

An update on the Jones Hall roof

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

Jan. 16 of 2022 marked a huge moment in Brevard College’s history: the collapse of the Jones residence hall roof. The Clarion met with Juan Mascaro, the vice president of finance and operations, to discuss the current state of the building and provide an update on the remodeling process.

When asked about why the roof initially collapsed Mascaro said, “Buildings were held to a different code when this building was first built. Structurally, they were not as tough. With the weight of over a foot of snow, it just gave in.”

Jones was built in the 1960s and because the structure was built to a different code standard, not only the roof of East Jones is getting redone.

When the roof collapsed, water flooded the building. Because these walls were made of plaster, they had to be replaced because plaster cannot be dried out. The interior will now have drywall.

Mascaro said, “The project is on schedule, and we have it to be finished between July 20 and Aug. 1, with both roofs updated.”

There will be a new roof built for East Jones, and the West Jones roof will be upgraded. They are adding some structural upgrades, as well as shingles. This will change the look of Jones from the outside, and it will look like a brand

new roof.

According to Mascaro, the building was gutted. This is almost a full redo of the inside of the Jones residence hall, besides the original structure.

Mascaro said, “We have our engineers looking at all of the other buildings, on paper and they are actually going to go inside and inspect to make sure that this doesn’t happen again.”

The project is on schedule and will hopefully be ready for students to move back into by the end of summer. There has been an incredible amount of support from Brevard and the surrounding communities, as well as an excellent partnership with Carolina Specialties, so though this is a very complex project, Brevard College is working hard to provide safe housing.

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Correction

Women at BC in last week's issue

In last week's feature on the women at BC, due to errors during production, we mixed up the responses we received from faculty members Megan Keiser and Gina Raicovich. We are running both of their complete responses now.

In addition, in the print edition last week, we inadvertently omitted part of Rachel Hillyer's response to one of the questions. That omission was corrected in the online edition last week.

We apologize to all of our readers, and especially to these BC women, for the errors.

Megan Keiser

1. How would you like to be addressed? What is your official title?

I usually go by Dr. Keiser.

2. Is your field male or female dominated?

(Editorial note—is there a way to move past binary options?)

In Elementary teaching, it is female dominated.

3. Why are you proud to be a female in your field?

I don't think in those terms.

I am proud that I found a path towards teaching and connected with mentors who helped me to grow. I hope I can do the same.

4. Who is a woman you look up to in your field?

I am grateful for strong women educators who pushed me to grow and shaped my teaching values.

When my 5th grade teacher, Judy Hamrick Dixon, read aloud the heartbreaking story about a friendship in *Bridge to Terabithia*, I was mesmerized by her teacher's voice and realized then that no kid was too old to be read aloud. I read aloud to my students. Later, as a struggling first year teacher, I sought out Judy's help. By then she was a classroom discipline expert; she invited me to read *Discipline with Dignity* and meet with me to discuss theory and strategies. I asked for help, shared in professional development, and my teaching was transformed.

While a licensure student at UNCA, Dr. Sandra Byrd taught my social studies methods course and had our college class partner with local public schools to teach geography through a Traveling Bear project! This was a powerful example of how to connect service learning alongside methods course work. She showed me how to fuse theory and practice which now serves as bedrock for my methods courses.

Dr. Vicki Dineen Holcombe was my dynamic principal at Isaac Dickson Elementary. She required us to complete rigorous, quality professional development in reading instruction and pushed us to lift all kids out of illiteracy. She said yes to field trips, even overnights, because she believed in the transformative power of experiential, hands-on learning. Later she served on my dissertation committee and encouraged me to develop my skills as a literacy coach and later a college professor.



Finally, I am inspired by Dr. Elizabeth B. Keiser, my 84 year old mom. She is a retired Professor of English, Guilford College's first female Faculty Clerk/President, and a passionate educator. She is writing a third book, still traveling, and learning. She remains connected to her students and asks deep questions.

I am fortunate to have "local" brilliant teaching mentors—as I look across Brevard's faculty, I look to my colleagues for pedagogical innovation and inspiration and I am grateful.

5. What advice do you have for women going into your field?

Look for opportunities to push your comfort zone, take risks, and remember it is okay to ask for help.

Gina Raicovich



1. How would you like to be addressed? What is your official title?

My students can just call me Gina, or Professor Raicovich, whatever they are more comfortable with. My official title is Assistant Professor of Agriculture and Environmental Studies.

2. Is your field male or female dominated?

I think the perception is that agriculture is a male dominated field, but there are many women running farms, especially farms that use regenerative or sustainable techniques. And there are many women supporting agriculture through research, education and extension as well.

3. Why are you proud to be a female in your field?

Agriculture demands a wide skill set including those that have not historically been passed on to women as readily as they have been passed on to men (mechanics, carpentry etc.). I suppose I'm proud to have been bold enough to have asked a lot of questions and learned all the skills required as I've needed them.

4. Who is a woman you look up to in your field?

Honestly I can't think of one woman in particular. There are many women working hard to manage farms and support their communities and families with healthy food while also stewarding our natural resources. It's not the kind of work that gains you lots of notoriety, but it takes fortitude and grit—I admire anyone who takes it on.

5. What advice do you have for women going into your field?

We constantly face adversity in agriculture. Allow those experiences to enrich your knowledge and understanding and propel you forward with more strength and confidence.

SGA elections are coming!

By Caroline Hoy
Managing Editor

SGA, Student Government Association, is currently having students run for positions. So it's time to meet the candidates!

Don't forget to vote on April 11 and 12. The voting forms will be sent out via email to students.

We here at the Clarion asked all the candidates the following questions:

1. What name do you prefer to use?
2. What is your major/ minor?
3. What extracurriculars do you do?
4. What do you like to do in your free time?
5. Why should people vote for you?
6. Something unique about yourself/ fun fact?
7. Anything more people should know?

President:

Gabby Galvan is running uncontested for next year.

Vice President:

Lena Hatter

1. Lena Hatter
2. My major is Health Science
3. I am currently the Speaker of the Clubs on the Student Government Executive Board, on the Women's soccer team, in BC serves and am a member of the Campus Activities Board.
4. In Brevard I enjoy going on hikes to see waterfalls and visiting downtown to visit our local shops and restaurants.
5. People should vote for me because throughout the last year of being on the Student Government Board, I feel as if I have truly seen all aspects of what is necessary to be successful as an executive board member. My job this year as the speaker of the clubs was to meet monthly with all club representatives to make sure they were fulfilling all their club requirements. This job was especially hard to do towards the beginning of the year because throughout covid many of our clubs became "inactive", so I worked to figure out who would take over these clubs. I now have sorted all of this out through communicating with graduated students to see who exactly the club was handed over to. Now with having a great communication system with our club representatives, I am hoping that at the beginning of next year we will have a smooth transition and we will be able to get our campus much more involved with clubs. I also want to continue to hear student's opinions and what can be done to make my peers have a better college experience. I am ready to take on this responsibility and help better our campus community!
6. A fun fact about myself is that I was in the movie Dolphin Tale.
7. Thank you to everyone supporting me right now, I am really hoping that you all give me the opportunity to be your Vice President!

Anthony Padillo

1. Anthony Padillo (He/Him)
2. Major: Music Education (Cello Player)
3. Cross Country and Track. SGA.
4. Hang out with friends, Run, Play Video Games, Read Manga, and play the cello.
5. I've had experience with SGA by being the Treasurer this year, I've enjoyed helping students in my position this year and want to advance forward becoming Vice President. I hope you all vote for me so I can continue to help advocate for students at the school.
6. I can eat a whole pint of Ice Cream before I run a race.
7. I'm determined and willing to listen to other people's opinions and be a voice for students at Brevard College!

Secretary:

Izzy Setter

Hannah Harsh

1. I like to be called Hannah.
2. My major is health sciences, and I am minoring in biology and chemistry.
3. I play #1 singles and #2 doubles on the Brevard Women's Tennis team. I am also involved with SGA and IWIL.
4. In my free time, I like playing tennis outside of practice, going to the beach, watching movies, and hanging out with my friends.
5. I think people should vote for me because I want to become more involved on campus, I want to provide new ideas on campus to give students a better experience, and I want students' voices to be heard.
6. A fun fact about me is that Marvel and Star Wars.
7. I'm a hardworking, reliable, and dedicated and I give my 100% on everything I do.



Lena Hatter



Anthony Padillo



Hannah Harsh

Kirby returns for a peculiar adventure

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

One of Nintendo's characters, Kirby, has returned to save his home from an unknown threat. Join Kirby to defeat this unknown threat and help bring the citizens of Dreamland back home.

In "Kirby and the Forgotten Land", Kirby's home of Dreamland is attacked by an unknown threat and many of its citizens have been sent through a portal to a different world filled with beaches, jungles, and...abandoned malls? In this game, you will help Kirby explore this new land and save captured Waddle Dees from vicious animals and rebuild their home, all while exploring a strange new world and uncovering more about the threat that has

attacked Dreamland and getting rid of them.

Defeating enemies will allow you to steal and copy their abilities and use them to help you get around the new world, using things like tornados to knock away enemies, fire to burn through obstacles, and many more to solve puzzles and defeat enemies. As you continue to save Waddle Dees, you will also be able to improve your copy abilities with new aesthetics and improve their power.

Throughout the levels, you will find no shortage of action, platforming, and puzzle solving to take on while exploring. I recommend this game for anyone who wants to play a casual game to pass time. If you enjoy games that have a cute yet fun feel to them, then this recent Kirby game is something you will definitely enjoy.



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It's getting warm, what do I wear?

By Cat Keenan
Staff Writer

Once again, the seasons are changing. As the flowers begin to bloom again and the air begins to warm, the question arises in many people's minds - what do I wear now? It can be tough to decide what to wear between the seasons of winter and summer as it isn't quite hot enough for your favorite beach outfits, and it's not cold enough for your go-to layers.

For the colder spring days, it's always nice to try out floral patterns and pastel colors while also layering. You can try out a nice pair of tights if you prefer skirts or you can go for jeans and a light sweater.

It's always fun on the warmer spring days when you can try out more light clothes. Going

for a nice pair of cutoffs or mom-style shorts are always certainly an option for bottoms on the warmer days.

Graphic tees, crop tops, tank tops, etc. are always acceptable options on top as well. What's especially special about spring is that you can try out sundresses and other types of clothes you may not be able to wear during the winter months.

It's important during the spring season to always check the weather in the morning as oftentimes, the temperature may not match what it was the day before. Remember to wear what makes you comfortable and confident, no matter what the people around you may say.

Men's Basketball Spotlight

Alex Wesig

By Journey Tyler
Staff Writer

Alex Wesig is a six feet three inches forward from Lawrenceville, Georgia. He became a member of the Brevard College Men's basketball team during his junior year in 2020 after transferring from Catawba College. He chose to transfer to Brevard College primarily due to the fact that the coaches offered him a spot on the team. During the short amount of time that he has spent here, he has made a lasting impact on the men's basketball program.

Wesig spent two seasons on the men's basketball team, one of them being a season that was shortened due to COVID-19. In that time, he played in a total of 24 games, and he was a member of the starting lineup in all but five of them. In 608 minutes of action, Wesig scored 222 points while shooting 51.1 percent from

the field. He also pulled down 92 rebounds, dished out 66 assists, tallied 34 steals, and had 14 blocked shots.

During his senior year, Alex scored a career high 24 points in a road contest against Bob Jones University. Fresh off of an injury, Wesig shot an efficient 11-17 from the field including one made three-pointer. He also had six rebounds and four assists to go along with a steal and a block. This was the game that Wesig stated was his favorite memory as a member of the Brevard College basketball program.

Off the court, Wesig will be graduating with a degree in Exercise Science. Upon graduating from Brevard College, Alex has aspirations of becoming a chiropractor.



A photo of Alex Wesig, center.

Senior art show opens



Selena's artwork of women's bodies.

"Perspectives: A Senior Exhibition" opened Friday, April 1 at the Spiers Gallery on the Brevard College campus featuring artworks by Avery Lockwood, Mary Ashley Clark and Salena Malmin. The show will run through April 22.

Spiers Gallery, located in Sims Art Center, is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



Avery and her artwork showing girls can be whatever they want.



Mary Ashley and her artwork of households in different light.

BC softball and baseball bring out brooms for the weekend

By Brady Penn
Staff Writer

Both the Brevard College Baseball and Softball teams were in action this past weekend. The Softball team was at home to take on the Agnes Scott Scotties. The Baseball team headed to Lookout Mountain, Georgia to take on the Covenant Scots.

Both the Scots and the Scotties suffered similar fates at the hands of the Tornados.

The Baseball team, after a hard fought loss to the Scots on Friday Night in a high scoring affair (14-10), was beared up for a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

In the first game, the Nados eked out a six to five victory. Both Blake Burchett and Frankie Vasquez recorded multiple hits. The team swiped five bases and rode a six inning performance from starter Nathan Sanders.

Sanders moved to four to zero on the campaign, after allowing three runs and striking out six batters.

In game two, the Nados played a third straight tight contest against the Scots. In a game in which Burchett and Left Fielder Logan Clark combined for five hits, the boys

pulled an eight to seven win out, completing a Saturday sweep.

Cameron Cook tossed five innings and allowed three runs on five hits. Burchett extended his DIII lead in stolen bases, taking three of them in the second matchup of the day, putting him at 29 so far.

With the bases loaded in a seven to seven tie, Catcher Chris Ezell drew a walk and scored what ultimately was the game winning run.

Closer Bryce Bowers finished things off and closed the door, after earning a save prior in game one.

In similar fashion, the Tornado softball team pulled off a sweep on Saturday, at home against Agnes Scott College.

The women on the diamond picked up a combined 32 (!) runs in the two game set against the Scotties.

Things weren't as clear cut and easy for the Nados in Game One. The team found themselves down three to zero early.

Brevard rallied back and took a four to three lead, only to fall back down nine to seven, after

allowing a seven run inning in the fifth.

However, in the sixth frame, the team exploded for 10 runs, retaking the lead 16 to nine. This lead would stand, and the Nados grabbed their first win in conference play.

In Game Two, looking for their second, the Nados had no issues. The game was over almost before it started, with the bats exploding for an 11 run first inning.

First Baseman Autumn Lollis recorded four RBIs, and Emily White had two doubles in the latter match of the doubleheader.

The Softball team hits the road Saturday to take on the Covenant Scots, just as the baseball team did this past weekend. The Baseball team takes on Lagrange at home this weekend for a huge USA South series.

Note: Tornado Softball Third Baseman Emily White recorded her 150th career hit this weekend. She sits second all time in base hits for the program's history, and is the ladder in the NCAA-DIII era.



A photo of a BC baseball athlete.



A photo of a BC softball athlete.