

COVID-19 regulations in North Carolina



By Anna Ervin
Staff Writer

With COVID-19 numbers rising, North Carolina has been issued an extension of its previous 10 p.m. curfew as of Jan. 6. This is to be re-evaluated on Jan. 29. With an average of 7,000 new cases per week, harsher restrictions are not unwarranted.

With that being said, what happens now? The current situation may seem dim, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. On Jan. 14, the COVID-19 vaccine was made available to all those above age 65 and all health care workers in North Carolina.

Because the supplies are limited, the vaccine is only being distributed in waves. However, the NCDHHS has teamed up with health systems, health departments, and community health centers to host large scale vaccine distribution events for those eligible. This means that approximately 45,000 vaccines are to be given from these events.

New President Biden also has a COVID-19

plan that is to be implemented as soon as possible. This plan includes but is not limited to accessible testing, the elimination of cost barriers for COVID-19 prevention and treatments, vaccine development, and emergency paid leave. It is a plan driven by scientists and public health experts to ensure public safety that excludes politics and is based on the general public alone.

Current action is being taken to reduce and prevent cases of COVID-19, but the action will be for nothing if it is not followed. Just because this illness is not detrimental to one person does not mean that it will not be detrimental to another, and the long term effects of this disease is currently unknown.

There can be an end to this pandemic, and it is the job of the community to help speed this process along. This means continuing to follow guidelines and wear masks, getting vaccinated when the time arrives, and abiding by the curfew.

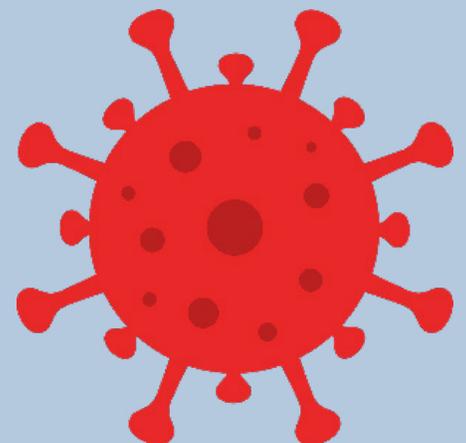
BC hits 19 positive COVID-19 cases in '21

Brevard College's COVID-19 dashboard has reached a semester high with 19 total positive cases for the spring, four of which are new this week. While some of these 19 have recovered, there is still a question of whether there will be more to come?

During the Jan. 11 and 13 testing rounds there were 6 recorded positive cases and for the Jan. 18, 19, 20 and 23 testing rounds there were 9 positive cases. This week, two testing days were scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 27, with many BC athletic team members tested on Monday.

Brevard College's dashboard is updated regularly as test results come in. BC encourages social distancing and mask wearing as much as possible to stop the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

—Margaret Correll



The Biden/Harris inauguration

Hoping to unify the country during these desperate times

By Margaret Correll
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The inauguration of Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Kamala Harris as president and vice president of the United States took place on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 on a day that will be remembered for generations to come. While Washington D.C. was virtually empty, the National Guard patrolled the streets and social distancing was heavily enforced, the tone of the Biden administration was set as one of healing and unity.

Hours before the start of the ceremony, President Trump was seen leaving the White House to head to Florida. He declined to attend the Biden and Harris inauguration, something that had not been seen since Andrew Johnson, the seventeenth president who declined to attend the inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant. In Trump's place, vice president Mike Pence attended with his wife, Karen.

As former presidents like Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton arrived with their spouses to watch the event, the United States prepared for a different president with a different administration. Many attendees made statements with their outfits like the new first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and former first lady Michelle Obama.

Senator Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota gave the opening remarks before moving into the official proceedings, beginning with, "This is the day when our democracy picks itself up, brushes off the dust and does what America always does, goes forward as a nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." She continued with her speech, "We pledge today never to take our democracy for granted as we celebrate its remarkable strength. We celebrate its resilience, its grit."

After Klobuchar, a few opening remarks were made by Senator Roy Blunt from Missouri. Making a reference to the Jan. 6 riots on the Capitol and the need for unity in the United States, Blunt stated, "This is not a moment of division. It's a moment of unification. A new administration begins and brings with it a new beginning. And with that, our great national debate goes forward and a determined democracy will continue to be more essential in pursuit of a more perfect union and a better future for all Americans."

Following both of the senators, the National Anthem was sung by none other than the multi-talented Lady Gaga.

It was then Harris' time to shine, she took

her oath of office on two Bibles, one belonging to the late Supreme Court Justice and civil rights activist, Thurgood Marshall and the other belonging to a family friend who inspired Harris, Regina Shelton. Harris made history being the first female vice president as well as the first African American and Asian American vice president.

After concluding Harris' oath, Jennifer Lopez sang "American the Beautiful".

Biden was next to take his oath of office as the next president of the United States. He was sworn in on his family Bible.

After being sworn into office by Chief Supreme Court Justice John Roberts, Biden took the stage to make his first speech, addressing the nation as their president. "This is America's day. This is democracy's day. A day of history and hope. Of renewal and resolve," said Biden.

Biden highlighted the increased tensions between political parties in the past few years, but he hopes to be a president for every American and to inspire unity between the two sides. "My whole soul is in it. Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together. Uniting our people. And uniting our nation. I ask every American to join me in this cause," said Biden.

Biden concluded his speech and thanked those who attended for coming out and supporting his campaign and his efforts. To conclude the ceremony country singer Garth Brooks sang "Amazing Grace" and youth poet-laureate Amanda Gorman read her poem "The Hill We Climb".

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Joe Biden takes the oath of the presidential office from Chief Justice John Roberts on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Jan. 20, 2021.

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Rep. Cawthorn backtracks amid calls for resignation

By Duncan McWilliam-Grench
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Madison Cawthorn, the newly elected Republican House Representative for the 11th District of North Carolina, backtracked on claims of electoral fraud and signed a letter with 16 other GOP Freshmen vowing to work with President Joe Biden in bridging the partisan divide.

In his short time in Congress, Rep. Cawthorn has come under fire for inciting the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riots and repeatedly undermining the electoral process. He spoke at the Trump rally prior to the riots, urging protesters to stand up to the “cowards” in Congress. He later joined the ranks of over 120 GOP House members who voted in objection to the Arizona and Pennsylvania election results.

He appeared Saturday on CNN where he was interviewed by Pamala Brown. After she

repeatedly prodded him, asking for specific instances of electoral fraud, Cawthorn finally assented, insisting that he only contested the election to “hold up the constitution.” “Yes, I think I would say that the election was not fraudulent. You know, the Constitution allowed for us to be able to push back as much as we could and I did that to the amount of the constitutional limits that I had at my disposal. So now I would say that Joseph R. Biden is our president,” Cawthorn said.

On Jan. 14, protesters gathered outside Cawthorn’s district office in Hendersonville, North Carolina to call for his expulsion from Congress. A petition for his resignation has reached over 80,000 signatures on Change.org.

Since his involvement in the Jan. 6 riots, one of Cawthorn’s prominent conservative backers has revoked his support. George Erwin Jr, former Henderson County Sheriff and former head of North Carolina Association of Chiefs

of Police, states that he regrets giving Cawthorn his support. “I apologize to all of my law enforcement friends, other politicians, family, and friends – I was wrong, I misled you,” Erwin said in a Facebook post.

Cawthorn, who grew up in Hendersonville, North Carolina, won the Republican Primary in June, narrowly beating Lynda Barratt for North Carolina 11th Congressional district, which represents Western North Carolina. In November, he beat Democratic nominee Moe Davis and became the youngest member of Congress in history.

The backlash against Cawthorn’s involvement in the Jan. 6 insurrection is not Cawthorn’s first brush with controversy. In his short political career, he has faced numerous allegations ranging from sexual assault to pathological lying to white supremacy and admiration of Adolf Hitler.



Photo from WLOS

Protestors call for NC District 11 representative, Madison Cawthorn's removal following a speech at a rally leading up to the Jan. 6 Capitol riots

Senior Profile

Madison Ramsey, history major, to graduate

By Aia Andonovska
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Madison Ramsey, a history major from Swords Creek, Virginia, will be graduating in the spring 2021 semester. Ramsey came to Brevard College because of the school's class size and the opportunity to form close relationships with professors. "Swords Creek is so small and so far out in the sticks that I usually joke and tell people that I live in the middle of the woods, which is technically true given that my family's house is located at least a half of a mile up a holler," Ramsey said.

She continued: "Because I grew up in such an isolated place, I had initially wanted to go to a large college in a large city because I could finally leave Russell County and the woods behind. However, that thought process really changed when I went to Virginia Tech to participate in a Scholastic Bowl tournament and the tour guide told us that there were typically five hundred-plus students in a freshman survey course. I was attending Honaker High School during that time, and the school maybe had about four to five hundred students total, so the thought of five hundred other students in a singular class was really mind-boggling and anxiety inducing for me."

The next time Ramsey attended an open house, it was at Brevard College. "I remember someone saying to my group 'If you can't imagine yourself walking on this campus every day and being a part of this community, then you probably don't belong here at Brevard College.' Long story short, by the end of the tour I could see myself walking on the campus. Between that and the fact that the school had small class sizes with an opportunity to get to know your professors, it just felt right." Ramsey recalled.

Ramsey stated that her happiest memories at Brevard College have been hanging out with her friends on campus or going on trips with them over breaks. "My favorite trips with my friends so far have been going to a Bernie Sanders rally in Spartanburg, SC, where we were able to actually meet Bernie and take a photo with him, going to Atlanta to visit over Winter Break and going to Washington DC and sitting in the House and Senate Galleries," she said.

When asked what advice she would give to the freshman, Ramsey advised, "My main piece of advice to the freshmen would be not to be afraid to communicate with their professors if they are struggling. The one thing that I've definitely learned throughout the last three and a half years is that life is still happening while

you're here studying for exams and there are some things that happen that you can't control, but you can still advocate for yourself and your needs. Chances are, if you reach out and communicate, your professors will more than likely be willing to work with you. It's very easy to build a good relationship with your professors by doing well in your classes, but it's also beneficial to be authentic and communicate when you're struggling."

Regarding faculty members, Ramsey had quite a few to speak highly of. She spoke about Sharad Creasman, the campus minister, saying, "My favorite person to talk to on campus by far is Sharad Creasman. Sharad has been an amazing mentor in the time I've known him and I consider him to be one of my friends. He's also one of the few people that doesn't mind when I unexpectedly stop by his office to chat about anything and everything until it's time for him to leave. I've had a lot of great conversations with Sharad, and I always leave his office feeling somewhat better about whatever is going on in my life or in the world. I think that the college is very lucky to have him around."

Concerning her professors, Ramsey had a few things to say about them as well. "If I had to pick only five of my favorite professors, I'd say that they were Joshua Wilkey, Margaret Brown, Anne Chapin, Bob Bauslaugh, and Jordan Whitten in no particular order. Dr. Wilkey was the first professor that I had taken a history class with my freshman year and was the one who made me realize that I was lying to myself and my family when I said that I was going to be an environmental science major. Wilkey presented the subject of history to me in a way that I had not experienced it in high school before and long story short, I loved it."

Ramsey continued, "Ever since then, Dr. Brown has continued to foster my love of studying history at higher academic levels and has encouraged me to be a leader in class discussions and projects. Taking classes with Dr. Chapin and Dr. Bauslaugh over the years has made me become more interested in ancient art and history, and they've also given me opportunities to be a teacher assistant."

Ramsey discovered new hobbies while at Brevard College. "Finally, if you had told me when I was a freshman that I would voluntarily take a creative art class, I would have told you that you were crazy. But I did, and those classes were photography I and II with Jordan Whitten. I used to think that I did not have a creative bone in my body, but Jordan really encouraged me to express myself while making pictures and I ended up loving photography," she expressed.

During her time at Brevard College, Ramsey has received an award called "Rage Against the Machine," from Dr. Wilkey for her aggressive performance in the French Revolution Reacting to the Past game that she was a part of her freshman year. "Right now I'm involved with an internship in the library on campus where I'm primarily working with the archivist, Melodie Farnham. I love this internship because not only am I acquiring a lot of hands-on experience in the career of my choice, but also because Melodie and Marie have been supportive of my interests and are just great mentors to work with in general," she said.

Ramsey's senior thesis will be focusing on early-to-middle 1900s Appalachian folk music and its connection in the effort to unionize the coal mining industry in Southwest Virginia, West Virginia, and Eastern Kentucky during that time period. Specifically, her thesis will examine how these folk songs were used to garner support for the unions both in local communities and nationwide.

After she graduates, Ramsey plans on moving to Atlanta with her friends. She hopes to be doing entry-level archival work there for a year or two before she starts graduate school.



Courtesy of Madison Ramsey

Madison Ramsey

Poet Amanda Gorman shines in canary yellow

By Kym Caldwell
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Poet Amanda Gorman took the stage at the inauguration ceremony in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Jan. 20. She was brought to the Inaugural Committee's attention by first lady Jill Biden, who saw her recite a poem at the Library of Congress; her work titled "The Hill We Climb." Gorman spoke clearly for all the world to hear and in her piece, she reflected on the political divisions that have fractured this country, whilst also offering a vision of hope, unity and reconciliation in a world where we are dealing with a deadly pandemic, racism and political violence.

Gorman describes herself in her piece as a "skinny black girl, descended from slaves and raised by a single mother" who could only dream of being president one day and now finds herself reciting for one. She fell in love with poetry at a young age and at 16, she was named the Youth Poet Laureate of Los Angeles. Later while studying sociology at Harvard, she became the National Youth Poet Laureate; the first-ever person to hold the position.

22-year-old Gorman is the youngest to recite at a presidential inauguration following her predecessors such as Robert Frost, who read "The Gift Outright" for John F. Kennedy, or Maya Angelou who read "On the Pulse of Morning" for Bill Clinton and Elizabeth Alexander who read "Praise Song for the Day" for Barack Obama's first inauguration.

Gorman felt it was most important to not only touch on America's successes but her downfalls, as well. "We have to confront these realities if we're going to move forward, so that's also an important touchstone of the poem," she said. "There is space for grief and horror and hope and unity, and I also hope that there is a breath for joy in the poem because I do think we have a lot to celebrate at this inauguration."

"Now more than ever, the United States needs an inaugural poem," Gorman said. "Poetry is typically the touchstone that we go back to when we have to remind ourselves of the history that we stand on, and the future that we stand for."



Amanda Gorman reads her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the Biden/Harris inauguration. Photo from CNBC

Game Review

Fallout 76: Play or Avoid?

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

If you paid attention to video game news, or even if you browsed Youtube for a while, you probably know about the infamous game known as "Fallout 76." For the past few years, "Fallout 76" has had critics and gamers bash it with being a complete waste of money and not worth what it was hyped to be. However, as the years have gone on, Bethesda has worked to add more to the game and make it an actual fun experience. That still raises the question though, is "Fallout 76" worth playing, or should it still be avoided?

"Fallout 76" is a first person mmorpog shooter, throughout the game you can interact with other players who join the game and either explore the Appalachian wasteland or explore alone and reap the rewards for yourself. The player starts the game by leaving a fallout shelter, Vault 76, as the vault has reached the period where its residents are to reclaim Appalachia from the horrors of the wasteland, but all is not as it seems in Appalachia as a bizarre plague has swept the area turning the many creatures and humans into creatures called the scorched. The player must use their survival skills and weapons to find a cure, eliminate the scorched plague, and aid in the reconstruction of Appalachia.

The biggest problem the game had on release was its lack of NPCs, which led to the game feeling very empty and boring as the series has been known for its characters and lore. Following the release of the Wild Appalachia update, NPCs were added to the game, which led to the game gaining some more popularity and new missions, which involved the repopulation of Appalachia.

During the game, the player will complete challenges and quests to earn new gear, caps, which is the game's form of currency and xp, which will improve base stats. Along with improving stats, perks can allow the player to be better suited to certain situations with certain weapons.

In my opinion, the game is definitely better than it was when it came out at first, it is a lot more fun and has some fun parts in it. However, I cannot say if anyone else will like it, if you're not a fan of grinding for skills or aren't a big fan of first person shooters, then you probably won't like it. There are still a few problems with the game, mostly graphic issues, but other than that, I can say "Fallout 76" is at least a playable game now.

Music Review

Nine albums that will be 20 years old in 2021

By Jackson Inglis
Staff Writer

20 years of age is a big milestone. I wanted to take this time to celebrate nine music albums from 2001 that will be turning 20 this year. Some of which I'll have more in-depth reviews planned for the next few months.

1: Tool - "Lateralus"

"Lateralus" marks the point where '90s alternative metal band Tool went full progressive mode and made one of the most mind bending albums ever. There are still debates between this record and 1996's "Ænima" being the best Tool album, this "Lateralus" has a lot going for it from the super intricate title track to speaker-destroying headbangers like "The Grudge" and "Ticks & Leeches."

2: System of a Down - "Toxicity"

Everyone and their dog is familiar with "Chop Suey!" becoming a huge meme thanks to its speedy verses and melodic chorus, but memes aside, SOAD mixed bold political messages with goofy headbangers on "Toxicity." "Prison Song" exposes the harsh reality of the private prison business, and "Science" criticizes atheism, while "Bounce" is literally about a pogo stick, and "Jet Pilot" is literally about nothing but still fun to listen to.

3: Weezer - "Weezer" (Green)

Coming back from a long hiatus after the initial outrage over 1996's "Pinkerton," "Weezer" decided to play it safe and come back with yet another catchy self titled release. "Hash Pipe" might just be the heaviest Weezer song to get released as a single, while "Island in the Sun" was played



at pretty much every wedding in 2001. While this record is only 28 minutes long and doesn't hold a candle to the blue album, it's still a neat little batch of songs to pass the time to.

4: Blink-182 - "Take Off Your Pants and Jacket"

Following the overnight success of 1999's "Enema of the State," pop punk group Blink-182 decided to make exactly that again but change things up a bit. While essentially the same style of its predecessor, "Take Off Your Pants" and "Jacket" feels slightly more like a "coming of age" album detailing adolescent emotions on "Give Me One Good Reason", "Anthem Part Two", and "Stay Together for the Kids." These guys still didn't lose their personality as there's still a hint of comedy on "Happy Holidays, You Bastard" and the various bonus tracks on the deluxe editions.



5: Sum 41 - "All Killer No Filler"

Along with the return of Blink-182, 2001 saw the debut of a new pop punk act - Sum 41. It's hard to come across someone who hasn't heard "Fat Lip" or "In Too Deep" somewhere in the past week, but the band shows their heavy metal influences a little on "All Killer No Filler." These guys had promise early, and they certainly held up to those standards on many of their follow up albums.



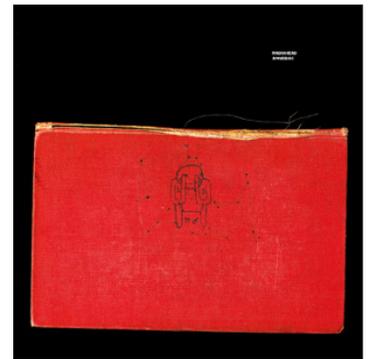
6: Gorillaz - "Gorillaz"

Gorillaz are not the first "virtual band", but they are the most famous example of one, and for good reason. "Gorillaz" blends many

elements of hip-hop, ambient, and alternative rock into something truly unique beyond just hearing "Clint Eastwood" and "19-2000" for the millionth time. Not every song is a bop, but the whole thing comes together as if it was intended to be heard from start to finish, which is such a lost art.

7: Radiohead - "Amnesiac"

Speaking of ambient, "Amnesiac" truly feels like the proper sister album to 2000's Kid A; it was recorded while on tour for that album, so it makes sense. "Amnesiac" feels a little more mainstream with a tad more use of "real" instruments, but it doesn't lose its outer-worldly touch with tracks like "Pulk/Pull Revolving Doors", "Pyramid Song", and "Morning Bell/Amnesiac."



8: Slayer - "God Hates Us All"

After mixed receptions to their 1998 metal experimentation "Diabolus in Musica," Slayer decided to bring it back a bit with the absolutely unforgiving "God Hates Us All." The songs are short and sweet, the lyrics are full of shock value, and the riffs are as heavy as a ton of bricks; it's all classic Slayer from "Disciple" all the way to "Bloodline" and "God Send Death."

9: Static-X - "Machine"

Static-X brings a similar blend of industrial and nu metal found on 1999's "Wisconsin Death Trip" back for the follow up. From "Black and White", "...In a Bag", and "Burn to Burn", the songs off of "Machine" are just as catchy and groovy as their predecessor. The album even ends with "A Dios Alma Perdida", leaving a dark and ambient feeling in your mind similar to how "Wisconsin Death Trip" did.

Two-time Donny and the fall of the GOP

By Eleanor Flannery
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On Jan. 13., Donald Trump was impeached by The House of Representatives for inciting a violent insurrection against the United States government. The vote was 232-197, including 10 votes from Republicans joining the Democratic majority. Trump's historical second impeachment (he is the first president to ever be impeached twice) came a week after a horde of his supporters attacked the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. It's interesting that just over a year ago, Republicans voted unanimously against impeaching then-President Trump.

Several Republicans that formally backed Trump have since spoken out against him after the attempted coup at the Capitol and formation of impeachment articles began to roll out. Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the chamber's GOP leadership team, said to the press in regard to Trump and the Capitol, "It's a tragic day, and he was part of it." According to the New York Times, "Former New Jersey Governor and Trump supporter Chris Christie

flagged that the president and his son had spoken to the crowd, and the subsequent violence "is the result of their words," whether intended or not. He said on ABC that Trump's initial response to simply call for protesters to be peaceful was "not good enough."

House Republican, Liz Cheney of Wyoming, said, "There's no question the president formed the mob, the president incited the mob, the president addressed the mob -- he lit the flame." She said on CNN that Trump's response "so far has been completely intolerable and insufficient." Trump's own Vice President made a statement detailing how he had "no intention of interfering with the congressional validation of Biden's victory in the Electoral College." In response, Trump tweeted that Pence "didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution."

"His treatment of Mike Pence is unjustified, wrong and just really really unfortunate," Republican Sen. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota told the media.

Trump convinced a decent chunk of the GOP of his bold claim that the election results from Nov. 3 were fraudulent. A week after Election Day, only four Republican senators had acknowledged Biden's win as legitimate. Of course, over 60 court cases were later thrown out due to a lack of evidence over Trump's claims of voter fraud. Only now, after an insurrection influenced by Trump, are Republicans starting to distance themselves from the Trump administration and call out the former president for his careless actions while serving as commander in chief.

It seems that the GOP is at a crossroads. Is this who they are? Are they really these extremists demanding an election recount based on bogus claims of voter fraud (as demonstrated at the Capitol on Jan 6.) and only some of the party's leaders are speaking out now in efforts to save their political image? Or is the Republican party just lost, struggling to recover from the era of Donald Trump? Whatever the case, the Republican Party has some serious soul searching to do.

New Fate: Winx Saga

By Caroline Hoy
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"Winx Club" is a Rainbow Production show that ran for eight seasons, first premiering in 2004 and adapting into three successful movies. Recently, a new addition has been made to the Winx name. On Jan. 22, Netflix released "Winx Fate: The Winx Saga" or "Fate" for short.

"The Fate: Winx Saga" is co-directed by Lisa James Larsson and Hannah Quinn. Bloom, the main character and fairy of the Dragon Flame, is played by Abigail Cowen who also starred as Dorcas in Netflix's in "The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina." The rest of the Winx are played by Hannah van der Westhuisen as Stella, Precious Mustapha as Aisha, Eliot Salt as Terra and Elisha Applebaum as Musa.

In "Fate," the audience is introduced to the main threat; episode one opens when a farmer's sheep goes missing and it is learned that there is

something on the hunt in the woods. The show then cuts to Bloom arriving at Alfea, the main school for people of the magic realm. Soon after arriving at Alfea, the audience is introduced to what the thing in the woods was and the secrets behind Bloom's life.

For many die hard Winx Club fans the idea of "Fate" was not looking well. Many fans were very mad at the fact that some things were changed from the original Winx club. For example, the original Winx consisted of Bloom, Stella, Aisha, Muesa, Flora, and Tecna; but for the new fate series, Flora's name was changed to Terra and Tecna was no longer a member of the group. Credit to be given to "Fate" is that they did mention Flora as a cousin to Terra.

Another fact that has made many original Winx fans mad is that "Fate" white washed two of the characters. Musa originally was a character of Asian descent and the fairy of music, but in "Fate" she was made into a white

emotion fairy. Also, Flora was white-washed from her original hispanic character.

Although many of the older Winx fans were upset about the changes made to the characters, "Fate" has actually been accepted to the fandom pretty well. Many fans have been very happy over the fact that "Fate" does not show unrealistic body expectations, unlike the original Winx series.

Although "Fate" is not like the original Winx series, it has been very well received by the Winx Club fandom. "Fate" did an amazing job at capturing the audience and was capable of pulling in people with cliffhangers and plenty of drama.

Overall, "Fate" is very well done and produced and it is easy to see why fans are so excited for season two and to see more super cool fairy powers. I would give "Fate: The Winx Saga" a 4 out of 5 stars.

BC football back in action

By Damon Rouse
Staff Writer

After the historic 2019 season, the Brevard College football team is back in action; the team has been back on campus and practicing since Jan. 15. The 2019-2020 Brevard College football team is fresh off of an 8-2 season and a Scotty White Hall Bowl game win; this is the first time in the school's history that we have seen this happen. This year they are looking to outdo themselves with a perfect season, a Conference Championship, and a national championship. This is the first season since leaving Division 2 that they are allowed to attend the Division 3 National Championship.

This is also the most players that the Brevard College football team has had returning in a long time. The champions have over 40 returning players with key players coming back on the historic defense. They set a record of only giving up 13.4 points a game and have the top 3 in turnovers such as all-conference players and seniors, Dante Anderson and

Steffon Canada and key seniors such as Chanson Lowery and Quentin Jackson.

The offense is hungry and ready to perform this upcoming season; with several returners such as starting Quarterback Dalton Cole and receiver Brandon Norris. The team had a great veteran line, a stable full of running backs, a deep freshman class, and a playmaking receiver core. With chemistry building, sparks flying, and big-time players making big-time plays, the team looks like they are taking drastic steps to out doing their record-breaking season.

It won't be easy though due to the COVID-19 protocols; the team will play only Conference games based on a 4 game format with 4 non-conference games including playoffs. The 4 conference games include 2 slugfest games between Maryville, who the team beat for the first time in school during the 2019-2020 season, and an ultimate 2 game battle between Huntington. They are hoping to win against Huntington for the first time in the school's history.

In order to achieve the goals set in the

offseason, they will have to try new techniques they have never attempted before. With strong coaches, new resources, and magnificent talent on this Brevard team, the rumor around the campus and town is that there is no doubt that the team will take a win.

The Brevard College football team starts off the season on Feb. 20 with an away game at Maryville. They will defend the new stadium for the first time on March 6 versus Huntington. The team is trying to bring a new culture to the campus, not only on the field but off as well. They are promoting school spirit and positivity and they are off to a great start. Is this just the beginning stages of a new era? Will the team be yet another one-hit-wonder? When I asked Redshirt sophomore D-lineman Antonio Williams he stated "I like my guys" showing praise to his teammates and hopefulness of the new season. With only three weeks and two days until the anticipated season, the answer to the questions above; well, we shall see.



Photo from ECAC

A picture from the 2019 Scotty Whitelaw Bowl win by the BC Tornados football team.