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Brooks on Break: Spring Break in NYC



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Over spring break, three others and I ventured our way into the big NYC. It is nothing short of a different world.

Life moves at a faster pace in the city, and being "the city that never sleeps" it holds up to its name. For most of our trip we tried to blend in with the people and not seem so "touristy" as some of

the other people in Times Square. As I don't have enough time or reality space for this Torch article, I will just address one thing.

The people of NYC are known for being brash and crude. While you might experience this in the Financial District or Fashion District priorities are very set in stone, the majority of the places we traveled were all accompanied by helpful individuals.

Both the streets and subway can be confusing and somebody was there to help us most of



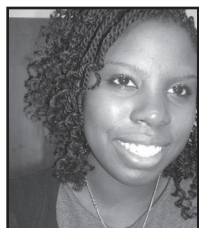
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(From left to right): Emily, Nathan, Kristian and Rachel.

the time. Overall, I felt the trip was a great success, being that none of us had ever been before. If you are considering a trip to NYC soon, I would sug-

gest it. It is an experience that soon won't be forgotten. If you need any ideas or suggestions of where to eat or lodge, just let me know.

Exploring Africa



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*Staff
Writer*

This spring break I was lucky enough to get to take a trip to Durban, South Africa. Durban is

the third largest city in South Africa, with a population of more than 4 million. It is also a major center of tourism due to the city's yearlong tropical climate and beautiful beaches. Durban is also the next host of the FIFA World Cup, and home of



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Nosse at Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium enjoying the Durban skyline.

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3rd Annual Brookstravaganza	4/9-4/11
New issue of The Torch!	4/9

Torch News:

There are only 2 issues of The Torch left this year, but it's not too late to contribute:

April 9: Deadline for submissions- 4/1

April 30: Deadline for submissions- 4/23

Send an e-mail to Brooks.Torch@gmail.com for more information before it's too late!

Graduating? Want to say your goodbyes? Want to leave some advice for underclassmen? Send it to The Torch and it will appear in the **April 30** issue!



PHOTO COURTESY OF NOSSE OVIENMHADA
Zebras at the Tala game park in Durban.

BREAK

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the new Moses Mabhida Soccer Stadium.

While there, I was lucky enough to mingle with some of the Zulu natives, and explore the unique African culture. My over-

all favorite part of the trip was going on a safari. It was amazing to take in God's creatures and to see wild animals in their native land. It's definitely a place to put on your travel list. Beaches, culture and sun. What more could you ask for?



Tenebrae

A Brooks College Passion Week Service
Wednesday, March 31st 9:00pm
Robbins Chapel

Moving. Powerful. Sacred.

I Will Play for Money!

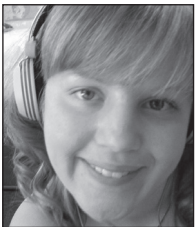
I am raising money for my mission trip to India this summer. So, I am willing to play my saxophone for you for whatever amount you would like to give (starting at \$1)! Song requests are welcome! Please email me at Alex_Tworkowski@baylor.edu if you would like me to serenade you.



Belize Mission Trip (photos by Max Herrera)



The Big Apple



Megan
Fitzgerald
*Staff
Writer*

For spring break this year, I was lucky enough

to go to New York City. My friend Michelle goes to school at Columbia, and her spring break was the week after Baylor's so I went to visit her with my friend Carolyn.

We did a lot of neat things there...like go to top of the Empire State

Building - which was so scary!! Also, we saw Jersey Boys on Broadway and went to Times Square and Rockefeller Center.

Columbia was so different than Baylor, and I started thinking how fun (but hard to concentrate on any homework!) it

would be to go to school in NYC.

Overall, my favorite part of the trip was all the eating, shopping, and catching up I got to do with my best friends.

Oh, and taking the subway was a fun experience too!!



They Give You Cookies in First Class



Matthew
Carrington
*Staff
Writer*

So, I don't know what you did for your spring break, but I certainly hope it was enjoyable. I know mine was.

I pretty much just sat around my house, walked my dog, played video games and a little backgammon—the works. While I was getting beaten by my mom in backgammon, you were probably touring Europe, taking a Jamaican cruise, camping in the Rockies, or maybe just driving from city to city with friends—or maybe not.

Although I may have had a rather docile spring break this year, only a year ago this time I was lavishing on a Royal Caribbean cruise, living it up, hopping from Miami to Puerto Rico to Saint Maarten. That's right.

Jealous? Thought so. But I have to say, aside from the tropical locales and pristine sea, my favorite part of that trip with my family began on the flight to Miami, Florida.

It was just terrible! For some reason I can't remember, economy was booked and they just had to move my family to first class. What a bummer! But, in all seriousness, did you know that they serve cookies in first class? And not just any cookies—warm, gooey, too-bad-so-sad-for-that-little-kid-in-economy-staring-at-you, chocolate chip cookies (sorry little kid in economy class, but you'll get your cookie someday)!

Do you know what else first class gets on a flight? First dibs on the drink cart. Mmmm, wherefore art thou apple cranberry juice? But it gets better!

As is typical, our hotel had a buffet, which my family ate at for breakfast. Nothing special there (Except for the waffles. Those waffles were uncannily

delicious!). But then, only a few hours later, we were aboard the Liberty of the Seas. I think they named it the Liberty of the Seas because once you were onboard, you were at liberty to eat whatever you wanted...whenever you wanted...however you wanted. I think I'm tearing up just writing about it!

There were multiple buffets and fine dining restaurants on board. When one wasn't open, you just went to another. At the fancy dinners, when you couldn't decide what to get for your main course, the waiter simply recommended both—how was I supposed to pass that up?

And above all else onboard, the crowning achievement of Royal Caribbean, the thing I miss the most is the cheese bar! A cheese bar! They had like fifty different kinds of cheeses and crackers. I still have withdrawals to this day.

It probably means

there's more than one thing wrong with you if the most memorable part of your cruise vacation was the cheese bar. But to each his own, right? So, the next time you get a chance to go on a Caribbean cruise or stay at a resort, don't be afraid to indulge in the small things—they'll probably be the most memorable!

If you went on vacation a long time ago, try to remember the tidbits that made it. If you just got back from vacation over break, don't tell me about it (I'm telling you, the withdrawals are serious business!). All joking aside, I hope you had a wonderfully relaxing spring break; if you didn't, find some time to chill this weekend and take a breather—you deserve it!

P.S. I really did enjoy beautiful creation while I was on that trip with my family, but it was made even more enjoyable with a full stomach! Happy traveling!

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO OUTSIDE IN GOOD WEATHER



Shannon
Moore
*Staff
Writer*

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| 1. Homework | 6. face painting |
| 2. Paint | 7. listen to music |
| 3. Write | 8. draw |
| 4. Take pictures | 9. knit |
| 5. blow bubbles | 10. nap |

The Best Trip



Ashley
Davis

*Staff
Writer*

The best trip I ever took was my graduation trip to Madrid, Spain. We (my family and I) spent ten, wonderful sun-drenched days there in the summer of 2008.

Life in Madrid is rather different than life in The Woodlands (the suburb North of Houston from which I hail). For one, Madrid is a city made for pedestrians. As such, it is not organized like an American city. Instead of shopping centers connected by stretches of road, there are impressively large plazas connected by stone streets.

Something about this layout makes the city, which is quite large; seem like one big, beautiful maze.

There's nothing quite like strolling the Plaza Mayor as the sun is setting and trying to figure out what you're going to have for dinner. No matter what you pick, it's going to be good (speaking

of food...there's nothing quite like having churros and hot dipping chocolate for breakfast for a week!).

Art is an extremely important part of Madrid, and there were more beautiful fountains and sculptures than I could possibly remember. And then of course, there is the world-famous Prado museum, which is so large that it cannot be properly covered at in one day.

There's something amazing about standing at the foot of a painting that you've read about in an art textbook and seeing it how beautiful it really is.

Madrid is full of history, and you can feel it in every wide-open plaza and worn stone building. It's quite humbling to realize that there were people standing where you are standing hundreds of years ago, and that people will be walking these same streets for years and years to come.

Some of the most beautiful and interesting sights I've ever seen were on side trips we took to the towns of Segovia, Avila and Toledo. A strikingly beautiful portion of the aqueducts built by Ro-



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mans thousands of years ago still stands in Segovia.

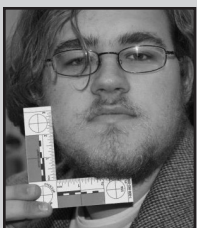
The view of entire town of Toledo from a bridge near the top of the mountain was so awe-inspiring that my family and I simply stared in wonder for silent minutes that seemed like hours.

And how will I ever forget visiting the Convento de Santa Teresa only to discover that St. Theresa of Avila's townspeople were so intent on preserving her relics that before

having to return her body (which they had stolen from the town where she died) that they cut off her finger and put it in a display case (it has an emerald ring on it and everything!)?

Although these 500 or so words can't possibly convey all of the interesting and wonderful things I did while I was in Spain, I can definitively say that my Madrid vacation was the best trip that I ever took.

RECIPE: CAKE MIX COOKIES



David
Howard
Jackson

*Staff
Writer*

1 egg, 5/12 cup oil (no joke), and one box of cake mix. Mix together in a bowl, kneading with clean hands. Then, make small balls about 1 inch in diameter. Set on a greased pan, and cook for exactly ten minutes at 350 degrees. IMMEDIATELY REMOVE FROM OVEN AT TEN MINUTES. Do not touch; let cool on pan. Once they have cooled, they are done. Eat, share, enjoy!

What's in a name?



Megan
Williams
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From day one we are called by a name that another person picked out for us. By definition, a name is "a word or phrase that constitutes the distinctive designation of a person or thing." Does that mean that at birth we are designated to be a certain person by our parents? Absolutely not. After all, fair Juliet once said that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" (Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*).

One of my personal favorite pastimes is practicing the art of giving out nicknames. When my brother and sister were young I dubbed them "Pete" and "Repeat." My sister, who is two years younger than my brother, and three at the time was christened "Repeat" due to her tendency to copy everything my brother

did. If John said, "I want to color," you could be sure that a pint-sized voice next to you would squeak, "I want to color!" If he asked, "Can I have a cookie?" she would echo "Can I have a cookie?" He would ask to eat off of a blue plate, and like the parrot that she was, she would make the same request. If only we had more than one blue plate.

Nicknames can also progress with time. John started out being called "Pete," but it was lengthened to "Petey Piranha" in elementary school when he began to dominate the world of video games. The character that John loved the most was an abnormally large plant with gnashing teeth, stubby legs, and despite his pea-sized brain he tends to defeat Mario on a fairly regular basis.

Later, when "Toy Story 2" came out John developed a deep respect for the character "Stinky Pete," which later became another moniker for him. "Stinky Pete" within the film spends his life as

a toy locked within his original wrapping, and at the end of the movie he learns the "true meaning of playtime" by getting a makeover by an ambitious young toddler. Since John spent most of his childhood with two sisters who constantly tried to give him makeovers (to no avail I might add), it is pretty easy to see how he sympathized with such a diabolical character.

As Easter approaches, let us take into account the many names of Jesus, and how they help us to understand Him better. Some scholars have found over 700 different titles for Jesus, including "the Alpha and the Omega," "Jehovah," "Yahweh," "Love," "Light of the World," "Light," "Redeemer," "the Word," and "the Way." These monikers tell us a lot about the identity of Christ, as does the fact that He held the power to change the names of His people. He changed Simon, whose name was derived from the Hebrew "Shim'on"

meaning "he has heard" to Peter of the Greek "Petros," meaning "stone." He also came to Mary and told her to name her son Jesus, because "he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). This brings us to the question, what is in a name? On the road to Golgotha Jesus was probably called many different names, many of them harsh, cruel, and unjustified. At the cross he was labeled with the title "Jesus King of the Jews," his identity sealed above his head for people to see as he died (Matthew 27:37).

As we enter the Easter season let us remember the identity of Christ, who gave his life so that we "could have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Regardless of whether you love your name or not, remember that a name is just a word of designation. The one label that never goes out of style or sounds silly on an adult or child is "Christian." The scent of that particular variety of rose never smelled so sweet.

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

If you're interested in meeting other great people, contributing to the community that supports you and making Brooks even better, why not stop by a committee meeting this week? You can join any time, so visit and find the one that fits you!

COMMUNITY AND TRADITIONS

- Tuesdays - 9:30 PM - Seminar Room -

ARTS AND ACADEMICS

- Every other Sunday - 4:30 PM - Library -

CAMPUS LIFE

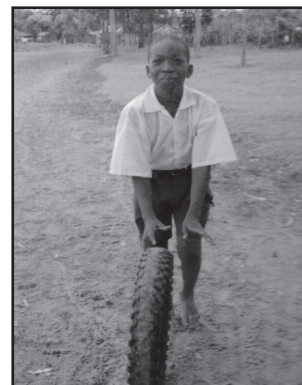
- Every other Monday - 9 PM - Seminar Room

SERVICE AND MINISTRY

- Mondays - 7 PM - Seminar Room

Help support Victor!

For the third year in a row, Brooks is sponsoring Victor Omondi, a Kenyan child and honorary Brooks member. Let's bless him and pray for him, as well as give to support him! Just a dollar every few weeks will really make a difference...but only if EVERYONE does it!



Need prayer?

The Brooks Prayer Team meets daily to pray for requests from the College and beyond. If you have a request, send an e-mail to BROOKSPRAYER@GMAIL.COM. Let us know how to pray! Also, if you are interested in joining, please do. The team is open to all.

For more information, e-mail us!

Famine and Foliage



Kyndall
Renfro
Chaplain

At my church there are a lot of windows. For the last several Sundays, I've sat in my pew pondering the interesting trend occurring on the other side of the glass.

If you look out the windows on the left, the trees

are mostly still gray and winter-barren. If you look out the windows on the right, most of the trees are already green and sprouting their spring leaves.

I'm not too knowledgeable in regards to botany, but I assume the green/gray contrast is a result of the specific types of trees that just so happen to grow on opposite sides of the church. Regardless of how the scene came to be, the created contrast captivates me.

I am reminded every week of the disparity between death and life, winter and spring, Lent and Easter, occupied crosses and empty tombs.

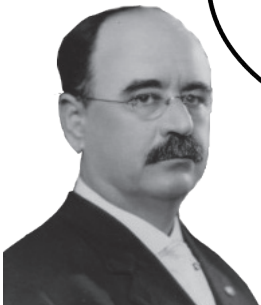
I am reminded of the cyclical patterns of life—the events that squelch our very life and the triumphs that defy death. Sometimes without even switching seats, we encounter the gut-wrenching and the heart-warming in the same breath.

One of my favorite

things about seasons—both in the weather and in the church—is the affirmation of death that brings life, drab that produces color, drought that brings rain. Also, I like the reminder that Winters are sacred too, not just Springs. Rugged crosses, songs in the minor key, tears of sorrow, desperation prayers, dark nights of the soul, somber hues, scars, ashes, and barren branches all have their place in the beauty of life.

Sammy says...

I miss you
guys...



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next issue!

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Winter depression

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Brooks: Express Yourself (Photos By Nick Batts)



Fine Arts **Forecast**



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iiiiiiiiiiiiit's recital season! This is the time of year when upperclassmen music majors have to give recitals, so there are student performances aplenty! Check out www.baylor.edu/music to find something you'd like! Or, if you have a friend whose recital you'd like to be listed here, let me know! There are also a bunch of anniversary celebrations of composers' birthdays going on, which always inspire tribute concerts.

As always, email me if you want an event to be in

the Forecast! Unless otherwise noted, all events listed here are at 7:30 pm in Jones Concert Hall (in the McCrary Music Building) and totally free of charge.

Baylor Theatre: MACBETH
When you hear "Macbeth", you should think, "epic", and you should want to go see it. Shows run through the end of this weekend (March 21). See [www.baylor.edu/theatre] for ticket information.

Waco Symphony Orchestra
WSO pulls out all the stops this time, folks - it's an orchestra concert with a laser light show and the presentation of the Symphony Belles and Brass. Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 in Waco Hall. Student tickets are \$5 at the door with your Baylor ID!!

J. S. Bach's 325th Birthday Celebration

School of Music faculty present an all-Bach concert in honor of the great composer. Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 pm in Jones Hall.

Concert Choir
"All That Hath Life and Breath... Sing!" featuring a performance of Schubert's Mass. Tuesday, March 23.

J. S. Bach's Magnificat
Ever wanted to attend a rockin' concert like the ones they use to have in 1733? Check out this concert on Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 in the Armstrong-Browning Library! The BU Chambers Singers and Early Music Ensemble team up to present one of Bach's great choral works.

Baylor Symphony Orchestra
"From Mongolia to La Mancha" - Presenting Richard Strauss' epic musical rendition of Don Quixote and a piece inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's

poem about Kublai Khan. Thursday, March 25.

Robert Schumann Bicentennial Recital
Keyboard students present a smattering of Schumann's piano music in memory of his birth year (1810). Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30 in Roxy Grove Hall (inside the Waco Hall building, to the right).

Conjunto Latinoamericano
Baylor students and faculty, specializing in Latin American music. Thursday, April 8.

Baylor ShowTime!
Friday, April 9 at 7:30 in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Call 710-1865 for ticket information.

Martin Museum of Art
Studio Art Faculty and Art Student Exhibition!! On display March 25 through April 14. See [www.baylor.edu/martinmuseum] for museum hours and other information.

It's all about Matt Damon



Sarai
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*Staff
Writer*

Oh my gosh. Ok, so I can pretty much sum up "Green Zone" in a short, simple sentence. Matt Damon went over to Iraq, he BEASTED EVERYONE, he got that intel, and he brought it back to the United States. It was such an amazing movie!

The plot was based on a book about the WMD scare and the decisions and results made about it.

Matt Damon was an officer in the army during this movie, and he started noticing that things were not quite right about the missions on which his troops were sent.

He figured out that the intel was bad, but the only one that would even consider helping was a CIA agent who wasn't in the best position to get much done. The movie goes on to explain the whole WMD situation and a crazy twist happens at the end of the movie, but Matt Damon's character ends up making everything right again. I completely recommend

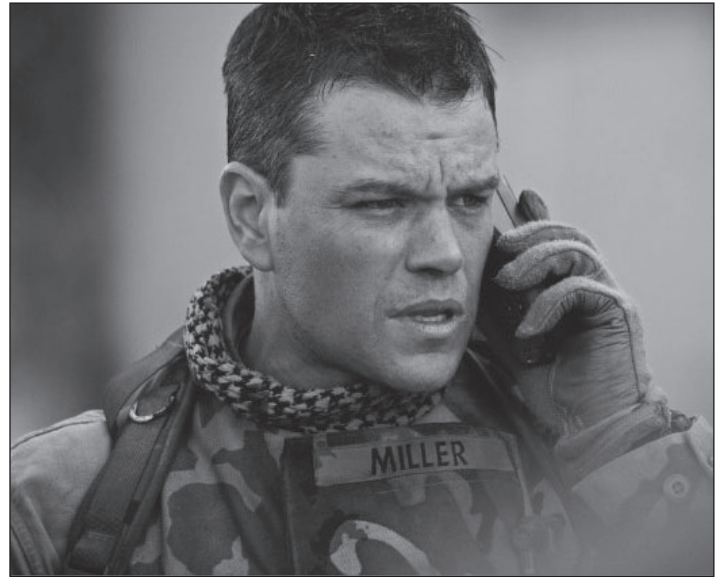


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this movie to everyone! 5 Brooks crests!



"Alice" does not live up to anticipation



Jennifer
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Writer*

A fairly anticipated movie of the year, "Alice in Wonderland" failed to capture my attention for the most part.

The story introduced Alice in her teen years about to be engaged to a strange man when she abruptly runs off before answering his proposal to fall into [WONDERLAND]. The whole movie was interesting but I didn't really care for how the characters were portrayed. I must admit I'm quite biased because I love Helena Bonham Carter, who played the Red Queen, so she will forever remain amazing

in my eyes (Oh yeah, she was the best character of that movie for sure!).

As for Johnny Depp, I thoroughly enjoy the roles that he chooses (the creepier the better, in my opinion) and we all know that Tim Burton has a thing for putting Depp in his films ("Charlie & the Chocolate Factory", "Corpse Bride", etc.) BUT frankly, I just didn't connect his role with the Mad Hatter I'm so fond of. When I say "I'm so fond of" I'm referring to the 1951 animated Alice in Wonderland. He was too dramatic in my opinion and he's supposed to be crazy/mad and overly-excited over everything. I'm just overall not a fan of his role in this film. But he tried. P.S note the lame dance that he does at the end. Okay this is a kid film, gotcha, buuut that

was really lame and totally ruined the cinematic moment that was happening in the background.

I also did NOT enjoy Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum and the Chesire Cat. First off, they're not stupid. The animated film made them look like eccentric men. This film made them appear like obese idiots. The Red Queen even refers to them as her "Fat Boys" in the film. They were just very "slow" throughout the entire movie. The Chesire Cat, in the animated, was very very mischievous and mysterious. He was awesome in that sense and for the most part he was a bit of a bother for Alice because he didn't really help. I didn't see that at all in this film. :/

I don't want to bash this movie because maybe I just wasn't alert to really

respect Burton's perspective, also maybe the movie follows the book more. In which case, I've never read the book, so ignore this whole review if that's the case. I loved the plot but I didn't love the acting. The cast was alright but nothing extraordinary. Although, I will note that I also enjoyed Alan Rickman (SNAPE!) as the caterpillar along with the Red Queen. :)

Many kids on facebook raved about how they loved the movie so who knows, maybe you'll love it too! I hope you enjoy the film more than I did though. Cheers to Tim Burton's new adaptation of Alice In Wonderland! I rate thee 3/5 - for plot ideas, costume designs, settings and some extra points for effort.

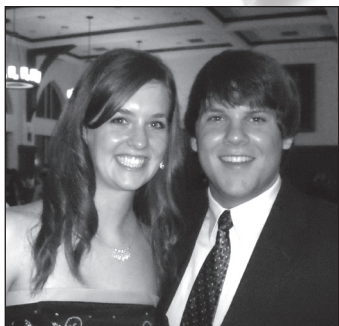


Get to know your Community Leaders!

CL Spotlight: Emily Phillips

FLOOR: 3D

YEAR: JUNIOR



1. WHAT IS YOUR DEGREE/ MAJOR/MINOR? BBA Accounting, Economics, and Baylor Business Fellows

2. WHAT IS YOUR HOME-TOWN? Aledo, TX

3. WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN? Baylor University Student Beta Alpha Psi, Uganda Mission Trip Planning Team, Harris Creek Baptist Church, Volunteer



Income Tax Assistant Program, Baylor Business Women, PAWS Program

4. WHAT ARE YOUR LIKES? Traveling, books of many

genres, deep conversations, reading blogs, following current events, Bible study, going to the movies, FroYo, economic development, Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Lattes, Broadway musicals, Lost, House, Law & Order SVU, Gilmore Girls, Baylor basketball, Mexican food, planning out my life, making lists, journaling, playing piano, going to concerts, Barnes and Noble dates with Daniel

5. WHAT ARE YOUR DIS-LIKES?

Chocolate, horror movies, unorganized professors, traffic, stress, most group projects, not having a plan

6. WHAT ARE SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT YOU?

I lived in Suriname, South America for a year in the 8th grade. I went to Uganda last May for an accounting mission trip with the business school, and I am going again this May. I was the flute

section leader for three years for the Aledo High School marching and concert band. Elisha Alvarado (other 3rd floor CL) and I traveled to Ecuador

together for six weeks a couple years ago and had a blast!

7. WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE AS A CL?

I want to make an impact for the Kingdom by building relationships with the girls on my hall and creating an environment that encourages them to build relationships with each other so that we can grow closer to Christ together and learn more about ourselves as we shape our lives and goals.

8. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BROOKS?

Brooks College had been my home in Waco for two years before I became a Community Leader. I have built many relationships and have learned so much about myself in this community that I wanted to be in a position that allows me to give back on a deeper level by encouraging both new and old members to get involved. I could not imagine living anywhere else.

9. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS AND AMBITIONS?

After I graduate with my Master's degree from



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Baylor's five year accounting program in 2011, I want to work for a "Big Four" international accounting firm for a few years. While working, I'd like to use my knowledge in economics to support business development projects in developing countries. After that, I may go to law school, but if the Lord gives me a family by that time, then I want to put work on hold to raise my kids. I have this plan in mind, but I know that God has His own plan for me, and I am so excited to see it unfold in my life!

10. WHAT IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THE CL EXPERIENCE?

The best part of being a CL is when my girls stop by just to catch up on life. I LOVE having one-on-one conversations with my girls and learning all about their backgrounds, testimonies, interests, goals, dreams, etc.

SPECIAL EDITION

Double feature: Dustin Williams

FLOOR: 3M

YEAR: SOPHOMORE



1. WHAT IS YOUR DEGREE/MAJOR/MINOR? I'm double majoring in Entrepreneurship and Marketing with a Not-For-Profit Emphasis.

2. WHAT IS YOUR HOMETOWN? Nashville, Tennessee.

3. WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN? Vertical Ministries, Antioch Community Church, Campus Living & Learning Student Advisory Board, Compassion International, Lifechurch.tv Digital Missions, Living Water International.

4. WHAT ARE YOUR LIKES?

God, photography, passionate people, providing clean water for the 1.1 billion people without it, camping, biking, releasing children from poverty, saving money/ being thrifty, Hillsong, Apple products, traveling, good conversation, worshipping God, nalgene bottles, cinnamon rolls, rejoicing in the grace and peace that only come from God, eating good food with friends.

5. WHAT ARE YOUR DISLIKES? Dishonesty, PC's, clutter, Americanized Christianity, cats, crowded spaces, apathy, fear, hot dogs.

6. WHAT ARE SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT YOU?

I was homeschooled from 6th grade through high school, my girlfriend goes to Furman University in South Carolina, I don't like waking up early, and I'm often late.

7. WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE AS A CL? My mission as a CL is to be a resource

for the men on my hall. Whether that is being a resource spiritually, academically, socially, etc., my goal is to be a mentor and friend to the guys on the 3rd floor. In the short time that I've been a CL, I've already developed awesome friendships and had some amazing conversations. I'm excited to see what the rest of the semester holds!

8. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BROOKS?

To put it simply- I didn't choose Brooks. Brooks chose me. I had no idea that I was going to live in Brooks until about 2 months before I moved in- I got the last male spot thanks to Dr. Frank Shushok. God had a plan for me to live in Brooks and it's been a blessing from Day 1. I know that my Baylor experience would have been totally different without being in this community, and I'm thankful for the relationships that God has brought my way.

9. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS AND AMBITIONS?

First and foremost, fol-



lowing God's will for my life is my highest dream and ambition. I believe that He's called me to work in third-world countries through business. I am also extremely passionate about kids; I believe God can work powerfully through the life of a child. Right now, I'm just trusting that God will lead me to the places He wants me to go in the present as well as in the future.

10. WHAT IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THE CL EXPERIENCE?

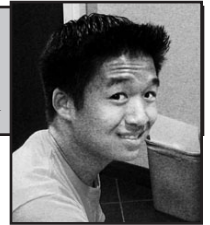
By far, having residents walk in my room and engage in random conversation is one of the best parts of the CL experience. Also, working the front desk. I had no idea how fun working the front desk was until I became a CL. It's really sweet to be able to talk to a lot of people that I don't always have a chance to talk to on a daily basis.



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How to:

... be antisocial following school holidays in order to avoid small talk...

How was spring break?

Step 1: Don't Bathe

Step 2:

Exercise a lot

Step 3: Only hang out with people you saw over spring break.

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we need to talk...

Caution: may cause breakups...

Step 4: wear the same clothes everyday.

Bonus: Sweatpants

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