BC breaks ground for new entryway sign

By Kaelyn Martin
Staff Writer

BC has broken ground on the construction of a sign for the main entrance. According to BC President Rev. Dr. David Joyce, the sign will be completed by commencement.

“People are going to want their picture taken with the sign in their cap and gowns,” Joyce said.

BC faculty member and sculptor Kyle Lusk is currently building the new sign. The sign will be made out of Corten-steel and stainless-steel and will be built up on stone.

“There will be LED lights behind it’s so at night the letters will be illuminated from behind and it’s going to be on a stone pedestal,” Joyce said.

By constructing the sign, the school hopes that it will make the campus more inviting to others and better represent the College and its plans.

“I think it modernizes and it’s more reflective in the kind of college we are. It will sit so you can see it well at night,” Joyce said.

The entryway will be moved left of the main entrance and off the center median. “The new sign will also perpendicular to the road instead of parallel so you can see it coming from both ways,” Joyce said.

“It’s a lot safer,” Joyce said. Now people entering or exiting the College can see the road better and the cars on the road.

Along with the addition of this new sign Joyce plans to have three new signs styled similarly but are slightly smaller at each additional entrance way. There will also be a new entrance added by the gym.

“It’s been years in the making planning and fund raising and we want to make sure it look good and it’s done well,” Joyce said.

“One of the neat thing of being the College president [is] we have a lot of cool things happening this year one being the new coffee shop and also the new dorm,” Joyce said. “The sign is a step all part of where Brevard college is going.”

Rocking to the top
Climbing team takes second at regionals

By Jessica Wiegandt
Staff Writer

The Brevard College climbing team took second place at the regional competition held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Eight team members competed in the event, held on April 2, 2016.

“The routes were hard, like, really hard but it was fun to work on the problems,” freshman Gabe Braganza said. “I’ve definitely improved this season and it was great to finish it out at Regionals.”

President and sophomore Audrey Ashburner expressed excitement about this year’s team and her hopes for the future. “The improvement of new and returning members was amazing,” Ashburner said. “[Members] went from recreational to intermediate categories within no time.”

Brevard placed closely behind Middle Tennessee University, which, according to Ashburner, has some of the best intermediate and advanced climbers in the U.S. Appalachian Climbing region. From the BC team, Audrey Ashburner placed 4th and Jody Bettencourt placed 5th in overall women’s. Eli Hyatt placed 4th and John Pate placed 8th in overall men’s.

“Being a part of the team means the absolute world to me. It fills my heart with joy knowing I was able to join together a group of 18 students and create something that most thought would be impossible, since we were no longer being funded,” Ashburner said.

Throughout the season, Ashburner persuaded team members to help her gather funds and she sought out external donors for the team’s competition costs. The fundraiser held earlier this semester in conjunction with Coffee Carts Studios was highly successful and allowed the team to continue to compete for the remainder of the season.

“Being president of the climbing team was the hardest thing I’ve ever had to do in my life but the opportunities and connections that I created throughout the process made every stressful moment worth it all,” Ashburner said.

Students on the team enjoyed the time spent climbing and the opportunities it opened as well. Freshman Kris Odom came to BC as a pre-established climber but was excited when he heard of the team. “Climbing in season made me work harder to be the best I could be.” Odom said, “I liked climbing with the team because they pushed me.”

Ashburner was surprised with the commitment and effort all team members had put in over the course of the season. She said this season the team had a record-breaking number of team members and BC has the largest team in the region even though it is the smallest school that competes.

“Joining the climbing team my freshman year was the best thing to happen to me, it brought meaning to my life. I had never had something that I could be passionate about, and I will hold on to these memories for the rest of my life.” Ashburner said, “Brevard would not be the same for me without this team. Looking back on the season, all I can do is smile.”

The team members who competed qualify to attend nationals, held in California, but team funds are limited.
By Kelly Kearnan

On March 10, Elizabeth Abrams, Director of Housing, emailed Brevard College students about the upcoming Housing Lottery. The Housing Lottery will be held on April 11-13 in the Myers Dining Hall Institute Room during lunch from 11-12 p.m. and dinner from 5-7 p.m.

With housing selections based on graduation year, super seniors and rising seniors will pick housing assignments on April 11, rising juniors will choose on April 12, and rising sophomores will pick housing on April 13.

The Housing Lottery has been altered dramatically due to many concerns from the housing selection last year. Campus life tried a new system for the Housing Lottery; they put students in numbered category system based on class, GPA, involvement, and disciplinary history. The thought was to have a sophomore or junior who is very involved with a high GPA to select housing before a senior who is not involved, has a low GPA, and has a disciplinary record.

“The problems with last year’s Housing Lottery was that it was all done in one evening and students with a highly ranked point system could bring friends of lower ranks to room together creating unfairness in selection,” Abrams said.

When asked about the changes in the Housing Lottery process over the years, Abrams simply said: everything changed. Just like the housing selections prior to the 2014-2015 school year, this year’s housing selection will be based solely on class; in other words, “the longer you are here as a student results in priority housing selection,” said Abrams.

Special Needs Housing and Off-Campus forms were due by Thursday, March 31. Also, students must be pre-registered to participate in the Housing Lottery.

Additionally, there are two new Theme Housing Villages in the 2015-2016 school year. The Culinary House and the Movie and Film House will provide a fun atmosphere outside of academics and sports. Applications for the theme housing were due Tuesday, March 29 with interviews the week of March 4.

Due to productive changes by Abrams and other Campus and Residence Life staff, this year’s Housing Lottery hopes to go very smoothly for everyone.
Clyde Carter and Lauren Fowler point out a seep on top of Bearwallow Mountain, which at 4,232 feet above sea level is one of the highest sources of water that will eventually flow into the Broad River.

The 2016 Voice of the Rivers group pose on top of Chimney Rock, with Lake Lure behind them, during their weekend “Shakedown” trip April 2-3.

**Voice of the Rivers embarks on headwaters trip**

By Alex Laifer
Staff Writer

The Voice of the Rivers Expedition went on their “Headwaters Trip” the weekend of April 2-3 to prepare for their 20-day voyage down the Broad River in May, nicknamed “Chimney Rock to Charleston.”

The expedition is being co-led by Dr. John Padgett and Clyde Carter. Padgett is teaching “Carolina Creations: Fiction, History, Poetry and Song,” while Carter is teaching “River Expeditions.” The group will travel and learn not only the river system, but also some of the folklore and culture of the places the group will be visiting. The expedition is also composed of two interns, Dan Woodall and Lauren Fowler, and 11 students.

This is the fourth time that Carter is leading a VOR expedition while it is Padgett’s first time.

The first weekend’s readings included Cherokee myths for how the world was made and a “ghost story” about “The Little People,” a race of spirit people in Cherokee myth who supposedly reside in Hickory Nut Gorge. The story appears in a book by Nancy Roberts titled “This Haunted South: Where Ghosts Still Roam,” which Padgett said he first read as a child in the 1970s that stuck with him these many years later.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 1, they gathered at Ross Hall. They packed out group equipment such as tents, stoves, and food.

On Saturday, the group toured the Bat Cave Preserve and hiked to the summit of Bearwallow Mountain on the Eastern Continental Divide, which separates the drainage basins of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic seaboard.

“It was surreal to be reading and discussing these stories in the exact places where they took place,” Padgett said. “The Cherokee myth of how the world was made makes reference to the Great Buzzard, who created the mountains by the sweep of his wings.”

The Cherokee myths took on even greater significance later Saturday night when the VOR group attended a public campfire program in the village of Chimney Rock, at which Chimney Rock State Park superintendent James Ledgerwood told his own variations of several Cherokee myths, including how the Cherokee had gotten fire and a story about Spearfinger, a Cherokee witch with a fondness for men’s livers and a long, sharp fingernail that she used to get them.

With Ledgerwood’s permission, the group camped near the Meadows section in the park.

On Sunday, the members of the expedition traded their hiking boots for canoes. Carter and the student interns taught canoe instruction on Lake Lure. The expedition paddled three miles from the beginning of the lake to the dam that forms it.

Carter nicknamed the weekend trip the “Shakedown Trip.” He noted that it gives students the opportunity to figure out cooking and sleeping systems and make adjustments, such as getting rid of unnecessary gear, before the longer trip.

On May 2, the expedition will begin paddling down the Broad, picking up below the Lake Lure dam. In Columbia S.C. the river joins with the Saluda to form the Congaree River. Along this first half of the trip, they will be encountering rapids.

On the Congaree, the expedition members will change to sea kayaks. The switch is appropriate because the expedition will no longer be encountering rapids. Carter noted that on flatwater, sea kayaks are 50 percent faster.

After paddling through Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the expedition will paddle on the Cooper River into Charleston Harbor, ending the trip around May 21 on Sullivans Island.

Carter said that Voice of the Rivers is “designed to connect with people who live, work, and recreate on the river and hear their stories and share that with anybody who is interested in following us. We become the Voice of the River.”
Poorly made mess, ‘God’s Not Dead 2’

By Michael Heiskell
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“God’s Not Dead 2” is a shallow, low-budget propaganda film that neither succeeds on a technical level or a philosophical.

“God’s Not Dead 2” is about high school teacher Grace Wesley (Melissa Joan Hart) who references Jesus in class and is punished because of it. Feeling wrongly punished, she decides to take things to court.

This film definitely feels like a propaganda piece. The motives and ideas are obvious and I felt that the producers were not interested in making a good film that can stand on its own. Instead, they were interested in getting a point across and reaching to a particular crowd.

The separation of Church and State is a debate that will likely stir mixed emotions for a long time. All of that has to go to the wayside when you are talking about the quality of the film. From a critical lens, “God’s Not Dead 2” should not have ever been shown in theaters.

It had the quality of a sappy hallmark film that might have found a modicum of success in that market. Here, on the silver screen, it feels completely out of place. It is a very small fish in a very large pond that isn’t successful on a filmmaking level nor is it successful in its propaganda mission.

This film, for a large part, is a courtroom drama. Courtroom dramas are most interesting when there is actual tension in the courtroom. It is realistic when both sides are giving fair arguments. However, the opposing side is treated like Disney villains that are trying to force their atheistic ideals down the throats of the good Christians characters. This lack of duality derives the film of any actually tension and clearly points to the predictable ending.

Overall, I would give this film a 1 ½ out of 5 stars. Perhaps the people that liked the first one can find enjoyment from this sequel.

Brenda Galloway Spillman, 74, of Pisgah Forest, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016, at Elizabeth House in Flat Rock. She worked in BC’s library for 20 years until she retired in 2015. Look for her obituary in next week’s issue of the Clarion.
BC student to present senior voice recital

By BC Media Relations

Mezzo-soprano Alisha Carland will present her senior voice recital on Sunday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in The Porter Center for Performing Arts. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert will feature songs and arias by Bach, Mozart, Rossini, Clara Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, and others. Faculty pianist Patricia Black will accompany Carland, who is a student of Dr. Kathryn Gresham, BC Associate Professor of Music - Voice.

“Alisha has grown immensely during her four years at Brevard,” Gresham said. “And this recital will show her artistic versatility and her gift for communication.”

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Hunziker cracks top 10 for goals in a season in Tornados’ loss to Lincoln Memorial

By Eli Sirota
Athletic Media Relation Assistant

Brevard College’s men’s lacrosse team took on Lincoln Memorial University on Sunday afternoon, falling to the South Atlantic Conference foe 12-6. With the result, the Tornados drop to 1-10 overall and 0-5 in SAC play.

In the contest, freshman Kyle Hunziker scored three goals to lead the team. With the hat trick, his third of the season and second-consecutive, the freshman now has 17 goals on the season, tied for seventh in program history for most in a single season. His 29 points on the season ranks sixth.

Brevard got the first shot at the lead after winning the initial faceoff, but the attempt was stopped by the home side’s goalie. Lincoln Memorial (6-3, 2-3 SAC) took advantage of a man-up opportunity early in the contest to take the lead, adding another quick score to extend the lead to 2-0. The Tornados defense was able to hold off the LMU attack for the bulk of the period, even getting some shot attempts of their own, but two more scores from the Railsplitters late in the frame made it a 4-0 deficit.

In similar fashion to the first period, Brevard won the opening faceoff and was able to get a shot on goal only for it to be stopped by the LMU goalkeeper. LMU pushed the ball into Brevard’s attack zone which allowed Nemeth to add a goal to the Tornados’ lead with what the final one getting past Peyton Mooney after saving the first two. The home team added two more goals to the lead before Ryan Taylor was finally able to get the royal blue and white on the scoreboard. LMU countered with a goal to make it 8-1 heading into halftime.

After LMU extended the lead to eight with a goal to start off the second half, Hunziker scored back-to-back goals to try and spark a BC rally. The hosts responded the spree with a goal, but Brevard chipped into the lead a little more with a Hewitt Farr score off the pass from Taylor.

Hunziker kicked off the final stanza with a goal, but back-to-back tallies from Lincoln Memorial extended their lead to 12-5. In the final minute of play a LMU penalty gave the Tornados a man-up opportunity, which BC was able to capitalize on with a goal from Taylor off the feed from Jackson McKaig.

Taylor joined Hunziker with three points, scoring two goals and dishing out one assist. Raheem Brown and McKaig also logged assists. Josh Nicholson and Alex Bazzell both recorded a pair of caused turnovers, while Brendan Friss posted a team-high six ground balls. Natron Curtis continued his strong play at the faceoff position, winning 12 of 22 attempts.

Mooney and Colton Girard split time in goal, with both saving seven shots.

Late run pushes Brevard past LMU

By Eli Sirota
Athletic Media Relation Assistant

Brevard College’s women’s lacrosse team took on Lincoln Memorial University on Sunday afternoon, besting the South Atlantic Conference foe 11-10. With the victory, the Tornados improve to 7-4 overall and 3-3 in SAC play.

Lincoln Memorial (3-8, 0-4 SAC) opened up the contest with a pair of goals, but a 4-0 counter from the Tornados flipped the advantage. Nina Siu ignited the rally with a goal two minutes after the LMU tallies, followed by three-straight from Caitlyn Nemeth. The hosts responded with another pair of goals to knot it up at 4-4, but another pair of Nemeth scores recreated the Tornados’ two-goal lead. The sides went into halftime tied as LMU scored two more goals before the buzzer, including one in the final second of play.

LMU retook the lead on the opening possession of the second half, winning the first draw control after the intermission and scored on a free position shot. Brevard’s Ashley Mann won the ensuing draw control, pushing the ball into Brevard’s attack zone which allowed Kelly Kearnan to knot up the score 7-7. The hosts were able to take advantage of a failed clear attempt by the Tornados to take the lead again, adding to the lead after seven minutes of scoreless action to extend the lead to two.

Nemeth quickly erased the deficit with a pair of goals, leading to another segment of defensive play. Shelby Klotz got an attempt to put the visitors ahead, but her attempt was saved. Nemeth recovered the ball for Brevard and found Allie McMillan who was able to get the ball past the LMU goalkeeper. Klotz won the following draw control which allowed Nemeth to add a goal to the Tornados’ lead with what would be the game-winning goal.

Nemeth paced the offense with eight goals and an assist for nine points, while tying Mann for the most draw controls for Brevard in the win with three. Siu, McMillan and Kearnan all logged goals while Livia Harrienger recorded an assist.

Penina Fungalei anchored the defense with two caused turnovers, tied with Brittany Fisk and Nemeth, and posted a game-high six ground balls. Shelby Arsenault stopped 10 shots, her fifth-consecutive game with double-digit saves.

The win marks the first time that the program has won a contest in the state of Tennessee.
**Lundgren, Calac earn all-tournament honors; Tornados take third**

By Randall Stewart  
Athletic Media Relations Director

Oskar Lundgren and Paul Calac earned all-tournament honors for Brevard at the Tennessee River Rumble, leading the Tornados to a third-place finish three days after the team’s win at the Etowah Spring Challenge.

Lundgren was two over par with a two-round score of 146 to finish in second place, one stroke off the pace set by individual medalist Dalton Reese of Carson-Newman. Lundgren earned his fifth top-five finish of the season and scored among the top five for the second consecutive outing following the Etowah Spring Challenge on Saturday. The runner-up marks his best finish since winning the Hummingbird Intercollegiate with a five-under 66 on Nov. 1.

Hard-charging Paul Calac earned all-tournament honors by tying for fifth place at six-over for the tournament. Calac won a scorecard playoff with Niklaus Kennedy of Carson-Newman and Anderson’s David Watcher after carding an even-par 72, six strokes better than his first-round score.

With his second straight top-five finish, Calac continues a springtime hot streak that has seen him shoot 74 or better six times and earn a win the Etowah Spring Challenge with a two-under 70 on Saturday afternoon.

Carson-Newman shot a tournament-low 298 on Tuesday, winning by eight strokes over second-place Lincoln Memorial. The Tornados finished two strokes behind the Railsplitters and one shot ahead of Wingate in a tightly-bunched grouping. Eight South Atlantic Conference teams were represented among the 11 institutions in attendance.

The Tornados’ next competition will come at the highly-anticipated 2016 SAC Men’s Golf Championship, which Brevard will host at nearby Etowah Valley Golf Club. All 12 conference teams will be in attendance and will commence the three-round tournament with 18 holes on Sunday, April 17.

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**Brevard drops high-scoring game against Young Harris**

By Eli Sirota  
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Brevard College’s baseball team hosted Young Harris in a regional contest on Tuesday afternoon, falling to the visiting Mountain Lions 16-9. With the result, the Tornados drop to 12-28 overall.

Young Harris (11-23) opened up the game with a three-run first inning, responded by one run from Brevard. Ryan Smith doubled to right center field to put a runner on base, advancing to third on a single from Hunter Donaldson. Caleb Jones brought his teammate home with a fielder’s choice. Brevard added another run in the following inning, as Christian Dix blasted a single up the middle to score Schuyler Martire. Young Harris extended the lead to four with three runs in the third, but a RBI from Martire brought it back to within three at 6-3.

Following a defensive stand by the Tornados, the offense exploded for five runs to take the 8-6 advantage. Brayden Morris and Dix opened up the frame with back-to-back hits to put runners on first and second, advancing a base on a sacrifice bunt from Smith. The two scored after a throwing error by the Mountain Lions allowed to touch home and Jones to reach second base. With runners on second and third, Blaine Durham put the royal blue and white ahead with a three run blast to right field.

Following a pair of runs by Young Harris in the top of the fifth, Brevard retook the lead with a run in the bottom of the stanza. Martire began the response with a single through the right side. Martire stole three-consecutive bases during the ensuing at bats to put the Tornados ahead 9-8. The visitors scored seven runs in the sixth to take the lead for good, adding an insurance run in the eighth.

Dix, Donaldson, Martire and Brennan Allen all recorded multiple hits as the team posted 12 in the contest. The Tornados showed smarts in the batters’ box, only striking out three times in 42 at bats.

On the mound, Ryan Mercer got the start, allowing six runs, three earned, off eight hits. Tyler Timms and Drake Bell pitched the middle of the game with Tyler Luneke logging the final 3.2 innings with only one run allowed with three strikeouts.

Brevard will play again on Friday, April 8 for a three-game series at Wingate.
Miller’s walk-off highlights doubleheader split with LMU

By Randall Stewart
Athletic Media Relations Director

Brittan Miller’s walk-off single in extra innings provided a dramatic ending to the first game of the day in a softball doubleheader split with visiting Lincoln Memorial on Monday afternoon.

The Tornados (14-28, 2-10 SAC) won the first game 2-1 in eight innings before falling 14-1 to the Lady Railsplitters (17-22, 5-7 SAC) in a shortened second contest.

Miller’s fireworks were made possible by stellar defensive work in the top of the inning. After left fielder Allie Jones was placed on second base per the international tiebreak rule, a sacrifice bunt moved the go-ahead run 60 feet away with one out. Catcher Jennifer Moose attempted to bunt Jones to the plate, but popped up the attempt. Pitcher Jamie Hrobak sprinted to her right and dove to corral the ball just before it touched the dirt.

Moose had broken for the plate in anticipation of the bunt and scrambled back to the bag, but shortstop Kinsey Parrish alertly broke for third and received Hrobak’s throw for the unconventional double play to end the inning.

With Hanna Huckabee at second to begin the inning, Ricki Kuhn fouled off a bunt attempt before flying out to center. Ashleigh Ivey was put away on strikes, leaving Miller as the last hope in the eighth. She worked an eight-pitch at-bat, fouling off three pitches before poking a 2-2 offering through the right side. Huckabee never broke her stride and slid into the plate just below the tag to give Brevard the dramatic victory.

Lincoln Memorial took a 1-0 lead on a double, a sacrifice bunt, and a squeeze bunt in the top of the second, but left two runners stranded in the inning. The Tornados notched an unearned run in the fourth on Lauren Parker’s second hit of the day, a bases-loaded single that scored Ivey.

Hrobak was impressive in her complete-game winning effort, allowing one run on five hits in an economical 102 pitches. Her best work was on display in the sixth inning, when the Lady Railsplitters placed two on with two outs on a walk and an error. Her nine-pitch strikeout of Jackie Pittman ended the threat. Hrobak outdueled the combination of Brianna Taylor and Samantha Smith for the Lady Railsplitters, who combined to allow seven total hits without an earned run in the contest.

Smith bounced back in a big way in Game Two, earning a complete-game five-inning win by giving up a run on six hits. She was nearly unstoppable at the plate, hitting a pair of solo home runs that marked her first two round-trippers of the season.

Lincoln Memorial notched base hits on each of the first three pitches of the game en route to a two-run first inning. Brevard got a run back on an error in the second, but the Lady Railsplitters scored seven times in the second and never looked back for a convincing victory.

The Tornados return to action on Saturday with a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader at Newberry. First pitch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Tornados finish 15th at Agnes McAmis Memorial

By Randall Stewart
Athletic Media Relations Director

The Brevard College women’s golf team finished in 15th place at the Agnes McAmis Memorial hosted by Tusculum on Tuesday after improving upon its first-round score by six strokes.

Taylor Scovel showed the most improvement of the group, besting her Monday effort by five strokes en route to a 14-over 86. She led the team by finishing in a tie for 59th.

Kelsie Rhyne was one shot back of Scovel with a two-day score of 178 to finish tied for 63rd overall. Courtney Sharp finished in 67th three shots behind Rhyne, while Maddie Lutz provided the Tornados’ final score at 194.

ZeAjah Mooney and Kindle Kirkham, competing as an individual, rounded out the Brevard contingent in attendance.

South Atlantic Conference foe Newberry surged to a win after finishing 18 holes in fourth position, besting Lincoln Memorial by one stroke for the team title. The Wolves improved by eight strokes as a team on Tuesday, while the Lady Railsplitters finished 13 strokes behind the pace they set in the first round.

Carson-Newman finished a stroke behind Lincoln Memorial in third place, with King and Tusculum rounding out the top five. Brevard was one of seven SAC teams in attendance for the final competition before next week’s 2016 SAC Golf Championship.

Carson-Newman’s Elizabeth England shot an even-par 72 in the second round to finish five strokes clear of the competition at four over for the tournament. King’s Elizabeth Swallow and Newberry’s Nabila Inak shared runner-up honors.

The Tornados return to action on Sunday for the first round of the SAC Golf Championship, a 54-hole tournament hosted by Wingate at the Monroe Country Club near Charlotte.