

# Donald Trump wins

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Contributor

On Tuesday, the American people took to the polls to decide the next president of the United States, as well as positions on the state and local levels. On the national stage, the Republican candidate, former President Donald Trump, won with an overwhelming majority in the Electoral college, garnering at least 295 votes.

Vice President Kamala Harris, running on the Democratic ticket, fell short with 226 Electoral votes. In January, the former president will be inaugurated and take office as the 47th president of the United States.



## Newest Nado

Karley Queen, a senior majoring in health science, proudly shows off her 12-week old golden retriever Marley, who she referred to as BC's newest canine Nado, during the college's Harvest Fest on Oct. 30. See story, page 6. (Photo by Esther Padgett)

Turning to the state level, a decisive governor's race elected Democratic candidate Josh Stein over his Republican opposition, the current Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson. Gov. Roy Cooper will vacate the office after fulfilling two terms in the position. In Transylvania county, voters reelected the incumbent US House representative for district 11, Chuck Edwards.

These elections leave voters wondering what exactly may be in store for the United States, as well as North Carolina. With shifting political dynamics across the board, the outcome is far from assured. The election results have opened a door to conversation regarding navigating a newly elected president, as well as what is to

come for the state.

Time will tell in determining America's ability to reconcile as a nation in moving forward through this transition.



Donald Trump delivers his victory speech early Wednesday morning.

## BC reacts to election results

Shock. Despair. Anger. Sadness. Fear. And also: Joy. Jubilation. Relief. Happiness. Even celebration.

These are some of the reactions by students, staff and faculty at Brevard College to this year's general election results on Tuesday, in which former President Donald J. Trump soundly defeated Vice President Kamala Harris, becoming only the second president in U.S. history to be elected to serve two non-consecutive terms. (The other was Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president.)

And there is also a third category of reactions: indifference.

"I really didn't care about this election this year because both parties were terrible in my opinion," a second year student athlete said. "They were terrible because they both were lying to the people to win over votes."

A similar response from a business major: "Not surprised that Trump won, but I don't particularly like either candidate."

On Wednesday and Thursday, The Clarion staff reached out to students, staff and faculty to ask what are their reactions to this year's election outcome. While most people interviewed were willing to go on the record with their responses, some preferred to remain anonymous.

"It is the most important election in modern history and we needed change," one person who

did not want to be named said.

"This is a big change in American history today and a landslide victory by President Trump and we'll see how it goes from here," another student said.

Senior Hayden Leblanc said, simply, "This is a huge win."

Some of those interviewed expressed concerns about the outcome, but saw it as necessary.

"As a woman I could not help but think that our country was doomed after the presidential win of Trump," a future nurse said, "but for the sake of our country and all the people living within it, I believe that the outcome is maybe what is meant to happen for a different future and better economy."

Many of those pleased with Trump's win touted the economy as a major factor in their reaction. One such reaction came from faculty member Karyn Melligan, assistant professor and coordinator of the Emergency Management graduate program.

"I'm incredibly pleased with the election's outcome," Melligan said. "I believe that the Democrats were out of touch with the average American's current struggles, which was reflected in the popular vote. I'm hopeful that President Trump can address our country's most pressing issues: the economy, our borders, and

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## More city, county and state election results

A poll conducted by The Clarion two weeks before Election Day indicated strong support for the Democratic ticket among those surveyed, but even so, there was evidence of significant support for Trump among some segments of the campus population, especially among students.

Those survey results mirror in some ways actual Election Day results in Brevard, Transylvania County and the state of North Carolina.

In the county as a whole, Donald Trump finished with a 12-point advantage over Kamala Harris, 55 percent to 43 percent, but in the city of Brevard, Harris finished by more than a 3-to-2 margin, 3,289 votes to just 2,088 for Trump.

In Brevard #4 precinct, which contains Brevard College, the margin was even greater: Harris finished 28 points higher, with 63 percent of votes cast compared to 35 percent for Trump.

Although North Carolina was touted in national polls before the election as a battleground state, the final result in the Tarheel State was a more than 3-point advantage for Trump, garnering 51 percent of the vote compared to 48 percent for Harris. As results came in on Tuesday night, North Carolina was the first battleground state to be called for Trump.

Nationwide, Trump is expected to win more than 300 electoral votes. Two states, Nevada

and Arizona, have not yet been called by most media sources, though Trump is leading the vote count in both states. If they do eventually go to the Republican, Trump would finish with 312 electoral votes, well above the 270 needed to win the race and an increase over the 304 he received in his 2016 victory and 306 that Biden received in 2020.

In local politics, Republicans swept several key races. On the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners, all four Republican incumbents earned enough votes for them to remain in office, pending the final certification of ballots.

On the Transylvania County Board of Education, Republicans also won three open seats.

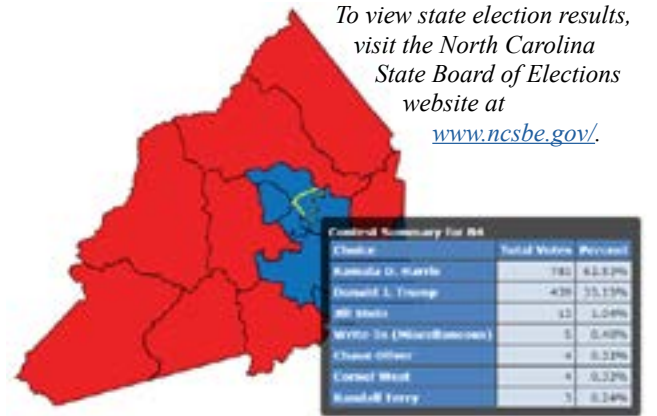
A rare bright spot for Democrats in the 2024 election was in statewide offices in North Carolina. One of the earliest races called on Tuesday was in the governor’s race, in which Attorney General Josh Stein faced off against Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson.

Pre-election polls indicated

Stein, the Democrat, had a wide lead over Robinson, whose campaign had been featured in national headlines for extremism and scandal.

Stein prevailed over Robinson by more than 14 points, earning nearly 55 percent of the vote.

Democrats also won statewide races for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and State Superintendent of Public Instruction.



This map from the NC State Board of Elections election results dashboard shows how voting precincts in Transylvania County voted in the presidential race—red for Donald Trump, blue for Kamala Harris—with an inset table showing results for Brevard Precinct #4, where Brevard College is located.

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## Reactions to the 2024 election

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the current global threats.”

Several students expressed similar views: “Happy about the results of the election and to Make America great again,” one said.

Another said, “This is a very shocking turn of events but it is also one that our country needs.”

And one criminal justice major said, “The outcome was what I expected—it is what is best for the American people.”

If some were happy about the results, others were decidedly less so.

“I am devastated but not surprised by the outcome of the election,” one faculty member who did not wish to be identified said. “Witnessing a candidate with exceptional qualifications and character lose to a candidate who has ‘vowed to be a dictator’ makes me lose hope to see a woman elected as president within my lifetime.”

Senior art and English major Alexa Jennings said, “I got the news right when I woke up, so it was hard to process at first, but when I processed it, I was pretty livid.”

Some of those interviewed did not like the outcome, but they weren’t surprised either.

“Honestly it’s what I expected,” second year history major Buckley Harris said. “I’m not happy about it, but it’s just what I expected.”

Several of those interviewed commented on the enthusiasm among each candidates’ support-

ers. “It was very out of the box in an intriguing way because Harris was talking a big game,” junior Bernard Werts said, “but Trump had his supporters and his base to build up his voters for his plan and a lot of people agree with his plan.”

Declan Lusk, a recent BC graduate, commented on the turnout. “If more people showed up to the polls, we wouldn’t be in this situation right now,” he said.

Some responses were more nuanced, such as this one: “Well as I am happy for our country economically, I cannot help but sympathize with the women in my life.”

And this one, from one reporter’s grandmother: “I am terrified for our country’s future; however, we are still Americans and we can still come together.”

An unnamed staff member perhaps epitomizes how BC should react to the 2024 election: “I’m holding space in my heart for our country, our people, our students. Be kind to yourselves, stay on track in your classes, talk to your peers. Reach out to the available counseling services if you feel overwhelmed or triggered. We are here for you.”

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## BC students have articles published in international magazine

Three Brevard College students—Miles Schaeffer, Paige Kneubuhler and Paige Edwards—now have a unique achievement to tout on their resume: internationally published author.

Their work appears in “Release Peace: The Magazine,” a digital magazine produced by Release Peace, a nongovernmental organization in Europe. Brevard College partnered with the organization in spring 2024 to participate in their annual conference. The articles by BC students are a continuation of that ongoing relationship.

“It’s pretty unusual to have undergraduates be published, not just here but anywhere,” said Jordan Kuck, associate professor of history, chair of the Humanities Division and director of the Honors Program at Brevard College. “I don’t know if these students fully realize the significance of their experience yet, working with a professional editing team and being treated like professionals. Most scholars don’t get that until they are working on their PhD.”

The students’ articles tackle such subjects as modern terrorism, the rise of the German far right, and dark money in U.S. politics. “All three are really intellectual history pieces,” Kuck said.

Schafer, a history major who graduated in 2023, wrote a piece titled “[Dark Money in U.S. Politics - And How Millions Now Find Their Way to Europe](#).” In it, he gives a brief history of campaign finances in the United States and focuses on the potential threat to global democracy of “dark money,” defined as “campaign money whose sources are not disclosed.”

Kneubuhler, a senior criminal justice major, wrote “[The Rise of the German Far-Right. And Their Rhetoric Reminiscent of the NSDAP](#).” In it, she charts the development over the past 10 years of a political movement in Germany that opposes dual citizenship and, in words that may sound eerily similar to American politics, “relies on extreme rhetoric, particularly when discussing emotionally charged issues like immigration.”

Edwards, a double major in history and psychology, wrote an article titled “[The Origins of Modern Terrorism and Their Incredible Relevance Today](#).” At its simplest, she writes, terrorism can be defined as “the use of violence to achieve political and ideological change.” She notes the French Revolution made “one of the first arguments for the use of terror in the name of democracy,” then fast-forwards to 19th century far-left scholars who she says were the architects of modern terrorism.

“Our partnership with Release Peace has been a rewarding experience for both our faculty and our students,” said Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. “We are extremely proud of how well they have represented Brevard College to the global community.”

To read these and other articles in the magazine, or to learn more about Release Peace’s mission to “work for a more peaceful world every day,” visit the organization’s website at <https://releasepeace.org/>.

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Above: Each article by a Brevard College student in “Release Peace: The Magazine” specifically mentions the collaboration between the organization and Brevard College.

Right, top to bottom: Images from the Release Peace website showing articles by BC students Miles Shafer, Paige Edwards and Paige Kneubuhler.

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## Movie Review

## 'Venom: The Last Dance' entertains

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Managing Editor

Everyone has opinions on movies, whether they're good or bad, if the actors are having an affair, (I'm looking at you, "Anyone But You") or even if they use too much CGI. So generally, you can't escape opinions. Since that is the case, here is another!

The Venom movie series ("Venom," "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," and "Venom: The Last Dance") follows Marvel's alien symbiote villain turned anti-hero, Venom, and his journey to gaining humanity and his struggles to fight his species from invading Earth by hosting in a struggling journalist, Eddie Brock.

"Venom: The Last Dance" is the third installment of the Venom series, directed by Kelly Marcel and features Tom Hardy, Juno Temple, and Alanna Ubach. The trilogy finale premiered in theaters Oct. 25, 2024; Eddie and Venom are on the run from both of their worlds, and their forced devastating decision brings the series to a close.

This movie does a fantastic job of showing Eddie and Venom's complicated relationship while keeping your attention with loads of action. The plot is simple to understand, but entertaining nonetheless.

Unfortunately, "Venom: The Last Dance" did not do as well in the box office as Sony had hoped, earning only \$22 million on opening weekend—a major decline since "Venom: Let There Be Carnage" which generated around \$90,033,210 during its opening weekend in 2021. Bad box office openings typically mean bad reviews, like this one from a user on Reddit: "It's a bunch of goopy monsters slapping each other."

Another Reddit user says, "I like the Venom movies because they're dumb. They're silly movies where nothing happens. There's no character



development, there's no progression of the world. Nothing happens but they're f\*cking stupid and I love that."

Unless you are a movie critic, "Venom: The Last Dance" will keep you entertained and captivated the entire time.

If you liked the other Venom movies, you might be a little disappointed with "The Last Dance," but don't let that stop you from watching it, because you never know—you might enjoy it like I did.



"VENOM: THE LAST DANCE"

Rated: PG-13 | Action / SciFi | 1h 49m

Starring: Tom Hardy, Juno Temple, Rhys Ifans, Cristo Fernández, Peggy Lu, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Stephen Graham, Alanna Ubach, Andy Serkis, Clark Backo.  
Now in theaters

## Fashion trends coming into fall season

Alex Spangler  
Staff Writer

The season of fall has begun, believe it or not, so as the air gets colder and more brutal, I have collected some fall fashion trends.

To start it off, long sleeve dresses. Long sleeve dresses can vary from casual to formal wear while keeping you warm and providing extra coverage.

Sweater dresses are on the heavier side but will provide comfort. They are typically paired with leggings or tights, making the outfits warm during the colder days of fall.

Wrap dresses are adjustable and vary in fabrics that best suit you. You can throw a cardigan or jacket for style purposes or added warmth.

Maxi dresses with longer skirts can be worn for extra coverage. Depending on your preference, you can pair them with ankle boots and a denim jacket.

A big part of the Fall season is the floral and earthy tones that include a rustic brown, mustard yellow, deep red, and rich greens. You can also find dresses that are inspired by floral prints.

Turtleneck dresses are one of the more classic looks for the fall. They keep the neck warm and come in a wide variety of styles.

Layering is important when adding additional style or comfort. Things like cardigans, denim jackets, blazers, or even scarves and belts can make or break an outfit.

Boots and tights are a great way to keep your legs warm along with ankle boots and knee-high

boots for even more coverage.

Some popular fabrics this season are velvets and corduroy, the fabrics feel as if they're of higher quality or luxury.

Accessories also play a big role in putting together the perfect outfit. Forgetting about the scarves, hats, bracelets, necklaces, and other jewelry can cause the outfit to look or feel incomplete.

When putting together your perfect outfit, it all comes down to personal preference, along with the specific occasion. It depends on what you're going for, whether that's casual or if dressing up would be more suitable.

Check out some more Fall Season Dress Trends online at Curated Brands, <https://curatedbrands.co/>.



# Brevard Art students present 'Nature of Shadows'

**Kailey Ward**  
Staff Writer

Brevard College's art students are happy to announce they are collaborating with Brevard High School to present "Nature of Shadows." Students are excited to welcome members from the community to join them.

The Art Professional Practices class at Brevard College has been working together to host this event to show off their intriguing art pieces. Each student will present one or two pieces of their original work.

For this event, students have been challenged with a theme on what their work should represent. The topic of this show is to display the dance between light and shadows. You will be able to see each student's unique take on this theme and the different ways they interpreted it.

This group of students are a gifted bunch and will showcase the skills they have gained overtime at the college. It will be an exciting event, allowing the public to embrace every unique difference in each student's work. Let each artwork take you on a journey and see what piece speaks to you.

This is an amazing opportunity for the art students and their learning experience on presenting their art. The class has been learning about exhibition preparations and now are ready to show you what they got.

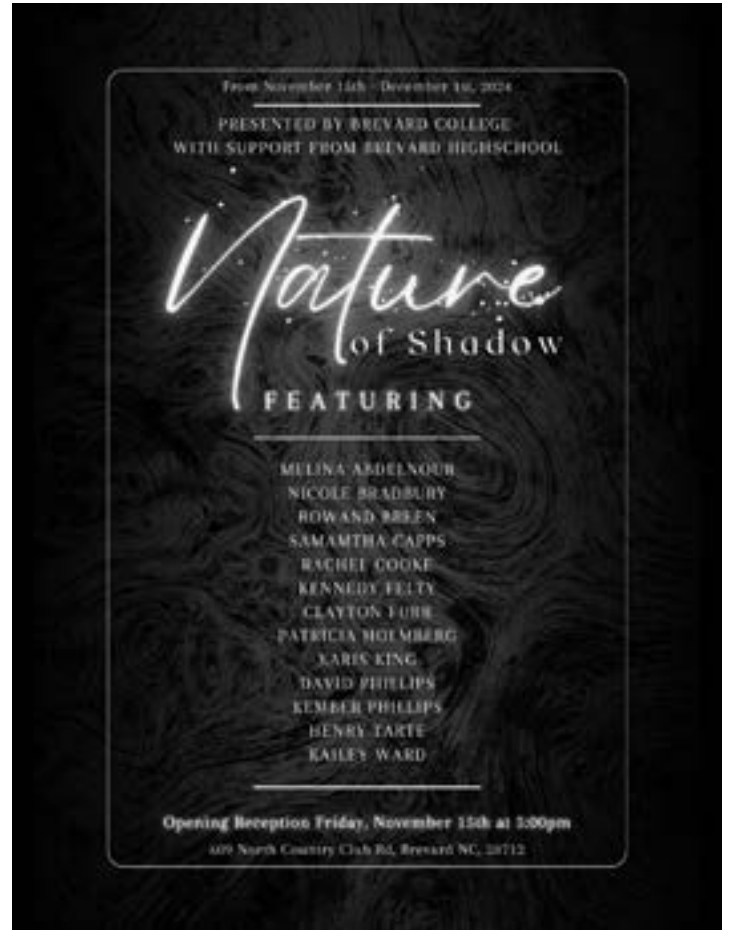
This event will be held at Brevard High School where all are welcome! The opening reception is Friday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. at 609 North Country Club Rd, Brevard NC 28712.

If you are not able to make the opening, you have a chance to look at these amazing pieces until Dec. 1. Make sure you write these dates in your calendar, especially opening day.

There will be free food for all to enjoy brought by the art students. For those with food allergies you haven't been forgotten, there's something for everyone!

Make sure to come and give these students some support for their hard work. Some of these students are seniors so make sure to come and support them in their last year at Brevard.

Thank you, Professor Rebecca Alviana, for making this possible for us art students!



## Chiaroscuro arts and lit magazine has reading

**Amy Clyburn**  
Copy Editor

Chiaroscuro, Brevard College's literary journal, had a reading just before a closing art exhibition reception on Friday, Nov. 1, with Dr. Alyse Bensel as the faculty advisor. The reading showcased various writing pieces and artwork while promoting the journal and encouraging community participation.

The event took place at the Spiers Art Gallery in collaboration with the Fine Arts Department, offering light refreshments and a warm welcome to attendees.

Dr. Judith Davis, a religion professor at Brevard College, inaugurated the evening by sharing one of her favorite poems. Davis also expressed enthusiasm about her new course on Religion and the Arts.

Mickey Lasco, a junior pursuing an English degree and genre editor for the journal, read Courtney Wall's piece, "Kiss The Girl." Wall, a staff member and avid reader, contributes her literary talents to Chiaroscuro. She is an avid

reader and enjoys dabbling in writing.

Karis King, the journal's Editor-in-Chief, presented her work titled "Surfaces." A Communication Art major, King is passionate about writing fictional stories, exploring fantasy novels, and creating mixed media art.

Evey Perry, a senior English major and music minor at Brevard College, showcased her musical prowess through her performance on the organ. Perry, an active organist, presented her original composition titled "Intrusive Thoughts."

Interested students have until Jan. 20, 2025, to join Chiaroscuro's staff by adding COM 107 to your schedule. Early registration is encouraged, as available seats may fill up quickly.

Various roles contribute to the journal's production, including management, and showcasing creative design skills for Chiaroscuro's Instagram page. Collaborative genre editors also provide support for editing submissions.

The latest edition of Chiaroscuro is available at Jones Library and MG, with submissions now open for the upcoming edition which is slated for publication in April 2025.





Left: Brevard College students enjoy food truck offerings at Harvest Fest 2024 on Oct. 30 in the plaza near Myers Dining Hall

Above: As has become a tradition at BC, llamas were on hand to greet and interact with festivalgoers. (Photos by Abigail Callahan)

# Food, music, llamas: Harvest Fest '24

**Abigail Callahan**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, Brevard College hosted Harvest Fest with Campus Life to put together an unforgettable evening. Harvest Fest takes place each year at the end of October and includes games, music, food trucks, face painting, and club booths.

The event also featured a mechanical bull and make-and-take craft stations. The llamas are always a crowd favorite and a highlight for all that come to the festival.

Located on Robbins Plaza next to Myers Dining Hall, students, faculty, staff, and visitors from the community enjoyed each other's company and participated in activities from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The llamas, owned by Mark English of English Mountain Llama Treks, have become a highlight of Brevard College festivals. During Harvest Fest, the llamas grazed on the plaza grass and roamed freely, allowing students to pet them. They delighted students, faculty, and staff which brought an extra touch of fun to the event.

The event featured a pie eating contest for students to sign up and compete in, and live music by the band "The Several Devils" played popular cover songs.

Guests enjoyed treats like caramel apples, fried food, grilled corn, along with two food trucks. The Sweet Retreat sold mini doughnuts and specialty drinks and Papas' Express food truck served Mexican food.

Harvest Fest brought the college and community together to give a break from the effects of Hurricane Helene.



Left: Live music was provided at Harvest Fest 2024 by the Several Devils.

Below: Two llamas take a break from their duties. The llamas are owned by Mark English of English Mountain Llama Treks, a local business that offers single and multi-day treks in Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests. (Photos by Abigail Callahan)





# BC seniors go out with a bang... on the first play of the game

DeVon Taylor  
Staff Writer

You would have had to be there to see it like it was: wild.

The Brevard College football team (5-2, 5-1 USA South) scored 41 first-half points to propel themselves to a 44-21 triumph over in-state rival Methodist University (1-8, 1-6 USA South) on Saturday afternoon's Senior Day game at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

Following Zackery Orr's kickoff return for a touchdown, tight end Ian Castellanos found the end zone on Brevard's next possession, doubling the lead to 14-0.

After forcing a Monarch punt, the Tornados capped a seven-play drive when Ethan Beamish threw a touchdown pass to junior wideout Reggie Taylor II, pushing it to a 21-0 margin.

Brevard scored on the third-consecutive possession when Beamish found Taylor II for a 59-yard shot, utilizing some trickery to elevate the Tornados to a dominant 28-0 lead just over 15 minutes into the contest.

The Tornados scored yet again on their next possession, as Beamish connected with Orr on third-and-seven for a 25-yard touchdown, pushing the lead to 34-0. Methodist got on the board

with a 71-yard touchdown on its next possession, but Brevard capped off a near-flawless first half of offense as an 11-play, 69-yard drive was capped by Orr's second receiving touchdown—a 24-yard strike—as Brevard took a 41-7 lead to the locker room.

In the second half, the Monarchs tried to make a comeback, but it was too little, too late as the Tornados finished the game 44-21.

After the game was over, three Tornados were awarded recognitions for players of the week in the USA South Conference. Beamish earned Offensive Player of the Week for the third time this season, while Brandon Broughton collected his first Defensive Rookie of the Week selection and Orr notched a Special Teams Player of the Week honor for the first time.

Beamish, a junior quarterback from Simpsonville, South Carolina, tossed five touchdown passes and became Brevard's all-time leading passer in the win over Methodist.

He was 21-for-29 with 299 yards through the air in the victory. Beamish has totaled 4,378 career passing yards in 17 contests in the Tornado uniform, and this season he has thrown for 1,681 yards with 20 passing touchdowns.

Saturday's game was the second time this season that Beamish has totaled five touchdown

passes, which matches the program single-game record.

Broughton, a freshman defensive back from Lawrenceville, Georgia by way of Collins Hill High School and Georgia Knights Prep Academy, accumulated four total tackles, two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry in the game against Methodist.

Broughton's lone solo tackle resulted in a loss of six yards. The first-year Tornado has competed in all seven games, registering 13 total tackles, two tackles-for-loss, two quarterback hurries and three pass breakups.

Orr, a graduate wide receiver from Charleston, South Carolina, took the opening kickoff from Methodist 90 yards to the house for his first career kickoff return touchdown. The return was the second-longest in program history (91 yards vs. Tusculum, 2012) and set the tone for the afternoon against Methodist.

Orr also caught five passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns as well in the winning effort. Orr has accumulated 112 receptions, 1,735 receiving yards and 16 receiving touchdowns over the course of his illustrious Tornado career.

BC returns to action on the road tomorrow, facing North Carolina Wesleyan Saturday, Nov. 9 at noon in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.



Tornado teammates celebrate during BC's senior day football game on Nov. 2. (Photo by Caden O'Brien)



BC goes airborne in the Tornados' 44-21 drubbing of Methodist University on Nov. 2. (Photo by Caden O'Brien)



# Brevard Soccer plays an exciting tournament doubleheader this week; men advance to finals

By Zoe Hughes  
Staff Writer

Brevard soccer had incredible highs and devastating lows on Wednesday night for a doubleheader against Southern Virginia University. Men's and Women's soccer both faced off against SVU in the semifinal round of the USA South conference tournament.

While our men's team will move on to the final round on Saturday, Women's Soccer ended their season that night.

The first match was the Men's game. They were able to sink one on SVU, and were win-

ning 1-0 until SVU was able to tie it up, ending the regulation time match up with a score of 1-1. The teams then went into overtime with a golden goal rule, but neither was able to score in the extra 20 minutes, so the match had to be decided with a penalty kick shootout.

It was a close match up, but Brevard was able to come out on top. They won the PK shootout (5-4). Brevard Men's Soccer will play the final round of the conference tournament on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. on Ives-Lemel Family Field against William Peace University.

The next match of the night was the Women's game. Both sides played a hard-fought 90

minutes. The grit and determination from both sides led to a tie of 0-0 at the end of regulation time. The Womens' teams went into overtime with a golden goal rule as well. After an intense game, Brevard Women's Soccer lost in their PK shootout against SVU (1-3).

Brevard Women's Soccer closes out their phenomenal season with a disappointing loss, but Men's Soccer will continue their tournament run.

Congratulations to Women's Soccer for an outstanding season, and good luck to Men's Soccer in the final round of the conference tournament.



Both the men and women's soccer teams played a tournament doubleheader Wednesday as they each hoped to advance to play for a USA-South Conference championship.

Above: BC advances the ball in the women's semifinal contest against SVU Wednesday. (Photo by Sam Streeter)

Left: Moments during the men's semifinal contest Wednesday against SVU. They advanced to the USA South Conference Tournament final, which will take place tomorrow (Nov. 9) at 3 p.m. at Ives-Lemel Family Field on the Brevard College campus. (Photos by Caden O'Brien)