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The Dorm that Housed Everyone

In the days when JBU was still a junior college, faculty and staff lived on campus. They shared the same dorms and dining halls as students, though often in separate suites or apartments.

After a decade's passing, campus leaders decided the construction of a new staff residence would help relieve congested dorm and dining hall conditions. Juanita Brown Hall, named for John Brown Sr.'s wife, opened its doors to staff and their families in the fall of 1935. Located behind the Blood (Admissions) building, the dorm housed single male and female staff members on opposite ends of the second floor. Downstairs was the kitchen, a 75-person dining room, and apartments

for married employees. Families with children got the end suites, with their own private bathrooms.

In those days, the water for the building was drawn from a well, making water pressure a little less reliable than elsewhere on campus. Sometimes staff members on the second floor would turn on their faucets, receive nothing but air, and then forget to turn the faucets back off before they left for classes. When the water switched back on a few hours later, flooding sinks created waterfalls to the lower floors.

The staff's peaceful abode was invaded in the fall of 1939, when JBU's female populations moved to the hillside. The building,

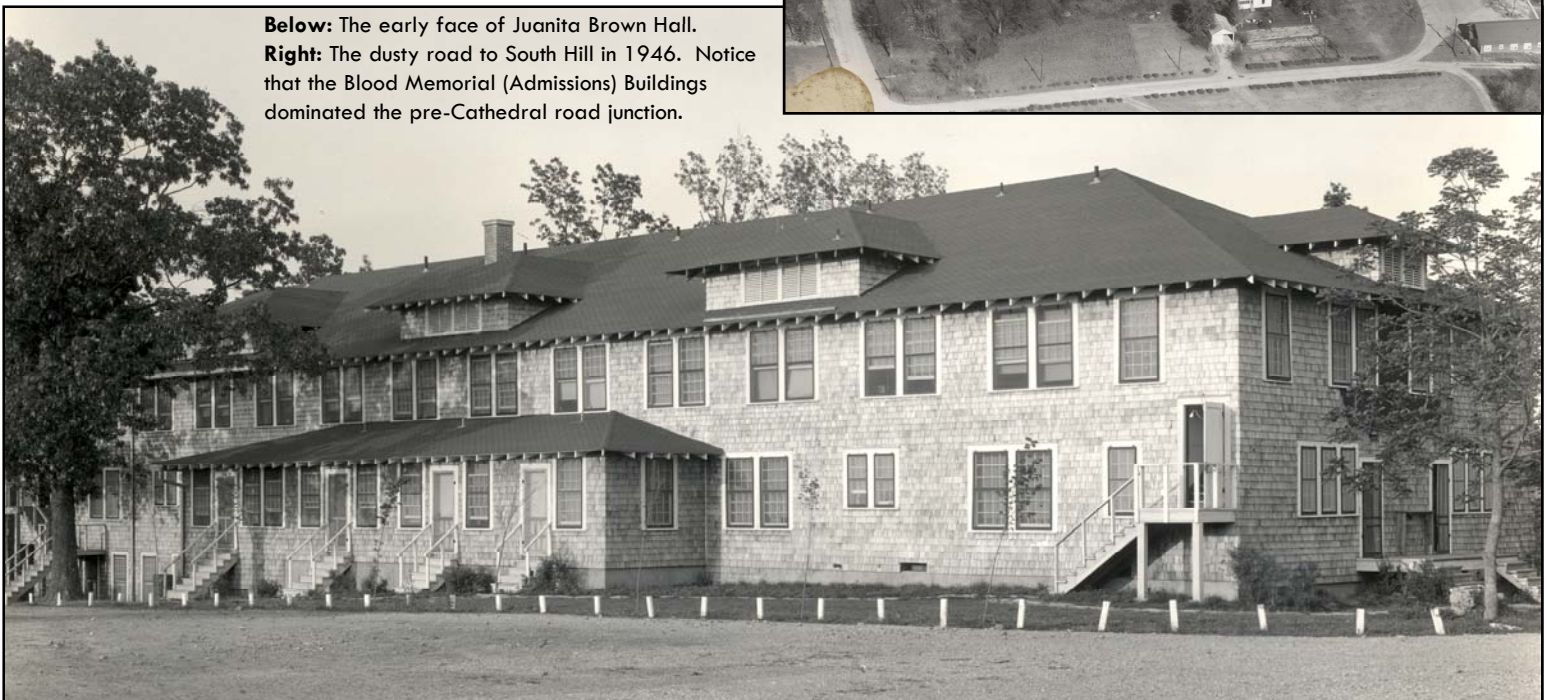
referred to as South Hill Dorm by that time, was soon dubbed "No-man's land." The girls enjoyed their second-floor rooms, which had adjoining bathrooms in a style similar to Walker suites. The building's abundant cooking equipment made "feeds" a common form of feminine dorm recreation, while pianos, ping pong tables, radios, and weekly prayer meetings provided regular lobby activities. Nevertheless, when the girls were finally able to move back to California Dorm,

they said they didn't miss the rocky climb to Hill Hall.

In the late 1940s, the dorm switched to married student housing. Then, from the 1950s through the early 1960s, it became a site of flexible housing, shuffling between junior and senior male students, married students, and faculty. J. Alvin Hall's expansions in the 1960s gradually rendered the dorm less useful, and it was phased out of housing plans by 1970. Today, a residential neighborhood sits on the former dorm site.

Below: The early face of Juanita Brown Hall.

Right: The dusty road to South Hill in 1946. Notice that the Blood Memorial (Admissions) Buildings dominated the pre-Cathedral road junction.



Insights

*From the works
of John Brown, Sr.*



It is common knowledge that JBU's founder was a skilled orator and evangelist. However, an intrinsic part of such talents is the capability of entertaining an audience.

Following are some examples of the proverbs and quips which spiced up Brown's sermons and kept his listeners engaged.

- When "everybody's doin' it," it's a sure shot God is not.
- Whether [people] are educated or not depends on several things besides books.
- Some men quarrel with

Providence because they can not "thunder and lightening" and let God plow the corn.

- The milk of human kindness is all right if it isn't too fluffy or too foamy.
- Students who are always wanting exceptions made for them fail, somehow, to ever develop into the exceptional type of student.
- The "city on a hill" church member usually gets the "set" part all to perfection.
- Foolhardiness and foolishness must never be taken for courage and faith – multitudes evidently get the two confused or confounded.
- The "Path of Righteousness" may be a little hard on some church members, [because] they travel that way so little [that] they have tender feet.
- People want God when the "dark hour" comes, but it is

amazing how immediately and abruptly they become self-sufficient when the storm clouds pass over.

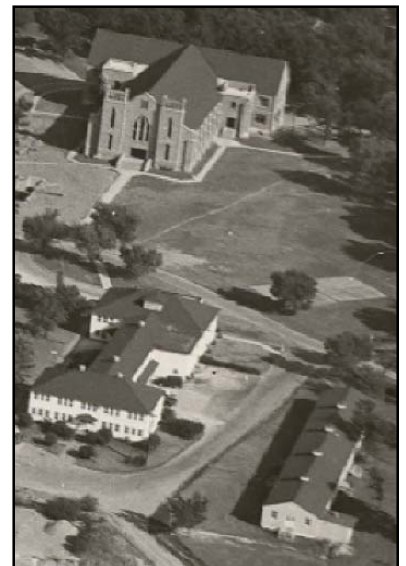
- Of course it is rather presumptuous of our friends that they have the audacity, and gall, to believe that they have enough sense to manage their own business!
- Some of these modern preachers who have lost their faith try to make the world believe that they have outgrown it.
- It is a sure shot that some church people are more concerned about certain states than the heavenly state.
- Cooperation doesn't always mean amalgamation.
- Some people are so anxious to climb that they will actually use the hearts of others as stepping stones.

Milestones

April 1942: Academic and vocational work were abandoned for a day as the entire faculty and student body donned aprons and overalls to give JBU a thorough spring cleaning. No part of the campus went untouched, and cakes were awarded at the day's close to the most productive teams.

April 1946: Excavation of the Cathedral building begins. The contracted Oklahoman construction company also poured the campus's first concrete roads, built JBU's first swimming pool in the Valley, and installed the Hundred Steps.

April 1950: Spring breezes turn a little threatening when high winds blow the windows out of the FWA Science Building. The building, which served as nurses' quarters for the army before it was moved to campus, was located near the modern flagpoles parking lot. In the image **below**, it is the long narrow building at the bottom right (photographed in September 1954).



ECHOES OF THE PAST

Excerpt from the 28 September 1990 issue of the Threefold Advocate

Recently there has been an odor drifting across campus that seems to come from nowhere in particular and lingers for days.

Maybe you have noticed it too. But what is causing this smell, and more importantly, how long will it last?

The students and staff of JBU tried to answer these questions.

"What smell, exactly, are you referring to?" asked Tricia Dummer. "There are several, you know."

"It's that time of year when everyone starts running out of deodorant," said J. Alvin CRL Peter Salvesson. "Since the students have already blown all their cash, they can't buy any more."

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"The smell originates in suite 25 in J. Alvin. I should know, I live there!" Collin Quiring said.

Some students' olfactory senses are much more developed than the average person's. These "super sniffers" were sure that they had determined the correct cause of the odor.

"It's from the chicken farms; the wind carries the smell to the JBU campus," Stephanie Smith said.

Paul Graham, a student who paid close attention in chapel last week, shared his thoughts on the matter when he said, "I think that Mr. Azzarito has secretly been

he said, "I think that Mr. Azzarito has secretly been bringing some of that chicken 'cake' from his home onto campus."

"Well, I think it's the sewage plant," Laurie Eldridge said.

Joe Harvey, a JBU employee working as a boiler operator at the physical plant, agreed with Laurie's hypothesis.

When will the smell leave? It probably won't ever leave completely. There will always be an occasional day (or week) that the sewage plant odors are more noticeable. All we can do is learn to live with it.