Welcome to all of our new students as you dive into your first semester as Bucknellians! We had a very successful year in Admissions and are excited about the perspective you all bring to campus and for what you will contribute during your time here and beyond.

Our first year class is as international as we ever have had, doubling from last year. Our undergraduate, graduate, exchange and transfer students, as well as our Language Teaching Assistants add to the diverse perspectives we already have on campus with 15 new countries represented!

Please welcome our new international students from:

**Africa**—Botswana(2), Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia, Zambia

**Americas**—Bahamas(3), Brazil, Canada(4), Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay

**Asia**—Cambodia, China(8), Hong Kong, India(2), Japan(4), Myanmar, Pakistan(2), South Korea(4), Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam

**Europe**—France(6), Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Spain(2), United Kingdom(2)

**Middle East**—Iran, Jordan

International Orientation was a wonderful experience as we all began to know each other and learn about new friends and ourselves. To all of our new students, thank you for your adventurous spirit and openness. We know that in many cases you traveled over 30 hours to arrive on campus and you began your time here with energy and enthusiasm. Thanks also to the many staff and faculty who have already been invaluable resources.

We look forward to many successful years together!

-Paula C. Myers
Director, International Student Services
September 8, 2008 marked the tenth annual Unity Jam: Stop the Hate Rally here in Lewisburg, PA. This event was sponsored by many organizations from both the Bucknell and Lewisburg community. The Rally is part of a national effort for members of the global community to unite and speak up for the victims of hatred and intimidation. Inspired by the hate crimes committed against James Byrd and Matthew Shepard in 1998, the rally also serves to raise a united voice against hate inspired violence. James Byrd, an African-American was brutally murdered in Jasper, Texas by being dragged behind a pick-up truck and Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming was left to die in the fields after being tortured.

To kickoff the event, many Bucknell students, faculty, and staff, led by Multicultural Student Services Director Jessica Hess, gathered on the Academic Quad to march downtown to Hufnagle Park in unison. Several campus groups were represented in the march including members of the Greek community, 1 in 4, South Asian Students Association, The Gathering, Bucknell African Students Association, Muslim Students Association and the residents of Roberts, Trax, and Kress. Also participating in the march were Reverend Tim Dugan, Bucknell’s new Interim University Chaplain, Linda Locher, director of Psychological Services, and Susan Hopp, Dean of Students.

Beginning on the Academic Quad, the march stretched to the downhill side of campus and down Sixth Street ending at Hufnagle Park. There, the participants in the march along with the rest of the Lewisburg community heard remarks from Lewisburg Mayor, Judy Wagner and enjoyed musical performances by Bucknell Students Samantha McDonough ’10, Odinakachi Anyanwu ’09 and Ben Watts ’09.

The featured speaker for the evening was Quay Hannah, a graduate of Bloomsburg University and author of Bus America: Revelation of a Redneck. His life experiences after college had changed him from being a self proclaimed white supremacist to a more tolerant, respectful individual in a world of diversity.

Hanna’s message titled, “The Development of Hate” described his experiences traveling all over the United States via Greyhound Bus and the people he met along the way.

“I was sitting next to people I thought I hated. I could feel that something was starting to change,” he said.

For Hanna this experience was what revealed to him his new ideas and beliefs about the rest of the world outside of his small rural hometown.

After Hanna’s powerful speech, Bucknell student Scott Teagarden ’10 closed the event by announcing that Bucknell is initiating a new diversity program called “Common Ground”. Other comments from the Community Alliance for Respect and Equality (C.A.R.E.) were also shared. They mentioned recent hate crimes as close as Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. to emphasize the importance of taking a stand and being proactive against hate crimes. The event came to an end at approximately 9:45pm with a silent candlelight vigil marching down Market Street and through downtown Lewisburg.
International Orientation—
A Reflection

In August 2005, I remember setting foot on the Bucknell campus for the first time. It was around midnight when I got off the bus, and thought that I was going to be completely lost getting around the campus. However, together with this HUGE campus, came a group of warm and welcoming International Orientation Assistants (IOA). The next couple days were a blur, they went by so quickly, but at the end of International Orientation (IO), I definitely felt very settled at Bucknell. There were obviously a lot of things I had yet to learn (I still do!) but the International Orientation staff and the International Student Services would always be there.

With time I realized how great of an impact IO had on me, and that's when I decided I wanted to give back, and share my experience with the incoming international students. Now, starting my senior year at Bucknell, I've been on the IO staff 3 times, and I would not trade the experience for anything. Its always such a comforting thought to know you made a whole new country seem more like home for the incoming students. At the end of orientation, you always leave with new experiences, new friends, new memories, and a sense of having grown just a little bit more every time.

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SASA Dinner
“A Vibrant Dinner Theater Experience”
Come out and enjoy the night of SATURDAY, OCT 18th at the SASA Annual Dinner/Dance.
Features:
- Great Food! (catered by India Pavilion from Penn State)
- Great Music!!!
- Dances performed by SASA members
- Video presentations
- Open dance floor at the end

Attire: Casual
Tickets: $10. Cash or BU ID accepted.
Tickets go on sale starting Monday, Sept. 29.
All are welcome. Event is open to the entire campus and community.

Multicultural Movement Mondays

Multicultural Movement Mondays were created to showcase the different cultures represented at the University through dance! Each featured dance is taught by a native or expert of that particular cultural dance. Participants learn the dance(s) and more about the culture through movement.

It is a great way of uniting diverse people through dance. As a praise dancer, I enjoyed teaching other individuals a dance I believe God placed in my heart. Praise dancing is not merely about entertaining others, but rather an expression of worship and gratefulness to Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is also a way of ministering. Just as preaching the Word of God appeals to the Spirit, so does praise dancing. I firmly believe that the dances I put together and teach are called by God to minister. An overwhelming feeling of joy, freedom, and gratefulness overcome you when giving your dance onto the Lord. So being called to teach a praise dance for an event outside of the church was a blessing for me.

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“Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes!”

Psalm 150:4

Next Multicultural Movement Monday will take place on October 6th at 7pm in Larison Dining Hall.

OHLAS will be hosting the session featuring Salsa, Meringue & other Latin dances
Mark Your Calendar!!

Oct 9, 08: Student Success Series in the Cultural Center-6pm

Oct 15, 08: Wacky Wednesday in the Cultural Center lounge- 10-12 am

Oct 18, 08: SASA Dinner in Larison Dining Hall—5:30pm

Oct 23, 08: “A Massacre In fold Film”—7pm

Oct 24, 08: International Coffee Hour, Cultural Center—5pm

Oct 24-26, 08: Homecoming Weekend

Oct 28, 08: “The Chiapas, Mexico, Conflict,” Denise Griebler, peace activist and organizer of the 1980s U.S. Sanctuary movement in LC