

White Helmets risk lives, aid Syria

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Over 50 bombs and mortars are dropped each day in Syria, each one destroying communities and leaving people homeless. Each time this happens, the White Helmets rush in to help people regardless of their religion or political views. The White Helmets, also referred to as the Syrian Civil Defense, is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to rescuing people who have been hit by bombs or air strikes in Syria. They derive their

name from the white helmets they wear while on duty. “I first heard about the White Helmets when they were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Their work to rescue people on both sides of the conflict, even their enemies, is incredibly selfless and beautiful,” Gabe Marcy, senior graphic



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Logo of Syrian Civil Defence, also known as the White Helmets

design major, said. The White Helmets were nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for saving people’s lives. Though they did not get the prize, an online campaign is currently going on at whitehelmets.org to raise the \$1 million they could have won as prize money. According to the

website, the money will be used to treat wounded volunteers and purchase rescue equipment. Derrick Heldenbrand, sophomore photography major, attended the John Brown University study abroad trip to Jordan. While in Jordan, the students stayed approximately five to ten kilometers away from the Syrian border. Heldenbrand heard

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California bill educates Christian colleges

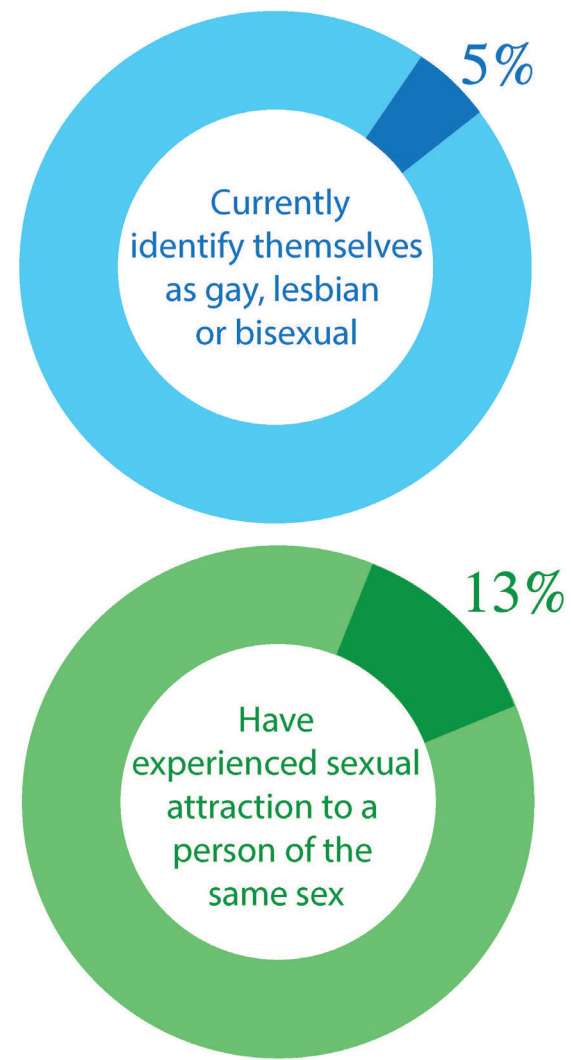
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California Senate bill, SB 1146, that seeks to regulate the way LGBT students are treated at faith-based colleges, recently passed after months of amendments and ongoing conversations between faith-based universities and the legislators in the state of California. The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. The regulations first stated in the bill were presumed to be a threat to Christian colleges’ freedom of religion. According to a Biola University news update, “If passed as is, this bill would strip California’s faith-based colleges and universities of their religious liberty to educate students according to their faith convictions.” After a group of presidents of California’s faith-based institutions met with Senator Ricardo Lara, the bill’s proponent, to propose that amendments were made to the current bill, the tone of the conversation changed. Chip Pollard, President of John Brown University and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, said that the conversations cleared up some misconceptions about how Christian colleges operate. “I think the main thing is that

they [presidents] just educated the legislators about the nature of Christian colleges and the public value that the Christian colleges were giving to the state,” Pollard said. Pollard mentioned some ways he thinks the legislators were surprised. Legislators thought that faith-based institutions expel LGBT students because of their sexual orientation, when in fact, many schools are willing to work with them and love on them. Whereas SB 1146 will not directly affect the JBU community or the way it currently operates, leaders at the University said they believe it was an educational experience. Chief Communications Officer Lucas Roebuck talked about the importance of establishing good relationships with the legislators. Roebuck said that no one had a relationship with Senator Lara, who was actively working on a bill that would have restricted access to resources to Christian colleges. “We need to make sure we have good relationships, open communication so we have the opportunity to tell people what our real story is,” Roebuck said. One of Roebuck’s biggest takeaways was learning to find common ground in the midst of conflict; “If we can work together in our diversity in the body of Christ, then we can find common ground with people that are outside of the body of Christ to avoid conflict, to help us

keep doing our mission – which is important at JBU and other Christian schools.” University Chaplain Rod Reed said he knows the JBU community will always have conversations about sexual identity. Reed explained that he leads a group of LGBT student that meets every other week to talk about their faith and struggles. “It’s a place where we want to communicate that they are loved, that they are important at JBU, that God loves them, that they were made in the image of God,” Reed said. Matt, a JBU student who is a part of the LGBT community, regularly assists to the group Reed leads. He said he would like the student body to know that LGBT students exist. “I think a lot of students don’t even think that that’s a part of the campus,” Matt said. He said it is hard being a minority on campus, but at the same time, he has seen how President Pollard and Reed are trying to come up with solutions. “It means a lot that somebody cares,” Matt said. As far as how SB 1146 informs future decisions concerning diversity and the LGBT community at JBU, Pollard said it is important to communicate truth and love. He said that a lot of Christians speak with a lot of truth and not love or vice versa, but neither of these alternatives are helpful. “The person you are talking to is a child of God, created in God’s image,” Pollard

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AMONG JBU STUDENTS



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said. “Start there, with respect for that person. And then listen. Listen to both their struggles and also their convictions.” **CHRISTIE NICHOLAS/TheThreefold Advocate**

Clown sightings in Siloam spark concern

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Several individuals wearing clown masks have been spotted across John Brown University’s campus in early October following the recent trend of clown sightings around the United States. The sightings took place at various locations such as the Dogwood Trail near Hutcheson Hall, the intermural fields, and near Balzar Technology Center. On Tuesday evening, a clown sighting at the Dogwood Trail was posted to the JBU Facebook page, Overheard at JBU. According to Scott Wanzer, the campus safety director, campus safety officers followed up with the clown sighting, searching for witnesses or any information. They called the Siloam police department to see whether they had dealt with any similar incidents. While there were multiple references on social media, the officers didn’t find anything that night. The next evening, during the SGA bonfire near the intermural fields, Campo received several calls of a clown sighting.

Julie Snively, a sophomore nursing student, present at the Student Government Association bonfire, noticed a teenage male in the parking lot wearing a black tee-shirt and cargo shorts putting on and taking off a rubber clown mask. Two other maskless male teens were with him, but stood several feet away. Thinking his behavior strange, Snively and several others called Campo and told them of the situation. Campo and the Siloam police arrived shortly after, interviewed the suspects, and released them. Leanna Ngo, a senior engineering student, saw the clown

earlier Wednesday evening before the bonfire when she and her boyfriend stopped at

the intersection of North Holly Street and West University Street.



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They noticed a man on a motorcycle wearing normal clothes and a “creepy clown mask” who drove past them and cackled in their direction. Ngo and her boyfriend tried to follow the clown, but lost sight of him. On Thursday evening around 9 p.m., another clown was seen around Balzar Technology Center by a student jogging. The student wasn’t alarmed and didn’t report the incident until the next morning. Wanzer said to pay

attention to an individual’s behavior as well as their appearance. He stressed the importance of constant vigilance to the trail users and students. “This is all about awareness,” Wanzer said. “About awareness of my surroundings of the trail. It’s about awareness in the Wal-Mart parking lot, walking down Main street sidewalk. The principle is the same 24/7. I need to be aware of my surroundings to pay attention or take active steps if appropriate.” Wanzer encouraged trail users to have a friend with them at all times as a precaution since “there is safety in numbers.” He said that if a trail user comes across a suspicious individual, it is best to directly address that person and keep constant eye contact. Wanzer does not think the recent events are of any immediate threat to the JBU community, believing that the masked individuals simply want to provoke an emotional reaction. However, Wanzer stressed that he and all campus security offices are and will be constantly vigilant in their duties to protect the student body.

FAFSA enrollment begins early

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, was made available on Oct. 1 this year, three months earlier than usual. FAFSA is an official form used by current and prospective students to request federal, state and school assistance in paying for college.

One of the benefits of this early kickoff is that those who apply early might be able to secure financial aid that is on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to USA Today. Those who delay to apply might miss out on such opportunities.

Michelle Baker, FAFSA specialist at John Brown University, has benefited from the early FAFSA kick off.

“The greatest advantage for me is that I can help students and parents get through the FAFSA process earlier so that when it comes time for awarding season, they hopefully will have this first piece completed,” Baker said.

Applicants are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which allows them to answer more questions on their FAFSA applications by transferring data from their federal income tax returns.

The 2017-2018 application is based on the student’s 2015 tax information. Applicants were originally required to make estimates of their federal tax returns, because this information was not yet available. With the new system, applicants already have their tax information and this makes the application

process more accurate and less time consuming.

Anna Gibson, senior marketing major, filled out her FAFSA application a few days after it was made available. She used to take several months to submit her application, because she would have to wait for her parents to file their taxes.

“Now, all the information is already completed from the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and all I have to do is confirm it. It took me like 10 minutes to fill it out this year. And it was processed by the next day.”

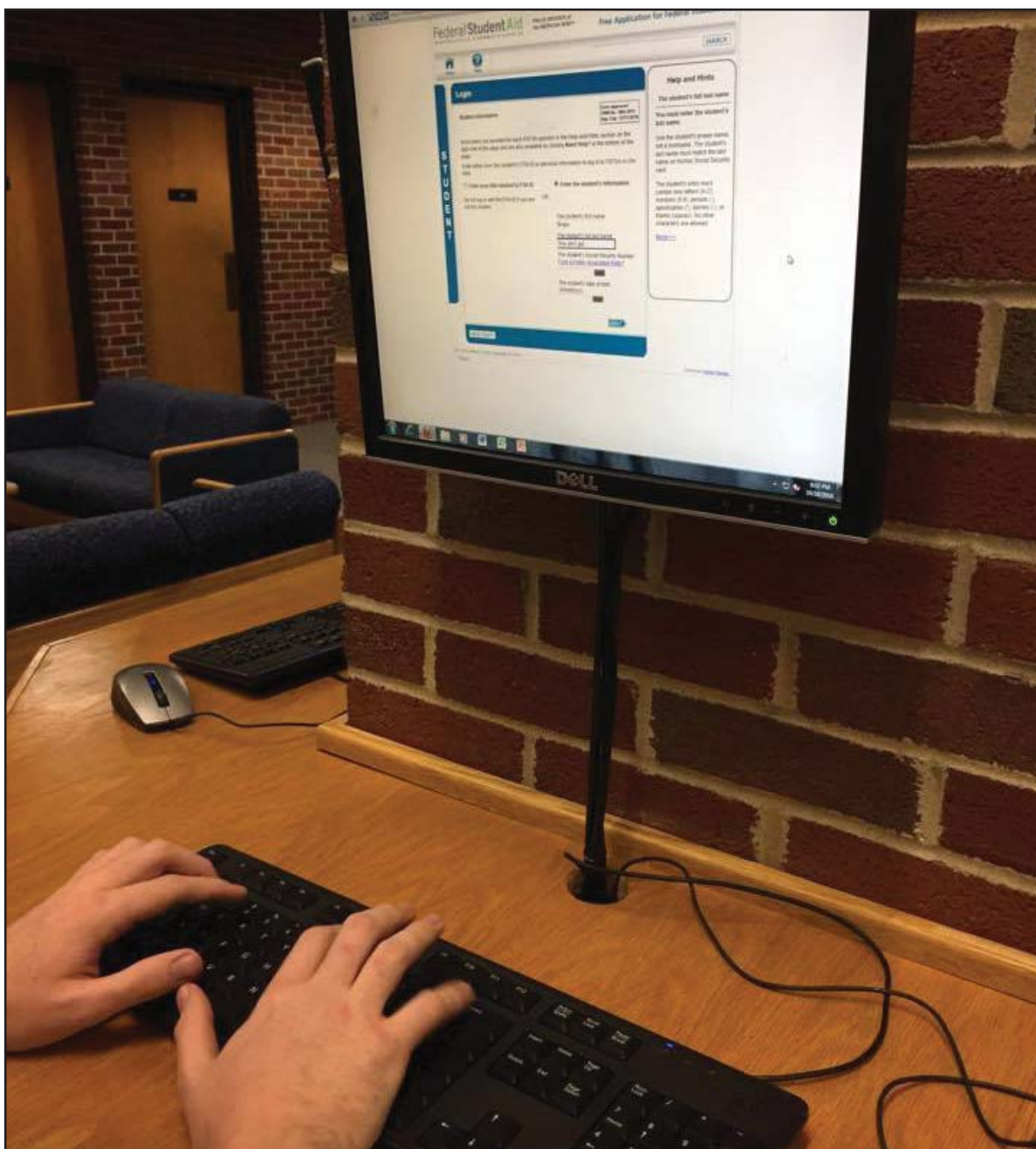
This new system has worked out perfectly for Gibson as she will be studying abroad in Australia next semester. Since she has already completed her application, she will no longer have to worry about it when she is out of the country.

The early FAFSA kick-off has also come with its challenges.

“I think the hardest thing about the early FAFSA this year is that I don’t get my normal slow season. Usually, after school begins, things slow down for me and I have time to recoup from the busy season and prepare for the next year,” Baker said. “This year we moved from the busy season right into the next FAFSA year so I don’t have as much of a break.”

Despite this problem, Baker is optimistic. With three extra months for this process, she believes that this year’s business will be more spread out and will provide a less hectic summer.

According to Gibson, there is still room for more development in the FAFSA application process. If possible, Gibson would enable the



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University students are now able to fill out their FAFSA with information from their tax returns from the previous year, instead of waiting until the spring.

applications to save each applicant’s information from the previous year.

“I don’t want to have to put in my high school, gender, address, etc. every time. It

should just remember it for the next year and allow you to edit or update your information

Faculty, students discuss campus diversity

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John Brown University is a school of 1353 undergraduate students. Of those, 1056 are non-Hispanic white individuals. While some may suggest that this is not a problem or that the University can’t do anything about it, some JBU faculty and students have stated that much more could, and should, be done to bring diversity to the campus.

Raynisha Robinson, director of Career Development and co-sponsor of Mosaic at JBU, said that diversity is very important not only to the University, but to the whole world.

“All tribes, nations and tongues should be represented.”
-Raynisha Robinson

“Diversity is important for college campuses so that students can learn how to do life with people,” she said, adding that being exposed to diversity builds useful interpersonal skills.

Robinson said she believes that diversity is especially important to a Christian University.

“We’re not trying to be like one another, we’re trying to be like Christ,” she said. Robinson said that

if JBU wants to reflect the kingdom of God, it should be reflecting all kinds of people.

“All tribes, nations and tongues should be represented. There are elements of God that are missing [at JBU] because those things aren’t reflected on our campus,” Robinson said.

She thinks JBU could be doing more to promote student diversity. “I think we talk about it a lot. We have the conversations, so that’s good.”

“There are steps that are

being taken. Could they be bigger steps? I absolutely believe so,” she said.

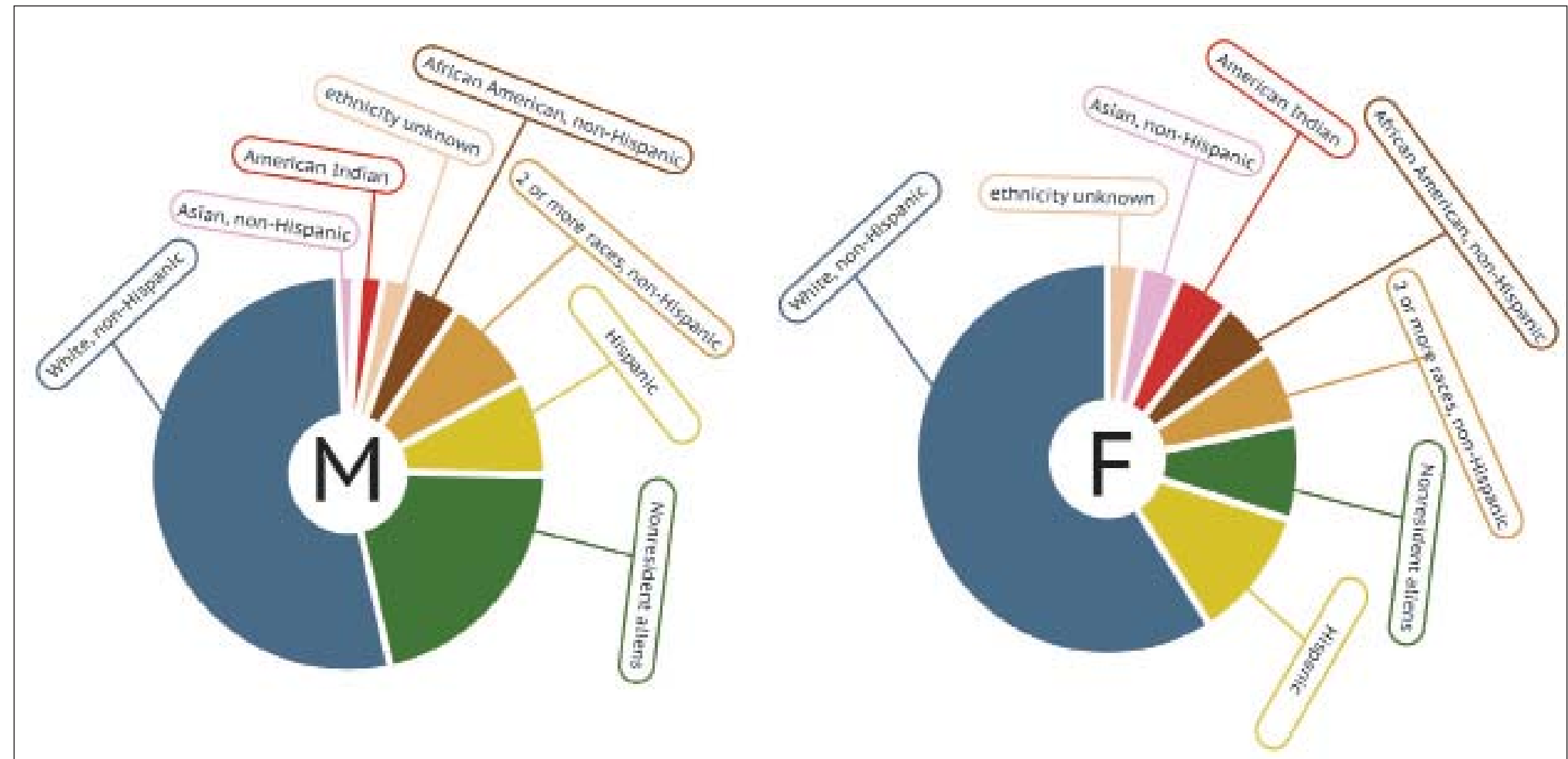
Several students at JBU share Robinson’s feelings on this issue. “JBU is diverse in that the people here have a wide array of opinions, beliefs and personalities, but diversity of culture and ethnicity is lacking equal representation,” Colleen Dyer, sophomore history major, said.

Sophomore Taylor Genser said, “I think we do an okay

job of taking care of the diverse groups we have. We just don’t attract new groups. Also, the groups we have are so small comparatively.”

Robinson suggested a few actions that could be taken to promote diversity at JBU. “We just need to do a better job of being who God has called us to be and really walking out love. When you’re doing life with people who are different than you, do it the way you would do if you were married. If your [spouse] makes you upset, you don’t leave them. Lean in and love them. Get to know people before you label or stereotype them,” she said.

Student demographics at John Brown University



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University discusses finance major

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The business department at John Brown University is looking at getting a new major. It will be a finance major. According to Joe Walenciak, Dean of Soderquist College of Business, the undergraduate council approved the new finance major on October 12. The next step is for it to get approved by the Board of Trustees, who has their next board meeting in the spring.

In February, the business department tested the appeal among current students in two focus groups. “After surveying both Business Administration focus groups, 38 percent stated that they would switch their current major to a degree in finance,” stated the business catalog changes document. The business department also found out that the proposed new finance major resonated strongly with all students—especially the students that are current Business Administration and Accounting majors.

The finance major hopes to provide students with an understanding of basic financial management techniques as well as a broad overview of financial planning and portfolio analysis. According to Forbes, ranks a degree in finance as the 13th most valuable college

degree in the world. MSN money even MSN Money projects that jobs in finance will grow by 10.9 percent within the next 6 years (MSN 2015). It was also regarded as one of the top degrees by the National Association of College and Employers.

Walenciak said that there is no set timeline for the finance major to become an official major at John Brown. One of the challenges is finding a professor who is qualified to teach the finance classes and has the Christian values that they look for in a professor.

Some of the new classes that will be offered with this major are: Principle of Finance, Personal Financial Planning, and Portfolio Management.

Principles of Financial will be offered in the spring semester. There will be a prerequisite for the class and it will be the Principles of Financial Accounting, ATG 2173. The course will teach the “basic concepts and tools of contemporary finance, as it relates to business, including the role of managerial finance, the financial market environment, financial statements and ratio analysis, cash flow and financial planning, the time value of money, interest rates, bond and stock valuation, and risk and return. Emphasis is placed on practical financial problem solving using financial



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John Brown University found that students are interested in a new major in finance. They will have more discussion about this in the spring.

formulas, a calculator, and Excel,” according to the business catalog changes.

Personal Financial Planning is another one of the new class that would be added. The prerequisite will be Principles of Finance, Fin 3003, and will be offered in spring semester odd.

The class will be an introduction of fundamental issue of personal financial planning from the perspective of a professional.

Portfolio Management will be offered spring semester of even years. The prerequisite will be the same as personal financial planning, principles

of finance, Fin 3003. This course deals with little amount of individual security valuation and discretionary investing. Students will be studying the concepts and evidence relevant to the management of investment portfolios.

Debate succeeds under new director

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John Brown University introduces new director Christopher Brown to the forensics and debate team.

Brown comes to JBU from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where he served as a coach of their nationally ranked program. Brown has also won multiple national championships as a competitor.

The change has been a long process for Brown, but he says it is going well. “With any transition, there’s a lot of uncertainty. There’s getting to know the kids, learning the process. Each institution is different, but JBU has made a great opportunity for me. They’ve given me assistance wherever I’ve needed it. The students here have been just great.”

Brown uses what he calls the “individualized coaching style” when it comes to coaching the team. “You have to treat each member as an individual because each person’s style in debate is going to be different and have different things they need to overcome.”

Brown finds this style to give



Courtesy of JBU FORENSICS

John Brown University debate team won numerous awards in their most recent tournament in Tennessee.

the best results for the team, and after looking at the past two debates, it seems to be paying off.

The Forensics team traveled to the Union University Bulldog Debates in Jackson, Tennessee to compete against several school in the International Public Debate Association.

Team member Matt Logan,

a sophomore business major, won second place in Novice IPDA Debate, as well as second place Novice Speaker, which places him in a good standing for season-long awards.

Junior psychology major Julia Bentley advanced to the Quarterfinal Round in Novice IPDA Debate, and the

team brought home the Walt Drake Judging Award.

Logan was impressed with how the team did. “We took four people, and it was everyone’s only first or second tournament we’d ever done. So for being as new as we are, were doing pretty good.”

Freshman philosophy major Noah Hackendorf sees the

benefit in being on a small team. “We are a very close knit at this point. Coach Brown has been able to give us each the individual attention we need.”

Brown looks forward to getting to know the small group. “I’m excited to see these kids develop their skills because its great to see the wins, but also seeing them develop the things they’ll use after they leave debate is really what makes me happy.”

Brown reminds his students that there are more important things than winning. “We want to win, but we want to win ethically. From the first day of meeting, we started with talking about the values of the team and building up from that.”

Logan said he sees great things ahead for the team with Brown coaching. “He is definitely more encouraging than anything. I think we have a great shot of improving under him.”

The team plans to host a home tournament in early January, a challenge Brown said he looks forward to. They’ll host several colleges from across the nation. “It will be a great opportunity to show off what JBU represents and to show perspective debate students what it’s all really about.”

Police respond to mental health crisis

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In light of recent high profile shootings that have involved victims who were potentially in a mental health crisis, police departments and law makers are trying to increase the training that officers receive to prevent these instances, according to USAtoday.

Studies have found that people with mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed by police and make up a significant amount of the United States prison population.

Tana Kunze, a John Brown University student who spent the summer interning at a police department, said, “I cannot speak for all police departments collectively, but at the police department I interned with over the summer, I observed those officers to be very efficient when responding to subjects with mental

health issues.”

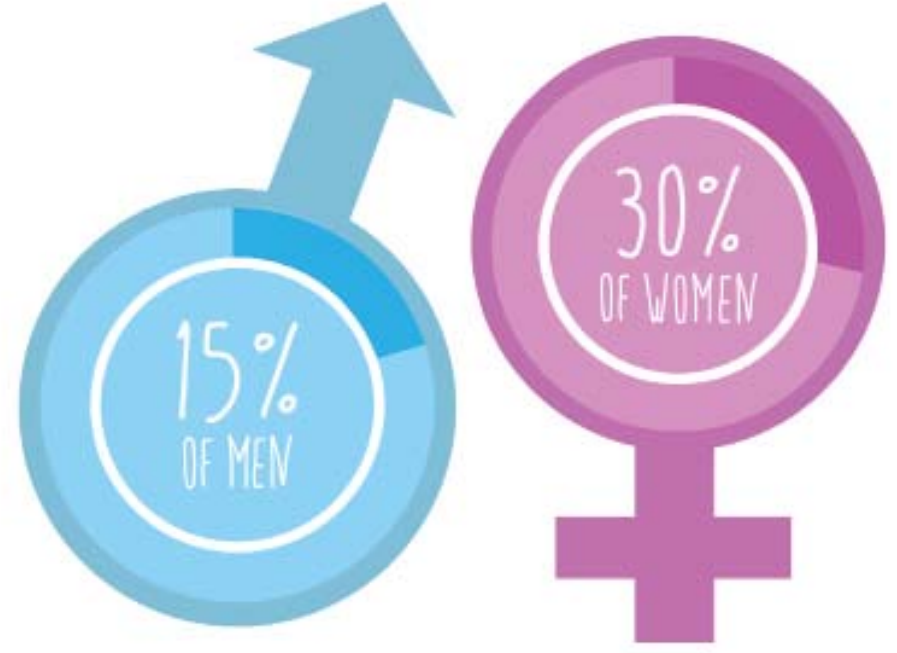
She said, “All sworn personnel must go through an annual training to renew their certifications in handling these types of situations.”

She explained that she does not know the specifics of what the training involves, but said, “I think it is important that all officers go through training to be as prepared as possible when handling people that have special circumstances.”

Minneapolis is starting a program which partners mental health professionals with police officers on the scene, according to USAtoday.

Kunze has seen success with a program like this. She said, “At my local department, they have a mental health co-responder hired through the county. She was able to offer input while officers were called to situations that warrant special attention.”

According to USAtoday, this program has been used by several large and midsized cities and has



Are anually booked in U.S. jails
have mental health problems

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Venezuela’s failing foreign friendships

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Over the past few decades, falling oil prices and the overall instability of the Venezuelan government have set Venezuela into massive inflation. As Venezuela stops international trade, super markets are finding it harder to get products, hospitals are running out of medication and acquiring even basic amenities such as toiletries or groceries a daily struggle for Venezuelan families, according to Pan-American Post reporter Luis H. Ball. The root for the economic crisis can be traced back to Hugo Chavez’s regime and its downfall. Many also blame the current president, Nicolas Maduro, and his failure to take up the late president’s legacy by following it with corruption and inexperience. Luis Volcan, former member of the Venezuelan military

academy and missionary pastor who now resides in North Carolina, explained that during his time in the military academy, he began to get a taste of the corruption the government would eventually turn to. Volcan’s squad captain was none other than Hugo Chavez himself. “I noticed that there was not truth in him [Chavez]. I was young and new, but I got an impression of Chavez even before he got to be president... he was a dictator, a tyrant with authority,” Volcan said. While Volcan agrees with the majority of the country in blaming Chavez and believes that the rapid deterioration of Venezuela began with Chavez’s regime, he also recognizes that the country elected Chavez because the people were tired of the corruption in the political parties. Prior to Chavez, Venezuelans had been ruled by a corrupt democracy. At that time, however, the country had well stablished international relations so resources were not lacking.

“[Venezuela] doesn’t have good relationships with key countries... Therefore they don’t have enough food and can’t produce enough for the people.”
- Luis Volcan



The food crisis in Venezuela has left shelves and pantries empty. The crisis can be traced to to the downfall of Hugo Chavez.

Ronald Johnson, former missionary in Venezuela in the 1980s, remembers a Venezuela much changed from the disintegrating nation it has become. “They had their oil resources and had a lot of infrastructure being built. I can remember I visited one of the nicest theaters I had ever been in while in Venezuela. They even had wild amusement and game parks. It was really just an incredible place,” Johnson said. While there was some economic struggle within the population in Venezuela,

the country as a whole was very prosperous, according to Johnson. Volcan remembers his country in a similar light but recognizes that even when resources were abundant, they were still expensive. Currently Venezuela has stopped trade with the United States, Mexico, Canada and various other countries. Volcan expressed that this has been devastating as the country is not capable of being self-sufficient with their main industry being oil. The lack of trade is causing the country’s shortages. “After Chavez and now

with Maduro as president, the country doesn’t have good relationships with key countries such as Mexico, The United States, Colombia, Canada and others. Therefore, they don’t have enough food, and they don’t produce enough for all the Venezuelan people,” Volcan said. Volcan and his wife often send care packages made up of toiletries and cooking items to his friends and family back in Venezuela, as many of them are struggling to find work and cannot pay for or find the products.

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shelling almost every day from the mountains. “It was really interesting to be that close to it,” Heldenbrand said. One night, he watched flashes and red rockets that were being fired only a few kilometers away. Marcy, who also attended the Jordan studies trip, recalls visiting Mafraq and driving past miles of tents in the Zaatari Refugee Camp, a place of shelter for Syrian refugees. “The concreteness of the suffering was overwhelming. Before the trip, the Syrian crisis felt abstract. Now, every time I hear about the conflicts in Syria, I think about the faces, names and stories of the beautiful people we met,” Marcy said. The Oscar nominated team behind Virunga produced a documentary titled “The White Helmets.” The documentary, which was released last month

on Netflix, documents the life of the White Helmets as they rescue people in Syria. The 2,900 volunteers have saved more than 62,000 lives. They are targeted by the government and over 141

of them have been killed. “In what’s called a ‘double-tap,’ suspected Syrian government planes drop an initial barrel bomb at a site and then a second one after the rescuers begin to arrive,” according to Time Magazine.



Emergency responders clear rubble in Maaret Nouman, Idleb, in November 2014.

According to Heldenbrand, it makes sense for The White Helmets to be targets, because they are aiding the cause that the enemy is fighting by saving the people. The motto for the White

Helmets is “to save one life, is to save all of humanity.” They are committed to the principles of humanity, solidarity and impartiality, according to their website. The White Helmets received attention in 2014 when they rescued a child from the rubble. The 10-year-old child had been trapped for 16 hours until one of the White Helmets rescued him. This gained international attention and the child became known as the “miracle baby.” Marcy would like to see more aid agencies and ordinary people supporting the White Helmets. “Their website has a lot of ways to contribute. Items like safety goggles are under five dollars. This is a tangible way for JBU students to respond,” Marcy said. “I also think it’s important to share the stories of the White Helmets. So often, news sources portray the hellish war experiences in Syria, but fail to show that there are good people working for peace.”

Two gunman dead in Kashmir standoff

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Tensions deflated in Kashmir last Wednesday as the Indian military killed two Kahmiri gunmen who had taken an Indian government building. Kashmir is jointly governed by Pakistan and India, and has been a disputed territory since the regions gained independence from Great Britain in 1947. India and Pakistan both feel that they have a legitimate claim to the territory. The people of Kashmir are far more partial to Pakistan than India and would prefer to either be governed by Pakistan totally or just have independence. Disputes over the territory are not a new matter. India and Pakistan don’t like each other on good days, though the two have maintained an uneasy peace over the past ten years after the two countries teetered on the edge of nuclear war, a result of an attack on the Indian parliament. Aminta Arrington, assistant professor of intercultural studies at John Brown University, said that the countries have always been tense with each other for a



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number of reasons. One of those reasons, she said, was religion. “There’s the religious conflict. Pakistan is primarily Muslim, India is primarily Hindu, though India is a mixture of religions, so there’s an underlying tension of religion, but the broader question is this: ‘who has the right to represent India?’” When British India gained

its independence, Arrington says, the people moved to their respective religious regions. “People on both sides had to leave their homelands. Those in India had to go into Pakistan, those in Pakistan, likewise had to go into India.” According to Arrington, the splintering of its regions, Kashmir included, caused

the country to question itself. “What’s the identity of India going to be? Is India a multireligious nation? Is it a Hindu nation? But Pakistan clings very much to its Muslim identity.” “But linguistically, the two countries are very similar, culturally they’re very similar. Hindi and Urdu

are essentially the same language, but Urdu is written in Arabic and Hindi in the Devanagari script, but they’re intelligible to one another, and even there is the split.” The occupation of the government building in Kashmir comes after increased protests to Indian rule and a response by Indian forces that can only be described as a crackdown. In an attempt to pacify anti-Indian sentiments, Indian police arrested over 8,000 Kashmiri citizens this summer, according to Al Jazeera. “Kashmir is disputed territory,” Said Arrington, “And this is another reason for all this underlying tension: the border’s not set.” “Kashmir is being governed by India right now, but it’s 70 percent Muslim, and this puts a constant strain on the relations with India, but you can’t just say it’s religion, because it’s religion tied to identity, which is how religion is done in Asia.” Arrington said. With the gunmen dead and removed from the government building, Kashmir is starting to return to status quo, though it remains to be seen how India, Pakistan and Kashmir will handle the growing tensions in the future.

Tax breaks normal for Trump and businesses

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Republican Presidential candidate and businessman Donald Trump claimed a \$916 million loss on his 1995 tax return, which allowed him to avoid paying federal income tax on his businesses for at least 18 years.

The enormous tax benefit came from failed business ventures, including three Atlantic City casino bankruptcies, a failed airline business and the untimely purchase of Manhattan’s Plaza Hotel.

According to Sam Heinrich, associate professor of business at John Brown University, Trump’s actions were legal and could be considered a strategic business venture.

“For businesses to be successful and for them to reduce cost as much as they possibly can, it would be prudent to take advantage of any legal tax methods or shelters that they have available to them,” Heinrich said.

According to Heinrich, federal corporate tax returns in big business may show huge losses,



Courtesy of GREG SKIDMORE

Trump’s many businesses ventures and failures may have granted Trump major tax breaks since 1995.

carring a large operating loss forward into future years. By doing this, the company would report the lost tax returns in future years and avoid paying taxes. Unless Trump cheated on his taxes, claimed expenses to which he wasn’t entitled or didn’t report income, his actions were legal.

Heinrich believes that the

media is taking advantage of this situation as a political ploy, implying that Trump either cheated or is unsuccessful as a businessman. The final stage of elections, Heinrich says, is when a candidate will start using whatever they can against their opponent.

“To people who don’t understand taxes, I think it’s an

attack that implies some ethical misdealing on his part, as well as raising the question about whether he’s been successful as a business person,” Heinrich said.

“Trump is an opportunist,” Heinrich said. “It’s hard to reconcile some things about Trump. I believe that he sincerely wants to make a difference,

but he’s a very self-centered individual that has a lot of pride and arrogance in who he is.”

Elijah Banks, a sophomore accounting student, agrees that not paying taxes in big business is a normal business venture.

“Corporate taxes are really different than just normal income taxes and especially when you are taking massive losses, thing get really different,” Banks said. “And also when you are working with billions of people’s jobs on the line, you have very different motives for doing things,” referring to Trump’s withholding of his taxes.

For a while, Trump refused to release the details of his tax return to the public, an unusual act for presidential candidate. On this, Trump told ABC News, “As far as my taxes are concerned, the only people that care are the press, I will tell you. And even to the press, I’ll tell you, it’s not a big deal. I don’t think people care.”

“It’s interesting that we are living in a county where paying taxes seems to be considered a prerequisite in some regard for holding political office,” Heinrich said.

Student-led political forums encourage respect

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Tuesday, October 11th saw the first of four student-lead political forums held on John Brown University’s campus.

The forum, organized and moderated by Jackson Love, junior engineering major, focused on economic policies of the two opposing political parties.

“I believe it’s important for students to know how to process their opinions [and] how to keep an open mind for others opinions,” Love said.

Love’s goals for these events were for the major political clubs on campus, the Young Democrats and the College of Republicans, to speak on the policies which the two parties hold, show what civil debate looks like, and encourage students to be involved and learn about politics. As Phillip Todd, senior international business major, recently said, one of the goals of the College of Republicans is to “educate and inform.” This goal is



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The College of Republicans and Young Democrats gather to discuss major political issues.

shared by the Young Democrats. These forums seek to do just that.

The forums include both prepared questions and topics by Love and time for the audience to be involved and ask questions. Love called it “The Gathering with political topics.”

The first three forums would solely focus on ideological questions and policies and the fourth would be candidate-focused. The first forum covered topics of trickle down economics, market growth, tax rates, the problem of poverty, inflation, minimum

wage and unemployment. The College of Republicans was represented by Phillip Todd, Caitlin King and Cole Mowrer, and the Young Democrats was represented by Allan Aguilar, Julia Swanson and Timothy Merrill.

Some marked that the differences between Love’s forum and the political debates between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were the lack of ad hominem attacks and the positive feedback from those in attendance afterward. Though there were disagreements between

the representative parties, each side remained respectful. This met Love’s goal, as he said “I want people to be proud of their opinions but also listen to others.”

President Obama’s effect on the American economic system was explored, among many things. The Republican side argued that the economic growth was inevitable as part of the natural ebb and flow of the system whereas the Democrats pointed out the success of his policies.

An issue thoroughly examined was Seattle’s experiment in

raising minimum wage to a living wage. The College of Republicans asserted that this incident had disastrous results. However, the Young Democrats countered that by speaking of the impossibility of living off of the current minimum wage.

College of Republicans, Phillip Todd proposed “enduring short-term pain for long term benefits.”

Young Democrat representative Julia Swanson questioned “How are you going to respond to the families who can’t pay rent?”

Saying that if employers cannot afford to pay their workers, perhaps they cannot afford to be a business.

Love stated the importance of these forums as a place where students can both get involved and learn how to express their ideas. The tentative dates for the second and third forums are October 20 which will cover social issues such as racism and abortion and October 26 which will be focused on foreign policy. The date of the fourth forum which will cover candidates has yet to be determined, Love said, it will be before November 8.

Midnight Musings: This is the way the world ends, #withawhimper



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Facebook. Instagram. Twitter. Snapchat. We all have them. We all use them. The development of social media has taken hold of the American youth like nothing we’ve seen before in what political America has coined “The War On Clickbait.”

A recent study conducted by Dr. H. Tag of the South Eastern Lower Florida Institute of Education (S.E.L.F.I.E) found several disturbing statistics, including but not limited to the following:

- 93 percent of young adults (ages 15-27) own an active Facebook account. The remaining 7 percent were found checking their Myspace accounts at least semiweekly. While Myspace has not been found to deteriorate brain cells at the same rate as other social media platforms, the outlying 7 percent face an immense



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“It’s called ‘walking’. It’s not very user friendly, and the PvP sucks, but there’ll be a day-one patch to fix that.”

amount of social pressure, because they’re losers.

56 percent of young adult men have only ever made contact with females over Snapchat.

Screen time among young adults ranges from 0 to 24 hours a day.

87 percent of young adult females are facing early-onset facial arthritis due to over-use of cheek muscles while posing for Instagram.

100 percent of young adults are incapable of forming sentences longer than exactly 140 characters.

The area of the brain responsible for facial recognition is deteriorating in young adults, likely due to the fact that Facebook and Snapchat technologies are quickly replacing the evolutionary need to be able to recognize a face.

While correlation does not prove causation, there is a strong level of correlation between media status indicators (likes, followers, friends, etc.) and desperate psychological need for attention.

Facebook-ing and driving has led to an increase in data overage. While network providers are profiting from this, parents’ pocketbooks are draining.

Amidst a seemingly hopeless dilemma, Dr. H. Tag and his team at S.E.L.F.I.E. used their research to propose a number of solutions. For example, Dr. Tag recommends that teens spend at least thirty minutes a day attempting to consume their weight in diet soda. While this may seem on the surface like an unhealthy idea, it isn’t possible

to consume your weight in soda in thirty minutes, so parents need not worry. Not to mention, Dr. Tag suggests diet soda only. His research shows that the tingling feeling of an immense amount of carbonation effectively replaces the false sense of hope and entitlement that a millennial receives from social media.

Dr. Tag’s second proposed alternative is a weekly game of dodgeball played with the newborn offspring of a Black Rhino. While the Black Rhino is considered to be “critically endangered,” the benefits of this sport far outweigh the consequences. In essence, the feelings of power associated with demolishing the endangered in a friendly game of dodgeball almost fully replaces the loss of popularity associated with social media (namely, Instagram).

Finally, Dr. Tag’s research team suggests that millennials replace Facebook with heroin. Simply put, heroin is far more addictive than the internet, and is certain to remove teens from the practice of social media entirely. Of the three listed alternatives, this one meets the second-highest level criticism (next to the diet soda); research shows, however, that Facebook related deaths plummet when combatted with the practice of heroin addiction.

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Support racial dentity

White House proposes new category

The White House proposed to add a new racial category on census forms in 2020 for people from the Middle East and North Africa, according to USAToday.

The article said that there are an estimated 3.6 million Arab-Americans in the United States. However, including other ethnic groups could put the total Middle Eastern and North African population above 10 million.

Considering this information, we The Threefold Advocate believe that this reform could have positive implications for racial identity and anti-discrimination laws. Adding a category for people from the Middle East and North Africa could help the US Government monitor how housing, voting, education and other policies relate to discrimination. Such information could help the US Government create anti-discrimination policies.

According to USAToday, under current law, people from the Middle East are considered white on the national census and sometimes find themselves caught between white, black and Asian classifications that don't fully reflect their identities.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that creating a space for people of Middle Eastern and North African descent on the national census would recognize those communities for their rich heritage. Moreover, it would express that their racial identity is just as valuable as those classified as white, black and Asian.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that this policy would allow those from the Middle East and North Africa to accurately identify themselves and attain specific services from the government – including health, education and employment services – based on the results of the census.

There are valid concerns that creating a new racial category would lead to discrimination. We The Threefold Advocate believe that the US Government should proceed with caution and thorough study as they consider all consequences to policy reform. But we also believe that this policy reform will aid positive racial identity rather than create bias. Those who are worried about discrimination will still have the freedom to choose whatever race they desire on the census.

According to The Pew Research Center, the Arab American Institute Foundation sent a letter to the Census Bureau in 2013 asking for a separate ethnic category for those of Middle Eastern and North African descent. We The Threefold Advocate believe that if reform is being called for by the very people it would affect, it should be seriously considered by the government out of respect and duty.

Strive to think critically

Democracy is at stake

A desecrated U.S. flag bearing an anti-Semitic message left at Tampa's Congregation Schaarai Zedek on October 15, sparked concern about the current and forthcoming state of U.S. democracy.

Days before the appearance of the flag, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump held a rally in West Palm Beach, FL. in which he accused Hillary Clinton of "leading a conspiracy of international financiers who are out to destroy U.S. sovereignty," according to The Philadelphia Inquirer. In his speech, Trump said that our nation is about to discover if we are free or if we live by the illusion of democracy.

According to an article by USAToday, Trump's language is similar to language employed by Hitler. "The only difference is that Hitler was honest enough to pinpoint the 'small handful' as being composed of Jews."

However, the heart of the issue is not in the kind of language or the anti-Semitic accusations, though of great concern. Democracy is at stake.

We the Threefold Advocate believe our democracy is in crisis because there is a lack of purposeful critical thinking among the population.

We the Threefold Advocate do not condone the republican candidate's anti-Semitic accusations. Every individual should be held accountable for their actions and those in power are called to behave in a manner that uplifts liberty, equality and justice.

What is the future of our democracy? A group of individuals left a desecrated flag with a message accusing Jews of controlling the media and immigration policies that allegedly affect the U.S. population in response to a candidate's political views. Our nation is in trouble.

The people should test every claim and weigh it against their individual values and what we stand for as a nation. We believe fostering an environment of critical thinking and healthy discussion is important, as long as it lives up to values where no individual, race, minority group, political view, sexual orientation or social class is attacked.

Anti-Semitism at college campuses is increasing. According to AMCHA Initiative, a nonprofit that advocates for Jewish students, in 2015 alone, there were 302 incidents targeting Jewish students at 109 colleges in 28 states.

We the Threefold Advocate believe that these incidents are a wakeup call for the population as a whole and for college students. How far will these incidents go before we acknowledge it is indeed an issue?

People should think critically, test every claim, become skeptical of everything, support what respects human dignity and fight against discrimination. Let us act out of a zeal for the welfare and dignity of all people.

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Friendship vital for health



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A ristotle said, "In poverty and other misfortunes of life, true friends are a sure refuge. They keep the young out of mischief; they comfort and aid the old in their weakness, and they incite those in the prime of life to noble deeds."

Based on years of medical and psychological research, we know that friendships are vital for well-being. Science increasingly demonstrates that we are hardwired to connect. The quality of our friends and our ability to cultivate and maintain healthy relationships contributes to long-term success in every other area of our lives.

Before the foundation of the world, our God was in relationships with Himself. Likewise, He designed us to be in relationship with Him and with others. The fact that He created us as male and female, that He chose 12 disciples, that three of them were his best friends, that He formed the church as a community of believers—are just a few of the many indicators that He didn't design us to live in isolation, to be self-sufficient and an island unto ourselves. God designed us for relationships, to be a friend and to have friends.

What do real friends look

like? In the workshops I've led on friendships, some of the most frequently mentioned characteristics include: there for the long haul, empathetic, ready to walk a mile in your shoes, generous with their time and their ears, ready to laugh even at your not-very-funny jokes. They're also emotionally available, truthful, reliable, faithful and dependable, willing to set aside their opinion to understand yours, "speak the truth in love," to disagree with you at times, laugh when you laugh and weep when you weep, show up even when they have no idea what to say, take some emotional risks and look for opportunities to encourage.

Someone once said that the best way to have a friend is to be a friend. What are some of the characteristics you'd like in a friend? Make a list of them. Now ask yourself this question: "How many of these characteristics do I have?" If there are any you are a little short on, you can make a choice to dig in and start to work on those areas.

The hardest step for the lonely person to take is the first step. Sitting around in your room and feeling fearful and sad and focusing on the negative "What if's?" is not going to change anything. Don't ignore your feelings, but take your eyes off yourself and your perceived limitations and, with God's help, focus on what you CAN do. What might a simple "first step" look like?

Read Andrew Carnegie's must-read classic "How To Win Friends and Influence People." Even better would be for you to sign up for PSY 2123, the Psychology of Relationship Development class, to learn practical and proven skills that will increase your confidence, your competence and impact your personal and professional relationships for a lifetime.

Expand your areas of interest. Many chronically lonely people have allowed themselves to become boring and one-dimensional. Do you have any hobbies? Are there any sports you'd be willing to try? Do you have a relational tool-kit? Do you understand what makes for good communication? Do you have good listening skills? How good are you at showing interest in others by asking good questions?

The fact is that we are hard-wired for relationships and good relationships don't just happen. When you risk expanding your circle of friends, you'll make some mistakes, you might be hurt, let down, disappointed, discouraged and even betrayed somewhere along the way. Welcome to the real world.

The good news is that with God's help you'll learn and grow from each experience and, like the Velveteen Rabbit, you will become even more "real."

You'll learn how to listen, understand, live, love, laugh, relate, share, collaborate, deepen, overcome fears, mature, grow, be happier, healthier and probably live a lot longer. You'll become more than you ever imagined. You'll make a difference you never thought possible.

Your years here at JBU present you with a unique God-given opportunity to grow in one of the most important areas of your life. You can cultivate deep and meaningful friendships. It won't happen overnight, but it can happen. So what will your next step be?

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How racism impacts me



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Growing up in Dallas, Texas, I never saw tension between races. Everything around me was diverse; my schools, my church and even the extra-curricular activities I was involved in. Then the incident with Trayvon Martin happened, and it really heightened my attitudes and senses of the issues between black and white people. I guess you can say I

was ignorant to the fact that these types of issues were still happening in the 21st century. That was just the beginning. The next big case that happened was Mike Brown, which resulted in violence and the start of even more and worse police brutality towards black people. I became more aware of my surroundings and the people I associated with.

touch my hand when taking my money. My first thought was, “I won’t have to deal with racism that much because I’m a really light skinned black person. But boy was I wrong. As my time here continued I was becoming more aware of where I stand in America as a black person. I became aware that white privilege is something real. My white friends don’t think when

friends who started to see the things that I would go through and it was hard because there’s nothing I could do about it. If I would get an attitude with them then I would be labeled as an angry black woman.

Do black lives really matter? Let’s get this straight, the Black Lives Matter movement is not saying that only black lives matter; its saying that at this period of time in America, black lives aren’t being valued like they should be. Specifically, black men are being seen as suspicious or dangerous. The reality is that the African American population has terrible stereotypes. Not all black people came from the “hood” or “the ghetto,” are uneducated, sell drugs, are in gangs or are violent. Yeah, sure there are some, but there are some in every race.

How often is it that you hear of police brutality of a white man because he looks suspicious? Rarely. The fact is that black men and women

are being killed by police officers and random people because of the stereotype that they’re suspicious or armed and dangerous. When these cases began to increase I was not only worried for the men in my family but women as well. Any given day I can be a Sandra Bland or a Philando Castile. When I see officers, I get terrified for my life and those around me. It’s sad to say, but I feel a lot safer when I have my white friends around me.

Things shouldn’t be the way they are. Black men and women, you are loved and valued. If you want to discuss this further or have a disagreement, I encourage you to come to MOSAIC, which meets every other Thursday in the Dye Conference room, and join the conversation.

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“At this period of time in America, black lives aren’t being valued...The reality is that the African American population has terrible stereotypes.”

Coming to JBU and Siloam Springs was definitely a lot harder. As a black person I deal with dirty looks from others and cashiers that don’t want to

a cop stops them that it may be the end of their life even if they just have the wrong tone of voice, or try to reach for their insurance and license. I had

Christians: stand up for religious freedom



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On October 5 the Siloam Springs Herald Leader published a front page column about how the Siloam Springs school bus drivers can no longer play religious music, or turn on KLRC. Apparently, the school district received a letter from the Freedom from Religion Foundation by a “concerned parent” arguing that “students on the bus are a captive audience and cannot avoid listening to broadcasts that the driver selects...young and impressionable students cannot be forced to listen to such programs.”

First of all, what are the

alternatives to Christian music on public school busses? Would the Freedom from Religion Foundation prefer that this social class listen to popular music about promiscuity, getting wasted on drugs and alcohol, materialism and love of money? Promiscuity attacks the sacred bond between man and wife that supports the family. The abuse of drugs and alcohol destroys futures, it often leads to multi-generational poverty and alcohol abusers often accidentally kill innocents in nasty car wrecks. Moreover, the love of money and greed attacks every other virtue such as self-sacrifice, gratefulness, peace, self-control and selfless love.

The letter from the Freedom from Religion Foundation further stated that playing Christian radio stations on the school bus violates first amendments rights. This claim couldn’t be more wrong. There is an important distinction between the freedom of (or from) religion guaranteed by the first amendment and the supposed freedom from hearing what you don’t want to hear.

The text of the first amendment to the US Constitution literally reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of

religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech...” I would like to point out the apparently not-so-obvious point that the first amendment cannot itself be used to justify the violation of the first amendment. Yet that is what the Freedom from Religion Foundation did in citing this text in order to justify actually prohibiting the bus drivers’ and even the majority of his student passengers’ free exercise of religion and free speech.

If students have a constitutional right to not have to listen to religious (Christian) music, then what about their right to not have to listen to atheistic music? Atheism is just as much a religion as any theistic religion in that both are fundamentally based on unprovable assumptions; both shape the most basic and important beliefs about origin, purpose, ethics and meaning and also make claims that cannot be scientifically verified.

What gives the government or anyone else the authority to determine what kind of music we can and can’t hear? Wouldn’t that obviously be an infringement of our first amendment right to freedom of speech? The answer is yes.

The first amendment forbids the state sponsoring of any religion. The claim that the driver’s individual preference of playing religious (Christian) music is the same as the Siloam public school district sponsoring a religion is illogical since the

is His messenger.” The school defended the teacher’s activities on the grounds that he never forced the students to respond in a religious way. Where was the Freedom from Religion Foundation when this happened? It would seem that

““Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

district had no policy mandating that a certain religious station ought or ought not to be played. Since it was up to the driver it was an example of his religious freedom to listen to religious music. He is in no way forcing the student to respond any religious way.

In fact, this very reasoning was used to defend a High School in Augusta County Virginia when students were made to copy the “shahada,” the Islamic statement of faith, which says “There is no god but Allah and Muhammad

the only religion the Freedom from Religion Foundation would have gagged is the Christian one.

If Christians actually care about their freedom of religion, then maybe we need to start pushing back against organizations like the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

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“Go and make disciples of all nations”



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At some point, the modern church’s perception of Christ’s commandment to go and make disciples was drastically altered and confined into a future ideal of great achievement. Far too often when I hear Christ’s call to “go and make disciples of all nations,” my mind jumps to God’s calling in my life to work overseas someday, and I apathetically decide that somehow that future ideal is good enough. Maybe it is just me, but I don’t think I am alone in this idealization of the future, ignoring Christ’s radical calling

to the here and now. Somehow, the busyness and aspiration-oriented nature of life has blinded us to the need that is right in front of us.

Let’s take a look at our city. Although Northwest Arkansas is one of the most economically opportunistic regions of the state, 17 percent of residents living in Siloam Springs live below the poverty level (three percent above the national percentage). Furthermore, even though Siloam is within the Bible belt and has over fifty churches, there is a large part of the population that does not attend church. Even closer to home, it can be easy to forget those who are suffering among us in the JBU community. Whether it is someone who lives two doors down or someone you sit by in class, we live in a community of broken people who are in desperate need of love.

What does all of this mean? It means that we cannot afford to postpone our obedience to God’s call to love others until some future ideal in life takes place. In John 15, Jesus gives the disciples a metaphor of Jesus as the true vine and us as the branches. He says, “If

you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love . . . This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay

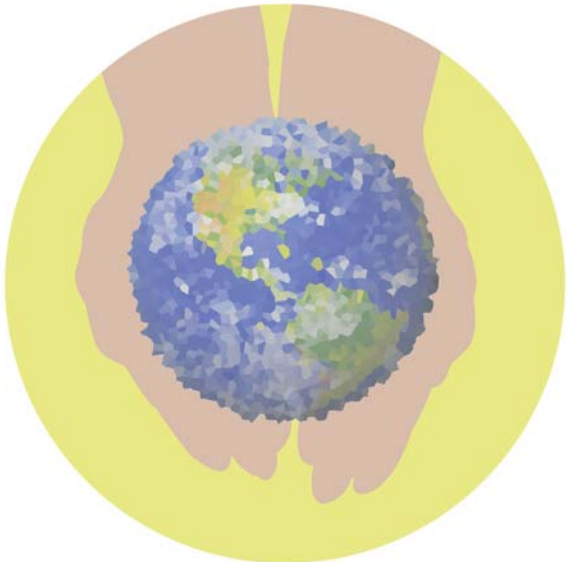
before us and step in to meet those needs.

This lifelong calling to go and make disciples, wherever we may find ourselves, could look like taking time out of

lives in the here and now. The Student Ministries Leadership Team provides some awesome opportunities. You can get involved in a growth group or a mentorship program, join a CAUSE ministry or go on a domestic or international mission trip. For the past year, I have been involved in and am now co-leading the Jail w (part of CAUSE). Sharing the Gospel with the inmates through exchanging experiences, encouragement, studying God’s Word and praying together, I have seen God work in incredible ways and have learned that a small step outside of your comfort zone can make a world of difference in another person’s life. That is the power of the love of Christ and the life to which God calls us as Christians.

Wherever you may find yourself, go and make disciples.

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down his life for his friends.” Abiding in the love of Christ is inseparable from active obedience to Him by making disciples in love. God calls us to step out of our lives of comfort and to love others even if it hurts. We must allow ourselves to see the need that is right

your day to really listen to the stories and burdens of another. It may look like actively going and seeking out those in the community who are in need spiritually and physically.

Luckily for us, JBU has some pretty amazing ways to live out God’s calling in our

Firearm club promotes safety

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In the fall semester of 2015, several construction management students had an idea for a club not seen on the JBU campus before: a club where students can learn how to use firearms, practice recreational shooting and possibly even enter into competitions with other schools all over the nation.

With this idea in their minds, a faculty sponsor and a club constitution, these students approached the Student Government Association, and JBU's shooting sports club was born.

Dedicated to the knowledge and skills surrounding firearms, the club exists not only as a way for students familiar with firearms to practice their skills, but also as a place to educate students who may not be familiar with firearms.

"The purpose of the club, as far as for JBU, is to get a broader feel of shooting sports to others, where if there's people who want to be involved or get into it, they have the access of doing it," sophomore William Garringer, the club's safety officer, said.

One of the major focuses of the club, especially regarding the knowledge of firearms, is safety.

"Whenever you have a new member come on, we make sure whether or not they have background knowledge on

firearms. They have to take an exam on it, where it's what are the firearm safety laws, what is basically common sense with firearms," Garringer said.

"Safety's a big deal, obviously. We talk about that all the time, and everyone in the club had to go through the safety orientation that we did," Mark Terrill, the club's faculty sponsor, said.

The other things that shooting sports offers are recreational shooting and competitions.

Recreational shooting is simply going out to a shooting range and practicing your skills with firearms.

Competitions, however, are a more in-depth matter. "There's a couple of different ways we can do competitive teams, with pistol and shotgun. But at this point, we're trying to work up to that. So right now it can be someone only comes by once a month, or they want to be on a team and practice every week," Terrill said.

Currently the club offers pistol competitions, which involves using a pistol to hit targets within a certain amount of time, and shotgun, where the competitor fires at clay disks that are launched across a range.

While the club is small,



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it is growing rapidly, with about fifteen members that are currently a part of shooting sports.

In time, members of the club hope that it can grow to be something a bit more widespread and enjoyed around the JBU campus.

"I'd like it to include several other shooting sports areas, such as rifle accuracy, and just being

able to expand in terms of number of people involved and the amount of information that can get to everybody about firearms," said freshman William Stroo, who joined the club this year.

"It'd be really great if we got to the point of a state school. Like, Oklahoma State University, for example. They do massive competitions and they

Courtesy of JBU Scholastics Shooting Sports Club .

go nationwide. Now, granted, JBU is a smaller school, but that would be awesome. I want people to join the club and get used to firearms, and I want people to leave with it knowing that this is a great experience," Garringer said.

Professor engages students with Scripture

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Walking into Walker 224, the desks are arranged in a circle waiting for people to fill them. Jay Bruce, associate professor of philosophy, sits at the head of the circle, like King Arthur sitting at the head of the round table. Every Thursday at 5pm this semester, Bruce hosts a Bible study. The Bible study is open to all students who would like to join and partake in conversations about the different passages. Before the Bible study started, Bruce passed out handouts that helped break down the verses and sections that we would be going over, and they had some of his explanations in them too. Once the clock struck five, we started. We went

around the circle and introduced ourselves so we would get to know the people who decided to participate.

"The printed handouts are decent. Every now and again Bruce has a real nugget of wisdom," said Noah Franz, junior graphic design major. "Dr. Bruce does a great job of diving into denser texts, and pulling out some key points (well-illustrated by his outlines) to cover and discuss. He tries hard to base all of his points on scripture alone, and he isn't afraid to admit when he doesn't know something," said junior biochemistry major Kip Peirce.

The reason that Bruce started the Bible study was because he has more to offer students than just philosophy that is taught in the classroom, and because his pastor at

Redeemer showed Bruce that we should prioritize student engagement with the Scriptures.

At the Bible study they are currently studying the book of Deuteronomy and looking at how those who love God obey his commandments. "I've taken the ten commandments, given in Deuteronomy 5, as a guide to the entire book. So each week we consider one of the ten commandments by looking at commands relating to it. So, for example, we recently considered the Sabbath in the context of commands related to tithing, being generous to the poor and worshipping the Lord with his people. It's fun, and half the campus should come out next week," said Bruce.

Bruce would like to do another Bible study next semester. "I'm open to

suggestions about what book to consider next, and also about what time to have the Bible study. I am wondering whether a Bible study even later than 5 pm—when we now meet—would allow more people to come. Students can always email me at jbruce@jbu.edu, to offer advice, suggestions, criticism, etc.," Bruce stated. Pierce said that he would recommend others to Bruce's Bible study because it is always extremely welcoming to new students, it's not too much of a time commitment, he doesn't force a certain theological perspective on the class (although he isn't afraid to share his own convictions) and he has really good things to say. The only downside that Pierce and Franz agree on is the time. Since it is at five, you have to put off dinner for a little bit.

"I'd recommend it to anyone who doesn't care about putting off a caf meal 45 minutes," said Franz. "If the Bible study weren't scheduled right at the beginning of dinner, I'd be recommending it to everyone," said Pierce. "I want our students to stay close to the Lord Jesus—or, if they do not know him, to fall in love with him. He does not disappoint; he is altogether good. And how do you fall in love with him, or deeper in love with him? You study the Bible. And I'm not unqualified to teach the Bible; I did study theology before philosophy, and I am licensed to preach," said Bruce.



Jay Bruce (right) and students learning about Scripture.
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Planning to get a new hobby?

How about making planning your hobby?

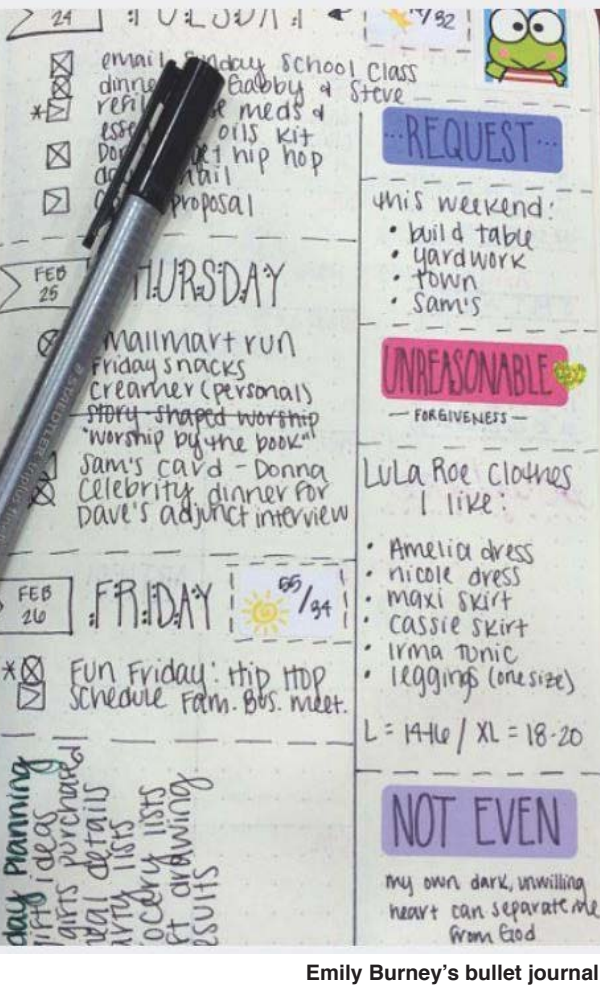
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When most of us think of planning, we think of a drab colored sheet with the days of our week written out and being bluntly monopolized by large blocks of homework, chores and meetings. When Emily Burney thinks of planning, her opinion is unique. What comes to Burney’s mind is a fun activity that combines the science of time management with the enjoyable nature of art. “This [planning] is

both an art and a science; it allows me to use both sides of my brain. Making my schedule creates structure, and the artsy side of it is that I can go back through and label activities with different colors or stickers,” Burney stated. The artistic side of planning is what Burney really enjoys; from the types of labels to the color schemes, organization is an art in itself. “The planner community really opened up my eyes to the different types of planners and the different types of papers and the types of pens I like to use. Sometimes I like a certain color pen only on a certain paper depending the way it looks,” she said.

Burney became enveloped in this unique hobby back in middle school when she got her first planner. The practice of keeping her activities organized has captivated her ever since. “In college I had been introduced to the planning community. It sounds a bit odd, but there are hundreds of types of planners and designers

for them,” Burney stated. The planning community is incredibly widespread. One of the most well-known planner brands is Erin Condren, which Burney highly recommends. Many planner brands such as Emily Condren provide customizable options that change as life changes. “One of the things I had to learn was that with every new life stage, whether that is starting college or getting married, your planning system may change,” Burney said. Burney makes a point of recording the things that she usually misses when she gets too busy. She includes things from time with her family to noticing beautiful landscapes in her schedule. Burney takes a holistic approach to planning: it is not only about the meetings and chores, but also about the experiences everyone should plan not to miss. “That is one of the big reasons why I schedule. I plan to plan into my day free time, which is the opposite of what you think you would do but it is easy for your time to get filled up,” Burney stated. Burney’s passion for planning does not end after she closes her own planer or checks off another thing from her to do list. She has expanded her hobby by pouring into others and starting a group in the community that gets together to discuss planning techniques as well as time management methods. While the group has only met twice and is comprised of students, Burney is hopeful that it will become more established and that more members of the community will be encouraged to join.



Emily Burney's bullet journal

Emily Burney shared some of her customized journal designs on her Facebook page. Courtesy of EMILY BURNEY

Looking for a job? Here’s what not to do

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#1 Seek help too late in your career

“Students will come months before their graduation to the Career Development and ask about their options to find a job,” David Ruales, International Business grad student and Career Development specialist said. It is recommended for students to start seeking for these things earlier so that in their senior year they can focus on school knowing they have options already.

#2 Be too comfortable

Believing that you are prepared for the job does not mean that the person hiring you will believe that. Create resources that can help you communicate who you are and what you have accomplished.

#3 Don’t spend time on resume building

Writing resumes too fast and soon before the interview is a common mistake. Students need to have someone help them review their resume before submitting it. The quality of your resume can determine whether the recruiter decides to give you the job.

#4 Don’t take assessment tests

Many students do not know what their main strengths are. An assessment test can help the student during interviews. It helps their personal presentation flow better as they have an example of each strength in their professional profile.

#5 Don’t prepare for the interview

Students need to be effective at answering questions. Prepare and practice before the interview, and be confident in what you know and what you have accomplished.

#6 Look unprofessional

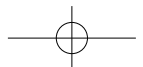
Work on how you present yourself. If you are applying for a professional job, be sure to wear the right attire.

#7 To assume a college degree will automatically give you a job

Students need to realize that there are thousands of applicants who have the same degrees and are looking for the same jobs. What makes the difference to the recruiter who selects the applicant is to find something unique about them.

#8 Don’t show your accomplishments

Students often fail to express what they have already accomplished during interviews. Show the interviewer how involved you were in college activities like clubs, as these things can help you stand out among other applicants.



Men prepare for TP comeback

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It's time for the event that gets a school of just over 1,300 undergrads on ESPN's Snapchat story, on SportsCenter and in articles by USA Today and NBC Sports: the toilet paper game. The home opener of John Brown University's season has grown from a few students throwing smuggled rolls on the floor in the 70's to tradition that maxes out the gym's capacity. Last year over 2,000 people filled the 1,800 seat stadium.

Ricky Roberts, senior guard for the Golden Eagles, said, "At the toilet paper game [the fans] can expect a lot of excitement. Probably the biggest game of the year, and the experience of a lifetime, there's nothing else like it." With over 2,000 rolls of toilet paper set to be thrown this year after JBU's first basket, Roberts is right, "there's nothing else like it."

The TP game truly starts off the season with a bang, and brings together not only JBU's student body but also many people from Siloam Springs and the surrounding area. USA Today called the game "the best technical foul in all of sports." Sophomore center Dwayne Hart said, "[The game is] awesome. Just seeing the crowd there for us, it's the biggest game of the season. It's just a terrific experience."

This game is just the start though. The men's basketball team comes into this season looking for a major turnaround after the 13-19 record they



Courtesy of JBU ATHLETICS

The men's basketball team had a rough season last year, but players are confident that, despite the loss of key players, they are ready to step up their game. They will kick the season off with the annual Toilet Paper game on Saturday, Oct. 29.

ended on last year.

"Last year was definitely disappointing with the record we finished with," Hart said.

On top of that, the team graduated out two of their top three scorers and their defensive anchor. For the majority of teams in this situation, this would be a time of low expectations or what analysts would characterize as a rebuilding year, but not for this team.

This year's team is a special

group. Determined to come together and defy expectations this season, they have a new level of focus and unity.

"The change is a complete 180. Coaches are demanding more out of us. We are demanding more out of ourselves – holding each other more accountable. We are bringing more energy every day," Roberts said. "These are things we need in order to reach our goal of making it to

the national tournament."

Although the team comes into this season with a new level of focus, the challenge of finding a new way to win games, having lost three key players, remains.

"Offensively, if we are going to be successful we need other players to step up like me, Rick, Brandon, Joseph, and not just with scoring, but just creating plays for everybody else," sophomore guard Marquis Waller said. "We have guys that

can do that. Our goals are to come together as one unit and to win our conference tournament."

Roberts said he feels ready to take on the extra responsibility of being a senior leader.

"I feel more is resting on my shoulders and I embrace the challenge. As far as our two main guys leaving, I feel like we have others that will step up. We have guys that will cover the production," Roberts said. "We are ready for the challenge."

Soccer player rises from Bloods territory

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Compton, California, is not a nice place to grow up. Situated in the greater Los Angeles area, this city is known to be the gang central of the United States and home to the Bloods and the Crips. Just this year, Compton was assigned extra support by the Violence Reduction Network for its once-again rising violence rates.

Compton is an area that steals childhoods from children. The hardened demeanor that many of the children of Compton emerge with is no surprise to people who are familiar with

the area. It may surprise some when they find out that Jorge Alonso Cea, the defender for the Golden Eagles soccer team, is from Compton.

"It's a lot different being here," Cea said. "There aren't as many gates. We had to have everything gated – houses, schools [...] We had to have everything protected."

Cea's parents tried to protect him, but did not shelter him. He says he knew that family friends were drug dealers, users, gang members and that many of his close friends would be sucked into the cycle. His parents, however, did not want him to become a Blood. So on Sundays, Cea would travel with his dad and uncle to watch them play

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- Jorge Alonso Cea

soccer in a recreation league. This would be the first encounter Cea would have with the sport.

But this was only the gateway. At age six he began playing and trying to imitate all of the men he would see on that field. Within a year Cea was permanently hooked. By the time he was eight he knew this was what he wanted to do.

Cea was driven to play soccer. He did not know what that looked like, but he knew

he wanted to do it. So it was an automatic "yes" when the JBU soccer coach asked him to come play for the team.

"To be honest, I didn't know what college was," Cea said. "Okay I did, but like halfway through high school, I had no clue what college was."

Cea jumped in. He admits that his first summer coming he was not fully committed as the full rush of making it to the next level got to his head. But

now he's one of the most driven.

Tim Huffine called Cea a pace setter.

"The way he practices, you can tell he's wanting to get better every day. So he'll be at practice an hour, thirty minutes early practicing," Huffine said. "He's always wanting to improve and become a better player. There's a lot of guys who do that [...] but you can tell he wants to be a better player through it."

Cea sprained his ankle in the spring and has been catching up ever since. He admitted frustration but not defeat.

Cea said his faith is the most crucial aspect of his life, and it is from this that everything else flows.

"You know whether it's having to wake up early in the morning or staying up after I've finished my homework, my time with God has to happen," Cea said. "Somethings you have to cut. That's one of the things I can't."

Cea is Compton's son. His music interest attest to that, as do his family, tattoos and attitude. But he has not let his circumstances define him.

Taylor Neil, freshman kinesiology major, has nothing but positive things to say about Cea.

"He's like my older brother," Neil said, adding that Cea knows everyone, seeks to include her, and is very friendly.

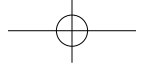
Neil also identifies him as a deep empathizer.

"I heard Jorge's testimony," Neil said. "He desires to be there for people and understand what they're going through. He's had it tough, but seeks to love other people through that."



Courtesy of SAVANNAH AVERY

Jorge Alonso Cea, sophomore defender for the men's soccer team, began playing soccer at age seven in Compton, California.



Women defeat UofA, aim to place second

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After defeating the University of Arkansas, the John Brown University women’s rugby team is now looking to reach second place in their division this year. It has been a year since the Student Government Association officially approved the women’s rugby club. On the Saturday of homecoming weekend, the women’s rugby team beat the University of Arkansas with a score of 24 to 14. Junior Rebecca Grace Baugher, the team captain, said that many players joined this year and it feels like she’s playing with a new team. “It is a different chemistry that happens with new people,” Baugher said. “I think it has been really smooth and everyone has done such a good job of being teachable and just being very gracious with us as we try to accommodate new people.” Baugher said she has seen major improvements from the girls who returned this year, but she was amazed at the progress of the new members. Freshman Julia Hightower said that being new to the team is overwhelming at times. She found the sport challenging to play initially because she had never played rugby before and did not know the rules. However, Hightower said her teammates have welcomed and encouraged her. “They really just embrace you as a sister,” Hightower said.



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The John Brown University women’s rugby team gathered for practice. After beating the University of Arkansas, they will travel to Kansas City for their next match against Benedictine College.

Junior Kelsey Bredthauer, a returning player, said that she was amazed at the rate new members are learning. She said she wants to encourage new players and help them understand the sport. “It’s awesome to see their passion and helping cultivate that passion,” Bredthauer said. “In rugby, you can not play without the team. The way rugby is designed to work makes you trust your teammates, and that translates

off the field into relationships.” “We are grateful that they came and tried, because rugby is such a hard sport,” sophomore returning player Becky Yoon said. The team’s next game is against Benedictine College in Kansas City. Baugher said that Benedictine has defeated them in the past and she is looking forward to the match. “It will be a good teaching and learning game for our girls,” Baugher said.

Team members recognized their improvement as a team and expressed excitement about this upcoming game. “I am confident that we are going to win because our new members have more experience and our chemistry has gotten a lot better,” Yoon said. “We have better communication this year because we know what we are doing. We know what to expect in a game,” Bredthauer said. Baugher explained that

the team’s main goal for this year is to grab second place within their region. Kansas State University, University of Arkansas, Benedictine College and the University of Nebraska are also within this conference. Baugher said that defeating the University of Arkansas – one of their toughest competitors – in their last game has given the team hope that they can take on their division and reach their goal.

First-year Ultimate players make an impact

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John Brown University’s women’s ultimate frisbee team is diving full-force into the heart of their season. The team has competed in multiple tournaments already this year, and owe a portion of their success to the new players on the team. Hannah Sparks, a freshman biology major from Edmond, Oklahoma, said she’s excited to play ultimate, a sport she first began playing in high school. “I love all the girls on the team,” Sparks said. “Their life experience, attitudes and outlook on life is so inspiring and uplifting.” Heather Hughes, a sophomore teammate, shares her Sparks’ excitement for the current season. “The classes I’m in are demanding, and being able to go out and play frisbee for two hours three days a week really helps reduce the level of stress,” Hughes said. “I’m also meeting new people and forming good friendships with them, which is helping me adjust to the social life here.” The women’s ultimate team has between 17 and 20 active players, allowing for strong relationships to form between players. “I have heard the testimonies of my teammates, and realized that I am not the only one who has felt the way I have been feeling this semester,” Ana Castillo, sophomore nursing major, said. Castillo described her teammates as patient,

compassionate and caring. Gabriela Reincheld, a freshman English major and missionary kid from Kenya, said she’s looking forward to perfecting her ultimate skills this season as well as growing closer to her team. “My favorite part about ultimate frisbee, besides my amazing team, is learning all the different kinds of throws and attempting to do them,” Reincheld said.

Hallie Bontrager, a freshman outdoor leadership ministry and photography major from Wichita, Kansas, is another rookie anticipating the rest of the season. “I don’t think ultimate is even a thing where I’m from, so I’m brand new to it,” Bontrager said. “I’m still getting to know everyone, but it is super awesome to be a part of a team.” Alanna Kraybill is a junior intercultural studies

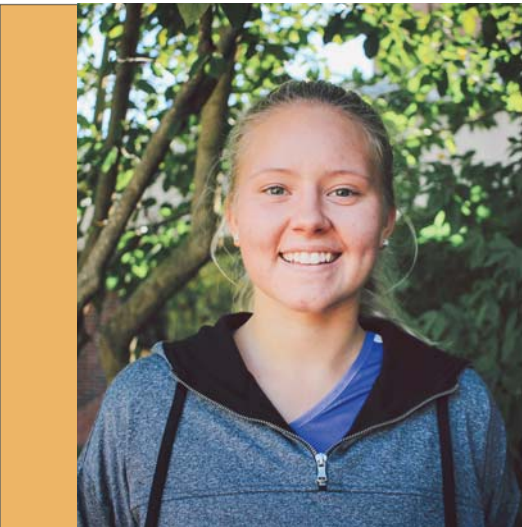
and Christian ministry and formation major who has lived in four different countries, most recently South Africa. “Joining the frisbee team has been a great new experience,” Kraybill said. “I have enjoyed meeting new people and being able to play frisbee with the friends that I already had on the team.” Usually the JBU women’s ultimate team plays at least three

games in a weekend tournament. The game is usually played to 13 or 15 points with half-time after one team scores 7 points. Sometimes there is also a time limit to ensure the game does not continue too long. Most often when the game is timed, the players play for 90 minutes. The JBU women’s ultimate team will compete at a tournament in Fayetteville on November 5 and 6.



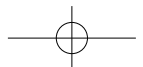
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Left to right, Gabriella Reincheld, Heather Hughes, Halie Bontrager and Hannah Sparks, four of the new players, are looking to perfect their skills.



Rosa Orpo Women’s Basketball

Major: Kinesiology
Year: I am transferred from Oklahoma and now I am a junior. (Originally I am from Finland.)
What’s your biggest accomplishment in your sport? It was probably the day when my team won the Scandinavian championship. It has been many years since then, but it was an awesome feeling.



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