

Hurricane Dorian

Category 5 storm wreaks havoc on Bahamas

By Chloe McGee
Arts & Life Editor

After nearly two days over the Bahamas, Hurricane Dorian is now making its way up the East Coast of the United States, threatening the Carolinas. Dorian—one of the most powerful Atlantic storms on record—stalled over the northern Bahamas bringing blinding rain, rising waters and 185 mph winds to isolated areas of the islands just 50 miles from Florida’s coast, according to CNN.

Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said the deaths were confirmed at the northeastern Abaco Islands, which “bore the brunt of the storm,” Minnis said.

According to the International Red Cross, some 13,000 houses are feared to be greatly damaged or destroyed.

“Abaco got the worst of the storm,” said Madison McGee, a native of the Bahamas and cousin to Clarion reporter Chloe McGee. “Many of the roofs have been ravaged and water levels are over 20 feet high in some areas,” she said.

Compared to the mass evacuations taking place on our Eastern border, McGee says that her island is not as fortunate and, instead, must take the necessary precautions to ensure their safety and minimize structural damage.

“We put up shutters to cover our windows and bring in the boats from the harbor to be either put on land or anchored down in the mangroves,” said McGee.

Bethany Albury, Madison McGee’s older sister, believes that the United States’ response to Hurricane Dorian is “necessary” because of its highly populated, flood-susceptible coastal cities.

“It worries me how so many in the United States fail to take these storms seriously when they are told to prepare,” said Albury. “It’s better to be safe than sorry!”

Albury and McGee live off the northern tip of Eleuthera on an island called Spanish Wells, one of the Bahamas’ smaller islands and home to a mere 1,500 people.

Although Albury and McGee have not yet experienced the destruction of a major hurricane first-hand, they have heard stories of Hurricane Andrew when it hit and completely devastated Spanish Wells in 1992.

“When the first rescue planes flew over [Spanish Wells] after Hurricane Andrew passed, there was said to be no sign of life on the island,” Albury said.

Albury says that she has heard enough to know that they should be “well and even over prepared” for when a hurricane is expected to hit, and that Dorian has surely confirmed this to be true because of its erratic nature.

“After the storm passes, there is a moment when you first walk outside and see the destruction,” said Albury. “You are just grateful

that you weren’t harmed and have sustained manageable damage.”

Fortunately, although unpredictable, Hurricane Dorian was well monitored, giving the residents of Spanish Wells the time needed to make the proper accommodations.

“We were spared from a direct hit this time thankfully, but it is agonizing knowing that your family is in such great distress on nearby islands,” said Albury. “There’s nothing we can do except keep praying.”

Albury and McGee are thankful for the relief efforts being made to salvage what is left of the severely damaged islands and cannot thank the United States enough for its willingness to lend a helping hand to its neighboring country.



Courtesy of Madison McGee

Madison McGee’s backyard on Spanish Wells floods after Hurricane Dorian.



Courtesy of Madison McGee

Fish can be seen swimming in flood waters through window in Abaco.

Professor profile

Dennis Cole joins BORG

By Margaret Correll
Layout & Design

Dr. Dennis Cole joined the faculty of Brevard College in the Fall of 2019. He is an Assistant Professor of Business and Organizational Leadership and teaches several classes in the Business program.

Cole was born in Ohio, but spent a majority of his youth in Northern Ireland. After graduating with a Bachelor's from Liverpool University in England, he has frequently traveled from America to Ireland. "I would consider myself Irish," said Cole.

This semester, Cole teaches Business in a Global Context, Principles of Marketing, Principles of Management and Introduction

to Leadership and Sustainable Enterprise. His favorite class to teach is Principles of Marketing.

Cole received his M.B.A. from Boston College and his Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic and State University.

Cole has previously taught at several different institutions such as the University of North Carolina Asheville, Virginia Tech University, Wake Forest University and Warren Wilson College.

Cole has several goals that he plans to achieve as part of the Brevard College faculty. "My goal is to help students not just get a job, but to give them the best education that they can receive," said Cole.

Brevard College's experiential education curriculum is an interest of Cole's since he arrived on campus. "I have been very impressed by one thing at this school... how much the

students have taken to experiential education and learning," said Cole.

He noted the classroom discussions of students on his first day. "Suddenly everyone got serious when I asked their opinion, the students reinforced how great the experiential method was and how much they liked it," said Cole.

Cole has had a great first two weeks at Brevard College. Teaching new classes, meeting new students and experiencing what the campus has to offer has been very exciting for him. He plans to be fully settled in Brevard in the next couple of weeks.

The Brevard College Business and Organizational Leadership department is very excited to have Dr. Cole as a new faculty member. They look forward to his success for the 2019-2020 school year.

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BC security report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 10:17 a.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

Students may have noticed that there are lighting enhancements that are being put in on the south side of campus. It is expected that they will be completed in a week or two.

Once that is done, the work will start on the north side of campus which will complete the lighting enhancements for all of campus.

There were several parties with drinking reported. Students are requested to refrain from this type of activity. Underage drinking is illegal and is against campus regulations.

It has been noted that doors are still being

propped open, especially in the Villages. Students are reminded that if this continues, fines will be issued.

It has been noted that one of the laundry rooms in the North Villages has been vandalized. Students are requested to refrain from this type of activity.

It takes the time and effort of maintenance to come and make repairs, and it also costs the college unnecessary funds. Please respect the school's property.

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

— Zach Dickerson



Duke Energy installs new lights on campus.

Photo by Carmen Boone

Institute for Women annual pinning ceremony

By Carmen Boone
Copy Editor

The Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL) hosted a pinning ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Francis Pavilion of the Porter Center. The purpose of the ceremony was to welcome new members into IWIL.

The program opened with a welcome from Beth Abrams. Directly after that was a delicious soup and bread bowl dinner with a side of salad provided by Myers Dining Hall.

After everyone had been served, Mary Lewe, a member of the IWIL steering committee, introduced the guest speaker, Brevard College Director of Athletics Myranda Nash. She spoke about several

important roles that a leader has. Nash encouraged her audience to be inspired leaders. “You have an opportunity to find out your true self and who that is, so that you can then lead others the best way that you can,” said Nash.

She also mentioned how important it is to have a mentor as a source for learning and encouragement. Lifting one another up and being a light is a huge part of being a leader, according to Nash. “Women, we have to empower each other,” Nash said. “We need to light up a room. That is what these women in this room can do for Brevard College, and when you graduate, for your community.”

There were 19 new IWILs (NIWILs) welcomed into our community of women leaders.

Each returning member (RIWIL) had a short introduction prepared for who she was pinning.

Mariana Rodriguez pinned Sarah Gray, Allison Rogers pinned Gabby Galvan and Summer Wilson pinned Madeline Lehman. Carrie LaBonte pinned McKenna Johnson, Madeline Cronin pinned Caroline Hoy and Lauren Dowell pinned Brigitte Hernandez.

Then, Madison Smith pinned Alexis O’Neill and Kendall Brackin pinned Maggie Frail and Grace Pukas. After that, Mariah Grande pinned Brianna Link, then Kaitlin Farmer pinned Timiah McGhee and Janie Perez pinned Sarah Hajkowski.

Syedi Ocosta-Oviedo pinned Alydia Monahan and Hope Jackson pinned Xandria Colbert. Then,

Joslyn Folkers pinned Haley Flippin, Gwen Jennings pinned Lilith Jones and Emily Fisher pinned Liliana Diaz and Alyssa Fediuk.

Following the pinning ceremony, Dee Dasburg shared some closing remarks. “How fortunate we are as a college to have women like you to come and be a part of our community here at Brevard,” Dasburg said. She believes having a community with leaders such as the women in IWIL is what creates change and influence.

She then left the group with a final word of advice. “Take the time to invite people to tell their stories. [...] Take risks, be vulnerable, get connected with each other through sharing your stories. That is how we build community,” Dasburg said.



Photo by Victoria Brayman

Dee Dasburg gives closing remarks.



Photo by Victoria Brayman

A RIWIL pins a NIWIL, welcoming her into the IWIL community.

'Blinded by the Light'

Free movie night at the Co-Ed Cinema

By Chloe McGee
Arts & Life Editor

On Friday, Aug. 30, BC students attended a free movie night held at the Co-Ed Cinema in downtown Brevard to view the British comedy-drama "Blinded by the Light."

"Blinded by the Light" premiered at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival and was released by New Line Cinema and Warner Bros. on August 16 in the United States.

Inspired by true events, the plot alludes to the life of Pakistani journalist Sarfraz Manzoor and his love for Bruce Springsteen. The film's main character, Javed Khan—played by actor Viveik Kaira—seems to embody the same rock-loving spirit of Manzoor.

The director Gurinder Chadha wrote the script with help from Manzoor himself and her husband Paul Mayeda-Burges.

The film "showcases Springsteen's music as the driving force in the life of a 1980s teenager," said Glenn Kenny of the New York Times. "Many musicians refer to themselves as storytellers, but few of them have the tales to back up the claim. Bruce Springsteen does," Kenny said.

"Blinded by the Light" borrows its title

from the name of a song written and recorded by Springsteen that first appeared on his debut album in 1972.

The film takes place in the London suburb of Luton, England during the year 1987 after Khan and his family relocated from Pakistan to flee from Russian oppression.

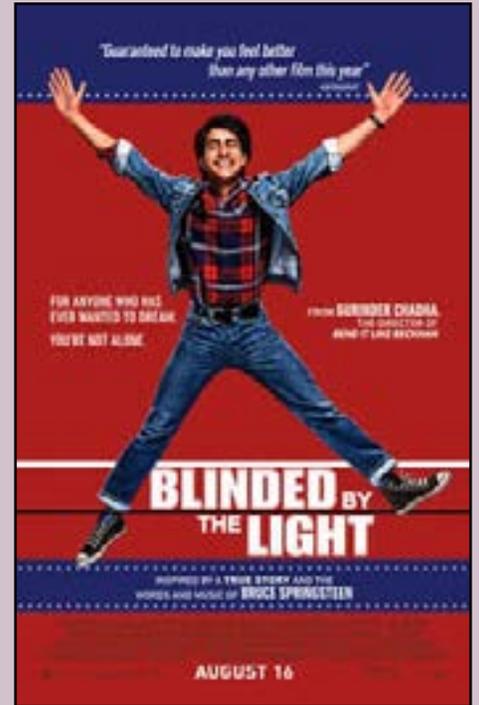
As Khan is one of only two Asian students at his new school, he feels isolated and experiences racism from his peers and neighbors, but finds solace through his newfound love for Springsteen.

In Khan's mind, Springsteen does not simply write lyrics, rather, he produces anthems to live by.

Through music, Khan finds clarity and develops his own support system of friends and teachers who accept Khan for who he is despite the color of his skin.

"Cynics won't thrill to this feel-good movie based on a true story, but the uplift is there for those who need a rebuke to racism," said Peter Travers of Rolling Stone Magazine.

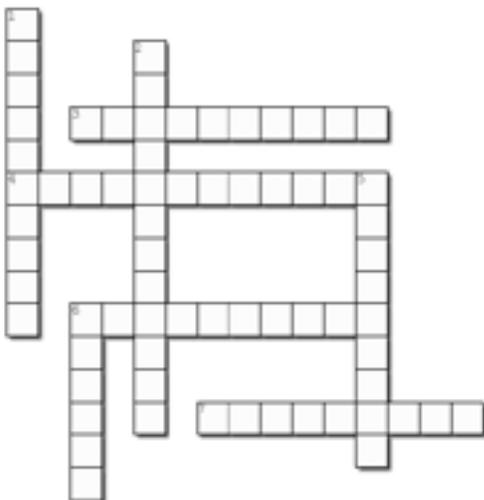
The film received favorable reviews from critics, as well as nominations for Best Actor (for Kaira) and Best Film at the 2019 SIFF Awards.



Crossword puzzle!

WNC Waterfalls

Test your waterfall wisdom by completing the crossword below. Answers will be provided in the next issue of The Clarion.



Across

- Paddlers love the stuff
- 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the...'
- A slow reptile's spine
- A short hike brings you to this 50 ft. waterfall in Pisgah National Forest, where you can spend some time in the shade.

Down

- Clothing worn to a wedding by the woman in white
- With long lines in the summertime, a trip to this place is best followed by a dose of Dolly's ice cream.
- Watch your step, rocks are slippery when wet.
- Not single, not double, but...

— Mary Lewe

Brazil is burning

It's time to step up for our planet

By Lande Simpson
Staff Writer

As many may know, fires in the Amazon rainforest have been burning for the past month or so in Brazil, and Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, is now calling for a state of emergency within the region.

People on social media are media are not shining a whole lot of light on this issue. You might see posts about it here and there but it is not on the top of everyone's priority list it seems like.

Now, what is the big deal about this fire? The fires are destroying the homes of the 400

indigenous tribes that live in the rainforest, threatening millions of animal species and could possibly be threatening twenty percent of the earth's oxygen supply.

Bolsonaro seems to be like Brazil's Trump. He bashes people on twitter (most recently the French President's wife). The French President offered to help save the Amazon and send lots of money to support and help extinguish the fires but, Bolsonaro took offense to the offer, declined it and bashed the French presidency on twitter and in public.

A couple of scary facts about this record breaking burning is that one and a half soccer fields worth of the Amazon is being burnt every

minute according to INPE, Brazil's National Institute for Space Research.

"Environmental activists and organizations like the World Wildlife Fund warns that if the Amazon reaches a point of no return, the rainforest could become a dry savannah, no longer habitable for much of its wildlife. If this happens, instead of being a source of oxygen, it could start emitting carbon -- the major driver of climate change," Jessie Yeung of CNN said.

We need to do whatever we can to help save the Amazon Rainforest. You can do your part by informing others, protecting an acre of land, challenging corporations and obviously reducing your plastic and paper waste.



Photo credit NASA.gov



Photo from National Geographic

Photo credit NASA.gov. This natural color image captured by NASA on Aug. 20 shows clouds of smoke across the nation of Brazil.

This graphic shows the state of the fires as of Aug. 26, 2019 based on images taken by NASA and the NOAA. It compares this year's fires with those in years past.

New head tennis coach announces Fall schedule

By Joseph Marvin
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The men's team will play a total of four matches over the course of the September and October months. BC's women's team kicks off its Fall season by taking part in the Battle of the Blue Ridge, a two-day tournament on Sept. 7-8 hosted by Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia. Opponents for the Battle of the Blue Ridge are still to be determined.

Following the women's tournament at Sweet Briar College, the two teams join together for the rest of the Fall season.

First, the Tornados host USA South foe Piedmont College in a non-conference tilt at the McCoy Tennis Complex on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.

BC then takes 11 days off before traveling to Wise, VA to square off against NCAA DII opponent UVA-Wise on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 12 p.m.

The Tornados then wait just over a week for their next match, a Sunday afternoon showdown with fellow NCAA DIII transitioning member and USA South Conference Member Pfeiffer University on Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. The matches will be held on the road in Misenheimer, NC.

Brevard closes out its fall season with a matchup against local foe Montreat College on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. The matches are slated to take place in Montreat, NC.

The Tornados Tennis programs are both coming off impressive 2018-19 seasons that saw them reach new heights both individually and as a team. First-year Head Coach Brad Jones inherits a women's team that finished third in the USA South West Division and battled for a divisional crown until the very end a year ago. The men's side graduated two strong performers in Tom Mittring and Tim Hengst, who received

numerous conference and national accolades.

The Tornados also received numerous ITA academic plaudits over the summer. Brevard College Women's Tennis student-athletes Carmen Boone, Margaret Correll, and Eleanor Flannery— along with BC alumna Kelsey Kushner— were named Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) All-Academic Scholar-Athlete honorees, while the women's team as a whole received the ITA All-Academic Team honor. On the men's side, BC Alumni Hengst and Mittring both received ITA All-Academic Scholar-Athlete awards.



Sam Sepe hits a winning forehand during a homecourt match.

Rojas named USA South Women's Soccer defensive player of the week

By Joseph Marvin
Assistant Sports Information Director

After an impressive season-opener last Friday night versus Emory & Henry, junior goalkeeper Rebeccah Rojas has been selected as the USA South Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week. Rojas becomes the first Tornado student-athlete to earn the honor in the 2019-20 academic year. The Murrieta, California, native earned the honor once in her sophomore season as well.

Rojas led an impressive defensive effort that saw the Tornados shut out the Wasps of Emory & Henry over the course of a double-overtime draw, 0-0, last Friday at Ives-Lemel Family Field. Rojas stopped a total of seven shots to keep a clean sheet in the shutout of non-conference foe Emory & Henry.

Brevard (0-0-1) will return to the pitch on Wednesday as the Tornados embark on a season-long four-match road swing starting in Winston-Salem, NC, where BC will square off against the Piedmont International University Bruins (1-1). Start time is scheduled for 5 p.m. Following three other road contests (Methodist University: Sept. 7, 1 p.m.; Allen University, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.; Southern Virginia University: Sept. 14, 6 p.m.), Brevard will return to Ives-Lemel Family Field to face off with Salem College on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

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 Tornados' on SoundCloud, or like Brevard College Athletics on Facebook.