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AWWWW: *Sophomores Kat Motzny and Rob Arbuckle pause for a loving moment on Butler's campus. Many BU students are involved in either on-campus or long-distance relationships.*

Now, Francis said, she and Brandon have even better communication. They e-mail, send "cute packages" and live for weekends and holidays.

"We aren't taking each other for granted as much as before. You realize you really do miss them," Francis said.

While Francis enjoys the hugs she receives when she sees her boyfriend, she said the recurring good-byes are difficult to deal with.

"It's totally possible," Francis said of maintaining long-distance relationships. She said the most trying part of her relationship is that Brandon goes to an all-male school while her school is co-ed. Although Brandon worried at first, Francis said the temptation of other men has not affected her.

"I'm not looking for another person, [and if I were,] they'd have a lot to live up to," she said, referring to her boyfriend of three years. She said the only feeling of jealousy she and Brandon have experienced is toward the new people in each of their lives who get to spend more time

with them.

However, Francis said talking with these people helps her deal with being away from Brandon.

"All my friends here know my story, and they understand," she said.

While Janulis has sometimes sacrificed going out to receive calls from Shannon, he said he hasn't felt limited socially. "It just made me make better choices," he said. "I'm more cautious about my choices."

Janulis said his and Shannon's relationship has matured since they went away to school.

"It's just something you have to work on constantly. We've been through a lot of experiences, adventures and stupid mistakes. I think we both wanted it to work, and that's why we're [still together]. Hopefully, it will end up in marriage," he said.

Francis seems to share his optimism.

"[Our relationship] grows better day by day," she said. "I can only see it getting better in the future. I wouldn't give it up just for distance."