



BC's Haunted Dollhouse invites attendees Oct. 30

By Sarah Hajkowski
Copy Editor

Brevard College (Paranormal) Student Activities will be hosting a chilling Haunted House featuring guest and campus haunters and guides on Sunday Oct. 30, from 8-11p.m. Campus community members are invited to materialize on the Residential Quad in front of Dunham on Sunday evening for a "Doll House" themed House of festivities. In case of rain, ghoulies will move indoors to the Auxiliary Gym.

Via otherworldly communications by Student Activities priestess Chloe Proffitt, Clarion relays to readers that event masterminds Simplified Entertainment, Inc. bring us a frightening attraction for one devilish night only. With the theme of Doll House, the eve is sure to be a spooky affair featuring professional event setup and some of your very own student body (or bodies) putting on makeup and costumes.

One such haunter is Naomi Firebaugh, who told the Clarion: "I was so happy when I heard we were doing a haunted house! Halloween is one of my favorite holidays and I love dressing up for it." Enthusiasm goes a long way, and it's exciting to see students involved in this capacity. Firebaugh continued, "We did a haunted house every year in high school and I always loved it! I'm so excited to do it again and can't wait!"

Some crucial info for any who plan on crossing the veil to attend: 1) according to Simplified Entertainment standards, safety is a #1 priority. 2) Brevard Haunted Dollhouse should be accessible to all persons including those with disabilities. 3) Unexpected stimuli may include loud noises as well as shifts in sound and lighting while in the House. 4) Attendees are more than welcome to come dressed in costumes which they can walk (or levitate) in!

For readers hovering through our online issue: Simplified Entertainment also provides a trailer and added info about their 2022 Doll House attraction- [link here](#) for those hungering after more information.

As many know, dolls have been connected

with the imagery of Halloween and especially giving one the creeps. Some imagine that it is about what scholars call "the uncanny," especially "doubles" or "doppelgangers." A doll imitates the appearance (sometimes even the sounds or other functions) of a human being without quite being one. And with a chill we must admit many a doll or similar toy gets discarded after time. Revenge at 2 feet tall comes to appear almost...fair?

At any rate, the season's trick or treatings have Clarion wondering: do any of our readers own dolls? How do you feel about them? Will this change if you attend Student Activities' free-for-all Haunted House with its dollish theme?

BC's Haunted Dollhouse is arranged via Simplified Entertainment, Inc. and Student Activities, open to campus community members from 8-11p.m. on Sunday Oct. 30, on the Res. Quad in front of Dunham (in Aux Gym should it rain.) At the chime of 8p.m. the House will bid welcome to any who think themselves fearless enough to enter. Be there or beware!



Registration for students is as follows:

- Seniors (92+ credits earned): Monday, November 7, begins 7am
- Juniors (60-91 credits earned): Tuesday, November 8, begins 7am
- Sophomores (28-59 credits earned): Wednesday, November 9, begins 7am
- Freshmen (0-27 credits earned): Thursday, November 10, begins 7am



Punchard, BC Cycling succeed at Collegiate Mt. Bike Nationals in Colorado

Assistant Athletic Director for Communications Phil de Montmolin informs the Clarion that BC Cycling saw tremendous success at Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships in Durango, Colorado. Read on to enjoy the triumphant web story prepared by Montmolin.

DURANGO, Colo. – The Brevard College Cycling team earned a third-place overall team finish with BC sophomore Cole Punchard winning the Men’s Varsity Individual Omnium national title at the 2022 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships held October 13-16 at Purgatory Resort in Durango, Colorado.

Brevard (542 points) placed third at the event behind team national champion Colorado Mesa University (688 points) and second-place Fort Lewis College (680 points). The Tornados edged fellow Southeastern Collegiate Cycling Conference member Lees-McRae College by one point to make BC once again the highest finishing collegiate program in the eastern half

of the United States. It marked the third straight mountain bike national championship that the Tornados have finished in third place with the same team result at last year’s event also held in Durango and the 2019 nationals in Big Bear Lake, California. The 2020 collegiate nationals were not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brevard’s Punchard, a native of Huntsville, Ontario, won the Men’s Varsity Individual Omnium, accumulating 196 points across four individual race disciplines to claim the title as the nation’s top overall collegiate rider. Fellow BC sophomore Owen Clark placed third in the omnium with 167 points. Clark, hailing from King City, Ontario, also earned a podium with a third-place result in Men’s Varsity Short Track Cross Country.

It marked the third straight Men’s Varsity Individual Omnium national championship for a Brevard College racer with Punchard joining BC alumni Tyler Orschel (2021 national champion) and Tyler Clark (2019 national champion) on the top step of the podium in the stars and stripes jersey.

Brevard College junior Cameron Mader earned a podium finish with a third-place result in the Men’s Varsity Downhill competition, the first podium as a collegiate racer at the national championships for the product of Fairfax, Virginia.

The event weekend began on Friday with the Men’s Varsity Cross Country as Clark led the Tornados with a sixth-place finish in a time of 1:19:43. Punchard finished ninth, while sophomore Philip Ford earned a 14th-place result to give BC three top-15 finishes. Senior Tyler Miranda placed 18th, while Brevard freshman Matthew Leliveld finished 42nd.

Next up was the Women’s Varsity Cross Country race with sophomore Paige Edwards (1:49:02) leading the way with a 21st place result out of 51 total participants. Junior Nina Machnowski finished 24th, followed by a 35th place finish by Kelly Lawson.

Also Friday was the Dual Slalom competition for all classes with six Tornados racing in the Men’s Varsity competition. Punchard was the highest finishing Tornado with a sixth-place result. Clark and Mader finished no. 9 and 10 respectively to give BC a total of three top-ten finishes in the competitive event. Leliveld finished 20th, while sophomore Gunnar Ensign (29th) and senior Bryant Bole (35th) also scored in the final dual slalom standings.

In the Women’s Varsity Dual Slalom, freshman Olivia Hyde placed 20th in her national championship debut to lead the Tornados. Machnowski placed 31st with Edwards finishing

34th, providing valuable additional overall points for the Tornados.

In Saturday’s Men’s Varsity Short Track Cross Country competition, Clark placed third completing 11 laps of the challenging course with a time of 30:20. Punchard crossed the finish line in 30:58 to finish sixth. Miranda placed 14th to once again give the Tornados three riders in the top-15. Ford placed 21st and Leliveld 42nd to round out the short-track scoring for Brevard.

The Women’s Varsity Short Track Cross Country race featured four Brevard College finishers led by Edwards with a 15th place result. Machnowski finished 24th just in front of her teammate Lawson, while junior Carmen Chirino Hulsund placed 50th.

Mader shined in the Men’s Varsity Downhill race on Saturday, garnering the top Brevard finish in a gravity event with a time of 3:51.56. Mader’s score was good for a third-place podium, just four seconds off the eventual race winner’s mark. Punchard finished 10th with a time of 4:02.44 to place 15th, while Bole earned a 29th place result.

On the women’s side, Hyde placed 16th in the final Women’s Varsity Downhill results with Machnowski placing 26th.

The national championships concluded with the Team Relay as Brevard’s team of Clark, Lawson, Machnowski and Punchard finished fifth to clinch the third-place overall Team Omnium result as this season’s third-best collegiate mountain bike team in the nation.

Brevard College Cycling will now turn its attention to the Cyclocross season which will culminate with the 2022 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships, December 6-11 in Hartford, Connecticut.

The ten-time national champion Brevard College Cycling program features varsity programs in the disciplines of Mountain Bike, Cyclocross, Road and Gravel Racing. For the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Cycling, follow @brevardcycling on Instagram and ‘Brevard College Cycling’ on Facebook.

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 Athletics’ on SoundCloud, and ‘Brevard College Athletics’ on Facebook. In addition, follow ‘brevardcollege’ on Flickr for photos from Brevard College events.

Clarion congratulates BC Cycling and thanks all who contributed to making this story a reality.

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Fall Choir Concert impresses audience!

By Emme Griffith
Staff Writer

The Porter Center for the Performing Arts was packed on Oct. 13 for the Fall Choral Concert. The performance lasted around an hour, and the set contained a variety of choral styles. From hymns to songs from the Muppets, our choristers put on an impressive show!

Both the Brevard College Concert Choir and the Brevard Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Gresham, performed on stage. Choirs from Brevard High School, directed by Mr. Burchill, also sang both their own rep and joined the college choirs for their final piece “I Know I’ve Been Changed”.

After Brevard High opened the concert, the Chamber Singers took the stage to perform. They sang “O Radiant Dawn”, “Bogoroditse Djevo”, “Siuil a Ruin”, “Animal Crackers”, and “Come Thou Fount”.

The Concert Choir then joined the Chamber Singers on stage to perform “I Dreamed of Rain”, “Wisdom of the Moon”, and “Wana Baraka”. Their final song was “Turn the World Around”, which included clapping and

dancing!

Multiple Brevard Students were featured as soloists during the concert. Mezzo soprano Emme Griffith soloed on “Siuil a Ruin” which also featured soprano Mackenzie Douglas on a descant part. “Wisdom of the Moon” featured soprano Ellie Hedgepath, and “I Know I’ve Been Changed” featured Tenor Ishmeal Parsons.

The choirs received a standing ovation from their audience at the conclusion of the event. The concert was by all accounts a successful one, and on behalf of the Brevard College Choirs I want to thank Dr. Gresham, Dr. Vance Reese, and Mr. Riccardi for their hard work and dedication!

If you haven’t had the chance to see our college choirs in action, you still have a chance! The yearly Christmas celebration, Lessons and Carols, will take place in December. Brevard’s choirs are hard at work preparing to help encourage the Christmas spirit!



Tips to help you stay organized!

By Savannah Anderson
Staff Writer

I’m going to teach you all a few tips and tricks that I have been using since I got on campus to help me stay organized and productive. I have always been completely unorganized, kind of sloppy, and often even forgot small everyday things.

I’m nowhere near what some would consider organized but these are just some small things I started doing that helped me personally. Now that we’re in our first week back after midterms, it’s a perfect time to start something new!

The number 1 thing that has helped me this semester is white boards. I personally have two hanging up above my desk. I have a small one with the days of the week pre added onto it which I have my entire Fall Semester classes on. The second one is a larger calendar with all the games, work shifts, events, birthdays, and anything else you can think of! I have it all color coded by activity; for example, Women’s soccer is pink, work is orange, and football is red.

I think it’s easier for me to use white boards because they’re fun and easy to decorate. I’m in no way artsy but even I am able to make it decently cute so I’m sure you can too. The second thing for me is bins.

I love having bins, buckets, baggies, boxes, and any other cute type of storage containers It helps me keep my space, especially my desk, neat and easily accessible at any time. I know this one sounds basic and obvious, but if you buy cute storage units or even decorate your own, it feels like more fun.

The third and final tidbit of knowledge I will share with you guys is using a schedule for yourself. I don’t even mean one you have to write out, which of course you can if you want, but I just mean a mental commitment to yourself. This mental commitment should include a cleaning schedule of some kind. For my suitemates and I, we designate Sunday’s for cleaning. That includes the bathroom, floors, desks, everything. We have fun while doing it because we play music over the speaker and all clean together so it’s not as much of a hassle.

It should also include some kind of laundry day / grocery day plan. This can be literally anything that works best for you, but it has to benefit you, that’s what’s important. I have always been someone who got overwhelmed by everyday tasks such as these, but it has gotten so much better since I started doing these things.

I know that even with me typing it all out, it can be intimidating. And to that I say, I agree.

If I could have written this article the first week of classes, I would have. It has taken me this long to find the things that work for me. I just hope that someone who reads this is able to take even one thing away and use it to help them out.



Which Monster are you?

By Anna Ervin
CoEditor in Chief

Take this quiz to find out what ghou, goblin, or other terrifying creature you are to learn your horoscope of the week.

Where do you feel most at peace?

- A. Complete darkness
- B. Under the pale moonlight
- C. Wandering through new spaces
- D. Under a bridge
- E. Cooking up something new

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

- A. As long as they invite me first
- B. The more the merrier
- C. As long as they see me
- D. No.
- E. Usually meeting people means they want something from me

What's your favorite thing to eat?

- A. I don't eat much, but I do drink a lot of liquid
- B. Depends on the time of month.
- C. I think about food.
- D. Give me all of it.
- E. I make lots of my own concoctions to eat

Do you have a goal in life?

- A. Truly learn what it means to live forever.
- B. Have fun!
- C. Can't have a goal if you don't have a life
- D. Create a space that's just for me
- E. Learn the purpose of existence

Mostly A's: You're a vampire! You may be feeling like you're living the same day over and over again. Routine is good, but it's also okay to break routine and try something new. No matter the length, you only have one life. Make the most of it!

Mostly B's: You're a werewolf. The moon haunts you nightly. You like to have fun, but not everyone can match that same pace. Have some grace for the people that try to keep up. You're ready for anything and everything, so keep heading forward.

Mostly C's: You're a ghost! You're not who you once were, so stop letting the past haunt you. You can forgive yourself. Stop drifting through, stuck in a liminal place between space and time. Look for resources that can bring you back to the living.

Mostly D's: You're a goblin! What makes a space feel warm to you? You may not be able to currently change where you are, but you can make it yours. Hang some new posters, get some new spaces and leave the comfortable nest you've created. Going outside is just as important as staying in.

Mostly E's: You're a witch! You're trying to find the balance between what you want and what you need from the world and how that can shape your goals. Your place will make itself known to you. Share who you are and what you bring to the table, and trust that not everyone has negative intentions.

The Legend of Dunham Revealed

By Emme Griffith
Staff Writer

Brevard College's Music Department has a dark underbelly that I plan to reveal to you in this very special article. For too long the music students have been allowed to roam campus free of punishment for their crimes.

Underneath the basement of Dunham lies a room known as the "child sacrifice room". It can only be accessed by using one of the outside staircases, and at the bottom you will find an old storage room that reeks of mold, dust, and heinous acts. Pitch black, a flashlight is required to light the way, but be careful to not alert what might be lurking in the shadows to your presence.

If you are brave enough to wander in, you will stumble upon a large room. Filled to the brim with coal, in the middle is a single wooden table. Slightly off-center (for scare factor of course), it is illuminated by a single lightbulb directly above it. The light remains on at all times, and no one knows why or how it stays on.

Legend has it that the only way to pass the music program is to sacrifice an unknowing Freshman at 3 a.m. After the sacrifice is completed, the student will be given the gift of perfect pitch and eternal energy. Only with these skills students are able to make it through the program in one piece. The ones who don't make it are fed to the Jaeckel Organ, known as "The Beast"

With each sacrifice, the power of the music department grows, but it is unknown what is behind the dark magic. Some say long ago a power-hungry professor made a deal with the devil to give himself a good tenure. The sacrifices were a way for them to get their students to do their bidding, and after they passed the sacrifices were the way that they had the ability to remain on campus as the Polyrhythmic Poltergeist.

The Poltergeist can be heard in Dunham late at night opening and closing the lockers of students who forgot to lock them, playing the piano spookily, and grading the occasional forgotten homework assignment. Some have claimed to have been possessed by the poltergeist, causing them to fall into a trance where they speak in tongues and claim to be Beethoven reincarnate.

For the safety of Brevard College the room has remained a secret to most. Only those who are deemed worthy will ever stumble upon it. One does not simply go and find it, but rather it chooses to show itself to you. Let's hope in your case if you ever find yourself in that dark room you won't suffer for too long. If you ever meet a student claiming to be Beethoven, you're better off walking the other way.

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Two-sentence horror stories

I wake up one morning and realize I've gone back in time. It's the first day of my freshman year of college.

-Anonymous

It was the day of graduation. Then I found out I missed a credit and needed to come back for another semester.

-Student

Being a parent at home with your Brevard College student during COVID LOCKDOWN. A survivor's story.

-Lady Emmaline

I was hungry. The only thing open was the cafe.

-Anonymous

Just before I went to bed, my smart watch said I had done 92 steps, but when I got up, it showed more than 500 steps. I'm not sure what is more startling: That a smart watch can measure steps on a prosthetic limb, or that someone came into my room, took my arm, and went somewhere with it before returning it this morning.

-John Padgett

Finished my paper ahead of the deadline! Woke up to find I dreamt it all...

-Sarah H

Going to Bills in the morning. There's no bagels.

-Cat

I get to class ready for my 8am. I realize that it is Saturday.

-Caroline

My professors walked into my classroom today. We have been virtual for 3 months.

-Paige Kneubuhler

Night shifts at the cemetery are fairly dull; maybe I dust a cloudy headstone or two. What words describe the tingles when a casket lights up beneath my feet?

-Isaiah Collison

The two college girls walked down a spooky trail towards a spotlight. All was fine until a spooky sound came out of nowhere to warn them about the blue masked killer.

-Victoria Sylvester

Spooky guessing game for Halloween

By Paul Bienefeld
Staff Writer

Black Stories is a card game series by Holger Bösch with collections of tricky and spooky stories. The aim of the game is to guess, based on the short description text of a story, what the framework conditions and circumstances are that led to the situation described. To do this, the other players are allowed to ask the game leader questions, which he may only answer with “yes” or “no”. A card game that originally comes from Germany, but is now also available as an English version and puts you in a spooky mood, fitting for Halloween. The game is available as an app and also for purchase on Amazon.

How the game works:

The 50 playing cards are placed on the table as a stack with the face up. The game leader is determined. He takes the top card of the deck and reads the front side, the scene, aloud and asks, “Why do you think?” He then reads through the answer written on the back of the card, but keeps it to himself.

Now the rest of the players can ask the master questions to be answered “yes” or “no.” In this way, they work their way to the solution piece by piece until they finally figure out the Black Story that ended in this scene. The rule here is that the players are only allowed to ask questions that can in principle be answered with “yes” or “no”. Not allowed would be, for example, “How tall was the man?” In the case of such questions, the master must insist on a new formulation.

Players may not make unfounded assumptions. For example, they would not be allowed to ask “Was the knife sharp?” if it is not at all clear from the gameplay that there is a knife in the story. In such a case, the master points out to the guessing people that this assumption has nothing

to do with the story or that this assumption is unfounded at this time.

The answer on the back of the playing card is the only correct answer.

In addition to this “classic” way of playing, in which the group wins together, Black Stories can also be played “competitively”. The guessing people do not guess together, but each player in turn asks until the bidder answers “no”. Whoever has found the most solutions at the end wins the game.

Here are some examples to get you in the mood. You can find the answers on the following pages.

Romeo and Juliet:

SCENE: Romeo and Juliet are lying dead on the floor. There are shards of glass around them. There are no drops of blood, but the window is wide open.

The suitcase:

SCENE: A woman opened her suitcase. When she found a dead man inside, she took her own life.

Solutions for Black Stones:

Romeo and Juliet:

STORY: Romeo and Juliet are fish. A violent gust of wind opened the window and threw the aquarium off the table. The aquarium broke and the fish suffocated.

The suitcase:

STORY: The dead man was their friend. Since he couldn't get an exit permit from his home country, she had hidden him in her suitcase and checked it in as air cargo. Unfortunately, the heating in the cargo hold had failed - and he froze to death.

Monster Mash-up

Need a playlist for your Halloween parties? I got you! This week I put together a few songs that are Halloween bangers, and some that also give me spooky vibes. Hope you enjoy it, and happy Halloween everyone!

- 1) Thriller by Michael Jackson
- 2) Monster Mash by Bobby “Boris” Pickett,

The Crypt Kickers

- 3) This is Halloween by Danny Elfman
(Nightmare Before Christmas)

- 4) Ghostbusters by Ray Parker Jr.

- 5) Witch Doctor by David Seville

- 6) Cannibal by Kesha

- 7) E.T. by Katy Perry

- 8) Somebody's Watching Me by Rockwell

- 9) Time Warp by Little Nell, Patricia Quinn,

Richard O'Brien

- 10) The Addams Family by Andrew Gold

- 11) Mr. Clean by Young Gravy

- 12) Somebody that I Used to Know by Gotye,

Kimbra

Arts & Crafts!

By Caroline Hoy
CoEditor in Chief

Would you like some fun ideas of what to do during Halloween without spending a ton of money? For fun arts and crafts you could make a jack-o-lantern paper plate pumpkin, a fun spider or a mummy!

Supplies: Paper plate, orange construction paper, one green pipe cleaner, glue, and a black marker

Step one: Glue a piece of orange construction paper to the plate and glue it on.

Step two: Draw a jack-o-lantern face on your plate where the orange paper is glued with the black marker.

Step three: Glue the green pipe cleaner to the top back of the plate to make steam.

Supplies: Gatorade bottle cap, 4 straws, glue, two googly eyes, and a black marker

Step one: Take your bottle cap and straws and color them black using the marker.

Step two: Cut your four straws in half making eight legs for the spider.

Step three: Glue your straws to your bottle cap with four halves of each straw on the opposite sides of the rims from each other.

Step four: Glue the googly eyes to the top of the bottle cap.

Supplies: empty toilet paper tube, white twin, two googly eyes, glue, and a black marker

Step one: Use the black marker to color the empty toilet paper tube black.

Step two: Glue the two googles one $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way down the now black toilet paper tube.

Step three: Glue the white onto the toilet paper tube while wrapping it around and avoiding the eyes.



- Aaron Butts

The lost castle of Draverb

By Scott Douglas
Staff Writer

Have you ever heard of the unsolved mystery of Draverb? Of course not because this is a story that only two people in the entire world knew about.

In the heart of Transylvania county, at the highest mountain stood a castle called Draverb. The wealthiest of all people resided from this secret castle that was way out of sight.

This castle was immaculate and the only people that saw this castle were invited to stay there. But there was a tragic accident. People think that this castle came crumbling down because of heavy winds and storms. But they are wrong.

In actual fact there was a duo that was jealous. They saw his castle and were in awe. They wanted to be accepted into this house full of privilege. But instead they were turned away.

Until one day they got the invitation. They got their dream to enter the castle and live a luxurious life. They were quick to accept this offer. They were treated like royalty and brought

to the castle as if they were high profile people.

That's where the decency ended. It all was a ploy to get the two people back in the vicinity so that the wealthy can get back the photos the pair took. They proceeded to steal their information in order to have leverage against them

When the couple realized what was going on, they were furious. They spectacularly saw through the smoke and mirrors to see the truth. They found a moment alone and conjured up a plan.

This plan was made with hate-filled hearts, in the heat of the moment, with the worst intentions. They knew at that moment, they were going to destroy each and every person that lived in that castle.

They went through with this plan and got rid of every ounce of life that was in that building. The pair felt closure. They were happy with their actions. The woman of the pair didn't want to stop there. She wanted the castle to be her new home. She didn't want to leave, so the man of

the pair agreed.

Although the man verbally agreed, internally he wanted to get rid of everything that the castle stood for, including the foundations that it stood on. He didn't bring up this desire of his because he knew she would do everything she could to convince him otherwise.

So he was only left with one choice. To get rid of the castle, whether she was inside or not. Tragically, when he disposed of the castle, she was inside. Getting rid of the only other person to know this story.

Because he's the only one that truly knows what happened, the whole thing went down as an accident. He decided that he would never tell a single soul this story, unless he was in the mood to kill.

Now that you've heard this story from the one person left that knows this story, I suggest you keep your eyes peeled because you never know what could come creeping up in the darkness of the night.

Coma Ghosts

By Isaiah Collison
Staff Writer

And so it was. I woke up in the hospital bed with a tourniquet still wrapped around my arm. The IVs I observed in my forearm and opposite groin quickly made me nervous. It seemed the fluid had long dried and crusted though. The half-bright room only had one source to thank; the sun beaming through the closed blinds. Seemed it could have been morning out. I shouldn't have been able to see the moon through a warm blue sky, and yet, it greeted me when I rolled over and pulled the shades up. Strange? I hadn't passed out...

I tapped the bed controller button to see if a nurse would come and explain the moon's timing and relax my throbbing eyes. Nobody came to check on the red light. So I pressed it again. No red light. I strained off the bed after removing the cords and hobbled for the TV screen in front. Something told me no one was watching me or anything in the entire hospital. I tapped the power button twice but the blackness quietly laughed at my outstretched arm. It spit dust when I pulled back in a gentle state of confusion. I was starting to notice the room had an odor. An earlier burn... What was burnt? Without moving below the neck, I inspected the room; above the window, behind the medical dresser, over the bed, the

counter. Everything. Under the bed.

As I hovered my hurt body on my hands and feet between the bed and the cold tile floor, I spotted hair. I could not realize it was mine as somehow my eyes did not recognize the color. Maybe. I leaned further under but a gust of wind blew it the way of the wall the bed hugged. I rose with the assistance of the metal frame and found my head in front of the TV studying a face. The dust had cleared. This particular face had sunk in on itself like a dying balloon who yearned for summer days with helium. I rubbed my head. A delayed reaction relayed the conclusion I was bald. Light patches remained so not all the way I guess. Panic should have overtaken me but up to now I have heard no peep in or out. A bit of hair loss isn't critical. Dare I break silence? I want to exit this dead room.

Gravity danced on six of ten toes; brother lactic acid pumped molasses through two heavy legs. Along the counter by the sink, I regained enough balance with sense. A pair of scissors dangled from a metal hook. I knew I now needed both so we made quick friends. I crept to the closed door even slower and cautiously than film can visualize. I leaned into the door but there was no revelation. I tapped the handle with the hook.

Another gust of wind sent it groaning towards me. I barely managed to side step it. It grazed my nightgown. My reaction speed hadn't recovered.

Naturally, I searched left, right, high and low for any more clues right outside the door before showing my back outside. I was catching on to the fact it was just me in the whole building but it still didn't sit right. Standing in the middle of the floor seemed dangerous so I faced it boldly. Trying to catch possible lurkers and killers made me spin long like ferris wheels. Paranoia. I stretch each toe to check again. Silence forced a moment to swallow on my last swivel. The longest swivel to that hardest swallow. No spit nor air moisture massaged even a lick of this tongue. A supernatural gust of wind from the swung door at the beginning of the hallway knocked me into what felt like a flatline. The room carried reality clockwise out of my brain. There went freedom...

I've awoken. Strangely, back in bed. The shades are closed, the TV is dusty, and needles puncture my veins. I must say it, being my relief is a long way off. I Ghouly Cooley, am afraid of ghosts.



Women's Soccer earn their first win in the conference

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As regular season action is slowly coming to a close, results at this stage are vital.

Every game is a must win game, and while the pressure mounts we have seen results that are not as satisfactory for players and fans alike.

The last time we met, the Tornados had back to back draws with tough oppositions; Greensboro and Southern Virginia.

Since then, the Tornados have played five games, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2.

The first game was against Johnson & Wales (NC) on Oct 11. This game ended in a 2-2 draw, meaning that the Tornados drew 3 games in a row.

In this game we saw how much fight the women's soccer team had. They went behind by two goals in the 52nd min, but that two goal lead only lasted less than 2 minutes.

In the 54th minute, Taylor Richardson got onto the score sheet making it 2-1. Then the Tornados top scorer, Abby Mayer, completed the comeback in the 87th minute.

The second half of this game saw the Tornados have 14 shots. That alone shows how much they were fighting to get back into this game.

The second game of the 5 ended with a well fought victory. The Tornados took on Mississippi University for Women and won 1-0, thanks to Emma White scoring yet another free kick.

Nicole Arroyo made 5 saves in order to get another clean sheet this season. This was her 4th clean sheet of the year, which is very impressive for the freshman.

Then Oct 15th, two days after their victory,

Brevard took on Methodist. The Tornados stood strong for the entirety of the first half. However, the second half was a different story.

In the 67th minute Methodist took the lead. They then doubled their lead in the 83th minute. It was a dominant display from Methodist, they had 22 shots, meaning the tornados had to defend strongly.

Following this very testing game, Oct 19 saw the Tornados have a frustrating game in front of goal. Brevard took on Salem.

The Tornados won 1-0 thanks to a goal by Grace Black in the 18th minute. Assisted by Abby Mayer. This was also their first conference win of this season.

The frustration came from having 20 shots in the entire game and only scoring one. 15 of those shots came in the second half. But it was great to see the tornados have another strong defensive display.

The final game of the 5 game series was away to Mary Baldwin. This game ended in a defeat for the Tornados. Mary Baldwin won 1-0, scoring their goal inside the first 10 minutes.

The Tornados were in the game for so long, having 10 shots and having eight corners. Although they put up a good fight, they were unable to get a result from this game.

The Tornados sit 8th in the conference with a record of 1-3-3. Their next and last home game of the regular season takes place Saturday Oct 29th.

Be sure to come to Ives-Lemel Family Field as the Tornados take on William Peace and celebrate senior day.

Men's soccer

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Helio D'Anna's team puts itself under a lot of pressure with two defeats in the Conference. Also in the Fall break our soccer team had to prove itself again and had to solve some difficult tasks. But with a good conscience the Tornados could face the difficult tasks. After defeating Pfeiffer 3-2 they went into the upcoming games with a record of nine undefeated games in a row.

On Oct. 15, the opponent was N.C. Wesleyan. The guests played on this day very dominant and could play a lot of ball possession. There were highlights in the game sporadically on both sides. The goal of the day was, to the annoyance of the Tornados, in the final minute for N.C. Wesleyan who won the game happily, but ultimately deserved 0-1.

The following Wednesday, the Tornados looked to make amends for their first loss in a conference game. Warren Wilson was the opponent. The Tornados fired off fireworks on offense that day. They put 14 shots on goal. The last shot in the last minute of the game brought the well-deserved victory to the final score of 1-0. Relief was felt by players and coaches.

So they could travel to Fayetteville N.C. full of confidence to play a landmark game against Methodist on Oct. 22. The turnout of home fans was especially high that day. Methodist was celebrating their Senior day. However, that didn't stop Coach L's team from dominating the game for the first 20 minutes. Louis dos Santos gave BC a deserved 1-0 lead off a corner kick from Filipe Tchoulkov. After the lead, however, the Tornados rested and let the home side take the game. Methodist thus found better and better into the game. Unfortunately, just before the break they managed to equalize to 1-1. In the second half, the men's soccer team decided to build on the first 20 minutes. This resulted in some dangerous finishes. However, the Tornados failed twice on the crossbar of the opponent's goal. From a coordination error between defense and goalkeeper, the Tornados literally gave the home team the lead to 1-2. The last desperate attempts to equalize failed, however, and the game was unnecessarily lost 1-2.

The Tornados should now win the last two conference games to continue to have everything in their own hands. In the two home games the Tornados expect Greensboro on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. and William Peace on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m..



Women's soccer is the winner! Let's go!