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## **Students celebrate diversity** Campus highlights World Awareness Week



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Senior Alejandro Ruales of Ecuador carries his country's flag at the World Awareness Week ceremony in chapel on Nov. 3.

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Flags whipped above the foreheads of students, faculty and guests in the

"The flag ceremony kuykendalla@jbu.edu began in 1993 with the idea that we needed to celebrate our international students," director of

was already celebrating World Awareness Week, Stevenson said that when he had the idea for a flag ceremony in 1993, there were probably fewer than 20 international students on campus. He requested that a flag be purchased for each international student, which cost about \$60 each at the time. The following year, the University celebrated its first flag ceremony in chapel.

The international athletes ceremony featured 27 student athletes carrying 17 flags from their respective countries. The ceremony took place before the men's basketball game versus Arlington Baptist College. "It means that

international students, even the athletes, have a voice," Sofia Mendoza Duran, senior women's basketball player from Columbia, said about the opportunity to represent her country. "They care about us," she said of the University community.

"Two years ago I was sitting in the stands at the beginning of a men's basketball game during World Awareness Week, and as they announced the starting lineup for the team, I realized that every starter was from a foreign country that year. I thought 'why aren't we recognizing this during world awareness week?"" Director of Service and Outreach Ministries Frank Huebert, who helped catalyze the athletic ceremony, said.

"This year we thought it would be great to also include our club athletes from men's and women's rugby and ultimate Frisbee teams, as they include a large number of internationals and children of missionaries as well," Huebert said.

The Tuesday chapel flag ceremony featured 52 flags, including the Christian and U.S. flags, carried by 51 international

# Atlantic-Pacific canal underway in Nicaragua

MARIA VELAZQUEZ the decision of building the Staff Writer velazquezm@jbu.edu

The Nicaraguan government recently authorized the construction of a canal that will connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

A Chinese investment company, Hong Kong Nicaragua Canal Development Group, will subsidize the Nicaraguan Canal and Development Project, and plans to complete the canal in 2020.

The project has brought concerns among the citizens about environmental and social effects, according to Reuters.

The Environmental **Resources Management** Ltd. has demanded that the Nicaraguan government verify that project builders and users will follow international standards such as protecting biological reserves and assessing possible earthquakes. The company also said that it needs to verify there is sufficient water to fill the 175-mile-long canal.

Patricia Morales, freshman mechanical engineering major from Nicaragua, said that building the Nicaragua Canal is not a good idea because it will harm important parts of the country.

"Any option that creates environmental harm should not be considered an option," Morales said.

Effects on freshwater bodies and deforestation are some of the environmental concerns that have risen with

canal, according to Business Insight in Latin America.

Playa Grande, a small fishing village, will be an area affected by the canal.

"Playa Grande and all the Nicaragua beaches are important for the tourism of the country," Morales said. "If they build the canal, the Ometepe Island will disappear too."

Hong Kong Nicaragua Canal Development Group plans to manage the project for 50 years, and it could have an extension for another 50 years once the project is done, according to sputniknews. com.

Carmen Selva, senior electrical engineering major from Nicaragua, said that even though the canal construction is a partnership between two countries, the benefits would not be equal.

"China will have more benefits than Nicaragua because it is the one that is interested in the project," she said.

Russian companies are ready to participate in the construction of the project once it shows progress. Selva said she thinks that the project could negatively affect certain international relations.

"Definitely the relationship between the United States and Nicaragua will be affected. Right now [the U.S.] does not have an extraordinary relationship with Nicaragua because of the socialist ideology of Nicaragua. It will be worse if Russia gets involved," Selva

said.

packed cathedral rows on Tuesday during the annual flag ceremony that begins

international programs Bill Stevenson said. While the University

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# Museum unveils Frank Lloyd Wright house





Courtesy of CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM/Photos by NANCY NOLAN PHOTOGRAPHY Top: The back exterior of the Bachman-Wilson House, designed by esteemed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Bottom: The master bedroom. Right: The living space to foyer.

#### **KACIE GALLOWAY** Editor

gallowayks@jbu.edu Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art will open its newest architectural masterpiece, Frank Lloyd Wright's Bachman-Wilson House, next week on Nov.

11, 2015, the museum's

fourth anniversary. "The great thing about the Bachman-Wilson House is that it is a really strong example of the museum's commitment to American architecture," said McKenzie Raub, senior history major who interned at the museum.

"As a public programs intern this summer, I worked with staff to facilitate a number of architecture lectures. Most of these lectures focused on Wright, and the attendance and excitement for these lectures was incredible. People in this community

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really love and appreciate his work," she said.

The Bachman-Wilson House exemplifies Wright's Usonian style of architecture: small, simple, made of natural materials like wood and stone, with a flat roof and little storage space. It is a distinctly American style of architecture, and resembles early mid-century and ranch style homes.

Wright designed several Usonian homes throughout the 30s, 40s and 50s, intending for them to be an affordable housing option amidst the Great Depression and in the post-war U.S. His designs were published in magazines for anyone to use to build their own houses. The first and perhaps most famous is the Jacobs House in Madison, Wis., and nearly 60 other Usonian houses designed by Wright can be found throughout the U.S.

In 1954, Gloria Bachman and Abraham Wilson hired Frank Lloyd Wright to design a home for them. which was constructed near a river in Millstone, N.J. An architect and design team purchased the house in 1988 and carefully renovated it multiple times. However, they determined that, in order to preserve the house, it needed to be moved from its original location because of flood concerns.

The team approached Crystal Bridges, which purchased the house in 2013. "The entire structure was then taken apart and each component was labeled, packed and loaded into two trucks provided by J.B. Hunt for transportation to

the Museum," according to Crystal Bridges' website.

Dismantled, the Bachman-Wilson House traveled 1,235 miles to Northwest Arkansas. The pieces arrived in April 2014, and a team of museum employees, contractors, construction workers. architects and specialists set to work to put it back together. The house is now nestled among the trees and walking trails on the Museum grounds, just outside the south lobby.

While Raub has not yet seen the inside of the house, she is excited to explore it. "The guides that the museum has trained for the house are incredible, and a real testament to both the enthusiasm of the community and the incredible staff and volunteers at Crystal Bridges," she said. Admission to the

Bachman-Wilson House is free; however, tickets must be reserved in advance as the house can only hold a few people at a time. Visitors may take a guided tour or explore the house on their own.



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# 2 NEWS Panel talks church, marriage equality

#### **TARAH THOMAS** Lifestyles Editor

thomastj@jbu.edu Many students gathered last Wednesday for a question and answer session where John Brown University president Chip

Pollard and chaplain

Rod Reed discussed the

Supreme Court's ruling in favor of gay marriage and how it relates to the church. Residence Life facilitated the conversations on how the Supreme Court decision affects students and the University after demand from the student body.

"It was a relevant topic and I'm glad we're able

JESSIE BRANDON/TheThreefoldAdvocate Student Derrick Heldenbrand asked what direction the church has to go to bring people back who have left because of the way

the church has handled the gay marriage issue.

to talk about it," Andrea Lillig, a freshman political science major, said. Lillig said it was reassuring to know that the University has a plan various situations that might arise.

Pollard and Reed explained the University's position and policies as well as actions the University is taking to care for and support gay students.

"In the past three years, Dr. Pollard had the board of trustees look again at our statements of faith saying, 'Is this still what we believe?" Reed said. "They reaffirmed and reviewed our beliefs and said 'Yes, this is still our position."

The University, as a private Christian institution, holds the traditional biblical position that sexual expression is between a man and a woman and reserved within the context of marriage.

The University's policies for undergraduate, graduate students and faculty applies to both LGBT and straight students-all are encouraged to live lives of chastity in singleness.

The University serves undergraduate students in "in loco parentis," which is a Latin term meaning "in place of a parent." As such, the University establishes undergraduate policies on alcohol consumption, antibullying and sexual purity.

The University admits students regardless of

JESSIE BRANDON/TheThreefoldAdvocate President Chip Pollard (center) and Rod Reed (left), university chaplain, answered questions at the Res Life forumn on gay mariage. Juan Rodriguez (right), townhouse RD,

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asked questions, facilitated discussion and organized text-in questions from the audience. "JBU students are trying

sexual orientation and makes every effort to provide the same care and support to gay students as straight students.

Reed said that besides the counseling center, faculty and staff are also available to talk.

Reed hosts a regular confidential meeting in his office as a place where gay students can get together and discuss what it means to be a Christian and to be gay. Students not only have the opportunity to be heard by each other, but also by Reed, a representative of the University administration.

"It is a place of openness," Reed said.

The University further encourages community, meaning it has no tolerance for harassment, violence, or use of derogatory terms for either heterosexual or homosexual students.

The Supreme Court decision on gay marriage can have long-term effects on institutions and students through the decrease of federal funding or the institutional denial of accreditation. The decision can also affect the perceptions of University graduates for grad schools or even jobs.

who Christ is," Pollard said. "I thought the questions were very thoughtful both beforehand and during the session," Pollard said. "I appreciated the tone of trying to understand and willing to see both the truth and love and the complexity of that." "There wasn't anything groundbreaking, but it

to figure how to live in a

way that's keeping with

served as a reminder for all of us," Zeke Willcox, sophomore communication major, said. "I really appreciated what they said and how they said it."

# Students prepare Christmas gifts for children

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John Brown University is hosting its annual packing party for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas

for and age range (2-4,5-9 or 10-14). It is then requested that you pray for the child who will be receiving your shoebox.

The collection week occurs between Nov. 16 and 23. This is when the boxes can be dropped off at more than 4,000 locations throughout the U.S. Bonnie Mitchum, the leader of the University's **Operation Christmas** Child ministry wrote, "Operation Christmas Child is so much more than just a shoebox, it is full of hope, love and grace. I want to show students that they can make a difference in a child's life with these boxes. Through these gifts

we are showing God's love by packing shoeboxes for children in need."

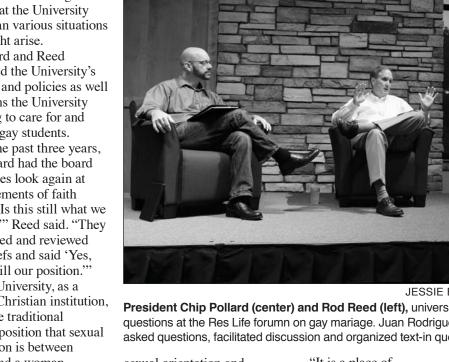
Mitchum even explained that this might be the first gift many of them ever receive. "The treasures and personal letters inside

the best part of the project is that every child receives a Bible in his or her own language. According to the project website, the children are also "invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program. They learn from trained local volunteers what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others." The tradition started in 1993 and has delivered more than 124 million shoeboxes in 150 countries. **Operation Christmas Child** hopes to deliver 11 million this year. The boxes are collected from the U.S., UK, Australia, Spain, Canada, New Zealand,

Germany and Finland. "This year, Operation Christmas Child became a CAUSE Ministry here on campus and we just talked with the SMLT and asked them to partner with us in order to collect

looking for more help. "We are still working on getting more items before our packing party on Nov. 8 from 5-9 p.m. in Simmons Great Hall B."

Their goal is to pack 150 boxes.



Child this Saturday.

Samaritan's Purse says that Operation Christmas Child is "the world's largest Christmas project of its kind." Through this project, people pack shoeboxes full of gifts for children, which are shipped with a gospel booklet to impoverished children all over the world.

To do the project, you start with an average shoebox. Decide on the gender you are packing

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The campus broadcast

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communicate that someone cares for them and gives them an opportunity to experience the love of God."

She also wrote that these gifts connect us to one another. "Every giftfilled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship-transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the good news of Jesus Christ!" Mitchum explained that

items for our packing party," Mitchum wrote.

Kristen Underland, a communication major working with Student Events and Activities, said this year the organization teamed up with SEA so that students could get one dollar off their Mock Rock tickets by bringing an item to be packed in a shoebox. Mitchum wrote that

the partnership worked well, but they are still

"One thing I really want students to understand is that the shoeboxes do not just impact children around the world but right here at home as well. God is at work in this project and we can do mission work here on campus as well as around the world," Mitchum said. "As we pack this year, we need to keep in mind that the greatest gift, the love of Christ, is packed in every shoebox."

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and American students. Niklas Derungs. freshman who carried the Swiss flag in the chapel ceremony, said he is honored to represent his country and exhibit his unique heritage.

"I've been told that I stick out like a zebra among horses, but I've also been told that I blend in with the other Americans," Derungs said. "But I don't think I want to blend in. I'd rather stand out and be different."

"Some take it quite seriously and are very solemn when they're carrying their flag. Others, like Becky from South Korea, was jubilant and waving it all over the place," Stevenson said. "There's mixed emotions all attached to a flag to which students pledge allegiance."

"It is also a reminder that heaven is not made up of one nation," Stevenson said. "But it's made up, as Revelation says, from people of every tribe, of every tongue, of every nation, of every people."

"When we see the flags going in, like Rod [Reed, chaplain,] said today, it is a pale reflection of what lies before all of us. And for me that's a happy thought," Stevenson said.

#### a Spanish broadcast is beneficial because there is now a broadcast that is in the first language of many of the international

news station is expanding its audience with a new broadcast in Spanish called EagleBreak Español. This is the first broadcast

in this area that does a Spanish broadcast according to Matt Bowen, a senior Bible and theology major. John Brown University could be setting the bar for other universities in the area by producing a Spanish newscast, said Bowen.

Carlos Chicas, the new supervisor for EagleBreak, came up with the idea. He also works at Telemundo, which is a U.S-based Spanish broadcasting station.

EagleBreak Español was born on a regular production night. After filming the English broadcast, Chicas suggested that they re-shoot it, but this time in Spanish.

Even though EagleBreak has had all of the resources to make a Spanish broadcast, it was an idea that they never thought of before, said Isaac Weaver, a junior communication major and EagleBreak producer.

Weaver thinks that being able to provide

students on campus.

"This is something we should have been doing the whole time but I am so happy we are doing it now," said Weaver.

By adding the Spanish version, EagleBreak is able to "tap into an audience that we have not reached before," said Weaver. It allows them to appeal more to the Hispanic community on campus.

Maria Velazquez, a senior communication major and anchor for EagleBreak Español, said that even though the community of Spanish speakers is small and it requires a lot of time for students to edit the new production, it is worth it to let Spanish speakers know that EagleBreak cares about them.

Rachel Musiime, a junior communication major, is an anchor and is in charge of the social media for Eaglebreak. Musiime agrees that having EagleBreak Español is a good way to show recognition of the Hispanic community on campus. Musiime also said that it

is a way for the Spanish speakers on campus to have a news source that is more understandable to them.

EagleBreak broadcasts in Spanish

It is a lot of work to produce EagleBreak Español because so far EagleBreak does not conduct interviews in Spanish, which leads to a lot of work for Weaver and co-producer Kaidyn Holbrook in making Spanish subtitles, said Velazquez. Musiime agreed.

Even with the challenge of writing the subtitles, Musiime believes that EagleBreak Español is making a difference for the Hispanic community on campus.

The reason that translating the new packages is hard is because there are many phrases in English that do not translate well into Spanish, which requires creative problem solving, said Bowen.

It is not just the Hispanic community on campus that we are reaching but also their families, said Bowen.

"My aunts in Ecuador can finally watch the show and understand what I'm saying,' said Bowen. "It's like we are going international."

Velazquez said she believes that EagleBreak Español is not just for

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Spanish speaking people, but also for the international community as a whole. She said that when EagleBreak begins interviewing people for EagleBreak Español,

they should interview people in a variety of languages.



KLARA JOHANNESEN/TheThreefoldAdvocate Anchors Matt Bowen and Rachel Musiime relax between shots. Bowen is also an anchor for EagleBreak Español.

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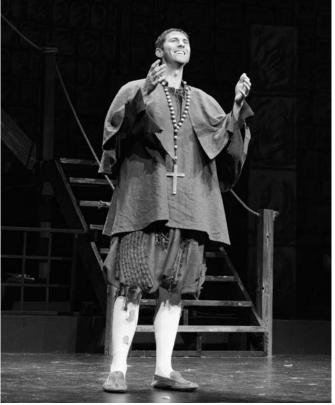
## LIFESTYLES 3 The Threefold Advocate Man of la Mancha adapts Spanish novel

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John Brown University students promise a spectacular performance this weekend with The Man of la Mancha.

The musical is based on the Spanish novel "El Ingenioso Hidalgo Don Quixote de la

as Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes. Senior music education major, Steven Hamilton, will perform as the main character of the musical, Miguel de Cervantes. In an interview via email, he expressed his excitement about playing the role of Cervantes. "The real Cervantes



KLARA JOHANNESEN/TheThreefold Advocate Alec Warn recites his monologue at dress rehearsal. La Mancha is based on a novel by Miguel de Cervantes.

lived an incredible life. He saw a great deal of hardship in war as a soldier, in prison as a captive and in his own country as a struggling playwright. However, he had an indomitable spirit that allowed him to bear up against struggles and maintain his honor and his positivity despite harsh conditions." Hamilton said.

Senior photography major, Abi Caskey, said in an email interview that this musical will be a unique experience.

'This musical is very different than any we've done recently. This musical is dark but at the same time there are definite moments of beauty and humor," Caskey said.

Caskey also said that this is the first time she is participating with a small cast.

"There are only 12 of us, which is the smallest cast I have ever had the privilege of being in, but it is stuffed with talent," she said. "It's extremely demanding since we have several layers to our characters,



KLARA JOHANNESEN/TheThreefold Advocate

Mariah Makil, left, and Steven Hamilton, right, run through the musical in preparation for their first performance this weekend. The play is expected to shock audiences, as it is not suitable for audiences under 12.

as well as playing several different characters."

The musical will present a diversity of themes related to human nature.

"This musical explores a number of themes relating to the basic nature of humanity. Humans live in a state of depravity, and are often prone to despair. However, the show does not leave the audience in the dark. Hope, not

despair, is the show's final thought," Hamilton said. Something that makes

The Man of la Mancha interesting is that it is a play-within-a-play. "The audience has

to follow two story lines, the prison and the story of the knight, Don Quixote," Caskey said.

While the musical is a University production, it is not suitable for audiences under 12 years old.

"This play is 12+ recommended because of intense scenes and sexual innuendos," Mariah Makil, sophomore music education major, said in a email interview.

The musical will be performed in the Berrv Performing Arts Center this weekend and the next at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available on the University's website.

## Faculty, staff buzz into your newsfeed Reported by REBEKAH HEDGES

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or Facebook help you connect



with others?

A: I tend to use social media to tell stories about mission trips, projects, trips and other aspects of life. I typically avoid trivia, politics and critical commentary. I like to share pictures, and I like it when my connections share pictures.





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Q: How did you first get your start on Instagram? And what inspired your famous hashtag?

A: I first started Instagram after I realized that Twitter wasn't really my thing. Capturing photos of my story appealed to my creative side. We started #theburneyjourney when we first moved on campus for Emily's Resident Director position to document our experience. We kept it.





"Big games #jbulife *#theburneyjourney* #JBU"

"My OFFICE is great. The audit survival kit is AWESEOME."

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@JamesEBruce 276 Followers

Bruce @JamesEBruce · Jul 11

The people who think I have just given up on mowing my lawn do not realize I have created a bunny & honeybee habitat. #lovedoes (& doesn't)

James E. Bruce

Q: What way do you think faculty has to approach the use of Twitter and other social media?

Looks like

long day."

somebody had a

A: I also think people, including faculty, should be themselves, so long as it's moral. Though an extrovert, I'm a private person, so don't follow [my acount] for candid photos of your professor. There won't be any. But that's just me. It's a free country!



"Airdrying @TMLevin shirts in #TheNaturalState, #Arkansas, by vegetable garden-also known as #WiseUseofPlayStructure."

# **4 EDITORIAL**

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Opposition is necessary for true vote

Bashar al-Assad, president of Syria, said he is open to a new presidential election. However, he has also stated that he will only agree to the election once the rebels have been crushed.

Russia, the United States, Saudi Arabia and Turkey have been involved in these discussions to end Syria's ongoing civil war, which has killed more than 250,000 people and displaced many more, according to the Guardian.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that the a Syrian election, in order to be fair, must be held while the rebels still have some power. Without power, there will be little significance to the rebels' opposition against Assad. This will make the election pointless since no one will be running against the current president.

In the last election, many regions and certain people groups were excluded from the vote, causing the United States and others nations to condemn the election as illegitimate, according to Reuters.

We The Threefold believe that it is necessary to have an election when there is still opposition to Assad, so that the election will be seen as legitimate.

One-sided elections are generally just for show and do not make a change. We The Threefold understand that some people may think that an election is a step in the right direction. However, if there is no significant opposition, the election would be absolutely meaningless because Assad would win without a question. Without significant opposition, the election would merely be a show of false democracy.

The country needs to have a fair election. We The Threefold understand that Syria wants to get rid of the true terrorists prior to the election. However, not every armed member of the militia is a terrorist.

One member of the militia, Saoud, is a former Syrian army officer who defected and now leads the rebel 13th division group. "What we care about is Assad leaving, not turning this from a war against the regime to a war against terrorism," he said to the Guardian.

Therefore, Syria should only focus on getting rid of the terrorists prior to the election rather than removing all the rebel forces from power. This is both unrealistic and unfair.

#### Lego should not censor Chinese artist should be free to use any medium

Chinese artist Ai Weiwei intended to create political art with the use of Legos, and was denied the bulk use of Lego's products to make his piece.

Lego's spokesperson claimed that they "refrain, on a global level, from actively engaging in or endorsing the use of Lego bricks in projects or contexts of a political agenda.'

WeiWei's art depicts 176 people who have been jailed for their political beliefs. He claimed Lego's denying him the use of their product was an unjust act of censorship and discrimination.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that Lego should not restrict their product as a medium which artists like WeiWei utilize.

While the company may not have a similar opinion on the political stance portrayed by the pieces, when artists create pieces with specific oil paints, the oil paint companies are not offended or

# Syrian elections are essential Stop being so polite It is OK to disagree



#### **ALLAN AGUILAR** CONTRIBUTOR

Are we too polite? As a community we are all too prone to setting our own opinions and ideas aside for the sake of coddling the feelings of our colleagues and friends, especially in a southern, Christian university. We have too much politeness going on in our university and that is not a good thing, because too much of anything is undoubtedly bad.

Many of us may not have been so polite coming into

"We are afraid, worried that if we show a hint of disagreement with the ideas of our peers, that they might go off to their other, more like-minded colleagues and express their disapproval of our disagreement."

JBU's community, but with time, we have taken on that type of character, of being too polite. This varies of course, but we can all agree that we have taken on some amount or form of being too polite.

Take, for example, politics. Politics is one of the touchier topics that we tend not to address often. We are afraid, worried that if we show a hint of disagreement with the ideas of our peers, that they might go off to their other, more like-minded colleagues and express their disapproval of our disagreement.

You might think that you have never done this, but you probably have at least once. Not only does this action negatively affect the individual, but it also negatively affects the general populous. We all say that it is good to have diversity, but we rarely allow for diverse opinions and ideas to take root, let alone be expressed, because people are worried and even afraid of what might be said of them and their ideas.

Perhaps we, as a community, are not too polite, or perhaps that is not the appropriate word for this situation. Regardless, we are simply being narrow minded, because we are not okay with ideas that differ from our own. I think it is definitely hard to accept ideas that differ from our own, but we should do things "not because they are easy, but because they are hard," as John F. Kennedy said.

Politics is not the only arena in which disagreements tend to flourish. We also see this in religion, in science, in social issues, in big issues, in small issues, and issues beyond. How sad it is to have a campus full of potential and yet we have it bottled up. Perhaps our community is not too polite, perhaps it just worried, timid of differing ideas.

As Christians, as scholars, we must pursue "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable" (Philippians 4:8). Because this is what God calls us to do, that is the only reason you need.

All of this can only be done if we are more than polite. We have to do more than nod our heads or hum. We have to open our hearts and minds and seek what is truly true for our own sake and for the glory of God.

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restrictive of the use of their medium.

In the same way, Lego should understand that their censoring the use of their product is unfair.

Instead of restricting WeiWei's right to use their product, the company should allow the use of it, and provide a statement that the opinions reflected through Lego art do not represent the opinions of the company.

We The Threefold believe that artists should be allowed the freedom of expression, as it is their outlet and form of communication.

We The Threefold understand that Lego may be afraid of the potential for bad publicity. However, we believe that they will lose more customers over their refusal to give Weiwei the Legos than they would lose over the potentially divisive political statement he is making with their product.

Artists have the freedom to use any medium to communicate the message of their pieces. It is unfortunate that WeiWei's pieces were censored because changing the medium of the piece can in turn affect the quality, purpose and intention of art.

Lego enacting this censorship reflects poorly on the image of the company as they are restricting artists' freedom.

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## Busyness is an addiction



#### **MADISON GIES** CONTRIBUTOR

As a freshman, I was told to enroll in 16 credits, sign up for a growth group, volunteer, be an active member of my hall and hold a job. Before that, during orientation week, we were required to stay busy. We were shuttled around to church and community projects, events and meals and more events. We had to stay busy, or else we would lie in our rooms and desperately miss home. We had to stay busy that week to distract ourselves from our feelings.

But it didn't end there. We stayed busy. We committed to more things, received more titles. Our email signature grew, our list of acquaintances expanded, our planners filled up and we became "important."

When our parents came to visit, they were impressed with the knowledge we had about campus, the amount of people we knew, the list of activities we were involved in. We felt worth.

We felt worth when we rushed into a meeting three minutes late because we were just at another meeting that ran long. We felt worth when we had dinner plans for every night of the week. We felt worth when we woke up with eight new emails. Where does my selfworth lie? Does it lie in the titles I receive? The amount of people that say hello to me on the quad?

I have to wonder, how is busyness any different than any other mind-altering drug? What would happen if all of our activities disappeared? We would have to face ourselves. We would have to think the thoughts that we hold at arms length. We would have to sit with that strange and sad feeling that comes when

point will our busyness end? When you move to a new city with no friends and no plans and no commitments, what will you fill yourself with? Will you take care of yourself?

I lived the fast and busy life my freshman year and half of my sophomore year. Then I hit the lowest point in my life and didn't come back the same person. I am changed. I have learned that my importance and worth doesn't come from my resume, activities or titles.

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we're alone and quiet.

Some people distract themselves from their feelings by drinking, others with drugs, some with food or Pinterest or running. Other people stay busy. Most of these are good in moderation, but anything in excess makes us sick. Excessive busyness is a drug that JBU students are addicted to. We are afraid to feel pain and loss and loneliness, these things that are inevitable pieces of the human condition.

We book ourselves solid from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. so that at midnight we can fall into bed and immediately fall asleep. We are so exhausted that we don't have to lay there in the dark and stare at the ceiling and think.

So what kind of future do we have if we continue holding this busy schedule? At what

I am taking care of myself and the people around me.

I've seen the same thing happen to other people: their parents die or they are admitted to the hospital or they have a mental break. These things shake us awake, put our lives in perspective and reframe our priorities. What if we didn't wait for the traumatic or rock bottom, though? Could we choose to slow our lives down, to enjoy those around us, to recognize our innate worth right now?

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# **OPINION 5** Perspective changes on death penalty

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I have always been unclear on my position on the death penalty. Sometimes I support it, other times I disagree with it. However, last Friday my opinion of the death penalty completely changed.

I attended a conference with staff members of the Threefold Advocate in Austin, Texas. We attended workshops and went to keynotes put on by different speakers.

The keynote on Friday was by a man named Anthony Graves. When he was 26, he was wrongfully convicted of the murder of six people (including four children).

He then spent 18 years in

prison and had two execution dates scheduled. Yet he was released because there was no evidence against him.

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This situation caused me to rethink my stance on the death penalty. In Graves' case, there was a lot of misconduct. In his speech he mentioned how the prosecutor falsified evidence, lied in court and tainted the jury by traveling to the site of his trial before jury selection to talk about how this man was guilty.

This is not the only time that misconduct has occurred during a trial.

There is also the possibility that someone can be put away not by misconduct, but simply by mistakes, whether by the prosecution or the jury. The world is imperfect and people can make mistakes. It is reasonable to assume that we have accidently put some people on death row who do not deserve to be there.

150 people have been exonerated since 1970 because they have been found innocent. Between 2000 and 2011, an average of five, people were exonerated each year, according to Death Penalty Info.

There is no way to make sure that every person who is on death row or in prison is really guilty. There is no way



REBEKAH HEDGES/TheThreefoldAdvocate Anthony Graves shares the story of his 18-year unjust imprisonment and how journalism can save lives at the ACP/CMA Conference in Austin, Texas, where more than 2,000 students, journalists and advisors were in attendance.

to know if a person is guilty without their confession. Therefore we are really basing our decision off of the evidence presented.

Because of this I believe that America needs to get rid of the death penalty because there is no way to be positive that the person is actually guilty.

There are also other strong reasons to oppose the death penalty. It does not seem to be an effective deterrent.

There has been a higher murder rate in states with the death penalty compared to states that do not have the death penalty, according to death penalty Info.

The cost of pursuing a death penalty case is also extraordinarily more than not pursuing one. In Washington the difference is almost \$1 million between a case where the death penalty is not sought and one where it is, according to death penalty Info.

Therefore there are several practical reasons why the death penalty should not be sought and alternatives should be considered. It costs more money and does not lower violent crime.

However, the strongest reason is that we are capable of putting innocent people on death row. Some will say that we are also capable of putting innocent people in jail, but that is not as irrevocable as the death penalty. We are not all-knowing, therefore there is no way to be 100 percent sure if the death penalty is the correct decision.

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Serve where you are Colcord causes student to rethink missions



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I used to think that in order to make an effective mission trip, it was necessary to travel a long distance to a place in extreme and precarious conditions. If there is not a 10 hour long drive or long flight to a foreign country or town, then it is not a real and impactful mission trip.

The idea of going to Colcord, Okla. on a mission trip might not sound as attractive as Africa, Europe or South America. You might ask yourself the question, "why spend a fall break in a place that is so close to JBU campus?" But I challenge you to start asking instead, "why not?"



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While in Colcord, the team from the University served and was a part of what was already going on in the community. They learned how to serve in areas nearby.

in Oklahoma. This is ironic, considering that it neighbors Benton County, which is one of the richest counties in the state of Arkansas. Even though people in

Colcord might not have the

with the local kids during the Sunday night service at First Baptist Church and on Monday when we visited Colcord Elementary School. Being with the kids helped me to get a deeper understanding

even in the middle of hardships. These kids know how to have fun. They appreciated having a good mafia game during Sunday night service.

During our visit to the elementary school, Lili and I, both Walton students from Central America, had the opportunity to share part of our story with them. As Walton students, we come from a background where opportunities are very limited, conditions that might be very similar to the ones the kids in a small, poor town like Colcord are living in. We shared how our ability to dream, trust in the Lord and work hard allowed us to accomplish one of the greatest milestones in our lifetime: coming to the U.S. and acquiring a college degree with a full-ride scholarship.

The best part was not sharing our story, but seeing the kid's excitement and desire to see their families, their town and themselves progress. They know how to dream that they can become anything they want to and travel as far as their imagination lets them.

In the end, this is what we are called to do. To take the good news to those far away and to those who are as close as a 20 minute drive. The Colcord mission trip is not only about what you will give to these people through the hard work and time you spend in the community, but also about all the lessons that you will learn.

This trip challenged the way I approached missions and returned the sense of hope and waiting in God that brought me to JBU.

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### "Children always find a way to smile and have a good time even in the middle of harships. These kids know how to have fun."

I want to share my experience on JBU's fall mission trip to Colcord. First, being there gave me back that special feeling you get from people who, no matter their situation, always keep hope alive. Delaware County, where Colcord is located, is known as one of the poorest counties

same lifestyle like the average American citizen, those four days in Colcord helped me remember to value the small details of life, which make it so special and valuable.

Among the most valuable experiences I had on this trip was the opportunity to share with the kids. We spent time

of Colcord's real situation. Kids in Colcord reminded me of what unaltered hope looks like. It is true that some kids suffer verbal and physical abuse from their parents in communities where people are economically challenged. Children always find a way to smile and have a good time

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**Cross country pursues championship** 



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Freshman Carly Coney pushes to get ahead at the Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree. The Golden Eagles will attempt to to place third in their conference at the SAC championship, which will guarantee them a place in the national championship.

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In two days, John Brown University's

cross country team

will do what they have worked for all season. The Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) cross country championship will take place this Saturday in Shawnee, Okla. The Golden Eagles hope the

championship will allow them to place in the top three for their conference. Placing in the top three would give the teams the chance to advance to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

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(NAIA) cross country national championship in North Carolina.

"We've been putting on a lot of miles," Kenny Crane, senior, said about the team's preparation for the conference championship. "Last week, we ran 15 miles each day. So I think building that base is what has been the most influential in getting us prepared for conference."

The men's and women's teams have to defeat formidable opponents at the championship if they wish to place. For the men's team, two of those opponents are Oklahoma City University and Wayland Baptist University.

"(Oklahoma City University) is the twotime defending national champion," junior runner Kent McDonell said. "They'll be at our

conference meet, along with Wayland Baptist, which has one of the fastest guys in the country."

For the women's team, the opponents are found in Southwest Baptist University and Oklahoma Baptist University. In spite of being tough opponents in the past, the Golden Eagles are hopeful about facing them on Saturday.

"Lately, we've been competitors with them," sophomore Abigail Danley said. "In the last few meets, we have had a lot better times. Our times have decreased by a lot ... I think we're gonna be competitors, and at conference, since we've raced against them, we're gonna be able to pick out their jerseys and chase them down." One way the team has

been able to compete

effectively this season is through what freshman runner Josh Uzelac has described as a "pack mentality"-that is, the members of the team tend to run close together in the races. Uzelac, who has the fastest time of anyone on the men's team, expressed his confidence in the method.

"So far this year, we've been able to move forward faster together as a crew," he said. "Going into conference, we're able to use that mentality ... and be able to place really high."

The teams are not only confident in their methods, but also trust in each other. Danley said they are all ready to give everything to get to nationals.

"We're all pretty confident," she said. "This is our last race of the season, so we're all prepared to give whatever we have left. Nothing is being held back."

Overall, the teams are excited to compete and capitalize on the hard work they have put forth all season.

"We've worked really, really hard," Danley said. "I'm really proud of all of them, and I think we're all really prepared to give everything we have."

# Ultimate frisbee dresses up for Fayetteville

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Halloween will come a week late for John Brown University's Ultimate Frisbee clubs.

Ironfist and Savage Skies will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. dressed as hobos and bugs on Friday. They will be competing in the Harvest Moon Classic, a tournament known for its comical peculiarity of each team dressing up in a themed costume. "It's also focused a lot on spirit awards and competitive play," Savage Skies captain and cutter Greta Smith said. "It will be a lot of fun being dressed up."

players are amused to see what kinds of costumes the opposing teams will be sporting. In the past, opposing teams have played while dressed as hillbillies, baseball players and even religious groups.

"Last year, I think we played a team of Mormons from U of A," Ironfist

will be the first time that our whole team plays together," Ironfist cutter Ethan Bolthouse said. "The first tournament we went to was mainly for our rookies to gain some

Savage Skies also have an opportunity to represent Christ in their actions. Hash expressed how their positive image is sometimes a stark contrast to the

teams they play.

"It's really common for more experienced players who aren't playing as much to come out on the field holding a beer in their left hand and throwing the Frisbee with their right," Hash said. "The first time I saw this, I was like, 'what is going on?"" Hash explained that his team's contrary conduct put them in a great position to represent their beliefs to the opposing teams. "In a really visible way, we were entering into the reality of this community

and not saying 'we disapprove of you' or 'what you're doing is wrong," Hash said. "We were just saying, 'hey, we look differently and we'd love to tell you about it.""

Amid these goals, both teams would also like to see themselves come away with a victory.

Every time the clubs attend the tournament, the

"I can definitely see us putting up a tough fight against any team we play." -Ethan Bolthouse

handle Jacob Hash said. "That was really fun. They came in shirts and ties. It was great."

On a more serious note, the teams plan to use the tournament as a time to give the less-experienced members a chance to gain experience for the official season in the spring. Returning members of both clubs are eager to see how old and new players will work together.

"I am really excited for this tournament as it will be our first look at playing as a full team." "We definitely

experience. This

want to continue to develop our rookies and develop our team chemistry," Smith said of her team. "Just getting a lot of playing time with different people will be really important." As they have fun wearing costumes and improving the teams' play, Ironfist and

"I'd like to see us in the winner's bracket on Sunday and maybe even come away with the number one spot," Bolthouse said. "Î'm not sure how attainable that is but I can definitely see us putting up a tough fight against any team we play."

"Just getting a lot of playing time with different people will be really important," Smith said. "We have seen an increase in competitiveness and skill from last year, so we do want to be competitive and do well at all the games."

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# Students need to step up support for sports



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Friday Night Lights. I don't miss much about high school other than these three words. To some, Friday Night Lights is just a television show; to others, it just indicates the ridiculous obsession the South has with high school football.

I miss the community that football games brought to our school and town. Although at John Brown we have basketball and soccer games in place of football, I wish I could experience the community of feeling as if the whole school was there in support.

When I chose JBU three years ago, I knew I would be giving something up that I wouldn't be able to experience-college football games. Sadly, in my time here I didn't manage to splurge on a U of A ticket either.

I miss holding each other's pinkies high as we waited for the team to kick off the next play, hearing the fight song blare from the



band every time we received a first down and cheering after a long pass was caught and turned into a touchdown.

Although my friends and I would talk in between the plays and had our fun, we always enjoyed watching our

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team win or cheered louder

in support if we were down a few points. We stayed engaged and aware and revelled in the community each game brought.

I know that both our soccer and basketball

teams are incredible and every year the soccer game under lights brings a majority of people But what about the games after?

Many people feel as if they have to only enjoy that certain sport to enjoy the game. Others don't want you to come if you are only going to talk and not watch.

There is a balance. It is possible to stay engaged in the game and also enjoy a good conversation with a friend on the sidelines.

Why can't every game have a full student section with painted faces and shirts and not just the TP game, where most leave right after they've thrown their toilet paper?

I wish we would all

agree to fully support our players and enjoy going to the games to feel that big community that basketball and soccer have the capability to bring.

Although I am guilty of not supporting our Golden Eagles at every game, I may be more inclined if our whole school was in on it. If every Tuesday/Thursday for one hour everyone paused from their busy schedules, we could love on our athletes and re-create that Friday night light feel.

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Cheer team executes with precision

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Cheerleaders conquer blood, sweat and tears as well as jeopardize their safety to master their routines at practice. The John Brown University community has the opportunity throughout the rest of the semester to see them perform.

"The cheer team loves to see everyone excited at the games," co-captain Audrey Macey said. "We love it when there's a big crowd and they participate with us."

The members of the cheer squad said stunting is particularly challenging. Senior Lindsay Dodson a base on the Cheer team, attested to stunting being "the most intense part of cheerleading."

In stunting, the flyer is one thrown into the air and caught by the bases and back spot. The base consists of two people who lift the flyer, and the back spot holds the ankles and controls the stunt.

Sophomore Conner Bedor, a flyer on the team, the feat.

"Stunting is probably my favorite thing I do as part of the JBU cheer team, but it's incredibly hard to do," she said.

As many stunt and dismount varieties as

there are, they all rely on the principle of trust. Dodson said it is similar to "doing an

epic trust fall.", "It's like four girls becoming one person," she said. "The minute you set to load into a stunt, there's an unspoken agreement. It's like an energy between everyone, and we all know that we're in this together."

The unison in stunting is extremely particular. Leaning a single inch too far to one side, throwing too hard or not catching high enough are potential factors for a fall or injury to the flyer or to the back spot and bases catching below.

Choreography is another component that Dodson explained demands specific body positions as detailed as thumb placement. All cheers and routines rely heavily on impeccable harmony, so much so that Dodson described everyone as being so in sync that they are even breathing together.

This team of female athletes holds two hourlong practices twice a week. This does not include tumbling classes and their individual training. They work hard to perfect their stunts, their tumbling and their dances. Bedor explained their efforts are due to their passion for the sport as well as their desire

"The minute you set to load into a stunt, there's an unspoken agreement. It's like an energy between everyone, and we all know that we're in this together." -Lindsay Dodson to make routines that appeal to the audience.

Participation in the stands as well as the lack of participation translate to the student athletes and trend within the student community as a whole. Bedor explained the frustration of cheering when few students are in the crowd. She compared it to the fun of cheering for their fellow athletes with a unified spirit of their peers.

"If JBU athletics was more united, then it would be easier for the campus to engage and be more excited about sporting events," said Bedor. "We are all student athletes who are playing our sport and are trying to represent our school in a positive way."





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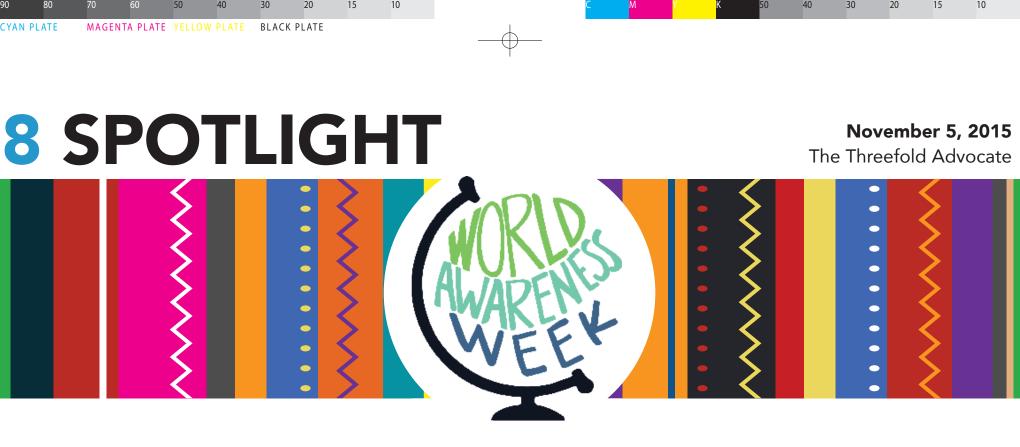
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John Brown University's cheer team leads the crowd in supporting the men's basketball team. The squad holds two-hour all-team practices twice a week as well as individual training and tumbling classes in preparation for their performances at the basketball games.

Corrections: in issue 7 of The Threefold Advocate, which ran October 29, Clayton Lyon was not credited for the photo in the article "Rugby captain leads on and off the pitch." We apologize.





Test your knowledge of geography, languages and general culture.

Capital Cities Crossword Puzzle

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#### Across

- 1. Capital city of India
- 3. Capital city of Czech Republic
- 7. Capital city of Brazil
- 9. Capital city of England
- 10. Capital city of Malaysia
- 12. Capital city of Costa Rica
- 14. Capital city of Greece
- 15. Capital city of Singapore

#### Down

- 2. Capital city of Poland
- 4. Capital city of Djibouti
- 5. Capital city of Australia
- 6. Capital city of El Salvador
- 7. Capital city of Argentina
- 8. Capital city of Peru
- 11. Capital city of Cambodia
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A) Saudi Arabia B) Iran C) Iraq



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A) Puerto Rico B) Panama C) Chile



A) Tunisia B) Algeria C) Turkey



A) Dominican Republic B) Belize C) Zambia

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