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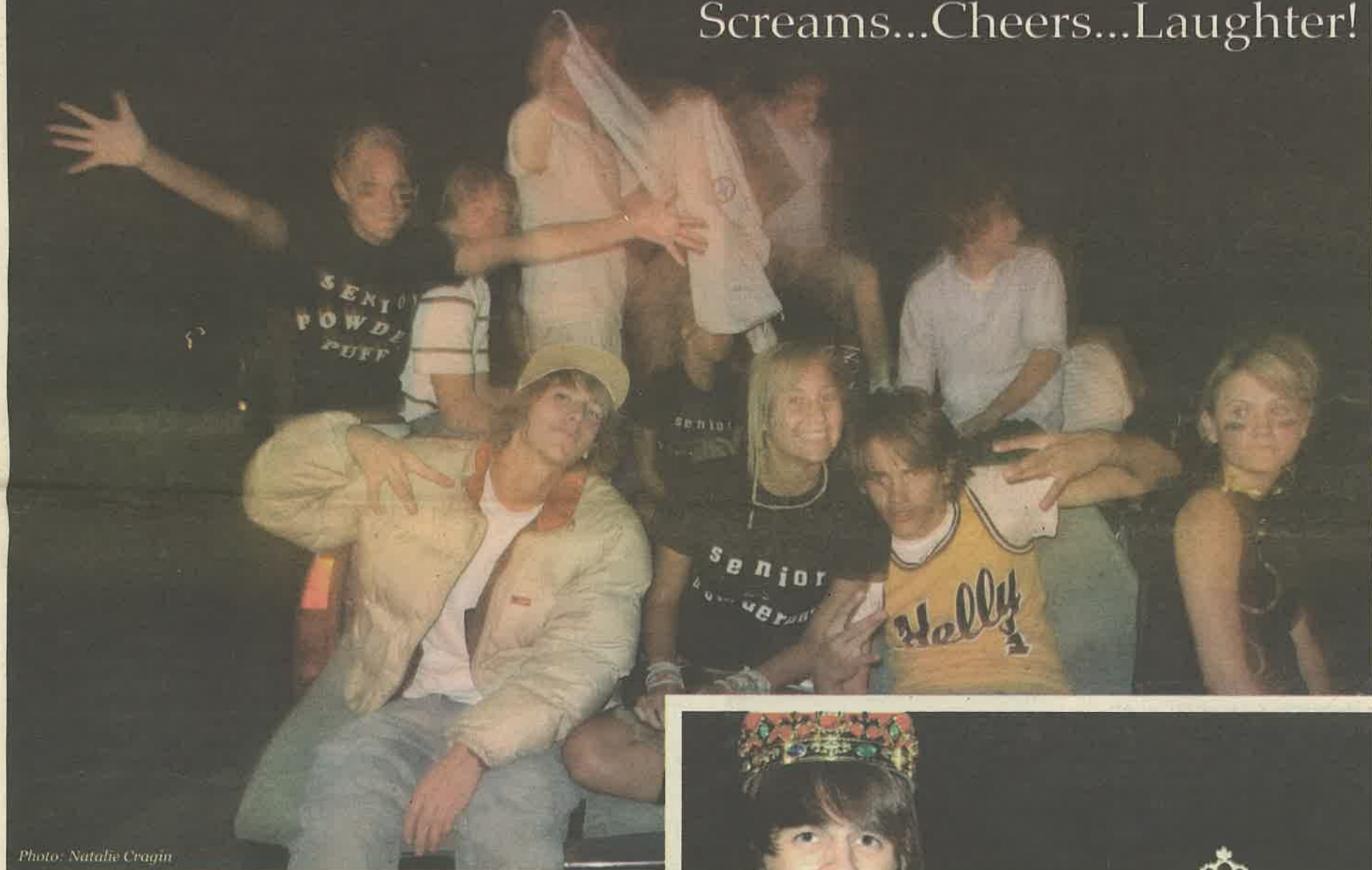


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BK's HOMECOMING PROVIDES EXCITEMENT ONCE AGAIN

Sophie Sestero

The homecoming game was thrilling. The crowd was animated even though the game may not have been too exciting because of Bishop Kelly's near total domination of the other team. Even before the royalty rolled onto the field in their cool old convertibles, the students pulsed with enthusiasm. They later declared Mr. and Ms. Pep, led cheers, and raised the voices of even the most reluctant bystanders.

Screams filled the stands, children swarmed the fence, and parents actually stood up when the

nominees for king, queen, prince, and princess entered the track. The girls were elegantly dressed and smiling wide, while the guys smiled shyly and offered their arms to the girls. The most invigorating sound that filled the stands was not the yelling and cheering of the crowds, but the chanting for a beloved peer.

"Tom, Tom, TOM!" rang from the students. A sense of unity embraced them, a feeling of family and camaraderie. Elation was reached when Tom Seibert was crowned king, along with the other royalty of Lauren Nicola, Megan Hughes, and Paul "Boo" Dodson.

See center for homecoming review.



Photo: Sophie Sestero

STRETCHING THE DOLLAR FOR MINIMUM WAGE

Many working Bishop Kelly students are finding it necessary to stretch their take-home dollars more and more.

Editor's note: In no time, many Bishop Kelly students will be entering the work force either full or part time and the issue of hourly pay will take on added significance. KnightBeat reporters Hannah Gray and Rachel Krause take a look at the issue of minimum wage and how it affects Bishop Kelly students and their future employment opportunities.

IDAHO CRIES FOR A RAISE IN MINIMUM WAGE

Hannah Gray

Democrats have been pushing hard to raise minimum wage, raising skepticism from taxpayers and small companies. To do so, would increase prices and lead to inflation, so why raise it \$7.25 an hour?

According to Rep. Anne Pasley-Stuart, the workers that get paid minimum wage are generally those who work the hardest. It is true that 87 percent of workers already receive more than \$7.25 an hour, and only two out of 15 jobs were paid less than the desired amount.

Those statistics sound alright until you change around the numbers. So instead of two out of fifteen jobs, change the numbers into actual people that it affects. 80,100 working people out of 597,000 in the state of Idaho are receiving under \$7.25 an hour, according to an Idaho Commerce and Labor study. That is too many people.

Other results from the study showed that an extra \$142.5 million will be added to the cost of businesses in Idaho. This estimated amount does exclude an elevated Social Security, retirement funds, insurance for the unemployed, and other various benefits. So the question still remains: why change it?

Minimum wage is also about issues other than just money; it is about being fair and paying those who work hard the money they not only earned, but deserve. The issue of minimum wage also addresses the fact that many people cannot afford to live in this well financed world.

"Everything has increased. Look at heating oil, gasoline, food. Yet the wage has maintained at the same level," reported Pasley-Stuart.

The last time minimum wage was considered was in 1997, and it stated that the minimum wage for Idaho would be \$5.15 an hour. Many are saying that is not a sufficient amount for an adult to live on. A study by the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations declared that even \$7.25 an hour is too low, and that \$9.30 would be a more suitable wage for an adult in Idaho.

Many other states have raised their minimum wage, such as Oregon and California, and it is about time Idaho move ahead with the rest of the nation. Idaho Rep. Shirley Ringo said in regards to the affect it will have on small businesses, "You have to look at it more broadly. Every state that has raised the minimum wage has actually seen an increase in employment."

People have been forced to either move or commute to neighboring states just to receive a higher minimum wage. That isn't right; people should not be forced to go outside the limits when the government should be the first to help them out. Unfortunately, for the past decade, it has not been that way.

The rise of minimum wage could negatively affect small businesses, but the people that work for them need a say too, and it is simply this: people need an adequate wage on which they can live, and it is not \$5.15 an hour.



Photo: Christine Ritchie

IDAHO'S MINIMUM WAGE SHOULD STAY AS IT IS

Rachel Krause

Minimum wage jobs have always gotten a bad rap—the greasy griddles, the grimy bathrooms, and the angry customers.

Well, what if those working minimum wage jobs got paid two bucks more an hour? "That wouldn't be so bad, would it?"

Of course it would!

Raising the minimum wage could lead to an increase in prices and unemployment, and could even decrease businesses' efficiency.

A proposal has been made to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour.

According to an Idaho Commerce and Labor study, only 80,100 people out of the 597,000 total workers in Idaho earned less than \$7.25 an hour in 2005. That's only around 13 percent of the total workers.

Why change it if the majority gets paid more than minimum wage anyway? The biggest problem legislatures see is that minimum wage is not a living wage. Experts estimate the living wage to be between \$12 and \$13 dollars an hour, but the majority of people who get paid minimum wage are teens and they aren't trying to earn a living wage.

Raising the minimum wage also has some business owners nervous.

Chef Lou Aaron, owner of Westside Drive-In, told Local 2 News, "I think that in reality, the benefits that we have to come up with to get skilled workers or entry-level workers are a burden on our profits in the first

place." Business owners can't afford to raise everyone's

pay. Aaron also says entry-level employees don't

stay on minimum wage for very long.

A raise in minimum wage deeply affects

Idaho employers and their employees.

Employers might opt to be short-staffed

because of inability to afford paying

their workers a higher wage. This

could mean more hours and respon-

sibilities for current employees.

They might also have to lay off many

workers if minimum wage increases.

This is bad news for teens, as they

are usually the first affected by layoffs.

If employers decide not to dismiss

employees, they will most likely resort

to raising their prices. This could mean the

next time you go out for a cup of coffee or a bite

to eat, you may be hit with a heavier bill.

Here at Bishop Kelly, students seem troubled about the whole issue. Amanda Smith, a sophomore, has been working at Sure Clean Car Wash in Eagle for about 3 months. She gets paid \$5.75 an hour plus tips. When asked for her opinion on the minimum wage change, she seemed a bit uneasy about the whole issue.

"I'd want to get paid more, but I don't really want to have to pay more for the stuff I buy," she replied. "I don't want them taking more taxes out of my money than they already do."

Another problem with a raise in the minimum wage deals with the job search itself. Jordan Langfield, another sophomore, says she will be searching for a job in the near future. If the minimum wage is raised, many business owners might not be able to afford hiring new employees.

Idaho Rep. Steve Smylie says increasing minimum wage would hurt employees by forcing some out of their jobs. He told the Associated Press that there are people that employers wouldn't hire if they had to pay them more. He says minimum wage gives everyone a chance. "When you're dealing with young people starting out...you have to give those people a place to start, too." He also says that while working in a minimum wage job is awful, it's worse to be unemployed.

For now, it looks like minimum wage is going to stay as it is and that's just fine with me. After all, I'd rather have five dollars and fifteen cents in my hand than nothing at all.

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CASTING YOUR ELECTION BALLOT: OBLIGATION OR PATRIOTIC PRIVILEGE

As election day 2006 draws closer (it's Tuesday Nov. 7), political parties and pundits are still trying to figure ways to mobilize and influence America's youngest voters – the 18 to 21 year olds-- to vote on election day.

Traditionally, the youth vote is the most difficult to get, not because of issues or beliefs, but because young voters just seem to not want to vote. Voting activists of all political persuasions are hoping that with increasing technology and electronic gadgetry, some how more 18-year-olds will be encouraged, even enticed, to vote. For example, one group is offering to text message people reminders to go to the polls.

Others are pointing to thousands of youth-friendly Web sites and blog locations that deal with issues and candidates in a youth friendly format.

How do the 34 Bishop Kelly 18-year-olds who will be eligible to vote stack up against their peers in attitudes toward youth voting? No one knows for sure, but at least two students, Ryan Boka and Nikki Watson – told KnightBeat editor Sophie Sestero they are enthusiastically looking forward to their first opportunities at the ballot box..

Both Nikki and Ryan say they are anxiously awaiting their opportunities to cast the first of what both hope will be many years of civic service at the ballot box. Though they are both looking forward to voting, they realize that many of their youthful peers have little or no interest in politics or in voting.

"They don't know a lot about the candidates and maybe it's not the right thing for everybody to do," Ryan said about voting. "For me, it's a great privilege to vote."

For Nikki, she too is anxiously awaiting her chance to cast her first ballot. And what has she been doing to

prepare for that awesome responsibility? "I've been looking at a lot of the Web sites for the different state candidates. And I've been looking at what some of the incumbents have done in the past and see how it fits with my values," she said.

Asked what they looked for in a candidate, Ryan said he was looking for qualities of leadership, dependability and accountability. Nikki, meanwhile, said she valued experience and whether or not she thinks a candidate "can make a difference" on difficult issues. "I'm not going to vote for someone who's just going to do nothing. I want someone who has values that I like, such as justice," Nikki said.

Both thought that teachers can help inspire students to become politically astute and active. "I think teachers can make students aware of issues, but they have to be objective and not make their political persuasion be known," Ryan said.

Meanwhile, another Bishop Kelly senior will be finding Tuesday, Nov. 7, has even a more unique meaning: it's his 18th birthday and he is bound and determined to make it special by going to the mid-term election polls.

Johnny Behrend is looking forward to that birthday because he feels it is a responsibility that comes with being an informed citizen in a free and democratic society.

While Behrend feels he is well prepared to cast an informed vote not only for candidates but for issues as well, he says not all students are prepared to exercise that voting responsibility.

"A lot of students aren't really ready with the knowledge they need to make informed votes," he said.

Behrend said that teachers have a responsibility to help students prepare for the obligation and responsibility to vote. "They don't need to tell us how to vote, but they need to help us discuss and learn about the issues so that we feel comfortable going to vote," he added.



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AN UNCONVENTIONAL ASSIGNMENT SPURS STUDENT ACTIVISM

Sophie Sestero

It all started with a little haze.

The air was foggy and seemed smoky to breathe. Everybody dealt with it for a few days before the air became so unbearable it brought on sneezes and watery eyes. Those with allergies and asthma were on their own.

Finally the air became so agonizing that the unthinkable happened... football practice was cancelled.

Chuck Tacke, theology and social justice teacher, said that during the days of bad air he thought, "How bizarre it was that we cancel outdoor activities like sports because the air is such poor quality. When we look back on this period from future generations I wonder if our grandchildren will laugh at our silly culture that created air so bad that you couldn't do something good for your body like exercise."

Because of this thought, Tacke and his class discussed an unconventional idea. He then passed this idea on to his students; ride their bikes from Bishop Kelly to the Flicks Theatre and see the film "Who Killed the Electric Car?"

While riding their bikes it was invigorating to turn away from the smoggy air that was found on Orchard Street and get onto the clean smelling greenbelt path.

When they reached the theatre a



Photo: Sophie Sestero

sense of accomplishment seemed to swell through them as they realized how far they had ridden and how long it had taken them, compared to the normal seven-minute drive.

After going through the uncommon practice of locking up their bikes and remembering their codes, the bikers settled into the theatre, ready to be inspired.

The initial atmosphere of the film is grim as it starts at a funeral. At first the audience does not understand what it is about, then it is apparent, the funeral is for a car. Strange as it may seem, as the film



Photo: Vern Nelson

progresses, you feel sorrowful for the murder of the electric automobile. The emotion then sparks in the audience feelings of hope, motivation, and the desire to make a change.

While leaving the theatre the boys seemed to know they wanted to change the way the world is being taken care of. "Our parents are the worst janitors in the world's history," commented Justin Letsinger,

senior, who saw the film.

Stephen French, ASB president, also went with the group and said, "We've accepted that we live in a world of convenience, but that has turned into a world of laziness and we can't accept that anymore."

These ideas were similar to that of Bishop Kelly's YAP movement created last year on October 14. This year it has been incorporated into BK's beloved History Club.

Dave Skinner, moderator of history club and overseer of the YAP movement talked about what the club has planned.

"This year, hopefully, we will make the YAP movement a reality...we will coordinate student activities such as carpooling, bike riding, walking, using alternate fuels, and thinking of new ways to lessen our need for petroleum," says Skinner.

"We will also explore the possibility of two different meanings for YAP. We can be Youth Against Petroleum, or Youth for Alternatives to Petroleum. We are not against all uses of petroleum...we are against using so much that we are dependent on foreign oil."

After seeing the film, Letsinger, French, and Johnny Behrend, senior, have decided to recreate the earth club with the ideals of the YAP movement that will play a more active roll at



Photo: Sophie Sestero

Bishop Kelly.

"Gas for green," Letsinger announced proudly, and then followed with, "Well wait, that might not be the name."

Regardless of a title though, the boys have lofty goals and plans for the idealistic organization. "We want to encourage youth to have awareness about their world and spark an interest in them," said Letsinger.

The boys' theory is this, "School is supposed to represent real life, so if you develop a pride in your school you'd be able to have pride in your environment."

They have plans to improve recycling that is currently being neglected and misused, be available for service around the community, plant trees, or a meditation garden. "We want the students to feel like the earth is part of the school, not just an institution," added Behrend.

Tacke says, "It is a risk when you ask students to do something unconventional for an assignment. I think all that went were happy they did though."

Tacke should be proud because the senior boys have walked away with one of the best ideas emphasized in the movie; "change the world, not with a gun, but with a revolution."

FORMER BK MUSIC TEACHER PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY

Bishop Kelly faculty members and friends were saddened last month to learn of the untimely passing of a former BK music teacher.

Tamara Lynn Franks, 38, a music teacher for several years in the late 1990s and a current teacher at Kuna High School, passed away unexpectedly Sept. 6 in a Boise

hospital.

Mrs. Sandra Small, our assistant librarian, remembers working with Miss Franks who served as musical director for the school's production of "Bye Bye Birdie":

"She was a totally professional music director and I was pleased to be able to work with her." Mrs. Small said.

Miss Franks was an active member of the Boise Master Chorale. She sang in numerous performances, one of her favorite pieces was the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" and looked forward to performing that every Christmas.



Photo Courtesy: Idaho State

NEWS

SPEED BUMPS: HELPFUL OR HARMFUL?

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Lindsay Woychick

You pull into the Bishop Kelly entrance and begin to drive at a decent and acceptable speed for the speed bumps that were in place last school year.

Suddenly, you go over what feels like a fairly large animal, which sends hot coffee into the air and onto your lap.

Does this scenario sound familiar? This is what Bishop Kelly students and anyone who drives into the school's parking lot is facing this year. These new speed bumps were placed throughout the drive ways entering and exiting the school grounds late this summer.

Those who had pre-season training for any of the fall sports got a good taste of these bumps as you may have entered unknowingly into the parking lot.

"I was driving, expecting to go over the old speed bumps, but then I felt a boom and bottomed out," said Anna Curtin a junior who drives a 1990 four-by four

truck.

Some students who had already been over the school's latest improvement were able to warn others of the new hazards in the parking lot before they entered. If the word did not get spread, people quickly found out on Wednesday, August 16, the first day of school.

Mr. Whede, principal, explained the reason for placing the new speed bumps in was because of, "dangerous speed of cars entering and leaving the BK campus!"

Those slabs of asphalt cost the school more than \$2,000, as well as many unhappy students and parents. When asked about what the dimensions of the speed bumps were and whether they coincided with any federal regulations, Mr. Wehde responded, "you would need to measure, I am not aware of federal or state guidelines...we had a professional company provide service."

Because Bishop Kelly is private

property, it is not required to follow Ada County Highway speed bump regulations. However, under Ada County regulations, speed bumps must be at least twelve feet wide, thirty feet broad, and between three to three and a half inches high. Standing at about three and a half inches tall and only two feet wide, the bumps do more than just slow cars down.

Often it is painful and or causes the bottom of the car to scrape on the top of the speed bump.

"[The speed bumps] are too high. I have to come to a stop to go over them, and I have bottomed out three times," said Dr. Hudson a motorcyclist and teacher at Bishop Kelly. Other vehicle drivers have similar views on the speed bumps.

"They are damaging my car. You basically have to stop to go over them, and that is not what the idea of speed bumps is," Junior Kiley Zanecki, who drives a VW Passat stated.



Photo: Regan Flanagan

When speed bumps are put in, other unwanted side effects also can come along. People backing up traffic at the entrance, driving over grass to avoid the speed bumps, and making up for *lost time* by speeding after going over the bump are common negative affects of a seemingly positive idea to create a safer parking lot.

As all good humans do, students have begun to adapt to this change that is set in stone, but the pain of these speed bumps will continue to be felt by licensed drivers throughout Bishop Kelly.

POPULAR CHEF'S HUT GETS 'NEW LEASE ON LIFE'

Chris Privon

The great establishment known as Chef's Hut, a pinnacle of glorious liberty in the center of Boise, shut its doors over the summer, but not permanently. Several

changes have taken place in the business's structure—crucial changes that will rock the small eatery.

The restaurant, seated off of Franklin road only

a few hundred yards from Bishop Kelly, offers great breakfast and lunch/dinner foods for low, extremely affordable prices. The small establishment has been around for more than 25 years under the same ownership—that of a man named Corky.

Over the past few years, however, Corky, the owner and sole cook of Chef's Hut, had seen the effects of his hard work both reward and haunt him. Working 40 to 80 hours a week

every week for over 25 years had begun to take its toll on him.

Lisa Holm, a long-time employee of Chef's Hut while it was still under Corky's ownership, said that "...sometimes, I would try to hand him [Corky] an order ticket and I wouldn't see him, so I'd go around into the kitchen and find him laying on his back on the floor." Even with back problems haunting him, Corky continued to work until finally, he realized the severity of his condition. Forced to retire, he decided to sell the restaurant to new owners.

Under the new owners, renovations have been done. The walls have been repainted and all of the pre-existing



Photo: Carly York

decorations are gone.

Holm added that "They had to hire *four* cooks to do what Corky could do alone." As such, prices have risen slightly, but are still lower than the vast majority of restaurants.

The newly renovated Chef's Hut was reopened in September and is already as busy as it was before it closed.

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THE NEW FACE OF THE KNIGHTBEAT

Lindsay Woychick

Some readers may have picked up this paper in shock. The KnightBeat is back and better than ever. With a slightly different look and the hope to please a wider audience of students, parents and alumni, the KnightBeat has returned.

After some confusion at the end of last year as to whether the 43-year tradition of Bishop Kelly's first newspaper would be back for another year, the KnightBeat has pulled through against all odds. With a new teacher, Mr. Nelson, returning members of the newspaper, and many fresh new faces, this year's KnightBeat will be a combination of both the old and the new.

"I've always wanted to be able to bring to the classroom my experience of more than 30 years in the news business and to try and kindle a spark of enthusiasm for journalism in these fine students." Mr. Nelson replied in his response to what his hopes are for this year's newspaper.



Homecoming Festivities Relived Through Photo Collage



Homecoming
2006

Kaitie Talboy

Homecoming was a great time. The students of Bishop Kelly showed their school spirit, and enjoyed the various activities throughout the week.

It started off with hall decorations being allowed this year. On Monday students could feel the school spirit. When walking through the halls it was like entering into a different holiday every class period.

Strolling into freshmen hall was like jumping into February 14 with lots of red and pink hearts; if you took a turn into sophomore hall you could feel the luck of the Irish with all the greens and the rainbow that covered the floor. Crossing into junior hall was almost like stepping into a haunted house with cob webs covering the lockers. The last hall was the seniors, where Christmas lights were strung and wrapping paper of the season on each locker. All classes put up grand decorations, but in the end the juniors took first. "Hall decorations were awesome, it was really great to see classmates in all the grades come and work together," Rozz Therrien, junior, commented.

Next up in the line of events was the His-



tory club film festival; it was a bit of a let down. Many of our aspiring film-makers graduated last year, and only one video was submitted this fall. They decided to add submissions to the spring film festival. Even without the individual films, students still gathered with their popped popcorn and enjoyed Lucas, a Disney film. Hopefully all the film makers out there will get projects underway and the school can have a good film festival in the spring.

Throughout the week, contests were put on by History and French club at lunch. Both the hot dog and crepe eating contest drew a crowd. With Danny Schaffeld, from the junior class and taking first place in the crepe eating contest at second lunch Drew Flerchinger, a senior took first place in the hot dog eating contest at second lunch and Michael Dolby, freshmen, at first lunch.

On Wednesday night the girls from each class got together out on the football field and took part in powder-puff football games. The freshmen played against the sophomores, the juniors against seniors. The sophomores and seniors both won their games. The girls who participated were cheered on by various boys in the full uniform of a cheerleader; they really got the crowd

pumped up. Afterwards students up the volume of their stereos and The fire began to blaze. It was a g

Friday night was the night of the stroyed the Middleton Vikings with was a bit of shutout, but many st half time to see who would get t rolled out onto the track in vinta royalty looked great in their fan Lauren Nicola taking crowns for Dodson and Megan Hughes win junior class.

Saturday, students dressed in th dancing shoes. The dance was fun let loose and show off their danc so hot, but props to his stellar br minor power outage students still

Homecoming this year was full o This year student participation w year participation can be even bet

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rolled up in their cars and turned
 waited for the bonfire to begin.
 great site, but was it fun?
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 a final score of 42-7. The game
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HOMECOMING AND FIVE CAT FIGHTS LATER



Hannah Gray

Homecoming is a time of excitement. The trees have started to take on new colors, Mr. Caldwell's hair has exceeded the stage of a five o'clock shadow, and not only is Mrs. Wickham back, but so are Homecoming festivities. The halls have already started to buzz about dresses, dates, and the traditional hall festivities.

It always seems like I hear that girls have gotten their dresses months in advance before the actual dance. Why is that? It does not really make sense. It is almost like they are jinxing themselves out of a date. But girls are a complicated science, never meant to be understood, so stop trying.

Girls have been known to get crazy and a little wild; how else can you explain the Janet Jackson incident of 2004? Homecoming, though, is hands down the most extreme event Bishop Kelly has to deal with, as far as managing girls.

We all see it, and we all hear it. How many out there can say that they have not seen a girl get heated over the fact that someone bought the same shoes, or the unthinkable-- the same dress? How many out there can deny hearing a girl say that she will look better in the same dress than a different girl (and we all know that each one said that)?

Anyway, there are four different categories into which girls fall. Coincidentally, there are four grades girls occupy.

The freshman girls. They are new and very nervous; they would rather slit their own wrists than show up dateless. They can only dream about getting the "it" guy as their date. When the freshman shop, it typically ends up in social hour, where the girls take hold of a chance to talk to the friends they already do not see everyday.

The sophomores. They work hard for their dates this year, building up flirtation, trying to make it one of the most remembered dances with the best dates. So when the sophomores shop, they are on a mission, and off with their heads to anyone who gets in their way. They have a goal in mind, and it is to get a dress that no other girl has.

The juniors. They work hard for boyfriends this year, just so there is an understood date. This year they do not have to worry about their date asking a couple days before the dance, leaving them unprepared. The juniors fall into two subgroups. Those who decide to dismiss boys completely and go stag. There is no shopping involved here; in fact, the only dress looking is what is in the back of closets. And those who have bought a new, fancy dress with the understood date. Their one goal is to get the best, most beautiful dress that no one else has.

The seniors. They no longer care about the hype of homecoming, for they just want to make the last one the best. They have figured out that after three years it doesn't matter who the date is, though it does always seem that seniors have the most random date. You will hear that a certain two seniors are going with each other and all you can wonder to yourself is have they ever even talked before? As with every other girl, the seniors also have one goal in mind; no other girl has their dress, shoes, or dinner destination.

This brings up another very important point about girls. Why is it that every girl demands an unspoken (or sometimes spoken) right to have the only type of a certain dress? Every girl wants this beautiful,

breath-taking, elegant dress that no other girl has, and I only have one thing to say. We live in Boise, Idaho. So girls, get in line for that perfect, one-of-a-kind dress.

Though, I am not going to sit here and criticize girls; it is not fair. So I will fess up, the only reason I know most of this is because I am a girl. I do it,

and I see other girls do it. I am not going to lie, I want that perfect dress too, and I want that perfect date, and I want that perfect dance. Homecoming only comes once a year, so I am going to make it the best dance ever.

Let us just hope there are no cat fights, but if there are, please let them be good.

Horoscopes

HANNAH GRAY AND KATIE TALBOY

ARIES



Aries: (March 21-April 19) With the change of the seasons, people are changing too. This could be a great time for you to change your mind set about those past enemies. Seek for the best.

Best Coffee Drink: Vanilla Latte

TAURUS



Taurus: (April 20-May 20) Do not let the cold weather keep you cooped up in the house. Put on your best sweater and hit the town with a close group of friends; you never know what could happen.

Best Sweater Color: Mango Orange Tangerine

GEMINI



Gemini: (May 21-June 21) Do not let those Pumpkin Spice Lattes tempt you. This is a great time for you to get into shape and look your greatest. So grab that spandex and hit the gym.

Best Day for Luck: 25th

CANCER



Cancer: (June 22-July 22) Break out of your shell and unleash that inner god/goddess. Go for that person you have had your eye on.

Best Day for Love: 23rd

LEO



Leo: (July 23-August 22) If you feel that you have been in the rough lately, do not worry. Luck is on its way. This month is good to buy those lotto tickets, so get a scratchin'.

Best Day for Power Ball: 30th

VIRGO



Virgo: (August 23-September 22) With Autumn coming into play, it is a good time for you to start new projects. Get outside and see what sparks your interest.

Best Color: Green

LIBRA



Libra: (September 23-October 23) Stop worrying about other people and focus on your serenity. Autumn is a great time to pamper yourself. So hit the Rite Aid spa section and get that face mask you know you have had your eye on.

Best Shampoo: Herbal Essences Body Envoy

SCORPIO



Scorpio: (October 24-November 21) This month, confidence is on your side. This is a great time for you to talk to that certain someone.

Best Conversation Starter: The hottest celebrity gossip

SAGITTARIUS



Sagittarius: (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Be careful this month, actions have consequences. This month can have some good memories attached to it, as long as you remain optimistic and keep your attitude in check.

Best Color to Wear: Sky Blue

CAPRICORN



Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are full of life and energy this month. Spread your bliss around to those who need it and make some new friends you never thought you would.

Best Shoes to Wear: Converse sneakers.

AQUARIUS



Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Stop trying to impress people all the time. This month is a good time to let your persona finally evolve to what you really want. True love will find its way in, as long as you open up.

Best Sport to Watch: Football

PISCES



Pisces: (Feb. 19-March 20) This month is all about romance for you. Make sure you find that person who sparks your interest and get out of your shell to impress them with something you would never do.

Best Flower: Dusty Rose

IN THE SPOTLIGHT 9

BK's NEWEST TEACHER REVEALS HER PAST LIFE



Anna Daly

Imagine you are in your mid- twenties, newly married and the mother of three young children. You are asked to leave everything you know, move half a world away to an unknown land, and learn an unfamiliar culture and foreign language.

This is the story of Mrs. Kean Miller, Bishop Kelly's new History II and Japanese teacher. Twenty years ago, she was asked by the International Mission Board, a Southern Baptist organization, to leave the U.S. and move to Japan. On January 10, 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, their daughter Kelly (6), sons Seth (3) and Shane (1), took the long flight to Japan. Could they have known at that time that this would be their home for the next twenty years?

"At first I was afraid I was giving up my children's American way of life," says Miller, as both she and her husband were aware of the difficulties their family would face. They even attended language classes up

to four hours each day to prepare for their adventure.

All three of her children had bright blonde hair and blue eyes so, as you can imagine, their features made them stand out in a country filled with dark haired and brown eyed children. "I think that since my children were so different from the other kids, it brought our family closer because we were all each other really had" Miller said.

Her children also did not have to deal with peer pressure because they did not really have a peer group. There were many factors that contributed to their isolation, one was religious differences. Japanese are primarily Buddhist and Shinto- neither are believers of Christ.

Aside from looking different, Japanese culture was also very native. On her mission, Mrs. Miller taught theology at a kindergarten class every Sunday. She had to explain to the kids why and how God existed. This method of teaching is not common because in Japan, teachers do not generally teach outside the box and kids generally learn to think in only one way. In the U.S., our culture rewards individuality of expression, whereas Japanese culture teaches that similar dress and behavior will achieve popularity.

Schools are very powerful in Japanese society, they are known as "professionals." If a student gets in trouble, the police take them straight

to the school instead of their parents. They use shame and embarrassment as methods to teach their students discipline. For example, if a boy is caught doing something wrong with the police, the school will shave the boy's head, using humiliation as a punishment for his actions.

Education is based on testing and getting into a good college. If you don't get into the best college, then you don't get the best job. It is very severe and strict and the child's main focus in life is to get through school and succeed.

"My experience in Japan made me realize that Americans have no concept of how lucky they are," said Mrs. Miller "When you live in a different country with very little American influences for such a long period of time, you see how wealthy the U.S. really is." Poverty is not a dominate problem in Japan, this is because family members are expected to house and take care of other members. However, Japanese homes are much smaller and more compact than American homes; many are filled with 3 generations of family. The owned by a middle class family would be the home of a millionaire in Japan.

"At first I thought about what I was giving up, but once I got there and settled in, I realized what I had gained." Miller said. She and her family dealt with being a minority

and being different from everyone else. She feels this made her children stronger by giving them a better knowledge of who they are today. It made them more appreciative of the world and helped them understand the good and bad of both cultures. Today all three of her children are grown up and very successful in their careers.

Miller feels that choosing to go on this mission brought her the most enlightened experience of her life. Getting the privilege to teach, she feels strengthened her relationship with God. She grew closer to her family, and emerged into a culture completely different from her own. This brought Miller and her family a different outlook of the world today.



Photo: Christine Ritchie



Photo: Christine Ritchie

WHERE DID SEXY GO?



Cool went to a slightly out of shape, balding, 40-year old man, but I have no idea where sexy went." -Mr. Tacke

TEACHERS

"If he had to bring it back, he must have lost it. Those of us in the know have always known." -Mrs. Freeman



"It went sailing." -Rebeccah Talboy



FRESHMEN

"It went to David Johnston's back." -David Johnston



"It went to my hair." -Ryan Reeves

SOPHOMORES

"I think all that matters is that it's back." -Carmen Angleton



"Sexy has always been with J.T. It has been in the back of his closet since the end of N' SYNC. So he brought it back because people needed it." -Rozz Therrian



JUNIORS

"I stole it." -Roland Forbes



"It went to the moon." -Christian Larsen

SENIORS

"Duh! To the Virgin Islands." -Stefanie Loisate



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SOCCER CAPTAIN RISES TO THE TOP

Emma Leinberger

The "Best-Dressed" senior does not let soccer get in his way of fashion. According to one of his teammates, he's been known to match his uniform to his cleats. Corbin Duer has played soccer for twelve years, mixing it up, playing club, indoor, and school.

He says his best soccer memory is playing Manchester United (from England) at the Dallas Cup International Soccer Tournament in Dallas Texas. He was 15-years-old at the time and enjoyed every minute of it because "it was an all around good experience."

This year, Duer was the captain of BK's varsity team. He compared it to last year's season saying, "The team had more confidence and we were in a different division. [We] had commitment from the team and a solid defense. With Tom Seibert being injured, we lost a solid defender, but John Geile managed to pick up the slack."

According to Duer, the one thing the team could have improved on was finishing, but they continually improved with each game.

For the 2006 season, BK's varsity boys' soccer team came in 5th place in districts. The season ended well-played.



Photo: Ean Barry

BISHOP KELLY KNIGHTS ARE BACK AT IT

Regan Flanagan

With only one conference loss so far, this football season looks to be as promising as the last few have been. Even though only two starters have returned from last season, the team has pulled together to form a group of strong athletes. Coach Tim Brennan has not let the school down, but with him leaving next year, some people question the future strength of Bishop Kelly football.

With only one non-conference loss (before Friday's game against Skyview) it appears that the team is heading down the same road as it has the last few years. When asked if he thought that they would take state again this year, Brennan said, "Our goal every year is to win the conference and win state."

It seems that the teammates have just as much faith in the team as the coach, as expressed by senior running back, Josh Osich, when he said, "It's definitely possible if the whole team pulls together."

This being Brennan's last year, many believe that the school's football program will be different. "BK football will change forever; it might not be as dominant," Osich replied when asked how he felt about Brennan leaving.

Senior fullback, John Whipps, summed the team's feeling for their coach up in four simple words, "He's a good guy."

Brennan feels that, "This will be a tough year, and a little more emotional. BK has been a great place to teach and coach."

The upcoming freshman and sophomore are believed to have a very strong team. Osich thinks that the sophomores will do very well because of their experience on varsity, while the freshmen are showing great potential with their record of 7-0.

Even with so many changes for the BK football team, the players have still shown everyone how good they are. Brennan may be leaving, but he will be leaving BK football with players and a community that will remember him for the rest of its lives.



Photo: Anna Daly

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP

Arielle Medina

With the regular volleyball season now at a close, the varsity volleyball team will be saying goodbye to three graduating seniors, Kalie Kurdy, Stephanie Loiate, and Lindsay Burgett as they finish their last season on the team.

The team is coached for the second consecutive year in a row by Keith and Briant Albi.

The season started off well with an easy win against Columbia. Through the middle of the season the team shared some wins and losses. Many of the wins were easy kills, and a majority of the losses were the conclusion of a very tough and exciting 15-point tie-breaker game.

It was nice to see a turnout for the volleyball teams senior night as they played the 4-A district championship.

The volleyball team has some very talented players, and has provided hours of entertainment for avid sports-watchers.

A cadre of underclassmen players will provide a solid nucleus for another fun season next year.



Photo: Brent Keeth

ABOVE, sophomore Justice Mariscal (33) runs down the sideline enroute to a touchdown against Kuna earlier this season. Providing key blocks are Tony Villa (54, center of photo) while Spencer Gerke (74) takes on three Cavemen..

LEFT, Stefanie Loiate goes up to spike the ball in a recent Bishop Kelly varsity volleyball match. The athletic senior was constantly depended upon by the BK team to provide defensive plays, as well as offensive punch



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FRED SAVAGE REAPPEARS IN SHOW BUSINESS

Hannah Gray

Kevin Arnold was a young kid struggling to grow up through a rite of passage by facing each new day (or episode) with something new to overcome.

The Wonder Years held a lot of our time on Wednesday nights while we watched the challenges of a "typical" junior high boy trying to make it through the hard times of the '60s. It became very close to our hearts. We devotedly watched, growing up with not only the character Kevin, but with Fred Savage himself. We, the public, even viewed his first kiss on the pilot. This childhood star had it all growing up.

But where is he now?

He is still acting, from *Austin Powers: Goldmember* to *Welcome to Mooseport* to his most recent role, *Crumbs*. This program aired on ABC in 2005-2006, but was soon cancelled, as was his other show on NBC *Working* (1998-2000).

So was he just another childhood star? When asked if it bothered him that he had the label of *child actor*, he responded in an E-Online questionnaire, "I don't think it's a negative term. I mean, I was one, so I can't argue with people who call me that."

For those of you who did not watch *The Wonder Years*, maybe you know him as the grandson in *The Princess Bride*



Photo: Steve Fenn

or, an all time best, *Little Monsters*. He even started acting at age four, when he was in an advertisement for a hot dog commercial. In fact, he went to the audition just for something to do, never with any real attempt in trying to make it big. It just happened.

Savage, after *The Wonder Years* ended, took a break from acting. He attended Stanford where he majored in English with an "emphasis in creative writing."

He now directs a show on the Disney Channel *Phil of the Future*, and at one point, *Drake and Josh* on Nickelodeon.

Kevin fell in love with his next-door neighbor, Winnie, as Fred did in real life with Jennifer Stone Savage. They grew up together in Glencoe, outside of Chicago, but he moved away to L.A. for the production of *The Wonder Years*. They reconnected at his birthday party about 11 years later. They now have a son together and are happily married.

Although, very famous, Fred has not become blind-sighted by Hollywood. He knows that he was lucky as it was shown when he said, "Most kids have a favorite after-school hobby, but not every little leaguer becomes a professional baseball player. But I got to become a professional actor. I was really lucky."



Photo: Internet

WHAT KILLED *THE BLACK DAHLIA*?

Christine Ritchie

The film *The Black Dahlia* portrays the mystery behind a vicious murder. This film is based upon the novel written by James Ellroy. The movie stars Josh Hartnett, Aaron Eckhart, Scarlett Johansson, and Hilary Swank. It gives viewers an interesting look into the struggles of two cops, played by Hartnett and Eckhart, who are trying to solve a vicious murder.

The film shows the investigations of Dwight "Bucky" Bleichert (Hartnett) and Lee Blanchard (Eckhart). The two friends are trying to figure out who killed a young Hollywood starlet, Betty Short, also known as the Black Dahlia. Lee, who spends all of his time on this crime, ultimately jeopardizes his relationship with his wife, Kay (Johansson). Bucky's relationship with Kay provides a hurdle Lee must overcome at the same time. During the investigation, Bucky becomes involved with Madeleine (Swank) who he originally contacted about her ties to the murder. Her connection to Betty seems to have everyone involved with each other

and gives viewers shocking twists in the plot.

This movie is rated R for strong violence, some grisly images, sexual content and language. "Sexual content" seems to be an understatement. I was completely drawn in until a certain moment came. The actions the Dahlia took were completely inappropriate, and it was even more so to put them in the film. As Laura Ritchie, graduate of Bishop Kelly, who was watching the movie with me put it, "who cares what her life was like? She was murdered, gruesomely." I have to agree. The showing of lewd content took away what was really important in the story, anyway. That little bit of the film killed it.

In the end, I think some of the actors could have done better (Hartnett and Johansson), some could have toned down the acting (Eckhart and Swank), and some content could have been left out. It was interesting, though, to see the time and effort put into finding out who killed the Black Dahlia. Overall, the movie was okay. Not great, but okay.



Photo: Internet

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concerts

Who: Reel Big Fish with Streetlight Manifesto, Suburban Legends, and Westbound Train

When: November 7th, Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m.

Where: Big Easy Concert House, 8th Street

Tickets: \$16.00 in advance, \$18 at door, buy at any Ticketweb outlet

Who: Hinder, with 18 Visions

When: October 30th, Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Big Easy Concert House, 8th street

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Arielle Medina
Writer

Hi! My name is Arielle Medina, and I am a sophomore. In my free time I like to read, write (of course), and bake. I am on the JV volleyball team and I do track at the end of the year. When I "grow up" I want to go into prosthesis, and possibly write on the side.



Kathryn Richie
Lead Marketer

My name is Kathryn Richie and I have no writing talent. I have no idea how I got into this class, but when I saw that Carly York was in here too I decided to stay. Ean makes fun of me constantly and Chris calls me gutterbutter, so my self-esteem is pretty low. So, come up and talk to me in the halls sometime because that would make me feel pretty special.



Regan Flanagan
Photographer

Hello. My name is Regan. I enjoy going out with my pop and shooting wild animals. This past weekend I bagged an antelope. It has joined the other animals that are now hanging on my wall. I also appreciate the "art" of lacrosse. Beating up girls is my forté. This is my first year in Journalism, and so far it is pretty rad.



Ean Barry
Lead Designer
Thug Life

Vern Nelson
Advisor

My name is Vern Nelson and I am the new Journalism teacher and KnightBeat adviser. I am happy to be back at Bishop Kelly; I student taught for Mr. Brennan in American Government in 1998. Our KnightBeat staff is hard at work creating the very best student newspaper that we can, in keeping with the tradition of academic and student excellence here at BK!



Emma Leinberger
Editor

"This is how it works
You're young until you're not.
You love until you don't.
You try until you can't.
You laugh until you cry.
You cry until you laugh" -Regina Spektor



Anna Daly
Writer

Hello everyone! My name is Anna Marie Daly! I was born at St. Luke's hospital on January 23, 1990 room 227, 30 min after my twin brother Derek. In my spare time I enjoy writing deep poetry on the Beach, drinking pina colodas, (virgin of course), and also improving my radiant tan. Plus! I love running around in my HOT pink spandex and perfecting my mad dance skills. YUP! But most of all, I am dedicated to your Knight Beat Newspaper, because it's what I do!

Katie Talboy
Writer

Katie Talboy comin' at you live. Boise born and raised. My middle name be Ruth, I will only give you the truth. Writing is in my blood, I have my picture on the wall at Big Juds. I like ANTM and a pink lemonade sucker. Only love is what I give, call me a hugger. Hold up. Straight up. What up. Mr. Lover. K to the izo T to the izay. Rockin' the Knightbeat I will write some articles that will make you DIZZAY.



Hannah Gray
Writer

What up fools
HG is in the house
That ain't no mercury
Writing articles for the Beat
Make you jump outta your seat
Veronica "V" Mars is my home girl
Give me a holla
I'll give you a shout
You know I'm always rollin wit my crew
Stop to catch me riding dirty
I'm out



Christine Ritchie
Photographer

Hi. I am junior. I like cameras and Microsoft Word Processor. I am stealing the sophomores' pot o' gold. Don't come after me. I attend rock shows, and it is good. I hope to be a lazy English professor and do absolutely nothing. Peace out, playaaas.

Lindsay Woychick
Designer

What up?! What up?! What up?! It's yo' girl Lindsay Dub, Straight up from the B-O-I. You know which side, the Dre. Side, known as the West Side. I'm down wit' Project Runway and like to kick it with my posse while I drop some sweet beats...along with writing a few articles. Shreddin' the gnar is tight in the winter too. Peace.



Carly York
Designer

My interests include fashion, music, and current events. I also enjoy being with my friends; our activities usually include dance parties and pumpkin spice latte-driven outings, although passion tea is my preference. Speaking broken French is something I do quite well, and frequently exhibit this unusually useful talent. Journalism is another one of my biggest focuses right now, coming only after knitting socks and tea cozies.



Rachel Krause
Writer

Hey, I'm Rachel and I'm a sophomore. Someday, I'd like to become an author or write for my favorite newspaper, The Boise Weekly. I'd like to visit Prague someday and "czech" out the sights! Until then though, I'll just enjoy the simple high school days and make the most of them.



Chris Privon
Copy Editor

One story over the line, sweet Jesus
one story over the line
Sittin' down the hall at a journalism station
one story over the line.
Waitin' for the paper to come out, sweet Mary
Hopin' design is done on time
Sittin' down the hall at a journalism station



Sophie Sestero
Editor

I am a senior and I love writing; it is my passion! I love to do dares for money, and have been known to eat spoonfuls of Vegemite for this reason. I am going to be an Aunt soon and can hardly wait! If you have ever been cosmic bowling with me you know it can be quite illuminating. I can be very spontaneous but very conservative, and have walked up to complete strangers and asked their preference on stripes or polka dots. That is an entirely different story though. Speaking of stories, look for mine in features, because those are my favorites. I hope to help make this volume of the KnightBeat the best it has ever been. "I will write upon the pages of history what I want them to say" -Maya Angelou