

Classrooms are emptied as a false fire alarm was pulled in Moore Science Building

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Last week on Thursday around 10:06 a.m. a fire alarm was pulled in the Moore Science building. The entire building was emptied out as the fire department and security investigated the cause of the alarm and found that it was pulled manually by someone in the building.

While it is currently unknown who was responsible for this false alarm, there is an investigation pending. Security is interviewing potential witnesses and reviewing information.

Many individuals in the building were shocked that someone would pull the fire alarm during class time. A number of students were doing final presentations for their classes.

BC director of campus security Stanley Jacobsen would like to emphasize that pulling a fire alarm when there is no immediate danger to yourself or others is a felony. "Pulling a fire alarm is a very serious offense, and lives can be lost because an alarm is set off when unnecessary," he said.

Jacobsen cited a specific incident a couple of years back where he stated that an alarm was inappropriately pulled. When it was pulled the fire department had to leave the scene of an accident to attend to the school.

When a fire alarm is pulled it sets off a chain reaction of events. Members of the fire

department and other emergency responders suit up and rush to the site of the incident, sometimes having to leave from other emergencies to rush to new ones. When the newest one is a false alarm it is a waste of time and resources for the fire department.

Even though false alarms are common for fire departments, it is essential that they treat each one as an emergency. If an alarm is pulled falsely and the perpetrator is caught, it can cause them to have a criminal record, large fines and possibly prison times, especially when their alarms cause injury or property damage.



Photos by Heather Hay

Firetrucks gather outside of the Moore Science Building on Thursday, Dec. 1 to check out a false fire alarm during the 9:30-10:45 a.m. class period. Everyone in the building had to evacuate until fire fighters gave the all clear to return to the building.

The final week of classes has arrived

By Sydney Fox
Staff Writer

The time is here again: finals week, the period after Thanksgiving that all college students dread. This article is going to give you some tips for getting through this week.

Finals week can bring a range of emotions for college students, whether they are stressed or excited to be done with the semester. Every student may feel a little stressed this coming week, but everything is going to be okay!

If you have noticed, there are a lot of exams online this semester, which should bring some ease to you. A lot of teachers are doing their best to prepare students to make sure they are successful during this time.

Here at Brevard College, there are a lot of

resources the school offers to help students prepare for finals. Teachers have office hours you can drop in during and the library has many people who can help you edit a paper or get a tutor for a subject you're struggling with as well as many other online and paper resources.

During this time, it is imperative you are making sure you are staying healthy while you are studying. Make sure you are eating because food is fuel and will help you in the long run.

Maintaining a good sleep schedule makes sure that you are well rested, so you can retain all that information you are trying to study.

Another thing that can help you is figuring out the best way for you to study. That could be flash

cards, re-writing terms, having a study buddy, or something you know that will be efficient for yourself.

At the end of the day, these weeks may be hard for you. Just remember you are in the home stretch for Christmas break! Soon, you may be at home with family and friends and enjoying the break from school for about a month.

Use the resources provided to you if you need them, and teachers around this time are quick to email you back if you have questions. Keep your head up and stay strong. You got this, Brevard College students!

Brevard College presents opera scenes

By Caroline Hoy
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On Wed, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. the Ingram Auditorium was filled with singing voices. At Brevard College, there is a whole class on opera, and this performance was for the students in the class to show off what they had learned in the class.

The performance started with a classic Roman mythology myth about a certain golden apple. The song that accompanied this myth was "Judgement of Paris". The first student on the stage was Talley Sugg playing Juno, the Queen of the Gods and Goddesses of Olympus. Within a minute of being on the stage Sugg had the audience cracking up and was doing it all while singing about winning a certain apple.

To follow Sugg was Grace Vaught playing Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom and Battle Strategy. Vaught was more serious in her role, but just like Sugg she did not miss a beat or note.

Last up in the first performance was Mackenzie Douglas playing the winning Goddess, Venus, of Beauty and Love. All three singers did amazing in the first song of the night.

The next performance was "Where Is Life That I Lived?" From "Kiss Me Kate" and was performed by Patrick Yang. Yang played Pairs in the previous performance. Unlike Pairs in Judgement of Paris, he was revolting against previous lovers. Yang did amazing with his



Photo by Caroline Hoy

Members of the opera scene class performing their pieces.

performance.

The next performance was done by Jannie Kurtz and Jamie Gilson. The song was "Prithee, Pretty Maiden" from "Patient". This song was the only time in the whole show where spoken words were said instead of sung.

Following up the duet by Kurtz and Gilson was a duet by Eli Hughes and Kayleigh Miller. The song they performed was "Past My Prime" from "Lil' Amber".

Keeping with the theme of duets was a duet with Mackenzie Douglas and Talley Sugg. The scene they performed from "Idomeneo" was the only time during the performance that a performer entered from the front of the stage.

This song was followed by a duet with four people on stage. The song "Shepherd, Leave



Photo by Caroline Hoy

Decoying" from "Orpheus Britannicus" was sung by Jannie Kurtz and Kayleigh Miller. The two girls were singing about how the boys were showering them with attention. Patrick Yang and Jamie Gilson played two boys that followed them around.

The last two songs of the night were very different from all the rest. Maverick Whitley, Eli Hughes and Patrick Yang were performing "Abbondanza" from "The Most Happy Fella". This song was very different from the other because it was about three chefs in a kitchen.

The last song of the night was a song with the whole cast. It was "Dance a Cachucha" from "The Gondoliera". Once the performers finished with this song it was obvious the audience still wanted more.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: a choir performance

By Caroline Hoy
Managing Editor

On Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m., the annual fine arts department Christmas performance was put on. This year the performance was titled “A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols”. It was very different from last year’s performance that was fully online.

As expected of the fine arts department, an amazing performance was put on. The Brevard College choir put hours of rehearsal into the performance. They did not perform contemporary Christmas songs such as “Baby It’s Cold Outside”, but instead opted for more traditional Christmas songs such as “Christ the Apple Tree”. Some songs sung were well known such as “Hark! The Angels Sing”.

The start of the performance was the members of the choir walking up the aisles holding lights. The lights brought a lovely light atmosphere to the music hall.



The choir performs for Lessons and Carols.

After each song by the choir, a verse from different scriptures about the birth of Jesus Christ was told by a student or staff member.

The performance had guest appearances from the Brevard College President David Joyce, Deborah D’Anna and many more different staff members for reading verses in between songs.

The choir and staff were dressed in traditional regalia, the gown worn at graduation. The attire made the performance seem extra special. The

red and white choir robes worn by the choir members set a Christmas mood.

The performance was a great way to start the set of the mood for the holiday season. The audience was about 100 people, and everyone who was there seemed to love the show.

Every year the fine arts department seems to outdo itself. The question is how will they outdo themselves next year.

Brevard College hosts a 72 hour play festival

By Caroline Hoy
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The Brevard College 72 Hour Play Festival is a theater event by students put together in 72 hours. The final product of four short plays and one long play premiered at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 5.

The event included the plays “On the Porch One Crisp Spring Morning”, “THEM”, “Arabian Nights” and “Quarter Cup”.

The first of the four plays were all short plays performed by the students, but the final play Quarter Cup was written by Brevard College Senior Talley Sugg.

The first play was “On the Porch One Crisp Spring Morning”. This play had a total of two actors: Naomi Firebaugh and Anna Ervin. It was directed by Scott Douglas. The plot of the short play was about a mother and daughter having coffee together with a few unexpected twists. “On the Porch One Crisp Spring Morning” had the audience laughing at the

unexpected twists and turns. It was a great way to start the evening.

The next short play was “THEM”. This play had a total of three actors: Bryan Barboza, Seth Cepes and Anna Ervin. “THEM” was directed by Grace Dempecy, and it was very different from the previous play. “THEM” had a spooky atmosphere and had the audience asking more questions.

“Arabian Nights” was what followed “THEM”. “Arabian Nights” had three actors: Olly Morgan, Patrick Miller and Abbey Toot. “Arabian Nights” is a love story directed by Kristan Michels. The play was a beautiful, campy and funny love story.

“Halfway” was the final of the four short plays. “Halfway” starred: Grace Dempsey and Sarah Hajkowski. The story was directed by Gabe Berhard. The story was about two sisters

discovering .

The final play was “Quarter Cup”. “Quarter Cup” was written by Brevard College senior Talley Sugg and was directed by Emma Harris. The play starred Gabe Berhard, Taylor Sparrow, Cassandra Dayton, Oli Mason, Sarah Hajkowski and Seth Cepes.

“Quarter Cup” was about two chefs who meet in a French restaurant kitchen as they compete for the same job. The story follows the story of the two as they work to overcome the differences between them.

All the plays that were performed were put together in 72 hours compared to the usual months it takes. Everything was wonderfully displayed, and there is no doubt about the talent stirring in the fine arts at Brevard College.

Local Artist Spotlight

Ty Collin

By Shyvonne Potter
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If you're wondering what to get someone special in your life, whether it be your art collector Mom, Handy Father, or creative significant other, look no further than a local Brevard Artist, Ty Collin.

Collin specializes in handmade, wooden art pieces, and his most common projects are cutting boards and bathtub trays. However, there is no limit for Collin on what he may make. "I really love the creative process of trying new techniques out, and seeing what types of cool products I can make. I typically go through many iterations before deciding to sell a particular product, but for me the creative process is my favorite part of what I do," said Collin.

While his main specialty at the moment is wood, he is also a talented welder and is leaving this summer to attend a welding school in Salt

Lake City, Utah. "I'm really excited to continue to develop my skills, and create even more complex and beautiful pieces. Utah is also such a great place to climb and mountain bike, so I'm really excited," Collin said while discussing his summer plans.

Collin currently sells his work on his Etsy shop, as well as selling to local shops and galleries around Brevard, such as 3 Oak, Platt Homes and the Haan Gallery. You can find his work under the Etsy profile "TopOutTeckCreations".

Collin rents out a studio space in downtown Brevard, where he makes all of his work. He said, "I started out making my projects just in my garage, however, the addition of my shop is really helpful. It makes all the processes such as cutting wood, planing, carving, sanding, welding, and even packaging so much easier."

The work Collin produces is always to the highest caliber, and it is evident that he spends time to perfect every detail in his products. The reviews of clients speak for the quality of the work, with one reviewer stating "This was such a fun process! I was able to make choices at multiple stages to assure my piece was just right. It's (obviously) exactly what I hoped for when I ordered. Definitely would order again and recommend it to a friend. Amazing work! Proud to own this piece!"

Collin sources all his wood Locally, in Brevard, and is a truly unique artist whose hand crafted pieces are truly something to be desired this upcoming winter!

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Photo by Ty Collin

A wood table by local artist Ty Collin.

Superfood Sunday for a Healthier Brevard College

By Nina Machnowski
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Many students have expressed disappointment and sent complaints about the current state of the cafeteria at Brevard College. Our meals are too often greasy, fatty, and salty, and based heavily on meat and dairy.

Research shows that heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, is diet-related and caused by high levels of cholesterol and saturated fats in hamburgers, french fries, pizza, and other popular foods that we regularly see in the cafeteria.

Not only does this kind of diet increase your risk of heart disease, but it can lead to many other health implications such as obesity, increased blood pressure, digestive issues, diabetes, and skin disease. Being that we are a school that prides ourselves on athletics, outdoor programs, health and wellness, we should be upholding those values in what we feed our students as well.

So what do we do about this?

A “Superfood Sunday” at Brevard College, with the goal of providing healthy, wholesome strictly vegetarian meals that incorporate a superfood for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every Sunday.

What is a superfood? A superfood is defined as a nutrient-rich food considered to be



especially beneficial for health and well-being. These foods are packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants while being low in calories. Some examples of superfoods include berries, dark leafy greens, legumes, citrus fruits, and flaxseeds.

On Superfood Sunday, there will be a “superfood of the week.” This special ingredient will be the highlight of the menu and incorporated into a main dish for each meal. For example, if oranges are the superfood of the week this is what a typical menu would include:

Breakfast:

- Orange Bundt Cake
- Toast with Orange Marmalade
- Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice

Lunch:

- Black Bean Quinoa Salad with Orange Lime Dressing

Dinner:

- Chinese Orange Tofu and White Rice

Additionally, a small poster providing information and health benefits on this weekly superfood will be hung up where it can be seen from the cafeteria line or at the meal swipe kiosk.

Nutritious meals at Brevard College will help students develop lifelong healthy eating habits, improve performance in the classroom and on the field. Scan the QR code below and sign the petition to make Superfood Sunday a reality!



Williams Joins 1,000-Point Club in Win Over Warren

By Joseph Marvin

Graduate forward Destiny Williams became the third Tornado to score 1,000 career points all at Brevard College and fourth BC women's basketball player to reach the 1,000-point mark in their overall career, as the BC women's basketball team (6-2) earned an 80-75 victory over Warren Wilson College (2-5) on Friday night at the Boshamer Gymnasium.

Williams, a native of Aiken, South Carolina, scored a team-high 22 points on 9-of-18 shooting from the field while adding 11 rebounds, five assists, and three steals.

Shakirah Thompson hit a game-high seven 3-pointers, tying her career-high of made 3-pointers and points with 21. Melvia Seymore added 11 points off the bench, while Aysha Short totaled a career-high 10 points with two made 3-pointers. Lexi Shepard totaled career-best marks with seven assists and seven rebounds while Avery Lockwood racked up six points, seven rebounds, and four assists.

Warren Wilson was paced by three double-digit scorers, led by a game-high 25 points from Kana Parker. Daymon Hinkleman and Brittany Linton each totaled 17 points, while Sam Hoyle had a game-best 13 rebounds.

Brevard hit 13 3-pointers compared to WWC's five while dishing out 20 assists and forcing 23 Owl turnovers. BC scored 29 points off turnovers and scored 27 bench points. Warren Wilson shot a total of 38 free throws and slightly outrebounded the Tornados, 51-48.

The competitive contest featured six ties and seven lead changes. After trailing by three after the first quarter, BC outscored Warren Wilson by nine in the second period and 11 in the third stanza before holding off a late Owl rally for the five-point victory.

Warren Wilson built up an early 11 point lead, 17-6, before the Tornados battled back in the first period with a 10-0 scoring run to cut the lead to one point. WWC took a three-point lead, 19-16, into the second quarter.

Makenna Parkins hit a jumper with 8:26 left in the second quarter to give the Tornados their first lead of the contest. Warren Wilson retook the lead by six points, 34-28, before back-to-back Thompson 3-pointers tied the contest back up. Another Thompson long-distance bucket followed by a pair of Williams layups helped the Tornados establish a six-point lead, 42-36, at the halftime intermission.

With a 53-42 lead at the 5:24 mark in the third quarter, the Tornados outscored Warren Wilson 15-9 down the stretch to take a 17-point advantage, 68-51, into the final stanza.

WWC used a 14-2 scoring stretch through the first 6:31 of the first quarter to cut Brevard's lead to five points, 70-65. BC was able to push its lead back up to an 80-67 margin with a 10-2 run of its own, but Warren Wilson hung tough, scoring eight straight points before time expired as Brevard held on for a five-point victory, 80-75.

Winners of six out of its last seven, BC will be in action on the road next Tuesday against Bob Jones University at 5 p.m. before competing in an exhibition at Wofford College on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter and Instagram @bctornados, subscribe to 'Brevard College Tornados' on YouTube, follow 'Brevard College Tornados' on SoundCloud, and 'Brevard College Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from Brevard College events.



Destiny Williams starts the game off ready to roll.



Destiny Williams shoots and scores at the game against Warren Wilson.