The John Brown University Entrance Marker and flagpoles has served many purposes during its existence. It welcomes students and visitors alike as they pull onto campus, a symbolic monument that proudly displays the two flags which JBU lives under. The U.S. flag and the Christian flag were raised on either side of the monument in honor of John Brown Sr.’s dream of uniting Christian ideals and American citizenship within a collegiate education.

It is a place to sit, sun yourself, work on some homework, or just read a good book. It has been the site of many pranks, from items run up the flagpoles to students having picnics atop the base. Many students use the flagpoles as a rendezvous point, launching many adventures from the base of the steps – whether it be a walk around town, cross-country road-trip, sporting event, or mission trip.

However, did you know there’s something more to the flagpoles than a first look would reveal? A plaque set into the side quietly marks the location of JBU’s very own hidden treasure. During Homecoming of 1982, several hundred alumni gathered on campus and witnessed the dedication ceremony of the Entrance Marker. As a special memento of JBU history, several items descriptive of the university’s past were enclosed in the monument that will be revealed in a ceremonious opening in the year 2019 (the one-hundredth anniversary of the John Brown). This monument was made possible by the generous donation of the family of Bob Jackson, Sr.

Milestones

March 14, 1958

After months of bewilderment, the women of John Brown University were allowed a glimpse into the Men’s dormitories during open house. The hour and a half was filled with exploring rooms, cookies and punch, and the highlight of course was the awarding of the winners for best room.

April 2, 1998

After 8 years with food service provider Pioneer Foods, JBU makes the switch to ARAMARK. Even with the switch, ARAMARK foods has agreed to keep the popular sandwich smashers in the cafeteria.
The most sublime picture in all literature is that which is found in the inspired record of the Last Supper. One of His followers was to betray Him and sell Him into the hands of a bloodthirsty mob. Already this traitor had gone out into the dark night, a night the blackness of which seemed unusually portentous and sad. Just out there is the Garden of Gethsemane, with its sweat and blood! Just over there is the judgment hall, with its cruel scourge and crown of thorns! Just up there is Calvary's hill, with the cross of the empty arms! Down in the streets the mob is already forming, and their muttered oaths are heard on the night air. Outside that little room, everything breathed of hatred and death! Amidst all this, and in the presence of all this, Jesus sat peacefully singing. “He sang a hymn,” is the official record of that last sad hour!

Grand, lonely, majestic, calm and peaceful soul, singing in the hour of His betrayal and in the hour of His death! What a wonderful peace God must have put into His soul, that He could sit and sing while the world rushed in to crucify! “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.” It must have been that a little of this peace possessed the heart of Stephen, for when they were stoning him to death he prayed, “Lay not this sin to their charge,” and kneeling quietly, with the face radiantly beautiful, he gave up the ghost.

Every player must buy his own blue Star Trek Tracer Disk gun which shoots colored disks. Here are some of the other rules of the game:
1. Every assassin must try not to have witnesses.
2. Halls and bathrooms are safety areas where you cannot be killed.
3. If you are being shot at you can shoot back in self-defense.
4. If you shoot your victim, he gives you his slip of paper and you get a new victim.

Toward the end of the game there are only two assassins left and each of them holds the other person’s name. With a final battle, a winner emerges. One game usually lasts about five days. Then it starts all over again.

To play Assassination, sign up on the sheet in the J. Alvin lobby. Mayfield and Catalina dorm residents and professors are encouraged to sign up.

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