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WEATHER

TODAY: Isolated T-Storms. Low 56, High 74.

Thursday: Sunny. Low 59, High 81.

Friday: Partly Cloudy. Low 59, High 82.

Saturday: Isolated T-Storms. Low 59, High 75.

Sunday: T-Showers. Low 59, High 76.

Monday: Scattered T-Storms. Low 58, High 76.

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. Low 57, High 79.

Source: www.weather.com
Information retrieved Tues.
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New Bathtub Ring Members

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The senior class of 2008 Bathtub Ring (BTR) has selected new members from their Lil Sis sophomore class of 2010. Tryout practices were held March 16-18 in Jones Chapel, and the final auditions were on the night of March 19, 2008. "We had a great turnout for auditions—about 20 sophomores tried out. They went great; the Class of 2010 is full of talented women," Shannon Walsh (Zeke) said. "While we were happy to see so many wonderful singers come out, it made our decision even harder!"

After a five-hour night of final auditions and filtering through so much talent, BTR was able to narrow it down to five girls. The new members are Sherri Alston (Otis), Carol Boiter (Ralph), Christina Emerson (Rufus), Christin Kubasko (Ethel Sue) and Meghan Laurin (Zeke). "It was tough, there was a lot of talent," expressed Jill Guyton (Rufus).

The new members will be referred to as Ring Around the Tub (RATT) until BTR graduates in May. "We choose the new BTR members based on both talent and personality. However, we watch the girls to see how they interact, not just with the audience but also with each other," says Jill Palchinsky (Ralph). "Some people who didn't make the group have great voices and should continue to pursue singing. A lot of people stood out as great solo performers more than group performers," added Heather Allen (Otis).

The name selection process was based on a personality match between RATT and BTR. For each name there are characteristics that reflect that person's role in the group. "The names are handed down by the big sis BTR. Since I am Rufus, after the new BTR was chosen, I looked at who could represent Rufus the best," Guyton explained.

The original BTR began with just three

women of the class of 1970. As in any blue grass band there is a woman's voice, Ethel Sue, and a melody and alto part, Ralph and Otis. Zeke was later added as an additional alto voice and Rufus brings in more melody and humor.

Being part of a 38 year old tradition is something that all the members have deeply enjoyed. "I feel very lucky and fortunate to be a part of this wonderful even tradition! I love being able to sing for my class and lil' sis class," said Anna Edwards (Ethel Sue). "I would love to stay a part of this group, as I love my BTR girls so much; but it is good to know the tradition is going on to what I believe is a great lil sis group. I trust they will stay true to this wonderful tradition," adds Guyton.

"We all bring something different to the group, which really keeps things interesting and brings a great dynamic that our group wouldn't have if we were all the same," said Walsh.

She concluded by saying, "While I am extremely sad that our time as BTR is quickly coming to an end, I feel confident that the next generation of Bathtub Ringers will make us proud."

As the school year comes to an end, BTR is excited that they are going to be replaced by such great talent. "It is definitely a bitter-sweet feeling! I feel so much a part of my class and the BTR tradition and was excited to choose the RATT to pass on the tradition. But, I am sad to leave such a great group of girls. Two years have gone by so quickly," said Palchinsky.

RATT was first introduced at their Tea for Two luncheon Saturday March 29. They will make their official debut at the Spring Concert with BTR in the Johnson Hall Rotunda, May 3, at 6:00pm. BTR will make an appearance at STUNT on April 17, and their final performance will be on Class Day, where RATT will also be singing.

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