

# Dr. Mo's ecology class's effort to restore King's Creek

By Zach Dickerson  
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Dr. Maureen Drinkard's General Ecology (ECO 245) course is working to prevent further erosion of King's Creek by implementing natural erosion control techniques.

Within the course, Drinkard works with the students to understand some of the major things that researchers do in the field. "They have tried a bunch of different techniques [for the project] and they'll keep doing that," Drinkard said, "including doing stats and working in the lab and running their own experiments."

One thing that some field ecologists do is working on stream restoration. "Streams have been really highly impacted by a lot of different factors," Drinkard said. "We make changes to the watershed and sometimes we channelize streams to make them more efficient to use."

King's Creek is an example of a stream that has been channelized, or straightened out, in the past for agricultural purposes before the college

was established.

Part of King's Creek near the maintenance building was already restored in the mid-2000s due to flooding and erosion that occurred in the area. Other areas have not been restored.

"They restored sinuosity, which is the S curving that happens naturally, and the part that's closer to campus they did not restore," Drinkard said. "You can see that part is really straight."

"When streams are really straight, they tend to have a problem with erosion," Drinkard said. "But, one thing that we can do to help reduce erosion is to plant plants onto stream banks."

This project came about when a couple of students mentioned that they were concerned about erosion around a tree, which turned out to be less concerning. But, as Drinkard talked with other faculty she realized it would be a good example to use in the ECO 245 course.

The students took several different types of plants from around campus including small

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# JR to retire

By Aia Andonovska  
Staff Writer

Brevard College's Geology professor, James Reynolds, affectionately called JR by his students, is planning on retiring after this spring semester comes to an end. Upon retirement, Reynolds will have completed 20 years of employment at the college.

In July of 1999, Reynolds answered an ad for a position at the school. His predecessor decided to take a year's leave at the last minute. Originally, Reynolds only applied for a one year replacement position, but ended up staying much longer.

Reynolds received all of his degrees from Dartmouth College. His Senior and Master's theses were based on his fieldwork in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. His Doctoral thesis was about the rise of the Andes in northern Argentina. He continued field work in Argentina

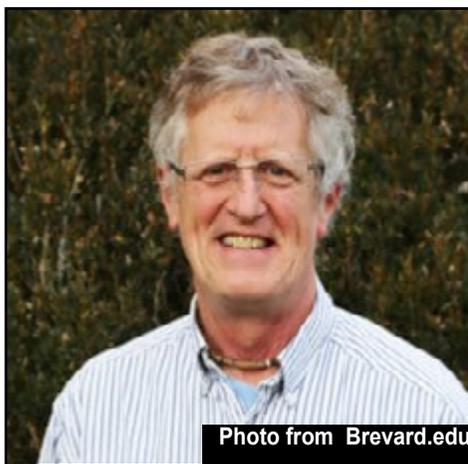


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Geology Professor Jim Reynolds

for another 25 years, including two Fulbright Scholarships where he taught a graduate course

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# Security Report

*Older man spotted near Villages with pellet or BB gun*

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Monday, March 25 at 12:12 p.m. and Monday, April 1 at 12:26 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

A false fire alarm was set off by someone at a pull station in a residence hall that required response from the Brevard Fire Department. This is an extremely serious violation for which law enforcement action will take place.

Students are reminded that the volunteers must leave their homes and offices when they are called in regardless of the hour. Students are reminded to be responsible and not to activate the alarms unless it is a real emergency. If the perpetrator is identified, they will be subject to police arrest.

There was a vehicular burglary on campus in which a window was smashed out and items were stolen from within the vehicle. The person is likely not affiliated with the campus. Students are reminded not to leave valuables in their vehicles, especially if the items are in view from the outside.

There was a bike theft reported in the Villages. Students are reminded to lock their bikes to the bike racks placed around campus.

A room break in was reported in which \$175 worth of electronics equipment was taken. Students are reminded to keep rooms locked and not to allow access to unauthorized individuals.

Graffiti was recently discovered in the Barbara Boerner Conference Room in Myers Dining Hall. The graffiti involved Anti-Semitic statements and it has since been washed off and is no longer visible. If anyone has any knowledge of this, please

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# Drumroll, please...

By Chloe McGee  
Staff Writer

Brevard College is pleased to officially announce the establishment of its first ever drumline, the Tornado Line, led by music faculty member Justin Mabry.

Mabry invites you to be part of this “unique, high energy, performance ensemble” the newest part of the athletic scene at Brevard College. The Tornado Line is open to any BC students who have prior drumline experience.

Be sure to sign up for the drumline day on April 6 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for all prospective drummers. This day offers students the chance to develop skills needed for the drumline. Students will have a chance to work on each instrument they have an interest for; it will also be a time to learn more information about the Tornado Line.

The Tornado Line audition day is April 27 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The audition is

required for all prospective drummers who want to be considered for a spot. Students will have a chance to work on skill sets and the 2019 music repertoire. Drumline packets will be supplied to those who have signed up for the events.

Mabry is looking for “quality and committed players” to join Tornado Line and trusts that this group will “add entertainment value to our sports activities and provide a great learning experience for students.”

Positions are both limited and highly competitive, so those auditioning should have some experience or knowledge about music.

Participation as a member requires performing at Brevard College athletic events throughout the academic year. Members of the Tornado Line will receive a scholarship of \$1000 per year for their dedication to the team.

For more information and to sign up for the clinic and audition days, visit their webpage at [www.brevard.edu/drumline](http://www.brevard.edu/drumline).

# JR to retire

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in Spanish at different Argentina universities. Reynolds also served as the project geologist at an archaeological site in Greece that Dr. Anne Chapin is investigating with an international team of archaeologists.

Before coming to Brevard College, Reynolds was a consultant for DuPont and YPF, which is the national Argentina oil company. Before that, he taught for five years at Western Carolina University and at Norwich University in Vermont for five years as well. Prior to

returning to graduate school for his Doctorate, he also taught at Colgate University for two years.

Reynolds says that he has enjoyed his students the most out of everything during his time here. “Until recently I also enjoyed taking students on international field trips. I’ve traveled with Brevard students to Costa Rica, Iceland, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. I think it is a pity that the current administration no longer considers exposure to other countries and cultures to be a component of an experiential education. Until recently, I also enjoyed building a strong Geology minor. Since a geologist is apparently not being hired to replace me, those efforts appear to have been for naught,” he added.

When asked what he strives to instill in his students, Reynolds said, “I strive to instill a passion for the planet we live on. Without geology there would be no planet. It should be revered. I really like the Inca religion. It honors Earth and understands that we are but a

component of its make-up.”

After he retires, he has some very important plans. Most importantly, Reynolds is getting married in October and plans on staying in Brevard. For the past eight years, he has worked with Smithsonian Journeys as a speaker on cruise ships and as a scientific expert on land trips to places like Iceland, Machu Picchu in Peru and the Galapagos Islands. Reynolds is going to continue working with them and has trips planned in May and June to go to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. He will also return to Iceland in September, October and November. In December, he will be traveling to Patagonia. His hope is to continue working with them for many years.

As the president of the Smoky Mountain Institute and chair of the local Sierra Club Group, which is a young nonprofit committed to the transition of renewable energy, he will be working to launch a campaign to get the city and county to convert to this process.

He also is on the Board of Directors of the Galapagos Conservancy, and currently he is spearheading the transition from electrical generation in the islands to renewable sources. Reynolds is writing a guidebook to the geology of Iceland as well, which will be published in 2020.

Reynolds jokingly said, “I don’t intend to become a couch potato!” Although he has major plans for himself after retiring, he will be missed by many at Brevard College, as he has been committed to teaching here for the past two decades and worked very hard to establish the appreciation of geology in his students!

# Security

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contact Campus Security.

There was a report that someone attempted to open a second floor room window in the South Villages. Two female students were in the room at the time and the intruder immediately slammed the window closed and left.

It was reported the following evening that someone was throwing pebbles at the window of the room directly below the previous mentioned one. If anyone has any information of these two events, contact Campus Security.

On Sunday, March 31, it was reported that around 5:30 p.m. that an individual described as a middle aged or elderly white male who was wearing a red shirt and jeans and was described as 5’10” tall of medium build with white hair and possibly a beard was seen on campus in the area of the Complex behind North Villages.

It is believed he was pointing a pellet gun or small rifle in the direction of the fence toward Ingles.

A security officer reported that he observed a large hole in the fence as well as several squirrels and a groundhog sitting along the Brevard College-Ingles property line and when he looked through the hole, he noted a red pick-up truck driving rapidly in a Westerly direction behind Ingles which was being driven by a person who fit the general description of the subject. However, he could not be certain.

After a thorough search of the area, including the Ingles parking lot he, along with officers of the Brevard Police Department, had no sightings of the reported individual.

As at this moment, the man appears to have left the campus and there does not appear to be any danger to anyone at Brevard College.

On the evening of April 1, a considerable amount of graffiti was found in many areas across campus specifically on windows, cars and stop signs. This is believed to be an April Fool’s prank.

However, housekeeping and maintenance staff must now use a considerable amount of time and effort to clean up the messes. Not to mention that many vehicles owned by the students were affected as well.

If anyone has any information on these acts, contact Campus Security.

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

— Zach Dickerson

# 2019 Gateway Course Experience Conference

By Chloe McGee  
Staff Writer

On Monday Mar. 19, BC English professors Jessica Tucker and Tina Holland collaborated with Katie McBriar, Junior, and McKayla Robinette, Sophomore, to attend and present at the 2019 Gateway Course Experience Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The conference is an annual event that spans over the course of three days, which are comprised of, what Holland refers to as, “concurrent sessions” instructed by professors, administrators, and staff from across the country.

Representing Brevard College’s English department, Tucker and Holland arrived at the event on Sun., March 18 and were joined by Robinette and McBriar the next day.

McBriar and Robinette both hold multiple student leadership positions on campus. McBriar serves as the president of both CAB and BC Serves, as well as a student leader and Teaching Assistant (TA) for introductory English courses. Robinette is the president of the Agriculture Club, Resident Advisor (RA) in Beam Dormitory and a Supplemental Instructor (SI) for English 111 and 112 honors classes.

Before attending the conference, the group worked together flipping the traditional model and adapting to 21st century learning. Robinette says that their modernized course focuses on “applicable writing... how to communicate with people.”

The GCE conference is nationwide opportunity, geared towards educators, to

exchange ideas that enhance both teaching and learning strategies for gateway courses — first-year curriculum. Tucker believes that this “makes students’ participation even more significant.” She says that “their perspectives were very helpful to the audience” when the pair explained their roles in remodeling the ENG 111 course.

While this was Tucker’s first time participating, Holland has attended several of these conferences in the past. Holland claims that her trip to Indianapolis for the 2014 Gateway Course Experience Conference is the reason why she now incorporates student leadership positions in her classes. She says that this was an “integral part” of redesigning the 111 course.

Their presentation shared the success in redesigning the school’s ENG 111 course. They revealed just how much improvement was made after the new model was introduced to the curriculum by comparing academic statistics.

“We saw a major decrease in grades of D and F, as well as the withdrawal and incomplete rates,” said Robinette.

When Tucker was enrolled as an undergraduate at Brevard College, Holland taught two of her courses. “I am grateful to work with her now as we address the needs of 21st-century learners,” said Tucker. “What I love about teaching is how I continue to learn new things and address new challenges.”

Their presentation included an interactive activity where audience members pretended as though they were students writing three distinct forms of communication.

As for the feedback, Holland says that the “interest level was really high” and for many in the audience this was a “new concept.”

“Katie and McKayla are outstanding students, leaders, and presenters,” said Tucker. “I am extremely impressed with them, not only for their participation at the conference but also in our classrooms and the ELC.”



Photo by Peter Trench

Photo taken after presenting at the Gateway Course Experience Conference

## Dr. Mo

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sections of willow, alder and dogwood trees and planted them in the stream bank.

“They are flagged because the students are testing a couple of different methods that ecologists use,” Drinkard said. “Some of them have been soaked ahead of time, some have not. Some have had a chemical, a rooting hormone, applied to the area that is going to be below ground.”

The students will go back in about a month to see which of the methods were the most successful.

The pink flags that can be seen near the bridge

by Sims Art Building are a numbering system and each flag has a code that tells which team collected it, what species of tree it is, which tree it was, what kind of treatment it got for soaking and what kind of treatment it got for the hormones.

On Friday, March 29, a troop of Boy Scouts were on campus working with Environmental professors as well as the ECO 245 students to help place the rest of the stakes and it was an excellent opportunity for the campus to work on community outreach.

“I think it would be neat to keep doing some different trials on what is most efficient in creating good establishment for the stakes,” Drinkard said. “We are trying to figure out the best method for here and we will work to continue using that method.”

## Math / Science honors & awards scheduled for Tuesday

Brevard College’s 2019 honors and awards ceremonies will start Tuesday, April 9, when the Math and Science Division will recognize their award recipients at 4 p.m. in the Porter Center’s Scott Commons.

Other ceremonies will take place starting on April 15. More about those will be in next week’s issue of The Clarion.

Movie Review

# Aidy Bryant stars in Hulu's funny and honest 'Shrill'

By Mary Lewe  
Managing Editor



I saw articles and social media posts both praising and critiquing the Hulu original "Shrill" before I saw a single episode. Aidy Bryant stars as Annie, a woman working through her early adulthood. Annie faces familiar challenges, including struggles in her career, relationships and family troubles.

The show has drawn great criticism, for one reason in particular. The hurdle featured most prominently, the aspect of the plot which has apparently made the show so controversial, is that Annie is fat.

The show does more than just provide a token fat character, in fact the plot of the show dives headfirst into the painful experiences Annie faces as a fat woman in a world where anyone can offer criticism, even anonymously.

In just six episodes, "Shrill" paints the life of Annie with realism and humanity, and Aidy

Bryant gives a performance that makes you want to be her best friend. Supported by a cast of endearing and hilarious (albeit frustrating) characters, the show reels you in almost immediately. Before you know it, you have an intimate window into the world of the characters.

For some, Annie's story may be very familiar; the show is an adaptation of writer, comedian and actress Lindy West's collection of essays "Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman." West also serves alongside Lorne Michaels as executive producer for the show.

For people who can relate to Annie, the show is a no brainer. For those who can't imagine relating to an overweight woman, it's a must-watch. A common criticism for the show so far on the internet is that the show promotes an unhealthy lifestyle. To the contrary, I believe the show simply speaks to the inherent value of all people.

At the end of the day, it is not too much to ask of people to simply be kind, or be quiet.



Photo from Hulu.com

Advertisement poster for 'Shrill'

# Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh Ringers will be on campus this Saturday evening, April 6th. I still have a limited number of Complementary Concert Tickets available for faculty, staff and students.

Please email me at [smithbe@brevard.edu](mailto:smithbe@brevard.edu) and come by to pick them up by Thursday, April 4th at 4:30 p.m. All unclaimed contemporary tickets will be returned on Friday morning and will become part of the tickets listed for purchase for Saturday's concert.

The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally-acclaimed concert handbell choir based in Raleigh, NC. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers has been dazzling audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n' roll tunes arranged just for handbells.

They will be performing in the Porter Center on Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. I have a limited number of free tickets for faculty, staff and students. The general public may purchase tickets through First United Methodist Church or at Highland Books for \$15 per ticket.

—Beverly Smith



Photo courtesy of Beverly Smith

Group photo of the Raleigh Ringers ensemble

# Legally, I'm conflicted about Jussie Smollett Situation

By Julie Carter  
Opinion Editor

Over the past weeks, we as a nation were bombarded with news about Jussie Smollett's alleged hate crime that turned out to be a farce. Initially, Smollett was charged with disorderly conduct amongst other charges. When prosecutors decided to drop all charges against the "Empire" actor, the nation's jaw collectively hit the floor.

Cook County state's attorney Kim Foxx said the charges were dropped due to a lack of enough evidence to secure a conviction for Smollett and that she wanted to focus on bigger crime within the city of Chicago.

The aspect of wanting to focus on larger crime within the city of Chicago is easy enough for me to understand as well as calls that Smollett could not receive a fair trial after all the media exposure. Even if I accepted all that, I am still troubled by the decision to drop all charges against Smollett.

With the charges being dropped, it sends a clear message to Chicago as well as the rest of the nation as a whole: we don't care about those who file false police reports. Now, everything Smollett did is still up for speculation, but the evidence against him is rather daunting for anyone to stomach.

Smollett's alleged attackers were found with a check that Smollett had given them. This denotes that this is hardly a random act of hate violence.

Smollett's actions also make it that much harder for every victim of a hate crime to be taken seriously. People will begin to ask: is this just another Smollett incident? Smollett should be the punished exception, not the guideline by which we treat every other victim.

We as the public must hold ourselves to a higher standard, and we should expect the same of our criminal justice system. I believe in the system, but this is a serious lapse in judgement.



Smollett addresses the hate crime allegations during a press conference.

## 'No' never means 'maybe'

By Kenny Cheek  
Staff Writer

Peer pressure is something that we hear throughout all of our lives, whether it has to do with cheating on a test, drinking until blacking out and especially when it comes to relationships.

The phrase "no means no" obviously never means yes. This is true when it comes to literally anything. So why do people press you when you say no? When does "no thanks" transfer into "maybe, but you can try and convince me?"

People do not just experience this in affectionate relationships; this can happen in friendships, family relationships and so much more.

If you have a friend that you have asked to do something, and he or she has said no, then what is the point in asking again when you have already heard their answer? Unless you are hard

of hearing, there is no excuse.

"In high school, I had this friend who would ask me to go to parties often. I am not that type of person, so I always said no, but she would persist and try to persuade me," Savannah Jones said. "I just quit talking to her."

This type of persistence may seem cute to people who think of it as just playful and an attempt to broaden their friend's eyes to the world that they do not want to enter, but to the rest of the world, it is annoying, and makes people think that their words hold no weight.

Despite what most people think, not everyone shares the same interests. Not everyone enjoys partying, hiking, drinking, driving, singing, going out or whatever activity you force them to agree to.

In fact, this can ruin a friendship rather quickly. It does matter to the person you ask as to whether or not you consider their feelings when you continuously bombard them with the

same question only to receive the same never ending answer.

As for family, it gets harder and harder when you are busy with college, work and life in general to go along with whatever your parents force you into.

"Everytime I'm home, my mom asks me to play my oboe for the church. I don't go to church, and I don't like playing in front of people. Every single time I tell her no, but she has been asking me for years," Rachel Gunnis explained. "It gets really tedious."

This strain on a relationship can lead to arguments and heated discussions often when parents think they still have ultimate authority over you when you finally gain independence.

The next time you ask a friend, family member, coworker or whoever to go out and do something, and they respond with a no, try to consider their emotions. Ask once, then accept the answer. It really is not that hard.

**NO MEANS NO.**

# BC men and women's tennis defeats Berea

By Carmen Boone  
Copy Editor

The BC tennis teams had a home match on Saturday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. The men played Huntingdon College and the women played Agnes Scott.

Tim Hengst and Tyler Frazee finished off one doubles with an 8-0 won against Melchov and Chanduasoma. At two doubles, Tom Mittring and Andrew Ingram battled Sands and Robinson and finally won a tiebreaker 7-5 for the final score of 8-7. Three doubles was forfeited by Brevard because of lack of players.

At one singles, Mittring beat Melchov 6-0, 6-0. Hengst won two singles 6-1, 6-0 against Chanduasoma. Frazee played three singles versus Sands and won 6-1, 6-2. Ingram played Robinson at four but lost 2-6, 1-6. Five and six

singles were forfeited by Brevard.

The men triumphed with a 5-4 win.

The women played a great match as well against Agnes Scott. At one doubles was Sam Sepe and Darden King who beat Augustin and Pippin 8-2. Margaret Correll and Jen Cox won two doubles 8-0 against Zhou and Sanhilli. Number three doubles was forfeited by Agnes Scott for lack of players.

Sepe won number one singles against Augustin 6-0, 6-0. At two singles, Cox won 6-1, 6-2 against Pippin. Eleanor Flannery won three singles against Zhou 6-0, 6-0. Kenzie Bowman won four singles 6-0, 6-0 against Sanhilli. Five and six singles were forfeited by Agnes Scott.

The women won the match with a massive score of 8-0.

The men had a second home match on Sunday, March 31 at 1 p.m. against Berea.

At one doubles, Mittring and Hengst beat M. Malpartida and Massucco 8-2. Ingram and Frazee won two doubles 8-2 against C. Malpartida and Chavez. Number three doubles was forfeited by Brevard for lack of players.

Mittring won one singles 6-0, 6-0 against C. Malpartida. At two singles, Hengst beat M. Malpartida 6-0, 6-0. Frazee won three singles 6-0, 6-1 versus Massucco. Nathan Boepple battled at four singles against Slater. He won the first set 6-3, lost the second in a 5-7 tiebreaker for a score of 6-7 and the won the match with a tiebreaker score of 10-5. Ingram also battled Weaver at number five singles. He lost the first set 6-7 after a 4-7 tiebreaker, won the second set 6-2 and won the match 10-6 in the final tiebreaker. The BC men forfeited number six singles for lack of players.

The men won the match 7-2 against Berea.



Photo by BC Tornados

Eleanor Flannery lines up winning shot against Agnes Scott

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