

Excerpt from the *Hopes and Dreams*  
newsletter Fall 2004 from Bethany College President Buck Smith

In daily conversation, I've discovered these students arrived with hopes, dreams, and academic aspirations of their own. And, Bethany is well prepared to assist them as they start this new journey in this special place.

Helping keep these young women and men occupied outside the classroom are 38 registered clubs and organizations, with several more making petition for official recognition.

One of those seeking club status is the Equestrian Club. The College's equestrian program, made possible by the generosity of alumnus Gene Valentine '72, is up and running with a new Interdisciplinary major offered in Equine Studies. Ellen Fisher '73 serves as Peace Point Equestrian Center director and Professor Wally Neel has agreed to oversee the Physical Education component as the faculty member of record. This new venture, while a totally separate entity, represents a bold opportunity for the College.