

Wind Ensemble performance 'A Salute to Our Veterans'

By Carmen Boone
Arts & Life Editor

The Brevard College Wind Ensemble held a concert in Scott Concert Hall in the Porter Center on Friday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. It was called "A Salute to Our Veterans" in honor of Veterans Day.

The first song on the program was "American Salute" written by Morton Gould and arranged by Wagner. It was based on the tune "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and was composed upon the request for a song to salute America.

The second piece of the night was called "Lux Aurumque," a piece written by Eric Whitacre. The translation of the Latin is "Light, warm and heavy as pure gold and angels sing softly to the newborn babe." The song was very lyrical and legato, and a little more serious than the first.

"Simple Gifts: Four Shaker Songs," written by Frank Ticheli, was conducted by senior BC student Stephen Healy. The four songs included "In Yonder Valley" by Father James Whitacre, "Dance" from a Shaker manuscript, "Here Take this Lovely Flower" from The Shaker Spiritual and "Simple Gifts" by Elder Joseph Brackett. The program listed the tunes as "a sensuous nature song, a lively dance tune, a tender lullaby, and most famously, Simple Gifts, the hymn that celebrates the Shakers love of simplicity and humility."

The next song was "El Camino Real – A Latin Fantasy" written by Alfred Reed. The program said the song "is a fantasia based on the harmonic movement of traditional Spanish folk dances often performed by flamenco guitarists." The song was fairly long and seemed to tell a story that changed pace throughout, with a very big, loud finish.

After a brief intermission, Senior Music Major Stephen Healy

performed a tuba solo in "Concertino for Tuba and Band" composed by James Curnow. The director, Dr. Eric Peterson, mentioned that the tune emphasised the range of a tuba and it showed lyrical as well as technical abilities of a tuba player.

The next three pieces were specifically "A Salute to Our Veterans." Before the first, a recording of a speaker was played, speaking about the armed forces and the sacrifice made for our nation. The first song after that was "O'er the Land of the Free" written by Johnny Vinson. It was "interwoven with the opening motives of 'America the Beautiful' and 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

The next piece was "The Greatest Generation" written by Robert W. Smith. United States Marine Corporal Rick Ledford had a reading throughout the piece. The music was written for the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The program added, "This stirring tribute to those that changed our world in WWII also pays tribute to all who have served in our armed forces. We thank those that served above self and insured liberty for Americans past, present and future."

The last piece of the night was "A United States Armed Forces Medley." Veterans were asked to stand for the branch that they served in. "Semper Paratus or Always Ready" was for the U.S. Coast Guard. Next was "The U.S. Air Force," then "Anchors Aweigh" for the U.S. Navy. After that was "The Marines' Hymn" for the U.S. Marine Corps. Last was "The Army Goes Rolling Along" for the U.S. Army.

The concert was a great way to honor our veterans. It was very well done and it was clear that a lot of hard work went into it. The concert was also given on the 100th anniversary of WWI. It was such a moving night, complete with great music.



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(Left) Stephen Healy conducts the Wind Ensemble for Frank Ticheli's "Simple Gifts: Four Shaker Songs." (Right) Healy performs "Concertino for Tuba and Band" by James Curnow, accompanied by the Wind Ensemble.

Clarion Poll: Midterm election about Trump

NEWS ANALYSIS

By John Padgett
Contributor

The midterm election happened eight days ago and a few outstanding races have yet to be officially called, including a high-profile Senate race in Florida that is undergoing a state law-mandated recount, but it is becoming clear that Democrats fared very well in this first nationwide election response to president Donald Trump.

Democrats picked up at least 33 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, taking control of that body for the first time since the 2010 election. In nine as-yet undecided races, Democrats lead in at least four, and the margin is very close in the remaining ones, so the final number of gains will likely be even higher, between 35-40 House seats. Democrats also gained seven governorships and improved their numbers in state legislatures, including North Carolina, breaking Republican legislators' supermajority here that had allowed them to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper vetoes.

Even in the U.S. Senate, which was hailed by pundits and political scientists alike as one of the worst maps for Democrats in decades, Democrats flipped two southwestern states, Nevada and Arizona, even as they lost in three midwestern states. Pending the outcome of the Florida race and a special runoff in Mississippi the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Republicans may net just two additional seats in the Senate when all races have been decided, despite having

to defend just nine seats this year, compared to 26 for Democrats.

The "Blue Wave" of the 2018 midterms falls in line well with what Brevard College had to say about the election. More than 100 students, staff and faculty members responded to a Clarion poll Nov. 2-6, addressing such issues as the importance of this year's election, what factors were key in choosing candidates, and how they voted—whether for Democrats, Republicans, or some mix of the two.

We reported some of our survey results last week, including the overwhelming support for Democrats by faculty and staff, a narrower but still clear lead for Democrats among students, and the importance that certain issues played as voters made up their minds who they would vote for.

Health care topped the list of those concerns, with 59 respondents calling it an "extremely important" factor in their voting decisions, compared to 56 for character issues and 54 for civil rights. When "extremely important" factors are added with responses for the next level of "key" factors, however, the number one concern on voters' minds at BC was the issue of character and the related matters of honesty and civility among government officials. The BC poll had 86 responses labeling character issues as either extremely important or a key factor, with health care and civil rights both coming in a close second with 84 responses each.

The next highest rated issues for voters were

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Criminal Justice Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. there will be a town hall meeting held in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library. This presentation, hosted by Brevard College criminal justice students, will focus on the short and long term consequences that arise from underage drinking.

The C.A.R.E. Coalition, in joint accord with the Brevard College Criminal Justice program, is an organization that strives to free Transylvania County of substance abuse and underage drinking; by spreading awareness throughout the county, community, and the Brevard College campus.

Twenty seconds, that is all it takes to make a decision that will change your life. This event will start the conversation on the negative effects underage drinking has on youth. College students will share their experiences and what they wish they would have known. Buncombe ALE Chief Bottego will talk about the importance of parents in this discussion.

Please join!

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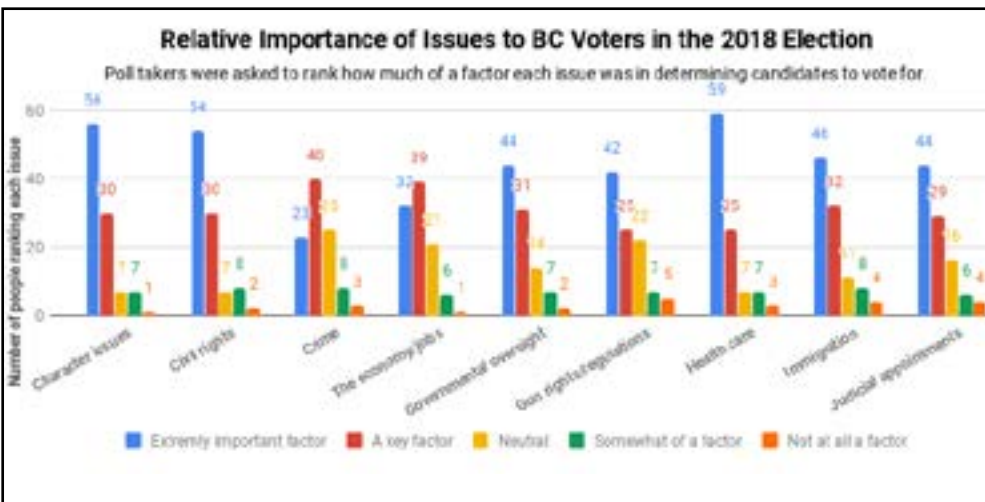
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Campus building hours vary

By Kenny Cheek
Staff Writer

Students new to Brevard College—and even students who have been here for a year or two—often find themselves running from building to building to get work done; however, when buildings close at night, it can cause students inconvenience if they are unaware of campus buildings' access policies.

Most of the academic buildings on campus are used by every student, and involve many different labs, areas, stages and classrooms that sometimes are needed by students beyond their regular class times. This has many consequences for the professors, students and security guards on campus.

For one thing, most students should not have access to the Moore Science building on the weekends or after hours. In instances where students do need to have access to the building or a specific place inside the building, they should have already sought out permission from their professor; the professor or the student may also inform campus security about this to prevent any miscommunications.

In the special cases where a student needs access to a building that they are allowed to be in, but the doors or area is locked, they can always contact campus security at (828) 577-9590 and explain their situation.

Most buildings close relatively late to give students the chance to get work done. The Sims Art Building, Moore Science Building and library all close at 11 p.m. The library closes early on Fridays and weekends. Students are given permission to stay in the Sims Art building until 2 a.m., and are then asked to leave by security.

The Moore Science building is closed on weekends, and work-study students or TAs must call security to gain access.

One building that has special hours for all students, faculty, and staff is McLarty Goodson; this building is open 24/7, and is mainly always open since there is a computer lab in room 102B. The side doors will be locked at night, but the main front doors that lead to the lobby remain open to the campus. In any case that students have problems getting in, they are advised to call campus security.

Security Report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Monday, Nov. 12 at 12:40 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

There have been several incidents over the course of the semester where the Brevard Police Department has been called onto campus to address fire alarm issues caused by burning food. Please exercise care when cooking and don't leave your food unattended.

Damages to the Jones elevator have been reported on two occasions. This type of unwarranted vandalism causes not only inconveniences to students using the elevator but also causes extensive repairs to be made by the facilities department on campus.

Other vandalism on campus involved someone driving between the North and

South Villages and doing donuts. Not only does this cause an expenditure of money to repair the damages but also prevents the grounds people from addressing other issues.

Drive responsibly on campus. Anyone engaging in this type of activity may have their campus driving privileges revoked.

Just this past weekend there was vandalism reported regarding a door in one of the Village units. Again, PLEASE discontinue this type of irresponsible activity. This is your campus community so please respect facilities as if it were your own home.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

— Zach Dickerson

I <3 BC Day!

On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 27, Brevard College continues the tradition of I Heart BC Day.

The giving day is for alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students to donate gifts that will directly be used for student scholarships and the annual fund.

Director of Alumni Affairs Jeff Joyce said, "We are so excited to continue the tradition of I Heart BC Day."

Hanging outside of Myers Dining Hall on November 27 will be an I Heart BC Day Banner. Students are encouraged to swing by and sign the banner, and to write with why they love BC.

Students who sign the banner will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Ingles card.

"It is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season and the season of giving," Joyce said. "Brevard College hopes that everyone that loves BC will take a moment on I Heart BC Day to make a gift, recruit a future student, or just tell a friend why BC is so special."

To learn more about I Heart BC Day visit www.brevard.edu/iheartbc/ and to keep with the BC Alumni Association you can follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BrevardAlumni/>.

— Jeni Welch



2018 midterms a dumpster fire

If you're confused about the outcomes, you aren't alone

By Julie Carter
Opinion Editor

More than a week after the elections held on Nov. 6, many races are still driving heated debates in the political community. After polling places closed, many were met with shocking headlines that left districts, states and the country in a state of disbelief.

To put it bluntly: we are in a post-election dumpster fire of confusion and outrage.

The state of Florida ordered a recount for its Senate and gubernatorial elections on Saturday. The gubernatorial race had previously been declared won by Republican Ron DeSantis over his opponent Andrew Gillum by a margin of less than one percent. On the campaign trail, DeSantis drew a large amount of criticism for racist dog whistles that he was alleged to have made against Gillum, who is black, during interviews as well as debates.

When DeSantis's victory was announced, many were up in arms. Gillum, in a move seen by many as too quick, conceded the race. However, Gillum retracted his concession after the news of a recount was made public.

For the gubernatorial election in Georgia,

many similar controversies followed. The race was declared won by Republican Brian Kemp over Stacey Abrams by a margin of less than two percent. Kemp is the former Secretary of State of Georgia and was thus in charge of voter registration. Kemp was accused of voter suppression in the weeks leading up to the election, namely in the cases of groups that were likely to vote for his opponent.

Abrams was said to have been hopeful to force a runoff for the gubernatorial election.

In another contentious race, incumbent Ted Cruz won against Democrat Beto O'Rourke in one of the closest Senate races in Texas history. In his tenure as a senator, Ted Cruz has drawn up a fair amount of criticism. From being instrumental in the government shutdown of 2013 to a history of complacency in the election of 2016, not many people in the country like Ted Cruz.

"Lucifer in the flesh," former Speaker of the House John Boehner said about Cruz to an audience at Stanford University, "I have Democrat friends and Republican friends. I get along with almost everyone, but I have never worked with a more miserable son of a bitch

in my life."

"If you killed Ted Cruz on the floor of the Senate and the trial was in the Senate, nobody would convict you," joked South Carolina senator Lindsey Graham, referring to Cruz's reputation within Congress.

The mere idea of Ted Cruz winning this election comes as a shock to many. If no one likes him, who keeps voting him into office?

We are now left with many questions. How did we get here? What is going on? What happens next? Is this real life?

Unfortunately, there aren't many answers either. Historically, voter recounts in Florida have not been easy to understand nor done in an effective or timely manner. Georgian citizens are just as confused as the rest of the country. In this atmosphere, Texas seems to be the most certain as to what exactly is going on if in their immediate vicinity only.

So, if you're confused about what happened this election, you are not alone. If you meet someone who claims to know exactly what transpired, they are wrong. We all just have theories.

Your weekly horoscope By Mary Lewe

Aries

Everyone needs help once in a while. Collaborate with a friend to conquer a challenge you're facing. You'll be feeling extra imaginative throughout the rest of the year, so take advantage of your open mind.

Taurus

You may be feeling stuck right now, but know that you have the power to change. Come Friday you will be able to feel more peaceful, but don't let yourself be too comfortable. Keep honing in on your bigger goals.

Gemini

You always have a strong opinion, but this week you need to be careful about expressing it. Start a conversation, don't lecture people. Mercury goes into retrograde this weekend, so it's prepare for confusing communication.

Cancer

Things may feel turbulent right now. It's okay to take a break from people when you need it. Maybe put some distance between yourself and those around you by taking a trip. The restlessness may continue through the weekend.

Leo

Uncertainty abounds this week; but despite the onset of Mercury retrograde, you will be feeling much more in tune come Friday night. Let people open up to you, but don't feel like you have to fix everyone's problems.

Virgo

You've been running around and staying productive, but is the running taking a toll on your body? Check in on your health today. Your financial stress may let up slightly this Friday. A sense of calm will arrive Sunday.

Libra

Struggling to decide how you feel about someone? Just tell them how you feel before making assumptions. The end of Venus retrograde on Friday will bring relief to you, bringing peace into your relationship with yourself.

Scorpio

Don't let a fight bring out the worst in you this week, especially since you will be feeling more calm come Friday. You could really regret what you say while you're fired up. Use the weekend for fun and rejuvenation.

Sagittarius

What better time for unrest amongst family members than the holidays? What could begin as entertainment could morph into a social disaster in the coming weeks. Use the conflict to bond and ride this rough patch out together.

Capricorn

Struggling to see your future? It's time to clear the air this week. You will soon have a better grasp on your hopes for the future, so don't mince words. Be as honest as possible or you could find yourself committed to something that's just weighing you down.

Aquarius

It's time to focus on your own happiness. With the moon in your sign, use your creative energy to carve out more time and space for yourself. Start thinking about who you really want to include in your winter plans.

Pisces

People can always count on you to understand, but it's time for them to have your back in return. You need someone you can trust to hold onto a secret. This weekend, the stars are aligned to bring you your desires.

Veterans Day on campus

By Jeni Welch
Editor in Chief

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 marked the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I, the “war to end all wars.” The war was formally ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day on the eleventh month in 1918.

Since this year Veterans Day fell on a Sunday, the observation of the holiday was on Monday, Nov. 12.

On campus, a Veterans Day panel will be tonight at 7 p.m. in the McLarty-Goodson building, room 125. The question and answer session is sponsored by the Pastimes History Club and is their last event of the semester.

The panel is composed of retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Roy Million, former U.S. Navy Flight Lieutenant Chuck Evans and retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Bob McCann, according to the Transylvania Times. Paul Morgan will be moderating the event.

Veterans Day was formerly called Armistice Day prior to President Eisenhower signing it into law in 1954. Alvin King, a shoe store owner in Emporia, Kansas, started the campaign to honor

all veterans, not only those who served in World War I, according to the official holiday website.

The campaign started small with King’s Chamber of Commerce. It then was picked up by a local congressman who ultimately pushed it through Congress.

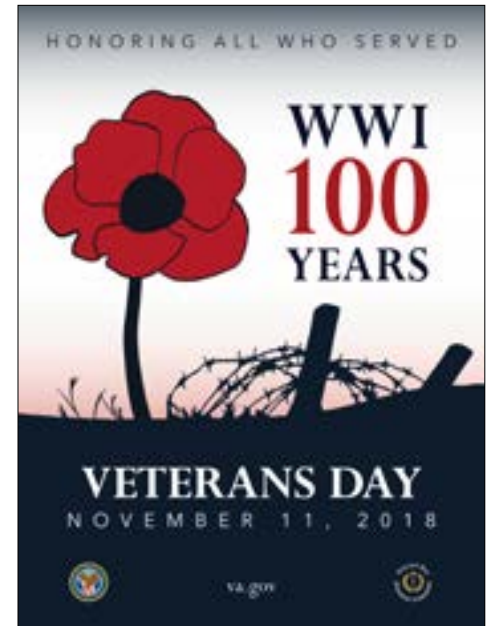
This holiday is different from Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day, which both occur in the month of May. Veterans Day is a celebration of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have died while in military service and Armed Forces Day honors members of the U.S. military who are currently serving.

There is an annual Veterans Day parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan with an estimated 30,000 spectators and over 300 floats and military vehicles. The Sunday event honored those who have served.

Veterans on the holiday receive free meals from various restaurants and fast food chains across the country such as Olive Garden, IHOP and free donuts at Dunkin’ Donuts and Krispy Kreme.

Some businesses offer military discounts year-round for both veterans and active duty. Verizon,

Lowe’s and other businesses offer discounts to give back and show appreciation for the service and sacrifice made by military personnel.



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immigration, with 78 calling it extremely important or a key factor, followed by governmental oversight (75 responses), judicial appointments (73 responses) and the economy/jobs (71 responses). The two lowest ranked issues for BC poll respondents were gun rights/regulations (67 responses) and crime (63).

Poll respondents were given the choice of writing in additional issues affecting their vote this year; among the concerns readers contributed were human rights issues, women’s health issues, environmental protection/climate change, and education.

The survey yielded some additional insights about how the BC community approached this year’s election, many of which parallel trends evident throughout the nation.

For instance, one top story coming out of this year’s election has been the record number of early and absentee/mail-in votes cast prior to Election Day. In the BC poll, two out of three respondents said they had voted or were going to vote early. Among those voting prior to Election Day, almost 80 percent used early one-stop voting, with the remaining 20 percent mailing absentee ballots.

Another national trend that tracked close to Clarion survey results was the widespread belief in the importance of this year’s election. Nearly everyone who responded to the BC survey ranked this year’s midterm election as a 10 on a 1-to-10 scale of importance.

Those who took the Clarion survey were invited to say why they ranked the importance as they did; below are some of their responses:

- “Ours is a participatory democracy. If people do not participate, the way is paved for it to become a dictatorship instead.”
- “This is a crucial midterm election that can significantly change the composition of all levels of the political system. We can’t let fascists continue to hold positions of power. Plus, all of the proposed NC Amendments need to be voted down!”
- “I think the previous presidential election demonstrated how important it is to vote, especially when considering the millennial vote. As college students, we should be doing our political research and fighting for what we believe to be right.”
- “It’s important for eligible voters to vote so that they have a voice and say on who leads our nation, and who makes decisions that

ultimately affect us—the people.”

- “If we are going to make changes in our leaders, then we must get out and vote for those people who really believe in equality for everyone.”
- “There is a notion among my peers that our vote doesn’t matter. They’ve heard the argument that every voice matters and nothing seems to prevail, no matter how clever. All I can say is, you have the power to make a difference in our community, state, nation, and world. If our vote didn’t matter, they wouldn’t try so hard to keep us from voting.”

A number of people responding to the poll acknowledged Donald Trump as a factor motivating their vote—some of whom expressed support for the president and his policies, such as his hardline stance on immigration. Most, however, said they were motivated to vote to counter the president and his party.

“If we want to see change in the way our country is governed, we must make the change happen,” one person wrote. “Voting is the only way.”

Another person alluded to the charged rhetoric and suspicions of wrongdoing by Trump: “We, the voters, have to send a clear message to the administration that hate, fear-mongering, and attempts to flout the law will not be tolerated.”

'I'm not just...' project seeks to tear down stigma, prejudice

Psychology students Hallie Moore and Haley Putnam are working on a special project for Dr. Allison O'Leary's Special Topics Seminar on Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality.

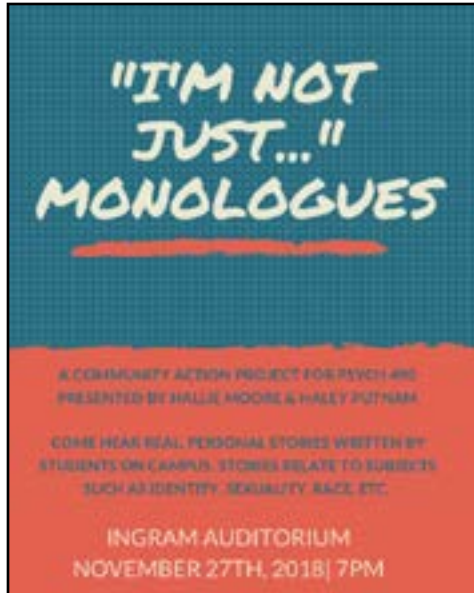
"Three years ago, Stephanie Hine did the 'Me Too' monologues for her senior project, so since most of those monologues related to race, class, gender and sexuality, we thought that it would be beneficial to recreate it for current students," Putnam said.

The monologues were written anonymously by students. "No one knows who they are," Putnam said.

Students auditioned to perform the monologues and rehearsals have already begun.

The monologues will be combined into a performance which will take place Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Ingram Auditorium.

— Mary Lewe



Brevard College Theatre presents 'Into the Woods'

By BC Communications

On Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 p.m., Brevard College Theatre will open their second production of the 2018-2019 season with *Into the Woods* by composer Stephen Sondheim. The show will run in the Dunham Music Building in Ingram Auditorium. Additional performances will be Nov. 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m., as well as a matinee on Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and student tickets are \$5. Tickets are available for purchase online at etix.com and at the box office an hour before each performance.

Into the Woods is directed by Guest Director and Voice Instructor, Wendy Jones, and features a cast of twenty-one BC students. From the director: "*Into the Woods* is a mash up of several of Grimm's fairy tales and through the intertwining of the stories of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and others, Sondheim explores the themes of community, parenting, and the impact of receiving one's heart's desire. Containing moments of outrageous silliness and moments of deeply moving human drama, this is Sondheim at his best. With the dark and sometimes disturbing stories of the brothers Grimm as the foundation for this work, audiences should not expect a Disney re-telling but a unique and inspiring musical that will have them laughing, crying, and ultimately, considering the meaning

of 'Happily Ever After'."

"*Into the Woods* is a brilliant musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, that I first saw upon its release in 1987," says Jones. "It is a piece that touched me so deeply and profoundly that I find it difficult to find words to describe what audiences will see when they have the opportunity to experience this production."

The cast of *Into the Woods* includes, Anthony Zuñiga, Katelyn DiDio, Derrick Hill, Lisa Arrona, K'niqwe Eichelberger, Tally Sugg, Sydney Windham, Claudia Dahlman, Michal Phillips, Kristian Michels, Cody Ingram, Sarah Haga, Mabry Taylor, Natalee Highman, Emma Harris, Rubianne Ely, Kathleen Post, Daniel Ethridge, Kendel James, Faith Alexander, and Hope Jackson.

Production support includes Assistant Professor Vance Reese as Musical Director, Assistant Professor Andrea Boccanfuso as the lighting designer, senior Lance Perl as the sound designer, Assistant Professor Justin Mosher as the technical director, senior Hallie Moore as the wigs and makeup designer, and seniors Sarah Haga and Ki'Ara Jordan serve as the publicity team for the musical. Senior Teila Vochatzer is the production stage manager and scenic designer. Other members of the production team include the students of Brevard College Theatre.

THIS WEEK @ BC

Wednesday 11/14

- Winter Coat Drive in Dining Hall, ALL DAY
- Annual Thanksgiving lunch in Dining Hall, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Pastimes History Club Veterans Day Panel in MG 125, 7 p.m.
- CAB meeting in Tornado Alley, 7:15 p.m.
- DWBC meeting in Tornado Alley, 7:30 p.m..

Thursday 11/15

- Brewhaha meeting in Coffee House, hosted by Canterbury Club, 3:30 p.m.
- Campfire at Stanback porch to raise awareness for hunger and homelessness, 8 p.m.
- Non-denominational Christian fellowship in DMC 111, 8:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Berry, 6 p.m.
- "Into the Woods," 7 p.m. in Dunham

Friday 11/16

- "Into the Woods," 7 p.m. in Dunham
- Bowl for Socks, Hats and Gloves, 8-11 p.m. at Rockin' Bowl

Saturday 11/17

- "Into the Woods," 7 p.m. in Dunham

Coach Randy Finley promoted to United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant in ceremony at Brevard

By Phil de Montmollin
Sports Information Director

Brevard College Football Assistant Coach Randy Finley was promoted to United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant in a special ceremony held Friday at Ives-Lemel Family Field with the entire 2018 Tornados football team in attendance.

For the promotion, Finley chose to have the event on the practice field with the Brevard College student-athletes participating in the special occasion.

"These student-athletes have been a huge part of my life," said Finley. "Brevard College gave me an opportunity and I wanted to share this opportunity with them."

The Brevard College Football team lined in a formation as Finley, a 16-year member of the military, was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant by retired United States Air Force Colonel John Bartus who served as the promoting officer in the ceremony. United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Anthony Hernandez read the promotion, then Finley's nine-year old son Liam pinned his father with his new promotion.

"Coach Finley wanted the players present for the ceremony which shows how much he loves this football team and how much he appreciates what the players have done for him both in his coaching profession and in his personal life," said Head Football Coach Bill Khayat. "In turn, the players felt such joy when they realized that they were hand-selected to be out there."

The ceremony came on the eve of the 243rd birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

"I am grateful for everybody that has helped me along the way," said Finley. "I could not have done this without the support of my family, my son and the mentors in my life. I would not be here if it wasn't for them. I have had a lot of ups and downs in my life and if it wasn't for everybody else I wouldn't be here."

Finley came to Brevard College in August, 2018 as part of the Soldiers to Sidelines coaching program which connects service members with community youth programs.

Finley's military career began in September of 2001. While sitting in his high school Junior ROTC class in Lecanto, Florida, Finley viewed the second plane hitting the World Trade Center. It was at that precise moment that Finley was inspired to join the delayed entry program for

the United States Marine Corps. He was sent to Basic Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and then graduated MCT (Marine Corps Combat Training) in December of 2002.

He was later selected by the prestigious canine school in San Antonio, Texas where he became a canine handler working with German Shepherds, Czech Shepherds and Dutch Shepherds, primarily on the detection side. Finley graduated at the top of his class and with numerous missions under his belt, ranging from base patrols to bomb threats in high schools as well as being part of a Presidential detail.

Finley joined the Walter Reed Medical Center Wounded Warrior regiment as a section leader in 2013 and rose to platoon commander overseeing medical treatment for wounded Marines as well as substance abuse treatment.

Beginning in 2015, he participated in the Soldiers to Sidelines Program, coaching at both Bishop O'Connell and Stafford high schools in Virginia where he helped promote 30 student-athletes to college rosters.

At Brevard College, Finley serves as Assistant Linebackers Coach working closely with Defensive Coordinator Kurt Gouveia. In addition to his coaching, Finley is also pursuing a degree from Excelsior College.

Following this football season at Brevard College, Finley will return to his reserve unit in

Quantico, Virginia.

Finley has applied a multitude of his experience as a member of the United States Marine Corps into the game of Football and as a coach for the Brevard Tornados.

"I have been teaching our student-athletes many of the lessons I've learned in the Marine Corps as well as showing them how to critically think and adapt when a plan is altered," said Finley. "On the football field, you have a plan. But if the plan is altered, the student-athletes have to critically think and adapt when adjustments are needed."

Finley has also brought a detailed-oriented approach to his coaching of the Brevard College student-athletes.

"In football, just like in the military, if you don't do what you are supposed to then somebody is going to get hurt or the play is going to fail," said Finley. "The little things turn into big things, so you have to treat every given task as critically important."

On Friday, the Brevard College Football student-athletes who have been exposed to Finley's approach were able to participate in this latest milestone – a promotion to United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant.

To learn more about the Soldiers to Sidelines program, visit www.soldierstosidelines.org



Photo from BCTornados

The Brevard College Football team stands on the field with Assistant Coach Finley as he is honored with his promotion to Gunnery Sergeant.

Defense helps seal Senior Day football victory for Tornados

By Joseph Marvin

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The Brevard College Tornados Football team (3-6, 3-4 USAS) closed out its 2018 conference schedule with a 28-7 victory over in-state opponent Greensboro (1-9, 0-7 USAS).

The BC defense proved stingy throughout the contest, shutting down the Greensboro Pride offensively. Brevard held Greensboro to just 118 yards of total offense, including -1 net rushing yards.

BC picked off Greensboro quarterback Nate Coffey off three times, as defenders Quentin Jackson, Andreas Wyatt, and JeQwan George all held claim to the "Defensive Turnover Title Belt".

The Tornados sacked Pride quarterbacks a total of eight times for a net loss of 42 total yards. The defense also racked up 11 tackles-for-loss in the contest, netting 53 total yards lost.

In addition to his interception, George led the team with six tackles, including a sack, three tackles for loss, and a quarterback hurry.

Senior Axel Easter anchored the BC front line of defense. He tallied five total tackles, including 1.5 sacks, one tackle-for-loss, and two quarterback hurries. Easter extends his USA South-leading sack total to 6.5. Easter sits just one sack shy of tying the BC record for career sacks of 11 set by Christian Lumbu (2007,09-11).

Quarterback Dalton Cole found the end zone three times to ignite the BC offense in the first half.

Workhorse running back Bobby Clerisier enjoyed his finest outing of 2018 running the football. Clerisier tallied a game-high 91 rushing yards on 15 carries for an average of 6.1 yards-per-carry. Clerisier also found paydirt on Brevard's final possession of the game.

Senior Bubba Craven's touchdown catch late in the second quarter gave him 15 for his career, which is just one away from tying the career mark set by Eric Watts (2008-11) of 16 touchdown receptions.

Greensboro's defense came out on fire early, forcing an interception on Brevard's second drive of the contest. The two sides would then trade possessions as Greensboro received the ball with 4:24 left in the first quarter.

After a negative play resulted in a fourth down, Greensboro would elect to punt, which resulted in Brevard's third blocked punt of 2018. Sophomore Michal Phillips broke

through the Pride's line, getting a hand on the punt sent away by Ronnie Hall. Jamerial Parks would recover the ball for the Tornados, setting them up with possession.

BC was unable to take advantage of its field position, however, as both teams would again trade punts before the quarter ended.

The Tornados regained possession to begin the second quarter, however their nine play, 68-yard drive would be stalled resulting in a turnover on downs.

Brevard's defense answered the call, however, as they forced a three-and-out from Greensboro. The Tornados would regain possession inside Greensboro territory.

BC strung together a four play, 44-yard drive capped off by a 27-yard touchdown pass from Cole to Martigus Henley. The reception was Henley's fourth touchdown of the season, tying Craven for the team lead.

After another Pride punt, the Tornados would score on their second-straight drive of the contest, as Cole shoveled a pass to freshman Blake Taylor for a four-yard score. This play concluded a six play, 86-yard drive by the Tornados.

On the ensuing Greensboro possession, the "Defensive Turnover Title Belt" made its first appearance of the afternoon. As Easter hurried Coffey, the pass sailed into the outstretched arm of sophomore defensive back Wyatt, who returned it 29 yards.

Brevard would capitalize on this opportune field position, as an eight play, 41-yard drive was sealed by a Cole-to-Craven connection.

Brevard would take a 21-0 advantage into the half.

The second half was characterized by penalties for both sides. A total of 17 penalties were accepted in the contest, 15 of which came in the second half.

Both sides traded possession throughout the third quarter with neither side able to muster much offensively. Both sides threw an interception in the third period, and both punted twice.

Greensboro's defense would strike early in the fourth quarter. A Cole interception landed in the arms of Kasseem Bagley, who promptly took it 55 yards for a touchdown to cut Brevard's lead to 21-7.

However, Brevard's second-half game plan did not waiver. The Tornados continued to pound the ball on the ground with Clerisier serving as their workhorse.

George came through for the Tornados with a big fourth-down sack to all but seal the contest. Clerisier added a 27-yard scamper to seal the Senior Day victory for the Tornados by a final score of 28-7.

Brevard will make its last appearance of the 2018 season on Saturday, November 17. The Tornados will host Allen University at Brevard Memorial Stadium in a make-up game from earlier in the season. Brevard and Allen decided to postpone its originally scheduled game on September 15 due to the lingering effects of Hurricane Florence.

The Tornados will look to match their 2017 record of 4-6 with a victory on Saturday.



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