

Tiger Woods injured in major car crash

Tiger Woods, golf legend and one of the most famous American athletes of all time, was involved in a serious, single-vehicle rollover crash on Feb. 23, 2021, with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department responding at approximately 7:12 a.m. It has been concluded that Tiger could have not paid much attention while driving and drifted off the road. In accidents like this it is a good thing to hear that he made it out safely, while sustaining some injuries.

Woods walked away with significant leg injuries, specifically on his right leg, but after a few days he's been doing well and it seems like he will make it. He suffered a few open fractures that affected the upper and lower portions of his tibia and fibula, as screws and pins were inserted to allow his foot to be stabilized. These injuries will set Tiger out for a few months, but

he plans on attending the Masters Tournament in April of this year.

Tiger Woods has won 15 championships, is tied for first, at four PGA wins, five Master's wins and three U.S. Open wins; he could potentially be the greatest golfer of all time. This accident may be used as a learning opportunity for him in regards to safe driving.

People can take a lot out of this story because, for one, it teaches safety while driving. One can never know what could happen; it would be a sad day if the world lost Tiger, especially after losing people like Kobe Bryant, Juice Wrld, Pop Smoke and many more.

Even though Woods plans to be present at tournaments in the near future, his road to recovery is planned to be long and uncertain. Hopefully his health will allow for a quick spring back into playing.

—Colyn Brannon



Tiger Woods' car lay completely totaled after his shocking accident.

Gov. Cooper lifts 10 p.m. curfew, BC follows lead

An email sent out to Brevard College students from Campus Life reads as follows: "Important update: Governor Cooper has lifted the curfew for the state of North Carolina. Brevard College will follow his lead and lift the curfew. As of Monday, March 1st, the 10:00 PM curfew is no longer in effect."

Students of Brevard College are now permitted to be outside of their dorms past 10 p.m., but are still encouraged to closely follow BC's COVID-19 guidelines, as recommended by the CDC. Wearing masks around other students and while in class, staying 6-feet apart to socially distance and regularly washing hands is still to be expected.

—Eleanor Flannery

BC 2021 Commencement

To our 2021 Graduates,

The safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff will continue to be a priority in all of our decisions. Given the limitations and precautions of North Carolina's status and current restrictions along with the logistics of having guests on campus, we have reached a decision about Commencement 2021.

After considering many factors, accommodations, and creative ideas, we must acknowledge the fine balance between wanting to honor you, our graduates, and being accountable to keep you and the community safe.

We will have an in person 2021 Commencement May 8th as scheduled.

The location of Commencement will be moved to the turf field to allow for guests

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BC to have 2 ceremonies at Commencement

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and for more space to remain socially distant.

In order to allow in person guest during Commencement, and to remain at capacity, we will hold two ceremonies. Graduates will be assigned a ceremony time according to their degree.

Each graduate will be allowed to have 2 guest attend the ceremony in person and the ceremony will be broadcasted for everyone else to watch virtually.

We also invite our spring, summer, and fall 2020 graduates to join in walking during the 2021 Commencement Ceremony.

We will be in touch very soon with more information and invite all candidates for graduation to attend the graduation fair.

Stay safe and be well,
The Brevard College Commencement Team

Ohio patient the first to receive Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

By Eleanor Flannery
Opinion Editor

The one-dose COVID-19 vaccine formulated by Johnson and Johnson has officially been administered in the United States. 86-year-old Barbara Schmalenberger was the first person to receive Johnson and Johnson's vaccine, at the Schottenstein Center, in Columbus, Ohio. Schmalenberger received the vaccine only days after it was authorized to be dispersed, and is the first of millions of people the vaccine is set to reach.

"It was really exciting," Schmalenberger told CNN after getting the shot. "When I got out of my car, I was shaking and I was so excited. I couldn't wait."

The third COVID-19 vaccine now available to Americans was approved for emergency authorization by the Food and Drug Administration and is said to be the more efficient vaccine of the three. From CNN, "The vaccine is set to be a cost-effective alternative to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and can be stored in a refrigerator instead of a freezer." The

J&J vaccine is also a single-dose shot, unlike Moderna and Pfizer, meaning patients would not have to return for an additional dose.

From the New York Times: "Experts pointed out that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be simpler to distribute than the other two vaccines, which are made by Moderna and Pfizer with its German partner BioNTech... Health professionals have noted that it could be particularly well suited to remote areas and clinics as well as drive-through mass vaccination sites."

According to Johnson and Johnson, "The Company has begun shipping its COVID-19 vaccine and expects to deliver enough single-shot vaccines by the end of March to enable the full vaccination of more than 20 million people in the U.S. The Company plans to deliver 100 million single-shot vaccines to the U.S. during the first half of 2021."

Americans can look forward to having better access to COVID-19 vaccinations, as millions of doses of Johnson and Johnson's vaccine are expected to ship around the nation this week.

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Barbara Schmalenberger receives the first ever single dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

Photo from CBS

New York residents rise against Anti-Asian violence

There are a lot of Asian Americans that are scared to leave their houses since they are afraid to be attacked and potentially killed. Asian Americans are living in fear.

There were rallies in New York to protest the wave of attacks that were targeted against Asian American people. These protests come after there was a 36-year-old Asian American man that was stabbed on Thursday in the streets of New York.

New York Attorney General, Letitia James, who is encouraging any people at the rally to report any hate crimes that they encounter

during the protest. She states, "Come to my office so we can report on these individuals who hate us, so we can shut them down. Any attack on one of us is an attack against all of us," James said.

The rally was initially held by the Asian American Federation (AAF), which is an umbrella organization that advocates for better policies and services for Asian Americans. The Federation says that there "were nearly 500 bias incidents or hate crimes in 2020, ranging from verbal to physical assaults, to being coughed at or spat upon, to shunning, among other forms

of discrimination."

The numbers were collected by the AAF, the advocacy group Stop AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Hate, the NYPD and the NYC Commission on Human Rights, according to the AAF.

City residents Will Lex Ham said there were many of his family members having to live in fear and are dealing with anxiety from all the attacks that have happened. He also stated that the Asian community does not receive resources in proportion to its population in the city, state, and the nation.

—Harell Mitchell III



Photo from Tasnim News

Asian Americans participating in protest against Asian hate.



Golden Globes holds virtual awards ceremony

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

The 78th Golden Globes announced the highly anticipated winners of the 2020-2021 television and movie season on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. There were many celebrated winners and a lot of computer screens incorporated into the award show this year.

This is the first time this award show has been held in such a fashion, hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler holding the ceremony virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The award show had been delayed for two months and finally had the chance to commence at the end of February.

One highlight of the evening was the award given to Chadwick Boseman for “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom”, this was his final award after losing his battle with colon cancer and passing away in Aug. 2020.

The winners of the 78th Golden Globes are provided by CBS News:

Best Television Series — Drama

“The Crown” — Winner
“Lovecraft Country”
“The Mandalorian”
“Ozark”
“Ratched”

Best Television Series — Musical or Comedy

“Schitt’s Creek” — Winner
“Emily in Paris”
“The Flight Attendant”
“The Great”
“Ted Lasso”

Best Television Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

“The Queen’s Gambit” — Winner
“Normal People”
“Small Axe”
“The Undoing”
“Unorthodox”

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Drama

Emma Corrin, “The Crown” — Winner
Olivia Coleman, “The Crown”
Jodie Comer, “Killing Eve”
Laura Linney, “Ozark”
Sarah Paulson, “Ratched”

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama

Josh O’Connor, “The Crown” — Winner
Jason Bateman, “Ozark”
Bob Odenkirk, “Better Call Saul”
Al Pacino, “Hunters”
Matthew Rhys, “Perry Mason”

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy

Catherine O’Hara, “Schitt’s Creek” — Winner
Lily Collins, “Emily in Paris”
Kaley Cuoco, “The Flight Attendant”
Elle Fanning, “The Great”
Jane Levy, “Zoey’s Extraordinary Playlist”

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy

Jason Sudeikis, “Ted Lasso” — Winner
Don Cheadle, “Black Monday”
Nicholas Hoult, “The Great”
Eugene Levy, “Schitt’s Creek”
Ramy Youssef, “Ramy”

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Supporting Role

Gillian Anderson, “The Crown” — Winner
Helena Bonham Carter, “The Crown”
Julia Garner, “Ozark”
Annie Murphy, “Schitt’s Creek”
Cynthia Nixon, “Ratched”

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Supporting Role

John Boyega, “Small Axe” — Winner
Brendan Gleeson, “The Comey Rule”
Daniel Levy, “Schitt’s Creek”
Jim Parsons, “Hollywood”
Donald Sutherland, “The Undoing”

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Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

Anya Taylor-Joy, "The Queen's Gambit" — Winner
 Cate Blanchett, "Mrs. America"
 Daisy Edgar-Jones, "Normal People"
 Shira Haas, "Unorthodox"
 Nicole Kidman, "The Undoing"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

Mark Ruffalo, "I Know This Much is True" — Winner
 Bryan Cranston, "Your Honor"
 Jeff Daniels, "The Comey Rule"
 Hugh Grant, "The Undoing"
 Ethan Hawke, "The Good Lord Bird"

Best Motion Picture — Drama

"Nomadland" — Winner
 "The Father"
 "Mank"
 "Promising Young Woman"
 "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

Best Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy

"Borat Subsequent Moviefilm" — Winner
 "Hamilton"
 "Music"
 "Palm Springs"
 The Prom

Best Director — Motion Picture

Chloé Zhao, "Nomadland" — Winner
 Emerald Fennell, "Promising Young Woman"
 David Fincher, "Mank"
 Regina King, "One Night in Miami..."
 Aaron Sorkin, "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture — Drama

Andra Day, "The United States Vs. Billie Holiday" — Winner
 Viola Davis, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
 Vanessa Kirby, "Pieces of a Woman"
 Frances McDormand, "Nomadland"
 Carey Mulligan, "Promising Young Woman"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture — Drama

Chadwick Boseman, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" — Winner
 Riz Ahmed, "Sound of Metal"
 Anthony Hopkins, "The Father"
 Gary Oldman, "Mank"
 Tahar Rahim, "The Mauritanian"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy

Rosamund Pike, "I Care a Lot" — Winner
 Maria Bakalova, "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm"
 Kate Hudson, "Music"
 Michelle Pfeiffer, "French Exit"
 Anya Taylor-Joy, "Emma."

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture — Musical or Comedy

Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm" — Winner
 James Corden, "The Prom"
 Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Hamilton"
 Dev Patel, "The Personal History of David Copperfield"
 Andy Samberg, "Palm Springs"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture

Jodie Foster, "The Mauritanian" — Winner
 Glenn Close, "Hillbilly Elegy"
 Olivia Coleman, "The Father"
 Amanda Seyfried, "Mank"
 Helena Zengel, "News of the World"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture

Daniel Kaluuya, "Judas and the Black Messiah" — Winner
 Jared Leto, "The Little Things"
 Bill Murray, "On the Rocks"
 Leslie Odom, Jr., "One Night in Miami..."
 Sacha Baron Cohen, "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

Best Motion Picture — Animated

"Soul" — Winner
 "The Croods: A New Age"
 "Onward"
 "Over the Moon"
 "Wolfwalkers"

Best Motion Picture — Foreign Language

"Minari" — Winner
 "La Llorna"
 "Another Round"
 "The Life Ahead"
 "Two of Us"

Best Screenplay — Motion Picture

Aaron Sorkin, "The Trial of the Chicago 7" — Winner
 Emerald Fennell, "Promising Young Woman"
 Jack Fincher, "Mank"
 Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller, "The Father"
 Chloé Zhao, "Nomadland"

Best Original Song — Motion Picture

"Io Si (Seen)," Diane Warren, Laura Pausini, Niccolò Agliardi - "The Life Ahead" — Winner
 "Fight for You," H.E.R., Dernst Emile II, Tiara Thomas - "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 "Hear My Voice," Daniel Pemberton, Celeste Waite - "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
 "Speak Now," Leslie Odom, Jr., Sam Ashworth - "One Night in Miami..."
 "Tigriss & Tweed," Raphael Saadiq, Andra Day - "The United States Vs. Billie Holiday"

Best Original Score — Motion Picture

Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross and Jon Batiste, "Soul" — Winner
 Alexander Desplat, "The Midnight Sky"
 Ludwig Göransson, "Tenet"
 James Newton Howard, "News of the World"
 Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross, "Mank"



Photo from NBC

Laura Dern presents best supporting actor to Daniel Kaluuya for Judas and the Black Messiah.

Eleanor's Political Corner

Senate to determine passage of Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief plan

By Eleanor Flannery
Opinion Editor

The House of Representatives narrowly passed President Biden's American Rescue Plan Act, the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus package, early Saturday morning. President Biden's pandemic aid package took a leap forward, as his administration is working to enact the first legislative priority to recover from the impacts of COVID-19. The relief package passed, with no help from House Republicans, with a final vote of 219 to 212.

Rep. Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Rep. Jared Golden of Maine were the only Democrats that went against their party lines, voting against the bill. Though the package passed through the House without bipartisan support, the bill will move onto the Senate.

Biden met with Democratic Senate members on Tuesday to discuss the plan, urging Democrats to support the bill, as Majority Leader Senator Chuck Schumer plans to take it on in the Senate this week. Biden and Schumer are pressing to keep the bill moving forward, as unemployment benefits are scheduled to begin lapsing on March 14. Biden and Schumer will need all Senate Democrats to vote in favor of the bill to create a 50-50 partisan vote split (as Republicans plan to vote against the package), allowing Vice President Kamala Harris to break the tie.

On Monday, President Biden met with eight Democratic senators, along with one Independent, Angus King, who often caucuses with Democrats. The group, according to a statement from the White House, "was united in the goal of quickly passing a significant package that reflects the scope of the challenges our country is facing."

According to CNN: "...all eyes are on the Senate, where Majority Leader Chuck Schumer could bring the Covid package -- which includes direct checks, small business aid, and funding for schools, state and local governments and vaccine distribution -- to the floor as early as Wednesday." However, 11 Senate Democrats are urging Biden to

add "recurring direct payments and enhanced jobless benefits in the economic recovery and infrastructure plan he will try to pass this year," said a source from CNN.

Among the group who are pushing for further stimulus aid are Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden, Senate Budget Committee Chair Bernie Sanders, Senate Banking Committee Chair Sherrod Brown, Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey of Massachusetts, Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado, Sen. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Sen. Alex Padilla of California and Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut. It will all depend on the remaining members of the Senate and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, once the bill is brought into play.

According to CNBC: "Democrats, who narrowly control both chambers of Congress, would have to pass the legislation through

budget reconciliation. They are using the process, which enables them to approve bills without Republicans in the Senate, to pass their coronavirus aid plan.

It is unclear now if the recurring payments could win the support of the most conservative Senate Democrats. The party needs every member on board to win a simple majority in the 50-50 Senate. Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., have expressed concerns about both the scope of \$1,400 direct payments and the \$15 per hour federal minimum wage initially included in the pandemic relief bill."

As of now, no House Republicans or GOP Senators have supported the bill or voted in favor of the expanded stimulus package. The Senate will need every Democrat's vote in order to successfully provide and pass some form of legislation to relieve COVID-19 distress.



Photo from Wallstreet Journal

President Biden's American Rescue Plan passes through the House of Representatives.

Alumna Spotlight

Jorden Rice Sitton graduated and hitched!

By Aia Andonovska
Copy Editor

Jorden Rice Sitton has had some exciting life changes the past couple of months. She graduated in December of 2020, this past semester, and shortly afterwards she got married on Jan. 23., 2021! She graduated cum laude and made the Dean's List every semester that she attended Brevard College.

Sitton is originally from Fletcher, North Carolina, which is located in Henderson County. "My family is, relatively speaking, native to Western North Carolina and I have deep roots from Madison County and Buncombe County. I love this area and couldn't imagine the thought of moving away for college so in my search for a higher education placement I wanted somewhere close. Brevard College was always one of my top choices being only 40 minutes from home and the philosophy of experiential education was captivating!" she said.

During her studies at Brevard, Sitton was an Integrated Studies major with a concentration in elementary education. She also was on the teacher licensure path for elementary school. Speaking of her experiences with the education department, Sitton said, "I absolutely adore and admire the Education Department: Dr. Burrows, Dr. Keiser, and Liz Fuller! Not only did I learn how to be a successful teacher, I also was shown my worth. I was a young naïve girl and I didn't have any self esteem when I entered Brevard College. I am leaving Brevard as a confident, passionate, and educated woman who is ready to take on the world!"

She added, "These ladies showed me that I was able to do so much more than I thought I could! I have the confidence to advocate for others and myself! I owe all my success to the education department honestly, because I wouldn't have believed in myself to complete 80% of what I have without them pushing me and challenging me!"

Sitton also had an internship with Glen Arden Elementary while finishing up her studies at Brevard. It coincidentally became the same placement for her student teaching and led to the teaching position that she holds there today. During her time at Glen Arden Elementary during her senior year, Sitton taught a second grade class.

Working as a teacher in the year 2020 was no easy task, but Sitton managed to make it through. "Unfortunately due to COVID-19, my class was an all remote setting. My students' family chose to place their students in this setting until the end of the year. With this being the most difficult school year in history, I have learned so much and look forward to teaching in person some day in the near future! I do believe that this placement has helped me build an impressive resume saying 'I survived and succeeded in teaching seven year olds over Zoom.'" she said.

After graduating, she got married to her high school sweetheart, Silas Sitton, who is also a graduate of Brevard College. He is an Environmental Studies major with a concentration in agriculture. The couple got engaged their sophomore year at the college on Nov. 21., 2018. Sitton is currently still teaching in the same classroom that she student-taught in. Her cooperating teacher ended up pregnant, so Sitton took over.

"My plans after are to hopefully find a job as a full-time teacher at Glen Arden in August. I want to stay in the area for sure but I would be willing to teach in Henderson County as well! After two years of teaching, I plan to go to graduate school

to get a master's degree in teaching reading!" she commented.

Sitton's happiest memories at Brevard College include finals week, believe it or not. "I enjoyed that finals week did not always involve a stressful cumulative test! I loved how the majority of my classes had projects that allow me to express and showcase all I learned from the course." Her advice to the freshmen is the phrase, "This too shall pass."

She added, "There will be times that you will feel so overwhelmed and stressed. There is not a project too difficult or too 'much' for you to complete. It sounds cliché but the reward of persevering is so much more satisfying than the avoidance of any added stress caused by hard work!"

To the class of 2021 who will graduate in the spring, she advised, "The advice I would give is to never lose sight of your goals. Be intentional and purposeful with your life choices."

"Education is extremely important to me and I love to seize every opportunity to learn! Brevard College offered many opportunities to learn from teachable moments with the most hands on approach possible." Sitton stated.



Jorden Rice Sitton with one of her students.

BC students take historical walk through Rosenwald

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

Rosenwald is a historically black neighborhood located in Brevard, North Carolina. On Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m., Brevard College held a historical walking tour for students and staff through Rosenwald. The tour was led by Dr. Jordan Kuck, Assistant Professor of History at Brevard College.

After an assessment last semester of the Rosenwald walk by The Clarion Copy Editor, Aia Andonovska, this is an updated look at the walking tour. See Volume 86, Issue 9 of The Clarion for more information.

The walk had a good turn out of around 30 students and 10 faculty members. The tour started out by leaving the Bell Tower meeting place, a centerpiece of Brevard College and heading off campus by way of the wall. It took about five intersections or 0.8 miles for the group to reach Rosenwald.

The tour started at the old Rosenwald school. The old schoolhouse is very small and is now used for offices for members of the school board of Brevard. The school sat at the top of a large hill and it was explained that the location was “out of sight, out of mind.”

The school was used prior to segregation, when discussing desegregation in schools. Mel Bringle, professor of Philosophy and Religious studies at Brevard College, told a story from when she was in high school in North Carolina. Bringle told everyone of the time desegregation was first starting, her school had three black female students and how they would often be

found in the bathroom leaning on each other's shoulders.

It was a very sad story, but history is not all sunshine and rainbows. Next up, the tour group left the school and walked to the old activity building. The old activity center is no longer standing where it once did.

The group discussed the neighborhood around the activity center and the old leather facility that could be seen from that location. The facility used to pollute the water in the neighborhood creeks and many of the people in the neighborhood used to also work there.

The last part of the walk was the group seeing the new historical marks. There are 30 markers and each one talks about the history of Rosenwald while simultaneously marking historical sites in the neighborhood. For example, one plaque told the story about “Moms Mabley”, an American comedian and actress, who was one of the most famous people to come out of Brevard.

The Social Action Leadership Team (SALT), along with their newsletter at Brevard College, sent out an issue on Feb. 22 presenting the entire life history of “Moms Mabley.” SALT had organized the walking tour through Rosenwald.

Overall, everyone seemed to enjoy the historical walking tour through Rosenwald, even though almost everyone said their feet were sore after the walk. Hopefully SALT will be able to put on another great event soon.

Daft Punk splits up after 28 years

On Feb. 22, 2021, French electronic music duo Daft Punk announced that they had officially ended their 28-year run. The statement comes from a YouTube video on their channel titled “Epilogue” featuring a clip from their 2006 film “Electroma.”

Throughout the 28 years, Daft Punk released four studio albums, one soundtrack album for “Tron: Legacy,” 23 singles and 19 music videos. Notable singles include “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger” and “Get Lucky.” “Random Access Memories” remains the band’s most successful album in the United States being certified platinum by the RIAA. The announcement of their break up led to a sales surge of digital album purchases.

As with many music groups that eventually split up (N.W.A, Mudvayne, Destiny’s Child, The Beatles, The White Stripes and many more), the individual members of the bands typically go on to have successful solo careers. Daft Punk musicians Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo have enough talent to do so. Will they continue to make music under different monikers? Only time will tell. All that is known is that Daft Punk left a legacy that will never be forgotten.

—Jackson Inglis



Photo from Immigrant Entrepreneurship



Courtesy of BC Drumline

BC Drumline prepares for their debut.

Brevard College Drumline's first debut

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

If someone at Brevard College listens out their window they may hear the sound of drumming. The drumming that is heard is coordinated with a very fast tempo. If one is lucky enough to hear the music then they have heard the music of the Brevard College drumline.

The Brevard College drumline is a new joint venture between the music department and the athletic department. The idea for the drumline has been in the works for a few years now, the purpose behind the drumline is to have music in the background of sporting events.

The drumline is currently made up of nine students and Dr. Nathan Tingler, Instructor of Percussion and Drumline Director. Each student has their own drumline uniform and masks. The drumline may currently only have nine students, but on March 28, auditions are being held for new students to join the drumline, accepting students from all different levels of experience.

When speaking to Dr. Tingler, he was asked why students should join the drumline and he spoke of how “music is like therapy.” Tingler also mentioned how the repetitive notes of the drum and the banging on the drums help bad feelings go away.

Since the drumline is brand new this year, it has not been seen at a game yet. As of now, the drumline has five games lined up for them to play. On March 13 and March 21, the drumline will be seen and heard during the football game. On March 27, the drumline will be at the soccer game and at a softball game. Lastly, on April 10, they will be at a baseball game.

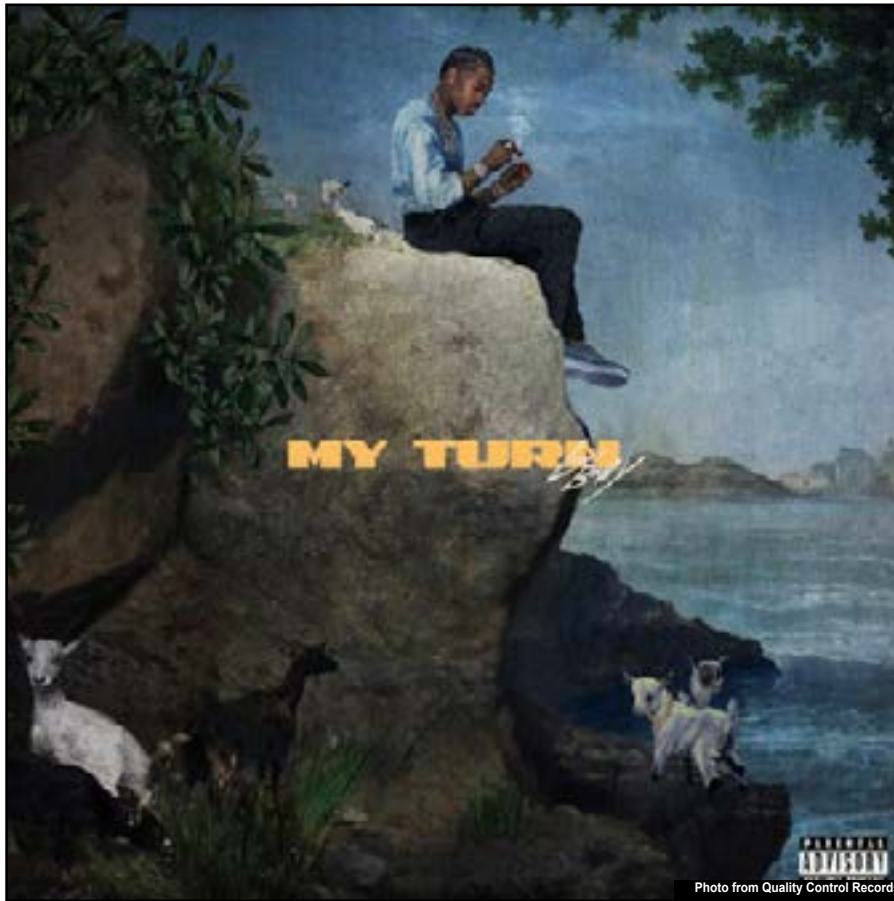
Dr. Tingler mentioned that they only have five games scheduled thus far because he does not want to overwhelm the students. The drumline practices on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The students who are in the drumline are not all music majors. One student, Kel Mclester, is a WLEE major. Mclester is a freshman who came to Brevard College for the WLEE program but heard the school was starting

a drumline and he was very interested in auditioning. Mclester commented, “Drumming is a way to get out frustration.” Mclester is very excited about the drumline.

Also, not all the music students on the drumline are trained originally in percussion. Elijah Bloom, a sophomore education music major with a minor in business, was originally instructed on a saxophone. Bloom originally learned percussion in ninth grade for marching band and he said the drumline hurts his hands, but he is really excited for the drumline at Brevard College.

The drumline project has been in the works for a few years now and everyone involved in the project is very excited about their premiere at the football game. COVID-19 has made many things hard, but it is clear that the drumline is following the college's COVID-19 protocols and staying safe. So, on March 6, don't forget to come and support the drumline at the football game and hear all the wonderful pieces that Dr. Tingler and his students have put together.



One year later, Baby still has "Sum 2 Prove"

By Brady Penn
Staff Writer

One year ago, Dominique Jones, otherwise known as Lil Baby, released one of the biggest and most influential rap projects of the last decade. "My Turn," by Baby, was his eighth project and by far his most successful. The project featured appearances from fellow acclaimed rappers Gunna, Lil Uzi Vert, Young Thug and Future. The album also included the introduction of 42 Dugg, a prodigy of Lil Baby.

Released on Feb. 28th., 2020, the album instantly was met with great acclaim. Many were expecting a great project upon the release of the lead single, "Whoa," which was released in Nov. of 2019.

The album debuted at number one on the US Billboard 200, selling 197,000 units in the first week. After the first week, 12 of the album's 20 songs were on the billboard hot 100.

One year later, "My Turn" was certified triple platinum last Sunday Night. Billboard ranked it as the number 1 rap album of 2020, and Complex ranked it as the number 2 overall album of the year.

On April 13 of 2020, Baby surprised fans with a deluxe release of the album, which was just as good as the original. The album included the hits "All In," "Get Money" and of course, one of the signature songs of 2020, "We Paid," featuring the aforementioned 42 Dugg.

The album was slept on when it came to award season, however. It only received two nominations: Favorite Rap Album for the AMAs and Album of the Year at the BET Hip Hop Awards. Baby, however, was not the only snub at awards season. Some other notable snubs were The Weeknd and Lil Uzi Vert.

A lot of rappers would rest after releasing such an extensive and quality project, not Lil

Baby. In wake of social justice issues in the Summer of 2020, Baby released yet another of the year's biggest singles: "The Bigger Picture." This song was used as somewhat of an anthem for the BLM movement.

The Atlanta rapper is continuing to make new music and dropped two new songs at the end of 2020. 2021 looks to be an even bigger year for Lil Baby. Hopefully, we will be looking back in a year on another phenomenal project from the 4PF artist.

BC Cross Country earns third place

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On Friday, Feb. 25, 2021, Brevard College's cross country team took off to Alabama for the USA South Cross Country West Division Championships. Going into this meet, they had a lot of potential for success with some of the guys showing promising times at practices.

After not having a full team last year, it was a big deal to see how well this new team would perform and show the conference that they are a top contending team. On Feb. 26, it was race day, these guys had a lot to prove since this was the first collegiate meet for most of them

and the first time in a couple years that other schools would see an actual team from Brevard.

Brevard did not disappoint as it had seven runners place in the top twenty-five. They even had two runners place in the top ten, for both of them this was their first meet in college. One of these runners was Devon Brodmyer who finished in eighth with a time of 28:47. The other top ten finisher for Brevard was Garrett Spangler who finished tenth with a time of 29:02.

Several other runners had notable placement and times as well. George Wells finished fifteenth with a time of 29:54, Gavin Morgan

or better known as "Rocket Ray" finished seventeenth with a time of 30:04, Dalton Hawley came in twenty-first and ran a 30:22, Mason Lariscy came in twenty-fourth and ran a 32:19 and Dylan Dicicco came in twenty-fifth and ran a 32:20. Justin King, Anthony Padillo, and Micheal Fader also competed for Brevard.

Brevard ended up placing third overall as a team which was huge for these guys in their first year. With help from head coach, Darryll Patrick, assistant coach Jordan Tager and the motivation these guys have to become the best team in the conference the college should expect to see more great performances in the future.



Courtesy of Jake Moore

The BC Cross Country team poses for a picture after their meet.

Season Preview

BC tennis looks forward to first match

By Margaret Correll
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The Brevard College tennis team is kicking off their spring season with a home match against Berea on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 2 p.m. After their first match against Pfeiffer was cancelled, the men's and women's teams are looking to start off the season right with a win.

The tennis team's head coach, Brad Jones, is looking forward to the start of the season. Since last spring, when the COVID-19 pandemic cut the team's Orlando, Florida spring break tournament and the entire season short, this year will be the first official full season for Jones as the coach.

The team is ready for match play to start, according to Jones, and is anticipating the beginning of the season. "From the start of fall practice, everyone's game has grown in some way and I am really looking forward to seeing how everyone transitions going into competition match play," Jones said. "I think a few individuals will have a breakout season and I am really looking forward to seeing

them "grow through it" as they go through this season," Jones added.

The BC tennis team has made some changes this season, incorporating more mental toughness exercises into their daily routine and strategically planned practices. "We have a very young talented program right now, but the thing we lack is experience," Jones said, "so the biggest thing that we have really focused on going into the spring season is being able to control what we can control." Jones stresses the idea of growing "individually," excelling more as individual players that will, in turn, make the entire team stronger and give everyone the ability to play smarter tennis.

Going into the first match on Saturday, Jones admits that he is rather nervous, something that he claims is new to him since becoming a coach and moving on from playing tennis himself. "Whatever the results, I'm just happy that we get to have an opportunity to have a season," Jones said.

Jones believes the tennis team is ready to take on their first match, after months of

training and preparing for this day. "I believe they were ready for their first match way back in September," said Jones, "but again, I think being able to have a fall season to focus on everyone's individual craft will really begin to show once we start playing matches."

The entire team, including Jones, is excited to finally start the 2021 spring season after months of waiting and the tragedy of the previous year. "I would like to thank Brevard College, the Athletic Department, and the USA South Athletic Conference for being able to put together a plan to allow the student-athletes from all athletic teams to be able to compete this spring," Jones said.

The match will take place at the Brevard College McCoy Tennis Complex. Due to the updated spectator policy implemented by USA South Conference, no outside visitors aside from students with their student ID and pre-approved guests of the student-athletes will be allowed. Because of this inconvenience, the match will be available to be streamed. Keep updated regarding these details at the BC tennis Instagram page: [brevard_tennis](#)



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BC tennis huddles together before their last home match of 2020, against Pfeiffer. Updated pictures will be included in next week's article.