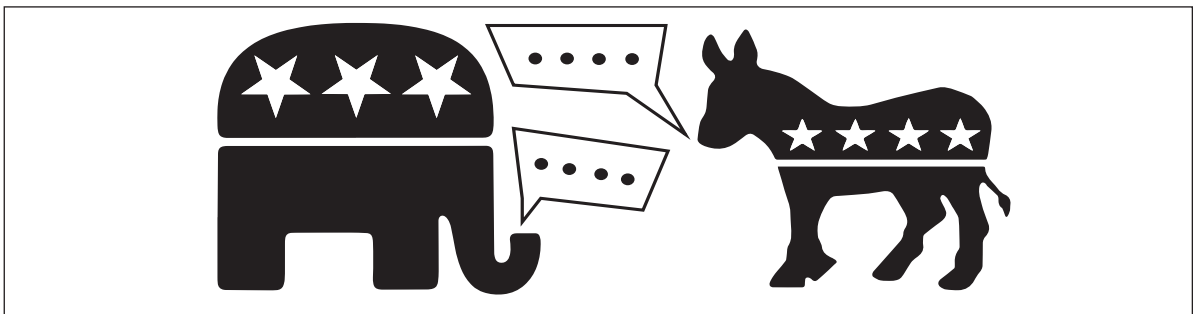
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Students: stop ignoring politics



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John Brown University has an incredible community. We support one another in sports, academics, spirituality and personal growth. Having spent nearly four years as part of this community, it’s been an amazing college experience. But one thing has been made clear to me. Politics is largely taboo among our student body, and severely ignored. I wouldn’t call JBU apolitical, but I would say that political conversation has been somewhat stifled among the student body. Of course we all have



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political perspectives, but we seem to be stuck in this netherworld of millennialism. When it comes to issues such as race, homosexuality, welfare programs, abortion and other sensitive topics, I’ve found that we as a generation are extremely conscious of offending others’ feelings and perspectives. And while we should *aim for sensitivity*, we shouldn’t let the comfort of an issue play a role in whether we

discuss it or not. Politics is not a game of comfort, but one of dialogue and communication. I’ll be the first to admit that I come to the table with a great deal of bias, but it’s my desire to discuss politics with those of both similar and differing opinions. Society doesn’t exactly benefit from one-way discussions between like-minded individuals, but it evolves and (hopefully) improves through competition

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in the marketplace of ideas.

Politics is perhaps one of the most important areas of society right behind religion and family. It affects our everyday lives in ways that are hard to imagine. Everything from the speed limit we all abide by in West Siloam, to the dishwasher detergent you use at home, is determined by politicians and bureaucrats. Taxes, student loan and education all reserve major roles for the government. We here in the United States are blessed with an incredible form of self-governance that allows us to have a say in things. We should not take this idea of self-governance lightly. To govern us well, we must educate ourselves and engage in meaningful conversations. It is my hope

that JBU will play its part in fostering the conversation.

A couple of years ago, I started a College Republican Club here on campus with the hope that I could somehow create political engagement. This year a new College Democrats Club is being founded. I believe that these clubs can spur on not just controversial dialogue, but encouraging dialogue.

I’m conservative to the core, but I’m always willing to discuss other viewpoints with the promise of understanding and reason. We need both liberals and conservatives, Christians and those of other philosophies; we need *good* discussion. I hope that JBU will foster these important conversations without embarrassment, and will be able to encourage one another to think critically. Our generation will one day lead this nation; so let’s begin discussing its direction today.

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Chicago trip changes missions approach



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“The purpose of this trip is not to leave with answers, but to leave asking better questions.” These are the words of Mark Soderquist. He was the facilitator of the Chicago trip in addition to Andrew and Maria Lehr. The trip to Chicago was life-altering to say the least. I had been to Chicago before this trip, but this time it was different.

I saw a side of Chicago I had never seen before. We stayed in a neighborhood of Chicago called North Lawndale, an almost all-black neighborhood, excluding Mark and Jennifer Soderquist. They have been there 25 years working with the church in Westlawn and with the Westlawn Youth Network.

I thoroughly enjoyed this trip because I felt like it had a humble approach to ministry. The words

“missions” and “evangelize” have a lot of baggage attached to them; they often bring a visual of a privileged outsider going and bringing the gospel to some poor, unknowing person. The problem with those words is that they often negate the fact that God is already working in the area that you are coming to. I was humbled. I was not a savior to the people of Lawndale, and neither were my peers. I came to learn and to see what it looks like to live life with people who are different than me. I came to see that it’s actually pretty simple, but that there are never easy answers.

Perhaps one of the most powerful things I witnessed was seeing how relationship building was central to the neighborhood. You can’t come into a neighborhood and expect to fix all its problems when you don’t even know the people. Perhaps that’s where the problem lies, however.

We love to fix problems, we love issues with easy answers. The issues in Lawndale are not easy. There is violence, there are hardships, but even in that, there is unity, and there is love in the neighborhood. Something that Mark and Jennifer said that I will never forget is, “Sometimes God calls you to be present in the pain.” Mark and Jennifer know what it’s like to have a distraught mother whose son has been shot,



While the missions team was in Chicago, they worked with local churches in the community and were a part of a dialogue about race relations and poverty in innercity Chicago.

and even though they can’t fix it, they can be present with her in the pain. I think that you just have to trust that God is working even when you can’t see it.

It has been difficult being back here at JBU because I felt like parts of me changed, but I am back to where I was before the changes. I don’t want the Chicago trip to be just another experience I check off my list. On this trip, I acutely felt my brokenness and it felt okay to be

broken. I was able to wrestle with these issues of race and poverty continuously and now that I’m back, it feels like I don’t have the time. Thankfully, the power of this trip and the people who went on it won’t really let me forget it. I don’t really have any answers (and that’s okay), but I am asking better questions. I may not be in Chicago anymore, but God is here working in Siloam Springs too. These questions that I’ve come away

with matter here. How do I give and take away dignity? How can I make people feel welcome? What is God already doing and how can I be a part of it?

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Military life creates homes throughout the world



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Home... It’s a wonderful place! A place you always look forward to, especially on breaks, because of all the memories it brings back. But... What if you don’t have a home? Or you’ve been so many places that you have multiple homes? How do you ever get over that feeling of homesickness?

Well, that’s normal for anyone in the military. My dad joined the Navy when I was in 6th grade and we ended up moving to Japan to be stationed an ocean away from



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our family. It’s a wonderful place! Amazing food, people, cute stuff everywhere, a great sense of security all around and so many trains. I was there for seven and a half years, in Yokosuka and Okinawa.

While I was in Japan, I would always get homesick for Arkansas— the fall leaves, open spaces, Chick-Fil-A, but mostly for family. When I moved back to the states, I grew homesick for Japan. Now, unlike when I lived in Japan knowing I’d be going back to the States at some point, it’s hard to know when

or if I’ll be able to go back.

You see, the Navy is wonderful. It brought my family to Japan to experience the most wonderful years we would never have imagined we’d be given. However, we kept on having to be uprooted. It’s a part of life, and I was one of the lucky ones. I knew people in high school that went to a new school every year, and it was hard enough for me with the few times I moved.

In the military, you have to get used to this feeling. You grow to love so many places that your heart is torn into multiple

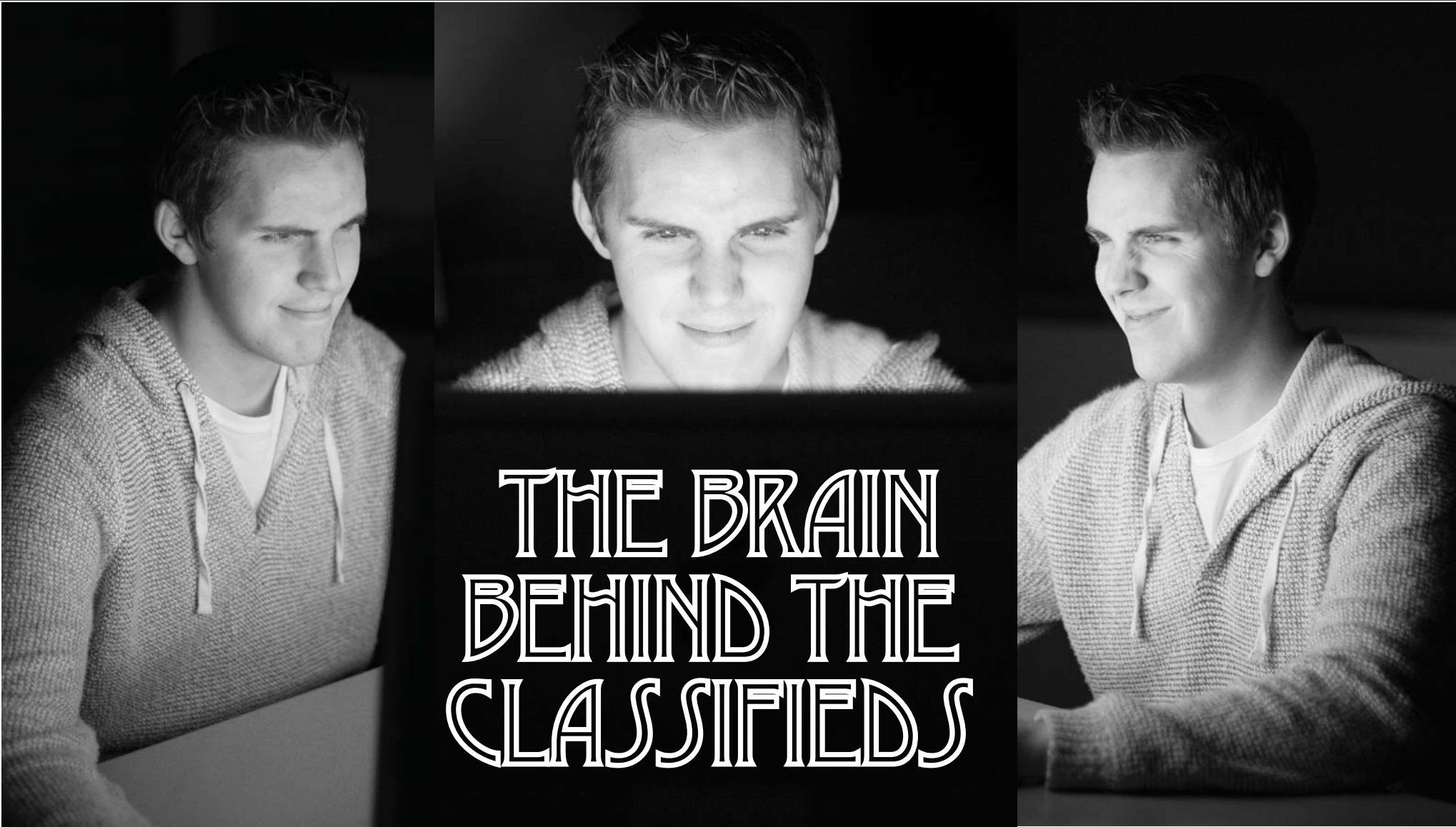
pieces. I came to love many different things in Arkansas, Yokosuka and Okinawa that couldn’t be found in the other places. You leave family and friends behind wherever you go and don’t get to return to those places that hold great memories often. It can take a toll on the heart, especially when you’re homesick for different places all at once.

However, this is still a great life. Even through all of the moving, uprooting, leaving friends and memories behind. I got to go out and make more. You make more friends than ever, have memories all over the U.S. or world and get to go on adventures when you’re in the military.

Japan was the greatest adventure of my life and I made amazing friends and discoveries that I never would have made in Arkansas. I can still remember the sand on the beach in Okinawa, the smell of Coco’s Curry, the landmarks I’d pass by on the trains in Yokosuka and the places I’d hang out with my friends. They’re great memories. Even though I often get

homesick for the many places I’ve lived, it can be both a blessing and a curse. It’s a joy to have lived and experienced all of this by this point in my life, which wouldn’t have been possible without the Navy. I have so many wonderful friends and fun memories that I wouldn’t trade for the world. Even though I get homesick often, it can be worth it because of the gift that the Navy has been to me. Yes, I will always be missing something or someone, but to have known them or experienced these things is what matters most.

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THE BRAIN BEHIND THE CLASSIFIEDS

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Kidneys, JFK’s air guitars, goats for rap videos, koalas and Proverbs 31 women. What do these random things have in common? John Brown’s classifieds ads.

If you’ve ever taken a look at the classifieds on Eaglenet, you may have spotted a few here or there that have raised an eyebrow. For junior business administration major Ryan Nichols, he made his mission to bring humor to ad pages.

The idea began at the end of his freshman year, and in his sophomore year he began to create humorous ads—one of his first advertising was for a Proverbs 31 woman.

“JBU culture is so weird, I was trying to get used to it and then I thought how can I make fun of this in a satirical way?” Nichols said, “then I thought, well let’s put up an ad for a wife!”

After sending the fake advertisement he received six applicants, and the

responses he received were equally comedic. Yet the ad was taken down within a week.

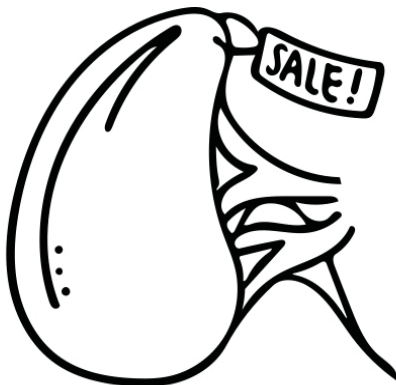
“I actually became great friends with all of the applicants, it was fun,” Nichols said.

Joshua Dover, has known Nichols before their time began at John Brown as they met at a scholarship event yet has gotten to know him better through hanging out in J. Alvin.

“Ryan is a really dynamic person, when he’s in business mode for classes and professional level stuff he is very driven.” Dover said. “But when you see the friend side of Ryan he is flexible and spontaneous.”

Dover said he’s been in J. Alvin when the mysterious ads were created. “I remember once he tried to sell a Koala named Munchie. Then our roommate Jeremy left the room and Ryan hacked his Facebook and changed his profile to a Koala... So his antics go past the classifieds.”

Jeremy Kimble, was Nichols’ roommate last



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year and said to describe Nichols as interesting is putting it lightly.

“One time he made himself his own man cave, he took the closets in J. Alvin and made his own little world. It’s funny because he’s actually an introvert. He also eats Oreos in his sleep,” Kimble said.

Kimble said they weren’t the typical J. Alvin guys when they roomed together.

Kimble and Dover encouraged Nichols to start writing classifieds, “He should keep doing these and years later when we aren’t here anymore they should continue them and keep the humor alive.”

Nichols has only made one ad this semester, due to his busy schedule but over the past two years has enjoyed the positive responses from staff, students and alumni.

“I’m guessing there is someone in administration, that is thinking they need to be serious as they have removed lot of the ads, but I’ve gotten emails from different

people even faculty on how they have enjoyed it,” Nichols said.

“Recently I tried to sell my kidney and an alumni responded. I asked for a goat for a rap video, and someone offered me a real goat!” he said.

Although the majority of his classifieds have been purely satirical, he hasn’t gotten too much of a negative reaction.

Ryan posted the same ad for the koala on Things for Sale in Siloam. And people thought he was serious and threatened to call animal control.

Yet Nichols responded and said, “I never seek out to offend, but I would apologize for sure, because that is definitely not my intention at all. I’m just trying to push some humor around.”

Both Dover and Kimble see a bright future for Nichols and foresee him working in people centric environments and with purpose behind his work as he brings joy to many people through his humor.

Hide your kids for the Day of La Llorona



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Long time ago, there was a beautiful girl named Laura. She was considered the most beautiful girl in her village. As she grew older, Laura became more beautiful and her pride in her beauty increased. She thought that she was better than everyone else and that no guy was good enough for her.

Laura’s dream was to marry the most handsome guy in the village. One day, she found the guy she was looking for: Jose. Jose was a good-looking boy, and he was from a wealthy family. He was an excellent singer and he could play the guitar—the perfect match for Laura.

Laura knew how to win Jose’s attention. During the parties, if Jose tried to talk with her, she just turned her head away. When he went to visit her and serenade her, Laura did not come to the window and she ignored all the expensive gifts Jose gave her. Jose’s desire for marrying Laura became stronger and stronger.

Laura achieved her goal: she married Jose. At the beginning, their relationship was good. Later, they had two children and become a well-known family. However, after few years, Jose began to lose interest in Laura and began to travel. He leaves his family for days and even months, but when he returned home, he only spent time with his children. In the town, people began to talk about Laura’s luck and how Jose could replace her with young woman.

Laura started to feel angry with Jose and her children. She could not believe that her husband would leave her, and she was jealous of the children because they took all the attention from Jose.

One night, Laura was walking with her children near to the river when she saw her husband with a young woman in a carriage. Jose stopped, called his children and then left. Laura, in a moment of rage, took her children and threw them into the river. After realizing what she did, Laura took her own life.

The next day, the people from the village found Laura near the river, but they did not find the children bodies. The people buried Laura’s body and made a grave for her. People said that each year, you can see a woman with a white dress near the river crying, “Where are my children?” This is Laura’s soul that could not rest in peace. Over the time, people began to call the ghost La Llorona.

This story has been told to children for generations. They are warned not go out on the day of Laura’s death, because La Llorona might appear and take them.

by: Maria Velazquez

Kicking in fall boots



KNEE-HIGH

Knee-high boots are perfect for those really cold days to warm your calf. Pair these with skinny jeans or even a pencil skirt for a wonderful transition from day to night.



PLATFORM

Platform boots are making a comeback. Wearing these boots with a skirt, skinnies or boot cut jeans will add chicness to any outfit. Also, you can add tights for a more professional look.

HIPSTER

If you attend JBU (whether male or female), the odds are you definitely own a pair already. To complete the hipster look, add a flannel, knitted scarf, skinny jeans, high bun/man bun and Ray Ban glasses.



FRINGE

These boots are only limited to skinny jeans. The fringe will make your leg not only look longer but also add a western touch to any outfit.



ANKLE



Ankle boots are perfect for any outfit, whether dresses, skirts or jeans (except for bell bottoms). These boots are sophisticated and classy, and everyone should have at least one pair.

ROCK N' ROLL



These unisex boots will be perfect paired with a black leather jacket. Wear these boots to add a rough edge to your outfit.

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Last-minute Halloween Costume Ideas

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