

Anti-Muslim sentiment increases

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Seven hundred and twenty-one travelers from Iraq, Syria, Libya, Iran, Yemen, Somalia and Sudan did not enter into the United States after the first 72 hours of President Donald Trump’s executive order on immigration, reported the Department of Homeland Security.

In 2015 the Public Religion Research Institute conducted a study which revealed that, “despite the strong opinions many Americans express about Muslims and Islam, few report knowing a lot about the religion, and most Americans do not have regular contact with someone who is Muslim.”

The study demonstrated that only 16 percent of the American public had knowledge of the beliefs and practices of Islam, while the remaining 83 percent reported knowing little or nothing at all.

The majority of the population also lacks personal contact with the Muslim community.



Nearly 200 people gather in east Minneapolis for a rally and march to denounce hate speech and hate crimes against Muslims. This protest was part of a national call by Stand Together Against Racism and Islamophobia

Eight percent of Americans report having daily interaction with a Muslim person. Twenty-nine percent report occasional interaction, while 26 and 36 percent say they seldom or never have conversations with people who practice the Muslim religion.

There were two hundred and fifty seven reported attacks that targeted Muslims in 2015. These attacks increased 67 percent compared to the ones reported

in 2014, the highest increase reported since 9/11, according to an FBI report released on Nov. 14, 2016.

Rev. Mae Cannon, executive director for Churches for Middle East Peace, explained that, in light of the general misinformation, it is easy for American people to take sides when it comes to Muslims in America. The conflict in the Middle East between Israelites and Palestinians,

Cannon explained, contributed to a polarized ‘Israel vs. Palestine’ mindset among Americans.

“What happens is that whenever we look at people who are different from us [referring to Muslims] we always categorize them with this lens of enemy,” Cannon said.

Trisha Posey, associate professor of history at JBU, said the increase in hate crimes against Muslims is an issue that cannot be

ignored any longer. “I think we are called upon to engage in our society and to be aware of the issues and to be voices especially for people who are vulnerable and marginalized.” Posey said.

The year 2016 demonstrated that hate crimes are anything but gone. Right after the election of President Donald Trump,

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Huckabee's visit fuels controversy

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The Cathedral of the Ozarks brimmed with faculty, alumni, people from the community and students with overstuffed backpacks on the day that Former Governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee spoke.

the left wall, in opposition to Huckabee’s selection as an honorable Christian civic leader.

Huckabee said he was curious as to how the protestors and petitioners derived that he should not have been selected.

“Everyone is entitled to an opinion. They are not entitled to their own facts. They are entitled to their own opinion,” Huckabee said.

members of the Muslim clergy to the Capital to express that people needed to be very careful not to brand all Muslims?” Huckabee asked. “That was me.”

Teague Broquard a freshman political science major, said he was disappointed with the answer Huckabee offered at the Q-and-A after inquiring about a tweet Broquard said he deems

tone was like ‘let me tell you about [what] your people do in America and why you need to stop complaining about all this stuff.’ That’s what his tone felt like to me,” Lindsey said.

In contrast, Chipper Via, a junior who led the on-campus demonstration, said he felt grateful for the respect Huckabee displayed to Via after the Q-and-A where they met. However, Via said Huckabee danced around many of the questions in a professional and prideful manner.

Via said he thinks many people genuinely sought to understand Huckabee and how he reconciles his faith with some of his policies but never received a satisfactory answer.

“He was very defensive, not really willing to admit any wrong, super prideful in the way he answered his questions. He didn’t exhibit a lot of humility,” Via said.

Other students were excited and pleased with Huckabee’s visit to campus and supported the protest.

Jackson Love, a member of the College Republicans group

on campus, said he supported the protest as he believes in the freedom of speech and the right to protest as stated in the First Amendment.

Love also says he advocates for diversity of thought and that inviting Huckabee to JBU promoted the opportunity for healthy discussion.

“Regardless whether I believe or appreciate his stances on issues, I think it is important for students to see both sides. I think it was wise of them to have a Q-and-A where students can bounce off ideas, criticize him, see where he stands. It ultimately needs to be a learning experience,” Love said.

Similarly, Marjorie Jackson, a freshman graphic design major, said Huckabee inspired her through the model Christian example he displays.

“Governor Huckabee responded to the protests in grace and gave a solid message on being salt and light as believers in Christ — an applicable reminder to all the JBU students, protestors and supporters, who desire to make a positive impact,” Jackson said.



Students wear shirts that spell out “stand for love” as they stand in the cathedral to protest Huckabee’s speech.

They assembled in the pews, on the floor in front of the stage and down the center aisles. On the right side of the chapel, student in business suits waved a large paper welcome sign when Huckabee took the stage. On left, people garbed in white t-shirts stood silently. The t-shirts read “Stand for love,” “No ban, no wall, no hate” and “Minority rights are human rights.”

Huckabee addressed the student body for John Brown University’s second annual Civic Leadership Chapel on Feb. 2 and fielded questions in the following Q-and-A discussion forum.

During the chapel service, a group of protestors stood silently in white t-shirts against

In contrast to many of the beliefs of the protestors and petitioners, Huckabee said he believes he is not the poor example of civic Christian leadership as evidenced by much of his previous work starting back to his middle school days. At that time, the public schools were integrating minorities. Huckabee said he and a black friend were instrumental in quelling fights and bringing about a peaceful atmosphere in his school.

Huckabee said he appointed more women and African Americans in executive positions than any other Republican governor in modern times, since the early 90s.

“On the day after 9/11, guess which governor invited

questionable: “Flight out of Panama City, Florida is delayed 2.5 hours so far. Foggier than Rep. John Lewis’s memory.”

Broquard said Huckabee answered flippantly and didn’t admit to any wrongdoing

“I think that as Christians we need to be able to take responsibility for the way our words have affected people,” Broquard said.

Likewise, Celeste Lindsey, a sophomore art and illustration major, said she felt disconcerted by Huckabee’s tone during the Q-and-A. She asked how Huckabee would respond to minorities about social issues such as the black lives matter movement and ban on refugees.

“I don’t want to outright say he was being racist, but his



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Reported bike thefts increase

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The Fall semester demonstrated an increase in reported bike thefts on campus. Scott Wanzer, director of campus safety, said that campus safety members are not sure if it is an increase in the number of bikes that have been taken from students or an increase in the number of reports students have made. Wyman Brewer, freshman engineering major at John Brown University, researched the problem of bike theft on campus. Brewer said he believes a lot more bikes are being stolen and that the thefts surprised him for such a small school. Brewer said that many bikes are also borrowed. Wanzer agreed with



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Bikes on campus are often left unlocked, leaving them susceptible to theft.

this statement. “Often times they will find bikes across campus or if they catch someone riding a stolen bike they will say that they took it so that they could get around campus faster,” Wanzer said. Wanzer said that even though JBU is a Christian school with good people, the University should still take precautions like locking up. He said, “Even

if we were all believers, there are still some who will be tempted to take a bike.” Wanzer said that students can prevent their bikes being stolen by locking them up. He said that he is only aware of one time that a bike that was locked up was stolen. He said that students should also know their serial number so that if their bike is stolen they can prove that belonged to them. Brewer agreed with this statement and said he knew of people who were unable to recover their bike from the police department because they did not have the correct documentation. Wanzer said documentation is necessary because even if there is a bike that matches an exact description they cannot be certain because many of the same make and model are produced.

He said they are considering starting a bicycle registration program similar to the car registration so students would have the option to include their serial number. The program would be optional and provide people with a place to record their bike information if they wanted to, and the recorded info would be valuable if a bike was stolen. This problem is not unique to John Brown University. According to the University of California at Berkeley Police Department, bike theft is a tremendous problem on campuses throughout the United States. If a student’s bike is stolen they can report it online at http://www.jbu.edu/campus_safety/report_incident/self/ by filling out a form.

Competitor emerges, price of EpiPen increases

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The recent dramatic price increases for EpiPens – up from \$100 to \$600 market price in the past three months – sparked outrage among EpiPen users, House representatives and even politicians like Hillary Clinton. EpiPen manufacturing company Mylan recently cornered the market on FDA-approved epinephrine injectors, allowing for the price hikes. In a seven-page letter released early December 2016, the CEO of Mylan attempted to justify the increase, claiming the company “assessed available options under the existing pharmacy billing models to achieve the goal of delivering cost savings for patients with high out-of-pocket expenses and concluded that offering a generic version of EpiPen Auto-Injectors would yield significantly greater and more sustainable cost savings for patients.” Unsatisfied with this claim, many representatives are pursuing legislation to even the odds in the 94 percent-monopolized medical market. In a recent statement, Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Chuck Grassley promised, “I’ll continue to work on my two pending bills that would help bring more generic drugs to the market to help consumers.” Fortunately, this legislative backlash gave rise to a groundswell of EpiPen competitors both generic and official that should help lower the costs by lifting the monopoly Mylan currently holds. A generic alternative EpiPen is available in most pharmacies for around \$300, though most people still consider the price outrageous. Zach Bower, junior youth ministries major, allergic to most common fruits and vegetables, often restricts his diet so he doesn’t react. When asked whether the recent price hikes to EpiPens have personally affected him, Bower said, “They don’t really affect me that much because my insurance covers the cost of EpiPens. But for anyone else, I think it would be really difficult for them to pay.” Sophomore Hope Linehan shares much of Bower’s predicament. Allergic to pink peppercorns, most Indian food and all tree nuts “until proven innocent,” Linehan maintains a careful diet so she doesn’t succumb to hives, upset stomach, or – at worst – anaphylaxis. Usually, “Benadryl and a good night’s



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EpiPen costs have gone up by 500 percent since 2007, largely due to a monopoly. A new competitor has recently been approved by the Federal Drug Agency.

sleep” is enough to combat her reactions, but she carries her EpiPen, “just in case.” When asked how the recent price hikes might affect her, Linehan said, “Allergic reactions are usually out of your control, and I don’t think it’s right to have to pay upwards of \$300, \$600 dollars for something outside of your control. My family has had a lot of unexpected expenses in the past year, so having to pay that much more for epinephrine – if there was some sort of spike in an allergic reaction – it’d be pretty bad.” Due to FDA regulations, epinephrine injectors expire about a year after purchase. For patients who carry them for emergencies but whose insurance doesn’t cover replacements, this means \$600 per year. But perhaps \$600 per year won’t be the only option for Bower, Linehan and

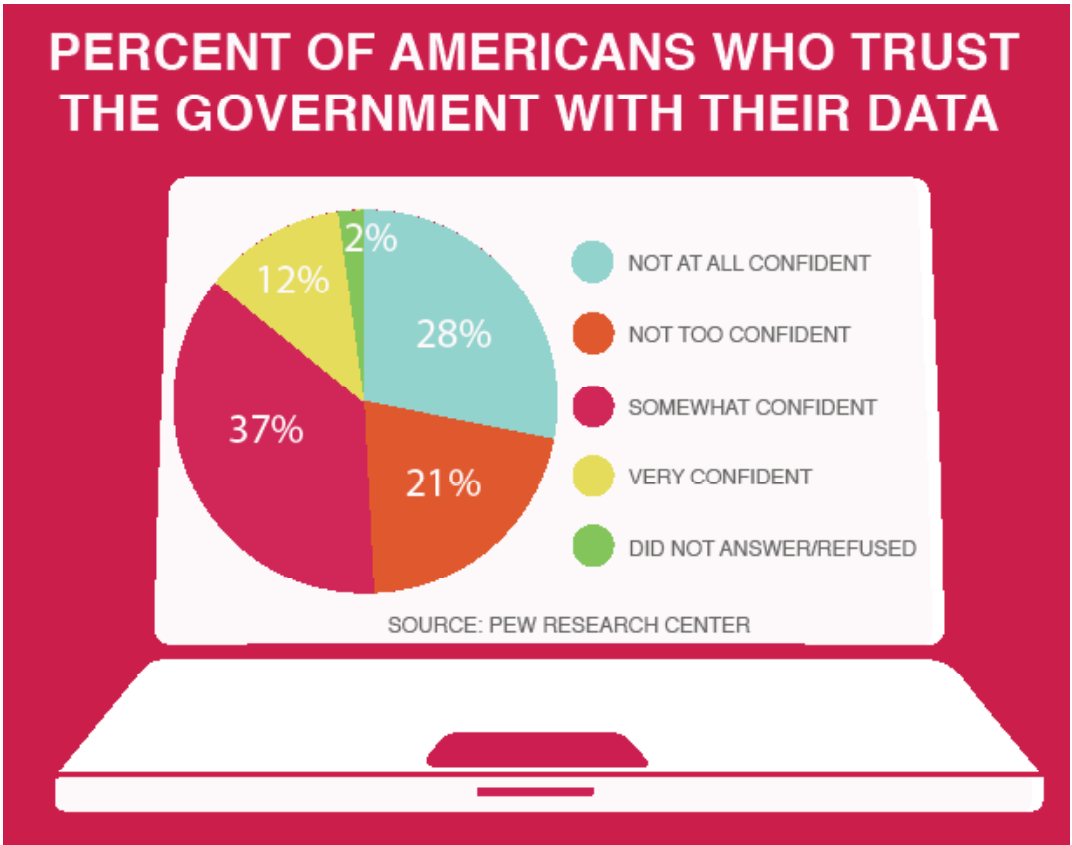
others. Recently, a handful of EpiPen manufacturers have announced themselves to the EpiPen community – at greatly reduced prices from those offered by Mylan. Some are FDA-approved, and some are do-it-yourself, but all are part of a concerted effort to curb the cost of what would otherwise be a common, easily-accessible medication. Israeli drugmaker Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, for instance, aims for FDA approval for its own EpiPen alternative within the year. Likewise, former Mylan competitor Kaleo, Auvi-Q, will provide an alternative at greatly reduced costs for those with commercial insurance, and, according to USA Today, for “free or very low costs for lower-income consumers and those with high deductible plans.” This announcement by Kaleo falls closely on the

heels of national pharmacy chain CVS announcing availability for the Adrenaclick, its own generic epinephrine alternative manufactured by Impax Laboratories, at \$109.99 for the equivalent of an EpiPen two-pack. But for those needing epinephrine shots and unconcerned about FDA approval, a cheap DIY alternative designed by the Four Thieves Vinegar Collective, called the EpiPencil, is already on the market for around \$30, and aims to bring easy-to-use, affordable epinephrine shots to the public. When asked whether she’d be interested in one of these cheaper alternatives for her standard EpiPen, Linehan said, “We would be interested in cheaper alternatives for getting epinephrine shots, though we’re not much for home remedy stuff.”

Institutions not trusted with cyber security

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A recent Pew study found that few Americans trust institutions with their private data. “You know how in the movies, someone will be hacking a computer and you can’t actually see the screen?” said John-Mark Harris, a freshman kinesiology major at John Brown University. Harris suggested that the reason they don’t show the hacking process in movies is because it is actually a very long and complex process that would completely bore viewers. Harris has some experience in hacking and gave some insight into the actual process of getting into the system. “Hacking involves messing with the coding of the computer itself,” he said. “I was working on a very old computer and it still took me about an hour.” Numerous news allegations of hackers getting more advanced and possibly getting into the U.S. databases have been shared recently in the



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media. According to BBC, two former cyber-security experts at Russia’s intelligence agency were recently charged with treason and accused of working with U.S. interests.

Harris warned against the dishonest values of hacking. “There are many honest reasons against it if you’re actually doing it to achieve something that is illegal or wrong,” Harris said.

Emily Auel, sophomore marketing and international business major, also expressed concern over the issue of hacking. “I think hacking is becoming a problem because

our generation is becoming so technologically advanced,” Auel said. “The everyday person doesn’t have knowledge to protect themselves against advanced hackers.” According to Auel, a member of the JBU choir had her Eaglenet account hacked last semester. She got an email saying that her JBU account storage was full, and through a link the email her account was hacked. She had to seek out tech services on campus to fix the problem. Katie Maurer, junior intercultural communications major at JBU, also knows many people who have been hacked in one way or another. “My friend from the University of Arkansas was hacked on Instagram, and it took her 24 hours to recover her account,” Maurer said. “None of her pictures were printed, so she was scared she would lose all the memories.” Maurer said that in the age of technology, most information and personal memories are stored online. “Everything is going digital and this creates more motives for people to hack.”

Airbnb offers home to refugees

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Airbnb, an online homestay network, opened the doors of its homes worldwide to immigrants and refugees affected by President Trump’s recent travel ban. The company’s CEO, Brian Chesky, turned to Twitter to announce that free housing is available for anyone from the seven Muslim countries unable to return to the U.S. during the current ban. Chesky encouraged people to contact him directly if immediate lodging is needed. Airbnb has a no discrimination policy and believes that “every community is a place where you can belong.” The company seeks to find hosts that integrate this belief within the homes they open to others. Chesky asked those who are able to host to join



Airbnb in uniting nations through hospitality. Haley Gehrke, senior education major, said, “What Airbnb is doing really shows unity. It gives people the opportunity to learn other cultures and be able to experience hospitality. It teaches people that being different is okay.” “Open doors brings all of U.S. together. Closing doors further divides us. Let’s all find

ways to connect people, not separate them,” Chesky wrote. “It’s easy to feel helpless, but I think it’s really compassionate that they’re trying to help,” said Mattie Cannon, senior child and family studies major. Cannon believes no matter what side you take on the issue it is important not to neglect the people in need. Becky Ramirez, vice president of Open Arms JBU, said there are opportunities to

help out in Northwest Arkansas. Canopy Northwest Arkansas, located in Fayetteville, provides housing for refugee families arriving in the area. Volunteers contribute by donating groceries, furniture and helping refugees during their transition into the community. “They have been doing a lot of things ever since the executive order was announced in order to get letters sent and petitions signed,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez said there are also many ways to get connected with refugee organizations through JBU. One of those ways is the spring break mission trip to Atlanta. The group will serve the organization Friends of Refugees, founded by JBU alumni. Applications for the trip are located on JBU’s website under domestic mission trips.

Students encourage diversity in engineering

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The Society of Women Engineers at John Brown University will host its annual event, Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, to encourage young girls to become engineers. Engineering is a big part of the JBU community. Engineering students spend long hours doing homework and studying for tests. Typically, a large majority of engineering students at JBU have been male. However, in the past two years, more females have joined the program. Annika Pollard is a junior engineering major, a soccer player and a newlywed. Annika is excited to become an engineer and make a difference as a woman in the field. When Pollard was asked about Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, she was excited and thought it was very important. “More girls need to be involved in the STEM field,” she said. “I barely notice the minority of females in the engineering department because John Brown has such a supportive environment,” she said. Abby Acker is also a junior engineering major. She is loving her degree program and wants to become an engineer. Acker said of Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, “I’m excited to provide an opportunity for elementary girls to see that it’s possible for them to study engineering or math or science and excel at it.”

Acker spoke about why she enjoys the engineering program. “I’m in my fourth semester here at JBU, and so far I’ve loved it. Things I didn’t expect to enjoy, like learning to write programs, analyze circuits and understand wave motion have been so interesting to learn, and the whole program is great.” Acker said there are many career options with her degree. “Although I really enjoy my engineering classes, I still don’t know what I would like to specifically work on. Even within concentrations like mechanical and electrical, there are so many different types of jobs and possibilities. It is my hope to use my engineering qualifications, skills and knowledge to help people with really basic needs that are not already met,” she said. Neeya Toleman, a senior engineering major and president of the Scociety of Women Engineers., said she was also excited for the day. “I’m pumped for this event!” she said. Toleman said their section of the organization has two focuses. “One is building community between the females of the department, and the other is doing STEM outreach to younger girls. The event will last a few hours and is hosted at the BTC by our members and other volunteers. We’re targeting fourth grade girls, which is an age range that has been shown to be a key period where girls start to lose interest in STEM.” Toleman also explained that this is not the first time the society has done this event. “We did a



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Abby Acker, Pati Morales, Kimber Kunselman and Katrina Carpenter hold up their current engineering textbooks in front of the engineering building.

kind of trial run of this event on a smaller scale last year that was completely planned and led by our Vice President Julia These, and now we’re wanting to expand and do even more this year. Doing Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day has always been a goal since we founded SWE last year, and I’m excited to see where the event takes us in future years as well.” When asked about her future plans, Toleman agreed that there are many possibilities. “In terms

of possibilities with engineering, I have a lot of diverse interests in power, biomedical and defense areas, and I’m still trying to figure out where God is leading me. Despite the specific area, I do plan to pursue the engineering profession after graduation and somewhere in there, go to grad school. But that’s also a completely different variable as to where, when and what for.” The event Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day is

held nationwide. Engineers all over the country will be introducing girls in elementary and middle school to the fun and excitement of engineering. JBU engineering students are excited to be part of this event in hopes of building interest among future female students.

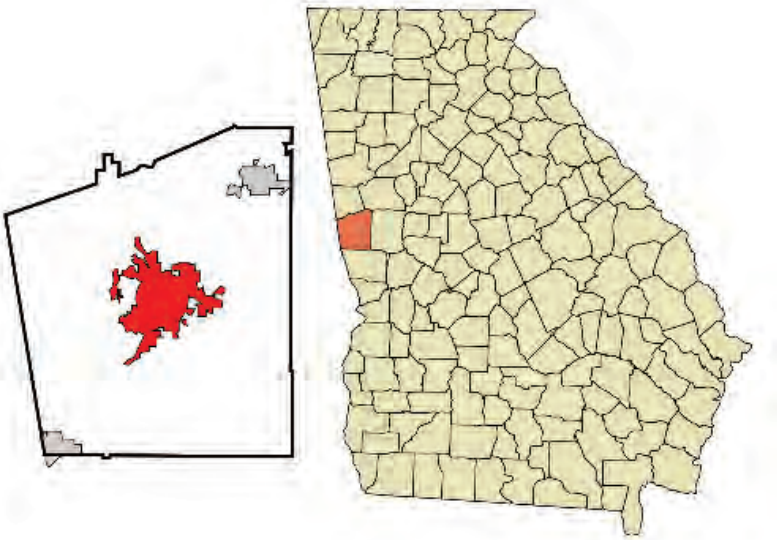
Town attempts to atone for past lynching

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LaGrange, a town in Georgia, recently took steps to atone for the 1940 lynching of Austin Calloway. The police did not investigate the killing, nor did it receive much attention from the media, according to CNN. On Jan. 26, the town held a service to remember Calloway that exceeded expectations of attendance. Zoe Shafer, senior biblical studies and theological studies major, said she believes this is a positive thing, though she would rather they address the current state of racism. Shafer said she believes this is necessary because though racism still exists, it is often in a different form now. According to the Equal

Justice Initiative there were 4,075 lynching’s in the South from 1877 to 1950, and only a limited number have been acknowledged. CNN said their research showed only four have been acknowledged, and only one in the Southeast. The police chief told CNN, “The past shapes the present. This in an effort to evolve our relationship and partnership with the African-American community and allow us a city as a whole to move forward. That can only be done if trust is established. That trust can only occur if past wrongs are acknowledged and addressed.” During the event, he said, “and for that I am profoundly sorry. It shouldn’t have happened,” according to CNN. “I sincerely regret the role law enforcement played in Austin Calloway’s death, both through our action and our inaction.” Reverand Mae Elise Cannon

spoke on a similar topic in chapel on Jan. 23, she discussed Nehemiah 1. She said salvation is not just for us personally but, “Salvation is for the world. That we might believe not only for our own personal righteousness, but so the world would be different.” She then spoke on Nehemiah, a prophet of God. Nehemiah is known best for rebuilding broken walls. “Part of the work of justice is rebuilding broken walls,” she said. Cannon spoke on how the Israelites were oppressed due to the effects of their captivity. But, she said the situation was not without their fault. “They were guilty of sins themselves” However, She did not believe that Nehemiah was guilty, “We don’t have any indication that he was guilty of those sins,” Cannon said. “Nehemiah wasn’t guilty;



Courtesy of AKRYAN
The service to honor Austin Calloway was hosted at Temple United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Georgia.

he wasn’t even there,” Cannon said, “Nehemiah himself was not guilty are yet he says ‘I confess our sins...’ “Including all the sins that

had gone before him,” Cannon said.

Drug lord extradited from Mexico

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Mexican authorities extradited Mexican drug kingpin Joaquín Guzmán Loera, better known by his nickname “El Chapo,” to the United States to face multiple indictments associated with his leadership of the Sinaloa drug cartel. Prosecutors seek to hold his trial in Brooklyn where he will face 17 charges including drug smuggling and murder.

Mexico’s president, Enrique Peña Nieto, announced Mexico’s extradition of Guzmán shortly before President Obama’s final day in office. Isaac Tamez-Salazar, a Mexican student at John Brown University, believes Guzmán’s extradition is an attempt by the Mexican government to avoid further embarrassment after Guzmán’s elaborate escape from a high-security Mexican prison in July 2015.

“He was put in the most secure prison in all the country and he managed to escape,” Tamez said. “What does that say about our security facilities?”

Guzmán was incarcerated in Altiplano Federal Prison where he was monitored by 24/7 video surveillance before his escape in 2015, his second escape from a Mexican prison. Guzmán’s associates purchased land located approximately a mile away from

the prison and, under the guise of building a house, tunneled underground to Guzmán’s cell allowing the kingpin to escape through a hole in his shower.

“The problem is that he has so many connections with politicians and with people underground that would help him,” Tamez said. “He doesn’t have that in the United States.” Tamez believes Peña Nieto was pressured to extradite Guzmán primarily to avoid further national embarrassment, but also to send a message to the United States government.

“He was moved on the last day of the Obama administration,” Tamez said. Tamez thinks Peña Nieto made a political statement against Trump’s anti-Mexican agenda by relinquishing Guzmán to former president Obama instead of President Trump.

Israel Hernandez-Romero, another JBU student from Mexico, disagrees.

“I think [his extradition] is completely separate,” he said.

Regardless of the motives behind Peña Nieto’s decision to extradite Guzmán, some believe his incarceration will not significantly impact the flow of drugs between Mexico and the U.S.

“When you cut off the head of the snake, sometimes there arise two or more,” Tamez said. “The problem with killing off the leader, in a sense, is that he



Courtesy of PRENSA INTERNACIONAL
Joaquin Guzman, better known as “El Chapo,” has escaped prison multiple times, including Mexico’s highest security prson, Altiplano. Guzman headed, according to authorities, the largest cartel in the world.

brought unity to all the small gangs that became part of a bigger organization.”

“He was a leader of masses,” Hernandez agreed. Although it is unclear whether his arrest will significantly affect the distribution of drugs by the Sinaloa cartel, both students are relieved to see El Chapo brought to justice.

“Bringing him to justice sets an example, you know, that no matter how much money you have, you can still be brought into the light,” Tamez said. “They’re bringing peace to all those families that have been affected by his actions.”

According to the Department of Justice, Guzmán is accused of importing and distributing

mass amounts of illegal narcotics within the U.S., as well as money laundering, smuggling and murder. He allegedly distributed narcotics in multiple U.S. cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, New York, Los Angeles and many others. Guzmán, if convicted, will spend life in prison.

Syrians flee capital city of Aleppo

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Debris coated the streets of Syria’s capital city, Aleppo, as the Syrian army’s forces broke into the once city. The battle waged in the streets, once again brought the war to the doorsteps of citizens.

The ongoing civil war started in 2011 with protests and anti-regime messages. Many citizens wanted to uproot the Assad regime for breaking promises to create a good economy and start political reform. Thus, the war began.

Six years later, and the war is still occurring. Families in Syria are fighting for normal lives, attempting to protect their families from bombings, gun fire, and a government that is falling apart. Many of these families are left to seek shelter elsewhere in neighboring countries and cities.

In 2016, the Syrian free army, those rebelling against Assad, took back the city of Aleppo from Assad’s forces, according to United Press International. At the time it seemed to be a turning point in the war. Many who were sympathetic with the free army saw this



Courtesy of FREEDOM HOUSE
Citizens are left to dig among the wreckage after the destruction left behind by the Syrian wars. A cease-fire is currently in effect between the warring forces.

as a possible win for the free army. Kelly Escarcega, senior history major, shared some of her experiences meeting Syrian families in Jordan.

“There was this one family. They had little kids. They had been waiting in Jordan for six years. Just waiting for

everything to stop. For the war to end. They still called Syria home. They just wanted to go back home and they were hopeful when Aleppo was retaken,” Escarcega said.

Todd Nettleton, director of media and public relations at Voice of the Martyrs, a

Christian organization, shared some details about how Voice of the Martyrs is working with families who are seeking to stay in Aleppo. Around 206 families, 40 of whom were looking for sponsors, decided to stay in Aleppo.

“They said, ‘we are not going

to flee the city, we are going to be representatives of Christ.’ It is a bold stand for them. The city is basically destroyed. It’s a war zone,” Nettleton said.

According to UPI, in Dec. 2016, Syrian government forces following orders of President Bashar al-Assad, re-took half of rebel held Aleppo. A ceasefire was announced to allow for the evacuation of civilians and rebels but the ceasefire was broken the next day when Syrian government forces resumed bombing Eastern Syria, both sides blaming each other for the fighting.

While there are many groups who stand on both sides of this war, Nettleton reminded that it is important to “Inform yourself on who stands for what, and to know what is really going on. The Middle East is a complicated place. There are so many conflicts: Shia and Sunni, Iran and Saudi Arabia. All these players working against each other and seeking status.”

“At this point, I don’t think these families care who wins,” Escarcega said.

“They just want to get home. And some of them have already given that up. When they come back home, if they ever get to, it won’t be the same as they remember.”

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several attacks against Muslim students in higher education institutions were reported by different news outlets across the nation. The reports came from universities in the states of California and Washington (where female students proved to be easy targets because of the traditional Hijab), and New York, where a Muslim prayer room was vandalized by a Trump supporter.

Alexandra Richter, senior intercultural studies major, said the incidents targeting Muslims in colleges are “terrible and incredibly sad.”

As easy as it can be to blame the spike of attacks against Muslims on Donald Trump’s inflammatory rhetoric, but anti-Muslim bias goes beyond the ideology of the new president of the United States.

“I wouldn’t say Donald Trump is causing anti-Muslim bias, but I would also say he is not helping the situation

in any way,” Posey said.

When asked about lessons learned through conflict in history, Posey said that there is always going to be strife.

Posey explained that movements such as anti-slavery in the 19th century teach people how sacrifice is necessary to make a difference. She said she is convinced it requires humility to sacrifice one’s comfort, time and ideas about the way the world should work.

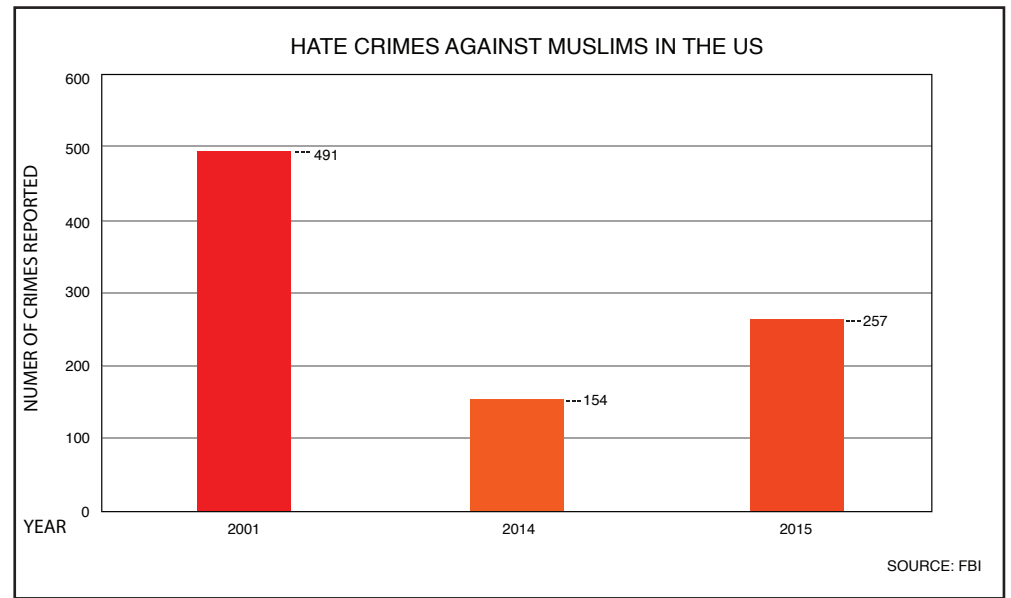
Cannon also made a historical reference explaining how in the 1950s and 1960s “a black man couldn’t tell his story without a white man standing next to him.” As Cannon explained, history repeats itself but this time with Muslims whose stories are viewed as illegitimate unless they are told next to the Jewish narrative. Many Christians believe, Cannon said, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is mostly religious when in reality it is about control of land and resources.

“We can come alongside of Jews and people who are

very supportive of the State of Israel and they can affirm their narrative and their experience and their needs and their desires just as we can with the Palestinian people, too,” Cannon said referring to how it is possible to love and support both sides even in long-lasting conflicts.

Richter said that during politically tense times the Church “should encourage the body of Christ to step up even more and show what the true picture of a follower of Jesus is supposed to look like,” Richter said.

Cannon said the Church’s immediate response to situations such as anti-Muslim bias should be to repent and ask for forgiveness. She said that often times people avoid



asking questions about social justice because when they find the answers they “have to change or give up power, and that’s never fun.”

Richter said the hesitations toward Muslims are mainly due to examples of terrorism people have seen in the past and that, even though some of the attacks are true, they represent the minority of Muslims.

“Our primary motive for we interact with people should not be constantly thinking whether or not we are safe,” Richter said. “Most Muslims are very hospitable and as believers I don’t think that we should constantly be living a life of fear,” she concluded.

President Trump promises to repeal NAFTA

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As promised in his campaign, Donald Trump is working to impose a tax on Mexican exports in the first weeks of his presidency. According to the official website of the Department of Homeland Security, The North American Free Trade Agreement was established in 1994 by Canada, Mexico and the United States. The agreement immediately lifted tariffs on goods produced in the nations and worked to remove barriers to allow goods and services to move among the three countries. “The sentiment, from Trump at least, is that the manufacturing sector in the U.S. has been especially hurt by jobs moving and industries and factories moving from the U.S. to Mexico,” Randall Waldron, professor of economics and international business at John Brown University, said. Although he recognizes the validity of the other side of the argument, Waldron said that there would be many

immediate ramifications if NAFTA were to be altered. “Each country has benefited from being part of NAFTA,” he said. “What is forgotten in the conversation sometimes is how much consumers have benefited in the U.S. from our ability to import things cheaply from abroad.” Kai Togami, professor of International Business, said that Mexico would also suffer greatly if NAFTA were to be altered or removed. “The Mexican economy exports about 70 to 80 percent of what they manufacture. The biggest country they export to is the United States,” Togami said. Without the U.S. purchasing its goods, Mexico would not get the economic value from other countries that they are getting from the U.S. Despite the urgency of the executive powers to make a change in NAFTA policies, Togami said that it is a complex process and change could take several years to take effect. Waldron also said that if the U.S. were to attempt to leave NAFTA there would be certain legal challenges. “There will be issues for

courts to decide, and congress ultimately can enact laws or alter laws that restrain the president’s executive authority,” said Waldron. Waldron raised concern of increasing tension with Mexico could translate to negative relations with the country as a whole. “With rising negative attitudes with Mexico, I am personally concerned that what spills over is a general unwelcomeness, not only of Mexican goods, but of Mexican people,” said Waldron. Togami had similar concerns regarding relations between the countries. “At the end of the day, it comes down to creating value which benefits both the U.S. and our wonderful neighbors in Mexico, this is more important than quick reactions.” Togami said that because of our limited frame of reference as humans we don’t always see the way God is working. “God is God regardless, and throughout the course of history he allows things to happen and it is always to the benefit of those who choose to follow him,” he said. With the controversy surrounding the trade agreement, emphasis is placed on how



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While the NAFTA only directly affects three countries in North America, its economic implications are felt worldwide.

changing the policy would affect general acceptance and flourishing of global relationships. “To see us step back in

the wrong direction is to be on the wrong side of history,” Waldron said.

Women’s marches mirror protests in Washington

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The day after President Trump’s inauguration, women all over the world organized sister marches parallel with the Women’s March on Washington, protesting bigotry and demanding civil liberties and equality for all. The Women’s March was a response to the Trump administration. Women from Washington D.C. to Australia took part in marches, warning that they would not give up their rights silently. The crowd at the Women’s March on Washington was roughly three times larger than the crowd at the inauguration the day before, the New York Times reported. Becca Godsey, a resident of Springfield, Missouri, attended the sister march in her city. “Before the march I was feeling very discouraged,” she said. “From the hurtful rhetoric, the lack of care or effort to create understanding, the violence. I attended the march because I needed to make a statement that what was going on was unacceptable and this marked a time when we need to hold ourselves – not just those we disagreed with – to higher standards.”



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Women march steadily on in London, England in solidarity with similar marches across the rest of the world.

Fletcher Lowe, a sophomore management major at John Brown University, said that he supports the Women’s March. “It’s such a foreign idea to me that in American culture, narratives of feminism and manhood have been so disassociated [from] each other. Personally, I think that if anything, a redeemed view of masculinity should instigate belief in the importance of supported feminism,” he said. “I can’t stand by and watch so many of my brothers treat women with a desire

for objectification, superiority, and, in a horrifying number of cases, sexual assault or violence... Just because feminism doesn’t cover my gender doesn’t mean that it still isn’t my responsibility.” Madeline Bush, sophomore at Southwest Baptist University, also attended the march in Springfield. “I was pleasantly surprised to see so many men there! I would guess maybe one third of the crowd was male. It’s nice to know I’m supported by people who aren’t hurt by the

same things I am, and they support me just because they care about me as a human,” Bush said. Godsey said she was surprised by how many issues were represented at the march. “This march was inspiring. While I didn’t agree with every idea, there were more ideas supported than I anticipated and all were welcome. From environmental issues, LGBTQ, Pro-Life, race inequality, healthcare and more there was a sense of solidarity that we – a diverse group for Springfield,

MO – would have to and want to work together,” she said. Some have argued that because there are other countries in which women are treated more poorly, there is no reason for protest in America. Lowe responded to this idea; “The argument certainly has some merit – that we should be fighting inequality around the world as well as our own country, but that doesn’t address one simple question: ‘why wouldn’t we deal with it here?’ The march was certainly not without merit. All across the country we have women who, in addition to being oppressed, objectified, and scared, are now under a presidential administration who has time and time again proven to be misogynistic and derogatory toward women.” Godsey said she believes enacting change can happen when people stand together rather than letting their differences divide them. “The takeaway is that we all have to begin at a point of common ground and work from there,” she said. “If we care enough to support one another, listen to one another, to share real facts with one another, we find a lot more common ground that can produce real change,” Godsey finished.

New England town plagued by moral narcissism



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In Limigne, New Hampshire, a large number of town residents are recovering from a harrowing event early Tuesday morning. At 9 a.m., the current Mayor of Limigne, venerable gentleman Pye D. Pieper, was leading a town meeting to discuss a recent study which had shown alarming decline of the fish population in a local lake, Lake Bandwagon. Most of the town was in attendance at this meeting. One of the residents present at the meeting remarked sheepishly that “the trouble started when Mayor Pieper tried to appeal to our sense of empathy. The mayor asked us to ‘pretend what it would be like if we were one of the fish’ in the



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Inhabitants of Liminge flocked gladly to these chilly blue waters to better emphasize with the lake’s finned citizens.

lake. At that point, I guess most people just took him seriously.” A little too seriously, as it turned out, for following the mayor’s words, large numbers of the Limignes began walking to the lake, each following the words of the mayor to “pretend to be a fish.” Once the residents arrived at Lake Bandwagon, they continued into the water. The markedly cold temperature of the water was enough to deter the citizens from staying in very long, but a few individuals began displaying signs of hypothermia, and dozens came

down with severe colds. No fatalities have been reported at the time of this writing. Seeking to better understand this curious behavior, the following question was raised to the local scientific community: “why do some people unreservedly follow the lead of others?” Town Researcher Ben Lind, who goes by B. Lind and leads the B. Lind Institute, answered that “one of the major causes of this type of behavior can be traced to our current political climate. We live in a world so divided by party lines and so

crippled by factions that we have come to readily accept nearly anything which we are presented with. This is a serious psychological condition known as ‘moral narcissism.’” Lind went on to explain this rare form of narcissism by presenting an example. “Let me put it this way, if information comes from a source with which we align ourselves, a faction, political party, Twitter hashtag, etc., then any information presented to us from this source is readily accepted as ‘true’ and subscribers to this truth are considered ‘good.’ Anyone

who does not agree with the information is considered ‘bad,’ and we are to instantly ignore anything they have to say. In the case of Limigne, the idea of pretending to be a fish was considered ‘good’ because it came from an authority, and the residents accepted this idea without questioning it at all.” Though the example of Limigne may seem an isolated occurrence, Lind warns that it could happen anywhere. “We’ve come to find ourselves in a culture so saturated by divisiveness and factionalism, that the reality we now face is somewhat frightening. As long as people are content to categorize themselves or others as ‘good’ or ‘bad’ based purely on the ideas we hold...that’s dangerous.” Associates from the Institute of Rational Thought and Common Sense were sent to Limigne, and will host several seminars on the importance of critical thinking and proper research before following instructions. Hopefully, in the future, such near-catastrophes will be easily avoidable for the citizens of Limigne, and for all

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Dividing the nations Defend suffering strangers

The real cost of the wall

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Jan. 25 directing the Department of Homeland and Security to start building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

We The Threefold Advocate are against this order, for a few reasons. First, the wall meant to expand across the southern border will cost the United States unfeasible amounts of money. According to Trump, the wall will cost around \$10 billion. In an interview with the New York Times, Todd Sternfeld, chief executive of Superior Concrete, explained that the resources alone, apart from the manpower, would be extremely expensive, far exceeding the budget suggested by Trump.

The country is currently in trillions of dollars of debt, with over \$60,000 per U.S. citizen, and many people are opposed to tax increases. According to NBC, “Over the past 24 years, the amount of money spent on border security has increased 14 times; the number of border patrol agents have increased 500 percent; the amount of border wall has grown from 77 miles to 700 miles since 2000; and the number of people being apprehended trying to cross the border have decreased by four-fifths.”

Constructing the wall will not be good for the American economy. So, who will pay for this project?

The United States has already spent about \$2.4 billion on fencing approximately 670 miles along the border, and, according to the Government Accountability Office, physical barriers are only partially responsible for illegal immigration surveillance and enforcement.

Trump explained that Mexico will eventually reimburse the U.S., yet he has not shown a plan or agreement between the countries. Mexico’s president, Enrique Peña Nieto, televised a speech where he criticized the project and promised that Mexico would never pay for a wall. Peña Nieto said, “Mexico does not believe in walls...It goes against our dignity as a country and our dignity as Mexicans.”

Sean Spicer, White House press Secretary, announced that one of the solutions would be a 20 percent tariff on all Mexican goods. The New York Times interviewed an economist who explained that tariffs aren’t paid by the exporter. A tariff on Mexican goods would be a tax on U.S. consumers, therefore the U.S. would end up paying for the wall.

Another reason why we disagree with the construction of such a wall is because of environmental issues. A 50-year-old treaty between Mexico and the United States prevents any construction that obstructs or diverts the flow of the waterways. This wall could interfere with the water flow, and if it did, it would obstruct water flow from both sides of the border.

The Washington Post explained that most Texas land is privately owned because of Texas’ terms for entering the Union. President Trump will most likely have to seize private land in order to actually build this wall. There is a strong possibility that many people who live along the border will oppose the seizure of the land.

We The Threefold do not support the construction of Trump’s wall. The wall will not only affect the U.S. economically and environmentally, but also socially. This wall will not be a symbol of protection, but of division of two countries who strongly depend on each other.

Respectful disagreement

Disagreement and discussion are necessary in a democracy. Through argument people are able to understand the views of others and accept the fact that they are not always right.

During this time in the U.S., it is easy to encounter people with different points of views, ideas and beliefs.

We The Threefold Advocate believe that people should actively engage with others. We know that no person is right all the time, and that one side is always right.

However, when we have disagreements it is important to remain respectful. When you disagree with someone it is important to first acknowledge the reason why someone else stands for what they believe.

Everyone has different backgrounds and perspectives. Understanding where people come from will help you come to terms with your disagreement and maybe allow you to see it from their perspective.

Secondly, it is important to focus on the facts. Be sure that when you are making a point, you can back it up with facts.

Next make sure you are paying attention to what the person is really saying. Do not just focus on your response to each of their points. Also, do not take the disagreement personally.

One of the last steps is to recognize the good in the other person. One should accept that every person is doing what they think is best, though you may still disagree with them.

Finally, if you end in a disagreement do not end the relationship. You can agree to disagree. In fact, surrounding yourself by those you disagree with is a good thing.

Because of all this, We The Threefold encourage disagreement and discussion on campus. However, be sure to do it in a respectful manner.



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“We don’t lock the doors to our house because we hate people outside. We lock them because we love the people inside.”

I have heard this a lot recently. To me, it seems that this idea contradicts what it means, at its core, to be a Christian. Recently I have been hearing this type of rhetoric from many of my friends. You can not claim to love your neighbor as yourself while simultaneously supporting policy that says some people are too much of a risk or some people are not worth helping. Jesus tells us to love others as ourselves and to care for the widows and orphans. These are pretty clear and simple commands. If you’ll notice, nowhere in the Bible do we read “Love those from your own country first, then help those in need as long as it doesn’t put you in danger.”

If you’ll allow me, I would like to say that the issue with the recent immigration executive order is not how it was implemented (even though there are many issues there), but rather the heart behind ban.

Recent events like this have left me burdened by the weight of what I’ve seen and heard. I’ve been wrestling with how best to respond when I read social media posts or hear people talking about injustices that are occurring every single day. I’ve seen the type of speech that perpetuates fear, hurt and discrimination. What

“Our response is not to close our doors and protect our own. Rather, it is to embrace those that are broken, hurting, and that have suffered injustice.”

is most difficult for me, however, is not the people who share insensitive, hurtful and often ignorant opinions. Rather, it is the people who seem to minimize, ignore, turn a blind eye or even blatantly accept these injustices.

It is true that “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.” If you are able to go to a safe home tonight, lay in bed, and go to sleep in peace, then you have incredible privilege that many, many others do not.

There have been a thousand opinion articles run, and we are all constantly subject to a barrage of opinions and ideas from all sides every day. I know that my opinion might not change your mind. However, I am just at a loss as to the best way to convince some of my neighbors to simply love someone because they are also created in the image of God. Their suffering could very easily be your own, if only your skin was a different color or if you were from a different geographical location on our earth.

“We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe,” Elie Wiesel said.

Now, I know that the political process is dirty and broken and often far from who Jesus is. It is for this reason that many people choose to simply not engage in the world

around them.

The good news is this – with inexplicable mercy, God looked upon us as sinful children and decided to love us anyway. The implication of this love is that we can and should live in complete freedom of slavery to worry, fear, or control – our God is above every ruler, authority, and power.

You are a citizen of the wholly good Kingdom of Heaven before you are a citizen of the United States of America. Both are a gift. But your heart, as a believer, has been designed to long for heaven and to love others as yourself. Do not mix up where our satisfaction to this longing will come from. The world is still a place of brokenness and danger. Our response is not to close our doors and protect our own. Rather, it is to embrace those that are broken, hurting and that have suffered injustice. To love them, to serve them and to defend them against injustice.

We read in 2 Timothy 1:7, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Locking our doors to everyone outside does not demonstrate that. The spirit of power, love and a sound mind is seen in loving God fiercely, and defending the rights of everyone in the face of discrimination and injustice. This is because everyone is created in the image of God and that alone makes them worth loving and defending.

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Stand against verbal abuse



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When someone takes away your ability to believe in yourself, or to speak up for yourself, or even to tell others your struggles, they have abused your individual freedoms and they have abused you. Verbal and emotional abuse are not talked of as often as physical abuse but they occur nonetheless. In a study by Women’s College Hospital, of 1,000 women 15 years of age or older, 36 percent had experienced emotional abuse while growing

up; 43 percent had experienced some form of abuse as children or adolescents; 39 percent reported emotional abuse in a relationship in the past five years.

Not all abusive relationships are romantic though. Often, emotional and verbal abuses occur in schools between classmates, in roommate relationships or between co-workers. I was bullied some when I was younger, and I let others get the best of me. I let them take my freedom away.

The same thing happened with a roommate of mine freshman year. I went into college believing that I had to be best friends with my roommate. I shared my secrets and she shared a few of hers. Due to this belief that I had to make my first roommate relationship work, when she began treating me rudely, bullying me, and worse, I let it go. I figured I was being dramatic about how I viewed her words and actions. I let her speak to me in a way I had never let anyone. I let her take away my sense of confidence. It was like middle school all over again. I wanted to keep her as a

friend, but in reality, she wasn’t treating me with any sort of respect or friendship.

I moved out of that room a third of the way into our second semester of freshman year, but the things she said to me have stuck with me until now. I am in my junior year here at JBU. I have lived through emotional and verbal abuse. Although I didn’t recognize it then, I had changed the patterns of my everyday life because of things that occurred or things that she said. It changed how I viewed myself. That constitutes abuse, according to many counselors. I know it can be hard to talk to others about things that have happened such as abuse, but it is important for your voice to be heard again. Go to a counselor, a friend or someone else you trust. Give yourself that freedom to speak out about someone who has hurt you.

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Corrections

The headline on the front page of issue 8 read “President of South Korea impeached.” This is incorrect. Park Geun-hye, president of South Korea, is currently undergoing an impeachment trial but has not been impeached.

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I survived inauguration day



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Military trucks, riot police, a sea of red hats and perhaps millions of people full of adrenaline. At first glance, an average American may not associate any of these words with any relatable experience. However, not only do they represent a recent American experience, but arguably the most important part of the American political system, the peaceful transfer of power. I was blessed to have been invited and able to attend this ceremony and all the festivities that came with it on January 20.

During the week of the inauguration, D.C. represented a little taste of chaos considering the amount of people and the lack of usable transportation. I had been invited to a ball on Thursday night, only to arrive three hours late. The metro happened to be seriously delayed and while Uber was readily available, I found that my 10-minute commute turned into an hour and a half commute due to the amount of roads shut down and passageways blocked in preparation for the inauguration.

At the ball I got a taste of what the week would turn out to be. While waiting in line to enter the venue, I struck up a conversation with a police officer nearby. Curious as to why multiple patrols were camped at downtown D.C. that had multiple patrols camped – including our venue – I asked him what was going on. The surprisingly mild-mannered and friendly police officer responded with the notion that there had been threats towards all the Republican balls and that they were here to ensure safety. Safe is exactly how I felt in that moment; there was no apparent danger and no sign of even peaceful protestors, but this may have just been at the ball



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I was invited. Over the course of that Thursday and Friday there were some 20-30 different balls that may have had vastly different circumstances.

A late Thursday night was followed by an early Friday morning. We were told that the earlier you could get there, the better, due to not only the lines and crowds of people that we would face, but also the traffic on the way to get there. Between the inauguration crowd, the protestors and the poor residents of the D.C. metro area, transportation was horrific. Luckily, due to an early start we were able to get to the national mall with much time to spare. Exiting the metro station, I caught the first glimpse of what my day would turn out to look like. Military trucks and police cars were used liberally to block intersections off for the swarm of pedestrians pouring out of the metro station. I also caught my first glimpse of the peaceful protestors on my walk to our entrance. I must say, seeing all of the civic action at work – though I found most of the arguments made by the protestors disagreeable – I was impressed with how blessed we are to live in a nation in which the government is designed to allow us to exercise disagreement with those in authority, even at a ceremony such as the inauguration.

Protests were plentiful, and causes were as well. I saw everything from the feminist and LGBTQ communities, to Pro-Palestinian protestors, to

Black Lives Matter. When I got to my entrance, however, I began to see the less-than-peaceful protestors. My entrance was completely blocked by a crowd a lot more aggravated than the previous ones I had just encountered. I was a little unclear as to what this protest was about other than just to protest the inauguration. To get to the checkpoint, we had to find the soldier and show him our tickets. He lead us behind the wallset up by riot police – two rows of them to be exact. Strangely, when we were past that perimeter, things seemed to quiet down pretty quickly and we flew past security – which was strange considering it was run by the TSA.

The ceremony was incredible. Obama, Clinton and Pelosi were all in attendance as well as all of the Republican heroes. Sen. Chuck Schumer even had a spot in the program. Everything was relatively civil with the exception of the whistles blown during President Trump's oath. The national mall was packed, despite the premature photo released by the news media, and excitement was apparent. Franklin Graham even closed out the ceremony with a great message. My most memorable experience, however, were the events that followed. As a flood of red hats poured out of the exit that I trekked, the protestors who had blocked the entrance now blocked the exits, slowing things down. This experience, due to its peaceful

nature, reminded me of a church camp cheering battle. The kind where the blue team shouts the cheers with joy to which the red team will retaliate with joyful shouts maybe just a bit louder. Similarly, protestors shouted a cheer I couldn't quite make out, and in response the sea of red hats cheered "USA" for a good period of time. Many police officers were present to ensure nothing got out of line, however, they served a larger purpose in assisting tourists and giving directions. All of the officers were aware of potential danger, yet none seemed rattled when addressing the tourists.

After navigating out of the traffic jam, me and a friend begin to make our way to the parade seating we had along Pennsylvania avenue. In this two mile walk, I saw amazing episodes. First, I witnessed clearly politically apathetic vendors utilizing the glories of capitalism in vending their Trump apparel and "Make America Great Again" hats. Then I witnessed some very explicit apparel worn by protestors saying things that I would rather not repeat. Next, though I was captivated by being in the middle of protesting, I found myself caught in the middle of one I would have rather not been in. Me, my friend and two other guys in red hats found ourselves being pushed, kicked, cursed at and blocked from crossing the street by a rather violent protest. We elected to go around after spending a little bit of time in the fray only to find out that five to 10 minutes after, this same intersection was the one in which the protestors began to knock out windows. Luckily, we safely made it to a beautiful parade.

All in all, this was an experience that I would not trade. However, after some reflection, I realized the true winner of the weekend was not necessarily President Trump, although his speech and demeanor was one to be recognized, or the protestors, although they did leave a lasting impression. The true winners of the weekend were the service men and women who kept atrocities and violence to a minimum while wearing a smile and providing critical directions and support to tourists.

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Local artists need your support



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If you're like me, sometimes walking by the guy playing guitar on a street can cause you to pick up the pace a little bit. Even if he's well-dressed and sounds good, we sometimes

have an aversion to listening to this guy because it seems like a hassle to appreciate art in its raw form, displayed without need for fiscal compensation.

As an American, whenever we want to see art, we cash out money for a movie ticket or a concert pass. We want to see the big names, Hollywood-quality production values, perfect mixing-in tracks, and an artist whose technique has inspired millions.

But what about that guy on the street, playing the songs from his heart that he's playing for playing's sake? Or that girl painting the mural in the park you like to visit sometimes? The free Shakespeare production happening at your community theatre? What

about watching the video your friend made that he shared with you on Facebook?

Or even taking the time to listen to the mixtape that guy on the street randomly handed you? (That actually happened to me, and I wasn't disappointed. The dude had bars.)

What I'm trying to say is we sometimes fall into the trap of thinking the only good art is the stuff we have to pay for, or the stuff that's being sponsored by bigwig labels or record deals. Look around your town; There is so much raw talent being put out in coffee shops, bars, the performing arts center and so on. It's usually just as good as who you'll find in bigger venues, and always significantly cheaper. (frequently free!).

Frankly, I'm a little spoiled in this regard. I come from Tulsa, a very artistically active town. I can't walk ten feet without running into someone throwing their art in my face. (which is a great problem to have). Sometimes in smaller towns that art will be harder to find. But that's okay! Local artists need your support.

What does support look like? Obviously a few dollars at the door doesn't hurt, but helping an artist is even more than that. Share your friend's art on social media. Tell your friends how great their band/exhibit/show is. Be in prayer for their success.

What's great about local artists is this: frequently, they're not in it for the money (I don't want to make an

overgeneralization, but this has been my experience). So many local artists have found so much more joy in producing their art than in funds. When they present you with their work, it is their raw life being put before you on a silver platter. How can you not appreciate that?

All that to say, the next time you find yourself by that sidewalk guitarist, consider throwing him a few dollars. He's doing what he loves, and if you stop and listen, you might discover that you love it too.

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Surrender an unknown future to God



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Learning to surrender my trust to the Lord is the hardest thing I have ever had to do. I

have always enjoyed having a step by step plan, a daily planner to keep track of my tasks and a predictable future. Coming to college changed me. When I was a freshman, if you had asked me about my major and what I wanted to do with my future, I would have panicked and told you, "I don't know." I felt pressured to choose a career path that would determine the course of my life for the next 40 years. As my friends described the joys of beginning their major-specific classes and learning about the opportunities to shadow professionals, I worried that I was undeclared. I struggled to trust that the Lord would show me the right path in his

time. I also resisted giving him control over my circumstances. I enjoyed having a structured schedule with few interruptions, and I liked the idea of knowing I could handle anything.

As my time at JBU progressed, the Lord pushed me out of my comfort zone to encounter situations I did not have control over. I had to learn to trust in his timing to fulfill his plan. For example, when it comes to relationships, as I have expanded my base of friendships through work and school, I have come to realize that people have different beliefs and experiences than I do. In my role as a friend I go from being available to give advice to simply listening and

neutrally affirming where that person is. I have no control over someone's circumstances or how they choose to deal with their situation, but God uses those circumstances to push me to surrender that time to him so he can use that situation as he wishes. Giving him my trust and control is hard to do, but it gets easier each time.

Now I am a senior in my last semester at JBU, and I am looking for a graduate school to attend in the fall. Earlier in the year, when asked about my next step in life, I would calmly reply, "I don't know. I deeply care about what the next phase of life looks like, but I'm not worried about it." Worrying about the future only

wastes time. I can use that time by accomplishing my tasks as I trust the Lord to see his plans through. When I look back at freshman year and see how far the Lord has brought me, it gets easier to surrender my trust because I fully believe that God has my best interest in mind. Now I know that whether or not I see a clear path to take, I fully surrender my trust to God because his plans are perfect and he only asks for my faith.

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"Is He Dead?" dresses to impress

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The upcoming student production of Mark Twain's "Is He Dead?" is predicted to have the audience dying – of laughter. Frankie Davidson, sophomore English major who plays Papa Leroux, has acted in five John Brown University productions and expressed excitement about working with this cast.

"There is a huge collection of talent in this group," Davidson said.

Fletcher Lowe, sophomore management major who plays Dutchy, has been acting for 10 years. Lowe said "this is one of the funniest casts" he has ever worked with.

The cast will perform a newly discovered work by Mark Twain. The play's director, Jan Lauderdale, said that the work was "written in 1898 and adapted by David Ives to be performed on the modern stage."

"The play prides itself on being good writing, but lends itself to being ridiculous on stage," Lowe said.

The narrative focuses on artist Jean-Francois Millet, played by Josiah Coroama, sophomore Christian ministry and formation major. In the play, Millet fakes his own

death and disguises himself as his twin sister.

To switch identities, Coroama appears in a dress following the first act.

"There's just something funny about a man wearing a dress," Lauderdale said. "At our first read-through, it took forever to get through it because we were all laughing so hard."

Coroama hopes everyone will take him dressing up as a woman lightheartedly. "The focus is humor," Coroama said. "Sometimes there's humor at the expense of controversy."

Lauderdale explained that mistaken identity is a common comedic device used by many writers. "Shakespeare

used mistaken identity a lot, and Mark Twain used it in almost every one of his novels," Lauderdale said.

Along with mistaken identity, cast members explained how the play also uses a wide variety of comedic devices.

"Every single style of comedy is in this production: wordplay, physical comedy, wit, dry humor," Coroama said. "Every character contributes a style of comedy."

The cast will perform Feb. 17-25 at Berry Performing Arts Center. The recommended age of attendance is 8 and older.



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Budgeting studies abroad

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Whether a student wants to visit ancient ruins in Italy or climb up grassy knolls in Ireland, John Brown University's International Department can set students up with exciting study abroad opportunities.

Many college students have international travel destinations in mind — places relevant to their field of study, or simply locations with rich history or beautiful architecture. As students, however, it can be hard to find the money for such extravagant, eye-opening trips.

and studies coordinator, said she desires to see more students study abroad.

Stevenson referenced classes at JBU which satisfy the global studies credit without requiring students to travel. "We can set up little 'what if?' situations and all those sorts of things you can do in classrooms," Stevenson said, "but it's nothing like flying into Lithuania knowing you have to take a bus to get to LCC [Lithuania Christian College] and two of your roommates are going to be Eastern European. It's pretty exciting."

Every year, over a hundred JBU students participate in international experiences, according to JBU's International Programs page. JBU offers summer and semester study abroad programs. With the summer programs, students can earn six to nine hours of college credit while abroad for four to six weeks. Semester programs offer a maximum of 15 credit hours.

JBU partners with The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU), a higher education association that offers BestSemester programs, where students can study abroad in places like Australia, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

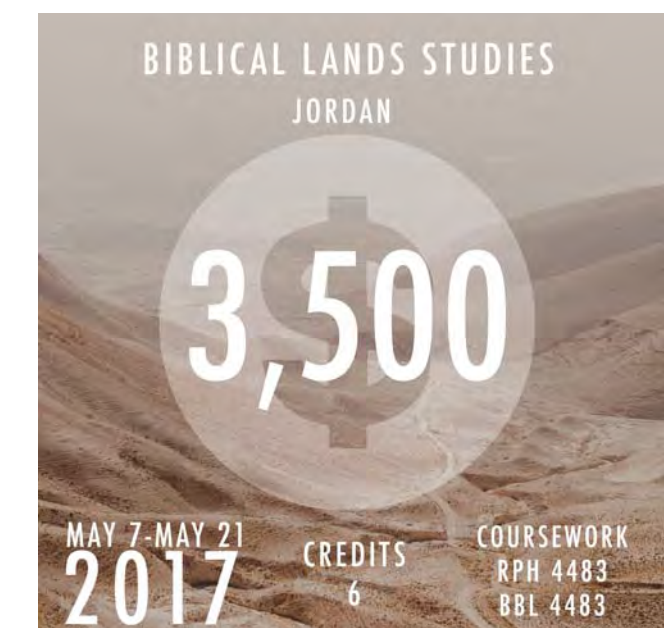
David Burney, associate director of financial aid, explained how financial aid works for study abroad programs.

"The financial office helps students navigate the financial process of studying abroad. Although student loans and financial aid from JBU can help students with semester abroad programs, primarily Oxford and Ireland, loans are what help students during summer abroad programs," Burney said.

In order to study abroad, students must apply through the international programs office. An international programs committee determines the amount of JBU institutional aid for which a student studying abroad qualifies. For example, for the Ireland semester program, 100 percent of financial aid goes to the trip with an extra cost of around \$1,400 to \$1,700 for books and flight fees.

In the case of other study abroad programs, the financial aid office works with students on an individual basis.

"The biggest thing about study abroad is that sometimes students are anticipating the cost of the program but they are not anticipating additional costs such as the plane ticket or the extra travel expenses. That's what I try to help students with. Looking at a breakdown of



whether or not it will be affordable way before they make that decision," Burney said.

The financial aid office works with a couple of outside sources, one of which is the Gilman International Scholarship Foundation. The Gilman Foundation helps students carry the financial weight of international studies or internships and the financial aid office works with sources like this to see if some students can apply for extra aid for study abroad programs. No additional scholarships are given out for summer or semesters abroad.

While there are many factors that come into play, the three least expensive study abroad options offered through JBU seem to be the Quito, Ecuador, Mission Studies, the summer Bible Lands Studies in Jordan and the semester-long Ireland Studies trip.

Studying abroad "is a chance to rely on other people, learn to be humble and learn what it's like to ask questions when you don't really want to be that person that has to ask questions. It is a chance for students to be exposed to something that, in these four years, they may not have the chance to have that same experience ever again," Stevenson said.

A list of approved CCCU semester programs that are offered through John Brown University for studying abroad can be found at jbu.edu. Fees vary based on program and finances can be found for CCCU programs at bestsemester.com.

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#Twitterpated over @POTUS shift

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On the day of the inauguration, the presidency itself wasn't the only changeover between Former President Barack Obama and now-President Donald Trump. Along with executive powers over the United States, the @POTUS Twitter handle was given to President Donald Trump. Former President Barack Obama's account and all of his tweets have been archived under the new handle @POTUS44.

The Twitter handle @POTUS now only includes tweets from Trump and his team.

All of the accounts following @POTUS under the Obama administration have been automatically shifted to follow both Trump's new @POTUS account and Obama's @POTUS44 account, according to National Public Radio. The automatic switch of followers from Obama to Trump has drawn attention from social media users, including some at John Brown University.

Tiffany Aguirre, sophomore biology major at JBU, said she was unhappy with this decision: "I'm slightly irritable about this," she said. She added that she always looked forward to Obama's "encouraging" tweets, and she does not think Trump's tweets will have the same positive tone.

Elizabeth Jones, sophomore worship arts major, said that she did not like that all of Obama's followers are now automatically following Trump.

"I felt that it was rude," Jones said.

Both Trump and Obama will also keep their personal Twitter accounts, @realDonaldTrump and @BarackObama. According to NPR, it is not expected that Obama will continue to use the @POTUS44

account, but it will remain an archive for his tweets during his time as president. Anyone following this new archive handle will be able to review the history of tweets during Obama's eight-year presidency.

Trump's @POTUS account is run by Director of Social Media Dan Scavino Jr. and President Trump. Tweets made directly by the new president end with the signature "-DJT." The president is also still active on his personal account, @realDonaldTrump.

So far, President Trump has retweeted many of his @realDonaldTrump tweets by his @POTUS handle.



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Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people.

STUDENT HACKS

TRICKS OF THE TRADE FOR JBU STUDENTS

Start a resolution revolution

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At the start of the new year, students often have a heightened desire to make themselves better. But with the new year in full swing, resolutions are put to the test. As January comes to an end, so do many New Year's resolutions.

Senior Marco Cardona, who works at the Walton Lifetime Health Complex, believes "the most common goal is to lose weight or gain more muscle." At the start of the new year, Cardona notices a dramatic increase in



Toilet paper begs for cart space at a local grocery store.



Weights bedeck the rubbery floor of the gym in Walton Lifetime Health Complex.

the number of attendees in the gym, but after the first month, life goes back to normal and the gym becomes empty.

People commonly make the mistake of setting goals without knowing the steps to get where they want to be, causing them to become overwhelmed and give up. Astrid Rodriguez, senior, believes this happens because people expect a sudden change in themselves by Jan 1.

"When setting goals, you should always begin by becoming aware of your limits – and then set small goals for yourself, one at a time. This takes most of the pressure off, which will keep you motivated to stay on track," Rodriguez said.

Although Rodriguez did not set any major resolutions for herself this year, she is happy with the small achievements she has made. "I made a recap from my last semester on what things in my life needed improvement – without expecting a major change in my life or in my attitude," Rodriguez said.

This approach has helped Rodriguez recognize what she can accomplish.

This year Emma Hahn, junior political science major, chose a resolution that would be enjoyable to achieve. With most of her time consumed by schoolwork, Hahn finds it harder to sit down and enjoy a book.

"I love to read, but sometimes, reading for pleasure – as opposed to school – is replaced with something far less stimulating, such as watching television. My goal this year is to read one



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A contemplative student ponders the necessity of sugary breakfast items.



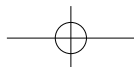
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Sunlight reveals the messy bedding of this Hutch resident.

book per week," Hahn said.

Hahn is currently reading through HP Lovecraft's works. So far, she has completed her goal of one book a week.

Rather than expecting a sudden change, Rodriguez and Hahn represent a portion of students who make small, achievable changes to their daily lives, reflecting realistic expectations of themselves. Whether it's reducing impulse purchases at Small-Mart, working out at the WLHC, tidying up a dorm room or taking a daily reading break, small changes can make a big difference in the life of a JBU student.



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Sneak peek into tennis

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After vigorous training and anticipation, tennis season is finally here. The team of nine women and nine men are ready to begin the season. Tennis season will officially start on Feb. 17 as the Golden Eagles play their first match against Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. “The main focus going into this match is to beat them because we have been so close in the past,” senior Grace Cusick said.

The fall pre-season match at JBU maintained a close score between JBU and Hendrix. Cusick and her doubles partner, Caitlin King, won their match against Hendrix. However, Hendrix came out on top in the overall team match up.

The JBU tennis team primarily plays NCAA Division II schools, making the competition challenging for the Eagles.

“We play a lot of Division II schools, so it doesn’t give us the best look,” Cusick said. “But it’s better for our team in the long run.”

Most of the matches are away, so the women and men teams travel together. A typical traveling match would include seven women and six men. A typical home match would include all 18 players.

“Our team is a tight-knit family,” King said.

“We are a unique team because it is guys and girls and we practice together unlike other sports at JBU,” Cusick said.

The women and men’s teams often attend social events together, go out to dinner and have dinner together in the cafeteria. These activities help them bond.

Ross Minner, a junior on the

men’s team, added, “It’s a family that you can go to after you take a loss. You go sit by them and you don’t have to say a word—just by being near them you know it’s going to be alright.”

Each match includes individual play and team play.

“The hardest part about tennis is the individuality of it,” Kamal Fulghem, senior tennis player, said. “It’s not like basketball where you prepare with the whole team.”

Cusick and King began as tennis partners their freshman year. The two seniors call themselves “the dynamic duo” because they are best friends on and off the court.

Playing against each other in high school matches, the two Kansas natives never thought they would attend the same college or be double teamed. When they got to JBU, they were matched up as partners for doubles play.

Two men’s team players, Kamal Fulghem and Ross Miner, also call themselves “the dynamic duo”:

“We are like Batman and Robin,” Fulghem said. “He picks up where I lack. Our tennis skills are very compatible.”

This year, Minner tore his shoulder and is unable to play in the upcoming season.

“Losing Ross was the biggest loss because I looked forward to playing with him,” Fulghem said.

“A lot of double partners aren’t friends off the court.”

Minner added, “It was hard for me to accept the fact that I was hurt, because the season was something that I have been looking forward to. Tennis is my outlet.”

Later in the season, the team will travel to San Antonio, Texas, for the NAIA Tennis Regionals to play more competitive teams. Despite the smaller size of JBU, the tennis team believes



The John Brown University tennis team practices before their first match of the season on Feb. 17.

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they can do well and succeed.

The JBU women’s tennis team invites the JBU community to their first home match against Arkansas Tech University on March 16 at 1 p.m. Other

home matches include both the men’s and women’s teams and are scheduled for April 3, at 2 p.m. against Oklahoma Wesleyan University, April 10 at 3 p.m. against the University

of Arkansas Fort Smith and April 15 at 11 a.m. against the University of the Ozarks.

Basketball seniors look forward



The men’s and women’s basketball team seniors. From left to right: Miguel Martinez, Zach English, Kodee Powell, Matthew Ledford, Ricky Roberts.

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With a season that spans six months, the John Brown University basketball team has the longest season of any sport at JBU. As the conference tournament draws near, both the men’s and women’s teams hold high conference rankings.

The men’s team is 13-8 and jockeying for a playoff position in the Sooner Athletic Conference tournament. The women’s team is 15-6, currently on a five-game winning streak. Both teams are looking to finish their regular seasons strong as they prepare for the conference tournament. The men’s and women’s teams are in advantageous positions in large part because of the leadership and influence of their

seniors. The women’s team has one senior, starting point guard Kodee Powell. The men’s team has four seniors: Zach English, Matt Ledford, Miguel Martinez and Ricky Roberts.

All the seniors are excited for the last four to six weeks of their collegiate careers.

“It hasn’t really hit me yet, that I’m playing the last games of my career,” Powell said. “I started playing in second grade and it’s

been my whole focus ever since. I’m locked in for the last push this season, but I’m sure it will hit me at some point.” Both teams hold high rankings in their conference but have room to move up in the next few weeks before the conference tournament begins.

“My time here at school has forced me to learn how to live and interact with people who see the world differently than I do,” Roberts said. “At home,

you don’t always get that, and I feel like JBU has prepared me to interact with others as I move on.” Powell agreed.

“At JBU there is always conversation, specifically about God, faith, and my relationship with Him,” she said. “That’s not something I got much of in high school or at my Junior College. This environment has forced me to be mindful of my faith and grow in my faith.” English most appreciates the change in perspective he acquired at JBU. He said JBU gave him many opportunities he felt like he did not deserve, and feels blessed by his experience at JBU.

Ledford said JBU’s diversity was what impacted him the most.

“Different takes on religion along with interacting with others from different backgrounds and upbringings has definitely opened my eyes and widened my acceptance of others,” he said.

While all five seniors share a passion for basketball, each has a different plan for what they are doing after they graduate. Powell is looking to become a basketball coach, specifically a graduate assistant. Ledford and English are both pursuing jobs around Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. Roberts is also looking to work near his hometown of Dallas, Texas, and Martinez will pursue his master’s degree in business at JBU.

Both the women and the men’s basketball teams have upcoming home games on Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and Feb. 23. The seniors will be recognized on Feb. 23, the last home game of the season.

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A lesson in tennis fan etiquette

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Raising a racket is culturally considered impolite in most settings. For students at John Brown University, however, this practice became a customary tribute to spring many years ago.

Tennis season is here for the athletes of John Brown University, with the men’s and women’s teams both playing their first match in Conway, Arkansas on Feb. 17.

With tennis season comes the opportunity for students to support their tennis team, and with the opportunity to support the tennis team comes the inevitable question: How do you even cheer for tennis?

Association, very courteously.

“A player should always give the opponent the benefit of any doubt,” the USTA website said. Considered a gentleman’s sport, tennis is usually played without officials. Each player is responsible for calling the ball in or out if it lands on their side.

“[Opponents] cheer each other on a lot,” freshman tennis player Maddie Madewell said. “If my

Spectators are expected to be equally as gracious while cheering.

“Tennis, being the mental game that it is, requires fans to be respectful,” senior tennis player Cole Mowrer said. “I would love to have rowdy fans chanting cheers for us, but a lot of players find that distracting.” However, fans are encouraged to cheer positively after a play is completed, especially after exceptional serves, rallies, or shots.

“The key part is really complimenting people on what they did right because it’s easy to see,” Madewell said. “It’s always okay to say, ‘good rally girls, good rally guys, excellent shot.’”

A few of the key rules to remember as a spectator include the following: remain quiet during the serve, do not boo or yell at the opponent and cheer enthusiastically after a good serve or hit.

“Just having people there is really awesome,” Madewell

said. According to Madewell, the cordiality of tennis is not the only reason cheering can be so hard for

spectators. Many fans do not know how to cheer for tennis because they do not fully understand the rules. Madewell compared the point system to that of Wii tennis. Similar to the video game, the first point scored by either player is 15, the second is 30, the third is 40 and the next point wins the game. A player has to win by two points to finish the game. Unlike Wii tennis however, a player has to win six games, again winning by two. Once six games are won, a player wins a set. Two sets are played in in a match, unless each

player wins one set in which case a third tie-breaking set is played. Basically, a player must score four points (winning by two) in order to win a game, they need to win six of those four-point games to win a set, and they need to win two sets to win the match.

“It’s kind of complicated,” Madewell admitted. “You can’t really be a typical spectator with tennis a lot of times because it is very much a mental game.” Regardless of the complicated rules, tennis fans are in high demand. The JBU men’s and women’s tennis teams play in Siloam Springs on Mar. 16, Apr. 3, Apr. 10 and Apr. 15.

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Top athletic tweets of the week



JBU Golden Eagles @JBUathletics · Feb 6

.@BailyCameron honored after @NAIA_News Game of the Week performance! #goJBU

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JBU Golden Eagles @JBUathletics · Feb 3

Buckle up! #goJBU faces @WBUathletics in tomorrow's @StretchInternet / @NAIA_News Game of the Week.

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JBU Golden Eagles @JBUathletics · Feb 5

We would take the Golden Eagles if we could _(ツ)_/ #SuperBowlLI #goJBU #StillUndeatead



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Grace Cusick

Tennis

Major Kinesiology

Year Senior

How did you get into your sport?

"I started playing tennis when I was in second grade. My parents had this rule that we had to be playing at least one sport...I wasn't any good at golf and I was not the biggest fan of swimming, so tennis it was."

What has tennis taught you?

"It has taught me the value of a team and how to be a team player. It has also taught me how to stand on my own and get the win for myself."

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TOP FIVE GAMES YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO IN 2017



ZERO DAWN

Publisher: Sony Interactive Entertainment
Rating: Teen
Release Date: Feb. 28, 2017
Platforms: PS4 Entertainment

Hype for Horizon Zero Dawn has been building exponentially since its gameplay reveal in the Electronic Entertainment Expo last summer. Horizon has impressed gamers so far with a stunning open world, an intuitive and unique crafting system, and its cyberpunk, yet post-apocalyptic setting. Developer Guerilla Games' pedigree is found the Killzone FPS series of games. Guerrilla Games is a stranger to the open-world RPG genre, Horizon has proven to be one of the most anticipated games of 2017.



CUPHEAD

Publisher: Studio MDHR
Rating: Pending
Release Date: Mid-2017
Platforms: Xbox One, Windows 10, Steam

Cuphead may be the indie darling of 2017. Sporting an art style that emulates Disney's early archive and shooter gameplay as unforgiving as Contra and Mega Man. Cuphead reaches deep into the days of the '90s platforms and writes a love letter to a bygone era. Expect rage quits and broken controllers.



RED DEAD REDEMPTION 2

Publisher: Rockstar Games
Rating: Pending
Release Date: Fall 2017
Platforms: PS4, Xbox One

The first Red Dead Redemption was praised for being an interesting and dynamic take on the old West setting, as well as having a believable main character with sympathetic motivations. The first Red Dead Redemption explored the concepts of brotherhood, honor, family, and morality. Being a Rockstar game, Red Dead Redemption 2 will probably take place in a sprawling and beautiful open world setting and explore the consequences of crime.



FOR HONOR

Publisher: Ubisoft
Rating: Mature
Release Date: Feb. 14, 2017
Platforms: PS4, Xbox, PC

Like Horizon Zero Dawn, For Honor is staking a claim in an industry that has been dominated by sequels and established intellectual properties for a long time. Set in a fantasy world where Vikings, knights, and samurai are all found on the same battlefield, For Honor is a nerd's dream and a history teacher's nightmare. While the setting and premise may be one of the game's main draws, For Honor also sports an intuitive battle system and invigorating battlefields.



PREY

Publisher: Bethesda Softworks
Rating: Mature
Release Date: May 5, 2017
Platforms: PS4, Xbox One, PC

Striking a delicate balance rarely seen in first-person shooters today, Prey looks to be a mix of shooters with a third BioShock, a third Deus Ex, and a third Doom, with a little bit of Fallout and the Witcher mixed in. Set on a space station during an alien invasion, Prey emulates old-school Role Playing Game shooters such as System Shock and Deus Ex by balancing intense First Person Shooter action with ability skill trees and resource operating as a thinking gamer's Doom.

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