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A Jew, a Muslim and a Quaker Take the Stage Interfaith Band Abraham Jam Visits Campus

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Abraham Jam members Dawud Wharnsby, Billy Jonas and David LaMotte. Bottom row, from left to right: Mackenzie Hupp, Ariel Junkin, Jeff Symsek, Jackson Gastmeyer, Emma Pollock and Meg McCarthy. Credit: Charlotte E. Shunk

Interfaith band Abraham Jam visited campus on Sunday, Sept. 22, to present an interfaith worship experience for students and members of the community. The band, consisting of a trio of men from each of the three Abrahamic faiths, performed a concert in the Wallace Memorial Chapel.

As followers of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, respectively, band members David LaMotte, Billy Jonas and Dawud Wharnsby offered an evening of song, story, laughter and inspiration generated by their own relationship across lines that they find sometimes divide people.

Though the men are all from different religious backgrounds, they are united with a common goal: to create music and use its power to heal. By contributing vocal harmonies, percussion and instrumentation to each other's songs, they believe that they can dissolve the illusion of separateness, song by song, according to a press release published by Westminster College.

"At a point in history when divisions loom large, it is important that we not only stand in the way of actions that separate us, but also that we create those things that bring us together," Jonas said.

LaMotte, Jonas and Wharnsby have been performing together regularly since 2015, according to the College's press release. However, the men each come from differing backgrounds.

LaMotte, who founded Abraham Jam, is from Asheville, Tennessee. He is an award-winning songwriter, author and public speaker, as well as the founder of an international non-profit that supports literacy and arts in Guatemala. Additionally, LaMotte opened the Spiritual Emphasis Westminster speaker series in 2018 with a concert and lecture, according to a press release issued by the College.

Also from Asheville, North Carolina, Jonas is a songwriter and a multi-faith advocate and educator. He also plays several instruments, including the guitar, piano and those of percussion.

Wharnsby is a Canadian-born poet, songwriter and performer. Although he currently makes his career as a troubadour, he first shared his music with audiences as a street performer in his late teenage years.

Collectively, LaMotte, Jonas and Wharnsby have performed more than 10,000 concerts in all 50 states and nearly every continent. Within the last few decades, the men have cumulatively released more than thirty-five albums.

LaMotte was working with the North Carolina Council of Churches when he founded Abraham Jam in 2010, according to the band's website. He established the concept as a means of forming interfaith respect and cooperation.

In an effort to bring his idea to fruition, LaMotte approached Christian, Jewish and Muslim student organizations in the area to form an interfaith student committee. The committee selected the musicians who would be involved in the band, as well as the band's name.

At the time Abraham Jam was founded, its members included LaMotte, Wharnsby and Dan Nichols, who is a Jewish musician. The trio performed their first concert at Duke University. Five years later, Jonas amicably replaced Nichols as the Jewish member of the band.

Abraham Jam released their debut CD, "Abraham Jam Live," in 2018. The band released its second album, a studio project titled "White Moon," earlier this year.

Westminster's Office of Faith and Spirituality sponsored Abraham Jam in Concert.

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Burry Stadium Facelift Working Well for Titans

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Sports Section Editor

Credit: Mason Flanigan

The Titan football team has been on a roll in the first three games of the 2019 season with high scoring wins over Capital, Waynesburg and Saint Vincent. However, the Titans' dominance on the field isn't the only thing fans are noticing around Burry Stadium this year.

Over the summer, Harold Burry Stadium received a facelift, replacing the FieldTurf for the first time since its installation in 2008. The track area has also been resurfaced.

Titan Offensive Lineman Cameron Mika talked

briefly about the new turf at PAC Football Media day, describing the old turf as having some bad spots and the rubber pellets within the turf as becoming too loose.

The most significant renovation project in the history of Memorial Field took place in the summer of 2008 with the installation of synthetic FieldTurf and lighting as part of a \$1.7 million project that included the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza and an entrance terrace named in memory of the late Jerry C. Neff.

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Emily Marcus: A Two Sport NCAA
Championship AthleteMadeline Keenan
WCN Staffer

Credit: Titan Athletics

Some athletes work their entire college sports career trying to get to the NCAA Division 3 Championships. Most never make it. Senior Emily Marcus, however, not only qualified for one championship, but two!

In the spring of 2019, Emily traveled to Gettysburg to compete in the NCAA Division 3 Lacrosse Championships. Not even a day later, Emily boarded a plane for Houston Texas for the NCAA Division 3 Golf Championships. The Criminal Justice major told us exactly how she got her start in both events.

"I started playing golf when I was young with my family. I really only started playing competitively my sophomore year of high school," Emily said.

Lacrosse and golf are very different sports and Emily has

become very good at making time for both sports. Whenever she is not at the golf center or on the golf course, you can typically find her working out with her teammates on the field. Managing two practice schedules can be difficult, but managing two different competition schedules can be impossible.

Emily, however, makes the transition looks flawless. Emily's first PAC Championship was with the golf team. She walked through what it was like winning the championship.

"We all just had like fantastic days in the spring and it just worked out and it was kind of like...it was just so rewarding and so emotional," Emily said.

After the golf championships, it was time to get focused for the Lacrosse PAC Championships.

"Golf wasn't as dramatic, but

it was equally rewarding. But with lacrosse, we like stormed the field, we jumped into the lake, and it was just like that celebration that you see in a movie," Emily said.

Now with two NCAA Championships coming up, Emily had the challenge of balancing golf and lacrosse.

"My dad and I drove down to Gettysburg for the first round of the Lacrosse NCAA Championships. So we go there, we play them, we win, but it wasn't really like...it was hard because I didn't want to leave and I didn't want to finish the season like that but they had one more game the next day, but my flight to Houston for the golf NCAA Championships was Sunday morning. So, I didn't really have an option," Emily said.

She was not only unable to watch the lacrosse game, but she couldn't even keep tabs with the lacrosse team on the plane ride.

"I wish I could be in two places at once! But I couldn't even because the flight was in the morning and with the time difference and the way we got in, we took off and by the time we got in they had like two minutes left in the game," Emily said.

Looking forward to her senior year, Emily is optimistic that her love for sports will continue even after her days at Westminster.

"Hopefully I play golf forever," Emily said.

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Attack on Titan Club and the Changes to Fix It

Charlotte E. Shunk
A&E/Features Section Editor



Credit: Charlotte E. Shunk

We are now just over a month into our year here at Motherfair and there are still a number of changes and fixes being made to the campus around us. Most notably, those regarding food and the absence of The Titan Club.

Keeping the TUB well-stocked has been a point of concern for many students. Students athletes (who make up roughly 50% of Westminster College's student population) and students with other commitments that overlap the 5:00-7:30 dinner hours have often showed up at the TUB after practices and obligations to find few choices left for them. Sammie's Sandwiches and The Titan Chef are both closed by the time these students get a chance to eat. This leaves the salad bar, Simply To Go and Starbucks, and The Grille. However, on multiple occasions The Grille has been out of hamburgers or other meals of substance.

Sodexo General Manager Jeff Creveling said, "We have a couple of positions to fill. We are in the process of hiring a couple of people who will be working the late night [shift]. All over the country there is a shortage of people

looking for work, so it's taken us a little while, but we have some people coming in who are good people and that should definitely help."

Creveling and Student Government Association's Food Advisory Committee (FAC) are working together to address student concerns regarding food choices.

The Rice Bowl was one of the most popular dishes at The Titan Club. In effort to revive the dish, it will now be available at Duff twice a week, once for lunch and once for dinner, as well as The Titan Chef in the TUB twice a week, also once for lunch and once for dinner.

Mac and cheese bites and mozzarella sticks, some of the "bar"-type foods that had been available through The Titan Club in past years, are being introduced in the TUB at The Grille.

"Milkshakes are another thing people have been wanting and we are looking at how we might be able to achieve that," Creveling said, "It is a little more challenging logistically, because to do the milkshakes you have to have a water source to rinse the scoops, you need to have freezer space for the ice cream, you need to have

room for the blender and you need to have an employee pretty much locked into making them all day. It's not out of the realm of things, but right now we are seeing what we can do."

Though variety and availability of food choices are a big concern for students, Creveling is also addressing environmental issues.

By the end of the day (and sometimes the middle of the day) the TUB trash cans are overflowing with plastic containers from students' meals. Not only is upkeep of taking out the trash of concern, but the sheer volume of trash Westminster is producing is troublesome.

Creveling said, "We are trying to introduce a reusable carryout container instead of using plastic all the time. The containers cost about \$5.00, so we would ask the students to put down a \$5.00 deposit on the container. We give them a clean, fresh one and they get their food, take it home, eat it, rinse it out for us, and bring it back."

This process would be sustainable and would decrease WC's carbon footprint.

"If [students] want another container [when they return theirs] we would give them one that we sent through the dishwasher and take the one that they brought back and send it through the dishwasher for sanitizing."

WC is currently waiting upon health department approval for the plan. Once the proposal is approved, the reusable container program will be initiated. Other promotions such as using reusable mugs for drinks are also in the works.

In the meantime, fiber plates at the salad bar and The Titan Chef are available for students who wish to dine in. Paper materials at The Grille are also being used instead of each order being immediately placed into a plastic clamshell container. Plastic containers are still available if students would like them.

Student worries are being addressed. WC is not deaf to the complaints and concerns being voiced and steps are being taken to try to quell the upset.

Any other concerns should be directed to Jace Armentrout, the chair of FAC, or Mr. Creveling.

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Westminster in London: Open House London and the City of Bath

Victoria Lisbon

Correspondent



Credit: Victoria Lisbon

Have you ever come across a building that you wish you could walk in and explore? Open House London offers you the opportunity to legally fulfill that desire. Since 1992, one weekend in September has been dedicated to the opening of normally closed doors in order to celebrate architecture. The reason for this celebration is, as stated on the Open House London webpage, "We believe the best cities arise when an informed and diverse public play an active role in shaping and maintaining the neighbourhoods they live in... And because we believe that great design - in architecture, urban design, planning and infrastructure - can transform the lives of ordinary people for the better." As the world's largest architectural festival, Open House London offers free public access to over 800 buildings. There is no limit to the types of buildings available. They range from churches, private homes, and embassies. Even 10 Downing Street, the headquarters of the government in the United Kingdom, was open to those lucky enough to win the ticket drawing. Often, places will offer special tours, even if that place is always publicly accessible.

I love the massive stone churches with their intricate stained glass windows, stone carvings, and vaulted ceilings that are dotted around Europe. So for Open House London, I went to a Victorian era church, which I will describe briefly. The Holy Trinity Church was once again another marvel in architecture and design. It was heavily influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement creating a very visible mixture of design. Even though I consider myself to be ignorant on the subject of architecture, I

was able to pick up on this difference compared to the other churches I have explored. It was truly amazing to experience something so unique.

The day after Open House London, I journeyed to Bath, a city over 100 miles away, to visit England's only natural hot spring. The Romans built a massive bath house over the spring, and a temple nearby for worship. Both structures have been mostly destroyed, but what does remain is encased within the Roman Baths Museum. The tour through the museum starts by telling the story of the original structure and the reasons why it was built. You then move onto the daily life and religious aspects of the baths. Finally, at the end, you are able to visit two of the functional baths still being fed by the original spring. The 115 °F water is green with poor visibility. If that was not enough to tell you to not touch the water, then the various signs around the baths will. This did not stop me from witnessing multiple people touch it. You can, however, drink the spring water at the end of the tour. This spring water comes from new holes drilled into the source spring, and it is treated. It is described on the websites as "containing 43 minerals and has a rather unusual taste!" To me it tasted like warm metallic water. Bluntly put, drinking out of a garden hose on a summer day has the same effect. If you would like to swim in this treated spring water, then you can head to the nearby Thermae Spa.

Thermae Spa was probably my favorite part of Bath. After all, who doesn't like a relaxing day at the spa? The building was very modern and offered a variety of typical spa activities like massages and saunas. I went with the cheapest package, which gave me access to the saunas, the rooftop and ground floor spring, alongside a complimentary dinner. The spring water had a thicker consistency, like you would experience from a bottle of mineral water. It was also delightfully warm, especially on the rooftop as the evening sun set. There were four different types of saunas and an ice room to cool down after. Of the four saunas, two were traditional (one in Roman style the other Georgian) and two were modern (one infrared and the other space-themed). The traditional saunas were hot and heavy with incense infused steam. The infrared sauna was humid at a slightly less intense heat. The space themed sauna was warm with no humidity, choosing to focus on a soothing outer space atmosphere. The dinner was decent, I was able to try steak with noodles for the first time and have some tasty mac n' cheese. All in all, a day trip to Bath is definitely worth it if you ever find the opportunity to go.

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Hoyt Ground Breaking

Sydney Roach

Editor-in-Chief

After securing over \$16.5 million dollars in committed support, Westminster College celebrated the official groundbreaking of the new addition to Hoyt Science Center on Friday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m.

“With STEM majors accounting for nearly one-third of Westminster’s student body and all students completing mathematics and science courses, the need to address our STEM facilities was critical,” said Westminster College President Dr. Kathy Brittain Richardson. “It is important that Westminster’s education and research spaces match the quality of our faculty and students.”

Work crews are expected to complete the project by 2021. It will provide six new teaching laboratories, three research labs, along with faculty offices and student collaboration spaces. The wing will also serve as the home for the Center for the Environment.

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