

Tornado Tip-off kicks off basketball season

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The Tornado Tip-off was a pep rally that took place in the Bosh Monday, Nov. 1 to help quickly start the season for both womens and mens basketball teams including the other winter sports. The attendance from this event was huge with the students and faculty and, with the help of SAAC, they had free shirts, glasses and lights as first come first serve.

This event was held at 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and it was a rowdy night starting off, mentioning both the men's and women's teams and their coaches with the gym lights cut and only the spotlights following the players as they came out onto the court. It eventually led into a "TikTok" dance battle to see which team knew the most in order to win.

The next event was having four contestants on the court as a relay race with dribbling the basketball and having to shoot for that team to win. It went into a few more games with contestants from the stands with musical basketball challenges.

The next event that took place was the seven minute blue vs. white scrimmage for both men's and women's teams. It was exciting to see both teams play and show off for the ones who came to watch what they do best.

There were so many events during the pep rally including another relay game to win prizes. The crowd was drawn into every event that went down in the Bosh; it was full of laughter and pure enjoyment, especially with the music keeping all the excitement going.

The last couple of events that took place were



Brevard College cheerleaders perform for Tornado Tip-off

Photo by Victoria Braymon

the three-point contests, with two from each of the women's and men's teams going against each other to see who could score the most points within a minute. It was a close call, but the men's team only pulled the win by one three-pointer. Last was the men's dunk contest that pulled the majority of the crowd to its feet to watch and record their favorites to post.

Monday night was successful in providing so much fun in ninety minutes, and all of the students seemed to really enjoy being able to come together to kick off the season. The pep rally is also on Instagram Live for ones to watch online, so If you missed it, you can still witness everyone having a good time during this pep rally.

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Students have their hands on skulls

By Laura Vance

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Brevard College students have their hands on skulls. Literally.

A generous grant from the Brevard College Pedagogies Committee, which supports experiential learning initiatives, recently funded the purchase of replicas of skulls of *Homo habilis* and *Australopithecus africanus*, two early bipedal species.

Australopithecine species, including *afarensis* and *africanus*, lived in Africa around 2-4 million years ago. They walked upright, and maintained arms that were longer relative to their body size, similar to those of modern chimpanzees, which they used to climb trees. *Homo habilis*, on the other hand, was part of the same genus as modern humans, but they were shorter than us, ranging from a little less than 3 and one-half feet, to a little more than four feet, tall. *Homo habilis* is named for its ability to make stone tools, and microscopic analysis of the wear patterns on those tools, as well as the bones that they cut, show that *Homo habilis* scavenged meat, rather than hunting.

These contributions help to round out the College's growing collection of early hominin skulls and artifacts, available through Jones Library. The growing collection also includes 3-D reproductions of early artifacts printed by Educational Technology Specialist James Brooks, including the Venus of Willendorf (c. 24,000-22,000 BCE), the Venus of Doni



(left to right) Caleb Trent, Patrick Miller, and Ivy Blanton hold and discuss skulls of *Homo sapiens*, *Homo habilis*

Vestonice (c. 29,000-25,000 BCE), and the Key Macro Cat (c. 500-1500 BP).

Students have already used the skulls in Intro to Anthropology to study human evolution.

"I really thought it was cool to learn about how the foramen magnum evolved," said Tyler Harrison. The foramen magnum is the oval opening under the cranium where the spine enters the skull, linking the spinal column to the brain. As bipedalism emerged, the placement of this opening gradually shifted from the rear to the center position under the skull, and the new

skulls allow students to observe these changes in different species.

Noah Hinton, a student in the class, said, "I originally knew little about the origins of bipedalism. I learned that there are many species of hominins . . . I was surprised by the vast speciation." Rachel Gunnis agreed, noting "I didn't know about all of the different species of hominins . . . I knew that Neanderthals existed, but almost everything I knew [about them] was incorrect." Rachel observes that she learned that Neanderthals "created tools, some art, cared for each other, and buried their dead."

Maggie Cox "learned that bipedalism emerged before" the expansion of the brain. Her examination of the skulls allowed her to observe "the differences in facial structure with each species" and she found these "interesting, because we can see the development process of how we transformed into what we look like today."

Brevard's newly acquired skulls allow students to see, feel, and compare various species' skulls to explore how features evolved. Students may use the skulls to compare the cranial capacities of species, which increased over the course of hominin evolution; to examine changes in the size and shape of the brow ridge, the bony protrusion above the eyes; and to contrast other physical traits that changed throughout our evolution.

Faculty members may check out the skulls for class use at Jones Library.

Chiaroscuro staff launches the 2021 edition of Chiaroscuro

By Anna Ervin

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The Chiaroscuro staff held a launch party on Saturday, Nov. 6, for the 2021 edition of Chiaroscuro, a student-led literary and arts journal. Chiaroscuro is published annually and features art, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and theatre pieces written by Brevard College students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

This launch party was to celebrate the release of the 2021 edition of Chiaroscuro in person. There was an initial online launch party in the spring of 2021.

The evening began with everyone mingling in Coltrain. When everyone had arrived, a few poems published in Chiaroscuro were read, either by the author or a fill-in.

Vance Joy kicked off the night by reading his piece, "Part of the Pandemic", a piece encapsulating the pandemic experience with humor and grace. Next read was Carrie LaBonte's "Flower", read by Gabriel Bernhard and after came "Melting", a poem read and written by The Clarion staff's own Caroline Hoy.

A small intermission was performed as a cool off and a time to enjoy some guitar.

Readings were then started once more with a reading from Kym Caldwell of Emma's "Cars Under My Shoes". After, Gabriel Bernhard returned to read Gavin Martin's "Pure Blood" and, last year's editor in chief, Makayla Smith's "Momentum".



Kym Caldwell reads a poem during the party.

Though this was to launch spring of 2021's edition, there is still a buzz of excitement for the 2022 release. The deadline to submit a piece for consideration for Chiaroscuro is Dec. 1. You can email any submissions to chiaroscuro@brevard.edu.

Maureen Copelof is the new mayor of Brevard

By Sydney Fox
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Within the past couple months you have seen voting signs everywhere throughout Brevard. For the first time in two decades, there was a new mayor elected for the City of Brevard: Maureen Copelof.

For Brevard, this may give a new perspective on what the city is headed towards in the future. The last mayor set up a good pathway for what the city was looking for, and now there are fresh faces on the board that will hopefully keep going in a positive way.

After Copelof had won, she was quoted saying, "I'm actually ready to open a bottle of champagne with a couple of friends." She was happy to hear from another candidate to congratulate her on her winnings.

Brevard is a small town that has a lot going on, and Brevard takes pride in the small businesses that fill downtown. Brevard is also a place where many people not only come to

visit but also settle down.

Copelof has been on the City Council team for four years. This is important because she has already been involved in what the city does and has a background for understanding the workings of Brevard.

Being on the City Council helps Copelof out significantly because she already knows what the people want and what direction the city wants to go. Hopefully she will keep this agenda going and continue to listen to what the people want.

Copelof has been very interactive with the city and everything that goes on. She is very approachable and according to her facebook page is "always willing to listen." Having a mayor that is approachable is important because the public needs to feel like they are heard and that they matter. Copelof does this very well.



Maureen Copelof working the Transylvania Democracy Project booth at the Fall Festival.

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Dr. Kathryn Holten to retire

By Christie Cauble

Brevard College recently announced that Dr. Kathryn Holten, Vice-President of Alumni Affairs and Development, will be retiring at the end of the fall semester. Holten has been with the college since 2015, when Dr. David Joyce, President of Brevard College, asked her to join the college executive leadership team in order to strengthen the fundraising and alumni affairs operations of the college.

"Brevard College is one of western North Carolina's most treasured assets, and I am grateful to have worked with Kathryn to help future generations of students," President Joyce said. "Today, more than ever before, we need thoughtful and well-prepared students to tackle the multitude of issues facing the world – Brevard College is uniquely positioned to graduate such leaders through its experiential liberal arts education. It has been an honor to work with Kathryn and her team to increase support for the Brevard College faculty, students and campus facilities in order to continue to provide an outstanding learning environment. I know that as we both retire this year, we will continue to work together to support the college."

A significant part of Holten's charge was to build an alumni affairs and development staff and to lay the groundwork for a \$20 million

dollar capital campaign. The onset of the global pandemic forced the college to pause the launch of the campaign, which will be restarted in the near future. Since the 2015-16 fiscal year, Holten has led the college team in raising more than \$16 million dollars. Over \$4 million of that amount was for student scholarships. The endowment nearly doubled during that period, thanks to fundraising and increases in the stock market, to over \$32 million dollars today.

Many of the projects supported by capital grants that Holten wrote include the renovation of the Barn and improvements to the residence halls including new windows, locks and air-conditioning. The main academic buildings were updated, and new equipment modernized the digital media and exercise science programs. The Paul Porter Center for the Performing Arts is midway through a challenge grant to create a half-million dollar endowment to maintain the facility into the future.

When asked what retirement holds for her, Holten responded, "A lot of travel to make up for the pandemic. Wayne and I enjoy giving back to our community, so I expect I'll continue to be involved as a volunteer with non-profit work, especially in education, animal welfare and environmental issues."

How to maximize your time in Pisgah National Forest

By Shyvonne Potter

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Fall is passing by Brevard College fast, and one of the best ways to enjoy the beautiful, unique area we live in is to embrace Pisgah National Forest and the many adventures it has to offer.

Pisgah National Forest is the home of many adventure activities such as rock climbing, Mountain Biking, Hiking, Whitewater Kayaking and bird watching.

For those wishing to pursue high adventure activities such as Rock Climbing or Whitewater Kayaking, Brevard College offers many programs to help students and faculty learn about these activities. Such programs include The Brevard College Paddling Club, Brevard College Outing Club and the Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education Program. "Rock Climbing is my favorite activity on Pisgah National Forest because of the focus it takes, and the rewarding feeling of sending a climb," said senior Madison Altman.

If you're hoping to get out and experience the fall leaves while enjoying a hike, you're in luck! Pisgah National Forest has an abundance of beautiful trails to experience. Some of the top trails include Looking Glass Rock, John's Rock and Moores Cove Falls.

"I wouldn't recommend Looking Glass Rock trail, because it is so popular. You have to start the hike super early if you don't want to be around a bunch of people during the hike," said senior Madison Altman. If you are looking for a less trafficked trail to enjoy



Junior Shyvonne Potter at the top of "The nose", a popular rock climb on Looking Glass Rock

a peaceful afternoon with friends, check out a hike out in Shining Rock Wilderness Area or Middle Prong Wilderness Area. "I really enjoy getting outside, because it allows me to push outside of my comfort zone, and try new things," sophomore Ty Collin said.

If you're looking to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Pisgah National Forest without committing to a day of physical activity, a drive down the Blue Ridge Parkway is a great way to spend a few hours. With ample pull offs and plenty of gorgeous views, you are sure to enjoy

a sunset, or simply take in the breathtaking views. Junior Michaela Gray recommends parking Near Graveyard fields, and enjoying the scenery there.

Regardless of the activity you may choose to partake in, it is important to remember to respect the environment and follow the Leave No Trace ethics. "It is really important to mitigate our impact, so we can keep the forest looking beautiful," said sophomore Isaac Saul. More information about Leave No Trace ethics can be found at lnt.org.

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin

Editor in Chief

Aries, a new day is waiting for you. Go out and embrace the good surrounding you; you'll miss it if you're not careful.

Gemini, this week may feel bitter and melancholic. These feelings are normal and valid, so don't discredit your own thoughts.

Cancer, communication will always enhance your relationships. You may have been feeling distant lately, but now is the time for reconciliation. Look ahead at what is to come rather than looking back at what has been.

Leo, this is a week of good health! Make some decisions to better yourself. You have everything you need to be successful, so don't

be afraid to claim it.

Virgo, stop holding yourself back. Self doubt will tear the world you've built apart. You know what you're worth.

Libra, you may be experiencing some turmoil with the people around you, whether that be friends, family or acquaintances. You have a system of support that loves you, so don't let bad experiences get in the way.

Scorpio, life may feel bland at the moment. Now is the time to appreciate the simplicity of life. If you are looking to build excitement, try something new!

Sagittarius, self growth is coming your way.

Accept that you have made mistakes and learn from them. You can only move forward.

Capricorn, your care and thought about your choices has brought you to this point. You are in the home stretch towards good things, so keep your head up.

Aquarius, new projects and new ideas are flowing. Plan them, and take action. You are ready for the next phase of life, so don't be afraid of the change coming your way.

Pisces, this is a good week for you. Maybe it doesn't bring anything new, but you may be seeing things from a new perspective. Open up, and more good will come.

Alec Baldwin shoots Hutchins and Souza with 'cold gun,' and of course the Trumps comment

By Eleanor Flannery
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On Oct. 21, well-known and renowned actor, Alec Baldwin, mistakenly shot and killed an on set cinematographer, Halyna Hutchins, after firing a loaded prop gun. The actor also hit the director of the film, Joel Souza. Baldwin fired the gun during a rehearsal for the upcoming film, "Rust," while he was practicing drawing a revolver out of his character's holster.

Baldwin was told the revolver was what is known as a "cold gun," meaning it was not loaded with any live rounds inside the barrel. However, the gun went off and fired, where rounds hit Hutchins in her chest and Souza in his right shoulder.

Baldwin was not aware the gun was loaded, as it was handed to him for use by the assistant director, Dave Halls, overseen by the on set armorer, Hannah Gutierrez Reed. "Because of COVID-19 safety protocols, Gutierrez Reed set up three prop guns on a cart outside Bonanza Creek Ranch's church set, the focus of the search warrant. Halls did not know live rounds

were in the gun that he handed to Baldwin, and Halls yelled "cold gun," according to the affidavit, the L.A. Times reported.

Clearly, the entire incident is a tragedy, and a complete fluke on Alec Baldwin's part. He did not know the gun was loaded with live bullets, as the investigation and affidavits seem to be proving. Yet, he has come under heavy scrutiny, particularly by many right-wing commentators and members of the Trump family.

According to Forbes, Donald Trump Jr., the oldest son of former President Trump and one of his staunchest defenders, started selling T-shirts Sunday that say, "Guns don't kill people, Alec Baldwin kills people," and promoted them on his Instagram stories by posting a photoshopped image of Baldwin wearing one. Donald Trump also felt the need to weigh in during a radio show interview with conservative host and radio personality, Chris Stigall.

"In my opinion, he had something to do

with it," Trump said. "But if nothing else, how do you take a gun, whether it's loaded or not loaded, how do you take a gun, point it at somebody that's not even in the movie, and just point it at this person and pull the trigger, and now she's dead?" Hopefully, anyone following this story can conclude that Baldwin did not intentionally shoot Hutchins and Souza.

Since the tragic incident, Baldwin released the following statement: "There are no words to convey my shock and sadness regarding the tragic accident that took the life of Halyna Hutchins, a wife, mother and deeply admired colleague of ours," Baldwin said in a tweet. "I'm fully cooperating with the police investigation to address how this tragedy occurred and I am in touch with her husband, offering my support to him and his family. My heart is broken for her husband, their son, and all who knew and loved Halyna."

It's time for jingle bells

By Caroline Hoy
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Nov. 1 means that spooky month is officially over, so does that mean that it is now time for jingle bells? This seems to be the debate every year. It may feel like it's time to start preparing for Christmas, but at the same time there are still 52 days until Christmas.

Christmas should start as soon as possible. Yards tend to look very barren after the Halloween decorations are taken down, and Christmas decorations are a great way to replace them. If you want to incorporate Christmas into Halloween to get an even earlier start, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is a great place to begin.

Christmas music is something that brings joy to many, so why wait? Many artists make Christmas albums consisting of new and old songs, putting their own spin on it. This means Christmas music is offered in a variety of formats, so there is something for everyone to enjoy. Listening to these Christmas albums can also support your favorite artists.

Because stores are already preparing for the holiday by stocking candy canes and eggnog, there should be no reason for a wait.




Opportunity arises to celebrate, and if we enjoy the things that come with it, we shouldn't be restricted.

So the question and age-old debate comes around once again now that we have entered November and Halloween has ended: is it too early to start with the fa la la la? In truth, the answer may never be fully agreed upon.

If someone enjoys something, we should support them in celebrating as long as it does not harm another individual. Let's lose the hate for skipping Thanksgiving!

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Michael Peters is excited for the upcoming basketball season

By Madi Avery
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Basketball season has finally arrived, and Brevard College is nothing but excited to watch the athletes put all their hard work and dedication into the upcoming games!

Michael Peters, a player on the Men's basketball team, is a prime example of dedication for the sport, so he was interviewed by reporter Madison Avery who is a part of The Clarion.

When asked how long he had been playing basketball, Peters said, "I was four years old when I first picked up a basketball. I am nineteen now and I haven't stopped playing since."

Peters plays a forward and a wing and hopes to "take my basketball career in the same direction as my father. He played at Holy Cross in the 80's. My grandfather also played basketball in the Air Force Academy, plus he played semi pro with the Washington Generals."

Peter said his biggest motivation and supporter is, "My pops. He gives me the motivation from above. He has always been my biggest supporter and the main reason I keep pushing forward to play the game I love."

Peters's goal for the season is to "be an All-

League, All Conference Forward. After coming off a great freshman season, I hope to continue the charge in the upcoming seasons. I lost 40 pounds during the previous offseason which has really helped me take my performance to the next level."

When asked about what he believes Brevard's team's biggest advantages are, Peter said, "I believe our biggest advantage coming into this season is our size in every position as well as our toughest. You better believe we have a gritty team with a fight which will help us on the road against the tougher USA South Conference opponents."

Peter said, "I would definitely change the positions of some of the other players. We have a lot of players on our team who are very versatile which could help with a bigger lineup against bigger teams," when asked about positive changes he would make to the team.

Peters said, "Our biggest challenge this season is fighting adversity from other schools. I believe we will be a team to shock everyone watching, including the other schools. I think that the other teams in the USA South Conference will be very surprised with what we are bringing to the court."



Photo by Brevard College
Michael Peters in action.

The Clarion staff wishes both the men's and women's basketball good luck this season, and we are excited to see everyone play!

Make sure to show up and support our men's and women's basketball team at their first home game on Friday, Nov. 12, Brevard vs Berry!

Women's basketball has their season opener

By Whitney Thompson
Staff Writer

Excitement has arisen for the women's basketball season opener with an exhibition game against Division I, Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, Nov. 8, 2021, and tip-off is at 7 pm. Even though there is a major difference in the division of the schools doesn't mean it won't be a site to see. Both teams are skilled in various ways, so it doesn't mean Brevard's women's team can't compete.

It will also be a sight to see for all the fans able to come back into the stands to cheer for their team after the outbreak of COVID-19 last year, which canceled over half of games for all sports nationwide. Parents, sponsors, alumni and more are glad to be back to support the

basketball programs. Most importantly, the players and coaches are more than excited for this first game and the full season ahead going all the way through February.

The Brevard women's basketball team has prepared for this day to come with practices and workouts to excel on and off the court. Including learning what the opposing team Furman will possibly do. With getting prepared for the season opener we have had a motto for keys to victory, the first being value possessions, limit turnovers, the second part is boxing out and keeping them off the glass, thirdly having a clean quality offense, and lastly having a competitive toughness.

The coach along with the teammates has helped one another have a mindset to be ready for the first game of the season. After endless practices, the women's team of Brevard is ready for the season to start tomorrow night at Furman University. Donald Hudson, the head coach, and Annalee Bollinger, the assistant coach, getting their players ready to be at this point and both state that "You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win."

They have both been on top of this to keep the players motivated throughout the practices to get ready and perform at the games especially with the season opener tomorrow night.