

Three Brevard College Professors read their works for the community

By Caroline Hoy
Co-Editor in Chief

On Wednesday, March 22 at 4 p.m., a reading took place with Mel Bringle, James Everett, and Margaret Brown, all of whom are esteemed professors of Brevard College. It was part of the English program’s “Working Writers” series, which features BC faculty.

Each of the readers followed the themes of nature, grief and loss, joy and wonder. Each of the authors read a few pieces from different genres, but they each wowed the audience.

The first reader was Mel Bringle, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Coordinator of the Integrated Studies Major.

Bringle is known for being an incredibly kind and knowledgeable teacher, but not the teacher to have for an easy A. Many of her students may not know that she is very well known for her hymns. Bringle has been commissioned across the U.S. and her hymns could light up a room. They were truly amazing.

The next reader was Margaret Brown, Professor of History and Coordinator of the

History Major. Many people know Brown for her being this stellar teacher, and multiple students even say that Brown is who they aspire to be one day. But many may not know that Brown is a renowned author, and has written many books. One of her books actually has its 24th anniversary edition coming out in Dec of 2024. Brown read a few of her creative nonfiction pieces and they were lovely; one of which brought me to tears.

The last reader was James Everett, Visiting Assistant Professor of English. Everett is a professor who will always help a student. All of them can tell that he loves teaching. Everett read his poetry at the event. Most students had never heard before, which is unfortunate since it’s very nice poetry. Let’s just hope Everett finds more reason to read his poetry for people.

Overall, the reading was a ten out of ten, a masterpiece. All the authors were and are amazing! I hope to hear all three professors read again some time.

Video of the reading will soon be available on the English Program YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@bcEnglish.

Weekend incident results in arrest, interim suspension

Rumors have been spreading across campus about an incident Saturday night in a BC residence hall in which a student allegedly was in possession of a firearm.

To clarify what happened and to inform the campus community about the incident, the following statement was provided to The Clarion by Vice President for Student Success and Dean for Students Debora D’Anna:

“At approximately 11:30 p.m. on March 25, security received a call from an RA stating it had been reported that a student had a gun in one of the Village units. Security called the Brevard Police Department to assist in the situation.

“The Brevard Police department took statements from several students that were present at the time. Campus Security, with a member of the Brevard Police Department, searched the student’s room. No weapon was found in the student’s room.

“The police felt there was enough evidence to request a warrant for the person’s arrest for allegedly having the gun. A warrant was issued, and the student was arrested. The student is currently on an interim suspension until the investigation is completed.”



Margaret Brown



Mel Bringle



James Everett



Photo by Alyse Benseal

Q & A session done at the end of the reading!

In-house Met Gala

By Isaiah Collison
Managing Editor

Two hours before the Brevard Met Gala, I still needed a button-up shirt. I missed the Friday event due to prior obligations but I went Sat. March 25.

There it was, a warm Friday morning, and I woke up before sunset. I read from my book, called my friend back home, and remembered I had to turn in some theater equipment.

I walked a box of their things over to Emily Rich's office as Dr. Andrea Boccanfuso was starting the day. I greeted them both, we talked...

And as I was ready to leave, they talked about a "Met Gala." I had never heard of such a thing, but I was intrigued enough to want to work it. Under their tutelage, working on anything is just a no-brainer. By the time I left, I was offered a spot to work the event.

Although I transferred here last fall, this is the first full scale Met Gala in a while. The

2024 class had a COVID Met Gala via online streaming, and last year they did a smaller scale event. I was in luck to say the least.

Showing up to events ready to work definitely has its advantages. I got my hands on plenty of equipment: Gaff tape, wrenches, nails, tables, a ladder, a stapler gun, sound equipment, anything that needed it for anyone who needed help. For two hours, I did last minute work with amazing students, professors, and theater staff.

First, I helped attach the Met Gala printed logo that would serve as the wallpaper for those who would later take photos. Next was sound. I taped and connected wires throughout the Porter Center. There were numerous tests to make sure everything worked properly. It is important to check the equipment many times even if it feels repetitive because high pitched noises make for upset guests.

The wonderful professors and their veteran allies who worked and delegated work to us, operated a well-oiled machine. Obviously, they've done this before, and believe me, it showed!

One of the last things I did before I got dressed was fabricate a door. ? Exactly. Doors cannot look plain or ugly, so they get draped in black linen.

And last, but certainly not least, I went on a store run. I should tell you by this time the stress from work, preparation, and collaboration had left the students nearly exhausted.

Now for the show!

The food truck arrived, and hard-working cafe employees set up the food as quickly as humanly possible.

Guests began to walk around mingling a little after 5:30p.m. Chatter filled Scott Commons and the sunshine highlighted smiles. Drinks flowed and cameras flashed. Laughter was heard and old friends reconvened. Tastes were met. Smooth jazz flew just below the radar because over it, was the fanciest of attire.

Here's a motto that addresses slight problems that need a quick fix. "Ingenuity can enhance a night." Who better to be handy on the fly than the theater department and a kitchen crew?

I was posted outside of the black box, and tasked with guiding the evenings best-dressed to the art pieces and talent show. Some of them were amazed to see all the beautiful performances and pieces in our black box. Some of the guests didn't know what to expect as they'd never been inside an actual black box before.

"Right this way." I said over and over again as a flute played drawing more people in.

After this was dinner, and my night was mostly over until I was a part of the cleanup crew. The aftermath, I can say, is not nearly as disastrous when compared to a house party. The Met Gala experience was a two-parter in learning how to work a fancy event and dress for one. I walked away with this: to get your hands involved in work makes people smile.

Those who attended in their best outfits can't wait to pop again!

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Students were having fun at the Gala! Pictured: Sarah Hajkowski, Anna Ervin, Jodi Wise, Mickey Lasco

In case you missed the mental health meeting

By Savannah Anderson
Staff Writer

Brian Randall, a Brevard College 2011 grad., came back to his alma mater to discuss mental health to the students on campus. In case you missed the meeting that was held in Tornado Alley on March 23, “Tools to thrive with anxiety, depression, and stress,” here’s a recap.

Randall discussed ways to cope with depression and anxiety while also getting us all involved in a few small group discussions and activities. The way he described levels of depression and anxiety was using his arms to make an equal sign. “=” Anything in the middle (i.e., between the two lines) is a normal range of sadness and joy. Anything below that level is depression, anything above it is anxiety.

He taught us that anxiety is often easy to spot from an outsider’s perspective, depression is not, however. Depression in today’s society is becoming increasingly more common, but it still goes unnoticed by many. This may seem like a well known fact, but try to think about all the people you know in your life who may be struggling and unable to express those feelings.

So let’s talk about how to help the people we care about, and even brighten a stranger’s day. The first thing Randall said was to ask, “How are you feeling?” If someone asked you that in passing and you truly started to say how you’re feeling, chances are the person you asked is going to be completely thrown off



Photo by Savannah Anderson

Brian Randall in Tornado Alley on March 23.

because they were expecting a simple “Good, how are you?”

That is something that needs to change. As a society and in Brevard, we need to get more comfortable being able to express our emotions when we realize that we may need help, or just a person to talk to. College life is incredibly stressful and all of us get overwhelmed or down at times.

Randall also told us that by doing daily gratitude, simply writing out a short list of

things we are grateful for, it can help boost our state of mind and remind us of all that we do have. By doing these things consistently, it can slowly start improving our outlook on life.

Trauma was also a large topic of his presentation. What stood out to me was when he said, “The brain doesn’t differ. Trauma is trauma and you can’t judge it.” Trauma is something of a taboo topic, but trauma comes in many different forms and no one has the exact same trauma, even if they lived through the same experience. It’s all about perspective; you cannot look at anything with tunnel vision, and claim to know everything about it.

The last topic I wanted to discuss from Randall’s presentation was what he called “compulsive dopamine quick-hits.” He described this as a need or desire to get a quick boost of happiness, whether that be from a substance, caffeine, scrolling on your phone, or even sugar. Instead of relying on the things that only give us satisfaction for a short period of time, we should try and improve our everyday habits to help us in the long run.

Randall gave an incredible presentation that was informative and entertaining. He delivered a powerful message that many people don’t want to, or don’t think they need to hear. The reality is we could all improve our mental well being from time to time, and he gave us the resources on how to do so.

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Movie Review 'Solo: A Star Wars Story'

By Aaron Butts
Staff Writer

So I'm a huge "Star Wars" fanatic, but I am one of those fans that doesn't quite understand the hate that some of the newer films/series on Disney+ gets. One in particular that comes to mind is "SOLO: A Star Wars Story." When you get to talking to some, not all "Star Wars" fans, it is typically on the lower end of their lists of favorites within the saga. So I decided to rewatch it this week to see if I can try my best to get an understanding of why it's somewhat hated in the "Star Wars" community.

First things first, I've always loved the idea of giving Han Solo a backstory. Before this film, all we knew of his origin was that he was a bounty hunter that was best friends with everyone's favorite Wookiee, Chewbacca.

This movie has an all-star cast to begin with. We see Woody Harrelson, Donald Glover, Paul Bettany, and Alden Ehrenreich who plays a young Han Solo. This film was way better than Ehrenreich's newest film "Cocaine Bear" ... just saying.

Young Solo finds himself on a quest joining a gang of smugglers, while meeting his 190 year old best friend Chewbacca. These smugglers were sent on a mission to the planet Kessel to rob them of a shipment of a valuable resource called coaxium. They were in need of a fast ship to make the "Kessel run" and would meet the owner of the Millennium Falcon, Lando Calrissian to help them succeed.

If you haven't seen it, I won't ruin it for you. But this movie has everything you should



expect from a "Star Wars" film that isn't about a Jedi. It's adventurous, rebellious, there's star fights, and a crazy twist right at the end.

All in all, I still don't understand the hate this movie gets from "Star Wars" fans around the world. Director Ron Howard did a fantastic job here, carrying out what this film should be, and I'll stand by that. I rate this film a 4/5 stars.

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
Co-Editor in Chief

Aries, surprising things may be coming to you. This can lead to unexpected responses, but unexpected isn't always a bad thing.

Taurus, be reasonable with your expectations for others. If you are not communicating, you are at fault too.

Gemini, you are taking on new positions of power. Figure out how you lead best, and apply it to whatever you are facing.

Cancer, you don't have to rush anything, but you should avoid going too slow. You have the time to pick the pace you feel best at, so don't let others pressure you.

Leo, look at the little signs around you. You don't have to already know every detail to understand the gravity of a situation.

Virgo, continue to stay grounded. You know what you want, so don't let others push you onto a different route.

Libra, who are you surrounding yourself with? It's important to have people in your life that uplift you and love you for who you are, not what they think you should be.

Scorpio, something is headed your way, but you have seen it before. Keep your head up; you've gotten through it once and you can do it again.

Sagittarius, freedom and breaking limitations are coming towards you. Use this to reignite yourself, and find new avenues to explore.

Capricorn, why are you brooding over yourself? You know what you bring to the table and you know your worth. Own it.

Aquarius, if you are struggling, communicate that. If the people around you care for you, they will accept you as you are. You don't need to pretend for them.

Pisces, cutting corners will come back to bite you. Be thorough about the work you do, and see it to the end.



Jones Library Tie-Dye Event



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The Silent Rockstar Vol. 10: Beyond Hunger

By Isaiah Collison
Managing Editor

I apologize in advance. My therapist is out for the light year so I have to vent to you guys. What? Oh, stop it, I get fed up too.

Lazy people...do not deserve second chances. Second chances are meant to prove to someone you deserved the first one. But lazy people believe that a second chance comes with a third, and for that they should be left for dead. I can accept character flaws. I shall tell you shiftlessness and lying are not flaws. They're just ground-level excuses. Laziness breeds ground for false promises. "I'm gonna" and "I'm about to-" or "Wait until I-." For the safety of their own feelings, it is best if they pretend they do not know me.

I'm thirsty beyond my supply of water, for

I must keep going. I can fast and go without food, so hunger will not keep me driven. All living creatures need water to survive. People who say they are hungry are cool, but I don't trust all of them. People like me who are thirsty for work understand the grind. If they don't get water and work each day, they will drop dead. If you run out of fresh water, you die quicker than being without food.

I am thirsty for accuracy; I am quenched by hits. I am thirsty for answers; I am satisfied by the journey. I long for more advancements in life, so I increased my stride length. If I tell you water is ahead and you sit on your ass, I will not bring you a drop back because I will not return. We all deserve to sweat. Collaboration may be the death of me because

I have a natural, healthy fear of people who love beds and couches. People deserve to live in dumpsters when they combine ass sitting with excuses. Zombies exist. They will not stab off on me, and then infect me with the shuffle. The average anyone does not get that much of me.

I've been thinking of long range living. Hydration will keep me upright because it sharpens my focus to the point of a fresh pencil. Teachers may use this punchline: one step at a time. I love this mentality because it has a crawling pace to it. Flow is slow, but baby steps transform into walking. Soon strides. And then leaps. All in the quest for victory. One small step for man, one giant waste of time it is to try to run before crawling.

Don't forget to buy your ticket for the spring formal!

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Headlines: Nados Break Out The Brooms, Pivotal Clash Looming

By Brady Penn
Staff Writer

The Brevard College Tornados have a baseball team with a deep lineup, full of great hitters in every slot. The Nados also possess an array of pitching weapons, including Jacob Thompson and Trenten Anderson.

Heading into conference play, the team was still searching for its identity. After losing a game to Cortland, a team that came to Brevard from New York, by 20 runs, the team needed to look itself in the mirror heading into games against USA South opponents.

The weekend of March 18th, Brevard did just that, heading to Buena Vista, Virginia and earning a 3 game sweep of the Southern Virginia Knights. The team scored 50 (!) combined runs in the 3 games.

Following that up with an even better performance would be difficult. The Tornados arguably may have done this, though, this past weekend against Pfeiffer. Aside from the 50 run weekend, which was not replicated, the squad did play inspired baseball once again.

The team started things off with a Saturday afternoon doubleheader. In game one, Trenten Anderson threw 7 and $\frac{1}{3}$ innings of 2 run baseball, paving the way for the Nado bats. The offense drove in 8 runs, including back to back home runs in the third inning from Zach Allison and Parker Crews.

With Frankie Vasquez going 3 for 4, and the Nados enjoying multi-hit performances from Blake Burchett, Logan Clark, Lucas Granata and Luke Morton, the boys started things off with an 8-2 victory.

In game two, it was a pitchers duel. On the Pfeiffer side, starter Thad Lewis went 6 and $\frac{2}{3}$, striking out 14 Tornados and only allowing

one run.

However, that one run would be all Brevard needed, as Freshman pitcher Connor Crosby went 7 innings of shutout ball. The single Tornado run came from Frankie Vasquez scoring on an infield single off the bat of Blake Burchett.

On Sunday afternoon, the Tornados went for a 3 game sweep for a second consecutive weekend over a USA South foe. With Jacob Thompson on the mound, the team had a good feeling.

That feeling was well warranted, as Thompson allowed only two earned runs, three total runs, and blanked the Pfeiffer offense from the second inning through the sixth.

On the offensive side of things, Frankie Vasquez and Parker Crews both notched three hit games. Leading 4-3 heading into the eighth inning, the Nados struck for 3 more runs of insurance, courtesy of Logan Clark, Cale

Oehler and Vasquez.

Leading 7-3, Bryce Bowers came in and allowed a pair of runs, but was still able to finish things off, completing the sweep.

The Nados are now tied for first in the USA South conference with pre-season favorite North Carolina Wesleyan University. The Tornados host Wesleyan this weekend at Gil Coan Field in another three game series.

With sole possession of first place on the line, it will be all hands on deck for Brevard.

In other news, last weekend's efforts led to two Nados being recognized by the conference. Frankie Vasquez, with an 8-10 weekend at the plate, earned USA South player of the week. For Connor Crosby, his performance Saturday earned him the USA South Rookie Pitcher Of The Week.

The Brevard Tornados continue to play gutsy baseball. Heading into this biggest series yet, the outlook right now is bright for BC.



The Tornadoes are ready to play!

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