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Ain't I A Woman! Comes to Brescia

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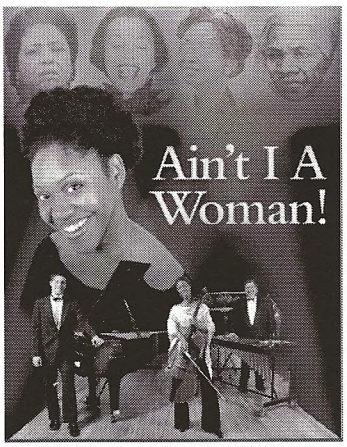
In honor of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), Brescia is hosting a performance of *Ain't I A Woman!* by The Core Ensemble. Sr. Cheryl Clemons, academic dean, said this is part of Brescia's five year strategic plan, which includes a goal to revive and enhance creative arts at Brescia.



The Core Ensemble and actress Taylore Mahogany Scott

The title of the production comes from a speech by Sojourner Truth, one of the historical figures featured in the production. "I think it is one of the most important speeches of American history," Sr. Cheryl said, "because she explicitly pointed out the interconnection between discrimination against African Americans, women, and the poor."

Sr. Cheryl said she was also drawn to this production because it encompasses many of the fine arts. The production features music, drama, literature, and painting. "It seems like a holistic expression of creative arts," she said.

By coming to this production, Sr. Cheryl said, "Students will learn

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Brescia Athletic Director Retiring

Tyler Edmunds
Sports Editor

Brescia Athletic Director Pat Mrozowski is planning to retire during the spring semester. He was hired at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

"I feel like it's the right time for me to hang it up," Mrozowski said. "Brescia is a great school, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to serve as the athletic director."

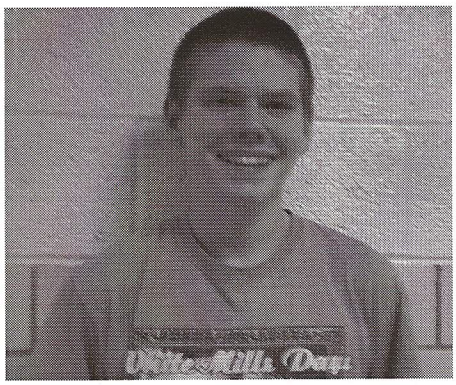
During Mrozowski's time at Brescia, he has been credited for updates to Kamuf Park, including the additions of the softball and baseball scoreboards, as well as helping rebuild the women's soccer program.

"I am very proud of all our athletic teams and their successes," Mrozowski said. "Not only have they succeeded on the playing field but in the classroom as well."

Brescia is searching for a new athletic director, and Mrozowski said he is willing to help any way he can. "As of now, my last day at Brescia is March 31, but that could change depending on how soon a new director is hired," he said. "I want to make sure the transition is smooth."

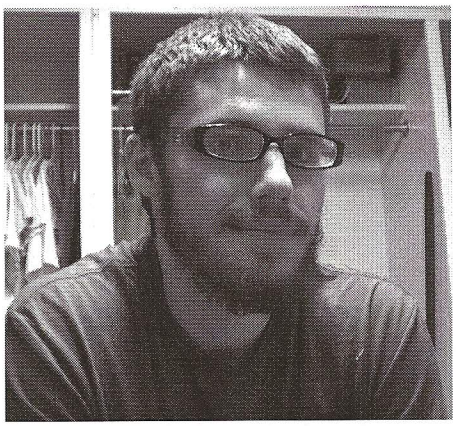
Mrozowski said this may not be his last semester with Brescia. "It's been rumored that Brescia is planning to offer a sports management major," he said. "If everything works out, I would love to come back and teach some of those classes."

Freshman Snapshots



Austin Curtis

What is your favorite classic gaming system?
Nintendo 64.
What wild animal would you want to have as a pet?
Tiger.
Coke or Pepsi?
Coke.



Jason Schwab

Least Favorite place to run?
On the road
Favorite holiday?
Halloween
Bounty or Brawny paper towels?
Brawny

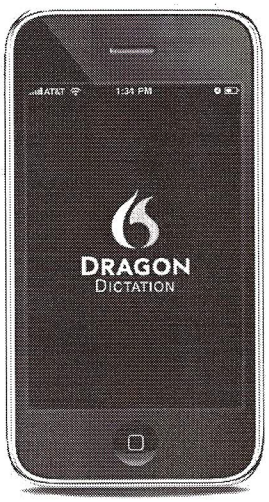
Best Apps for College Students

Lesley Henderson
Staff Reporter

Apps make our computers, smartphones, and tablets worth having. And while games and social networking types are among users' favorites, there are many that are overlooked that can make college and adult life easier to manage.

The problem with finding apps that fit user needs is that many people tend to stick to the featured apps on the platforms' respective market homepage. But oftentimes these apps are games or are related to some pop culture happenings, such as the Commemorative Super Bowl app that has graced the Apple App Store's front page lately.

Instead of sticking to the "New and Noteworthy" section, though, let's take a look at some great, useful apps for iOS, Android, and Mac/PC users.



8. Dragon Dictation

Class and Study Apps:

1. Graphing Calculator (iOS & Android)

This app, released by Appcylon LLC, for iOS*, is not only a graphing calculator but also a scientific calculator. Some notable features of this app are the multitasking support, the ability to view in portrait or landscape or landscape rotations, custom keyboard, and the ability to take and send screenshots of the graphs. Cost in the *App Store: $1.99*

*Note: The iOS version is listed under iPhone apps, but can be used on iPods and iPads as well.

The Android graphing calculator is known as Algeo Graphing Calculator, released by Marton Vegas. With this calculator, students can calculate derivatives, find intersections, and use a draw function. Cost in the Android Market: free.

2. Evernote (compatible with most devices, see Evernote.com/Evernote/ for all compatible devices)

This app has the ability to record audio, save photos, and clip articles from webpages and store everything in one place. One of the key features of Evernote, aside from its compatibility with nearly every device on the market, is that for each device the app is installed, everything can be accessed using one Evernote account. The only downside is the need for Internet access to use what's been stored. Cost: Free. If using a premium membership: $5/month or $45/year.

3. gFlash+ Flashcards and Tests (iOS & Android)

This app does exactly what it implies: students can create flashcards and quiz themselves. The flashcards can also be sent to others. There is no limit to the amount of cards that can be created. There is also support for multiple choice questions and the ability of audio and video clip inclusion. This would be especially helpful for vocabulary, such as in foreign language courses.

Cost: Free

There is an in-app purchase upgrade available that includes the ability to access more than 50 million set sources from StudyStack and Quizlet.

Cost: $3.99

4. Google Docs (Online)

As stated on the Overview of Google Docs page, "Google Docs is a suite of products that lets you create different kinds of online documents, work on them in real time with other people, and store your documents and your other files -- all online, and all for free." This suite includes Google Documents, Google Spreadsheet, Google Presentations, and Google Drawings. These products are basically online versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, but based solely online. These products are best used for group projects so that work is easily accessible online.

Cost: Free

5. Dropbox (PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, BlackBerry)

Dropbox is a cloud storage service

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about four extraordinary women. They will also learn that age, race, gender, lack of education (or other contemporary obstacles) do not have to stop you from making contributions to the world."

Another important aspect of this production is that it features people and events that have not been included in mainstream culture but have nevertheless made an impact on history, the arts, and social welfare, Sr. Cheryl said.

The four historical figures featured in the production are Zora Neale Hurston, Clementine Hunter, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Sojourner Truth. The Daviess County Public Library has created a display for this production spotlighting these individuals. It is located on the second floor of the public library.

Ain't I A Woman! is being co-sponsored by the Owensboro Human Relations Commission, H.L. Neblett Center, Girls Inc., Owensboro Rotary Club, Independence Bank, The Diocese of Owensboro, St. Agnes/St. Peter Parishes, Sacred Heart Parish, and Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Co. It will be held in Brescia's Taylor Lecture Hall on Sunday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m.

Out of Context Barrette Quotes

"My pants are going to fall off."

"Have sex in the bushes."

"We wouldn't have chocolate without syphillis."

"Let's burn somebody."

"Oh! What a misfortune to have no testicles."

"Everybody seems to be getting raped in one way or another."

GAME

Most Romantic V-day Gifts

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CHRIS BROWN CD
DEODORANT
HOME GYM
HOMEMADE COUPONS
JOAN OF ARC BIOGRAPHY
JUSTIN BEIBER'S HAIR
NIRVANA CD
PLASTIC SURGERY
ROGAINE
SMUTTY ROMANCE NOVELS
ST. VALENTINE'S MASSACRE
VENEREAL DISEASE

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that allows users to have one account across many devices, ensuring that what users sync is always accessible online. This works well for projects that require information to be sent to numerous people.

Cost: Free

6. myPocketProf (iOS & Android)

With this app, students can sync all class notes from formats such as Word documents, PDFs, PowerPoint, and even Excel right to their smartphones. The material synced to the phone can be accessed offline, making it possible to study anywhere, anytime. It is also possible to use this app to set up online courses, sell notes to other students working on the same subjects, and even donate notes to a public online library. This also offers a solution to advertising students' for-sale books because students have the ability to find and post ads for such things, meaning no need to send mass emails to everyone on campus.

Cost: Free

7. Dictionary.com (iOS, Android, & BlackBerry)

No one really wants to lug a giant dictionary to class every day, so why not keep one in your pocket? Download this app and you'll have the dictionary and thesaurus at your fingertips in your trusty electronic device.

Cost: Free

8. Dragon Dictation (iOS)

This app makes note-taking and remembering ideas easier by simply speaking into your device's microphone. It records what is being said and converts it into easy to read text. Be careful when using this app, though, because if the user is not speaking clearly, it may confuse words and come up with a nonsensical phrase.

Cost: Free

9. iStudiez Pro (iOS)

This is an organizer of grades, homework, deadlines, class schedules, and much more. The worry of losing the data contained within iStudiez is eliminated by the option to back up data to the user's email address. Courses and assignments can be organized by priority and by 'completed' or 'pending'. Alarms can be set up for classes and for assignment due dates, including the option for push notifications. Forgetting with this app would truly be a feat.

Cost: $2.99

10. Notability (iOS)

Notability is one of the best note-taking apps available on the market. It offers a plethora of features, including audio recording, insertion of photos, paper choices ranging from graph paper, lined paper, blank pages, or even polka-dotted stationary paper. The pen size and color can be customized, as can the font used when typing notes. Notes can be organized by class or date. Users have the ability to zoom in to add small side notes, using a magnifying glass icon to do so. Handwriting can be accomplished with the use of a finger or a stylus. Everything recorded with Notability is available offline.

Price: $4.99 (but can sometimes be found on sale for $0.99).

COLUMNS

This Week in History: Feb 13 - Feb 19

Staff Report

Feb 13

1920 - The National Negro Baseball League was organized.

1996 - World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat the IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue" in Philadelphia, PA.

Feb 14

1876 - Alexander Graham Bell filed an application for a patent for the telephone. It was officially issued on March 7, 1876.

1983 - A 6-year-old boy became the first person to receive heart and liver transplants in the same operation.

Feb 15

1879 - U.S. President Hayes signed a bill that allowed female attorneys to argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

1953 - The first American to win the women's world figure skating championship was 17-year-old Tenley Albright.

Feb 16

1857 - The National Deaf Mute College was incorporated in Washington, DC. It was the first school in the world for advanced education of the deaf. The school was later renamed Gallaudet College.

1989 - Investigators in Lockerbie, Scotland, announced that a bomb hidden inside a radio-cassette player was the reason that Pan Am Flight 103 was brought down the previous December. All 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground were killed.

Feb 17

1801 - The U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. Jefferson was elected president, and Burr became vice president.

1996 - World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat the IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue" in Philadelphia, PA.

Feb 18

1930 - The planet Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh. The discovery was made as a result of photographs taken in January 1930.

2001 - NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt, Sr., was killed in a crash during the Daytona 500 race.

Feb 19

1881 - Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.

1987 - A controversial, anti-smoking public service announcement aired for the first time on television. Yul Brynner filmed the ad shortly before dying of lung cancer, and he made it clear in the ad that he would have died from cigarette smoking before the ad aired.

Valentine's Poem

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I've loved no other girl
more than I love you
I get so excited,
I have nervous fits.
Oh! How I admire your double D
battery collection.
Your eyes are saphires
your lips ruby red.
I love it when you're giving me
hugs.
The way you walk
and the way you talk
the way you stimulate my
blood-engorged heart.
I love you

Hearts, Chocolates, and Bears, Oh My!

Emily Fabrizio
Staff Reporter

It's Valentine's Day again.

Hearts are displayed everywhere.

Some guy in a toga flies around and shoots arrows that make people fall in love.

It's fantastic! Who wouldn't love this holiday?

Maybe me.

It's not because I don't have someone to share it with but because this day has made so many people materialistic. Back in elementary school, I felt obligated to buy cards for my class because of the time slots made for distributing cards. We tried to get the best cartoon characters or the one with the most sparkles. We argued over who got the best candies. We counted how many cards we got because we were cool if we got "x" amount. It was a competition.

February 14 has initiated romantic clichés everywhere and become a day for marketing propaganda rather than a day to celebrate having a significant other. Except for that, it's just like any other day.

Most people I know cheer if they have a valentine. They boast about extravagant gifts they got from their beau. If they don't like what they got, they become blue.

You don't have a valentine? Maybe you're better off.

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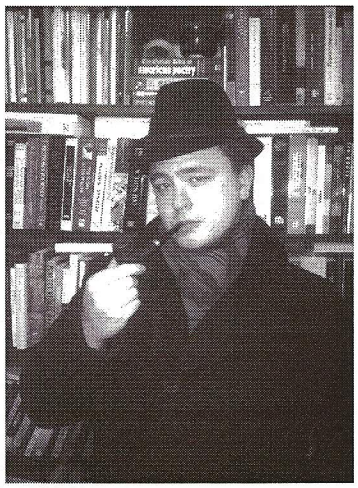
Dr. Love, Ph.D.



Dear Dr. Love,

It's that time of the year, Doctor Love, and I'm feeling a little down. I know Valentine's Day is a commercial holiday invented by Russell Stover, DeBeers, and Flowers.com, but this will be the seventh year in a row that I won't have a valentine. And it's getting to me.

I don't care about not having someone to buy me overpriced chocolate, useless ursine plush-toys, and the various asinine accessories that lush Jared peddles. That stuff is for the birds. It's just that it would be nice to have someone care about what I'm doing on the weekends, someone with a better sense of fashion to pick clothes out for me, someone who likes my goofball sense of humor and thinks I'm cool anyway, someone to share laughs and wine with, someone to watch *Casablanca* with. Just someone.

So I guess I'm asking if it's okay to feel a little sad around Valentine's Day even though I know it's just a silly holiday. What say you, Doc?

Sincerely,

Lonely in Lechner

Dearest LL,

Humans want love, so no, it isn't silly to feel sad on Valentine's day. That's the simple answer.

I'm impressed with your awareness of your own situation, LL. Most people are on the extremes of the spectrum: bitter, lonely girls who put their faith in an idiot with nice abs, and cynical guys who have been jaded by one too many cheerleaders. Both will bemoan Valentine's Day by saying they don't care and the holiday itself is stupid, but they're lying just a little bit. Sure, their opinions are logical.

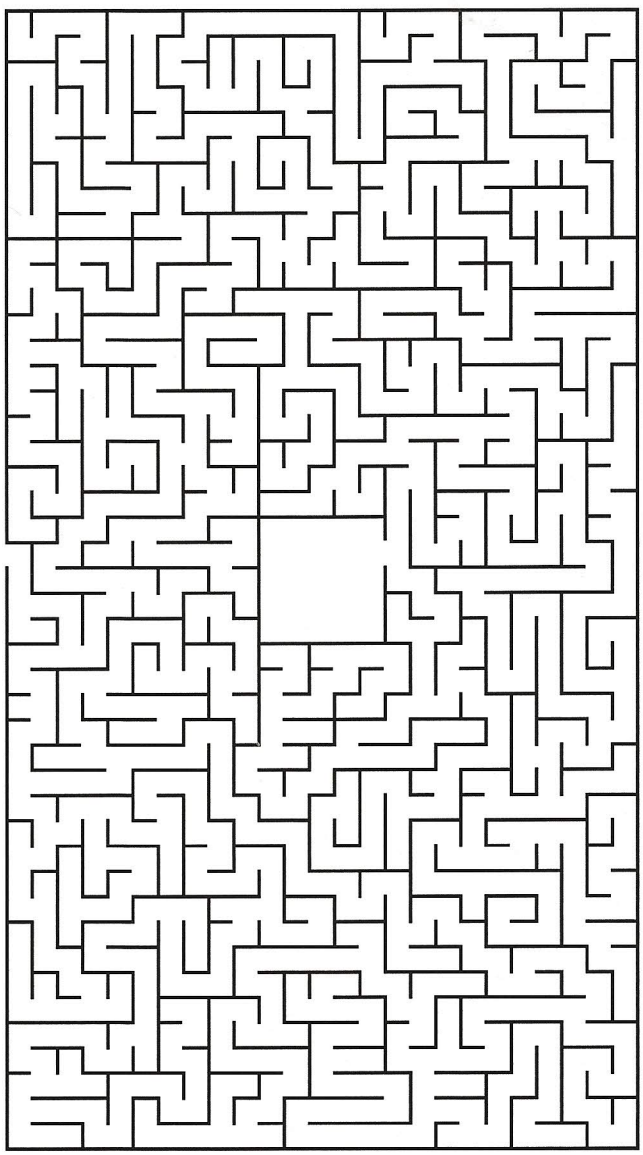
Having one day a year where guys spend a week's salary on empty symbols of love and girls buy things they want their lover to wear is ludicrous. But we all wish for someone who thinks about us long enough to shell out $20 for flowers and nasty coconut candies, don't we? Someone to quote Bogart and Bergman with? I think so.

We all want love, and Valentine's Day is just a cruel and silly reminder of our loneliness. But life is sweet, LL. And so is Ben and Jerry's Chunky Monkey. Can you say sweats and *Lifetime*?

Best Wishes,

Dr. Love, Ph.D.

If you have a problem with your love life and need solid advice from an expert, or if your significant other is growing increasingly manatees, email Dr. Love at broadcast@brescia.edu or leave a completely anonymous note in the *Broadcast's* mailbox in the mail room.



HOROSCOPES

V-Day Sorrow-Scopes

Jake Davis
Co-Editor

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Valentine's Day is your favorite holiday of the year, not because of the flowers and candy and lovey dovey crap, but because of the day after. That's right. You're quite the sucker for 75% off Valentine's candy. So remember that eating six pounds of pure milk chocolate will fix a broken heart but will expand a single tummy.

Celeb-Valentine: Jimmy Smits/Allison Janney

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

When your girlfriend tells you she just wants to stay at home and order takeout and that she doesn't want any gifts for Valentine's Day, you can believe her. Order some Chinese, rent a crappy Katherine Heigl movie from Redbox, and don't get her anything other than a night with her sweetie. Don't forget to buy tissues and football pads though, because she is going to be a crying blubbering mess because "you just don't care enough" and will proceed to beat the hell out of you.

Celeb-Valentine: Justin Bieber/Selena Gomez

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

SAPB is sponsoring Single's Awareness Day by hosting a video game night in the dining hall. This is the perfect opportunity for you to get out of your sad, lonely head and spend Valentine's Day with others having fun. However, I caution you against playing games like *Mario, Zelda,* or *Ms. Pac Man*. It may sound absurd, but under the intense emotional influence of Valentine's Day, these women may appear more attractive than usual to you and will cause you to feel even more lonely.

Celeb Valentine: Princess Peach/Crash Bandicoot

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Reach out to those around you who may be feeling a little sad this week. Everyone is fighting a fierce BATTLE within himself or herself. So be nice and offer them a helping hand or listening ear or understanding shin or sympathetic jowl.

Celeb-Valentine: Seth Rogen/Leslie Mann

Gemini: May 21 - Jun 20

Have some free time this week? Go to Hobby Lobby and buy some construction paper, glitter, glue sticks, zig-zaggy scissors, and some other assorted craft supplies. Then give them to a six-year-old and let him or her have at it. After you've dumped the thought-that-counts accoutrements, head to the BR and drink yourself blind. Call a cab, though!

Celeb Valentine: Kim Kardashian/Chris Christie

Cancer: Jun 21 - Jul 22

You'll be surprised this week when the boy you like comes into the dining hall carrying roses and a box of chocolates. Your heart will skip a beat as he walks straight in your direction. A euphoric feeling will lift your spirits to new heights as he nears your table. Of course, he will not give those gifts to you. They're for that girl at the table behind you. So it goes.

Celeb Valentine: Daniel Radcliff/Maggie Smith

Leo: Jul 23 - Aug 22

Go to Fazoli's for a romantic dinner since you can't afford Olive Garden. Make sure to ask for more breadsticks before you get your to-go box. Be sneaky about it, though. They don't really care, but it'd be fun to be all cloak and dagger about it. Wear a trench coat. Just a trench coat. ;)

Celeb Valentine: Gerard Butler/Geraldine Ferraro

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sep 22

You'll smoke so much weed and k-2 this week that you won't even remember that it's Valentine's time. You are ri-gottdang-diculous.Idiot. *Celeb Valentine: Bob Marley/ "Stoner"Miley Cyrus*

Libra: Sep 23 - Oct 22

Don't have a Valentine? No problem! Valentine's night, go around to all the nice restaurants and tell them you are a crazy polygamist religious cult and you have a party of 22 coming in for dinner with no reservation and watch them panic. Don't forget to ask if loud praying and jazzercise are frowned upon.

Celeb Valentine: Ryan Reynolds/chick from all the Scary Movies

Scorpio: Oct 23 - Nov 21

Once upon a time you were falling in love. Now you're only falling apart. Nothing left to do but totally dig your keys into the side of his pretty little suped up four wheel drive. You'll have to deviate from the classic Carrie Underwood song, though, due to his having fabric seats instead of leather ones. I suggest pouring opossum urine all over the cab.

Celeb Valentine: Tony Romo /Jessica Simpson

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Your week's gonna suck. You'll probably be in some sort of wreck or something. If not that, I bet when you go to Arby's and order a soda they give you watery Diet Mountain Dew instead of whatever you ordered. Oh, and there will probably be an onion ring crispy in your curly fries. Sucks to be you.

Celeb Valentine: The hot dude from True Blood/ *the pasty chick from* True Blood

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

You and your Valentine will watch *Finding Nemo* this week. Be sure to remember that fish are friends, not something that is slaughtered, gutted, scaled, battered, fried, and eaten by Catholics on Fridays.

Celeb Valentine: John the Baptist/Joan Rivers' ghost.

Recent Sports Scores

Women's Basketball
Feb. 7
Brescia 61
Indiana University Southeast 75

Men's Basketball
Feb. 7
Brescia 50
Indiana University Southeast 75

SPORTS-COLUMN

Lady Bearcats Fall to IU Southeast

Tyler Edmunds
Sports Editor

The Lady Bearcats lost to Indiana University Southeast on February 7, 75 to 61. The loss pushes the team's record to 10 and 16, and two and five in conference play.

The Lady Bearcats jumped ahead early, leading 33 to 30 at halftime. However, they were not able to hold the lead as they were outscored in the second half 45 to 28. The team shot 22 of 55 from the field, 13 of 17 from the free-throw line, and four of 17 from three-point range, and had 37 rebounds with 19 turnovers.

Sophomore guard Demi Wendt led the Lady Bearcats with 24 points (4-7 from three-point range), three rebounds, and two assists. Sophomore center Olivia Moore contributed with 21 points, 11 rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

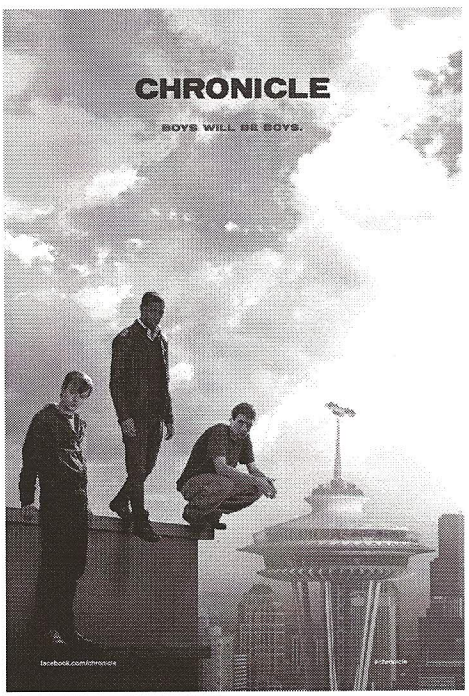
The Lady Bearcats return to action on February 11 at Midway College.

Movie Review: Chronicle

Matt Lasley
Assistant Editor

Chronicle may be the best simultaneously superhero/action-thriller and teen drama ever put to film. The movie unflinchingly tackles its subject matter which, as is often the case with adolescence, ranges from horrific to exhilarating to painfully awkward.

Employing the (in)famous found-footage technique—as seen in movies like *Cloverfield*, *The Blair Witch Project*, and *Paranormal Activity*—*Chronicle* plays out like the characters' video diary entries, and the technique is especially effective here. Started by high school senior Andrew (played by the excellent Dane DeHaan), the video recording serves as a way for Andrew to "chronicle" his abuse at the hands of bullies and his alcoholic father and try to understand and separate himself from his torment.



Chronicle movie poster

After attending a party, Andrew, with his cousin Matt (Alex Russell) and their friend Steve (Michael Jordan—not the basketball player) stumble across a mysterious hole in the ground. They venture inside, black out, and wake up with telekinesis. As you can imagine, problems arise, but you will hear nothing about them from me. All I will say is that after the action has progressed to its breaking point, the film arrives at its logical, moving conclusion.

With a clever and insightful script by Max Landis, the brilliant direction by Josh Trank, and a superb cast, *Chronicle* transcends mere comic book blockbuster into something legitimately dramatic, touching and, best of all, original. Don't miss it.

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Sports Calendar

Women's Basketball
2/16 @ Midway
2/18 @ Berea

Men's Basketball
2/14 @ IU-Northwest
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AFTER HOURS

Friends Everywhere

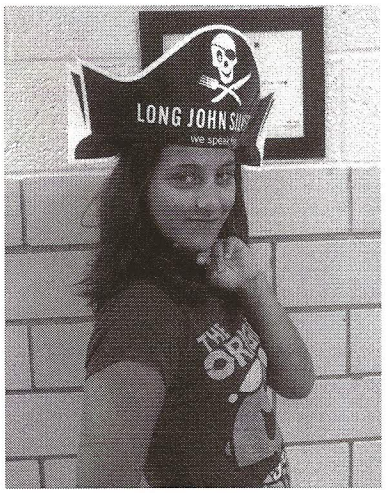
by Destiny Debroy

The summer of my fifth grade year, my mom told me we would be moving to New Haven, which is in Nelson County, after I graduated fifth grade. I was devastated and heartbroken because I was comfortable living in Louisville. I had the same friends since first grade, and my immediate family lived in Louisville. I didn't want to be uprooted from what I already knew.

When I moved to New Haven, it was a culture shock. New Haven was like a ghost town after dark since all the stores closed at nine. My family and I did our shopping in Bardstown, which is thirty minutes from New Haven. Bardstown had a Wal-Mart, a Kroger, a few convenience stores, and some fast food restaurants. It did not, however, have a mall.

A few months after moving to New Haven, I became depressed because I missed my friends back home in Louisville, and I missed everything that Louisville had to offer. Sometimes my mom and step-dad would have arguments, and she would threaten to leave and return to Louisville. I would get my hopes up because I missed life in Louisville, but we never went back.

I was emotionally sensitive as a teenager, and therefore I was the target for bullies. One girl called me names and harassed me for a year during sixth grade, and I never stood up for myself against her. I would talk to my guidance counselor about it, or I would tell my mom and she would talk to the principal. I told my mom I wanted to move back to Louisville because living in New Haven wasn't working out for me. She convinced me that the next school year I would be a new student and would probably get bullied just as bad. She asked me to stick it out until my freshman year of high school, then she would allow me to move, and I agreed.



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Two years went by fast, and during my eighth grade year, my mom and I started making arrangements for me to move in with my dad the next year. My dad and I looked at high schools, and I was excited to get accepted into Pleasure Ridge Park because all my friends from elementary school would be attending there, and I was looking forward to being reunited with them.

My eighth grade year flew by, and suddenly I was sitting in the auditorium wearing my cap and gown. I was sad that I was leaving the few friends behind that I did have in New Haven, but at the same time I was looking forward to starting high school in Louisville. I moved in with my dad two weeks before school started in Louisville. However, my happiness was short lived when my mom found out that my dad and his wife were separated and my dad had lost his job. My mom and step-dad decided I would be better off living with them in New Haven, so I was forced to move back in with them, and my dad couldn't take it to court since he couldn't afford a lawyer.

My first day of high school at Nelson County High, I was bitter. I didn't want to be there; I wanted to be in Louisville. My mom had promised me three years prior that I could move in with my dad when I started high school, and I felt as though I had been betrayed. She was also angry at my dad and would often take it out on me.

I soon realized I wasn't going to be able to go back to Louisville, though, so I made the best of my situation. I made some more friends at Nelson County High, and I became involved in the Drama Club, and I joined the tennis team. When I was involved at school, I found that I met people I could relate to, and I felt more at ease about not being in Louisville. After my first year of high school, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed being at Nelson County. If my mom hadn't made me move back in with her, I probably wouldn't have met the nice people that I did.

I contemplated moving back to Louisville during my senior year of high school, since I would be eighteen, but I decided against it. I had gotten used to being where I was, and I didn't want to uproot from what I knew. My senior year of high school, I had my first job, and my circle of friends grew even more. When graduation day came, I reflected on my high school years and realized that everything happens for a reason, and being at Nelson County High was meant to be. I was also glad that I didn't go to school in Louisville because I heard that there was a lot of violence in the schools and the test scores were dropping.

I realized that you are probably not always going to live in the same place that you were born in, and I am glad that I did because I was better prepared for moving to Owensboro for college. My friends who were leaving to go to college for the first time were nervous about leaving a home that they had known all their life. I, on the other hand, already knew what to expect since I had done it before. I had hoped that the friends I made when I was younger would be my friends forever, but since I have lived in New Haven and Owensboro, I now have friends in many places.