

BBR: to unify or not to unify?

BY ADAM BEYER & SU CHO

Beall and Bryan residents may have noticed that this year their access passes do not work on each other's halls as they did last year. This change may also be surprising considering Student Government's efforts last year to unify Beall, Bryan and Reynolds.

Government dorm senators gathered data from their dorms and compiled data to present to the administration. According to the data, last year 81% of Beall residents, 87% of Bryan residents and 75% of Reynolds residents supported complete BBR unification.

However, this effort was

This was the similar sentiment found last year, as the administration alluded that 100% approval of BBR unification would have given the data needed to connect the three girls' dorms.

According to Rick Hess, Director of Campus Resources and Security, most halls have

years however, Beall and Bryan residents have had interchangeable access to each other's halls. "This year I was very surprised to find out that I could no longer get on to Beall halls" said 2nd Bryan resident Senior Elisabeth Parker.

Student government is planning on pursuing this project this year to allow girls from the Beall, Bryan, and Reynolds to access pass into each others' dorms.

"There has been a proposed plan to reunify Beall and Bryan after they were separated after last year because they are so close to each other, it seems useful to have them united and for safety issues etc." said Student Government Senior Senator Sahana Raghunathan.

Many believe that the unification of BBR halls would provide for a more collaborative community.

"BBR unification means that we are a cohesive community because we would all have access to the same resources (lounges, kitchens) and would be able to connect with one another in a wider variety of locations (not just neutral areas like Blobby)," said Parker.

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committee and Director of State Relations Madeline Finnegan is chair of the committee on Access and Affordability.

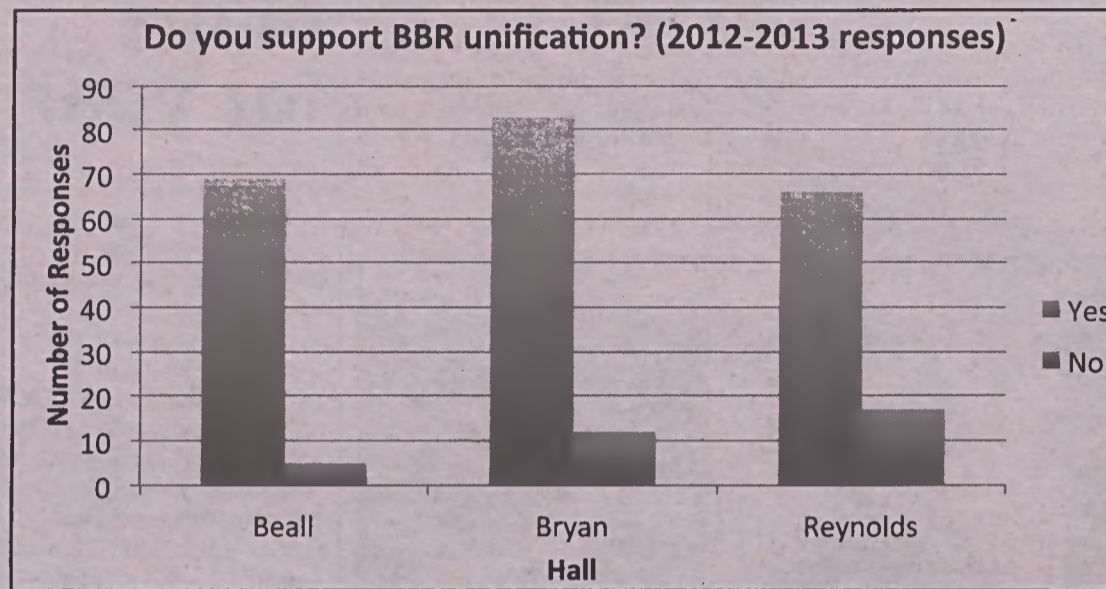
In addition, Allan Jiang, Co-Director of NCSSM's SG IT, became the new Director of IT for ASG. This position allows Jiang to work with ASG's Director of Communications to create a website so people can view ASG legislation, news, and members.

Furthermore, Jiang is working on creating an electronic sign-out system that will be easier and utilized than the current method.

Student Government is also planning to have a Lock-In once each trimester. For those who are unfamiliar with what they are, Lock-Ins provide a time where the entire Student Body is invited to come together and participate in various activities ranging from volleyball tournaments to card games and movie screenings after check.

These Lock-Ins are designed to promote Student Government's H.E.A.R.T. initiative. H.E.A.R.T. stands for Honesty, Empathy, Accountability, Respect and Responsibility, and Tolerance.

With newly elected Junior Senators and upcoming Dorm Senator Elections, Student Government plans to advocate for the Student Body in an efficient and effective manner.



Courtesy of Jungsu Hong

"I definitely feel BBR access passes should be unified because all of the girl halls in the main buildings are extremely similar. The only difference is the way the halls are oriented," said Senior Anushri Adhia who has lived on both Bryan and Reynolds.

Last year, Student

not successful, as the data was presented when various incidents of theft occurred on campus. Administrators raised the concern of theft as a reason Beall, Bryan, and Reynolds should not be unified.

"We want to be a trusted environment," said Director of Student Services Kevin Cromwell.

only recently been granted access to the entire building.

For example, a 1C2C1D resident would only have access to the three Reynolds subhalls. Hunt was divided into East and West sides for access purposes and was only unified two years ago after a long push by students.

For the past several

Staff members share memories of 9/11/2001

BY SARAH COLBERT

On Sept. 11, 2001, over 3,000 people died in the terror attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The tragedy is only vaguely remembered by current students' generation because most were in kindergarten, but for those who witnessed it and experienced the nationwide shock and devastation, the day marks a significant change in the U.S..

Science Lab Manager Sandi Payne remembers watching the news the day of the attacks with her son.

"We were just watching TV and my husband called and said something had happened in New York. I saw the two towers up...then I only noticed one. I thought it was just the camera angle. I kept looking for it. Then I realized it was gone. Then I saw the second building fall and an explosion," Payne recalled.

Yet, the experience had an even more profound impact on her son. "He said, 'I have to do something about this.' I saw him grow up—I had never seen someone just grow up in front of me. It was so surreal, so life-changing. My son decided to join the army that day."

Her son served for eight

years, including some time in Korea, a year in Iraq, and a year in Afghanistan.

"I remember going back to work and how upset people were. We had never witnessed anything like that on American soil," Payne said.

Kim Monahan, Instructor of Biology, remembers the day well because of her personal ties to New York. At the time, her father worked only five blocks from the World Trade Center. Monahan was 19 years old, a sophomore in college.

"I was on my way to an

"He said, 'I have to do something about this.'"
- Sandi Payne

advisee meeting for my second semester when I saw the plane crash story on TV. I called my dad before I left, but he didn't answer so I left a message. My dad, brother, and I didn't have cell phones at the time," Monahan explained. "I didn't really know what was going on until I got to my advisee meeting, where I was told about the second crash."

Her brother was a junior in high school in New Jersey

at the time. She did not hear from him until late morning. He had also been unable to reach her father.

"I was just focused on getting in contact with my dad. I kept thinking, 'Is this real? Did I just lose my dad?'" Monahan recalled. "I didn't hear from him until 10:00 that night. He had spent over 12 hours detained in the Port Authority because Manhattan was on lockdown."

When he heard the first plane crash, his initial reaction was, "What was that?" It wasn't until the second plane crashed that he became aware that something was very wrong. His building was evacuated.

"He started walking uptown. Everything was covered in debris. As he was walking, he saw people jumping."

In the summer of 2002, Monahan and her father went to the sight of the 9/11 memorial. It was unfinished at the time, and the debris was still being cleaned up. "Have you seen this person?" signs were plastered everywhere.

Within a year of the attacks, Payne too traveled with her family to the sight. She compared it to a hole.

Sept. 11, 2001 marked the day that, according to Monahan, "Everything changed."

SLI helps the homeless through picnic

BY HANNAH WALRATH

As the faculty sponsor for the UNI's Fighting Hunger Club, SLI Sue Anne Lewis keeps up with the work of others who are fighting hunger in the community. Several weeks ago, she stumbled upon a blog post from Love Wins that described an unusual Saturday in Moore Square in Raleigh.

This particular morning, three officers from the Raleigh Police Department approached the ministry to inform them that they were not allowed to distribute food without a hard-to-get permit or they would be arrested.

For the past six years, Love Wins Ministries has spent every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. along the sidewalk surrounding Moore Square in Raleigh providing coffee and other breakfast items to anyone that wants some. This was done without obligation and without charge for those that chose to take part.

A police officer present said, "[the city] probably wouldn't approve anyways". Love Wins Ministries believed that serving on the sidewalk was not a problem.

They were not allowed to serve any more food that day or at any time in the future without a permit.

Moore Square, established in 1792, is the last of the four squares of Raleigh to retain its purpose of being a large communal green space. The city of Raleigh has begun to initiate a revitalization project for this area.

"Over the past few months, the city of Raleigh has started to do things to 'reclaim' Moore Square, including to push out the homeless," said Lewis.

She and a few friends decided that they wanted to take action by hosting what Lewis calls a Picnic in the Park.

"We want the folks in Moore Square to know that we value them and that we want to create a community in the park where all walks of life can sit down and share a meal together," said Lewis.

The first Picnic in the Park was held Aug. 31. Those who participated brought food, not only for themselves, but, for anyone that wanted to join us.

"Yes, there were some who asked for water or fruit and left, but many said, 'I haven't been to a picnic in years,' and joined us for a few minutes to an hour sharing stories about life," said Lewis.

Another Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Sept. 21, from 12:00-2:00 in Moore Square.