Ducks and mud prove stronger than blood

By Julie Dodson
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“Millions of moments are connected into four quick years you will long to relive over and over again,” wrote Kathy Southall, church-going generation,” said Art Wong. “The band is composed of sophomore English; junior Art Wong, describes their music as a ‘tribute to friends and family.’

The group performs at churches and social events. The heavy rock band, StealFad! has played at youth rallies and with several bands. Most recently, they along with Greenwood and Eclipse, played at The Chi House in Memphis. Freshman Kevin Castileman, undecided major, is a guitarist for the Nashville-based rock group Rockwell. Rockwell has been playing together for a year and a half. Castileman and two of the other band members played together in another band five years ago.

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Musicians share their faith through song

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You’ve probably passed them in the halls a million times and didn’t think twice about it. They look like an average student or just another professor, but they’re really a guitar virtuoso or someone who is about to record his ninth album.

Union’s campus has several musically talented students, faculty and staff. Many of these musically gifted have formed bands on and off campus.

Junior DJ Lee and William Gray met their freshman year and began singing together. Sophomore Jon Hamlin became friends with the two the following year.

With Lee and Gray’s smooth vocal harmonies and Hamlin’s guitar skills, Eclipse was formed.

Lee describes their sound as “a mix of urban, hip-hop, rock and folk.”

Eclipse has been together for a year and has recorded their first album. This summer, they will be going to Germany with the music department to minister in schools and churches.

Dr. Gavin Richardson, assistant professor of English, sings, writes and plays for a band called Roadside Art. Richardson and two of his friends formed the band in high school. They continue to meet every summer to record an album together, which they distribute to friends and family.

“The band gives me an opportunity to produce something primary,” said Richardson. “It’s my creative outlet.”

John Windham, enrollment counselor, plays saxophone and keyboard for the classic rock-flavored band called Nightshade Mary. The band is composed of Union alumni.

Nightshade Mary has played on campus a few times and has recorded an album. The band’s purpose, according to Windham, is “to do good art for God’s glory.”

Over two months ago, a group of friends came together and merged their musical talents, to become the band Greenwood. Guitarist and vocalist, sophomore Art Wong, describes their music as a diverse mixture of many genres.

Other members of Greenwood include former student Rachel Scott; bassist freshmen Tyler Malone; guitarist Noel Clark; percussionist Jesse Florida, junior violinist Allen Wong and senior violinist Jeremy Scott.

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