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“Why did you choose Bryan?”
freshmen are perpetually asked— a sure
conversation starter. “Why do you go
here?” prospective students and their
parents ask those who’ve been here a
while. “Why am I at Bryan?” we ask our-
selves when papers are due, exam time
comes, and when the bills roll in. Is it
academic excellence? Is it the exciting
sports? Are we here for the wonderful
people? Or for worldview? Maybe we’re
here for something beyond all that.

by Courtney Jergins

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Bryan is just small enough that we recognize almost every face we pass. We know almost all of our classmates by name and get to talk to almost all of our professors. We're almost all friends on Facebook. Almost all of us almost agree on politics, religion and worldview. We're beyond community - we're practically family.

by Courtney Jergins

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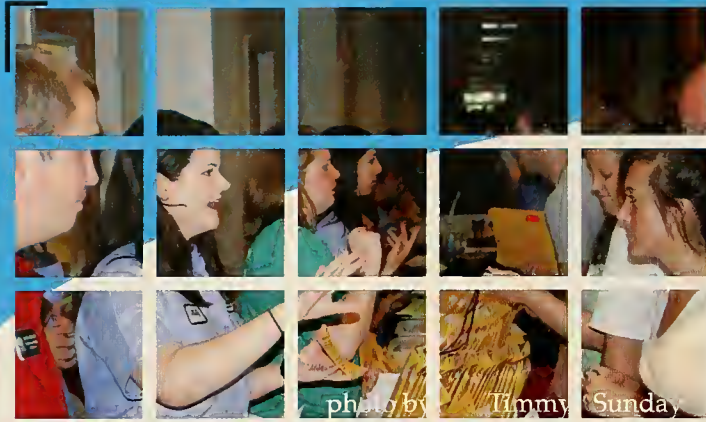
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“We were the Squirrel Society. Ben came up with it.”

- Senior Hannah Markette on the name of her small group

Sophomore Molly Gehring hands a matriculation package to Freshman Whitney Boggs during registration in Mercer.

Pausing while music plays from his laptop, Freshman Dave Kirkwood prepares to mount his surround sound speakers in his dorm room in Long as his mother, Pamela, reads over the orientation schedule.



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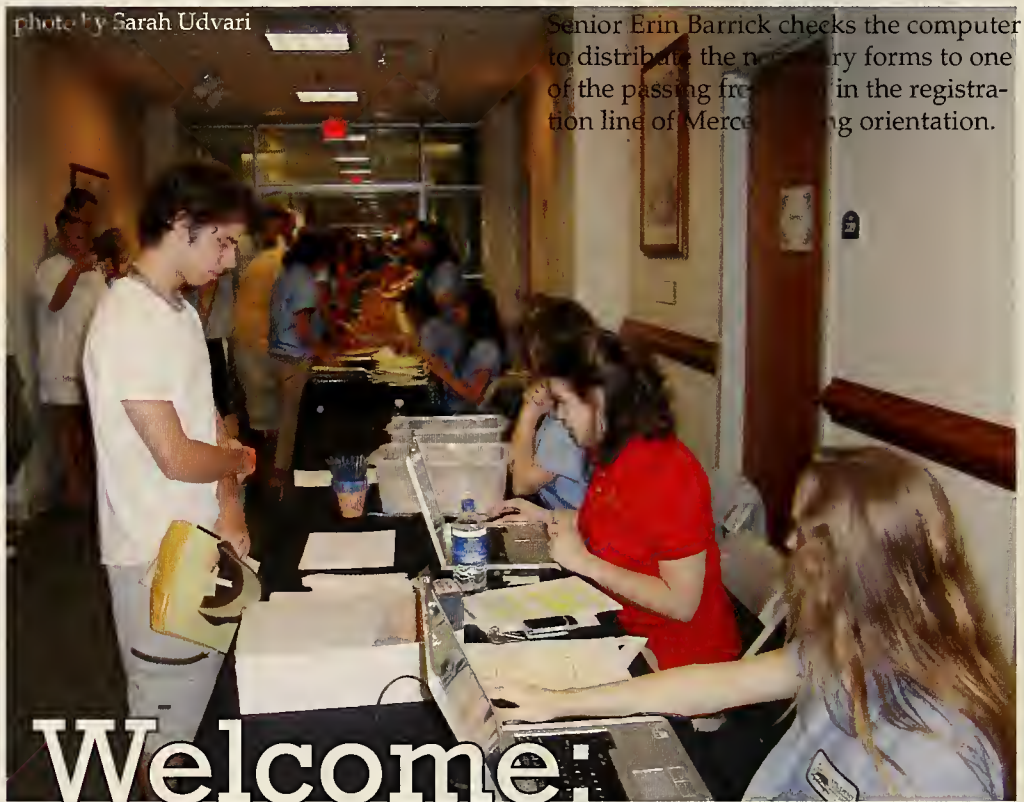


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Senior Erin Barrick checks the computer to distribute the necessary forms to one of the passing freshmen in the registration line of Mercer during orientation.

Welcome:

Repeat after us, “Freshmen are friends, not food!”

[by Michelle Friesen]



photo by Sarah Udvari

Members of the Squirrel Society orientation group, Freshmen Connie Fullington, Kendall Armstrong, and Senior group leader Hannah Markette compete in the orientation games.

“It was my first day as an orientation group leader and I thought, ‘Oh great, I’m already killing my freshman people,’” said junior Matt Samsel, who witnessed one of his group members, freshman Chris Franca, break his hand in a tragic game of tug-of-war. This year, the student government association took on a new approach for the freshman and transfer orientation groups, an approach that has elicited varying responses. The first activity newcomers engaged in was Bryan’s first carnival, which was located in the cafeteria. Costume-clad orientation group leaders (OGL) were there to meet and greet

Orientation



photo by Sarah Udvari

Junior Anne Carlile and Freshman Tyler Boyd strain to dump their water bucket using only the attached strings during one of the more challenging orientation games down in the cafeteria.



Junior Phil Gray and Freshman Zach Bradshaw lead their orientation group (Freshmen Liz Van Erem, Glenna Gibbs, Sophomore Laura Puckett, and Freshman Zach Horat) in a round of tug-of-war during orientation games in the cafeteria.

their group members, and large group activities and games ensued. "I think the new activities were a great addition to the orientation events, but I did miss the time to get to know your group at the beginning," said senior leader Corrie Nash. Another change was the inter-group competition for a \$200 restaurant gift certificate. The Peanuts led by Junior Courtney Jergins and Sophomore Jordan Lawrence took the prize with their t-shirt designs and photo scavenger hunt activities. "I think the competition built community. It gave us a common goal to bind us together as a group," said Jergins, trying to use some Bryan College jargon. For some new students, the activities were a blessing. "When we came here and had the fun activities, I felt at home here," said Junior transfer Stacey Bradshaw. For others, they were superfluous. "I can definitely tell that the orientation groups were targeted toward people coming right out of high school," said Drew Fendrich, an older freshman. In the end, organizers and leader wanted this new method of conducting orientation groups to be fun, energetic, and helpful. "Hopefully we're able to make new students feel comfortable and have an easy transition to college," said Nash.



“What the fat?”

- an oft repeated quote of Dr. Livesay that appeared in the film shown during the Homecoming Banquet

Seniors Laura McFadden and Lindsay Woods, Junior Taylor Woods, Sophomore Carolyn Candland, and Senior Katie Rosenbaum ready themselves for a meal in one of the “Clue” set during the Homecoming Banquet.

During the alumni basketball game, Sophomore Tyrone Shepard attempts to block a shot from one of the alumni players.



Sophomore Ryan Smith's shadow converses with other shadow people at the bonfire down by the soccer fields as he readies marshmallows for s'mores.



Senior Michael Boling is conveniently distracted as Junior Courtney Jettis readies to pour tea amidst the “Clue” sets on the Homecoming Banquet night.

Clueless:

Junior reveals unwritten banquet date etiquette

[by Amy Barham]

After about three years of mortification and remorse at his first attempt to win over a homecoming date, Ben Whitley's story has finally surfaced. His freshman year, as he was passing by a freshman girl on the steps leading to the cafeteria, he inquired, “Has anyone asked you to the banquet?” When she responded with a negative, Ben asked, “Wanna go with me?” Looking back, Ben says, “I feel so bad! No one had ever told me that we were supposed to ask a girl creatively! I just didn't know!” After learning the ropes, Ben has vowed to never again ask a banquet date in passing. Most of the time, guys wonder until the last possible minute which beautiful girl they will persuade to go as their

[homecoming]



Crowned King and Queen of the homecoming court, Senior Paul Gutacker escorts Senior Jessi Hundley on the soccer field during the halftime of the homecoming game.



Holding Senior Michelle Friesen at gunpoint Jillian Carr, a Senior, is at risk of being clubbed with a candlestick on one of the "Clue" sets during the Homecoming Banquet.

date, while girls are wondering if a guy is brave enough to ask. Since banquets arrive about four times a year, there are plenty of awkward moments, especially for freshmen. Freshman J.D. Davis says, "I didn't know what to expect at my first banquet, so I ran the opposite direction and asked a friend who didn't even go to Bryan. I didn't want any girl I had just met to get the wrong idea." In most cases, students agree that whoever you go to the Homecoming Banquet with in your freshman year will never result in a close friend - it's just awkward from then on.

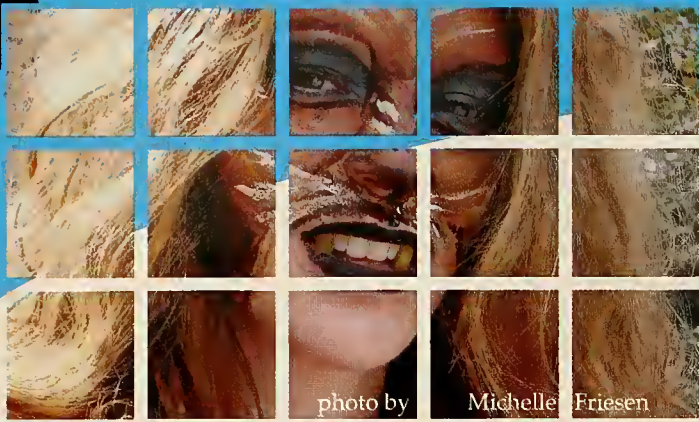


photo by Michelle Friesen

“We don’t have tigers or bears, but that’s ok, because we’ve got LIONS!”

- Kansan Junior Kirsten Leach with a Wizard of Oz reference

Junior Mary Clauson shows off her Bryan pride out in front of the Latimer Student Center on our very own Bryan Lion Day

Junior Jeremy Kolb takes a relaxing drag as he saunters around the cafeteria on Spy Day



photo by Michelle Friesen

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Junior Liesl Schoenhals, Freshman Dave Kirkwood, Junior Kirsten Meberg, and Sophomore Laura Funke reminisce together at the cafeteria on Geriatrics Day



photo by Michelle Friesen

Junior Sarah Urie blows some gun-smoke away after a minor confrontation in the cafeteria on Western Day

Lion Within:

Unleashing their school spirit, students abandon personal pride.

[by Justin Winters]

Cool, clever . . . embarrassing—yes, the student body really made an appearance this year. Clever costumes like Zachary Scheller’s brought all kinds of reactions. His cowboy outfit for Western Day even came with a horse! Lion Pride Day found itself with one of the year’s most unique costumes: Brian Thomas was a lion. When asked about his outfit he replied, “It was pretty hot to wear.” General consensus has made Geriatrics Day 2007’s favorite Spirit Week day, and Heather Laskin was its star. She could have passed for an escaped nursing home patient! Of all of Spirit

[spirit week]



Senior Matt Crutchfield and Sophomore Nathan Madden are courteous enough to let a fan take a photo of them in the cafeteria on Rock Star Day.



Senior Jessi Hundley, Junior Liesl Schoenhals, and Sophomore Molly Gehring carefully look over the cafeteria on Spy Day.

Week's costumes, Heather's was probably one of the most thought out. Her attire included a walker, a wig and even old-age make-up. Secret Agent Day must not be forgotten, though. Many James Bonds lurked in the halls as though Bryan was housing an 007 convention. Others weren't so excited about Secret Agent Day, and when asked why they were not in costume they explained that they were secret agents. It was the most exciting week of the year for many and the most embarrassing week of the year for the rest, but however you remember Spirit Week 2007, you will remember it.



“We’re the Hall with the Golden Gun.”

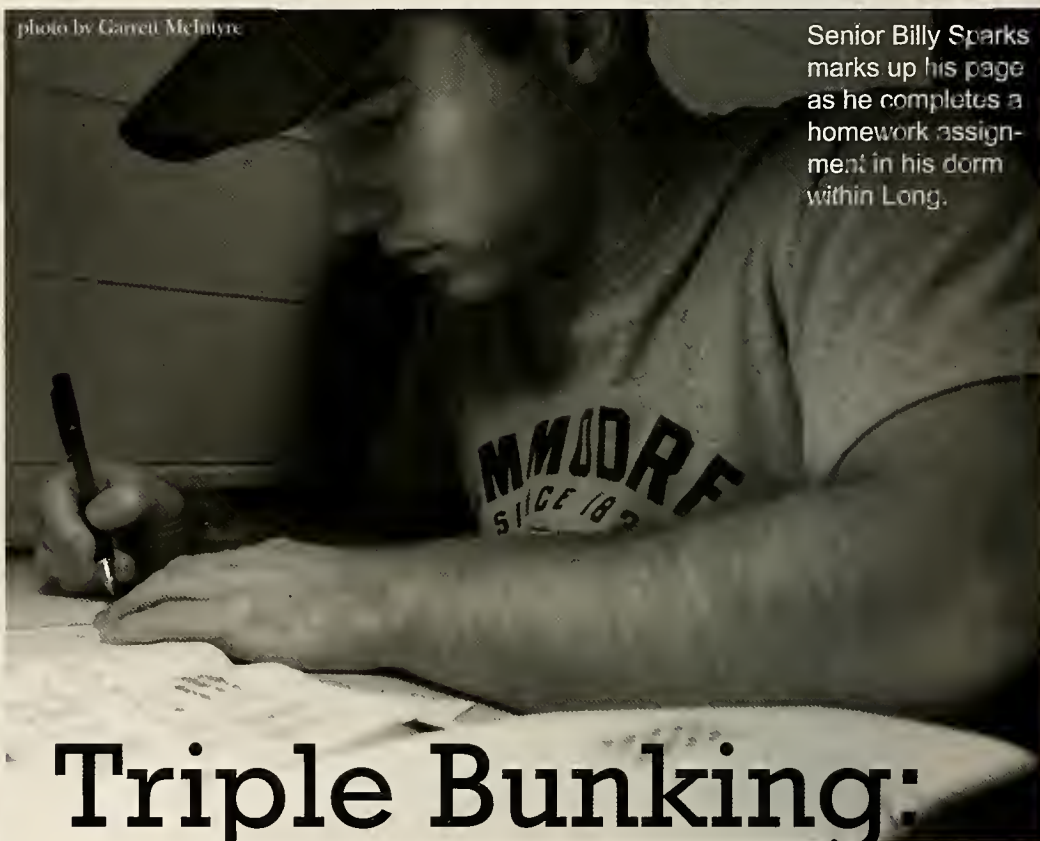
- David Gehring concerning Woodlee-Ewing 4th Short’s 007 James Bond theme.

The sign to the men’s dorms stands faithfully directing traffic.

Freshman Brian Mullenix works on a laptop during his first semester in the comfort of Long’s dorm halls.



Freshman David Green and Junior Chris Tuttle represent in one of the halls of Long.



Senior Billy Sparks marks up his page as he completes a homework assignment in his dorm within Long.

Triple Bunking:

Students learn close fellowship to save big bucks

[by Michelle Friesen]

Waking up to three different alarm clocks every morning may not be your idea of the most pleasant living conditions, but for the students who signed up for triple bunking in Long and Huston dorms, rooming with two other people is just another part of the Bryan College experience. “God brought us together,” said sophomore Joseph Maughan, chuckling. Actually, sign-ups for the rooms on Huston 3rd and Long 2nd and 4th were on a complete voluntary basis. The perk of a \$1000 scholarship was incentive enough for many students though. Some decided to migrate to wherever their friends happened to be. “I volunteered because I wanted to



[dorm life] in the bachelor pad

Freshman Drew Abercrombie jams on his guitar in Long dorm.

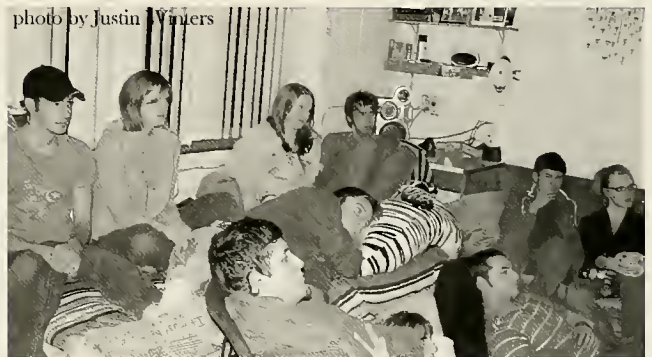
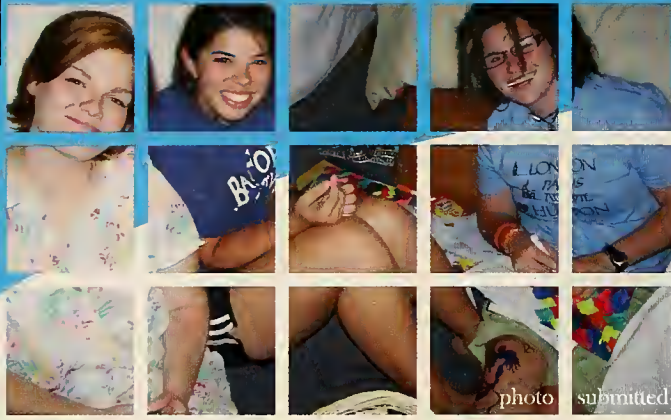


photo by Justin Wilers

(L-R bed) Freshmen Drew Fendrich, Maribeth Moe, Alaina Woodall, Elijah Ammen, Seth Dukes, (L-R chairs/couch) Thomas Katz, Drew Abercrombie, Sophomore Paul Shearer, and Freshmen Evan Johnson, and Natalie Mcgehee watch a movie in Long on a Saturday night open dorm.

photo by Garrett McIntyre

stay on the elite hall," said Maughan, resident of Long 2nd. His roommate, Sophomore Phillip Johnston, chose to remain on the same hall because it had the laundry room, the computer lab, and, of course, awesome people. Many discovered that the rooms were more spacious than they expected because the beds could be stacked and the desks could be moved around. Long 4th inhabitant Sophomore Ben Cunningham even thought it was more fun with three people than with two. "It's never boring," remarked freshman Dani Park. Park and her roommate freshman Becky Orbson projected that they'll probably be in a triple bunk room next year as well. Next door to Park on Huston 3rd is Junior Summer Nielsen's room, which is called "triple threat". "We're pretty insane," said Nielsen. Lack of dullness doesn't necessarily imply harmony, however. Junior Josh Storie recalled squabbles over dirty laundry on his supposed "side" of the room. Cunningham noted the difficulty of getting in and out of bed when they are stacked three high, not to mention the scrapes from sitting up too fast in a bunk. Despite the setbacks of having three to a room, most students affirmed that they had grown closer to each other during their time there, whether through late night chats, intense study sessions or simply accompanying each other to meals. Maybe three isn't a crowd.



“Rock on, royal dungeon!”

- Sophomore Katie Newsome expressing her love for her floor in Robinson, otherwise known as the Palace

Juniors Jessica Phillips, Heather O'Brien, and Sarah Urie work on an art project of sorts in the Arnold dorm.

Junior Bethel Ragland claims her man in the hall of Arnold.



RD Amanda Alquist kneads some cookie dough as Sophomore Lauren Simpson looks on in the RD's apartment of Huston.



photo by Michelle Friesen

Juniors Freya Ross, Heather O'Brien, Lauren Page, and Sophomores Hannah Hamrick and Sloane Davidson partake in the decoration process in the Huston lounge.

Dear Bryan Kids:

Housekeeper offers a few suggestions for dorm life improvement

[by Courtney Jergins]

Dear Bryan Kids,

As a housekeeper in the dorms, I get to fill in for your mother, but I don't often get a chance to remind you to pick up after yourselves. I shouldn't have to move your stuff around when I vacuum the halls. I know they're your precious belongings, but when we have visitors, they're going to think that stuff is just a pile of trash. Guys, don't drop your sweaty practice clothes at the door. No one wants it to stink up the hall! I'll clean your bathrooms, but you've got to pick up your own dirty laundry. And girls, I know you need your chocolate, but is that

[dorm life] in the ladies' realm



photo by Michelle Friesen

Freshman Maveyn Cedeno types away on her laptop on Huston Fourth during one of her many late night study sessions to avoid waking her roommate, Kirsten Meberg, who has an early bedtime- 2 a.m.



Junior Cassie Marie Bundy shows off her creativity with the mediums provided for the Christmas decorations in Huston.

mess of plastic wrappers and bags at the end of the hall really necessary? Besides, if we've told you once, we've told you a thousand times that leaving things in the hall creates a fire hazard. We're concerned for your safety. Now about that laundry room, Huston girls: I don't see how you can forget to take your clothes out of the washer after a week. Don't you start to miss your favorite jeans? When all of those loads start to pile up all over the table, the ironing board, the machines and even the floor, I can't maneuver around them to clean up the dust and lint. Really girls, even Long's laundry is cleaner than yours. On second thought, do the guys even know where their laundry room is? I do love serving you all. Even though I'm at work, I feel like I'm just cleaning up after my own children. I'm just giving you this advice because I love you.

Yours in Christ,
A Housekeeper



“I’m going to go sit on my sectional wedge.”

- Cassie Marie Bundy, whose room is big enough to fit a piece of a couch

The RAs of Long Dorm (Sophomore Stephen Russell, Senior Joshua Franklin, Sophomore Matt Noel, Senior Joel Trigger, and Sophomore David Hasty) and the Long RD, Matt Williams practice their faces of intimidation at the RA retreat.

Bursting into fits of laughter, Lauren Page, a sophomore RA and Leah White, a senior, try to play a game at the RA Christmas party.



photo by Garrett McIntyre



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Providing entertainment at the RA Christmas party, Senior Paul Laskowske and Junior Eric McEachron can't keep back the laughter.

Bruce Morgan, dean of students, joins the RAs, Jessie LaPlue, Jennifer Cocks, and Stephen Russell in the festivities of their RA Christmas party.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

RA Adventures:

The dorm hall leaders show mercy to an injured deer.

[by Michelle Friesen]

Bambi didn't survive the RA retreat this year, thanks to the hatchet-bearing Stephen Russell. One particular morning as the RAs emerged from their cabins on their way to the dining hall, they noticed a deer standing nearby, frozen, stunned. "It looked like it had been hit by a car. We could go up real close to it, and it wouldn't move," said junior Daniel Bosarge. Bosarge and sophomore



[RAs] the real point

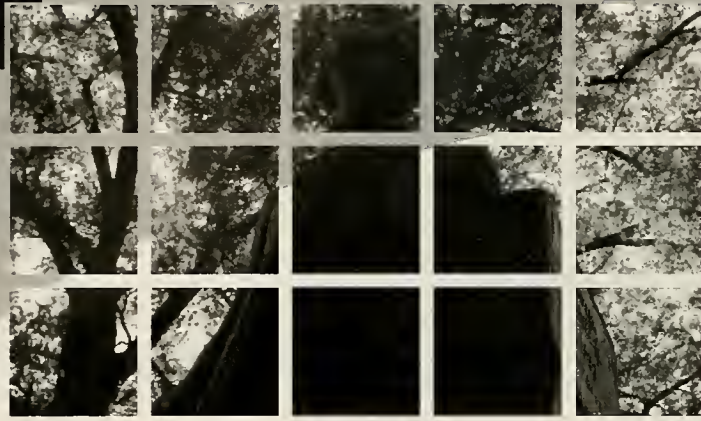
Senior RA Paul Gutacker gracefully masters the team building ropes course at the RA retreat.



photo by Rebekah Tooley

Trying out for the Bryan cheerleading squad, or just displaying a little school enthusiasm, the Huston RAs, juniors Jessie LaPlue, Lauren Page, Heather O'Brien, Cassie Marie Bundy and Sarah Urie make some noise at the RA retreat.

Stephen Russell could see the pain in the deer's eyes and in an act of pity, made the solemn decision. The two brave RAs grabbed their choice weapon, a hatchet, and headed into the woods to perform the deed. Bosarge looked on as Russell put the deer out of its misery with a few blows to the head, may he rest in peace. According to junior Jessie LaPlue, the guys kept that information under wraps until after the retreat in order to protect the minds of the naïve. "Everybody felt bad for it at first," she said. "We understood that they had destroyed it humanely." So next time you get points from an RA, remember the mercy one bestowed upon one of God's fair creatures and be grateful for your upstanding student leaders.



“People know that when they spend money here, it’s going back to the community.”

- Chris Goetz, owner of The Heartland Grill

The statue of William Jennings Bryan still stands sentry in front of the courthouse as it has since Fall 2005.

In the fall of 2007, a hungry Dayton citizen orders one of the first meals from the newly refurbished McDonalds on Highway 27.



A huge inflatable Ronald McDonald guards the entrance to the McDonald's -- and remains on guard for about a month until the newness of the building wears off.

Chris Goetz, owner of the World Famous Heartland Grill holds a pre-shift meeting with the volunteer servers on "Celebrity Server Night" including President Stephen Livesay, senior Melody Findley, and Mr. Michael Palmer.



Expansion:

Dayton's commercial progress causes students to say, "I'm lovin' it!"

[by Guest Writer Kaity Kopeski]

“The city of Dayton is no metropolis, yet the recent expansion of Dayton is hard to miss. Over this school year numerous businesses have been added. Possibly the most campus appreciated business renovation is the brand new McDonald's building, which, convenient for Bryan students, is open for business even in the early hours of the morning. Another wonderful development was the new Lowe's. Dayton residents and Bryan students, who previously had to journey thirty minutes out of town to reach the nearest Lowe's, now travel a mere five or ten minutes. Downtown Dayton has also significantly expanded. Several new shops opened including John Bamber Photography, A Dressy Affair, and Paint the Town

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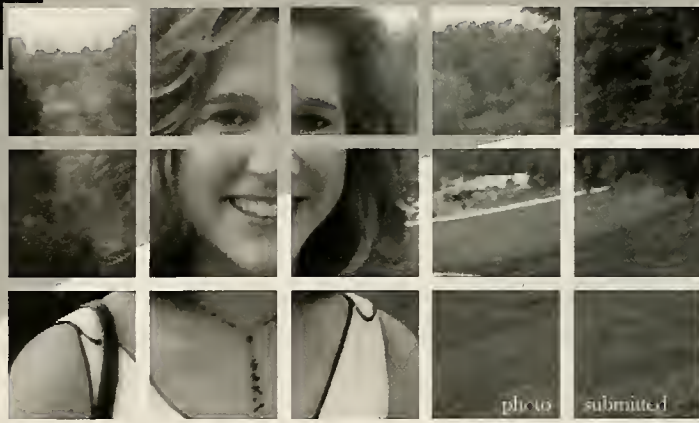
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Senior Melody Findley teaches Professor Palmer how to avoid slinging a glass rack at Heartland Grill's "Celebrity Serve" night.



Junior Ben Johnson embraces classmate Eric McEachron while sophomore Pam Simpson, junior Freya Ross and senior Phil Gray crash on the floor of a skating rink after the homecoming banquet.

which have quickly become a favorite date place for Bryan College students. Also Art Crafters greatly expanded and is located in what was previously Smith's Crossroads. The students at Bryan College seem to agree that expansion means improvement - the bigger, the better. A major complaint for students now is the smallness of Dayton, which tends to mean limitations for them. Students still travel to Chattanooga on weekends to find entertainment. Maybe, over time, that too will change and students will be able to stay in Dayton to catch the new movie or eat at their favorite restaurant. That might seem idealistic, but the truth is that these changes are just the beginning. Dayton is growing rapidly and the expansion is only expected to continue. So what is the response of Bryan student's towards the expansion? "I'm lovin' it!"



“I get to hang with friends when want to, but also get to eat my mother’s cooking everyday!”

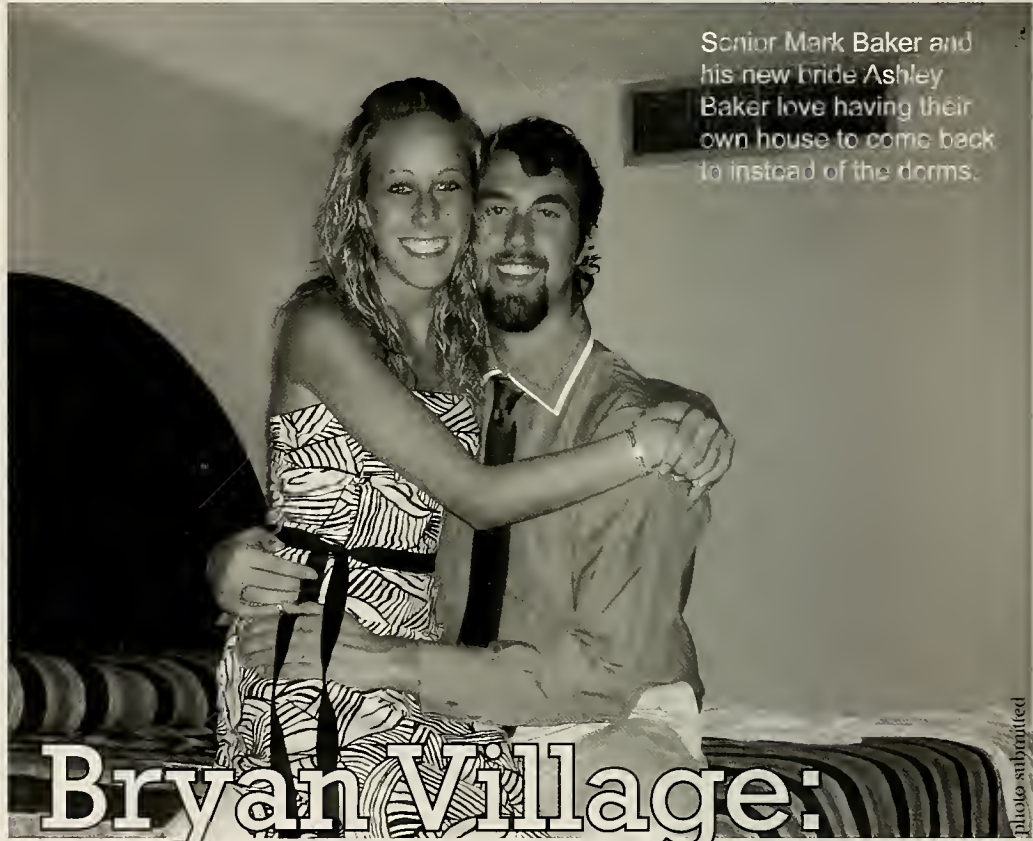
- Commuter Meredith Moore

Sophomore Meredith Moore walks across campus before attending Bryan’s Homecoming Banquet.

Freshman John Juarwel, a native of Sudan who has also lived in Uganda, has lived in the U.S. less than a year. He plans to return this summer to Sudan to work with the media to promote peace in that war-torn country.



One of commuter Caleb Haynes’ favorite pasttimes -- and what he has found to be a great way to meet people -- is playing pool in the Lion’s Den.



Senior Mark Baker and his new bride Ashley Baker love having their own house to come back to instead of the dorms.

Bryan Village: Responsibilities accompany not living on campus.

[by Ashley Baker]

“It happens to me every morning, but without fail I am shocked every time. With my covers tightly wrapped around me, I think it is funny how I can convince myself of anything. For instance, I know when I go to bed that it will take me 45 minutes to take a shower, blow dry my hair, and put my makeup on; but when 7 a.m. rolls around my mind is susceptible to great lies. Suddenly, I am convinced my 15 minute shower can be done in 3 minutes, and as my hand reaches through the darkness to punch the snooze button, I just know that my hair will magically dry in a matter of minutes. You know what I am talking about – I have to have 5 more minutes of sleep or I might die! This used to not be as big of a problem last year when I lived in Huston Base – exactly one

[non-traditional]



Commuter Ally Underwood, a sophomore, and sophomore Melissa Longoria take a break from skiing on a day-long ski trip hosted by SGA.



Senior Daniel Newton practices his trumpet. After being a Marine from 1996-2005, Daniel spent the fall of 2005 in Mexico then attended community colleges before coming to Bryan.

minute from class (well, 30 seconds if I ran- not that I ever tried this). But after Christmas break, a walk down the aisle, and a couple "I do's," I now wake up every morning in Bryan Village. What used to be a flight of steps and a small dash into Mercer has become a ten minute hike and a short run through the parking lot if the car won't start. Not only do Mark and I actually have to plan our mornings, but our lives look a little different all around. I no longer hear the screams from the girls on my hall when they have breaking news at 3 A.M., and I no longer have the leisure of placing my tray piled with dishes on a conveyer belt to magically be washed. I no longer have to walk across campus, into the Student Life Center and up two flights of stairs to get to my living room couch in the café. All I have to do now is walk out my bedroom door. Being a wife and living in the BV has changed almost every aspect of my life here at Bryan, but it is so much better because I am with the one I love most.



Sophomore John Wang paints a wall in a church for his service project on MLK day.

Freshman Ryan Yontz paints the wall of a church in Dayton.



photo by Garrett McIntyre



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Allison Cunningham washes the window of Jacob Myers' deli in Downtown Dayton on her third MLK day at Bryan.

“MLK Day was a good way for for the Bryan community to get out of the ‘Bryan Bubble’ and reach out to Dayton and the surrounding areas.”

- Junior Chris Tuttle



Freshmen Lauren Copeland and Coach Jimmy Bechler from the Women's Basketball team clean up the warehouse in Visions for Missions in Downtown Dayton.

photo by Sarah Udvari

MLK Day:

Serving the Community and Escaping the Bryan Bubble

[by Sarah Udvari]

Every year Bryan College students and faculty get together on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and serve the community through projects all over Dayton and in the surrounding areas. Students were able to choose to participate in cleaning churches, picking up trash, sorting through clothes at the Women's Care Center, and small construction jobs like putting together a trampoline or a deck. Each Break for Change team and sports team worked together on a different project in order to get to know each other better and foster team unity. For example, the Lady Lions Basketball team helped clean and organize Vision for Missions in downtown Dayton. One of the most positive

[MLK day]



Freshman Amy Whisman picks up trash on the side of Highway 27.

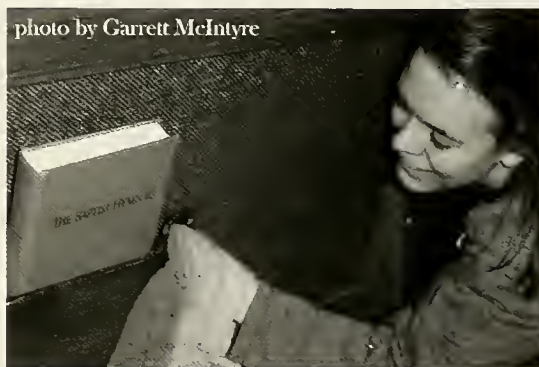


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Senior Regina Van Gorkom cleans the back of the pews of a church in Dayton.

results of the MLK Day service projects is that Bryan students are given the opportunity to serve people in Dayton and work with other students, faculty and staff who they would not otherwise get to know. Sophomore Lauren Simpson recounts how her group was able to help a specific family in their need. "I went to a house where we painted and raked leaves for a family. Unbeknownst to us, this house was being shown to a prospective buyer later that day. Thankfully, we finished at 3:30 pm, and they were so excited we were there that they called the newspaper and asked them to send a photographer to take pictures of us at the house and put the pictures in the paper so that people in the community could know what Bryan College does." One of the reasons Bryan is so special is that it goes beyond the call of duty to bring the love of Christ to people in Dayton.



“Checking mail is something for masochistic optimists.”

- Senior Laura McFadden

Junior Ryan Tyser eyes a billiard in the Lion's Den before taking a skillful shot.

photo by Garrett McIntyre

No need to get out of bed in order to entertain the masses. Freshman Justin Morton harmonizes on his guitar during open dorm.



photo by Justin Winters



photo by Michelle Friesen

Sophomore Colton Davie works on his massive computer while sophomore roommates Joseph Maughon and Phillip Johnston study under their beds.



A Day in the Life:

Overcoming despair and dealing with mail-checking monotony

[by Michelle Friesen]

With each turn of the dial on your school mailbox, that sinking, yet hopeful thought pervades your mind. It's almost like opening a present, except the gift you are to receive will probably be likened to a cheap souvenir from Oklahoma City. When you open up the door that connects students to mailroom workers, one of three things is likely to happen. You may be staring directly past the void in your mailbox, whereby you try to convince yourself that mail is overrated anyway

[activities]



Freshman Johnny Rogers sports his skateboard skills on the picnic table outside Woodlee-Ewing dorm.



Seniors Katie Rosenbaum and Michael Boling linger around after lunch in the cafeteria.

second, you might have papers floating inside, but when you retrieve them, they are simply graded quizzes or junk mail. Of course, this can evoke varying responses, from, "Praise the Lord, I passed!" to, "Oh joy, more impersonal mail." Finally, on the rare occasion that real, desired mail actually makes its way to your box, it's like Christmas Day all over again. Some people even go to the extent of sending themselves mail, just to feel that precious joy for a brief moment in time. Most of the time though, the cynic in you expects yet another uneventful day at the mailbox.



“The Green Room was quite entertaining... mainly because Eric McEachron is hilarious.”

- Junior Joseph Demme

The Bryan Film Festival was held this year at the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga, TN, for the second year in a row.

The Advanced Stage Movement class performed a “dance through the decades” including Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” and the closing dance of “Step Up.”



Juniors Brett Myers and Katie Garrison performed a magic trick for the Film Festival.



Lights, Camera, Action:

Filmmakers showcase their talent and take the festival to new heights.

[by Sarah Udvari]

The Bryan Film Festival is a yearly tradition that is always exciting. The Medium of Film class puts together the show, and they spend numerous hours putting together and planning rehearsals. The hosts were seniors Bekah Tooley and Tyler Gay, who are Bryan favorites. They entertained the audience with jokes, and Bekah surprised us with her constant wardrobe changes. The show began with a performance by the advanced stage movement class who “danced through the decades,” medley which included swing dancing and hip hop. The house band was a big hit, and the general consensus was that this year was an improvement over last year. Juniors Brett Myers and Katie Garrison wowed the crowd once again with one of their most popular magic tricks. The music from the house band included covers of bands such as Norah Jones,

[film festival]



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Juniors Elisabeth Cochrane and her escort Taylor Hollingsworth walk down the red carpet to their seats. Elisabeth won the Art Director's Award for her movie "A Psalm of Life." This award was created especially for her.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

The Film Festival House Band was comprised primarily of Fourth Short and ended the show with the "Exitude" by The Killers. (Jason Bowers, Justin Hipp, Jason Hundley, Marc Glines, Matt Crutchfield, Jeff Schwenke, Brandon Hodge, and Derek Dougherty).

Award Winners:

Best Sound Mix: Colton Davie, Zhizn Studenta

Best Editing: Joy Holby, Stories

Best Script: Zach Scheller, Last Day of Winter

Best Original Score: Brittany McGehee, Last Day of Winter

Best Cinematography: Zach Scheller, Frame

Best Foreign Film: Bryan Boling, Choices

Best Actor: Caleb Fendrich, Last Day of Winter

Best Actress: Emily White, Last Day of Winter

Best Director: David Gehring, Rules of Engagement

Best Picture: Last Day of Winter

Best Art Direction: Elisabeth Cochrane, A Psalm of Life

All American Rejects, The Killers, Coldplay, OK Go, and a compilation of well-known songs from the 1990's. Some of the awards given out included Best Picture, Best Cinematography, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Sound. One award that was added this year was the Art Director's award, given to junior Elisabeth Cochrane for her outstanding film called "A Psalm of Life." Her film was a combination of good poetry, good music, and good painting. This year there was a category added for foreign films, and the Latvia team submitted the films they made on their Break for Change trip in March. Overall, the films were well-done and extremely creative, with some of the titles including "On Chasing One's Hat," "Choices," "The Last Day of Winter," "Frame," "A Cold Room," and "The Rules of Engagement."



“I couldn’t decide who to ask, so I just had to pick someone randomly... I ended up with a pretty hot date.”

- Junior Elisabeth Cochrane on her Christmas Banquet date, Taylor Hollingsworth

Sophomore Justin Winters and Junior Dana Seeley toast the success of the Christmas Banquet... with water, of course.

Freshmen Erika Gebel and Kirsten Amling use their talents and a paint set to create decorations for a “Jack and the Beanstalk” scene for the Spring Banquet.



Sadly, this frog prince was turned into stone before junior Sarah Urie could reach it with her transformational kiss.

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Junior Jessica Phillips and senior Ashley Bullis attended the fairy-tale themed Spring Banquet as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. They were joined by juniors Ashley Markussen and Kirsten Meberg, who dressed as Alice and the White Rabbit.

New Identity:

A name change sees characters of all types in higher attendance.

[by Allison McLean & Michelle Friesen]

Flowers, chocolates, sweet nothings – the freshman SGA would have nothing to do with it this year, replacing the traditional “Valentine’s Banquet” with something less awkward for singles, the “Spring Banquet.” “[Freshman SGA] have tried for years to get away from that romantic stigma at the Valentine’s banquet, so why not get rid of it altogether?” said senior Trisha Ewing. The goal of altering the name was also to boost involvement in the banquet, according to Freshman Class Vice President, Kirsten Amling. Not all were convinced that the name change would solve the problem of low attendance. Junior Will Anderson, for example, said, “It’s the situation

[banquets]



Sophomore Philip Kohler and senior Bekah Tooley visit the lamp post outside Gower's Drug Store in Bedford Falls. It's a wonderful life.



Bryan guys look out for one another. That's why junior Evan Wiley and freshman Jason Hundley take time out from the Christmas Banquet to fix one another's ties.

that creates awkwardness, not the title." Some have called the name uncreative, since the banquet didn't even take place in the spring. However, according to Amling, "...we thought that the Winter Banquet might sound too similar to the Christmas Banquet, especially since they are so close together." Be that as it may, the attendance was, in fact, up from the last two years. The "Tale as Old as Time" themed banquet was attended by Alice, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, the White Rabbit, Belle and Beast, Ariel and Eric alike, and if the new name is kept for good, "the freshman class of 2014 won't ever know it was a Valentine's banquet," said Amling. So, is this a superfluous and ineffective change or a gradual but needed improvement? "Only time will tell," said senior Jackie Holubz.



“Once again, the junior class proved how dedicated and creative they are... the jerks!”

- Senior Ashley Bullis

Juniors Steph Donato and Chris Tuttle go fishing in the above-ground pool that was filled with goldfish.

Senior Hayley Gleason and her fiancée Matthew Abernathy take advantage of the easels and paints in Venice to create a masterpiece together.

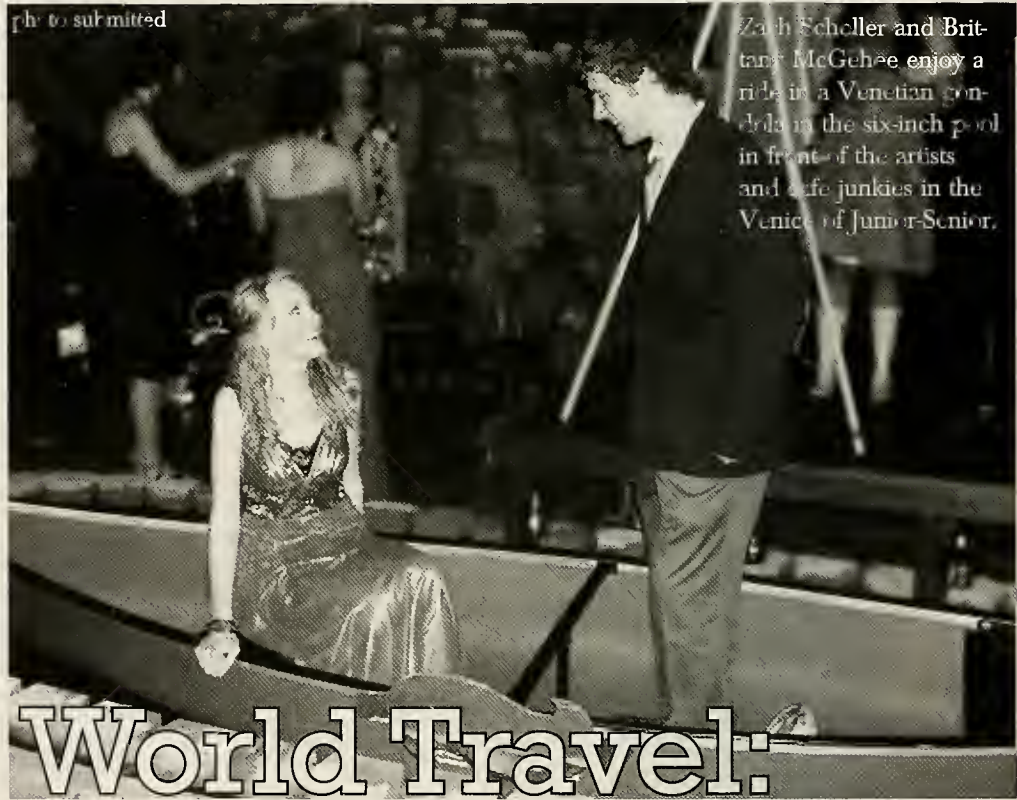


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Senior Caleb Fendrich gleefully shoots bad guys in the “Pizza Planet Arcade,” which was rented out to Bryan College after the banquet.



Zach Scheller and Brittaney McGehee enjoy a ride in a Venetian gondola in the six-inch pool in front of the artists and cafe junkies in the Venice of Junior-Senior.

World Travel:

Junior class planned Jr/Sr with creativity and care.

[by Eric McEachron]

The Junior/Senior banquet was more than a banquet; it was a 12-hour adventure to Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, and the ends of the earth—or something to that effect. ¶ Through creative decorating and role-playing, meeting at Rudd Auditorium became stepping into an airport terminal, and the fleet of charter buses became an international airline—complete with baggage claim, flight attendant and a slew of in-flight movies. ¶ “Usually everybody just stands around in the parking lot or in the cafeteria, waiting to get on the buses,” Senior Paige Ratzlaff said, “But this was organized, efficient and really creative, with the travelling theme bringing it all together. ¶ After a two-hour bus ride, students stepped inside stop one. They entered the building through a small lobby and were guided through a dark entryway thick with “vines.” The passage opened up to a sight that stunned guests: a plaza recreating the sights



After the banquet, junior Matt Samsel is scared silly by the statues of aliens throughout the black-light minigolf course.

[Jr/Sr]



Senior Jillian Carr writes her favorite memories on the scrolls that were provided on the banquet tables along with the senior wills.



Somewhere between Australia and the North Pole, senior Michelle Friesen finds a motorcycle.

and moods of Mexico, Tokyo, Venice, Australia, and even Antarctica. ¶ “They transformed the gym into a miniature world,” Cairns said. “I didn’t expect it.” ¶ At 7:30 p.m., guests boarded the buses again for stop two: the Knoxville Expo Center. The students sat down at round tables topped with linens, candles, copies of the traditional “Senior Will,” and blank parchment on which to write a favorite memory of Bryan. Freshman Erika Gebel played the harp. ¶ Everyone changed into casual clothes at the Expo Center and then were whisked away on their buses to Pigeon Forge for the third and final stop at the Lazer Port Fun Center. From 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., students played unlimited free laser tag, mini golf, and arcade-style video games. Buses arrived back at Bryan just before 4 a.m. ¶ “It was worth not getting a night’s sleep for,” Cairns said. Senior Tyler Gay said that what he appreciated most was how the Junior Class had worked to honor the seniors through the banquet. ¶ “They really do care and they really do respect us,” Gay said. “I really felt like it was a night for me.”



“The trip was so glorious, it cannot be described in words.”

- senior Lawrence LaPlue

The Fantasy docked in the harbor where the seniors are about to embark on a Mexican adventure.

During senior chapel, seniors thank faculty and staff who have given of themselves to make a difference in students' lives. Paul Laskowske thanks the librarians.



Tyler Gay (clearly worried about his turkey in the oven) and Josh Legg perform a skit during Senior Chapel based on Legg's film, "Junior Urban Legends."



Paradise

Melody Dobler, Allison Cunningham, Andra Branson, Jackie Horubz, David Gehring, Ben Cairns, David Park and Chuck Rose gather around the man who had been their server the whole week.

The trip becomes a journey beyond the seniors' wildest *Fantasy*.

[by Caleb Fendrich]

And so it was that one journey – that is to say four esoteric years at Bryan – ended with the embarkation of another. That glorious week in the sun-bleached Gulf of Mexico will always be remembered by fifty-eight of us as the greatest senior trip ever. The trip started in grand fashion on the drive down with a lightning storm of epic proportions. However, from the moment we boarded the boat (an experience not unlike getting on an airplane, except everyone actually wants you to have a good time), the weather was sublime. Once we got on and realized that the 857 foot cruise ship was not going to be tossing us about in the ocean like driftwood, the revelry began. Never have I laid out in the sun so long, never have I been hot-tubbing so many nights in a row, and, by the beard of Zeus, never have I eaten such magnificent food! Every night

[senior trip]



Tyler Gay chills with Andres Garcia, Guillermo Loaiza and Josh Franklin, on the beautiful island of Cozumel.



Seniors Bethel Ragland and Haley Kaye try on shady sombreros. These roommates, graduating a semester early in December 2008, are taking an early Senior trip too.



David Park, Allison Cunningham, Timberly Cox, Tim Furnanz, Jessie Farrell, Ryan Doan, Katrina Courtright, Josh Franklin, Brandon Hodge and Melody Dobler pose with a cross shaped monument at the Mayan ruins in Progreso.

for a week we ate from a different menu. One night our ship's chef even created a hundred foot long display of foot art which, once we had feasted our eyes and exhausted our cameras, we happily devoured. The entertainment on the boat ranged from Texas No-Hold poker, to a Beatles tribute concert, to miniature golf 'bathrobe style,' to deck parties and everything in between. And of course, I haven't even mentioned Mexico! Space won't allow for a full telling of it here, but when you see one of us old geezers at homecomings in the years to come, be sure to ask of the senior trip '08, and be prepared for a telling that will most certainly bring all those Tennessee cows home.



"I feel like I'm about the right age to be graduating."

- David Ragland, father of senior Caleb Ragland, in his speech at Vespers

President Stephen Livesay and Academic Vice President Cal White process to the front of Latimer to hand off long-awaited diplomas.

Class Advisor Dr. Hollingsworth shares memories, good advice, and his original poetry with the graduating Seniors at Vespers: "Be living stones!"



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Seniors fill and spill off the stage at the end of the Vespers service as Dr. Livesay cuts a portion of the 2008 ribbon for each one.



Julie Morton and Joanne Olson are now Bryan alumni!

photo by Garrett McIntyre

Memorial:

Vespers message celebrates the highlights from past years.

[by Dr. Randall Hollingsworth, class sponsor]

It was the fall 2004 our chronicles began; the four year hourglass was turned, unleash the falling sand. Euphoric curiosity of how things would unfold - roommates, suitemates, RAs, RDs, School policies were told. Our new wardrobe was quickly filled with red and golden shirts; We learned to hate that other school, where girls AND guys wear skirts.

Our freshman president was Paul, who quickly led the way as Ivan's winds and rains came down, and mud games soon were played. And then the vote of 2004 and Florida's vote was key; we took a bus and knocked on doors and brought back victory. With this stone we mark this spot; our God's done something great. We shall be His living stones - "We Are 2008."

As sophomores we had matured, and Jonathan took the lead; We played all night during the great Blackout; no curfew could impede. Of course the most outstanding feat this year compares to few: in overtime we beat Covenant... the score was 3-2. With this stone we mark this spot; our God's done something great. We shall be His living stones - "We Are 2008."

[graduation]



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Graduates, having spent approximately four years of their life for this moment, wait a few more minutes to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.



Class speaker Paul Gutacker synthesizes many ideas learned in four years at Bryan, mainly how we as Christians deal with the problem of evil in a fallen world, and how we can use the tools Bryan equips us with to bring about redemption.

Then junior year we called up Paige to guide us through year three. The greatest task was Jr/Sr, and what a challenge that would be! But the SGA team pulled it off and to Nashville we did go - "Gone with the Wind" on a riverboat, with Dave and Buster's in tow. With this stone we mark this spot; our God's done something great. We shall be His living stones - "We Are 2008."

Now senior year has been no less remarkable, it's true; With Caleb from Kentucky, oh the things that we would do! First, in the fall, that beautiful sight of never-ceasing red that flowed out of those sacred woods and crushed ol' Covenant's head; At the Christmas feast we waxed nostalgic and enjoyed "It's a Wonderful Life." We sang our last Christmas carol together and felt the cut of that bittersweet knife;

So here's the last spring, and we planned our last fling as we took the Caribbean Cruise... which brings us to now as we're wondering how we could be polishing these graduation shoes?

With this stone we mark this spot; our God's done something great. We shall be His living stones - "We Are 2008."

Yes, Christ Above All, it's very clear; our God's done something great. We shall be His living stones - "We Are 2008"!



beyond

—photo by Garnett McIntyre

the classroom

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Bryan's mission is to "...educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world." Our challenge lies not just in getting good grades and graduating with a degree, but in learning to take our knowledge and passion beyond the classroom into the world.

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The most spiritual students study the heavenly languages

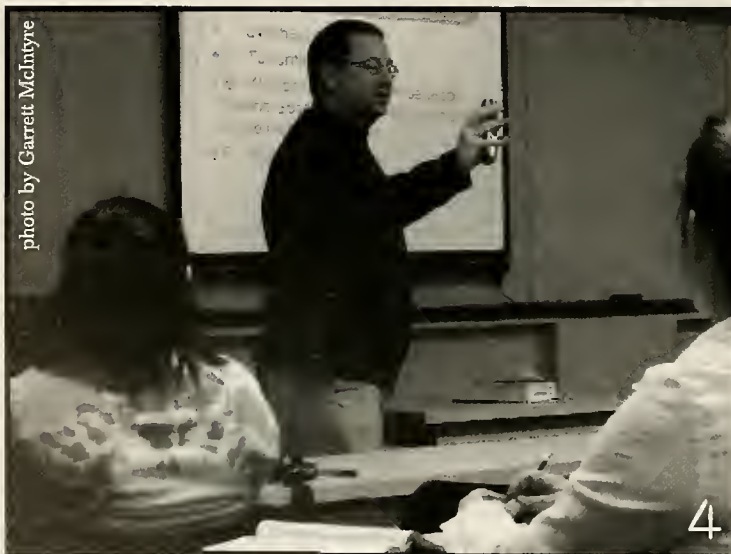
By Kirsten Meberg

“Bryan offers one of the strongest undergrad Bible linguistics programs,” says Hebrew professor Dr. Ken Turner. Going beyond is what’s expected of even seminary students in the study of Hebrew, the students in the second year class, not all of whom are Bible majors, are “very motivated students,” according to Turner.

¶ “One of the reasons we were so enthusiastic about Hebrew is that it was clear that Dr. Turner loved it as well,” says junior English major Courtney Jergins. Turner was more than willing to try catching up to the advanced

classes in the Greek department at Bryan. ¶ Like Hebrew, the Greek classes require lots of work and effort, as any Christian Studies major will confirm. Christian Thought major Jason Poarch observed that “frivolous students show up rather quickly or upon completion of exams.” Greek professor Dr. Jud Davis loves the language. It helped him develop discipline when he was first learning it in college, and also has developed in him a deeper love for God’s Word and gives him assurance of its divine nature. ¶ Davis encourages his students to

study in groups. One of the groups last year even printed their own Greek T-shirts, which they still proudly wear. While conquering the language, they’ve become great friends.



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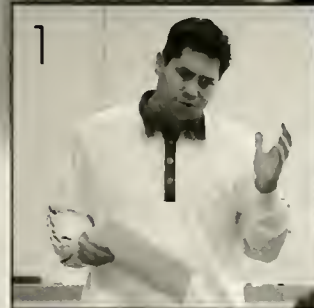
To me, a day without Greek is a day without sunshine.

- Dr. Jud Davis,
Greek professor

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1. Dr. Ken Turner expounds on profound and controversial Biblical truths in the midst of his class.
2. In his first year at Bryan College, Dr. Scott Jones is developing a new Pastoral Ministry option within the Christian Ministry department. He has served as a pastor for the past 16 years and desired to teach at the college level, rather than the seminary level.
3. Freshman Ben Andrews looks over junior Stephen Hill's Greek notes during their regular study session in the library.
4. Dr. Drew Randle lectures about missions and evangelism.

Why did you choose to be a Christian Ministry major, and what do you hope to accomplish with it?

I chose to be a CM major because God is calling me to teach others about who He is. I'm praying that through studying in this major I can be effective in whatever role God puts me in, one that I can glorify Him in and lead people to know who the true Christ is; the One who died because of the Father's vast love for us.

— Ryan Yontz, freshman

What has been one of your favorite classes as a Bible major?

When I took Contemporary/Cultural Apologetics with Stonestreet, I found the class to be a reflection of much of my learning in the overall major. The emphasis of the class is to see how our faith applies to all areas of life, not just giving a defense of what we believe. We are to be on the offensive with our faith, not just the defensive. The class and major is something reflective of the overall push and image of Bryan College.

— Jason Poarch, senior



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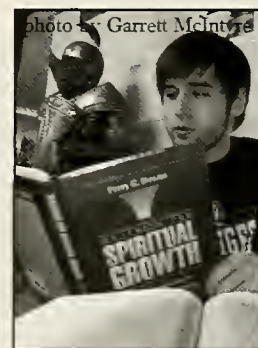


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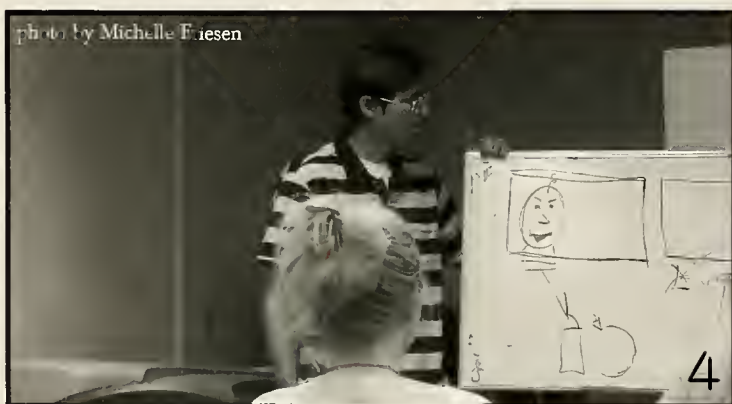
Growth through overcoming the "self-imposed identity crisis".

By Kirsten Meberg and the Comm. dept.

The ever-popular Communication Studies department, home to more than 140 students, had to overcome a "self-imposed identity crisis" to get where it is today, according to Professor Michael Palmer. When Palmer arrived 10 years ago, the major had only recently been created. He and theatre professor Bernie Belisle, the only two professors in the department, had small, dingy offices located in the "shed" behind the Administration building, now the Rankin Communication Center. Only

5 years later, change began with the arrival of "that nightmare Randy Hollingsworth," Palmer says lovingly. Although he had only intended on teaching at the college, Dr. Hollingsworth was named head of the comm. department, which grew and became more organized. The department has evolved into a thriving academic division, having six major options, employing the skills of journalist Mr. John Carpenter, leadership specialist Dr. Jeff Myers, and film and technology professor Dr. Chris Clark. They recognize their call to encourage students to "better reflect

the image of God, the greatest communicator who spoke the world into existence," and to teach students to "strain all words and symbols through the sieve of God's reality."



“ Our call is to be 'bilingual' - to be fluent and articulate as clear-headed thinkers who are skilled at contemporary comment in both the secular and sacred realms and in public and divine discourse.

- Comm. department



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1. Junior Taylor Hollingsworth as Richard Simmons leads fellow Mr./Mrs. Bryan Pageant contestants in a hearty exercise routine. The well-attended event was sponsored by a Persuasive Comm class.
2. Weaving a story of her childhood on a tropical island as a missionary kid, junior Joy Holby, winner of Mrs. Bryan Pageant, shows how she ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches -- by first sticking them on her face and arms.
3. Kim Tuttle ferrets out secrets from Dr. Bob Andrews' past at Persuasive Comm event "Campus Dirt."
4. Mr. Chris Clark instructs his digital video editing class on camera angles.

Why do you enjoy working in the newly-created Spanish writing center?

I like getting to know the Spanish students here and sharing my love for the language with them. I also get experience for possibly being a Spanish teacher in the future.

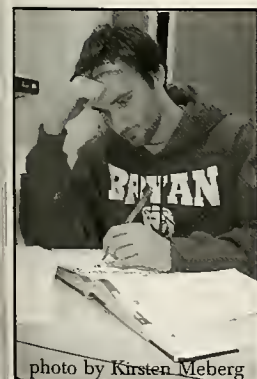
– Rachel Smith, freshman



What do you like best about working as a teacher's aid in the linguistics department?

I enjoy being able to practice my Spanish with the teachers here. It also gives me a chance to get to know Mr. Smith and Dr. Pascucci more. The Spanish department is awesome! I get to practice grammar, grade papers, drink coffee, and speak Spanish with my teachers... and I get paid for it!

– Drew Goodman, senior



BRYANESQUE

A major modeled after the skills of William Jennings Bryan

By Joy Berner

In the 92-93 academic year when Dr. Ken Froemke was Dean and Assistant to the Academic Vice President, he and former president Dr. Bill Brown had a vision: "We both felt a gap in the academic programs at Bryan that led us to design a major that: (1) reflected William Jennings Bryan's emphasis on good communication and critical thinking, (2) provided a signature major for Bryan as a 'liberal arts' college, and (3) was a model program for the integration of faith and learning." The major they created draws students like freshman Tori Stewart, who says it teaches her "to think and process various types of information effectively," as well as senior Josh Legg, who chose the major because of his numerous interests: "The LA major has taken me deeper into the fields of Philosophy, World and English Literature, History, and Theology more than any other major offered at Bryan, and I feel that these subjects are crucial in understanding the world that we live in." Senior Danielle Rebman says: "I don't think that other students know how flexible this major is. And I don't think they realize that the job markets are shifting; employers now look for people with good critical thinking and people skills instead of people with training in a specific field."



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“Until the development of the Communication Studies major (which met many of the same objectives), Liberal Arts was one of the largest majors at Bryan.

- Dr. Ken Froemke



1. Freshman Alicia Schulze, freshman Natalie McGehee, junior Salena Ortiz, and senior Melissa Brown attend Women's Choir.
2. Freshman Erica Gabel performs at Soddy Daisy Health Care Center for MLK Day.
3. Dr. David Luther, senior David Beisner, and junior Phillip Kohler warm up their voices in the privacy of Dr. D's office.
4. Before retiring from teaching in 2007, Dr. Ken Froemke teaches a class for students in the major he helped establish at Bryan.

What do you plan to do with your music major?

Music is a gift from God. I plan to use it to bless others, in home, in teaching children, and in schools maybe, and at church, teaching children's choir or something like that. — Sharalyn Schmidt, junior



How has Bryan's worldview emphasis affected the way you view music?

I have learned that it is so important, as a performer or musician, to realize that the gift of music is just that, a gift from God. As musicians, we are just the instrument that God uses to display His amazing creation to the world around us. — Roy Smith, senior



LITERARY

The study of literature goes beyond stories and grammar

By Courtney Jergins

English majors know that literature is important. It's even hammered into us in writing classes. After Professor Impson told him to "read everything he can," junior Rob Yates asked Professor Impson, "Are there any specific tips on being a better writer?" ¶ She answered redundantly, "Just read everything you can." ¶ But English majors can also attest that one of the foundational principles of our field is that literature is a mirror of life and a well of truth rather than simple stories and rules of grammar. After all, as Dr. Jones says, "I did not get my doctorate in English because colons turn me on." Consequently our professors are known for excursions into some philosophical concept or life-lesson. Dr. Jones is the most famous in the department for this. Senior English Literature major Laura McFadden has heard Dr. Jones' stories multiple times each. One of her favorites is the story of how "Will, Dr. Jones' oldest son, had night terrors when he was little, but would calm down in his sleep after hearing his father's voice and feeling his hand on his back." McFadden says, "I still love hearing him tell it." ¶ One of sophomore Millie Jones' favorite Dr. Jones' stories is about a difficult test he took as a student. He saw the last section on poetry and thought "flunkola!" but then realized, after recognizing the poem's iambic pentameter and classic Shakespearean rhyme scheme, "It's a SONNET!" Clearly the lesson of this story is that all life's problems can be solved with "ABABCDCDEFEGG."



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The best art doesn't make you feel good; it disturbs you.

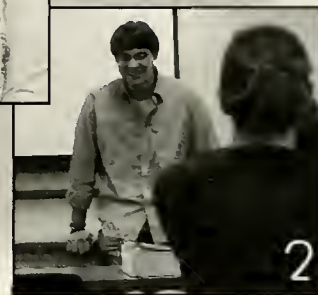
– Dr. Beth Impson ”



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1. Senior writing minor Katrina Wise sighs, "Willow, titwillow, titwillow" in a Creative Writing poetry recitation.
2. Michael Reneau, a junior writing minor, recites a poem in Creative Writing class.
3. English Professor Legg teaches an Introduction to Literature.
4. History Professor Ricketts lectures on the History of Western Civilization.
5. In the Creative Writing class, English Professor Impson talks about poetry.

What are some Dr. Traylor traditions?

Dr. Traylor had the History of the Plains Indians class to his house at 6:30 AM for french toast with him and his wife. — Conner Armstrong, junior



What do you like about beginning the day with Dr. Ricketts?

I like beginning the day with Ricketts because I know I don't have to go to an English class or a Kennard class. — Jason Henderson, junior



SCIENTIAC

Experienced biology majors pass on their valuable wisdom.

By Michelle Friesen

We're writing this to advise you, comfort you, and perhaps warn you about this major you have chosen.

From senior Elisabeth Mangum: Cherish the eccentricities of your teachers. Tease Dr. Hartzell and he'll love you. Key lime and blueberry are Dr. Wood's favorite pies. And if you're going to spend the night in the lab, bring plenty of warm clothing; the lab counters are very cold.

From senior Michelle Bleikamp: Avoid taking three lab sciences at the same time; I spent time crying in my closet because of it.

There's nothing too silly if it helps you remember terms. Also, find other Bio majors to commiserate with. Oh, and beware of flying turtles with teeth!

From senior Jillian Carr: If you think a test is going to be easy, you haven't studied enough yet. Turkish and Honduran coffees are the best way to stay awake. Don't get so wrapped up in the study of creation that you miss the beauty of it. Finally, be willing to learn from people in other majors (even Communication majors).

May you walk across the stage, diploma in hand, without having suffered too many major breakdowns.

Sincerely,
The Bio Majors



“ If you think a test is going to be easy, you haven't studied enough. ”

– advice from senior Jillian Carr on being a Bio major



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1. Freshman Ruben Love catches up on his homework before a math class begins.
2. Dr. Simpson shares from the Bible before beginning his instruction for class.
3. Sophomore Trent Gay observes organisms under the microscopic during lab.
4. Dr. Reed chats with his students in computer programming class.

What is it like being a Math major ?

When I tell people I'm a math major, most of them recoil in horror. But think about it: with math, there are hardly any papers, projects, or presentations. All you have is weekly homework and the occasional test. I'd take that over a term paper any day.

-Junior Mary Clauson



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What is the Applied Mathematics and Inframatics major ?

Nobody knows what I'm talking about when I talk about my major. I don't even really know what it means. I wanted to switch to Math, but I wanted to keep my Comp Sci credits. My major was created because they got rid of the Math Tech option and I was first one to be interested in it.

-Junior Rob Linn



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TEACHABLE

Student teachers practice both teaching and learning in their own classrooms.

By Courtney Jergins

Every student teacher has tons of funny stories, many of which should not be published in the Bryan College Yearbook, according to Senior Corrie Nash. Corrie has spent the spring semester as a student teacher of Mathematics in a local highschool, and has

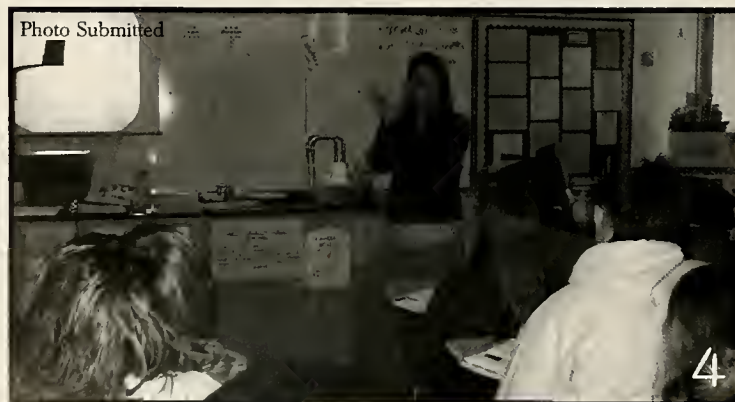
plenty of stories herself. One day, when Corrie was teaching proofs, she gave a statement and then asked the students for a supporting reason. One of her students answered,

“Because Miss Nash says so. Corrie, though flattered, told him “JBMNSS – Just Because Miss Nash Says So – is not

a valid reason.” Apparently her students think she is brilliant, and loyally defend that brilliance at convenient times, like when Corrie’s professors come to observe the class. Christy Noel is student teaching in a school a little farther away from Bryan than

Corrie’s school is. She said, “I have always dreamed of going to Africa. I had tried to several times before, but it was not until this year that I was blessed to come to Africa to student teach and to teach at HOPAC. Missions is a part of my heart and it has been amazing to work with other

missionary families here as well as learn from them what it is like to have a family. My favorite part has been teaching a classroom full of students from all around the world.” She has learned alot from her students and has been able to teach swimming lessons and help coach the middle school girls soccer team.



“ I used to think I only liked smart kids, but I’m starting to really like these stupid ones. ”

– by Corrie Nash, Senior



1. Christy Noel, a senior student teacher in Africa, gathers her students together for a group photo.
2. Dallas Lange, Chris Kloc, and "Tacky" Paul Middlekauff give Mrs. Hostetler their close attention in their business class.
3. Senior Laura Barton gives a Rwandan student a piece of chalk to practice the day's lesson.
4. Student Teacher Corrie Nash angles her hands to show her highschool students a complex math concept.

Is there anything about the Business major that is culturally different?

We always have eight o'clock classes so we have to get up early. We complain about that.

- Junior Allison Cunningham



How do you feel about the Business majors' dress code?

Well, the dress code is extremely rigorous. They inflict it on the Business majors because they know we are the greatest (and the most in need of bonus points). Bio majors don't get extra credit for wearing a lab coat to class, and English majors don't get extra credit for wearing weird vests!

- Sophomore Joshua Maubach



ACTIVE

Exercise and Health Science major is an academic workout.

By Ashley Bullis

Exercise and Health Science – what a cop out. Or so some might say. I have found however, that EHS is not all fun and games. Though these activity-minded students would much rather be outside than behind a desk or in the library, their course load is nothing to smirk about. Nutrition and two semesters of Anatomy and Physiology (all three taught by Dr. Hartzell) are just a taste of what courses these warriors have to digest before they receive their Bachelor of Science degree. Junior Lauren Hostetler shared her experience from Kinesiology, in which she was required to write a thirty-three page paper detailing one sports movement (i.e. kicking a soccer ball or a football punt). The movement that senior Melody Dobler chose was freestyle swimming. Her paper was forty-four pages, detailing the joints and muscles involved as well as the physics and anatomy of this movement. ¶ Though these intense classes may seem intimidating, most EHS majors enjoy what they do. Dobler expressed her passion for this major that combines Math and Science with fitness and sports. Hostetler also emphasized how much she enjoys her major and the practical hands-on experience that she gets from her classes. She is concerned, however, with where the major is going, with this being Christy Rodenbeck’s last semester, and Dr. Kennedy soon following in a year from now. Hostetler claims that these are “huge shoes to fill,” and regrets that future students will not be receiving the tutelage of these two amazing professors. However, no matter how this major changes, I’m hopeful it will continue to be the unique discipline that it is.



“EHS is not all fun and games.”

- Senior, Ashley Bullis



1. Junior Andrew Glines lunges for the ball in tennis practice.
2. In a Politics and Government class, sophomore Kyla Hill pontificates.
3. Sophomore EHS major Josh Bogle talks to his opponent across the net.
4. Stephanie Wade, a junior, takes a swing at a high ball in her Intro to Tennis class.

Q&A with senior Aaron Mowery

What is your favorite thing about the Politics and Government major?

The best part is the practical experience as well as the importance of history in our studies. History shapes and defines politics and puts everything in context. Experience gives you a base which better prepares you for real world politics.



What do you want to do with your degree?

My current plans are to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and attend OSC once I make sergeant. While I am very open to a career as a Marine that may change in the future. If it does I would possibly pursue options with the FBI, the State Department or work as a private military contractor.

PSYCHED

Senior psychology majors find ways to cope with the stress.

By Ashley Bullis

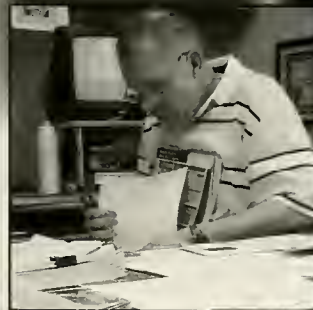
The great thing about being a psychology major is that by the time you reach senior year, you have developed enough coping skills to deal with the pressure of taking the ETS (Educational Testing Service) and writing a thesis. Both of these tortuous devices offer numerous opportunities for the loss of sanity.

Senior psychology majors will use mechanisms to deal with their stress such as scream therapy. Although I did employ this technique many times, I also developed my own. Ten days before my thesis was due I began a countdown on the whiteboard outside my room. Each day, I created a new comic, usually containing a dialogue between Dr. Bradshaw and myself. Luckily, this technique brought me through this stressful period relatively unscarred. Without it, my thesis about joy might not have been so joyful.

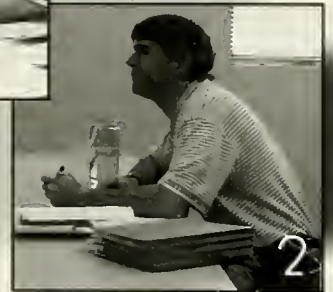


“Senior psych majors will use mechanisms to deal with their stress such as scream therapy.”

– by Ashley Bullis,
Senior



photos by Michelle Friesen



1. Dr. Bradshaw sorts through paperwork at his desk before his next class.
2. Dr. Clark watches and takes notes on a presentation about anxiety during Counseling Techniques class.
3. Senior Katie Rosenbaum sorts through clothes at the Women's Care Center for her psychology practicum.
4. Senior Rachel Hathaway and junior Freya Ross study up on their textbook before their Counseling Techniques class begins.

What is a legacy that you have left to your students?

Thanks to an idea that I borrowed from former Bryan College professor, Dr. Coffield, I think some students in my General Psychology class still salivate for strawberry lemonade drink mix when they hear the words "classical conditioning."



photo by Michelle Friesen

What was a highlight of this year?

For our ETS, the psychology majors were in the 98th percentile for the nation. Psychology at Bryan owns everyone. We got a 183/200—it was obscene. So when I don't do well on a Bradshaw test, I can blame it on the test, not me, because we rock.



photo by Michelle Friesen

STRETCHED

Students expand horizons in international environment

by Joy Holby

Salamanca – diverse cultures crammed into a city of 35,000. On my way to class, I walk the city’s historic streets past huge sandstone cathedrals where Christopher Columbus proposed his journey to Isabel and Ferdinand. Looking out towards the river, I see the Roman Bridge; its original stones were placed nearly 2,000 years ago. I end at my university, founded in 1218. While the city is aesthetically beautiful, its diverse population makes this city unique from other historic Spanish cities. My walk takes me by my Romanian, gypsy beggar friend named Somalia, a high school field trip group of French kids, obvious Americans in Northface jackets, a group of Thai students from my art class, Europeans of all sorts and hair styles, Latin Americans, and a motley mix of other people. I had dinner once at my Korean friend Suji’s house; I was the only native English speaker. There were 4 Koreans, a Pole, a Honduran, a guy from Portugal with his girlfriend from Hong Kong, a Slovenian vegetarian, and me, the lone gringa. Our only common ground was Spanish as a second language. At times I’d find myself in a group of 5 English speakers, each from a different country – Wales, England, Australia, Puerto Rico, and me. The same extreme mixing of cultures flavored church and student Bible studies. How beautiful seeing the cross-culturalness of the Gospel in action. In Salamanca, I made friends with atheists, beggars, crazy poets, aspiring doctors of law, a widow who lived during Franco’s dictatorship, traveling street musicians, an old man doing a pilgrimage with his donkey, Moreno. Gaining a second language, I’ve found that there are a lot more friends to be made and stories to be heard than I had thought. What a pleasure.



“ It was like a continuous sensory overload. Now that I am home, I miss Italy and being able to see the Alps out my window. ”

– by Carolyn Candland,
sophomore



1. Juniors Ben Whitley and Jake Fabry got their faces painted by some of the many face-painting vendors in the streets of Italy during Carnivale, which is the celebration right before Lent.

2. For the Easter celebration in Spain, people dress up in white costumes with tall pointy hats. Sophomore Laura Funke wants to know where she can find one.

3. Sophomore Kaley McKlosky, juniors Liesl Schoenhals and Nicole Keef, sophomore Heather Laskin, senior Katie Barham, and sophomore Amy Barham visit the Coliseum in Rome.

4. Junior Joy Holby was a sympathetic spectator at a bullfight in Ciudad Rodrigo, Spain.

What's one important lesson you learned in Italy?

There is no "free" part of the train. Six of us girls planned a weekend trip to Austria on Friday afternoon and left Friday evening. When we got to the train station in Casarsa, it was closed. Instead of calling the trip off and going back to SBI in humiliation, we decided to jump on the train without tickets. We all knew that if we were caught we would be fined at least 50 euro each and be promptly kicked off the train. So we decided to be safe (and thrifty) and ride in between the cars of the train. So six of us sprawled out with all our backpacks in the tiny room next to the Toilets. The Italians that passed through the cars looked at us like we were idiots, of course, since the seats of the train were nearly all empty, but we still did not catch on. Finally, a couple Brazilian guys came through and asked us in several languages (until they discovered that we spoke English) what we were doing in there. They offered for us to go sit with them and the rest of their friends in one of the cars, but we told them that we couldn't because we didn't have tickets and had to stay in the free part of the train. They looked at us in bewilderment, then looked at each other and burst out laughing. They kindly explained to us that we were severely mistaken and naive. Needless to say, we did not make it to Austria that weekend. We spent the night in Udine (45 minutes away from SBI) instead and went shopping the next day. It was a vital lesson that we learned which saved us many fines in the future: there is NOT a free part of the train.

- junior Liesl Schoenhals



VESTED

Students impact trafficking legislature

by Melody Findley and Michelle Friesen

Who says a small college can't make a difference in the global issue of human trafficking? Bryan College hosted the Scourge Conference Jan. 25-27, during which many attendees wrote to those with the power prevent trafficking. ¶ Students wrote hand-written letters on Bryan College letterhead to the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee of Tennessee Mae Beavers and Vice Chair Doug Jackson.

Shortly after students took this action, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously passed bill. The Tennessee bill, which would make trafficking a crime, had been floating in the Senate for a year.

¶ The next stage for bill, according to junior Emily Lantzer, will be for the financial committee to see what the cost will be to outlaw human trafficking in Tennessee. "People usually ask the question, 'well, what can I do about something so bad?', and this is a way to actually get some legislation across," said

Lantzer. "I think our involvement had to have made a difference. We feel like we can't make little changes, but we actually can."



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Hand-written letters are the most effective way to get your message across to the congressmen.

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- Emily Lantzer, junior

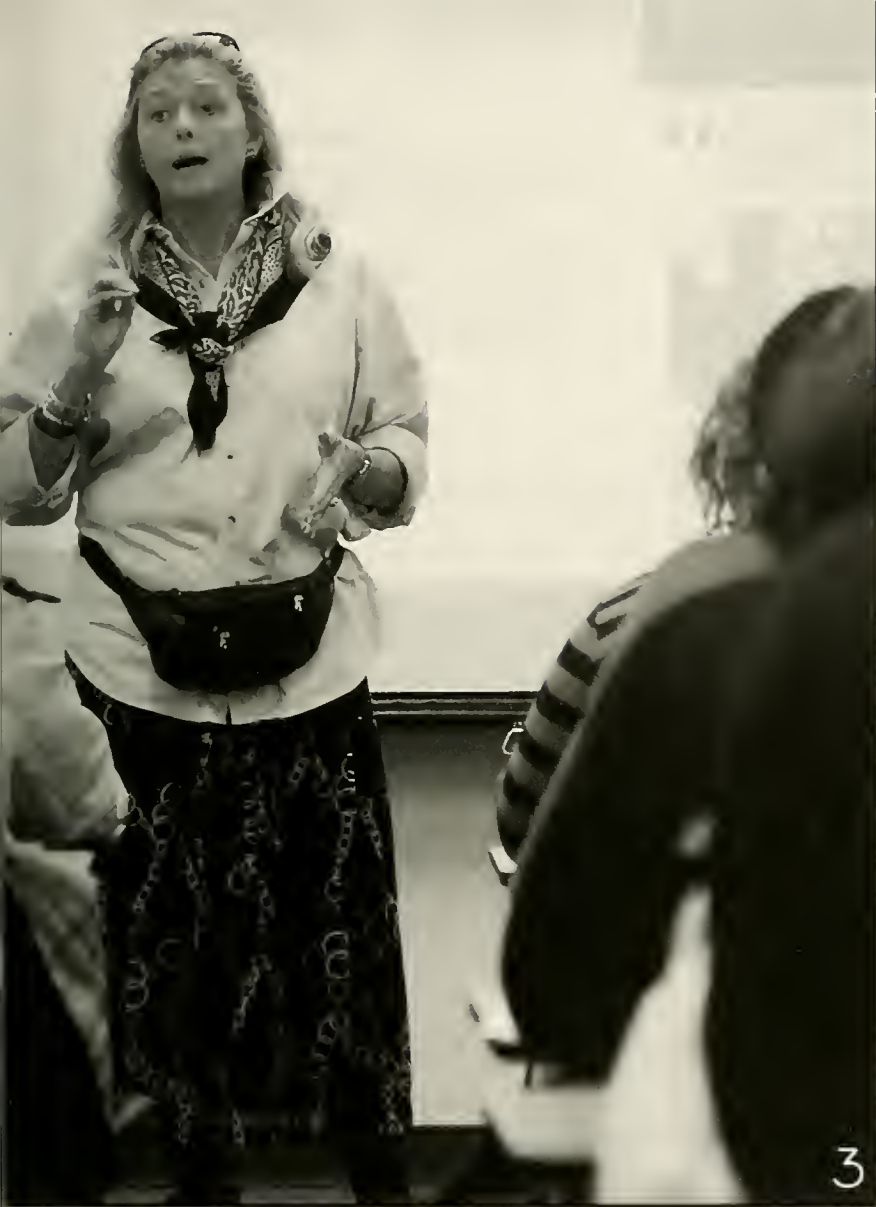


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1. Caddy Cadillac asks a question of a symposium speaker at the global warming conference.
2. Eric McEachron observes photography on display in Rudd Auditorium portraying the issue of modern-day slavery.
3. Christian Dolan, a journalist fighting for the end of human trafficking, speaks to a classroom during the Scourge conference.
4. Bryce McGuire writes a letter to his senator to encourage a ban on human trafficking.

What is your reaction to the “Just War” conversation?

Anybody who votes and interacts with other cultures needs to be able to talk about this intelligently and to understand what other people are saying.

– Jillian Carr, senior



What is global warming essentially about?

The issue from beginning to end is a pure science issue – nothing more, nothing less.

– Dr. Charles Van Eaton





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Our organizations at Bryan are just one of the ways students at Bryan build community. Working together toward a common goal beyond themselves as on the Worldview Team or in one of our many outstanding dramatic productions binds people together and helps to form lasting relationships.

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Even without using profanity, Rob Yates still portrays well the mean-spirited Caleb in "Spitfire Grill."



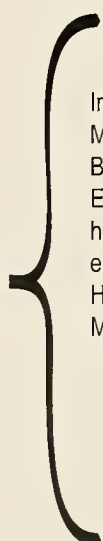
Senior Katrina Wise gives a spectacularly dramatic performance of the rich mansion owner, Elsa Von Grossenknueten in "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."



In "Musical Comedy Murders," Emily Ricketts' character, Marjorie Baverstock, is the second victim.



Rob Hargraves and Stacey Bradshaw look lovingly into each others' eyes as Luciento and Bianca in Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."



In "Musical Comedy of Murders of 1940" Playwright Bernice Roth, played by Eve Hildebrandt, envisions her new musical with her eccentric counterpart Roger Hopewell, played by Jeremy Moore.



David Kirkwood's character, Gremio, vainly seeks Bianca's attention, played by Stacey Bradshaw, while Nicole Walker plays Bianca's kind mother, (a character originally written to be a father, but changed to fit Bryan's cast) and Kate, played by Jessica Long, pouts shrewishly.

Beyond the Stage

Thinking back on all the time I spent in Rudd for various theatrical performances, it's hard to say what my favorite memory was because I spent what seems like half of my life in that building. Those long nights spent in rehearsals were always entertaining, but if I had to choose, I think that the best times were during the week before productions and during the productions themselves when we found our routines or traditions.

There is always a routine, and it's different every time. In *The Music Man*, it was tradition for Matt Henderson and me to dance backstage during one of the songs. In *The Importance of Being Ernest*, we used cinnamon raisin English muffins for a scene between Jared Reitnauer and Ross Lee. At the end of that scene, Ross' character would throw the leftover muffin offstage where I would pick it up and break it in half to share with him when he came off during the blackout. In *In the Woods*, Molly Gehring and I would pray in the stage right wing, then I would go out and hug Jeremy Moore right before the curtain went up. Those are just a few of the many, many memories that I will never forget. We had our fun pulling pranks on one another on stage, but the best times were those traditions we just fell into without thinking, the ones that brought us closer together as friends. I love you guys!

By Katrina Wise



Petruccio (Rob Yates) carries off Katherine (Jessica Long), while Jason Hundley as Grumio steals the show with his capers.



Tranio, played by Sophomore Justin Winters, assumes his master, Lucentio's, identity.



Jessica Long's character, Kate, resists Petruccio's embrace, but she can't resist the charm Rob Yates gives the character for long.



Justin Winters, filling yet another Hilltop role, plays the murderer Ken de la Maize in "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."



Allan Johnson and Emily White as Eddie McCuen and Nikki Crandall sing in between the multiple murders of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Publications



photo by Michelle Friesen

Commoner editor Sarah Udvari scans yearbooks from around the country at Jostens' yearbook plant in Clarksville, TN.



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Courtney Jergins and Joy Berner exchange ideas for a yearbook spread.



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Eric McEachron and the Triangle staff meet for class and trade stories from the past week.



photo by Kirsten Meberg

Garrett McIntyre prepares to dump coke onto Michelle Friesen's head as she takes a photograph for the yearbook.

The Commoner staff excitedly looks over the shoulder of Josten staff member as she shows them the design for the new yearbook cover. From left to right: senior Michelle Friesen, junior Kirsten Meberg, sophomore Kirsten Leach, junior Courtney Jergins, and junior Sarah Udvari.





photo by Timmy Sunday

After the Feb. 5 tornado that struck Union University, several Triangle staff members visited the campus and interviewed and helped out victims. Freshman Kaity Kopeski gapes at the overwhelming damage, but like many others, she was in awe that no one was killed in the tornado.

Journalists Cruise the Big Apple

The Triangle and Commoner staff members flew to the city that never sleeps" over spring break this year for a whirlwind trip sans shut-eye. Those on the five-day trip to New York City included Courtney Jergins, Allison McLean, Jenifer Manzo, Michelle Myers, Jeremiah Nasiatka, Amy Scripka, Emily Echols, Mr. John Carpenter, and me. We participated in a journalism conference by the World Journalism Institute and College Media Advisers. The numerous sessions we went to gave us great ideas and a renewed excitement for writing. One memorable event for me was when radio host Todd Starnes gave Jeremiah, Jennifer and I got a personal tour of Fox News. We walked through the building's departments and even saw part of a live news broadcast (the anchor glanced over, puzzled, when we walked in but kept reading his script). Afterwards, Starnes took us to the café in the building and we asked him about his faith, politics, and other things. In our free time, we ran about the city visiting landmarks, walking across the Brooklyn Bridge, and climbing the stairs to our rooms on the seventh floor of the hostel because the elevator worked only sporadically. Things like laughing late into the night, shivering together on the ferry to Staten Island, and passing around eight different desserts in Little Italy brought us closer together and made it a trip we will never forget.

-by Samantha Bryant

{Triangle ~ Commoner}

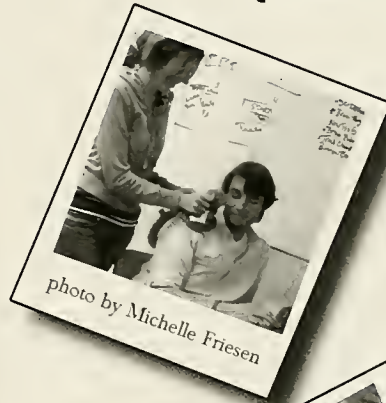


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Triangle copy editor senior Melody Findley distracts senior editor Michael Reneau with her stuffed snake. "Members of the Triangle staff put in a lot more hours and make more sacrifices than most people at Bryan realize," said Reneau.



photo by Michelle Friesen

"I can't not do Yearbook. It's just not even an option," says yearbook design editor Kirsten Meberg as she eyes the computer.



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Commoner and Triangle staff members didn't get much sleep on their NYC trip, as is evident by the faces of Triangle feature editor Emily Echols and sports editor Jeremiah Nasiatka.



photo by Michelle Friesen

Triangle staff member Samantha Bryant interviews Vonnie Johnson for a feature article on library books.



photo by Michelle Friesen

Commoner photo editor Garrett McIntyre shows his striking resemblance to Theodore Roosevelt.



Junior Conner Armstrong stretches his arms in jubilant song during a performance in Yorktown, V.A., during fall break.



Senior Chuck Rose, junior Cassie-Marie Bundy, junior Danielle Rebman and junior Laura Neises get a feel for colony life.



Chuck Rose, senior Tim Furnanz, senior George Young and Conner Armstrong perform a melodious quartet song about worldview.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Senior Joel Trigger sees the world through the eyes of a Bryan Lion.

L to R, First Row: Cassie-Marie Bundy, Julie Morton, Hayley Gleason, Stephanie Wade. Second Row: Caleb Fendrich, Ashley Felker, Amy Scripka, Elisabeth Williams. Third Row: Chuck Rose, David Gehring, Danielle Rebman, Amy McKoy, Brett Myers. Fourth Row: Andrew Schaale, Tim Furnanz, Faith Ammen, David Hasty, Andrew McPeak, John Moore, Ben Cairns, Will Hill, Hannah Lee, Laura Neises. Fifth Row: Ben Williams, Joel Trigger, Alan Corlew, Ben Johnson, Justin Winters. Not Pictured: Joy Berner, Zach Sheller, Rachel Stuckey.



photo by Garrett McIntyre



Conner Armstrong, Chuck Rose, Laura Neisis, George Young, Danielle Rebman, Cassie-Marie Bundy and Tim Furnanz get in touch with their transcendental side in Jamestown, V.A.

Green Polo Confessions

“How many of you have ever heard of the guy that runs around with a cape and bat ears?”

Yes, I actually said this on my first trip with the Worldview Team. It was the first trip for the majority of the team members on it; we walked into that particular retreat center not sure what to expect. Staying up late practicing skits in ridiculously silly voices, seeing how many spoons we could fit on our faces at the nearby Huddle House, playing “Amazon Woman” with the high-school students are just a few of the reasons this trip was memorable. It was “the beginning of a beautiful friendship” between the Worldview Team and me. The past two years have been laced with uncontrollable laughter, feelings of shock over the latest news additions to our program, and the comings and goings of team members. There have been programs that were flawless; there were others where we were convinced that there was a gremlin living in our computer. At any rate, the experiences have all been worthwhile—they have been fun, they have been challenging, and most of all, they have given me, and others, the opportunity to put our “biblical worldview” into practice through teaching others. So, if you want to see what the Worldview Team is all about, grab a cup of coffee, your green polo and khakis, pile in the big white van, and “tell us what you think about worldview!”

By Julie Morton

{WORLDVIEW TEAM }



Danielle Rebman’s existential worldview makes her butter churning seem superfluous.



Junior Stephanie Wade, sophomore David Hasty, Danielle Rebman, Ben Cairns and Tim Furnanz take a break from their worldviews to study.



Cassie-Marie Bundy offers her finger to Conner Armstrong, and he passes on the favor to a totem pole figure.



Worldview team members flash their sign.



Danielle Rebman and Hayley Gleason look once more just around the river bend.

MUSIC



Abe Roberts, David Beisner, Eric McEachron, Rachel Lemonds, Emily Crist, and freshman Glenna Gibbs gather for a picture at a Chorale Christmas party.



Altos Bethel Ragland, Jessie LaPlue, Natalie McGehee, Brittany McGehee, Jessica Long, Alicia Schulze, Lindsay McKissick, and Sharalyn Schmidt perform a Chorale concert in Rudd.



Sophomore Ally Underwood and accompanist junior Brittany McGehee have fun during the Women's Chorus tour during Spring Break.



Dr. Mel Wilhoit and senior Becca Tooley celebrate at a Chorale Christmas party at Dr. Wilhoit's house.

Chamber singers: Bekah Tooley, Jason Hundley, Katrina Wise, Ryan Traub, Tori Wisthoff, Evan Wiley, Micah Pepper, Johnny Miller, Lauren Page, Tracy Morris, Jeremy Moore, Jessi Hundley, Justin Hipp, Jessica Long, Phillip Kohler, Elise Bacon, John Gross, Trisha Ewing, Roy Smith.





The Chorale performs during a church service on their spring break tour in Florida.

Musical Blessings

My time as a freshman at Bryan College was greatly blessed by the time I spent in the Women's Chorus. It was such a privilege to be able to sing with such amazing women, including Mrs. Keck. We laughed, we cried, we sang beautifully, and at times, we sang tearfully. I remember one day when all of us girls had come in feeling so discouraged with life and school. We spent the entire class time in tears and in prayer for one another. It was such a sweet encouragement to me, and I know it was one for all the other girls as well. There was a particular song we sang called "I Surrender All." It was a rendition of the old hymn, and I was encouraged every time we performed that piece. It reminded me to surrender everything to the Lord, and that He is trustworthy to sustain me in the midst of life. There were also all of our coffee runs! There were quite a few times when we spent the class time at Harmony House laughing and taking a break from our hectic school schedules. There's nothing like getting a group of girls together with me good coffee. I needed those times so badly! I am so thankful that I was able to be a part of such an amazing group of voices and hearts.

- Danielle Wilson

{Chorale ~ Women's Chorus ~ Chamber Singers}



photo by Timmy Sunday

Sophomore Abe Roberts watches senior Brandon Hodge spike a volleyball to neighbor senior Jeremy Moore during their Chorale Spring Tour.



photo by Timmy Sunday

Sophomore Meredith Moore watches the outdoor activities of other Chorale members.



photo by Timmy Sunday

Freshman Elise Bacon enjoys the sports the Chorale played during the times they were not singing.



photo by Timmy Sunday

Junior Even Wiley strums a mandoline, while others play sports.



photo by Timmy Sunday

Freshmen Danielle Wilson kisses freshman Jason Hundley as part of a Chorale tradition, in which all the women don lipstick and smother a freshman guy with kisses.



photo by Michelle Friesen

A kid slam dunks into a basket set up in the triangle for the NCAA championship night sponsored by SGA.



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Junior Evan Wiley stands armed and ready for the incoming freshman at the orientation games.



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Kim Woody, Student body Vice President, records on a marker board the ideas suggested in a budget meeting.



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Vice President of On Campus Activities, Rachel Welch, pulls yet another block from the precariously balancing stack of Jenga blocks at the SGA retreat.

David Gehring, Lindsay McKissick, Brittany Rodriguez, Phillip Meznar, Elijah Ammen, Zach Scheller, Blake Phillips, Jeremiah Nasiatka, Ryan Yontz, John Moore, Derek Dougherty, Chelsea Parham, Brittany McGehee, Caleb Beasley, Evan Johnson, Laura Neises, Becky Claflin, Cami Plaisted, Kirsten Amling, Erika Gebel, Molly Gehring, Olivia Pool, Lindsay Matlock, Tyler Gay, Jonathan Barnett, Andrew Glines, Jason Hundley, Ben Johnson, Laura Barton, Melissa Brown, Kim Woody, Kristen Phelps, Faith Ammen, Jackie Holubz, Joanne Olson, Rachel Welch, Paige Ratzlaff.



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"A toast to SGA!" Sophomore Molly Gehring, Juniors Kim Woody and Mark Baker, Senior Paige Ratzlaff and Junior Jonathan Barnett raise their Jones bottles high.

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A New Welcome

SGA is responsible, in part, for new student orientation. The officers of the 2007-2008 Student Government Association found this out at their fall retreat. Rachel and I had the privilege of radically changing the way that the orientation groups got together, and we needed all of SGA to help. In the past, on the Saturday orientation, the new students gathered in our humble cafeteria, where they meet their small group leader and then leave with the rest of their group and go "get to know" each other somewhere around campus. This year they entered a cafeteria full of people and loud music. All over there were SGA members dressed in wacky costumes and there seemed to be various stations set up with activities. The groups got together and rather than give time for the awkward silence to set in, the groups immediately set out to compete in each of the 10 stations. The SGA people rose to the occasion, coming up with great costumes, adding to the fun and energy in the room and coordinated the activities at each station. This went on for about an hour and a half; until the students left to go say good-bye to their parents. We quickly set the cafeteria up for a rodeo, and then went to finish setting up the triangle as a rodeo for students after dinner. While Saturday was a crazy busy day, it was a great opportunity for SGA to help the new students get acclimated and excited about being here at BC.

By Ben Johnson

{Executive Cabinet ~ Class SGAs}



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Junior Class President Faith Ammen shouts a royal cheer at the game time in the cafeteria for freshmen orientation.



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Always up to some sort of mischief, the two Vice Presidents of Activities, Ben Johnson and Rachel Welch, are caught yet again in the act of silliness.



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Student body Vice President Kim Woody meticulously prepares a wall for painting.



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Senior SGA members Leanne McDaniel, Laura Barton and Joanne Olson sport spiffy cowgirl hats at the rodeo on the Triangle during freshman orientation.



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Senior Ben Cairns, a member of the Worldview Team, joined efforts with SGA to organize a Video Game Tournament in Brock Hall.

MINISTRY



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Senior DJ Johnson and Junior Jason Bowers play Guitar Hero in the Video Game Tournament.



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Freshman Kirsten Amling and Sophomore Lindsay McKissick share a meaningful conversation at a Town Hall meeting.



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Molly Gehring, Kristen Phelps, Jackie Holubz, Ashley Baker, and Chelsea Parham listen to their sisters' testimonies of redemption.



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Rachel Welch ties up the winning team of Red Dawn Over Dayton, so they can be thoroughly soaked.

Juniors Andrew Glines, Laura Nieces, Senior Katrina Courtright, Juniors Chris Tuttle and Sarah Stafford gather to create their team flag for Red Dawn Over Dayton. It was SGA's first time organizing a massive water fight event, which took place in Pointe Park, the walking track in downtown Dayton.



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Bryan women gather together in Brock Hall to hear about "Secret Struggles" that their classmates have overcome.

photo by Michelle Friesen

Marshmallow Mateys, Maniacs, and Ministry Council

If you walked in on a Corporate Ministry Council meeting on any given Monday at 5:30 p.m., you might be a little surprised. You won't find Zach Scheller prostrate on the floor praying, Mark Baker preaching a sermon, or Molly Gehring repeating the Ten Commandments. Instead, you will probably see Ashley Baker copying a Tupperware full of Marshmallow Matey's, Chelsea Ham laughing hysterically at who knows what, and Jeff Gudim reading the minutes like a mad man, interjecting "Can you repeat that?" every ten minutes. As you sit in on our meeting, you will see hard work, passion, and dedication amongst spurts of wild laughter. You will see servant-hood in action as Jackie Holubz presents a ginormous mural for our Day of Prayer, as Caleb Beasley sits in chairs from the hall for the late-combers. You will also realize that we have our fair share of quirks on Ministry Council. At 5:30 p.m. on the dot, Jason Hundley comes bounding into the room from play practice - script in hand, as Becky Claflin energetically expounds about her new idea for a chapel; all the while Kristen Phelps tries desperately to capture Becky's animated hand gestures in the minutes. David Gehring sighs and stares longingly out the window, dreaming of senior trip. Amongst much laughter, side-bar conversations, and random dashes to get a Wal-Mart credit card, we managed to pull off two days of prayer, class and men's/women's chapels, several school-wide events and still had fun in the process. A big thanks goes out to Mark Baker and Molly Gehring for keeping all of us crazy participants in check during our meetings. Praise the Lord for another successful year of Ministry Council!

By Becky Claflin and Ashley Baker

{Senate ~ Ministry Council ~ Events Councils}



Tyler Gay shows off his mad manly grilling skills at a Bryan baseball game.

photo by Michelle Friesen



At the Secret Struggles of Women Overcome meeting, Sophomore Pam Simpson, Freshman Dani Park, and Sophomore Becky Claflin fellowship together.

photo by Garrett McIntyre



Evan Johnson and Paige Raztflaff kick back as they enjoy some study and planning time.

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Kirsten Amling, Blake Phillips, Evan Johnson, John Moore, Kim Woody, and Jason Hundley take the stage.

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Freshman Thomas Smith and freshman Josh Jones concentrate on the screen as they participate in the Video Game Tournament.

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The Phantastes Club can always count on senior Michael Boling to entertain them with his expressive faces while reading.

Sophomore Lydia Pugh reads *A Cricket in Times Square* while junior Kirsten Meberg, sophomore Jeremiah Nasiatka, and freshman Joy Koan listen intently.

As members of Global Impact club, junior Elizabeth Jacks and sophomore Ben Cunningham meet weekly to pray for specific nations of the world.

Sophomore Allan Johnson, freshman Emily Hendrix, seniors Jeremy Moore and Allison Hendrix, senior Jared Reitnauer, and junior Emily Ricketts end their song dramatically.



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Sophomore Rob Yates and seniors Jeremy Moore and Jared Reitnauer lift freshman Emily Hendrix, senior Allison Hendrix, and junior Emily Ricketts for a climax in the music they are dancing to.

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Adventures in Mercer Lobby

Once upon a time in the magical land of Bryan College, there was a small band of those brave at heart and adventuresome at soul, dashing knights, lovely ladies, and learned lords, who called themselves the Phantastes. Like the legendary Knights of the Round Table, they sought out daring adventure and fantastic quests, under the leadership of their distinguished Lord Regent, Michael Boling. Under his guidance, they journeyed through bizarre landscapes and stranger prose as they accompanied Alice in Wonderland, flew off to Neverland with the very cocky Peter Pan, sojourned briefly with Homer Price and his eccentric compatriots, and finally enjoyed the musical stylings of *A Cricket in Times Square*. However, to the great grief and distress all the band, as the Christmas holiday came upon them, their fearless leader departed from them to join in the grand adventure known as Real Life. All was not lost, however, for in his stead a successor was chosen, the Lady Regent Lydia Pugh. With this dauntless damsel at the fore, the loyal band encountered the magical posy of Princess Mesetillia, traveled to strange planets through *AWrinkle in Time*, and were irresistibly drawn back into the magical world of Narnia to come to the aid of the dashing Prince Caspian. Through these many adventures they forged steel bonds of fellowship, were well-provisioned, and, of course, lived happily ever after.

by Megan Smith

{Advanced Stage Movement ~ Global Impact ~ Phantastes}



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For the Christmas dance production led by Amanda Sherrin, Advanced Stage Movement danced to Josh Groban's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," among several other songs.



photo by Michelle Friesen

Sophomore Sarah Poe makes sure senior Michael Boling doesn't fall asleep while they are still reading.



photo by Michelle Friesen

Sophomore Lydia Pugh enjoys knitting while listening to other members of the Phantastes Club reading stories aloud to her.

L to R: Anna Frye, Jessie LaPlue, Andra Branson, Amanda Sherrin, Eve Hilderbrandt, Heather O'Brien, Joanna Hill, Faith Ammen, Jared Reitnauer, Allison Hendrix, Jeremy Moore, Emily Ricketts, Emily Ricketts, Allan Johnson, Jessica Long, Laura Nieces, Rob Yates, Brandon Hodge, Emily White.

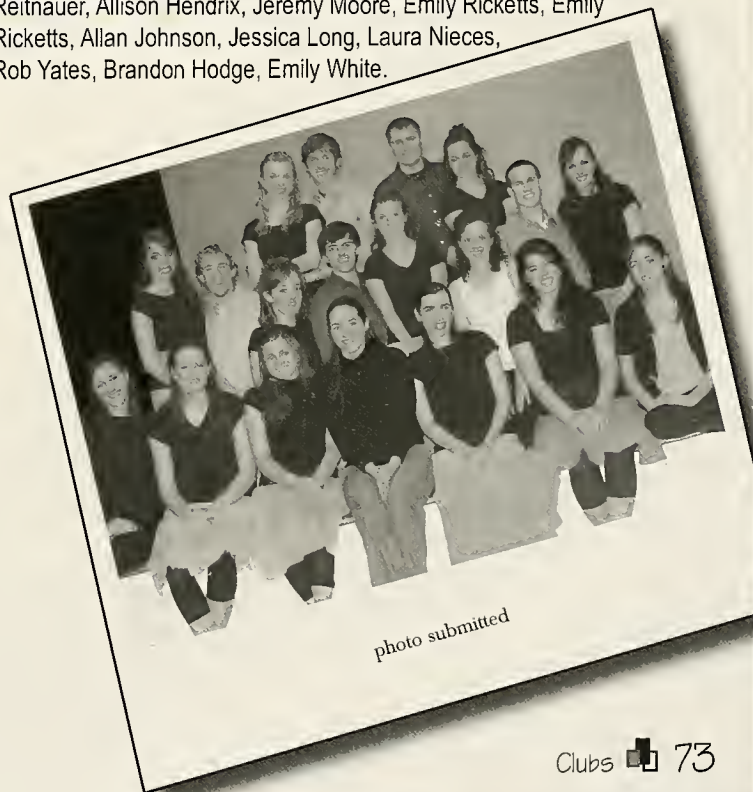


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Xtracurricu



Senior Tyler Gay and sophomore Jeff Schwenke toss freshman Johnny Rogers, always recognizable by his awesome surfer hair.



Still not an official school sport, the Bryan rugby team nonetheless defends the Lions' reputation on the fields of schools like Lee University.



Johnny Rogers fights to escape Lee's players' hold.

Lauren Pratt, Jessica Etress, Summer Nielsen, Kaylin Carswell, and Lauren Hostetler, all members of FCA, gather around Johnny Miller as he reads from the Bible during a meeting.



photo by Michelle Friesen



Bryan's Rugby team cheers after the game against Lee University.

{FCA ~ Fencing ~ Men's Volleyball ~ Rugby ~ Spanish}



In a Men's Volleyball game, Junior Marc Glines receives a serve.



Freshman Joe Courtright spikes the ball over the net during a Men's Volleyball game.



"On guard!" A mysterious fencer advances on the camera during a meeting of the new fencing club begun by Phillip Kohler in the spring of 2008.



Masked fencers bout in Brock Hall. The fencer on the right parries a well-aimed attack.

Let Every Tongue Confess

At the beginning of last fall, a couple of people got together and decided we wanted to start a club for students who were serious about Spanish could come together to converse, worship and play games in Spanish. Spanish club would be a place where the Hispanics on campus who have a hard time integrating in the American culture could come and be involved with the community of Bryan in their native tongue. On several occasions, we got together and had a time to sing songs and pray in Spanish.

During one of our first meetings, the group met at my apartment. We had some chips and salsa and espresso to accommodate our constant appetite. There were about 10 of us total and each one of them eager and willing to speak only in Spanish. I pulled out a deck of cards and taught them how to play Mafia in Spanish. This forced people to speak Spanish in a very loose, informal and fun environment. Each person was challenged in their vocabulary by trying to defend themselves in a language that was not their first.

Spanish club gave those who wanted to pursue the Spanish language an opportunity to be challenged while having fun, getting to know others, and worship our Father in a different tongue. For the future, my desire is for the Spanish club to change its focus a little bit and seek out ways to reach out to those Hispanics in the community who might have a difficulty getting adjusted to the American culture and who need to know the Gospel just as much as anyone else.

By Drew Goodman



The art club met on the third floor of Mercer on Monday nights during the fall semester of 2007.



Members of SIFE, Charles Plush, Josh Young and Allan Johnson, pose with the Junior SIFE team at Rhea County Academy that Bryan SIFE team sponsored.



Elisabeth Cochrane, president of the art club, begins an acrylic painting.

Members of the debate team, freshman Melissa Peters, juniors Eric McEachron, Brittany McGehee, and Rachel Welch, senior Lawrence LaPlue (president), and freshman Tori Stewart pose after a competition. The team won several honors in various competitions.





College Republicans hold an immigration forum, in which Tim Furnanz acts as moderator. George Young, Professor Scott Smith, Josh Young, Carlos Sanchez, Lawrence LaPlue, and Mavelyn Cedeno shared their opposing opinions regarding the controversial issue.

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{Art ~ College Republicans ~ Debate ~ SIFE}



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Sophomores Josh Young, Brittany Walker, and Allan Johnson display an award they received at the Atlanta regional SIFE conference.



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Paul Shanks, Drew Abercrombie, Alaina Woodall, Kristen Phelps, and Britney Weber work on a project for the College Republicans.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Art club president Elisabeth Cochran finishes up a masterpiece in acrylics.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

SIFE member Brittany Walker helps a student with his taxes -- a service the club provided for several weeks.



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Junior Lily Moore and freshman Kristen Phelps serve at a Bryan College Republicans sponsored fiesta meal to draw students to their immigration forum. Junior Conner Armstrong takes part in the festivities.

Lessons from Debate

I believe it was Aristotle who once said, "Join the debate team; it will teach you things."

Debate team this year taught us the value of things, such as analogies and symbolic gestures of peace, sticky notes, kmeber and matching bags. Debate team taught us that it's okay to argue for what you believe, and it's even okay to argue for the other guy now and then—provided you raise your hand.

I suppose debate team also taught us to think on our feet. We get our topic 15 minutes before we debate it. At the first round of my first tournament, we rushed to find our room—locked. So we debated in a dressing room. Our third round we debated a rather flustered young lady that made a big deal about Hilary Clinton showing cleavage at a dinner party, and in our fourth round, the other team's argument was, literally, a skit. How do you prepare for that?

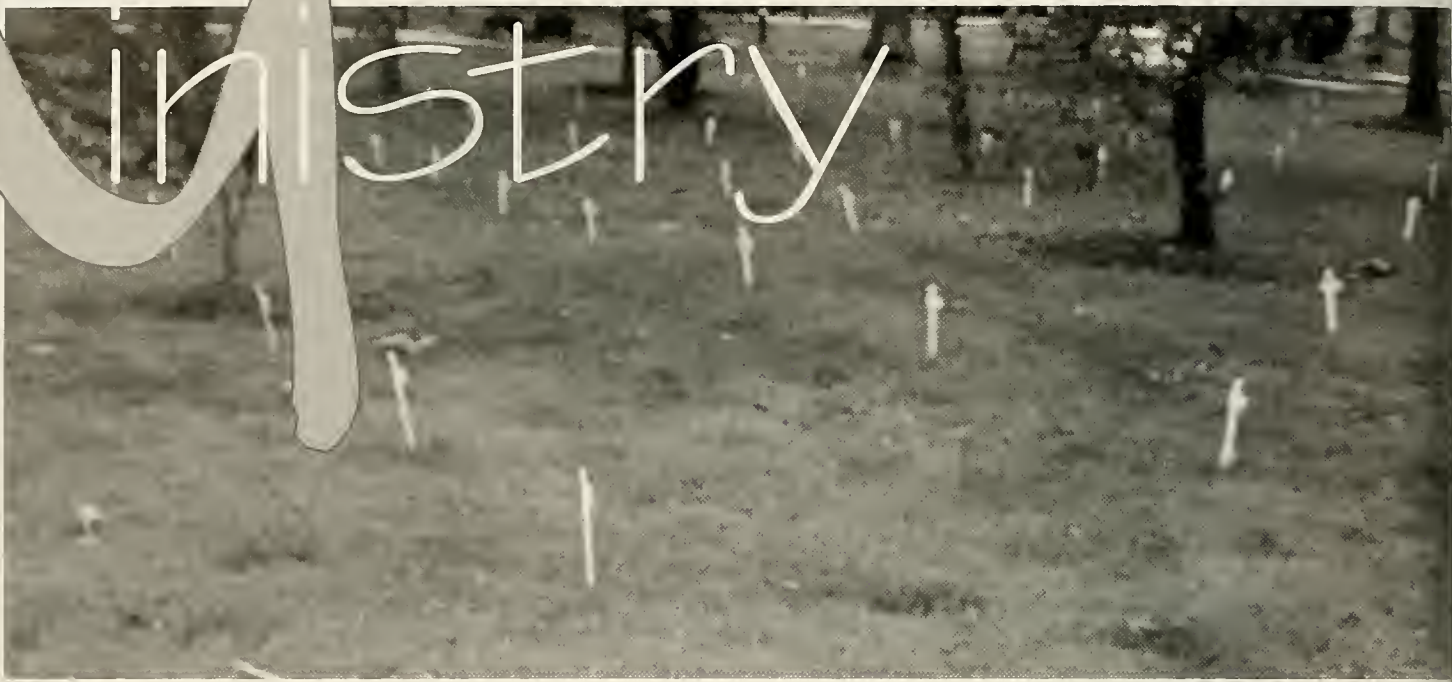
Debate team may have even taught us about the issues of our times. We've debated on poverty, school violence, human rights in Burma, Barrack versus Hilary, the Iraq war, the Iraq war, the Iraq war, snake handling, gas tax, music history, and, of course, farm subsidies. (Quiz us.)

Most importantly, debate team taught us that you never mess with MLK or draw funding from the Tennessee State Lottery. (Trust us.)

In the end, we learned that while we may not be on the *Yahoo! Ticker*—yet—we are, nonetheless, "so hot right now." Go, Bryan!

By Eric McEachron

MINISTRY



RIDE is a student organization that helps disabled children regain some of their motor skills through physical therapy involving horses.



Depending upon the child's disability, one or two helpers walk beside each child for safety purposes.



Freshman Kesse Robinson leads a rider around the arena as the rider does exercises.



Alum Christina Simmerman-Stewart leads a horse while a walker escorts the child.



Junior David Villanueva, the president of Lifeblood, and freshman Zach Scalf wait to give blood.

Sophomore Bailey Payne participates in the Students for Life vigil on the steps of Mercer in remembrance of those thousands who have been aborted.



Alex's Story

There are several jobs to be done at RIDE: a side-walker, who makes sure the person doesn't fall off of the horse and plays games with the rider; a leader, who leads the horse around the area; and the instructor. My first time out was with a little boy named Alex. His dad carried him into the arena because he couldn't walk. Alex couldn't talk either, which for a four-year old wasn't that terrible. As we walked around the arena, Alex would lie back on the horse's back and act like he was sleeping, then use his muscles to pull himself back up and start all over again like a little game. Every time he did something he thought was great he smiled as big as the Cheshire Cat and clapped repeatedly. I soon learned that clapping was a way to motivate Alex; also, Alex wasn't four, as I previously thought, but seven. Over the past couple of years, I have had the privilege of watching Alex progress from the toddler he seemed to be into the little boy he is. Thanks partly to RIDE and the work of the volunteers there, he can now walk on his own and is beginning to mumble words.

By Brittany Walker



photo submitted

By the simple giving of blood through Lifeblood, students can save lives, share what Christ has done for the lost, and rescue the oppressed from the darkness that consumes their world.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

Senior Kyle Terry signs up for a trip to Chattanooga to donate blood, while junior David Villanueva watches.



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When students give blood, they are helping orphans such as these. One plasma donation equals one month of life for an orphan like this one.



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In October 2007, Students for Life planted white crosses throughout the Triangle in memory of aborted children.

Touching the Untouchables

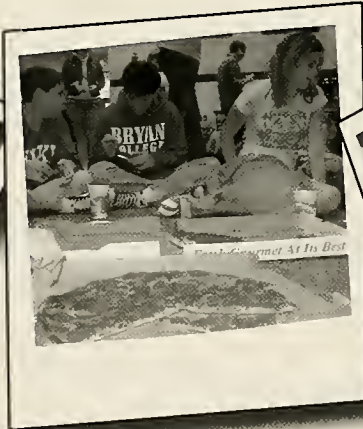
Because they are considered "untouchables" in their culture, the Banjara Tribe is particularly vulnerable to being sold on the streets of Hyderabad, India for \$10-15 and used as laborers, prostitutes in brothels, and human sacrifices in Hindu temples. Banjara Tribal Ministries (BTM) Orphanage began in 1994 when Christopher and Rambai Boda, a Banjara couple, took five abandoned children into their home to feed, educate, and minister to them. Today they care for nearly 2,000 children, turning away hundreds each year. BTM is working to pull their entire tribe out of their desperate condition by rescuing, loving, educating, and training thousands of youth. Lifeblood has partnered with Banjara Tribal Ministries and ZLB Plasma Services in Chattanooga to provide financial support for the orphans. It costs \$25 a month to provide food, clothing, education, safety, and discipleship for a child at the BTM orphanage. Lifeblood transports students to donate blood plasma at ZLB Plasma, ZLB reimburses the students, and Lifeblood sends the money to India. Since Lifeblood began operating in October 2007, we have raised \$6000, enough to sponsor 20 children for a year! We have great expectations for next year as we are just beginning to see what God can accomplish through this ministry and the willingness of the students involved.

By Jana Watson and Ashley Markusson

Serving



Sophomore Alan Johnson tutors a kid at the YMCA.



When LIFE Club visits the high school, the students get out of class and free pizza is served for lunch.



Junior Amy McCoy works with an elementary student on her homework. This year, math tutors were in great demand.



Juniors Faith Ammen and Brittany McGehee participate in LIFE Club, sometimes by helping with the younger children.

Freshman Kendall Armstrong and sophomore Allan Johnson volunteer each week as tutors for students from the local community.





Every month, LIFE Club visits Dayton High School to give talks on purity and abstinence. LIFE stands for Living In Freedom Everyday.

Stored Memories

One of them remembered swinging from white birches as she grew up on the East Coast. Another worked to buy school clothes after she was orphaned at a young age. One man fought in the war while his wife and son cared for the cattle until he returned, and a woman loved church services with good singing and “shoutin’.” During our visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities with the Senior Adult Ministry, we met the people with these stories. It was people like these, and those who cared for them, who made this year’s ministry rich. And it was God’s love for us that gave us something to give to them. We visited, played games, or just shared smiles with residents, trying to bless lives so much more full of years, of the experience of sorrow or joy or struggle, than our own.

By Elena Johnson

Students in Service

A couple of us were out on a project for Students in Service at the end of the fall semester. We were just helping an elderly lady with some yard work, but she was very appreciative. It seemed like every time we turned around, she was asking what she could do to help. There really wasn’t much, since all the tasks were simple, but she said she’d bring us something to drink. She was just as happy to bring us refreshments as she was to see us arrive and help her, and that really showed us what service is all about. It’s simply helping people with things they want or need, just lending a hand with whatever you’ve got. We kept on working, and when we were done, she refused to let us go without pay. We’re not supposed to take money, but if someone wants is adamant, there’s not a whole lot you can do. Well, we thanked her and discussed what we should do with the money. One of the guys suggested donating it to LifeBlood, and that seemed like the best option. So not only did we get to serve the lady we planned on serving; we were served, and LifeBlood got a donation. It was a great trip.

By Connor Armstrong



While visiting with senior adults, Freshman Maribeth Moe cuts out a white paper horse that will later be used in a horse race.



Miss Mary holds the plunger with the white horse. Her nursing home schedules weekly activities, and this week’s is a horse race.



Senior Steven Korpi visits with one of the nursing home residents as part of the Senior Adult Ministry group.



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Junior Elizabeth Jackson and sophomores Rachel Lemonds, Lydia Pugh, and Ben Cunningham run through the skit "Prison" for Act: 2 Show: Christ.



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Testify members: Regina Van Gorkom-Wade, freshman Joy Koan, sophomore Lydia Pugh, junior Jenny Farmer, junior Corrine Cook, and sophomore Rachel Lemonds.



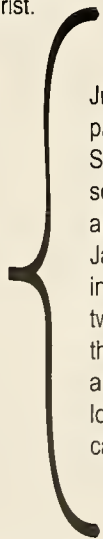
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Juniors Corrine Cook and Matt Samsel hang a drape in front of a window while sophomore Ben Cunningham and junior Mary Clauson prepare for their skit.



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Junior Matt Samsel rehearses choreography to the song *Arise My Love*.



Junior Corrine Cook, president of Act: 2 Show: Christ, reads to sophomore Lydia Pugh and junior Elizabeth Jackson during a scene in "Knights." In this skit, two knights do the same things but their attitudes are different. The one who loves his job does so because he loves his King.



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Junior Matt Samsel, freshman Laura Pearce, junior Corrine Cook, and sophomore Lydia Pugh perform choreography to *Stained Glass Masquerade*, a song by Casting Crowns.

photo by Michelle Friesen

Speaking Up

God began His ministry of evangelism this year at Bryan College. He initiated it by placing the desire for evangelism in the student's hearts. Dayton desperately needs God. The students at Bryan College have begun to encourage the community by proclaiming the message of the gospel and sharing how God has shaped their own life with the residents of Dayton. During the spring semester, lots of people got into good conversations and many of us received a God-given opportunity to share our faith. From my own experiences, one story from the spring semester comes to mind. For one weekend, God called us out of our usual neighborhood to a different neighborhood. We knocked on a lady's door and she opened it, looking a little strained. She had no daughters and was interested in finding a church for them to attend. She told us that they were both, "church junkies." Throughout the next few weeks we were able to gather information about buses that went through her neighborhood, and we went back to give her the information. We told her we were praying for her and encouraged her once more to go to church with her daughters. She genuinely told us she was going to make sure they got involved. We're seeing God work through us in that very simple way. It meant a lot to us and to the mother and daughters.

Jordan Koscamp

{Act: 2 Show: Christ ~ Evangelism ~ Testify}

Ministering through Theater

Our Act: 2 Show: Christ group currently has 9 members—3 guys and 6 girls. We have performed for churches in the surrounding area, including Dayton, Signal Mountain, and Hixson. Recently, God also opened a door for our group to partner with Testify for a mission trip next Fall Break. We will be serving in Toronto, Canada and in Detroit, Michigan. In the past year, we have seen the difference God can make through our ministry. After one performance, we were told that our work caused two boys to go home and ask their mother all sorts of questions. Some of the skits really made them think. That is what it is all about—making people evaluate their lives and encouraging them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Not that we are always able to implement our goal, but God uses our weaknesses to show His strength and that in itself is absolutely amazing!

By Corrine Cook



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Junior Corrine Cook discusses an Act 2: Show: Christ play with sophomore Justin Winters.

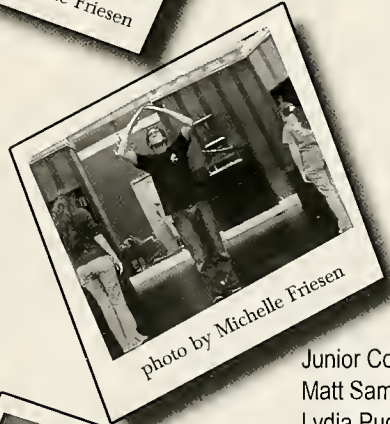


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Junior Corrine Cook, junior Matt Samsel, and Sophomore Lydia Pugh rehearse for Testify's rendition of *Stained Glass Masquerade*.



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Senior Will Wade leads Testify members junior Mary Clauson (co-president), sophomore Ben Cunningham, and junior Matt Samsel (co-president) in rehearsal with props.



Joel Trigger spent his time in Rwanda counseling victims of the genocide.



Bryan students had the chance to see some exotic animals, including giraffes.



The Rwanda team enjoyed the wildlife in the Akagera National Park, including this baboon with its child.



The sunrise over Rwanda take on the way to the Akagera National Park was breathtaking.

The group enjoyed fellowship on their bus rides due to the lack of seats and large amount of luggage.

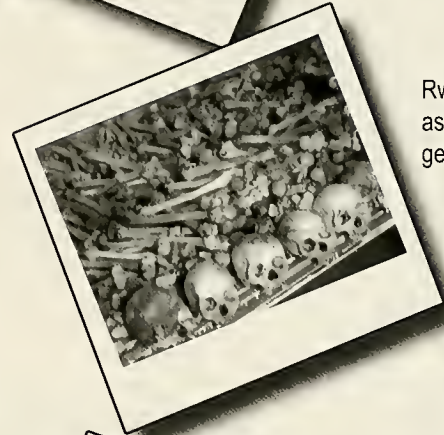




A group of children in Rwanda swarm the group from Bryan in an effort to gain attention from the students.



Jessie Farrell, Nicole Keef, Joel Trigger, Rachel Stuckey, and Jeremy Moore demonstrate how full the buses became.



Rwandan skulls serve as a memorial for the genocide at Butare.



The Rwandans perform a native dance for the Bryan team.



A native Rwandan teaches Crystal Cain how to dance.



Bryan students met countless orphan children because of the genocide.

Teaching out to Rwanda

October 12-28, I, along with 22 other Bryan students and faculty missions class traveled to Rwanda to serve in ways related to our talents and gifts. Why Rwanda? During the country's genocide in 1994, which was a mass extermination of primarily one ethnic group in Rwanda, the Rwandan people were left traumatized physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God is at work in Rwanda, however, through the work of missionaries such as Emmanuel Gatera, who our team worked with. After meeting as a team with Pastor Emmanuel Gatera and his wife, we all branched out to do work in education, orphanages, health, medical clinics, AIDS facilities, etc. As an elementary education major, I had the opportunity to observe and then teach at African Elementary School. It was such a blessing to be able to discuss different teaching methods with the teachers and principal, who were eager for wisdom we brought from the States. Going over to Rwanda, a lot of us felt a sense of inadequacy. We weren't sure what we could possibly do for these people who had been through things we couldn't even fathom. But God used us. Even if we didn't have answers for all of their tough questions (like why God would allow tragedy to come upon them), we had the love of Christ to pour out to them. And the fact that we came all the way from America to minister to them and show them love completely rocked their world, because some of them hadn't known anyone who cared about them for the first 13 years. God's hand was very present with us in Rwanda. Many Rwandan lives touched, but we came back changed forever, with an even greater awe of our God's vast love and power to work through us.

by Laura Barton



The girls in "the Hills" loved braiding hair, especially Corrine Cook's. One girl learned how to braid hair just so she could do it for Corrine.



Michael Shroeder juggles for a group of children in Honduras.



Honduran kids happily use Ricky Angelicola, Chris Kloc, and Evan Johnson as transportation.



Kaity Kopeski plays with a little girl with whom she bonded with during the Louisiana trip.

The mens' soccer team, Manoel Silva, Matt Dee, Ricky Angelicola, Tim Harris, Bryan Alfano, Dwight Sell, Andres Garcia, Hayden Lavo, Nathan McCown, Jacabo Galardo, Evan Johnson, Chis Kloc, Zach Scaif, Evan Johnson and Michael Schroeder bond with boys from an orphanage in Honduras.





Caitlyn Boronow talks with kids from "the Hills" in Louisiana as they try their hand at playing instruments.

{BFC HONDURAS & LOUISIANA}



Manoel Silva and his friend give a thumbs-up for the camera.



Ben Cunningham surveys the house that the team worked on in Louisiana.



Honduran schoolgirls talk with the Bryan College men's soccer team.



This soccer jersey is a little big for this Honduran boy, but he doesn't seem to mind.



Eddy Davila and Chuck Rose share a moment while they take a break from working on the interior of a house in Louisiana.

Caring for the Cajun Poor

Before our BFC trip began, our group only had a vague idea of what we would be doing in Louisiana. When we arrived in Opelousas, we learned we would be doing reconstruction in the mornings and working with inner-city children in the afternoons. The prospect of reconstruction thrilled me. I am by no means good at construction, but after six months of school, the idea of doing actual physical work was exciting.

However, I was not so thrilled about working with the children. Honestly, I was more terrified. I knew I would not know how to act or what to say. The first afternoon came and we drove to "The Hills," possibly the worst and poorest part of Opelousas, to hang out with the children after school. About one minute after I stepped out of the van I met a little girl. She was six years old, wore her hair in pigtails, and the word adorable can not begin to describe her. Although working on the house was satisfying, every day I anticipated the afternoons to come.

Over the week, I had the opportunity to play, talk, and share with many children and teenagers. It was that precious girl I met the first day that captured my heart. I never could have imagined how attached how I would become considering how intimidating I was at the start. God took my fear and used it for his purposes. Being able to meet a child of God was nothing short of a beautiful gift.

Kaity Kopeski

Destination.



A Latvian teen goes on a wild rampage and tapes up Ben Johnson.



Pete Kennard goofs off with a couple orphans in Juigalpa, Nicaragua.



Cassie-Marie Bundy jokes around with a Latvian boy.

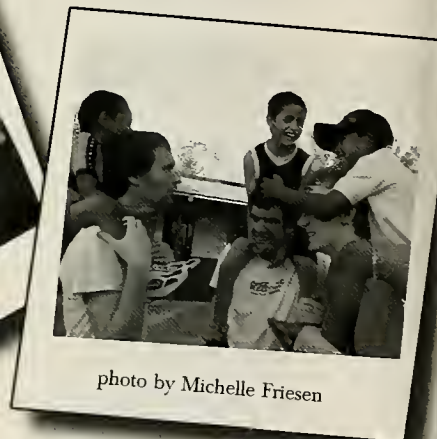
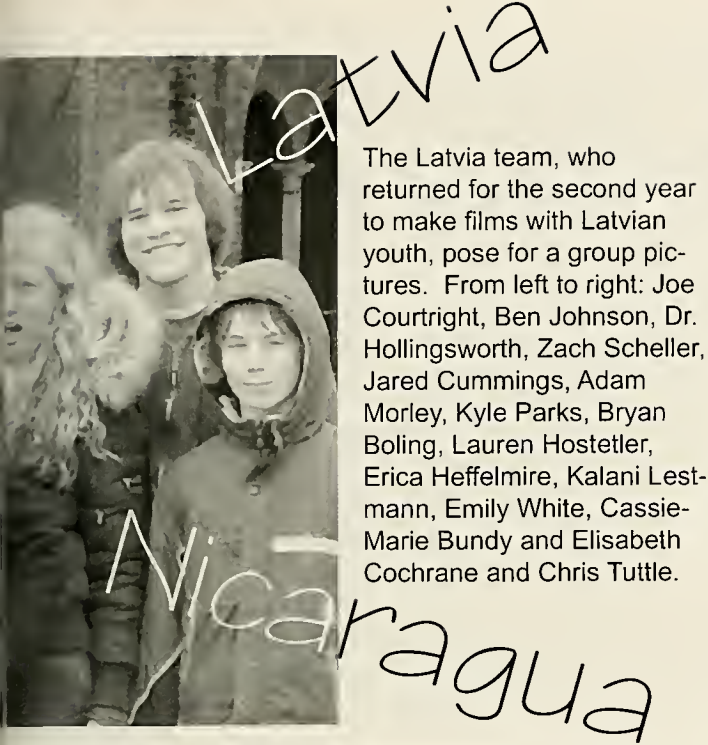


photo by Michelle Friesen

The boys in the orphanage loved riding on the shoulders of Drew Goodman, Ben Ferrante, and Pete Kennard.

From back to front, Amanda Allquist, Diana Guthrie, Rachel Smith, Carrie Cook, Kirsten Meberg, Karissa Simmons, Michelle Friesen, Kristen Ferrante, Melissa Brown, Pete Kennard and the rest of the Nicaragua team bump and jilt on a dusty road on their way to do VBS and door-to-door evangelism.





The Latvia team, who returned for the second year to make films with Latvian youth, pose for a group pictures. From left to right: Joe Courtright, Ben Johnson, Dr. Hollingsworth, Zach Scheller, Jared Cummings, Adam Morley, Kyle Parks, Bryan Boling, Lauren Hostetter, Erica Heffelmire, Kalani Lestmann, Emily White, Cassie-Marie Bundy and Elisabeth Cochrane and Chris Tuttle.

{BFC NICARAGUA & LATVIA}



Zach Scheller prepares to enter a dim-lit castle during the Latvia team's touring day.



The airport wait provided ample time to nap, and Elisabeth Cochrane took full advantage of the opportunity as Kyle Parks points it out.



Chris Tuttle and Adam Morley lament their ill behavior that led them to the Latvian stocks.



RD of Huston Amanda Allquist plays the slapping game with Ana, an orphan from Juigalpa.



Kirsten Meberg holds a baby in Cuapa during the daily VBS. Several team members held babies so that young mothers could participate in games.

Hugs & Bugs & Pineapple Juice

What our Nicaragua trip was made of:

- Fragrance of fruit trees and blossoms upon stepping outside the Nicaraguan airport
- Ants and mosquitoes and spiders - oh my!
- 90 degree weather, 90% humidity
- Waking up to myriad of tropical bird songs – and roosters crowing at all hours of the night
- Door-to-door evangelism with translators every morning
- Multiple bug bites per minute – no matter how much bug repellent was worn.
- Seconds on the food, whether or not we knew what it was – because it always tasted delicious
- Inviting all the town children to VBS daily
- Fresh-squeezed fruit juices at every meal (no more concentrate for us!)
- Friendly smiles from the Nicaraguan people
- Two hours each day in a yellow school bus on a dusty, bumpy dirt road
- Countryside resembling Africa/Florida
- Joyful songs of the children and friendly
- Swarming of orphanage kids and their showering of hugs and kisses
- Dutch Blitz and Double Dutch Blitz marathons
- Refreshingly cold showers
- Daily braiding of the hair
- 1 Nicaraguan minute = 10 minutes real time
- Flexibility, flexibility, flexibility!

By Kirsten Meberg

Destination:



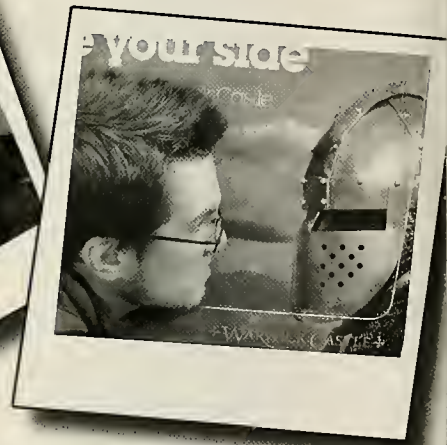
Freya Ross and the rest of the team were impacted greatly by this young girl who came to the States from Africa to get surgery.



A City of Refuge resident, Amanda Sherrin and Freya Ross practice "stage movement" in San Diego.



Katie Carver and Jordan Koskamp pause from talking with a nursing home resident.



England team leader Phil Gray stares down a knight.

The England team hangs out with with two teens at a youth group. From left to right: Diana Rice, Katie Carver, Luke Booker, Tara Stewart, Cami Plaisted and Sam White. The team worked mainly with Operation Mobilization, where they got to know English youth and evangelize door-to-door.



England



The San Diego team hangs out in a tree with ladies from City of Refuge, an organization that works with poor and homeless people in the city. From left to right: Andrew McPeak, Freya Ross, Dana Seeley, Amanda Sherrin, Britney Weber, Taylor Woods, Melissa Longoria and Susannah McIlvaine.

San Diego

Taking the Bible to the Brits

I'm not an eloquent speaker and I have a peculiar habit of freezing up when conversations get awkward. So, when we were told that we would be going door-to-door several times in our week-long stay, I certainly wasn't ecstatic. However, I pushed away my worried thoughts of long silences and glaring Brits and focused on the good such unease would surely do to my character—and hoped I could simply memorize whatever I'd need to say.

So, imagine my discomfort when I was paired with a native Englishman who actually wanted to talk with the residents. I "graciously" allowed James to knock on the first door. The elderly gentleman who chatted with us that chilly day did so perhaps out of politeness or simple loneliness. Either way, I first saw the state of many in England—a life that had only known "the rules" and no true relationship with Christ. The next few houses went similarly, with James gently but stubbornly asking people to reconsider the Easter story. I watched, listened, prayed, and even added a comment or two, but mostly I learned—I learned what life is like with a checklist instead of joy. Others on my team had similar conversations with people, even with a few Muslims. Some were receptive to our prodding. Others spoke through closed doors and hearts. But as we were reminded when we reconvened, who but God knows what seeds were planted?

By Sharon Smythe

{BFC ENGLAND & SAN DIEGO}



Diana Rice and Sharon Smythe ponder the ways of English life.



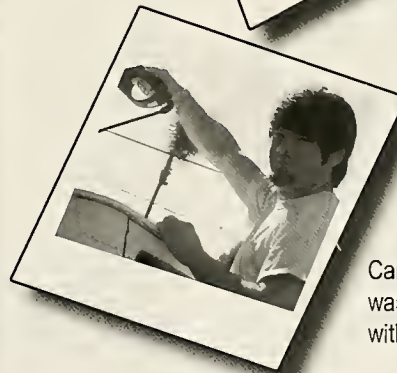
San Diego team leader Caleb Beasley and Andrew McPeak are befuddled by the directions of City of Refuge resident.



Sam White growls at a fearsome English knight.



Britney Weber chats with a girl during kids' night at City of Refuge.



Carlos Pielago spontaneously washes City of Refuge vans along with other team members.



Sophomore Meredith Moore helps Assistant Director of Admissions Christopher Henderson at a welcome table during the Deans scholarship weekend.



Admissions Counselor Tiffany Christian works with Freshman Elizabeth Bencoter at an Illuminate table.



Freshman Ambassador Charlee Marshall leads a group of visitors on a tour through the Triangle during a spring Illuminate event.

Sophomore Ambassador Jeremiah Nasiatka leads a group of prospective students on a campus tour during the Dean's Scholarship weekend.





Katrina Wise, Dana Seeley, Timmy Sunday, Brittany Walker, Ryan Smith, Alaina Woodall, Lauren Edgerton, Bailey Payne, Julie Barnett, Hannah Markette, Jenifer Manzo, Mavelyn Cedeno, Trisha Ewing, JT Nelson, Kaity Garrison, Kristen Nachtwey, Charlee Marshall, Rhea Brown, Summer Neilsen.



Jeremiah Nasiatka leads a group of prospective students on a tour of campus during the Dean's Scholarship weekend.



Jeremiah Nasiatka shows off Mac's Cafe to a group of Dean's Scholars.



Showing off Bryan's cutting edge technology, Charlee Marshall presents the Smart Board to a group of visitors.

Welcoming Visitors

Ambassadors are blessed with the gift of helping others, but it is a learned process rather than an innate talent. On every tour I make a point to mention all of the really important aspects about Bryan College like how the buzzword "community" is truly a good descriptive word for life up on the hill and how Mercer Hall has the dimensions of Noah's Ark (I make sure to make the disclaimer that we're not sure if it could really float in the event of a flood.).

Tours vary in excitement depending on whether people talk, if there are alumni in the group, and if they're interested in more than sports. The shortest tours tend to occur in a group where everyone is zoned out and they have no questions. I've heard of a tour lasting up to three hours and, unfortunately, even with a three-hour tour, there's no chance of marooning on a desert island with Gilligan.

The life of an ambassador does not lie only in giving tours, although that does seem to be a rather large chunk; there is also the need to find people who are willing to host the students who sign up for an overnight campus visit, keep Miss Kim Tuttle from doing everything herself, and the ever important bonding time that tends to occur through parties! Ambassadors have the privilege of having fun together almost as much as we learn from each other and the entire Admission's Department.

By Kristen Nachtwey

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Davidson, a small liberal arts college outside Charlotte, N.C., ran in the NCAA tournament against some of the nation's finest teams, leaping into the national spotlight when the team entered into the Elite Eight. "The easiest part is making that first run. It's fun and exciting, and it's just kind of like catching lightning in a bottle," Gonzaga head coach Mark Few said. "The most difficult process is then when expectations happen and just being able to seize the opportunity and continue to grow."

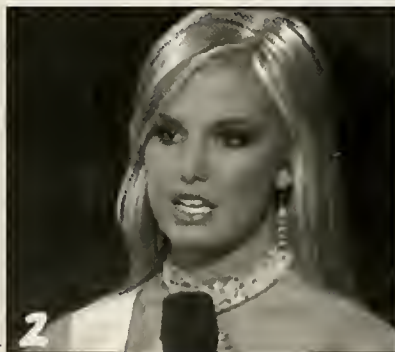
Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was suspended indefinitely from the league in August after he admitted to funding a dogfighting ring on his property and to being complicit in the killing of at least six dogs by hanging and drowning them.



1. In the summer of 2007, Roger Federer beat Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon, giving fans a classic. The heated match was close, but Federer came out on top with a record-tying fifth straight Wimbledon title.

2. This year has had its share of viral videos on YouTube, with millions of hits on some epidemic videos. "Miss South Carolina Teen USA" got 25,144,380 hits; "Charlie Bit My Finger" got 25,666,633 hits; and "I Like Turtles" got 4,786,565 hits (as of May 2008).

3. As the guys huddle in their dorms "fellowshipping" around their controllers for hours, these recent video games might be what they're playing: Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, The Orange Box and of course, Halo 3.



Made famous by winning X Factor in 2006, pop star Leona Lewis's second single, "Bleeding Love," became the number one single in the U.S. on April 5, 2008.

An anti-folk veteran, Regina Spektor makes quirky, highly eclectic, but always personal music. Born and raised in Moscow until age nine, she moved to the Bronx and grew as a talented singer and songwriter. She rose to fame with the success of her single, "Us," when went on to release her first original album, *Begin to Hope*.



Leona Lewis



Regina Spektor

"Thanks for the question, you little jerk. You're drafted."

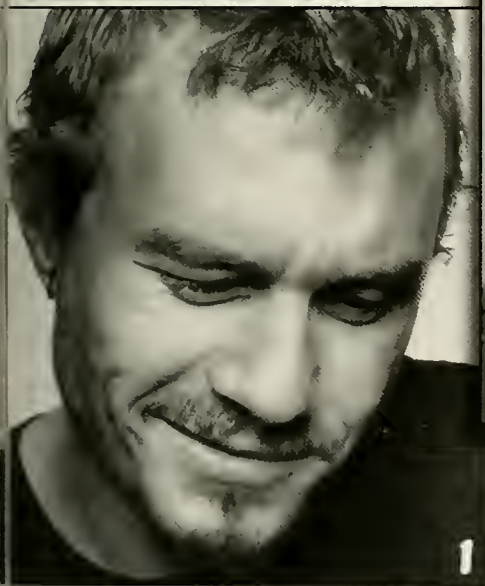
— JOHN MCCAIN, Arizona Senator and presidential hopeful, responding jokingly to a high schooler's comment that, at 71, McCain might be too old for the White House

In the most pure and hopeful moment in entertainment all year, cell phone salesman Paul Potts brought audiences to their feet and to tears when he belted out an opera piece for *Britain's Got Talent* with host Simon Cowell. He sang for the Queen by year-end and released an album in September 2007.



a year in

FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS



1. The very successful and popular TV and movie actor Heath Ledger died this year on Jan. 22, 2008. Although doctors say the cause of his death was an accidental prescription drug overdose, many have speculated that he became too involved in his disturbing role in the film *The Dark Knight* and used excessive method acting to "become" the character,

review



Top Films

1. Juno
2. Sweeney Todd
3. No Country For Old Men
4. I Am Legend
5. Atonement
6. Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed
7. Enchanted
8. Michael Clayton

thereby causing his depression and drug overdose. He was 28. 2. One of the many trends of the year, the tent dress, hangs loose from the shoulder to below the hips, and does not have a waistline. Other female fashions included colorful leggings and tights, vests, and lots and lots of layering. 3. Of the plethora of films in the country, only a few made it to the Oscars. *No Country For Old Men* won Best Motion Picture of the Year; *Juno* won Best Writing and Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen; *There Will Be Blood* won Best Achievement in Cinematography and Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role; just to name a few.

BRYAN COLLEGE

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covenant

Some of us only go to the Covenant game, and some of us show up screaming attired in red head to toe at every single game of every single sport. (Right?) Some of us practice many hours each week to defend Bryan's honor on court and field, but whoever you are, Covenant enemy or Lion to the core, sports are a part of your life as a Bryan student.

by Courtney Jergins

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Battles *and stories of the wounded*

It's been a difficult year for the Lady Lions; they've lost a few key players due to injury and other reasons. But they've also had great triumphs.

One of the most memorable games was the second time the team went against Milligan College on February 9, 2008. Even after a five-win streak Coach Bechler constantly reminded the team that this game wouldn't be easy. "I don't know if you know this," he said repeatedly during the week before the game, "but Milligan is the number one team in the conference." They practiced with determination, playing what Coach Bechler calls "big boy basketball," according to freshman Jessica Southern.

Their hard work produced spectacular results. Bryan's points on the scoreboard almost doubled Milligan's in the first half. Even though the number of points scored almost evened out in the second half, Bryan still won 80-63. In the locker rooms, they informed one another, "I don't know if you know this, but we just beat the number one team in the conference!"

Sophomore Amber Smith learned the value of teamwork this season. She says, "I have learned that when you meet obstacles during the season the only way to get through them is together" And that is also what freshman Wendy Vork is taking away from this season. The struggles through which they had to carry one another truly molded the team together. Wendy says, "In the end, we were just playing for each other."

- Courtney Jergins

Junior Kaylin Carswell takes a jump shot over the heads of Union players Susanna Todd and Ashley Lunsford.



Top to Bottom, L-R: Kelly Barton, KeKe Pean, Jasmine Benford, Kyla Hill, Anna Haley, Brooke Corbett, Courtney Swanson, Kelly Thurman, Assistant Coach Sarah Coffman, Galyn Dobler, Heath Windom, Rhea Brown, Becca Morris, Hillary Tipt, Amber Smith, Emilee Sexton, Lauren Copeland, Ashley Rahum, Jessica Southern, Ashley Gray, Barham, Kaylin Carswell, Katie Davis, Wendy Vork

The Lady Lions join hands with the Lady Tigers in prayer at the end of a home game.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



In the game against the Lady Tigers, Freshman Lauren Copeland prepares to shoot a freethrow.

2007-2008 Women's Basketball Results

UVA-Wise	W:76-43
Bluefield	W:83-75
Montreat	L:66-81
Virginia Intermont	L:68-81
Milligan	L:63-77
Tenn. Wesleyan	L:62-73
Covenant	L:52-53
Union	L:81-88
King	L:61-59
UVA-Wise	W:82-63
Bluefield	W:84-60
Montreat	W:64-70
Virginia Intermont	W:80-72
Milligan	W:80-63
Tenn. Wesleyan	L:66-71
Covenant	L:64-51
Union	L:68-54
King	L:64-81

[1] Junior Katie Davis dribbles away from Union player Carley Blankenship.

[2] Andrew Morgan, Dean Bruce Morgan's son, shows off his game on the Lady Lions' court.

[3] Courtney Swanson, a sophomore, adds her arms to the mix of defenders.

[4] Freshman KeKe Bean fights to keep the ball from the Lady Tigers.

[5] Freshman Ashley Raburn blocks a shot by the Tigers.

[6] Sophomore Hillary Tipton takes control of the ball in the game against the Lady tigers.



Starting *a season of enthusiasm*

The men's basketball team entered the 2007-08 year looking to improve on the disappointing season from the previous year, when they finished with a 6-24 record. This year's team contained a number of new faces, with 10 new players, eight of them freshmen. This new talent brought a sense of enthusiasm and optimism to the team, and this was evident at every home game. The season started off well, with the Lions winning 3 out of their first 5 games, including an exciting 104-66 win in the home opener against Southeastern Bible College.

However, injuries and conference play made things difficult for the team, as they went 6-15 over their next 21 games. Despite this, they were able to end the season on a high note, winning their final two home conference games. The team finished the season with an overall record of 11-18, and finished eighth in the conference with a 5-13 record.

Although this was not the result that many had hoped for, they did win almost twice as many games as the previous year, and there were a number of highlights for the team: they won both games against conference rival Covenant College, and had a thrilling win against Union College in the final home game of the year.

Several players had very solid years: Senior Mike Lytle easily led the AAC in assists, with 8.39 per game, and junior Kyle Terry was third in the conference in 3 point field goals made, with 2.57 per game. Also, Freshman Charlie Lytle had the second most rebounds per game in the conference, with 8.75. Next year looks very promising for the Lions, as they have a number of young, talented players returning along with an experienced group of upperclassmen.

- Marc Glines



Freshman Charlie Lytle and Craig takes an easy layup in the home opener against Southeastern Bible College.



The team celebrates together after a win.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL





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Swinging *changes*

The 2007-2008 Bryan Lions Baseball team fought through a quirky season, finishing with a 19-30 record but recording the most conference victories ever attained in its short existence. Injuries and ineligibility plagued the Lions, and they struggled to find consistency in order to place their best team on the field and to capitalize on the mistakes of opponents.

However, the new season looks quite promising, as the Lions anticipate coaching changes and a strong class of recruits. The underclassmen will have the challenge of filling the shoes of four seniors who greatly contributed to the success this season, and the competition will be stiff for those starting positions. Some returners who are expected to fill big roles for the Lions include seniors John Brown, Matt Hicks, Will Newman, juniors Ben Young and Daniel Zimmerman, and sophomore J.D. Davis. The off-season work put in by the Lions as well as the faithfulness in fall practices will be a catalyst for the quality of the upcoming season. The quest for the Appalachian Athletic Conference was tighter than ever in the past season, and this trend looks to continue in the next season. Therefore, success is easily within reach of next year's Lions team, and the expectation for a winning season is strong.

- Daniel Zimmerman

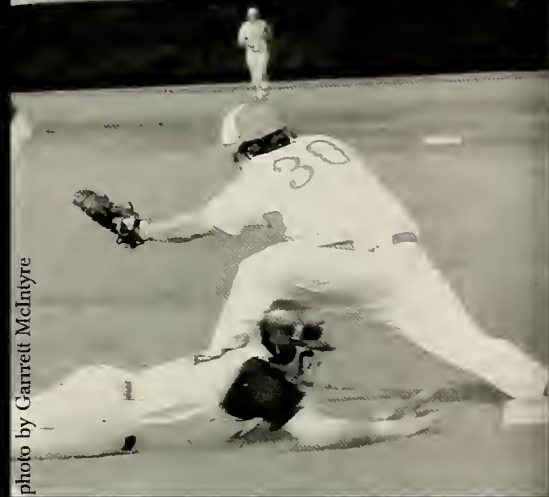


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Stretching to catch a low-flying ball, Senior Brad Starnes guards first base.



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Sophomore Ben Young pitches.

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Baseball





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2007-2008 Men's Basketball Results

Brenau	L:0-2
Freed-Hardeman	W:2-1
Milligan	L:1-3
Asbury	L:1-3
Bluefield	W:5-0
Toccoa Falls	W:2-0
Spalding	W:1-0
Union	L:1-2
King	L:0-1
Covenant	L:0-3
Montreat	L:0-4
Atlanta Christian	W:4-0
Clearwater Christian	W:3-2
Tennessee Wesleyan	L:0-1
Union	L:1-3
Covenant	L:0-1

- [1] Moments before sprinting to first base, junior Jonathan Brown swings the bat powerfully.
- [2] Bryan Lions baseball team and coaches relax in the dugout.
- [3] Freshman J.D. Davis and Senior Matt Hicks chat in the outfield during a break in the game.
- [4] Freshman J.D. Davis and Senior Michael Kent race to catch a ball in the outfield.
- [5] Senior Jeremiah Peters smashes the ball.
- [6] Junior Daniel Bosarge is one of eleven pitchers for the team.

Senior Will Newman, Freshman J.D. Davis, and Senior Matt Hicks discuss the game.

Team members: Doug Stroup, Will Newman, Ryan Henn, Jon Brown, Jeremy Potts, Zack Bowe, Michael Kent, Gabe Keen, Daniel Zimmerman, Michael Hogsett, Mark Barnwell, Jerrad Robin, Andrew Zimmerman, J.D. Davis, Jason Henderson, Joey Mohler, Daniel Preston, Andrew Preston, Adam Polston, Paul Shearer, Will Stokes, Brad James, Daniel Bosarge, Matt Hicks, Steven Kilgore, Ben Young, Ryan Eylon, Jeremiah Peters. Team managers: Diana Rice, Caleb Ragland, Brittany Randall.

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Healthy Competition

The spring semester began with basketball, which in the past has been one of the most anticipated sports. As usual, there was a high level of participation, with most of the teams having an abundance of backup players. This year, the bulk of the competition was between the three top teams: the faculty and staff team, Team Zero (the soccer team), and the Studs, composed of seniors Stephen Korpi, Taylor Hollingsworth, Jason Poarch, and other upperclassmen. The Studs played a strong regular season, and their only losses were in close games against the Faculty and Team Zero. In the semifinals, they avenged their loss to the Faculty and won to advance to the championship against Team Zero. This game featured the quick and highly athletic soccer team against a team of upperclassmen with experience, talent, and good shooting. It turned out to be a very fast paced game, with a number of students observing eagerly from the stands. Both teams played aggressively and got to the free-throw line often. At halftime, the Studs lead by a few points, but knew that they could not let up against this talented team. Team Zero kept it close in the second half, but the Studs used timely shooting and smart play to hold them off in the end, winning by several points. This win was especially big for the seniors on the team, all of whom were trying to win their first intramural basketball championship in their final year.

- Marc Glines



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Sophomore John Wang props up the football for Sophomore Curt Hays to kick.

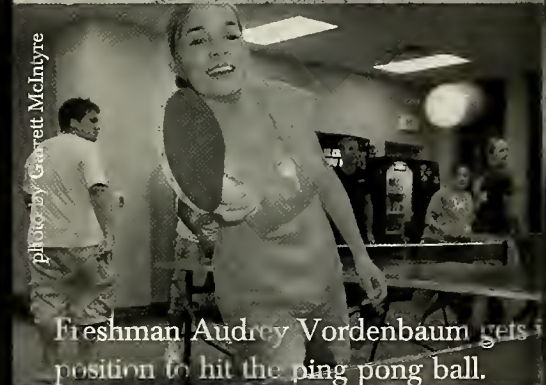


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Freshman Audrey Vordenbaum gets in position to hit the ping pong ball.



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Freshman Ryan Yontz perfects his serve in order to get it over the volleyball net.

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INTRAMURALS



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[1] Junior Janna Watson, Sophomore Emily Echols, and Senior Brandon Hodge run to receive the disk as the game begins.

[2] Senior Danielle Rebman eagerly awaits a throw from Junior Marc Glines.

[3] Senior Brandon Hodge plays tight defense on Junior Chris Tuttle.

[4] Sophomore Zach Bowe moves to avoid a defender and get the ball down the field.

[5] Junior Andrew Glines advances the ball in the open field.

[6] Freshman Tori Wisthoff serves the ball over the net to gain a point for her team.

[7] Freshman Justin Morton returns the ball as the rest of his team looks on.

In the blur of the defensive players, senior Drew Friedrich victoriously gives the football down the field.

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photo by Michelle Fritsch



photo by Michelle Fritsch



Let the Games Begin

Intramural sports were once again very successful this year at Bryan, with a large portion of the student body participating. Sports included the usual Frisbee, football, basketball, soccer, and volleyball, as well as pool, ping-pong, and foosball. The year began with volleyball, and although there were not quite as many teams as with other sports, there was a high level of competition and many close games. Next came flag football. The faculty and staff team came in as the favorite to win it all, although they were missing several key players from last year, including their quarterback. As the regular season progressed, there were several teams that proved capable of competing with the faculty, and several games were decided in overtime. The sophomores finished the regular season undefeated, and entered the playoffs as the top-ranked team. They took advantage of their speed by frequently running the ball. They ended up meeting the faculty in the championship game. This was a hard-fought game, and by the time it was over the speed of the sophomore team proved to be too much for the experienced faculty team. This was the first time in a number of years that a team other than the faculty and staff team won the football championship.

- Marc Glines

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One of Freshman Jey Steele's calmer hobbies includes ping pong.

Freshman Jenny Harvey prepares to serve the ball over the net to score a point for her team.

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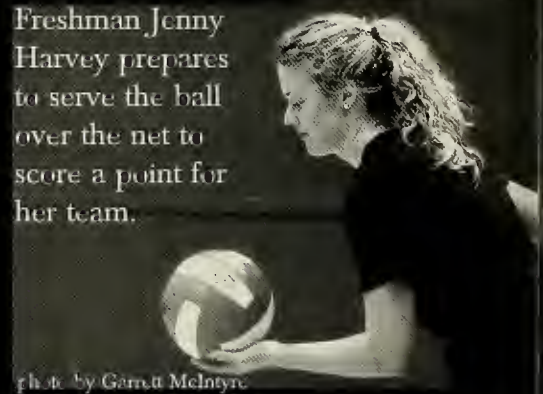
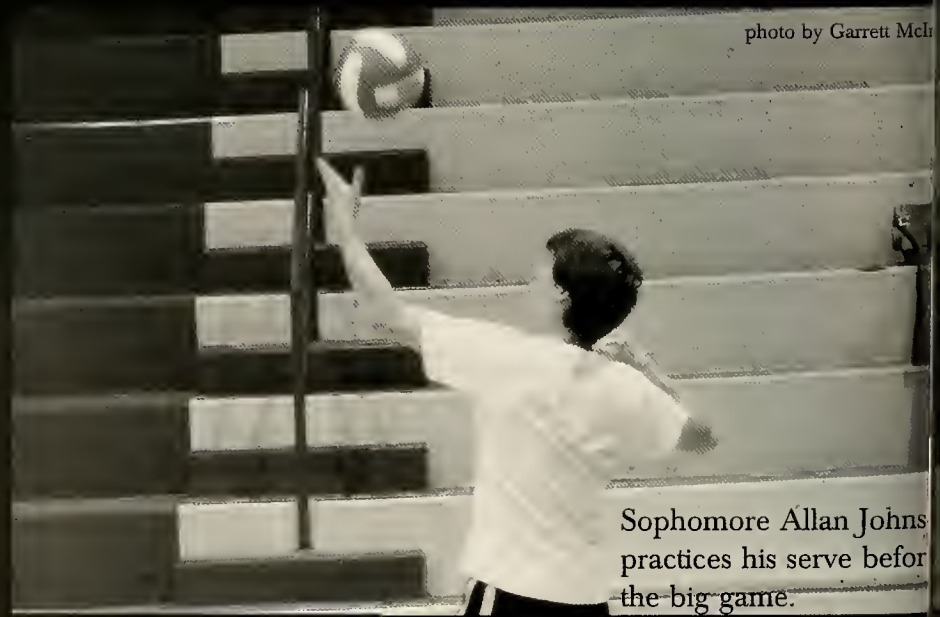


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Sophomore Allan Johns practices his serve before the big game.

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INTRAMURALS



- [1] Junior Dan Taylor watches as Senior David Park tries to find an open teammate.
- [2] Senior Jared Reitnauer throws past a defender while Junior Chris Tuttle runs upfield.
- [3] Freshman Jeff Gudim clears the ball out from in front of the goal.
- [4] Junior Josh Storie attempts to dribble the ball past Sophomore Josh Bogle.
- [5] Sophomore John Wang leaps for a tough catch against Senior David Park.
- [6] Junior Jana Watson looks past a defender as Junior Andrew Hayes catches his breath.
- [7] Sophomore Nate Rogers jumps up to block the volleyball.

Sophomores Phillip Meznar and Andrew Davis participate in the newest addition to the intramural sports: Foosball.

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photo by Carrett McIntyre



photo by Carrett McIntyre

[1] Bryan Lions men's basketball fans enjoy watching a competitive game.

[2] Junior Sarah Stafford and her family lounge on the hillside while watching an exciting soccer game.

[3] Sophomores Andrew Sweeney, Millie Jones, Devon Spacek, and Molly Gehring make lion faces as they demonstrate the fierceness of their favorite soccer team.

[4] True to tradition, sophomore David Hasty proudly runs the BC flag across the soccer field whenever the Lions score a goal.

[5] Supporters of the Bryan Men's Soccer team enjoy the bright sunshine at the Homecoming game.



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Bryan Fans converse amongst themselves as they anxiously await the arrival of the Homecoming court onto the soccer field during halftime of the Homecoming game.

photo by Garrett McIntyre



Justin Smith, Bryan Irving, Aaron Tillberg, and Paul Shuman try to score off the Covenant Scots.

photo by Garrett McIntyre



Adam Morley, Andra Branson and Kyle Parks share their love of Bryan vs Covenant game together.

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Jared Tyscher, Rob Yokus, Lauren Hostetter, Adam Morley, Andra Branson and Kyle Parks support the Bryan Lions.

Lion Pride - Not for the Fainthearted

Being a Bryan fan is something that cannot be taken lightly. It is a task that requires much time and dedication, among other things. Bryan vs. Covenant games are an essential part of the Bryan experience. Bryan sports games are a community-building event that instills loyalty and pride in the heart of any lion.

It is a task that requires dedication, memorization of the Alma Mater, and lots of time putting off studying in order to support our BC Lion athletes, whether they win or lose. Possible side effects of being a Bryan fan include donning red "Beat Covenant" shirts multiple times a year, possible loss of voices and/or damage to vocal cords, stress and anxiety from the very close games, sleep deprivation, exhaustion, use of red face paint, and of course, exhilaration after we cream Covenant, year after year.



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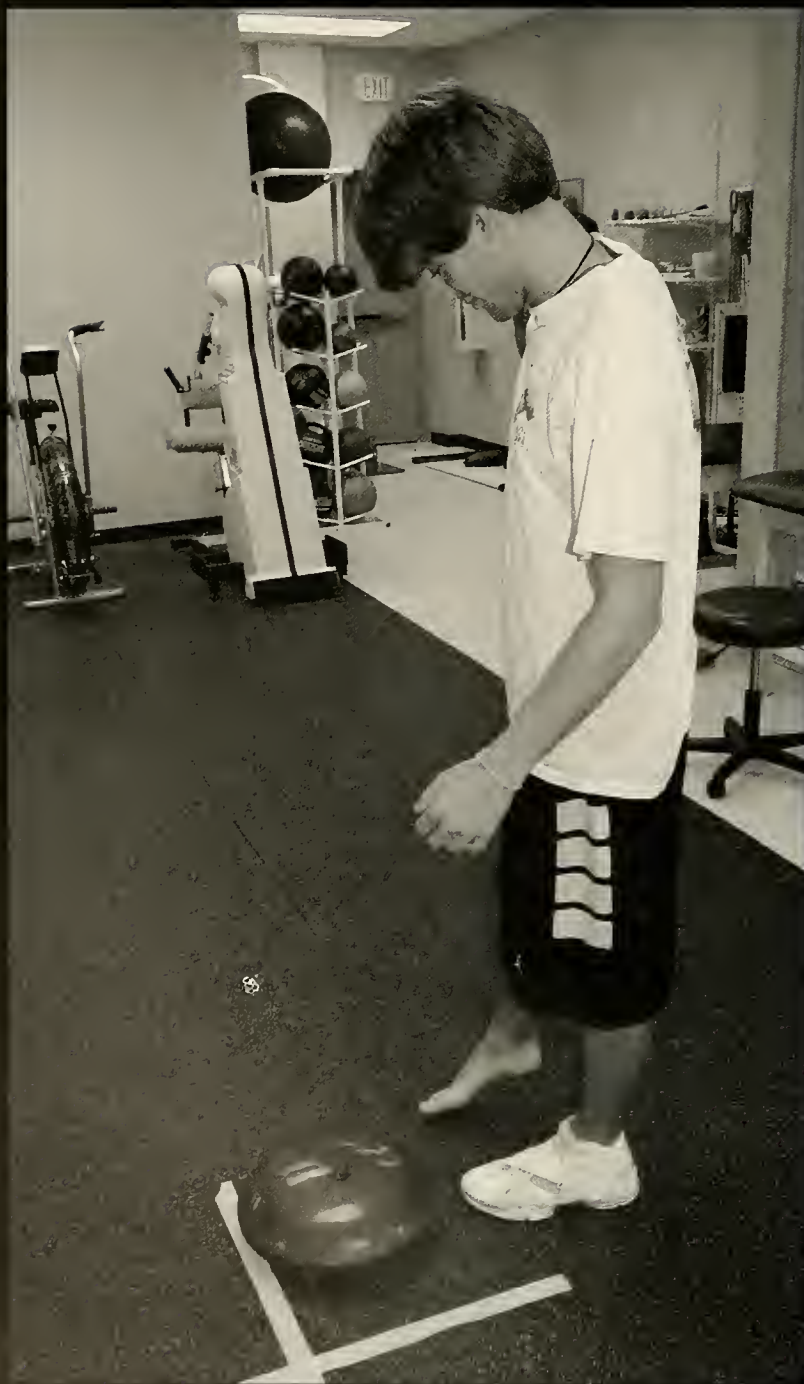


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Athletic Trainers: Keeping Them Competi

What happens when the star forward pulls a muscle? You call an expert! According to Christy Rodenbeck, "Athletic Trainers are medical professionals who are experts in injury prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation, particularly in the orthopedic and musculoskeletal disciplines."

And these experts get up early and work late. An athletic trainer's day starts with taping or bracing athletes to prevent injuries during practice. He then watches the practice and determines the seriousness of any injuries that may occur, determining the best of treatment, which may include referring the athlete to a physician or beginning treatment procedures for minor injuries.

The athletic trainer tries to keep the doctor, coach, athlete and family all on the same page. Frequently the athletic trainer informs the coach of when the athlete will be healthy enough to begin playing again. Continually working with Bryan athletes and developing custom treatment plans for their injuries is time consuming and requires knowledge and diligence. But each injury is unique, and must be dealt with personally and differently.

-Sarah Udvari



ATHLETIC TRAINERS

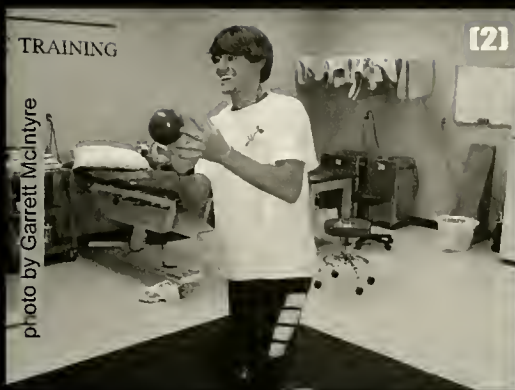


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For Love of the Game: Junior Varsity Athletes Improve their Skills

They work hard, they play hard, and many times, they come away with impressive results. Headlining Bryan's four 2007-2008 junior varsity squads was men's soccer, which finished their abbreviated season at 7-1-1, the best record for a classic team in the history of the program. The Lions dominated conference play, going undefeated in the Appalician Athletic Conference throughout the year, and ended their remarkable season the way Bryan fans know it should be done – with a 1-0 rout of Covenant College.

"The JV program is a great way for players to get playing time and learn our system," said head women's basketball coach Jamy Bechler. "Most freshman who go to college to play ball end up sitting and not gaining any valuable game experience."

The JV Men's basketball team also finished their winning season in style with a 74-59 pounding of Covenant, giving the Lions a season record of 9-6. "By playing at Bryan, there is a really good chance that you'll end up getting in games and playing significant minutes thereby developing and adjusting to the college game much quicker," said Bechler.

-Jeremiah Nasiatka

2007-2008

Junior Varsity Records:

Women's Basketball: 1-10

Men's Basketball: 9-6

Men's Soccer: 7-1-1

[1] Caitlyn Fuller gets her ankle wrapped by Athletic Trainer Michelle Brenner.
 [2] JT Nelson participates in physical therapy to strengthen his ankle.
 [3] Trainer Michelle Brenner wraps Melkam Kifle's leg with ice.

the starting line up



2007-2008

Cross Country Results

Sewanee Invitational

Men 3rd

Women 14th

Greater Louisville Classic

Men 24th

Mountain Top Classic

Women 5th

Southeastern Classic

Men 4th

Women 19th

AAC/Region XII

Championship

Men 1st

Women 11th

(only team placings included)

[1] Zach Buffington presses on toward the goal.

[2] Cross Country girls: Bailey Payne, Hannah Allen, Megan Pinkleton, Allison McLean, Lauren Simpson, and Kellie Patton.

[3] Zach Mobley, bound for Nationals, pulls ahead.

[4] Allison McLean really does love to run.

[5] Bryson Harper, Andrew Dorn, Hunter Hall, Zach Buffington and Daniel Goetz

[6] Bailey Payne, a middle distance runner, trains for a race.



Preparing mentally for the cross country race at Sewanee Invitational, freshman Hunter Hall attempts to warm up. Hall finished with a 45th place performance, helping his team win third place.



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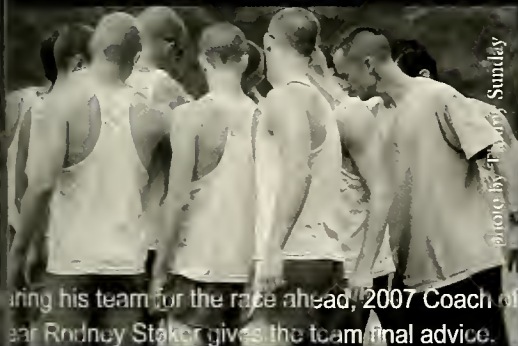


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ing his team for the race ahead, 2007 Coach of
ear Rodney Stoker gives the team final advice.



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Fleet feet

*the long and the
short of it*

Both the Bryan Cross Country team and the track team have accomplished great things this year. The Bryan Lions are the "Reigning 2007 NAA Region XII Men's Cross Country Champions," which is impressive for a program only created the year before.

The track team (the spring version of the Cross Country team) also set a few records. Zach Mobley, Josh Bradley, and Daniel Goetz are all All-American athletes after the NAA Indoor Championships, which Coach Stoker, who was honored with the title 2007 Appalachian Athletic Conference Coach of The Year, says "puts us on the map." The three of them are going to the NAA National Championship in St. Louis, Missouri in May 2008, which takes place two weeks after graduation.

The program has begun well, and we have hopes that our runners will continue to excel.

- Courtney Jergins



CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK



Experience...

in a sea of red

"Shhhh! Be quiet!" people fiercely whisper at me as I arrive. But how can I? This is the most exciting game of the year, and we are doing something that has never been done before! More than 200 Bryan students have met in the gravel parking lot after dinner and hiked through the woods behind the soccer field. Here we wait, shushing one another, doing some last minute face painting, and trying to refrain from blowing the amazing whistles SGA handed out to us. As we take pictures together, whisper, and attempt to stifle our laughter, the excitement is electrifying.

We can barely contain ourselves as we crouch in the foliage, hidden from the over-confident Covenant fans. As members of the chorale sing the national anthem, our anticipation continues to grow. We stand up, readying ourselves for our charge down the hill into the open. The flag bearer is at the front and, on the last note, he steps into the clearing. We all begin yelling at the top of our lungs, and the fanatical descent onto the field begins.

"It looked like the trees were bleeding," said freshman chorale member Stacey Roycraft later about the "constant stream of red" that flowed from the woods. Freshman Samantha Bryant, who observed from the few Bryan fans in the stands, said it "was a sea of red... it just kept coming and coming!" Like Samantha, I felt a rush of school spirit as my exhilarating rush of adrenaline was compounded by the loud cheers surrounding me... and the dumbfounded stares of the Covenant fans as we raced past them. It is an experience I will remember all my life.

-Kirsten Melberg



Playing for defense against Walter Oban, Ricky Angelico steals the ball in a highly anticipated Homecoming game against Tennessee. Temple



During the Covenant Game, Carlos Sanchez and James Carmichael fight to keep the ball out of the net.

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MEN'S SOCCER



Front Row (l-r): Joseph Jones, Andres Garcia, Scott Davidson, Jacobo Gallardo, Chris Kloe, Luke Schaffer, James Carmichael, Gabe Fisher, Paul Shanks, Seth Flores, Daniel Finckney, Jason Paries, Joy Holl Middle Row (l-r): Jeremy Kauffman, Ian Brown, Josh Courtright, Matthew Dec, Manoel Silva, Josh Maubach, Carlos Sanchez, Ricky Angelico, Ben Whitley, Chris Matthews, David Villanueva, Diego Ortiz Fausano, Reggie Parks, Jon Pedro de la Siver, Back Row (l-r): Coach Sandy Zensen, Curt Hays, Steven Perry, Stephen Russell, Tim Harris, Will Galbreath, Hayden Lawo, Drew Goodman, Ryan Simpson, Daniel O'Kane, Nate McCown, Kyle Wagley, Joseph Courtright, Coach Joey Johnston.



2007 Men's Soccer Results

Brewton-Parker	W:6-0
Johnson Bible	W:10-0
Toccoa Falls	W:11-0
Freed-Hardeman	W:10-0
Asbury	W:2-1
William Carey	W:3-2
University of Mobile	L:0-3
Bluefield	W:3-2
Covenant	W:2-1
Spalding University	W:8-2
Union	W:4-1
King	W:2-0
Montreat	L:0-1
Tennessee Temple	W:10-1
Milligan	L:3-1
TN Wesleyan	W:2-1
Bluefield	W:5-1

ACC Quarter Finals:
Covenant L:6-2

[1] Junior Phil Gray erupts through the crowd of screaming fans after a victorious Bryan-Covenant game.

[2] Carlos Sanchez, Ricky Angelicola, Curt Hays and Kyle Wagley line up on the field before facing Tenn. Temple.

[3] Joseph Jones and Reggie Parks get ready to pounce on the opposing team.

[4] Diego Ortiz Taucano bounds down the field.

[5] Junior Lizzy Stafford and Senior Timberly Cox roar their support for the Lions.

[6] Jota Pedro de Silva lurches after the ball for possession.

Stretching their leg muscles, Nate McCown, Chris Kloc, Reggie Parks, and Diego Ortiz Taucano focus on preparing for the game against Covenant College. Fighting against their biggest rivals Covenant College, Bryan walked away with a 2-1 win.



photo by Garrett McIntyre

[1]



photo by Garrett McIntyre

[2]



Voices *echo across the soccer field*

"What you do today will echo in eternity," Coach Sauve told the women's soccer team during training. Every year he proposes a new theme for the season, and "Echo" was the word for 2007. At the beginning of each game they shouted "Echo!" before taking their places on the field. "It was really cool to hear it 'echoing' across the field," said senior Christy Noel.

Coach Sauve is a master of creative and memorable sayings. Freshman Jenn McCue fondly remembers the time Coach had everyone take rocks from a Bryan parking lot and carry them to Covenant before their big game there. He had brought a slingshot up on the mountain and he asked each of the girls hurl their rocks. Bryan was like David against Goliath when playing Covenant, the coach said. They did lose, but the girls said it was a good game. It was memorable not only because of the illustration but because of the heavy fog that inhibited them from seeing down the field and which lifted only to be immediately followed by a heavy downpour of rain according to Allison Cunningham, a junior.

The players have good memories of many such laughable incidents. "Remember when Erica Smith got stuck in the net after she scored a goal?" Summer Nielsen, a sophomore, asked her teammates around the lunch table. "Oh yeah!" said freshman Alisha Deal. "And there was that time Chelsea Carson broke her shoe and played for five minutes without one!" The team went on telling how Coach Sauve jokes about giving them bowl haircuts if they don't keep their hair out of their faces, and how he says, "Get the clippers - someone get the clippers!" when he notices a player playing with her hair.

One of Coach Sauve's sayings is, "Take pictures; make memories." He wants the girls to be involved at Bryan, and to hold on to memories of this time in school. The team seems to be doing a good job of treasuring their college memories and, hopefully, what they're learning now will echo throughout their lives.

- Courtney Jenkins



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The Lady Lions stretch in anticipation of a grueling game ahead of them.



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Coach Sauve gives Sarah Anderson a moment of motivation before playing for the Lions.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER





[4]



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[5]



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[6]



2007 Women's Soccer Results

Brenau	L:0-2
Freed-Hardeman	W:2-1
Milligan	L:1-3
Asbury	L:1-3
Bluefield	W:5-0
Toccoa Falls	W:2-0
Spalding	W:1-0
Union	L:1-2
King	L:0-1
Covenant	L:0-3
Montreat	L:0-4
Atlanta Christian	W:4-0
Clearwater Christian	W:3-2
Tennessee Wesleyan	L:0-1
Union	L:1-3
Covenant	L:0-1

- [1] Freshman Shelby Robinson fights to defend the ball.
- [2] Freshman Jen McCue dominates the field.
- [3] Robinson and Freshman Alisha Deal pause to chat during a time-out.
- [4] Junior Jana Watson prepares to steal the ball while Freshman Chelsea Parham approaches for backup.
- [5] The Lady Lions essemble preceding the game
- [6] The Lion stretch out their legs in preparation for the game.

Photo: Shelby Robinson, Mark Surwa (Coach), Andrea Johnson, Christy Noel, Erica Smith, Elizabeth Wimbury, Kara Nissley, Alisha Deal, Katrina Courtright, Lizy Fajars, Jana Watson, Chelsea Carson, Assistant Coach Missy Polers, Kathryn DeThodas Front row: Jillian Sera, Wendy Allison Cunningham, Jay Hartman, Emily Hurffut, Jenn McCue, Summer Nielsen, Lauren H. Stecker, Chelsea Parham, Sara Gilman, Kristin Fuchs

Triumph in spite of Transportation

Dr. Livesay,

We all know that the Lady Lions volleyball team has made us proud this year. They were AAC Conference tournament finalists, NAA Region XII finalists, and took us to NCCAA Championships for the first time in 20 years. They even won a match at nationals - something Bryan has never before done. But not many know that they did all this despite their bad bus luck.

On the way to the Nashville airport, the team heard a loud bang from somewhere on the bus. "We thought a tire had blown!" said Sophomore Hannah Suits. They pulled over and saw no problems with the tires. But when they opened the back of the bus, they found things a bit smoky and black.

Cramming more than 20 people and their luggage into three minivans and a Honda Civic was not the ideal situation, but the team was grateful for those options when they later found out that their bus exploded.

The bad bus luck continued on the way back from Nationals. The team learned that a snowstorm was on its way, and they tried to avoid it. In Wisconsin, they came to a stop on the road because of a huge wreck. "There were ten cars and seven trucks. It was the biggest wreck I've ever seen!" said Suits. To make matters worse, the air pressure broke in the van, so the brakes went out.

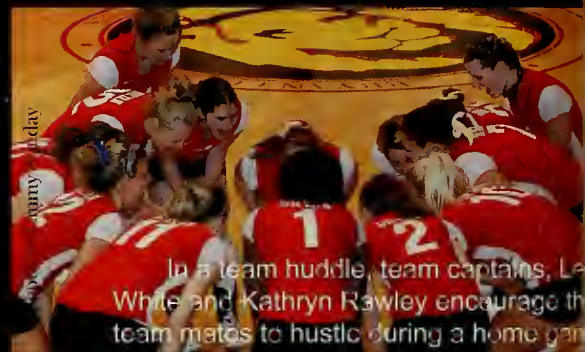
After all they've been through, they've so admirably represented our school on the court, we should buy them a private plane for their personal transportation. Maybe we should add this to vision 2020.

Thank You,
A Concerned Student

-Courtney Jervins, Staff Writer



During an easy 3-0 win against Tennessee Wesleyan, Kaylin Carswell, Alison Young and Robin Renfroe share a good laugh.



In a team huddle, team captains, Leah White and Kathryn Rawley encourage the team mates to hustle during a home game.

Front (l-r): Deb Lowery, Jessica Etross, Marissa Keen, Laura Shreve, Kathryn Rawley, Tori Wisethoff, Stepheny Petite, Hannah Suits, Caitlyn Fuller. Back (l-r): Michelle Brenner, Coach Kim Barlow, Lauren Edgerton, Gabby Claxton, Leah White, Robin Renfroe, Amber Smith, Sarah Lyons, Kaylin Carswell, Laura Pratt, Alison Young, Coach Leo Sayles.



- [1] Returning the ball to the defence, top middle, Amber Smith spikes the ball over the net.
- [2] Jumping high, Leah White and Amber Smith successfully block the ball in a game against Bethel.



photo by Timmy Sunday

...ning up to be introduced
 ...to the fans before the game
 ...against Tennessee Wes-
 ...eyan, the ladies prepare
 ...hemselves for a tough battle.
 ...he Lady Lions fought for a
 ...-2 win.



2007 Volleyball Results

Oklahoma City	L:0-3
Missouri Baptist	L:2-3
Southern Nazarene	W:3-0
Oklahoma City	L:0-3
TN Wesleyan	W:3-0
Montreat	W:3-0
Berry	L:0-3
Milligan	W:3-0
UVA-Wise	W:3-0
Bluefield	W:3-0
Covenant	W:3-0
King	L:1-3
Virginia Intermont	W:3-0
TN Wesleyan	W:3-2
Covenant	W:3-1
Union	W:3-1
Cumberlands	W:3-1
Bluefield	W:3-0
TN Temple	W:3-0
Bethel College	W:3-0
Milligan	W:3-0
UVA-Wise	L:2-3
Biola University	L:0-3
Azusa Pacific	L:0-3
Hope International	L:0-3
Montreat	W:3-0
Lee	L:0-3
Virginia Intermont	W:3-0
King	L:1-3
Union	W:3-0
Birmingham Southern	L:0-3
Montreat	W:3-0
King	L:0-3
Union	W:3-2
UVA-Wise	L:2-3



[3] Staying focused in the game, Leah White hits the ball back to Bethel's defense.

[4] Keeping up the intensity of the game, Kathryn Rowley hits the ball to Jessica Etrass in hopes of scoring.



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To the freshman looking around at his orientation small group buddies, the journey from freshman awkwardness to confident seniorhood seems infinite. But at the end of short four years, we walk away with impressive diplomas, a wealth of memories, and life-long friends.

by Courtney Jergins

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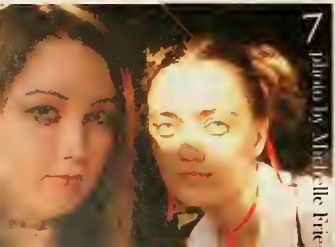
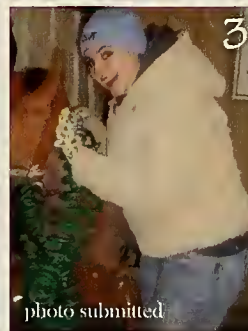
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TOP TEN

Things Freshmen Should Know



SENIORS

10) "You don't have to be ten minutes early to every class." - Corrie Nash

9) "Remember to sleep at night, although naps are good, too!" -Joanna Downing

8) "Don't get your hopes up about your first Homecoming date. They probably won't remember you for you next four years." -Katie Barham

7) "Don't try to achieve too much because the whole campus will notice." -Andra Branson

6) "Walk around the Triangle once with a guy and it's suspicious. Walk around the Triangle twice with a guy and you're dating. Walk around the Triangle three times, and you're engaged." -Kessi Hundley

5) "Do not run to class, no matter how late you are! It's just embarrassing!" -Jeanne McDaniel

4) "If you do not know the answer to a question, just answer, "worldview" or "community," and you'll be okay." -Ben Cairns

3) "ALWAYS go to the Covenant games no matter how much homework you have." -Katrina Coutright

2) "Avoid cleverly disguised leftovers. Most of the time, they're covered in cheese." -Josh Franklin

AND the NUMBER 1 thing every freshmen should know...

"David Beisner's phone number: (423) 618-6855." -David Beisner



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1) Paige Ratzlaff can't stop smiling as she shows off her engagement ring.

2) Laura McFadden and Katie Rosenbaum hold up their forefingers in a triumphant announcement of Bryan's victory over Covenant.

3) Diana Guthrie strokes the wooden horse at Rainbow Stable during MLK Day.

4) Andra Branson and Jessica Long are clearly shocked and excited about something.

5) Wil Wade prides himself in his formal attire using a wide gesture.

6) Drew Goodman dug up this rock while building a fence for MLK Day.

7) The sun shines on rock stars Michelle Bleikamp and Elizabeth Mangum on the first day of Spirit Week.

8) One of the table decorations at the Christmas banquet caught Ashley Bullis's eye.

9) Hannah Markette and Michelle Friesen tremble at the edge of a steep precipice at Fall Creek Falls during Fall Break.

10) Bekah Tooley prizes comfort as she cruises through Walmart on her nifty buggy.



Seniors

It's Great to Be a Bryan Lion

Amber Akins
Deborah Angove
Mark Baker
Katherine Barbam
Laura Barton
David Beisner
Jasmean Benford



Michelle Bleikamp
Michael Boling
Andra Branson
Corey Brown
Jonathan Bryant
Cynthia Buback
Ashley Bullis



Courtney Burnham
Benjamin Cairns
Jillian Carr
Jennifer Cocks
Sarah Coffman
Katrina Courtright
Timberly Cox



Amanda Crouch
Thomas Davis
Ryan Doan
Melody Dobler
Joanna Downing
Jessica Farrell
Brianny Fawcett-Lowe



Caleb Fendrich
Melody Findley
Gabriel Fisher
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Michelle Friesen
Tim Furnanz
Tyler Gay



David Gehring
Andrew Gonzalez
Drew Goodman
Phillip Gray
John Gross
Paul Gutacker
Diana Guthrie





Allison Hendrix
 Jackie Holubz
 Jessica Hundley
 Elena Johnson
 Lawrence LaPlue
 Kalani Lestmann
 Guillermo Loaiza



Jessica Long
 Holli Mancini
 Elisabeth Mangum
 Hannah Markette
 Leslie Martin
 Misty Martin
 Nathan McCown



Leanne McDaniel
 Laura McFadden
 Johnny Miller
 Jeremy Moore
 Julie Morton
 Aaron Mowery
 Corrie Nash



Christen Noel
 Joanne Olson
 David Park
 Jason Parks
 Kyle Parks
 Kellie Patton
 Bethel Ragland



Caleb Ragland
 Paige Ratzlaff
 Kathryn Rawley
 Jared Reitnauer
 Chuck Rose
 Katie Rosenbaum
 Vanna Sims



Matthew Smith
 Roy Smith
 Billy Sparks
 Brad Starnes
 Joshua Suich
 Rebekah Tooley
 Joel Trigger



Jared Tysler
 Regina Van Gorkom
 William Wade
 Kyle Wagley
 Timothy Walker
 John Williams
 Katrina Wise



Robert Wood
 Lindsay Woods
 Kori Wright
 George Young



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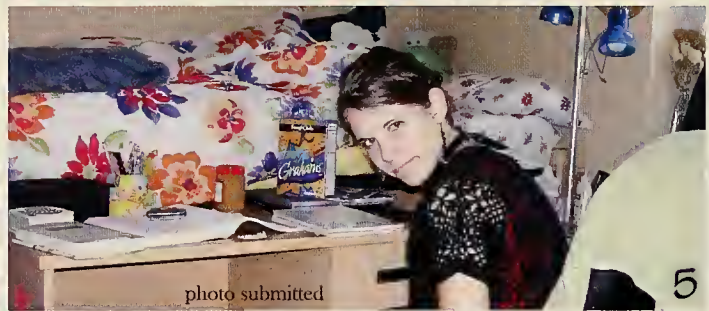


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By the time you reach the top...

Life is great



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- 1) Homecoming Queen Jessi Hundley is so excited about her crowning that she can hardly breathe.
- 2) Senior Rebekah Tooley shows her excitement for life with a big, open-mouth smile.
- 3) On warm autumn days, the music from Michael Boling's tin whistle wafts over the Triangle. Whether it's a lively jig or a melancholy melody, it depends on his mood at the time.
- 4) Sarah Coffman and Katie Barham pose together at one of their last Bryan banquets.
- 5) Katie Rosenbaum is caught doing homework in her dorm room.
- 6) Hannah Markette and Michelle Friesen play in the fountains at Coolidge Park in Chattanooga during fall break.
- 7) Jared Reitnauer relaxes at a table during his last homecoming banquet.
- 8) Melody Dobler poses elegantly and poised as always.
- 9) Zachary Williams, looking dashing in his tuxedo and cowboy hat, converses with a friend.
- 10) Bethel Ragland, a junior, screams with Senior Katie Barham on a wild tube ride.

SENIORS

recount their favorite things about the year...

10) The time I have spent growing new friendships, passing down Bryan traditions, and sharing my college experiences. -Katrina Wise

9) Finding my wife! -John Gross

8) Having the perfect schedule because we signed up for classes first and therefore don't have to get up before lunch. -David Gehring

7) Learning how to embrace the tension of moving on to the next step in life. -Rebekah Tooley

6) Getting to mentor the underclassmen at Bryan. Oh, and there's student teaching: that's pretty cool too. -Jillian Carr

5) Knowing that I'm almost done! -Corrie Nash

4) Looking back on the last three years and seeing where you've come from and where God has brought you. You realize that there was a reason for the hard times, and you're better for it. -Melody Findley

3) Actually getting into Traylor's Western Civ. -Jared Reitnauer

2) Skipping finals week to go on a cruise to Mexico. -Timberly Cox

1) Knowing you can't do much to change your GPA anymore = freedom to get C's." -Joel Trigger



Outgoing Overachievers

A Class To Be Reckoned With



JUNIORS

“T

he Junior Class is a class to be reckoned with,” says senior student body president Paige Ratzlaff.

Crazy, friendly, fun, spirited – these are just a few of the adjectives people have used to describe the class of 2009. Several seniors label them as “outgoing overachievers” and say that “they run the school.” Sophomore John Moore calls them, “intense, intriguing, and sometimes strange characters.” So what do people think of those twisted individuals – the junior class?

One anonymous sophomore claims, “they have an inflated sense of their own self-importance.” Although some believe that juniors exclude other classes, making them seem self-sufficient, others such as sophomore Nathaniel Madden say just the opposite.

Despite upperclassmen’s varying views, freshmen seem to have nothing but praise for the junior class. Kendall Armstrong believes them to be very community oriented, and the class vice president Kirsten Amling says they seem like older siblings to the freshman and don’t act like upperclassmen.

What do juniors think of themselves? Transfer junior Will Anderson praises his new class as “the most energetic and the best looking.” While they recognize their diversity, they also believe they have some sense of unity and get along fairly well. Nicole Keef sees them as “a group of people who want to be known.”

They acknowledge that they have matured greatly during their time at Bryan College, and Amy McKoy says, “I enjoy being counted among such intelligent and talented [and, according to Mr. Palmer, twisted] individuals.”

by Kirsten Meberg



- 1) Western Day characters Elisa Cruz and Joy Holby use their special transcendental vision to gaze at the colors of the wind.
- 2) Amy McKoy, Allison Cunningham, and Stephanie Wade shiver together in the frigid January weather at Fall Creek Falls.
- 3) Sarah Urie attends the Arnold Harvest Bash in a costume reminiscent of her skiing accident when she was a freshman.
- 4) Cramming for Spanish quizzes immediately before class works for Matt Samsel.
- 5) Elizabeth Jackson finds time to appreciate the little-noticed flowers on her way to chapel.
- 6) Lost in a cloud of forgetfulness on Geriatrics Day, Evan Wiley stands in the middle of the Triangle, trying to remember when and where his next class will be.
- 7) Emily White applies her makeup in preparation for the “Once Upon a Time” Disney song-and-dance show that she and fellow theatre student Emily Ricketts directed and starred in.
- 8) Getting into character for a Spanish presentation, Kirsten Meberg dressed as Frida Kahlo, unibrow and all.
- 9) Lauren Hostetler ogles the cardboard equivalent of Tom Cruise that adorns her Arnold 2nd hallway.
- 10) While cleaning out electronic equipment for the women’s care center for MLK Day, Josh Storie stops to contemplate the “Epic” record he found.

Juniors

Approved by the Office of Student Life

Faith Ammen
 Conner Armstrong
 Jonathan Barnett
 Kelly Barton
 Elizabeth Bergandine
 Luke Booker
 Cari-Jean Bowman



Stacey Bradshaw
 Jonathan Brown
 Melissa Brown
 Rhea Brown
 Samantha Bryant
 Crystal Cain
 Anne Carlile



James Carmichael
 Steven Christian
 Mary Clauson
 Elisabeth Cochrane
 Corrine Cook
 Joshua Courtright
 Rachel Crownoble



Matthew Crutchfield
 Elisa Cruz
 Allison Cunningham
 Brandon Davidoff
 Matthew Davis
 Diane DeGeorge
 Joseph Denme



Stephanie Donato
 Derek Dougherty
 Anna Downer
 Rosalind Ellis
 Ronald Elswick
 Ian Eshbach
 Patricia Ewing





Jacob Fabry
 Jenny Farmer
 Andrew Frick
 William Galbreth
 Andrew Gilbert
 Christopher Giordano
 Hayley Gleason



Andrew Glines
 Marc Glines
 Andrew Goggans
 Ashley Gray
 Tanya Gray
 John Grubbs
 Timothy Harris



Joy Hartman
 Andrew Hayes
 Erica Heffelmire
 Ryan Henn
 Eve Hildebrandt
 Nathan Hill
 Justin Hipp



Laurabeth Hixson
 Joy Holly
 Taylor Hollingsworth
 Nathan Horne
 Lauren Hosteder
 Austin Hubbard
 Jennifer Irwin



Elizabeth Jackson
 Courtney Jergins
 Ben Johnson
 Allison Jones
 Haley Kaye
 Nicole Keef
 Gabriel Keen



Melkam Kille
 Jeremy Kolb
 Stephen Korpi
 Dallas Lange
 Jessie Laplue
 Kirsten Leach
 Stacy Lejeune



Robert Linn
 Ashley Markusson
 Faith Martin
 Lindsay Matlock
 Christopher Matthews
 Eric McEachron
 Brittany McGehee

Juniors

Overcommitted & Underrated

Amy McKay
Kirsten Meberg
Brian Messer
Zachary Milota
Joseph Mohler
Lillian Moore
Adam Morley



Hannah Morley
Kristen Nachtwey
Laura Neises
Summer Nielsen
Heather O'Brien
Lauren Page
Ashley Park



Kyle Pendergrass
Micah Pepper
Jessica Phillips
Stephanie Pickel
Carlos Pielago
Jason Poarch
Lauren Pratt



Allyson Price
Kyle Rascher
Danielle Rebman
Michael Reneau
Emily Ricketts
Katherine Rieth
Brittany Rodriguez



Melissa Rogener
Freya Ross
Bryan Rudolph
Whitney Russell
Matthew Samsel
Zachary Scheller
Sharalyn Schmidt





Liesl Schoenhals
 Jeffrey Schwenke
 Amy Scripka
 Dana Seeley
 Paul Shanks
 Ryon Simon
 Sarah Stafford



Joshua Storie
 Rachel Stuckey
 David Thomas
 Ryan Traub
 Leighton Trent
 Hillary Tullberg
 Christopher Tuttle



Sarah Udvari
 Sarah Urie
 David Villanueva
 Stephanie Wade
 Jana Watson
 Rachel Welch
 Emily White



Samuel White
 Benjamin Whitley
 Evan Wiley
 Candice Willmore
 Heather Windom
 Kimberly Woody
 Alison Young

Christopher Young





Singles Unite!

An estimated **60%** of the Class of 2009 has not found a "significant other"



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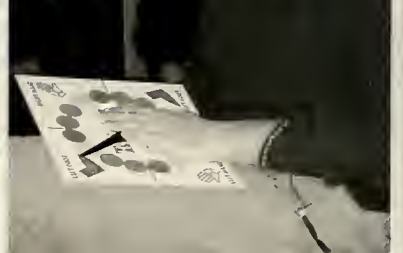
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JUNIORS

They may not be a trend-setting class in the dating realm, but the juniors definitely have a unique bent toward singleness.

“Our class tries to go against the norm,” said Ashley Markusson, and it’s apparent that the majority do, in fact, go against the 60% statistic, that is, that 60% of Bryan students will marry each other.

“Because we’re seeking after Christ, we don’t have time for petty relationships,” said Ben Johnson. He gave a number of reasons why he thinks his class is on a singleness streak, from a guys’ perspective. Some guys, he said, are content to be single, some are freaked out about it, some have tried and failed, some want to get to know girls first, and some simply think, “Hey, I have my X-Box and my Rook cards, what else is there?”

Junior girls, on the other hand, have a slightly different diagnosis. Faith Ammen said, “There are so many other things to do. If I had to choose between sitting in an Arnold lounge and going on a Worldview trip, I’d pick the Worldview trip.” Many girls, she said, value solid friendships between both guys and girls and with that base of friendship, relationships may emerge.

“Who knows, maybe Ben and I will be dating as a result of this article by this time next year,” Ammen said.

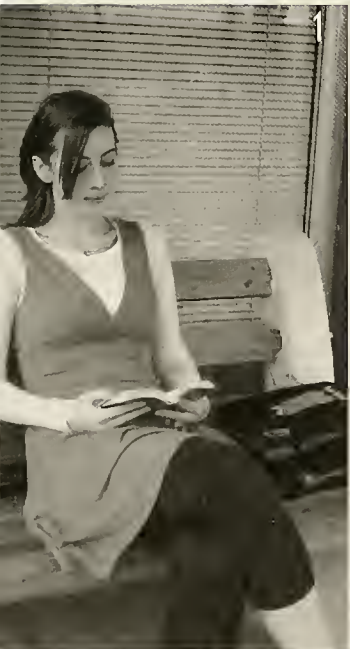
by Michelle Friesen



- 1) Heather O'Brien learns how to be the ideal R.A. at an R.A. retreat.
- 2) Stephanie Wade and Cassie-Marie Bundy's hearts will go on as they sing a song from Titanic at Huston's Karaoke Night.
- 3) Courtney Jergins likes to move it, move it, but not on campus.
- 4) Joy Hartman gets up close and personal with the camera.
- 5) Arnold gets creepy with Erica Heffelmire, Faith Ammen, Laura Neisis and Rachel Welch during the Harvest Bash.
- 6) Jenny Farmer watches bemusedly as her friends play Twister.
- 7) Sarah Stafford pouts in the big chair in downtown Chattanooga.
- 8) Jessie LaPlue thinks that a parking lot is the perfect place to relax in a chair.
- 9) Joe Demme doesn't particularly like the hat he sports in chapel.
- 10) Four little Indians Stephanie Wade, Elisabeth Cochrane, Jana Watson and R.D. of Huston Amanda Allquist gather around the campfire in front of their fashionable teepee.

Outstanding Leaders

Sophomores share talents in community



SOPHOMORES

“I love the sophomore class!” says Sophomore Molly Gehring. Many of last year’s

freshmen have deserted, leaving a small sophomore class this year. Despite their lesser size, and despite losing the Spirit Week competition (sorry, guys), this class shines in many other, and perhaps more vital, ways.

They’ve shown leadership this year not just in student government, though that group is saturated with great leaders. Sophomore Jessica Gilman says, “I think we have some good people on SGA. They’re good leaders and good people who are willing to sit down and talk to you.” They have led in PCI. Jordan Koskamp began an Evangelism ministry this year, leading students into the community to share the gospel. Ben Cunningham, another sophomore, is a leader of Act 2: Show Christ. Sophomore Phillip Kohler is one of the presidents of the PALS ministry along with Senior Stephanie Fitzgerald, and also just started a Fencing club.

Out of 60 orientation group leaders, 28 were sophomores this year. Timmy Sunday leads worship in chapel, and a few resident assistants are sophomores: Kim McKennett, Michael Schroeder, David Hasty, Matt Noel, Stephen Russell, and Ben Young.

Sophomores have also found ways to serve and lead off campus. Laura Funke works in the nursery at Westminster Presbyterian in addition to investing ample time in her CLF group. Andrew Davis coaches a home-school soccer team twice a week. The list of outstanding sophomores goes on and on.

By Courtney Jergins



- 1) Olivia Poole, Sophomore Vice President (who pulled off a fun and clever homecoming banquet) reads on the bench outside of Huston.
- 2) Sophomore Trent Gay examines the color and consistency of his latest chemical reaction in Chemistry class.
- 3) Christian Litwin performs a daring scientific experiment in a Chemistry class.
- 4) Becky Claflin and Jordan Lawrence jam together in a worship session.
- 5) Elizabeth Harris studies in the newly redecorated Lions Den for a New Testament Literature test.
- 6) Sara Ward sits on the side of the road with some friends while waiting for their flat tire to be repaired.
- 7) Katie Newsome and Elizabeth Yates hold up their signs for their orientation groups.
- 8) Ryan Smith plays with the controls before the 7pm presentation of Emily White’s and Emily Ricketts’ Disney show.
- 9) Sophomores Ben Cunningham and Lindsey McKissik join forces with Dr. Hill forming a Ninja Chemist Trio on dress-like-a-ninja day.
- 10) Sophomores Allison McLean and Joe Bushen perform outside of Mercer.

Sophomores

Eclectically Engaging

Allyson Adams
Bryan Alfano
Amy Barham
Lisa Barker
Caleb Beasley
Joy Berner



Jeremy Blaschke
Emily Bock
Joshua Bogle
Caitlyn Boronow
Zachary Bowe
Casey Bryant



Zachary Buffington
Joseph Bushen
Hannah Camp
Carolyn Candland
Cody Christopher
Rebecca Claflin

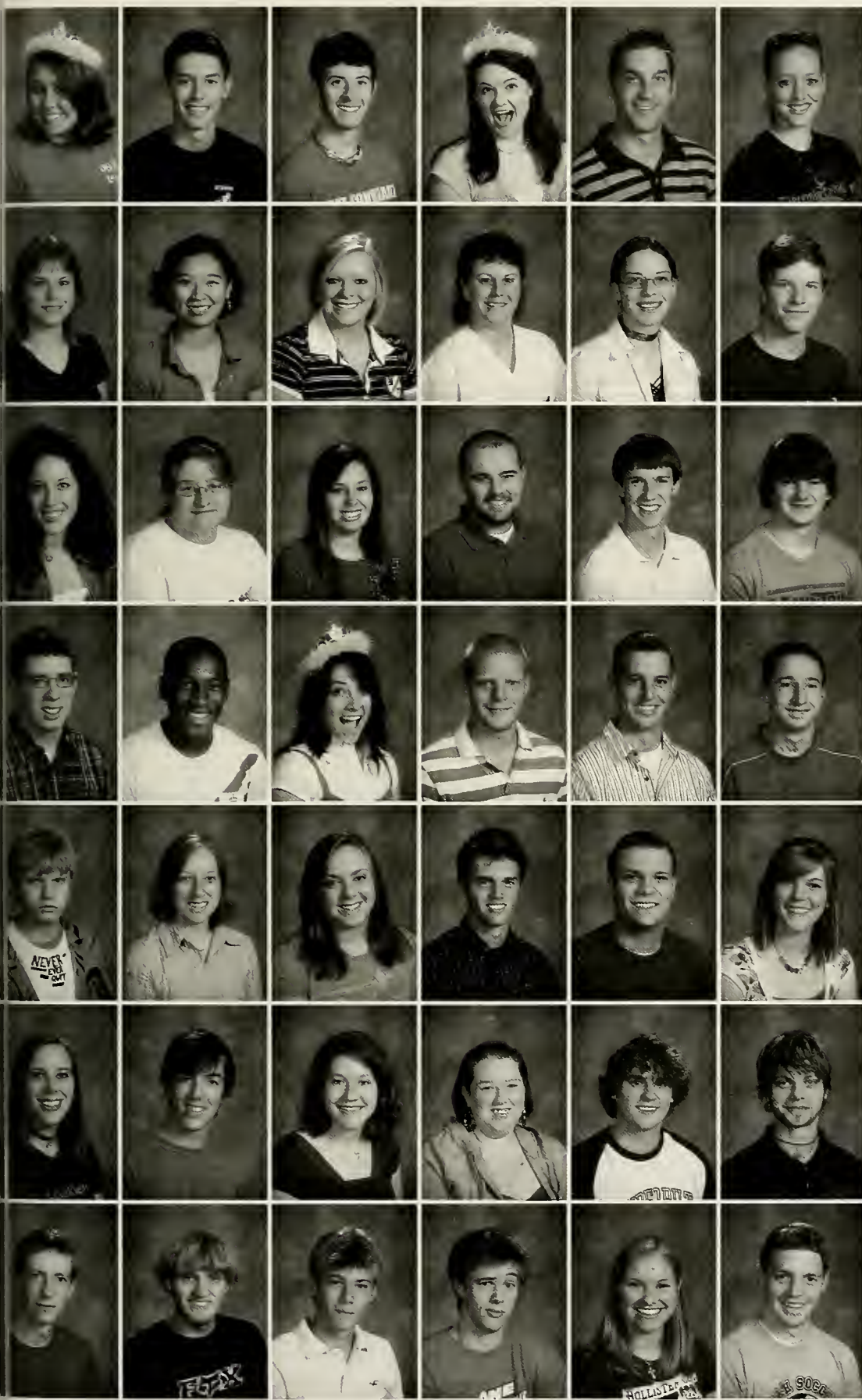


Gabrielle Claxton
Brooke Corbett
Allison Cropp
Benjamin Cunningham
Colton Davie
Andrew Davis



Stephen Deck
Galya Dohler
Emily Echols
Davis Eldridge
Daniel Estes
Ashley Felker





Laura Funke
 Ryan Garnier
 John Gay
 Molly Gehring
 Lucas General
 Jessica Gilman

Erin Grayson
 Jennifer Grove
 Amanda Hale
 Gayle Hall
 Elizabeth Harris
 David Hasty

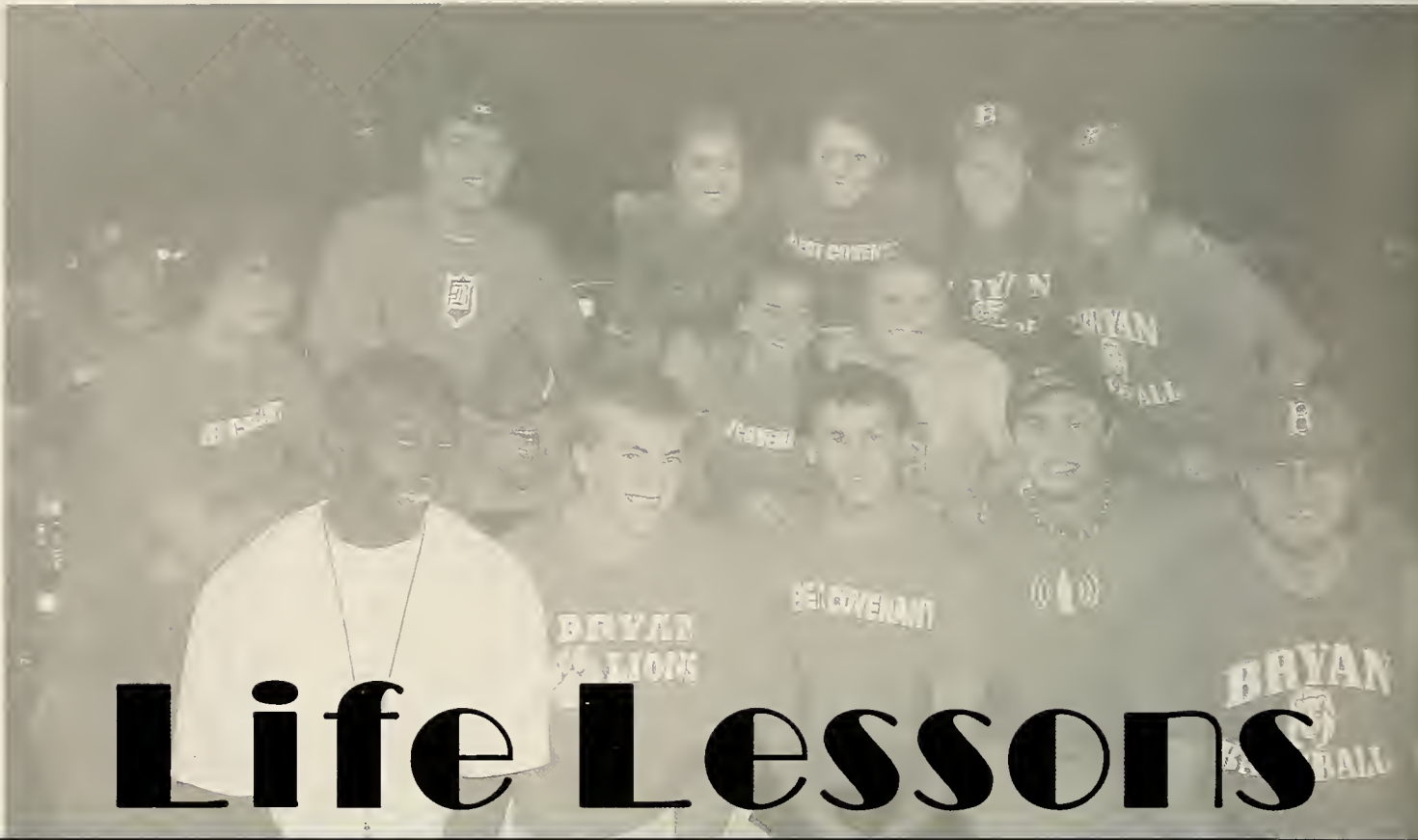
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 William Hill
 Allan Johnson
 Donald Johnson

Phillip Johnston
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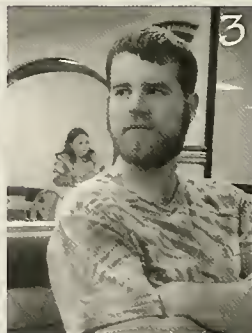
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 Joseph Mai
 Joshua Maubach
 Joseph Maughon
 Kayley McCloskey
 Joshua McGowan



Life Lessons

The Definition of a Sophomore



SOPHOMORES

The sophomore year is arguably the most awkward of the college years: you're not new any more, but you're not an upperclassman anymore either . . . sophomore year can be a bit of a vacuum. But it doesn't have to be.

Being a sophomore means comfortably stepping back into friendships, like slipping into those old shoes your roommate always steals, as well as feeling the holes left by friends who didn't return. It means being brave enough to actually slide down the water slide at the SGA carnival during orientation weekend. It means (hopefully) no more gen. ed. classes. It means accidentally saying "last year" when referring to your senior year of high school. It means knowing a little more who you are—even if you have switched your major four times already.

It means finally being able to don the OGL tee-shirt. It means actually knowing the alma mater—and actually knowing your homecoming banquet date. It means still red zoning, but being able to laugh about it. It means trying to go to bed on time, because you know going to bed at three every morning leaves you loopy. It means still calling Robinson "North" and being surprised when you see people in the Lion's Den. It means realizing that college is already almost over, and pouring into people, service, and classes.

It also means realizing that people are more important and more lasting than homework, and that sometimes your best isn't the best (and being okay with that). It means that we are still at the beginning of our journey, but we're beginning to see a little more clearly.

by Millie Jones



1) Sophomore Jess Gilman spends time hiking in Pocket Wilderness, a favorite hangout of students.

2) During a Spring Break worldview trip to Pennsylvania, sophomores Hannah Lee, Joy Berner, and Ashley Felker gather with the hosts' chihuahua, Cuddles, for a picture.

3) Sophomore Ben Cunningham listens to friends' conversation in Taco Bell.

4) Sophomore Becky Claflin embodies Lion Pride at a soccer game.

5) Sophomores Elizabeth Yates, Katie Newsome, Devon Spacek, Molly Gehring, Millie Jones, Lindsey McKissick, and Audrey Ann Sanders celebrate Easter by having an Easter egg hunt at one of the girls' houses.

6) For the Pumpkin carving contest during Arnold's Pumpkin Harvest Party, sophomore John Wang carved the likeness of Bryan President Dr. Steve Livesay in the winning pumpkin.

7) Sophomore Joseph Maughon attends the Bryan Film Festival at the Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga, TN.

8) In between watching Broadway shows, Allison McLean and Cameron Lane pause a moment in front of a Catholic cathedral during their Musical Theatre class trip to NYC.

9) Relaxing on the floor of a dorm lounge, sophomores Dwight Sell and Audrey Ann Sanders play a game of cards.

10) Sophomores Hannah Camp, Lizy Peters, Lindsey Wolfe, Summer Nielson, Hannah Hamrick, and Hannah Suites dress up for the "Where's Waldo?" contest that Huston sponsored as a way for freshmen to be introduced to older students.

Sophomores

the faithful few

Garrett McIntyre
Kimberly McKennett
Lindsay McKissick
Allison McLean
Philip Meznar
Paul Middlekauff



Stacey Miller
John Moore
Meredith Moore
Jeremiah Nasiatka
Kathryn Newsome
Matthew Noel



Megan O'Rourke
Reggie Parks
Bailey Payne
Rebecca Perelman
Kassie Perritt
Angela Perry



Stephany Petite
Daniel Pinckney
Sarah Poe
Olivia Pool
Laura Puckett
Lydia Pugh



Abram Roberts
Armand Rogers
Stephen Russell
Audrey Sanders
Luke Schaeffer
Michael Schroeder





Dwight Sell
William Sergent
Paul Shearer
Lamarr Shorts
Lauren Simpson
Pamela Simpson



Andrew Slikker
Amber Smith
Erica Smith
Ryan Smith
Devon Spacek
Hannah Suits



Timothy Sunday
Peter Sweeny
Ross Tomazin
Allyson Underwood
Christopher Utley
Brittany Walker



Sara Ward
Mark Welch
Elisabeth Williams
Lindsey Wolfe
Taylor Woods
Elizabeth Yates



Robert Yates
Todd Yawn
Joshua Young
Daniel Zimmerman



Red Zoning:

Freshmen learn cafeteria techniques



FRESHMEN

“I’m just going to stand here and pretend

to talk to you while I look for a seat,

okay?” said freshman Mavelyn Cedeno, sidling up to

a table of acquaintances in the cafeteria. She refuses to be lost in the “red zone,” that infamous space in front of the cafeteria doorway where we stare wide-eyed into the vast sea of dining students and struggle vainly to locate our group of friends.

But the concept of the “red zone” has broadened; what takes place in the red zone is now known by the verb “to red-zone” and can occur anywhere in the cafeteria. Mavelyn’s strategy, though less obvious than the original form, is actually still “red-zoning.” Freshman Tori Stewart practices pre-red-zoning by beginning the hunt as soon as she scans her card. Sometimes she carries her tray to the middle of the cafeteria, and scans the tables from there until she finds her friends. This camouflages her temporary perplexity.

Juniors and seniors don’t have the same aversion to red-zoning. When asked about her strategy, Danielle Mitchell said, “Actually, I just don’t think much about red-zoning anymore. It’s not as big of a deal as I thought it was in my first year at Bryan.” Another senior, Michael Boling has eliminated the awkward search

by Courtney Jergins



- 1) Jey Steele flips his skateboard displaying his mad board skills.
- 2) Joey Bruno strikes a male model pose with his friend, Mr. Mannequin.
- 3) Alison Young wrestles with a long chunk of ice and appears to be losing.
- 4) Ashley Maye adjusts the tie on her exquisite tie dye dress.
- 5) Jordan Richardson Lauren Hess, Joshua Davis, Charlee Marshall, and Erin Anthony pose together after the Film Festival at the Tivoli.
- 6) Suave and full of charm, Jeff Gudim and Micah Price pose in all their studliness.
- 7) Ben Ferrante hangs out with friends at lunch time in the cafeteria.
- 8) Seth Flores, ever full of mischief, sports a spiffy bandanna complimenting his tie.
- 9) Displaying their Bryan Lion pride, Britney Weber, Drew Fendrich, Jenifer Manzo wear the school colors.
- 10) Andrew McPeak stands awkwardly in the Red Zone while searching for a seat in the cafeteria.

freshmen

exuberance and enthusiasm

Andrew Abercrombie
 Matthew Albin
 Hannah Allen
 Kirsten Anling
 Elijah Ammen
 Soraya Andahib
 William Anderson



Benjamin Andrews
 Ricky Angelicola
 Erin Anthony
 Kendall Armstrong
 Elise Bacon
 Nathan Bailey
 Chase Baker



Zachery Barnes
 Julie Barnett
 Derek Batt
 Elizabeth Beard
 Elizabeth Benscoter
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 Bryan Boling

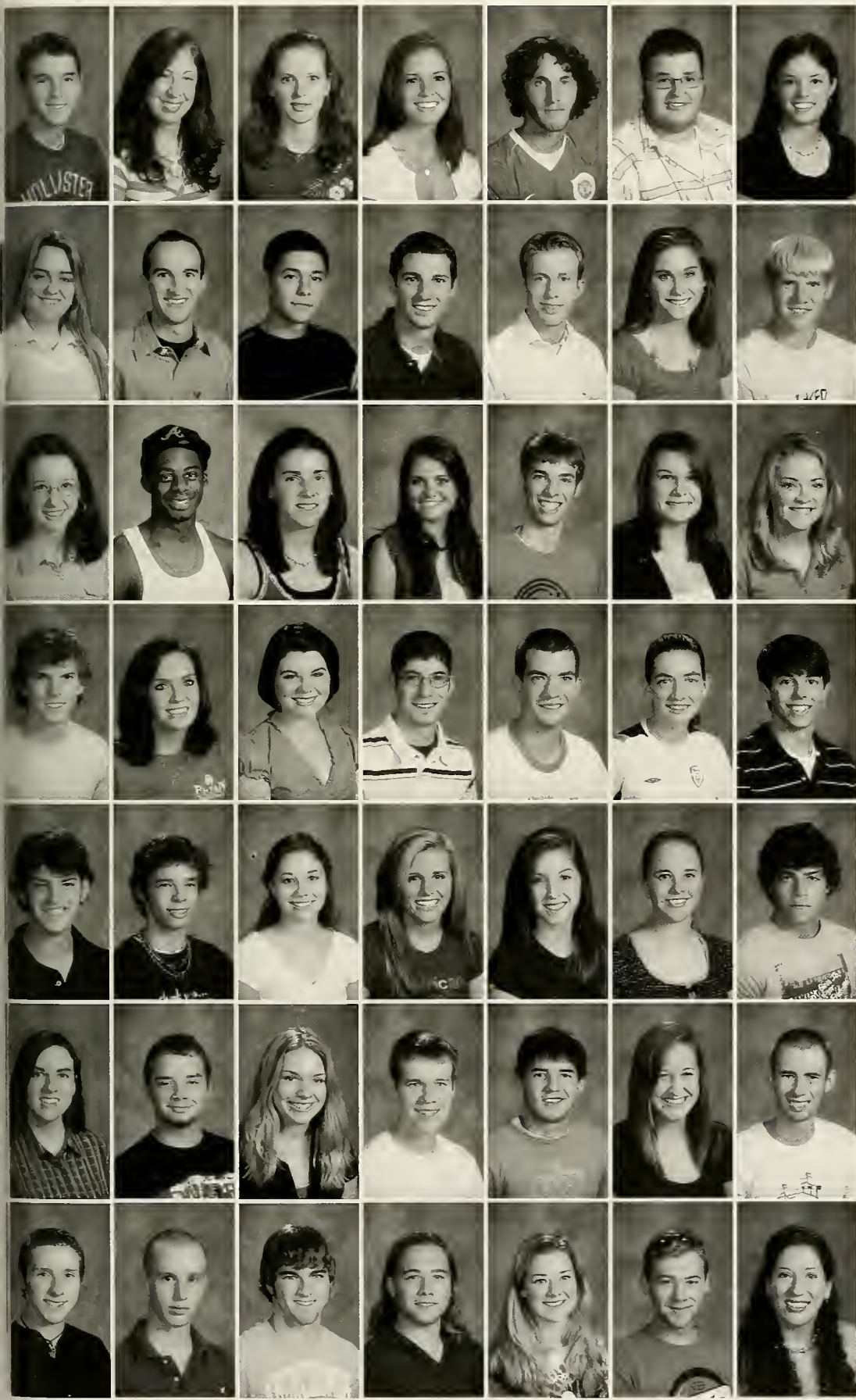


Ona Booker
 Tyler Boyd
 Zachary Bradshaw
 Emily Britton
 Jessica Brooks
 Ian Brown
 Joseph Bruno



Charles Byers
 Rachel Carr
 Chelsey Carson
 Maveyn Cedeno
 Michael Chase
 Tyler Cheek
 Cynthia Cobb





David Collins
 Melissa Comeaux
 Carrie Cook
 Lauren Copeland
 Joseph Courtright
 Gregory Creswell
 Emily Crist

Savannah Crowder
 Jared Cummings
 Lucas Da Silva
 Jonathan Davis
 Joshua Davis
 Alisha Deal
 Matthew Dee

Janette Delozier
 Craig Demand
 Kathryn Derhodes
 Olivia Downey
 Seth Dukes
 Lauren Edgerton
 Amanda Elswick

Daniel Eshbach
 Jessica Etrass
 Danielle Evans
 Andrew Fendrich
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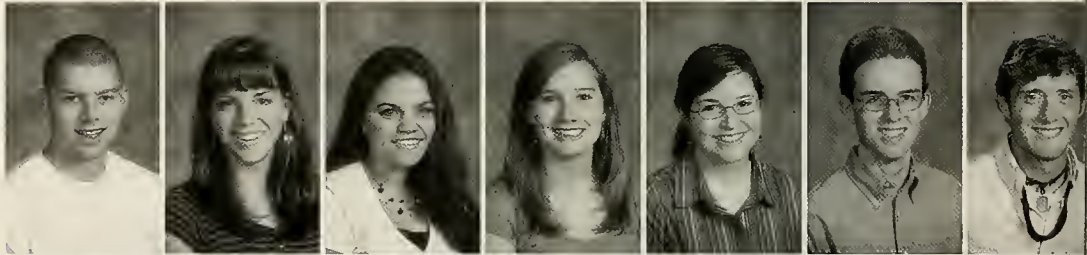
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 Jeffrey Gudim
 Steven Gunter
 Anna Haley
 Hunter Hall

Rob Hargraves
 Bryson Harper
 Jon Harper
 Oscar Harris
 Jennifer Harvey
 Caleb Haynes
 Jandi Heagen

Freshmen

making waves and bringing changes

Jonathan Hedgepeth
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Lauren Hess
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Tanner Hixson



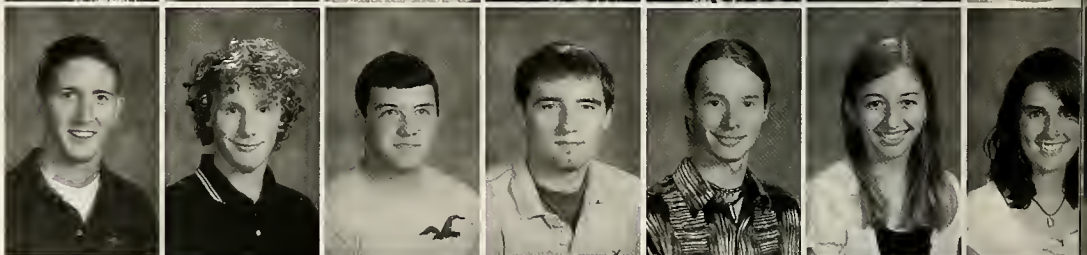
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Karolina Lahdeaho
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 Andrew Magnussen
 Justin Malloy
 Jenifer Manzo
 Charlee Marshall
 Nicholas Martin

Ashley Maye
 Jenn McCue
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 Christian Pendergrass
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 Jordan Pilgrim
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freshmen

commitment and involvement

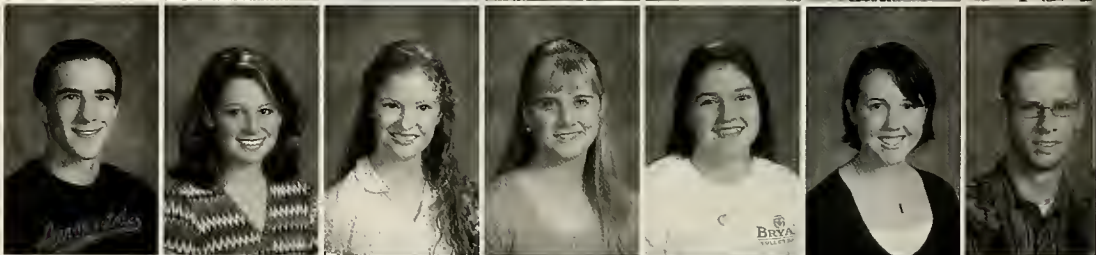
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Nathaniel Rogers
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Rachel Smith
Thomas Smith
Sharon Smythe
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Prince Steele
Tara Stewart
Victoria Stewart
Allison Summel
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Alaina Woodall
Graham Wright
Paula Yacobian
Kayla Yancey



Ryan Yontz
Caleb Young
Andrew Zimmerman
Derik Zooashkiyani



Smooth Sailing

Freshmen make easy transition



FRESHMAN

One of the things that surprised me the most when I came to college was the ease of the transition.

College had always been built up in my mind to be this huge life-changing ordeal that no matter how many books you read or how much you prepare, you will not be ready for it. The first couple weeks just felt like camp -- making several new friends and not having my parents around. After that, everything went by so quickly that I never had time to be homesick or wish I was back in high school.

I have made a handful of good friends who I can't wait to continue being friends with for quite some time and have had wonderful professors who have taught me so much. One thing that made the transition to college a little bit easier was also just knowing that I am in the same situation as most other freshmen. They also have left their homes to come to a place where they know very few, if any, people, and are embarking on a journey that will hopefully grow them not only mentally, but also spiritually as well.

by Britney Weber



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- 1) Evan Johnson, freshman class president, maximizing his time, enjoys the sunshine, listens to his tunes and works on assignments all at the same time.
- 2) Jason Hundley, man of many talents, can also fly.
- 3) Faith Wagner incredulously tastes her tea at a Bryan banquet.
- 4) ,members of fledgling Cross Country team post amazing record at national meet: third place.
- 5) Kami Plaisted kidnaps Jannette Delozier from North lounge.
- 6) Emily McKeenan weilds her horn while shouting at the Covenant soccer game.
- 7) John Juarwel enjoys some french fries on his first visit ever to McDonald's.
- 8) Jamming on his guitar, Johnny Rogers from the freshman talent show.
- 9) Hugging a tree, Alicia Schulze enjoys the spring weather.
- 10) Rob Hargraves belts out "Time to Say Goodbye" in the freshman talent show after some technical sound difficulties.

A Administration

"It's not important what I do; what's important is that I'm willing to do what God wants done. I think that wherever he places you; you should strive to make it the very best, and that's what I want for Bryan."

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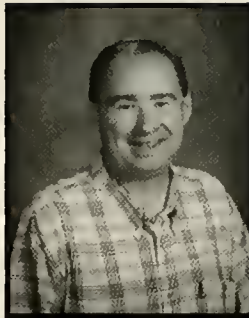
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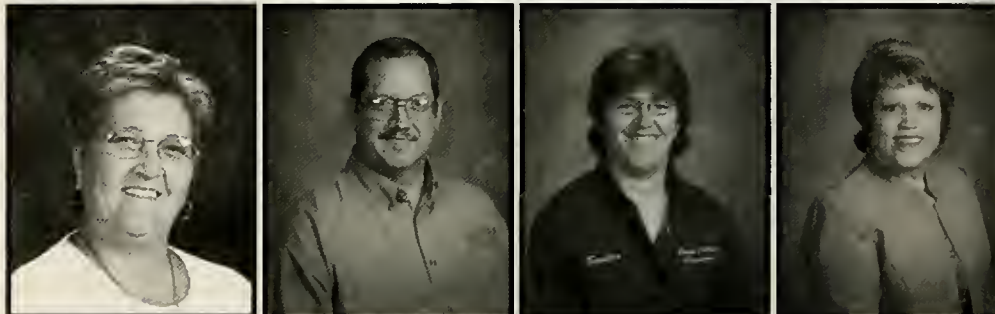
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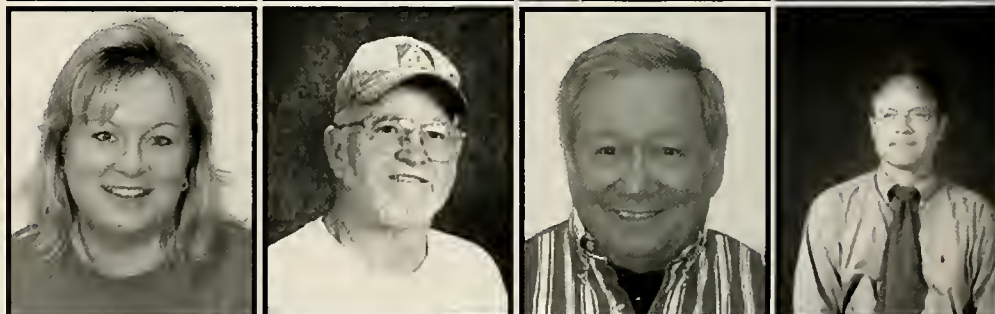
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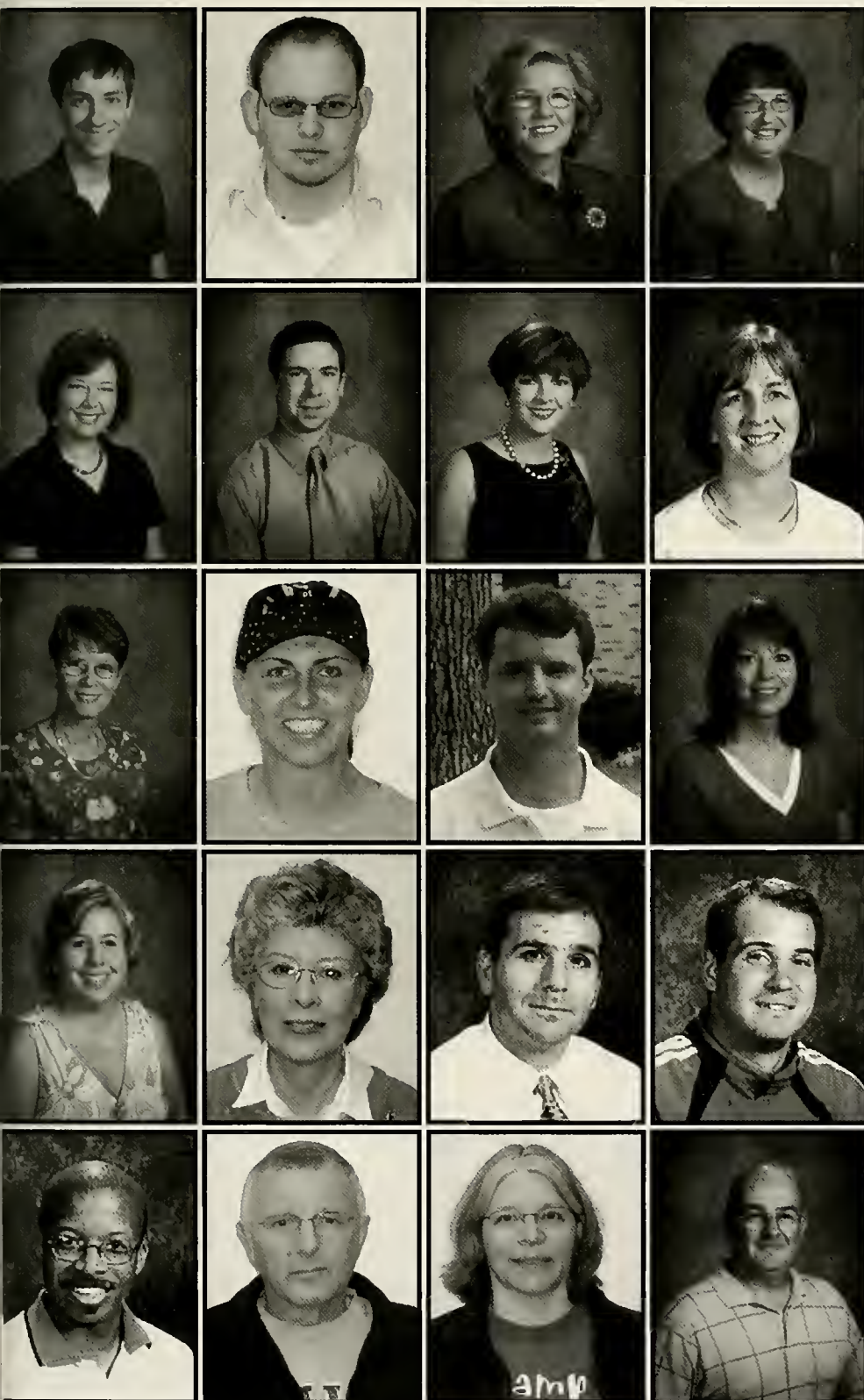


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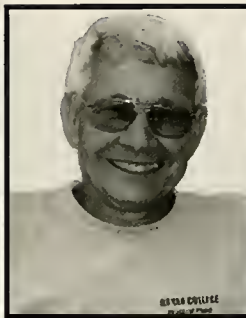
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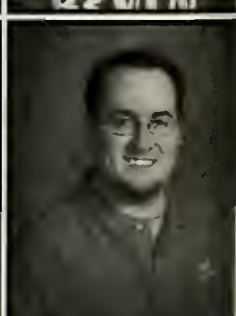
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beyond bryan:

Even though bridges failed in China and in Guinea, killing 64 and 70 people, respectively, the disaster that really grabbed our attention was the collapse of the I-35 bridge in Minneapolis in Aug. 1, where the death toll reached only 9. Americans were aghast that our structures could crumble because of our own imperfect designs, thus proving that nothing is failsafe. "Obviously, this is a catastrophe of historic proportions," said Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty.

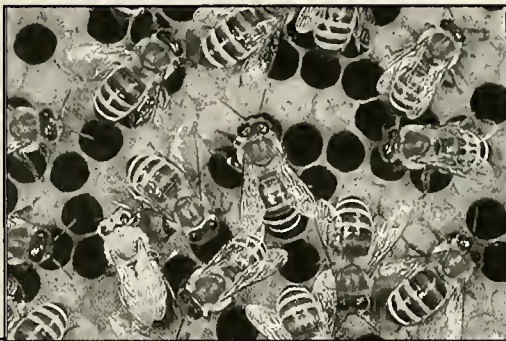
When Don Imus used a racial slur against a female college basketball team on April 4, addressing them as "nappy-headed hos," it was clear he crossed the line. What's unclear is, where is the line, and who can cross it?



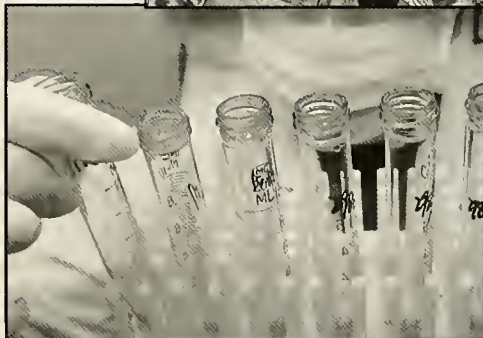
1. Everyone took notice of the American Southeast drought in 2007. Georgia and several neighboring states suffered their worst dry spell in recorded history. At one point, Atlanta had just three months of water left, and legal fights between Florida, Georgia and Alabama ensued over the declining water supply.
2. When Doubleday released Mother Teresa's private letters in August, we discovered that she could not sense her beloved God for most of her half-century.
3. What Would Jesus Drive? The evangelical earth-stewardship movement has been a warming topic this year, with evangelicals parading more and more around causes such as conservation, torture, Africa and domestic poverty.



The most promising theory behind colony-collapse disorder is that a virus is responsible for wiping out perhaps as much as a quarter of the commercial U.S. honey bee population. These bees are responsible for pollinating such crops as apples, peaches and soybeans. However, many in the scientific community think other parasites or pesticides may be to blame.



This was a banner year for stem-cell research, as stem cells were discovered to exist in amniotic fluid. Researchers believe that amniotic fluid, derived stem cells, AFS for short, have the potential to give rise to many, but perhaps not all, of the 220 specialized cell types found in the human body, making them both useful and bountiful.



The Writers Guild of America went on strike from Nov. 5, 2007 to Feb. 12, 2008, where more than 12,000 writers joined the strike. Several key issues of contention included DVD residuals, union jurisdiction over animation and reality program writers and compensation for "new media." "I'm no accountant, but instead of us getting 4 cents for a \$20 dollar DVD, how about we get \$20 for a 4-cent DVD?" said Gina Johnfrido from "Law & Order."



a year in



1. From Oct. 20 to Nov. 6, intense fires ravaged Southern California, burning hundreds of square miles. The worst occurred in San Diego County, killing 10 people and forcing at least half a million more from their homes.
2. Fidel Castro, who served as Cuba's 22nd president from Jan. 1959 until Feb. 2008, transferred his

review



- responsibilities to his younger brother, Raúl Castro. Having led the transformation of Cuba into a one-party socialist republic during his career, Castro remains First Secretary of the Communist Party.
3. Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have fought each other for the Democratic presidential nomination. While Clinton has a strong background in politics and began the race with excellent name recognition across America, Obama has shown himself to be a formidable opponent, having captured the majority of the popular vote during the primaries and caucuses.



Paul Laskowske: born in Palu, Indonesia; played, learned and grew up first in Sulawesi, Indonesia, then in Davao City, Philippines with significant times in the U.S. as well. He graduated from Mindanao International Christian

Academy in Davao, then came to Bryan College. Paul, you've been blessed at Bryan. From the start, you embraced life and relationships there. You learned to speak Tennessean. You grew in knowledge and critical thinking. You grew in delighting in the Lord God. We believe he delights in you, Paul. You did well, and persevered when we were overseas and not around to assist you in some critical ways. We believe that God has brought glory to himself through these four years at Bryan and we thank and praise him together with you. We love you, Paul, and celebrate this awesome milestone of graduation. Hurray!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Doug
and Tieg



Melody, our precious baby girl, now a beautiful young woman. . . Generous, fun-loving, and always ready with a hug. . . What joy and laughter you have brought into our lives. We place you in Our Lord's hands; seek Him first always. We love you will all of our hearts. Mom and Dad

So many prayers . . .
So many dreams to get
to this moment . . .
While you go change the world. . . I'll be
Up in the stands cheering
you on and
Singing this song --
A song the very God who
made you
Has been singing all along.
I believe in you . . .
So spread your wings and fly
On the winds of knowing I
Will always believe in you.

Steven Curtis Chapman



Psalm 86:11
"Teach me Your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in Your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear Your name."



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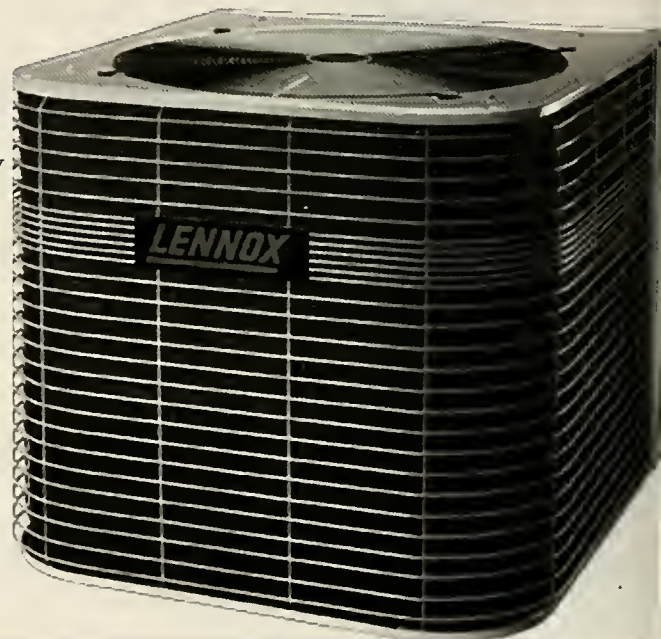
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Dear Leah:

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You have learned so many things, made so many friends and accomplished great things these four years. May the Lord bless you as you continue to pursue your Master's Degree and coach Women's Volleyball.

Keep the Lord first in your life. Seek Him always! We're very proud of you!

Love,
Dad and Mom



Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

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seniors...
You'll be
missed, but
you'll always
be welcome
back in our
House.



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and the

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Dayton, Tennessee

Katie,

Your mother and I are very proud of you! You have grown much personally and accomplished a lot in the past 4 years. We've seen you transformed from that young girl who, in heading from her dorm to Rudd Chapel for orientation, wouldn't turn around to look at her family one more time, to a young woman with many friends at Bryan and a lifetime of memories.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you" as you navigate through life with God at the helm; "may the Lord shine His face upon you" as you begin a new life after college; "and give you peace forever" as you continue to trust in Jesus as Lord of your life.

Congratulations--you go girl!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and fam



Jessica Hundley

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs 2:6*

Dear Jessi,

From the earliest years until now, we have rejoiced to see God's blessing and goodness in you. Although your education is only a part of who you have become, the completion of a seventeen-year investment of your time and efforts is something to celebrate. And you have done so well. During this time of "preparation for life," you have already begun to serve, to minister, to share God's grace with those around you--to love.

As you move into the next phase of your life, you will take with you a mind disciplined to learn, knowledge ready to be put into use, and sweet memories of the people who have been such an important part of these years.

- Teachers who have cared so much for you, going above and beyond their duty
- Friends who have been there to laugh with, to cry with, and to encourage
- Your family--

We love you, and are so very proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Jason, and Gram



first day of kindergarten



last semester of college

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:9-10

Stephen

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As the Bryan chapter draws to a close, the amazing journey continues. Having amassed much knowledge and mastered many skills, it's now your turn to share the wealth with others who are eager to learn. We applaud your decision to help enrich the lives of those students whose paths you cross in life. May God continue to guide your steps.

*We love you,
Dad, Mom & Daniel*



Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 1:1-3

Congratulations

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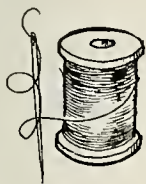
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successful because you
look to Him.

Keep serving Him.
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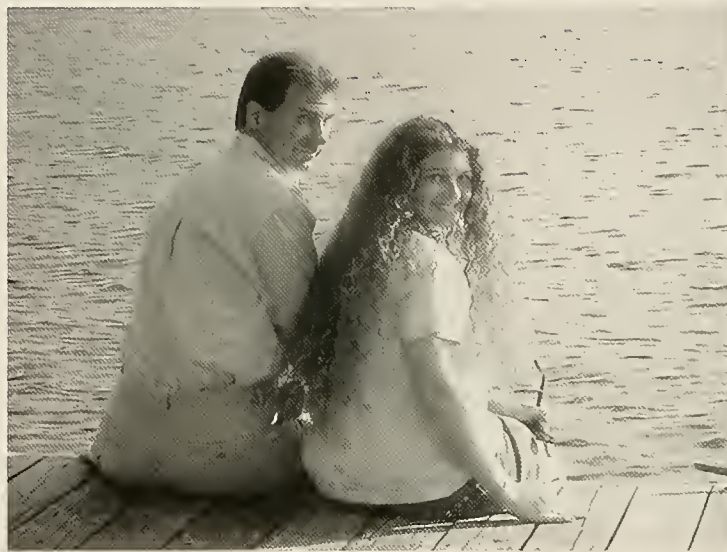
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Dearest Jillian,

You were dedicated to the Lord before you were ever conceived. As you grew in stature you also grew in Him. Time flew by as you progressed from kindergarten to high school and before we knew it the time for college was upon us. As we sought the Lord about Bryan the Lord gave us Psalm 1:3 "He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers." and Psalm 4:3 "But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself; The LORD hears when I call to Him." Now you are more prepared for His purposes. He has used these 4 years to plant you by His stream and you will never thirst as you have learned how to drink deeply. You must now go forward, as the season is now upon you. Even now you are bearing fruit. It is our prayer that you will be willing to be used wherever the Lord plants you. He has matured you into a beautiful woman from the inside out. He has also gifted you in many areas. We trust you will be a good steward of those gifts. We continue to trust Him with your care and provision. You are a well-trained Soldier of the Cross and we will continue to bathe you in prayer each day. Thank you for diligence to the task at hand. Congratulations on keeping your Presidential Scholarship throughout the duration! Well done! Now, don't forget to go fishing with Dad often, and make lots of cakes with Mom.

All our love,
Dad & Mom





Wow – Bekah,
What a transformation you have experienced at Bryan College! From shock at the tuition bill and curriculum demanded of you to a serenity and composure as you have experienced the Lord at work in your life in many unexpected ways. We have always been proud of you Bek. But to that pride has been added the joy of seeing you grow every semester.

Growing in your appreciation of Who the Lord is and what He expects from you. Growing in your experience as your gifts have been unveiled and honed with the rigors of college life – both academically and socially and spiritually.

Growing as you move into yet another phase of a life that promises great glory for God and much joy for you and your family who wait expectantly to see what God has next for you.

At the top of your wonderful array of gifts is your love for people and the joy you derive from being involved in their lives. You care a great deal about others and in that aspect you mirror the Lord Jesus.

But happily, you have surprised us too as you have developed into a gifted vocalist, able to communicate with and inspire others who listen and who, in turn, glorify God for all His good gifts.

What a package: love of God, love of life, love of people, and love of music! Now all that remains is to keep your eyes on God at all times, Bek. He bought you with a price and you belong to Him. May you find yourself always by His side as you journey forward. May you find the fulfillment of all your dreams as you keep in step with Him.

We love you.

Mum and Dad xxx



Joanna Jo Downing



Some Things Never Change



We will always love you 😊
Mom & Dad
(Kids too)

Kyle Wagley

You made
 ...hand prints in plaster
 ...splashes in water
 ...rockets that soared
 ...a ball react to your command
 ...Texas proud



You give
 ...a smile for everyone
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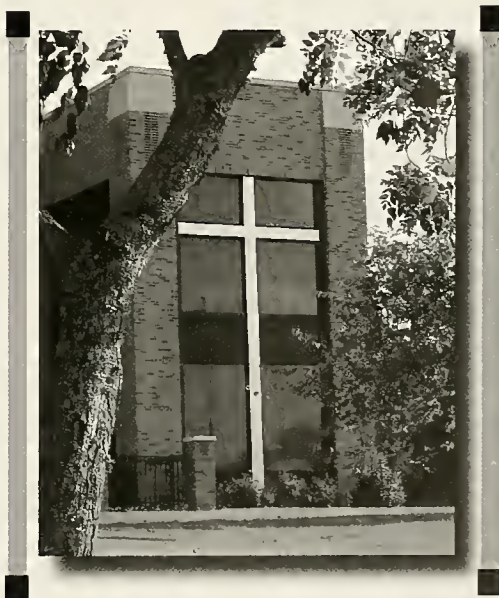
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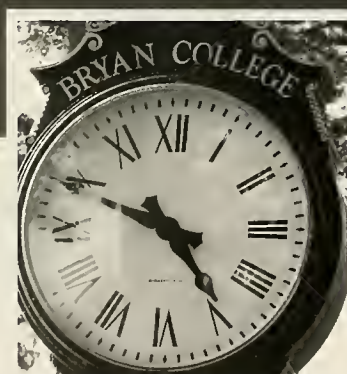
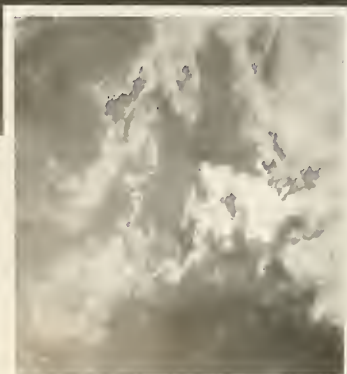
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To the reader:

I hope you enjoyed this amazing yearbook as much as we enjoyed making it. We spent countless hours brainstorming on these layouts, putting them together and trying to perfect them. My staff was amazing, and we only had five people second semester that were doing pages (not to mention Garrett was everywhere with his camera capturing everything!), so we struggled, but I hope that you realize that we did it for you. Countless hours were spent in order to make this tribute to Bryan College and the impact it has on our lives. Bryan is a special place, and there is nowhere like it, I guarantee it. It is a place that you will (hopefully) learn to love, if you don't already. It has captured my heart, and I will always be a Bryan Lion at heart. My sincere hope is that you will learn to take what you learned here from all the papers, tests, chapels, hours studying, conversations in the dorm rooms, and meals in the cafeteria and apply it beyond the Hill. We were all brought to Bryan for a reason, and I urge you to make the most of your time here!

- Sarah Udvari, Editor-in-Chief 2007-2008



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