The Broadhurst Village, also known as the duplexes, came into being in 1962 because of the generosity of William E. Broadhurst. Broadhurst was born in Oxford, Kansas in 1888. He was raised by his mom; therefore, he had to learn responsibility at a young age. During the oil boom he established himself as a natural leader in the oil industry and was often called upon for his expertise. In 1927, Broadhurst, Helmerich, and Payne built a successful drilling and production company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Broadhurst sold his interest in the company to Helmerich and Payne in 1952 and used the money which he had acquired over the years to start the Broadhurst Foundation, a religious charity. The foundation provided funds for the construction of many churches and chapels, in addition to the Broadhurst Village, as well as establishing scholarship programs for numerous colleges, including John Brown University. Broadhurst served on the JBU Board of Trustees, and was given an honorary Humanitarian Doctorate degree by JBU.

The first duplex was dedicated on July 27, 1962. The duplexes were designed by JBU Building Construction and Design professor Charles Willis and built by JBU faculty and summer staffed students. The first residents to live in the duplexes were Randall and Anna Spear on one side—Randall worked on the construction of the duplex, and Mark and Linda Wilkinson on the other. When Anna was asked what she enjoyed most about living in the duplexes, she immediately answered, “We did not have to share a bathroom!” She also enjoyed having a place that felt like a home and that she could keep clean.

At the dedication Broadhurst promised money for four more duplexes; with twenty duplexes purposed to be built. By 1964 five duplexes were completed and during the next four years nine more were built. All twenty duplexes were completed by the early 1970s. Rick Schwartz lived in the duplexes with his wife Joan between 1978 and 1980 and their two-year-old son Joel. Rick recalled in an interview that there were a handful of kids living in the duplexes at that time, and living in a married community was wonderful. The thing that Rick enjoyed most about living in the duplexes was that they were “dirt cheap;” rent cost only $95 a month and included free cable. There were some changes that took place while Rick lived in the duplexes: first the speed-bumps were added to keep the children safe from speeding students in 1979; then the street light at the entrance of the village was added for the kids who rode the school bus in morning. One of the greatest memories that Rick has of his time spent at Broadhurst Village consist of the time when he and several of the other fathers fixed up the playground by putting in a tire-swing and tire climbing apparatus.

Today the duplexes are being phased out as other housing options become available, but to the married and single students who lived there over the years, they will always be remembered as a place of community and friendship.

**Milestones**

**January 25, 1941:** The men of JBU hosted a surprise party for all the women on campus. This formal event, which was planned entirely by the men, included different musical and drama acts throughout the night. Overall it was recalled as “one of the most elaborate entertainments ever sponsored by the boys of John Brown University.”

**January 28, 1983:** Dr. James Walters found his bicycle dangling at half-mast from the flag pole. The students who performed the prank were never caught, but Dr. Walters told the Threefold at that time that it was a traumatizing event for himself and his family.

**Insights**

Quotes from John Brown, Sr.

Now I want to begin by suggesting that when the children of Israel were led into the land of promise, it was with the commission to destroy utterly. Yet God admonished this nation, His People, that in using them as an instrument to execute judgment on a degraded, immoral, rebellious people, that he was not using them because of their goodness, for they were a "stiffnecked people" and a rebellious people, but rather he was using an imperfect nation to execute the judgment of utter annihilation upon peoples who had become so degraded and so vicious that love decreed, LOVE, mind you, that their complete destruction should be accomplished; that they should be wiped from the face of the earth... Now Israel had her armies, her captains, her generals, and they moved at the command of God. Could these men in Israel's Army, executing God's orders, be God's men? But the contention comes,—That was the Age of Law—back in the jungle—when human life was counted a valueless thing. That was back in the time when the world knew no power but force. That was back in the time when the strong lived and the weak died! We are living today in a more enlightened age. In other words, Christ changed things, and despite the fact that war continues and nations rise and fall, and kingdoms come and go, today there is only one ultimatum for the Christian, and that is to wash his hands of all responsibility in organized government, at least insofar as law and penalty are concerned...The Old Testament Scriptures have some of the richest, choicest passages having to do with love...and it was out of the Old Testament Scriptures and the love of God—the God of the Old Testament that Christ gave that marvelous declaration in John 3:16.

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**Echoes of the Past**

Excerpt from the 17 of October 1977 Threefold Advocate

**Watch Who You Call A ‘Nerd’**

My best friend called me a "nerd" the other day. I have been calling people nerds for a long time, and never really gave it a second thought. But, out of curiosity, I asked her what it meant.

"You're just, well you know, I guess uncool." That explained a lot. I knew what I thought a nerd was, but I began to make a mental list of how other people define nerds. I noticed that people were called nerds who:

1. Make 100 per cent on a physical science test
2. Don't like pizza
3. Come in from a date to find a message that they’d received a call from their "Love back home"
4. Make it to 7:30 classes every morning—on time.
5. Get to go home every weekend
6. Get calls at 12:45 am
7. Pass up running around or the Dairy Queen for an evening in the library
8. Get an average of four or more calls a day from a steady on campus
9. Throw paper airplanes in class meetings
10. Don't attend any of the exciting intramural football games to help cheer their team on
11. Can’t stand the “second chapter of Acts”
12. Remember to change the sheets every week
13. Get thirteen letters and two packages from home
14. Eat three frozen snicker candy bars at the coffee shop every night and stay at 105 pounds
15. Carry 18 hours, are in every possible organization, club, and activity on campus, are on the work study program, and never look or act tired.
16. Fill a whole floor of Mayfield Dorm with the exciting aroma of popcorn but don’t let you participate in anything but the smell.

Webers was too chicken to attempt to define the word, I discovered. And after all of the above observations, I decided I wasn’t a “nerd”. I confronted my friend with this and told her how I felt

"Okay, turkey," she put great stress on the latter word, "but next time, be more careful about spilling your lunch tray full of food in my lap."

I don't fit Websters definition of a Turkey. Now I'm wondering what in the world she meant by turkey...