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Students hold protest signs and pose for a picture on the BC Ives-Lemel Family Field during BSU's peaceful protest march through campus.

Black Lives Matter

Brevard College's Black Student Union hosts a peaceful protest on campus

By Kym Caldwell
Arts & Life Editor

On Sep. 2, 2020 the Brevard College BSU or Black Student Union, founded by Stephanie Johnson, hosted a peaceful protest that began at Myers Dining Hall. Students and faculty came with their signs in support and marched around the campus and shouted chants such as "Say her name!" and "Black lives matter!"

When asked why she decided to hold a peaceful protest, BC senior Shakirah Thompson, who organized the event on campus, commented

that she was inspired to have this protest because of the many injustices that she's seen recently. She added that she knew many students on campus would also agree with her point of view. In order to organize the protest, Thompson spoke to Brevard College's Campus Activities Board (CAB) and received rules and regulations from Deb D'Anna, BC's Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students and Michael Cohen, Associate Dean of Students.

The students and faculty who participated in the protest then took to downtown Brevard

to express their passion. "Going downtown was amazing," said Thompson, "I had such a powerful group behind me and we had so much support from the community; people blew their horns and cheered as we walked down the street. It was all so worth it!"

When asked what the Black Lives Matter movement meant to Thompson and what significance it held in her life she answered, "It

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The protest continues from campus into downtown Brevard

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resonated well with me as I know it will with many other students," said Thompson, "Black Lives Matter means everyone coming together."

"People come together to take action to find a resolution," said Thompson, "It holds such a significance in my life because I have a father and two brothers that could at any day be taken away from me, like George Floyd was from his kids or how Jacob Blake could have been." Thompson added that everyone can talk about how they want to see change but need to be the change and shouldn't be okay with just talking about it.

The BSU hopes to host another protest soon, they've had many people come up and ask when the next one is. It is heartwarming to see Brevard College's campus come together for a cause that so many students, faculty and community members believe in.



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Students chant in support of the Black Lives Matter movement while travelling into downtown Brevard. This includes Kym Caldwell (left) *The Clarion's* Arts & Life Editor.

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University of Alabama spikes in COVID-19 cases

By Eli Goodhew
 Staff Writer

Many colleges have had spikes in COVID-19 cases due to not following the proper protocols that universities and colleges are attempting to put in place. Unfortunately, we cannot control what students do all the time. We can't watch them every second and make sure they are doing the right thing. We have to assume that they are doing as they should be.

The University of Alabama recently had a spike of over 1,000 cases. Even within the athletic program, there have been reported instances among their athletes. These athletes tested positive in the beginning of June.

The reason why there was such a spike is because people were making rash and poor decisions. The university also claimed to have cases before classes returned.

Classes had only begun on Aug. 19, and the fact that cases have risen that high within this short amount of time is terrifying. The school is said to have plenty of areas for quarantining for students who obtain the virus. Regardless, again, we can't watch them every second.

Brevard College junior, Reese Finnie, states

"It's irresponsible, really. It's a mistake on both parties. The administration and the students. I hope that Brevard can do its part so we don't spike in any way. It is insane how so many cases sprung in so little time," Finnie said. It's just that. It's all about the responsibility bestowed upon us as students and the administration to follow the rules. Stay 6 feet apart, wash your hands and wear a mask!

You are not just protecting yourself. You are also protecting others. I hope you truly comprehend just how critical that is and how eventually, if we keep following the rules, things will get so much better. "Our exposure notification efforts have revealed no evidence of virus transmission due to in-person class instruction," claims Dr. Ricky Friend, Dean of Community Health and Sciences.

I hope this is the case. I would hate to see something like this affect in-person classes because some students can simply not learn online. Make smart choices, please. It is the only way to lessen the spread.

BC art department debuts 'As If' gallery closing

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sep. 5, 2020, the Brevard College art department hosted a gallery closing titled "As If" in Sims Art Gallery. The show featured works from five recently graduated and current BC students: Kristen Martinets, Katherine White, Sidney Holloway, Kouri Peoples, and Heaven McCormick. The show was supposed to take place in the spring of 2020, but due to the pandemic it had to be pushed back multiple times. All but one of the students whose works were shown graduated last year.

Besides the wonderful art pieces, the other focus of the event was the speeches each artist gave. Their speeches detailed how they were inspired to make their art pieces and how they went about making them. One of Brevard College's art professors said during their speech that most of the artists decided to work and experiment with mediums they had never worked with.

The title of the art show, "As If" and that was chosen by the group of five ladies because of its reference to the popular 1995 movie, *Clueless*, starring Alicia Silverstone. The young artists decided that the title fit because they were all born in the 90's. This idea also inspired their 90s themed posters advertising the show.

During her speech, BC alumnus Kristen Martinets said, "When COVID hit we were some of the few who were quarantined on campus, but it was not bad by any means. It gave me personally plenty of alone time in the studio to get things done," she said.

While most students were off campus during the quarantine, the five art students were still living and working on their art. Quarantine gave them plenty of time to work on their pieces. Overall, the art show was a success and to quote Martinets, "I am ecstatic with the way the show turned out."



Courtesy of Caroline Hoy

A photo of the closing artist in a 90s themed collage. Kouri Peoples (top left), Sidney Holloway (top right), Kristen Martinets (middle), Heaven McCormick (bottom left) and Katherine White (bottom right).

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Get some sleep

By Eli Goodhew
Staff Writer

Sleep; it's the one thing that seems very hard to come by for college students. With so much going on, especially with people who have full-time jobs, or play sports, or being a part of clubs, or having kids, the effects of sleep deprivation on college students is very existent.

I know many students at the college that suffer from insomnia and/or have roommate issues to the point where their sleep schedules are very thrown off. Living with another person can be hard. So can juggling many different activities.

Cheerleader and theater major, Emma Harris, also a junior, states "College has really changed the way I sleep while being a student-athlete and majoring in theatre. Between early morning workouts for sports, and late-night rehearsals I have had to learn to run off of coffee or little sleep. I love what I am doing and wouldn't change it, I have learned time managing and being ok with a little less sleep"

Erratic schedules can be hard to manage, but getting a good night's rest is so important. I know it's hard because there are so many distractions and a lot of pressure to do everything at once and get it all done. In the

grand scheme of things, it will affect your performance and mood in class and your ability to retain information if you don't get the proper amount of sleep.

From fatigue, decreased energy, and the way it affects one's mood and psychological state, we should make it known that it is important to take care of ourselves. Even when we have a lot going on you can always take the time to do what's best for you.

Another student Michal Phillips states "This school year, my sleep has been affected by a number of things. The main reason is waking up in time to make it to do temperature checks. Also, sometimes it's hard to find the locations so that means I have to wake up earlier to get there in time."

It's all about time management and getting things done and making the responsible decisions to say no when you know you have more important things to do. Nobody is going to hold your hand throughout your college experience. Yes, there are people that are here to support and help you in so many ways, but also your future is in your hands and it's time to grow up and accept that. Making smarter choices, in the long run, will do you so much good.

The end of school lunches?

By Kellen McGeorge
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Everyone has been wondering about school lunches and how they are being handled during this time in a pandemic. Many people have relatives that go to a school that provides lunches for the students and have wondered how they are going to handle lunches from now on. Well, it's not looking good for school cafeterias and other lunch services.

For many schools, their cafeterias are closing down their dining rooms and sticking to a delivery service or feasting in their classrooms. All of these protocols are in place rather than their normal operations to help keep students and staff safe during the pandemic. Many schools across the country are still providing limited menu items, but are only providing them in a drive-thru style process.

Across the country, schools are closing their cafeterias, with more than 80 percent switching to a drive-thru pick up and half of that providing a walk-up service for their students. For most schools, especially ones in poorer

neighborhoods, the Department of Agriculture has extended a waiver that allows schools to provide free meals to their students, with others allowing parents to pick up their children's lunches for them. Many school nutrition directors have stated that they won't be able to resume operations for months, maybe years.

Following the shut down of many cafeterias, many school nutrition directors have begun thinking about how school lunch programs will look in the future. Many directors have stated that children will no longer eat in the cafeteria, instead many are coming up with their own theories of how the lunch period will have to adapt to the unexpected future. Some directors have also proposed removing the lunch period entirely and just having kids pick up their lunch between classes and eating during lessons.

There is no clear answer for the future of school lunches, but it is clear that plans are being thought up to continue. It is unsure where it'll go from here, but one can hope to overcome this problem soon. All that can be said is that school lunches won't be the same.

BC's Chiaroscuro under new management

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

On Aug. 30, 2020, Brevard College's student-run literary magazine, the Chiaroscuro opened submissions for students, faculty, and alumni. Submitting to the magazine is completely free but there are a few guidelines on how many pieces a person can submit.

The guidelines to submit are easy and can be found soon on the Chiaroscuro's new Instagram page, @BCChiaroscuro. The Instagram, @BCChiaroscuro is completely new this year and is here to give magazine event information and updates.

To learn more about what the Chiaroscuro is about, copies of the previous year book can be found on a rack in the lobby of McLarty-Goodson academic building (MG), next to the rack for Brevard College's The Clarion student newspaper.

This year the editing class for the magazine is taught by BC's Alyse Bense, Assistant Professor of English. Bense is very knowledgeable about literary magazines because of her work with CherryTree, another literary magazine. This is her first year as the adviser of the Chiaroscuro, but she is doing fantastic in her new position.

The Editor in Chief of the Chiaroscuro for the 2020-2021 school year is senior, Mickayla Smith, a psychology major, double minor in creative writing and philosophy and religion. This is her first semester on the literary magazine staff, but she is facing it like a pro.

This year, under the guidance of a new editor, the magazine is going under a revamping. This revamping includes the new restrictions on how much people can submit. "This will be a good opportunity to revamp the literary journal in a way that the Chiaroscuro has never seen before," said Smith.

Even with the changes to the magazine, the Chiaroscuro still strides to showcase the work of students. "Students should know that they can truly express themselves within their work," said Smith, "We want them to recognize that we are striving to have an inclusive environment and to showcase the talent of Brevard students." The Chiaroscuro pushes the idea that no matter how different someone is, their work is welcome.

Uproar in Kenosha

By Kym Caldwell
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On Aug. 23, Jacob Blake, an African-American man was non-fatally shot in his back four times while the police attempted to arrest him in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Officer Rusten Sheskey shot Blake after he was unsuccessfully tasered; the injuries he sustained from the shooting have caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down.

Blake was lucky his life was not taken that evening when Officer Sheskey decided to open fire on him. Many of these events lead to slayings in the streets as we saw with George Floyd, Stephon Clark and Eric Garner. Sometimes even inside of their homes like Atatiana Jefferson and Breonna Taylor.

Rightfully so, this injustice leaves citizens in an uproar due to their want for change. After Jacob Blake was shot, citizens took to the street to continue the protest we've seen happening all summer; people are doing so in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. These protests and riots have called for a state of emergency to be declared and for police to open fire tear gas and rubber bullets in an attempt to break up crowds.

A lot of peaceful protests were held in Kenosha and there were still many people against the cause. A group on Facebook called the "Kenosha Guard" created an event in opposition to protestors called "Armed Citizens to Protect our Lives and Property." On Aug. 25, Kyle Rittenhouse, a 17-year-old civilian with an AR-15, opened fire on protesters, killing 3.

Media around the world has filled with responses to this tragic event. Rittenhouse has been called a "terrorist," a "monster" and "vigilante." Others have also praised him and even made fundraisers for him.

Protests have not ceased despite these events. It seems that this summer it was very popular on social media to see Black Lives Matter posts, individuals at protests and petitions floating around. That coverage has stopped; our social media feeds have just about gone entirely back to normal. Just because we do not see it regularly does not mean it is not still happening. Individuals are going out and dedicating their lives to the cause because of what it means to them, because of their experiences as colored people. This movement is revolutionary and it will be seen.



Photo from CNN.com

Protestors gather in Kenosha on August 27th.

39 missing children found in Georgia fact check

By Aia Andonovska
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Last week it began to circulate on social media that 39 missing children were found in the state of Georgia in a trailer. People immediately hit their share button to spread the news, usually commenting, "Why isn't this everywhere right now?" This latest news directly relates to the issue of sex trafficking in our country and globally right now, along with the hashtag #saveourchildren.

As people began to share this news, they also shared misinformation and spread it across social media platforms. A little further research revealed that these children were not found all in one day and they were not all found in a trailer. The good news is that these missing children were found regardless.

This job, called "Operation Not Forgotten," was a two week effort led by the US Marshals Service Missing Child Unit. They stated that the operation resulted in the rescue of 26 children and safe location of 13 others.

"The US Marshals Service is fully committed to assisting federal, state, and local agencies

with locating and recovering endangered missing children, in addition to their primary fugitive apprehension mission," US Marshals Service Director Donald Washington said in a statement. "The message to missing children and their families is that we will never stop looking for you."

During the operation, nine people were arrested, 26 warrants cleared, and additional charges were filed for sex trafficking, parental

kidnapping, sex offender violations, and drugs and weapons possession. Some of the rescued children are believed to be victims of sex trafficking. Others were missing and located at the request of law enforcement. The ages of these children ranged from three to seventeen.

Every 40 seconds a child goes missing in the United States, according to the FBI. This totals 765,000 missing children a year.



Officials in Georgia search for the missing children.

Photo from CNN.com

OPINION

Where's the flavor?

BC's cafeteria lacking in variety and dietary alternatives

By Eleanor Flannery
Opinion Editor

Brevard College's Myers Dining Hall has been quite sparse when it comes to variety and healthy food alternatives. While we are experiencing a shift with normal protocols on campus with the current pandemic, one would assume the nutrition provided on campus to students would be a priority. However, this does not seem to be the case.

The dining hall usually has a weekly rotation of meals consisting of various protein options, such as pork chops, fried chicken, barbecue pork, and the occasional vegetarian stand-in, like buffalo tofu. Carbs often rotate with pasta, rice or beans, but it is not enough variation needed to fulfill many students' needs of dietary requirements. For those on

a specific diet, many are struggling to meet their nutritional needs with what the cafeteria currently offers.

Students who are plant-based, vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free may find it difficult to enjoy a balanced meal in the dining hall. With what healthier options are available, usually unseasoned, lifeless steamed vegetables, students are often left disappointed. College students are on a budget, and it's unfair that many have to resort to buying food off-campus from restaurants or grocery stores when their college should be catering to their needs. The dining hall needs to expand their available options.

If, for example, pasta is being served for dinner, there needs to be a gluten-free alternative. There should always be plant-based proteins available for students to

switch out from the regular meat option being served. Fresh fruits and vegetables should be a consistent option in the cafeteria; the salad bar should not be randomly available, rather, it should be a staple in what is always served, much like the pizza bar (could we get some gluten-free pizza?).

If Myers would make these options readily and regularly available, it would only be a positive for our campus and a benefit for everyone. Promoting healthy options would not only satisfy the needs for those who are health conscious or depend on dietary alternatives, but it would also provide a better overall message for staying healthy on campus during the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, if enough students voice their opinion on the matter, we can see a change.

Movie Review

'Phineas and Ferb: Candace Against the Universe'

By Isaac Ford
Staff Writer

'Phineas and Ferb The Movie: Candace Against the Universe', became available on Disney Plus on Aug. 28, 2020. The movie was directed by Dan Povenmire and it wastes no time in getting down to business.

The movie opens with Candace singing a musical number about her brothers and her inability to bust them, which serves as exposition for the lighthearted, creative world of Phineas and Ferb. Those familiar with the Disney Channel television show will recall how in each episode, the brothers always found something remarkable and fun to do or create, and how Candace, their sister, would try (but ultimately fail) to bust them red-handed in their "mischief."

Behind the scenes, Phineas and Ferb's pet platypus turned secret agent Perry would work to thwart the silly, but lovable, scientist Dr. Doofenshmirtz's evil schemes. Somehow, and some way, whatever Phineas and Ferb had done or invented would disappear right at the crux of Candace's busting them as an unintended side effect of Perry's stopping Dr. Doofenshmirtz. Candace's goal had always been simple and surface level; she wanted to bust her brothers. Candace Against the Universe reveals why – notably within the first eight minutes of an eighty-seven-minute movie.

After the musical number, Candace returns home and very nearly busts her brothers – again. Candace breaks down. Shortly after, she enters an alien spacecraft thinking it belongs to her brothers, and is sent to an alien planet. Phineas and Ferb team up with the gang (their friends Baljeet, Buford, and Isabella), who then join up with Dr. Doofenshmirtz, to rescue Candace, as well as Dr. Doofenshmirtz's daughter Vanessa, who happened to be with Candace when she boarded the spacecraft. Perry the platypus tags along, operating out of sight to protect the gang.

Set for the most part in space and on an alien planet, the story ultimately subjects itself to clichés. The aliens conveniently speak English, and their planet's atmosphere conveniently contains oxygen, and then

there's the common trope of a villain wanting to dominate and control the world; however, a lot of the movie's magic is in how it depicts the alien world, its inhabitants, and the antagonist.

Ashley Tisdale, who voices Candace, delivers in a way that makes Candace's hyper-quick way of speaking an integral part of her character and personality. Dan Povenmire, who voices Dr. Doofenshmirtz, delivers with his scratchy voice to create an endlessly endearing character. The animations in the movie, like the show's, are vibrant and fluid, and the color palette is bright and perky.

The sound design creates the unique soundscape of the animation, and the score conveys the oddness and zaniness of both the alien world the movie takes place in, and of the fictional world in which the characters live in. Additionally, the song numbers are entertaining to watch and listen to.

While the early set up of Candace's character arc and her "truth" works, the story would have been much more meaningful if the movie explored Candace's feelings about the universe being against her and her feelings of insignificance in more depth – feelings many can understand and relate to. The humor feels forced at times (but never overbearingly) and is generally expressed through irony; nonetheless, the writing, songs, and jokes are still clever, upholding Phineas and Ferb's zany and witty quality, and each character retains their characteristic charm.

The moral of the story, which is revealed at the end of the movie, while simple, is pertinent. If you enjoyed watching the show Phineas and Ferb for its wit, plot, and lovable characters, consider watching 'Candace Against the Universe.'



Photo from IMDb.com

Dr. Doofenshmirtz shows off one of his many "inator" inventions in the new 'Phineas and Ferb: Candace Against the Universe'.

BC student-athletes star in COVID-19 PSA

By Phillip de Montmollin
Sports Information Director

BREVARD, N.C. – Student-athletes from across all sports at Brevard College recently starred in a public service announcement to raise awareness on the importance of maintaining a safe campus to help the Tornados reach the goal of participating in intercollegiate athletics this academic year. Currently, intercollegiate competition in fall sports as well as the start of winter sports at Brevard College have been postponed to the Spring 2021 semester.

The PSA showcased each BC student-athlete declaring “We Want to Play” their respective sports, while emphasizing the importance of practicing the Three W’s – Wear a

Mask, Wait Six Feet Apart and Wash Your Hands – to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The video concludes with a collective chorus of “In This Together” shot at the newly expanded Ives-Lemel Family Field on the campus of Brevard College.

Sixteen Brevard College student-athletes participated in the public service announcement which aired on the official YouTube channel of Brevard College as well as on Brevard College Athletics social media channels. Special thanks to videographer Thom Kennedy ’21 for his assistance on the project.

Watch the video online at <https://youtu.be/rTaDB9o45vM>.

Participating Student-Athletes (in order of appearance):

- Adam Spencer, **Men’s Soccer**
- Madison Altman, **Climbing**
- JJ Wilkes, **Baseball**
- Caitlyn Cloud-Morton, **Women’s Track & Field**
- David Sealy, **Men’s Basketball**
- Dalton Cole, **Football**
- Sallie Riggan, **Women’s Soccer**
- Gavin Morgan, **Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field**
- Gracie Davis, **Cheerleading**
- Sam Duffie, **Men’s Lacrosse**
- Shakirah Thompson, **Women’s Basketball**
- Ethan McGee, **Tennis**
- Autumn Kraemer, **Women’s Lacrosse**
- Raley Shirey, **Volleyball**
- Brittany Franks, **Softball**
- Tyler Clark, **Cycling**



Courtesy of Thom Kennedy

Student-athletes from various BC sports stand together in unity on the BC Ives-Lemel Family Field.