



Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
The Porter Center for Performing Arts

Brevard College Theatre presented Shakespeare's 'Comedy of Errors'

By Caroline Hoy
Managing Editor

From Thursday, Dec. 18 to Sunday, Dec. 21, the Brevard College theater department put on the play "The Comedy of Errors" by William Shakespeare. "The Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakespeare's early plays that takes place in the Greek city of Ephesus. The story is about two twin brothers who were separated at birth.

After a year of nontraditional theater performances, like last year's Little Shop Horrors that was performed outside at the Brevard music Center, "The Comedy of Errors" was performed in the Black Box Theater; to enter to watch the performance, vaccination cards had to be presented at the door.

Sarah Hajkowski was asked about how it was to perform in a normal theater and she

said it, "... reminded me how unique theatre is in the fact that it happens a different way each performance." It wasn't just the performers who enjoyed being back to the black box for shows again, the audience also enjoyed watching people perform.

This 90 minute performance was beautifully done and had the audience cracking up in the end, but it was no small feat. It took lots of hours practicing.

Talley Sugg said, "the average hours worked a week as an actor was around 14-16 hours a week with that number going up a bit during tech week, but I was also designing, styling, and creating charts for every character on stage, which totaled to around 4 or 5 hours a week,

bringing me to a grand total of 20 or 21 hours a week."

Sugg was asked if there is anything she would like to say about the performance and she said, "I had an incredible time working with all of these talented and dedicated people and, as a senior who's gonna be leaving the department after this school year, I'm excited to see rebel work that they continue to do, Shakespeare or otherwise."

With an almost completely full audience, the Brevard College actors pulled in the viewers and owned the nights. Everyone was happy and is eagerly awaiting the next show put on by the theater department. There is no doubt they will have the audience yearning for more.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

Back row: Mason Lariscy, Kristian Michels, Talley Sugg, Taylor Sparrow, Scott Douglas
Middle row: Anna Ervin, Naomi Firebaugh, Eli Hughes, Oli Mason, Sarah Hajkowski
Bottom row: Bryan Barboza, Seth Chepes, Emma Harris, Gabe Bernhard



Photo by Joe Hernandez

Anna Ervin and Talley Sugg



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Eli Hughes, Sarah Hajkowski, Gabe Bernhard,
Seth Chepes

WLEE Immersion returns from 21 day wilderness expedition

By Shyvonne Potter
Staff Editor

A group of Brevard College Students walked onto campus through the bell tower last Sunday after completing a 21 day wilderness expedition in the backcountry of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Each semester, Brevard College Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education majors and minors participate in a semester known as the Immersion Semester. The Immersion Semester involves a series of backcountry trips and various skill development courses that climaxes at a 21 day wilderness expedition that is planned completely by the students of the class, typically consisting of eight to ten students.

“You work so closely with these people, all day everyday, that you really develop a bond with them- and sometimes hate them” said current Immersion Semester student, Kendrick Austin. This close knit atmosphere was really showcased during the interview; when a question was asked, a whole slew of stories popped up from everyone in the group.

The current Immersion Semester students returned home from their 21 day expedition, which started out on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky at Big South Fork, a national river and recreation area. The group Backpacked for ten days before boarding canoes and canoeing for five days. They ended with six days of Backpacking, in which they finished out the hike by hiking back onto campus from Pisgah Forest. “It was a lot of fun, and you should ask Kendrick about how much cheese math there was,” said



Featured in photo left to right: Gabby Lynch, Maggie Frail, Sophie Pipin, Kendrick Austin, Dawson Jacobs, Alex Eaton, Leandon Perlman (not pictured: Jake Kassel)

Immersion Student Sophie Pipin.

To pull off a successful expedition, much planning and preparation must be done and every detail must be planned out. This process takes tolls on groups, and helps students build on successful group dynamic skills. When asked about what he learned most from the trip, Kendrick Austin said, “no matter how much cheese math you do, if you are eating with Dawson [Jacobs] and I, you will run out of food... I also learned a lot about group dynamics, and how to be a successful outdoor leader.”

The Immersion Group had an incredibly impactful trip and had many fun stories and meaningful memories. All students are encouraged to take part in WLEE adventures, whether it be by taking an introductory WLEE class such as Backpacking, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Kayaking, or Canoeing, or even deciding to Major or Minor in WLEE.

The Immersion Group leaves for their sea kayaking trip on Tuesday Nov. 30, 2021, and they are excited to continue to build on their semester long experience.

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

Aries, this week it is okay to rely on the people around you. Maybe you're feeling a little lost, but you are supported.

Taurus, things may be confusing. You've been thrown into some things you didn't plan on, and now you have no plan. This is okay; you will learn as you go along.

Gemini, success is coming, but you may be contemplating at what cost. Beginnings of new journeys can be rough, but you will enjoy this and you have the tools you need to get through it.

Cancer, explore your creativity this week. You've been working hard, so try working on some things that you enjoy. Paint something, sing something, you could even dance the night away.

Leo, you're handling a familiar problem. You already know the solution, so what's holding you back? It's okay to make decisions based on what you need rather than others.

Virgo, you cannot change other people. You deserve people in your life that are a positive system of support. Trying to fix people will only strain your relationships and yourself.

Libra, things may feel very chaotic right now. Do some things that you know ground you, and keep moving forward. Chaos doesn't last forever, so you can't wallow in it forever.

Scorpio, don't let yourself fall for the same tricks over and over. We can understand that people are complex and do bad things for a good reason, but that does not excuse that behavior.

Sagittarius, you've been slacking recently. Get back into your routine; it's hard as the semester ends to continue to self motivate, but you have to keep going for just a little longer.

Capricorn, you are not always the most important person in the room. Connections fail because you fail to create space for their accomplishments too.

Aquarius, you're under a lot of pressure right now, from others and yourself. You can open up to others about what is going on in your life.

Pisces, you are allowed to say no. There is no reason for you to overwork yourself. Don't burn yourself out over things you hate.

Senior Profile

Emma Harris to graduate

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

Emma Harris is a senior who is both excited and nervous to graduate. She is finishing up a major in theater with a performance concentration and a history minor.

Charlotte, North Carolina is home for Harris. She discovered Brevard College through a theater conference known as NCTC; afterwards, she met with Brevard College staff Andrea Boccanfuso and Brandon Smith, and she said, "it felt like Brevard was the place I needed to be."

Harris's major is theater with a performance concentration. In her house growing up, everyone had to be involved in some way with music. Harris initially played clarinet, but she has been involved in theater since highschool after a friend convinced her to join the school musical, "The Lion King" instead, where she played a Lioness and a Wildebeest. When asked how that show impacted her, she said, "after the applause and stage lights, I got the acting bug and haven't stopped since."

Harris's favorite aspect of acting is getting to learn someone else's story and being able to portray that journey in a way that impacts audiences. Her love of capturing stories is also part of why she chose a history minor.

She said, "history to me is just one big story. I finally settled on it as a minor because it really helps with theater; you get a sense of what is happening outside of the characters control, and you get the opportunity to elaborate on that story."

Harris has most enjoyed performing as Alice Smith in "Drowning Girls" and Sally Talley in "Talley's Folly".



Photo by Joe Hernandez

A headshot of Emma Harris.

She says that both tell stories not traditionally told. In "Drowning Girls", the women found strength in each other and their stories, and she said, "it was a powerful experience to portray this in an all female cast that also completely supported each other."

"Talley's Folly" was a favorite because it's a story of hope and overcoming adversity. Harris said, "Sally Talley is an older woman in the 40's who she herself believes is unfit to be wed. She and Matt Freeman broke through

their barriers to be together, and I like the story of love and hope."

Besides theater and history, Harris loves drives through the Pisgah Forest and across the Blue Ridge Parkway, reading in the hammocks by the creek when it's warm enough, being a peer leader, and cheering.

Harris has been a cheerleader at Brevard College for four years. Harris said that she, "loves being able to pursue theater as well as participate in the athletic department as a cheerleader. No other college would let me do that."

After Brevard College, Harris is still deciding between graduate school or actively working in the field of acting for a few years.

Harris said the impact Brevard College had on her was "teaching me confidence and helping me find myself with a well rounded education and experiences. I know once I graduate I can still call this place home and when coming back, someone will always be there to wave hello. It feels like a big family."

Her advice for others through their journey is to "take every opportunity that you can and learn something new from it."

Harris says she is "excited but nervous to graduate. I am excited for my next steps in life and having opportunities to do real world things; however, I am scared for those real world things and unsure of what's next."

Wherever she may end up, Emma Harris has done, is doing and will continue to do great things as she finds her path in this world.

Let there be light

BC maintenance technician Dylan Palmer changes ceiling lights in the lobby of McClarty-Goodson on Tuesday afternoon with the help of a scissor lift. Nearly all of the 16 lights in MG's high ceiling had burned out.



Photo by John Padgett



Rachel Byrd and Ivy Blanton present their senior art show

By Caroline Hoy
Managing Editor

The Brevard College Spier's Art Gallery hosting Senior Art Show is happening until Dec. 10. The Senior Art Show is an annual show for graduating seniors. The show is currently showing two senior art majors: Rachel Byrd and Ivy Blanton.

The two artists are very excited about the work they have created for the show. Of course, before the art pieces are two soon-to-be College graduates who have worked very hard to be where they are today.

The two art majors are similar in the fact that they started being interested in art from a young age and they started finding their love and passion for it in about high school. While the two artists are similar in some ways, they vary in others for example how they have bettered their learning of art while at Brevard College.

For Byrd, she enjoyed field trips to art museums and working as an art teacher. She has

been able to learn more about art and inspire herself during these trips.

Blanton did not teach; she did thoroughly enjoy museums she and her classmates experienced. She loved seeing all the different types of media. She says these trips have helped contribute to becoming a better artist.

After graduation, the two both plan to continue their journey through the world of art. Byrd has decided to apply to be an art teacher, and Blanton is planning to move to Asheville and focus on practice while establishing a network.

The art show features a wide array of the two women's works. Knowing about an artist's journey and seeing their work can go hand in hand, so don't forget to stop by the Spier Art Gallery to see Rachel Byrd's and Ivy Blanton's work before Dec. 10!



Rachel Byrd stands with her artwork.



Ivy Blanton's artwork.

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New COVID-19 variant emerges

By Zoey Jaynes
Arts & Life Editor

Recently, a new variant of Covid-19 has begun to spread, labeled as the Omicron variant. Since this variant has just begun to emerge, scientists are working tirelessly to study its mutation. The World Health Organization has already labeled it as "a variant of concern."

Scientists in South Africa discovered the variant last week while researching a recent spike in cases. The number of cases associated with the variant are only growing, with one Portuguese citizen spreading it to thirteen people after their return from South Africa.

There is not much known about the Omicron variant. Scientists are currently researching how transmissible it is and how serious its side effects are. Their greatest concern is that people who have gotten the omicron variant have a much higher risk of reinfection than with the other variants.

According to the Associated Press, "the

variant appears to have a high number of mutations — about 30 — in the coronavirus' spike protein, which could affect how easily it spreads to people." Because of this, vaccine providers like Moderna and Pfizer may have to adapt their current vaccines to help defend against this new mutation.

It is believed that the variant might have developed in someone who suffered from covid-19 longer than average. Because this person's body could not fight off the virus for a while, this variant mutated.

Many countries have already placed travel restrictions in response to the new variant. Israel has banned all foreign entry, and Morocco has halted all international travel. The World Health Organization has encouraged countries to not enact travel bans yet but to remain cautious. The South African government spoke out against the WHO and pushed other countries to reconsider placing restrictions on travel.

Brevard host Light Up the Night festivities

By KateLynn Olive
Staff Writer

Make your trip to downtown Brevard this Christmas season to see Light Up the Night, the official tree lighting ceremony of Brevard. Live music, food trucks, shopping, and many more celebrations for the entire family may be witnessed in an evening of amazement with numerous lights, illuminated snowflakes, and wonderfully adorned stores.

Come see the official tree lighting event, which is being sponsored by the Heart of Brevard in collaboration with the City of Brevard and Transylvania County, on the Brevard courthouse yard. At dark, the ceremonial event will take place.

Take a stroll around the streets of downtown and cast your vote in Comporium's second annual Holiday Windows Competition. Downtown Brevard businesses will adorn their windows with beautiful, eye-catching displays for anyone to enjoy.

The Chamber's parade theme, Think Local, is mirrored in the Christmas window competition, which features festive and colorful windows. The participating companies will be identified with a label, and you will be able to vote using only your phone.

This competition's votes must be submitted by Dec. 4. It only takes a second to cast your vote, so make it count! Many of these shops will remain open during the event and will also



Photo by Heart of Brevard

be offering special deals and offers, giving the night a fantastic opportunity for locals and newcomers to finish their holiday shopping.

The list of events on this evening is abundant, these events include; Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Courthouse Gazebo, Letters to Santa, presented by Connestee Falls Realty, Reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas at the Courthouse Gazebo, Live Music at the Courthouse Gazebo, featuring High Flying Criminals, Spalding McIntosh, S'mores Station, presented by DD Bullwinkel's Outdoors and Rocky's Soda Shop, Local Food Vendors: Feta Flav, Southern Hawg Barbecue, Blunt Pretzels, and Carolina Kettle Corn, LEAF Global Arts

Easel Rider Mobile Art Lab, Aluminum Tree & Ornament Museum exhibit at the Transylvania Heritage Museum, Toys for Tots Collection, presented by Brevard Marketplace, and many more.

The Light Up the Night event is open to all of the public and is free of admission. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., immediately following the Chamber of Commerce's 50th Annual Christmas Parade. The address for the event is 175 E. Main Street, Brevard, NC 28712. This event is promoted by the Heart of Brevard and is directed by Nancy Coleman.

Right to rescue trial in Transylvania County

By Sydney Fox
Staff Writer

On Monday the 29th, Wayne Hsiung's trial started at the Transylvania County Court house for charges dating back to 2018. Wayne Hsiung is the co-founder of a group called Direct Action Everywhere.

Direct Action Everywhere is a group of people who rescue animals from different farms and plants, and they try to expose what the farm or plant is doing to the animals. Most of the animals they rescue are animals that are later used for meat or for their skin.

In 2018, Wayne Hsiung snuck onto Sospiro Goat Ranch and "rescued" two goats from the farm. The whole thing was broadcasted on Facebook live and now Wayne is facing felony charges for breaking and entering and felony larceny.

The term rescued is used lightly because he entered the ranch with no authority and stole the goats. According to the ranch, the goats were together in a very clean and highly watched stall. They were not in danger and were under the care of a veterinarian.

Sospiro Goat Ranch is located in Pisgah Forest North Carolina, and this is why the trial is being held at the Transylvania Courthouse. This goat ranch is known for raising goats then harvesting them for their meat; some agree with this process while others, like Wayne, strongly disagree with it.

The allegations against the goat ranch were that the two goats that were stolen were sick and not going to receive medical treatment and then going to die a miserable death. The goat

ranch has come out with their own statements and said, "we do not mistreat or slaughter goats on our farm. Our interest is in raising strong, healthy goats."

While some people disagree with what the goat ranch does, it is very illegal to sneak onto a farm and take their animals. According to the Direct Action Everywhere webpage, you can sign a petition to support the charges being dropped against Wayne.

Wayne currently has 16 felony charges against him for taking sick animals. Whether these animals were receiving care from the farm or ranch will be up to the courts to prove. Wayne's trial will go through Thursday Dec. 2.

Brevard College MLAX Sets Schedule for 2022 Season

By Joseph Marvin

The Brevard College men's lacrosse team, under the direction of first-year Head Coach JD LeMay, has announced its schedule for the upcoming 2022 season of competition.

"I am super excited about this upcoming season and am ready to be back out on the field competing," said Coach LeMay. "We have a challenging schedule but I believe that we have a great group of men up for the challenge. We can't wait to start our preparations for the 2022 season and our focus is on game one at home against Ferrum College on February 19."

BC's schedule consists of 14 total contests and nine total home games, which ties the most that the program has ever had. Brevard will take part in five non-conference matchups before a stretch of nine USA South Conference contests.

The Tornados will begin 2022 with four-straight home events at Ives-Lemel Family Field, beginning on Saturday, February 19 vs. Ferrum at 2 p.m. BC will then host Oglethorpe University under-the-lights on Friday, February 25 at 7 p.m. concluding BC's two-game month of February.

March begins with a pair of non-conference home tilts vs. the NAC's Husson University, who will make the trek to Brevard from Bangor, Maine for a Friday, March 11 matchup at 1 p.m. The Tornados conclude their four-game home stretch on Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m. against Concordia Wisconsin.

USA South Conference play begins on Saturday, March 19 for the Tornados with a road trip to Montgomery, Alabama against Huntingdon College, with the first faceoff scheduled for 1 p.m. ET. Brevard then returns home for its final non-conference opponent of 2022, taking on local WNC-area institution Warren Wilson College on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

BC jumps back into conference play on Saturday, March 26 for a morning contest against William Peace University at 10 a.m. before hitting the road to close out the month of March in Greensboro, North Carolina on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. against Greensboro College.

Brevard kicks off April with a Saturday,

April 2 meeting with Methodist University at Ives-Lemel Family Field, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The Tornados will then embark on a two-game road stretch in LaGrange, Georgia against LaGrange College (Saturday, April 9, 2 p.m.) and in Misenheimer, North Carolina against Pfeiffer University (Wednesday, April 13, 5 p.m.).

BC returns home on Saturday, April 16 to face Averett University at 12 p.m. before its final road trip of the regular season on Saturday, April 23, trekking to Buena Vista, Virginia to take on Southern Virginia University at 1 p.m. Brevard's final home game is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 against Piedmont University at 12 p.m.

The Tornados will be eligible for the 2022 USA South Conference Men's Lacrosse Tournament for the first time in program history in the upcoming season. The tournament begins with first-round action on Tuesday, May 3, and concludes with the semifinals and championship rounds on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7.

O'Callaghan becomes men's soccer's first All-Region Selection in DIII era

By Joseph Marvin

Brevard College sophomore defender Sam O'Callaghan was selected as an All-Region VI Third Team honoree by United Soccer Coaches. The honor becomes the first All-Region award for BC men's soccer in the program's NCAA DIII-era.

O'Callaghan, a native of Wicklow, Ireland, logged a pair of goals with three assists for seven points in a stellar sophomore campaign, bringing his career total to three goals and seven assists in two seasons with the Tornados. O'Callaghan scored both of his goals via penalty kick, including one that proved to be the game-winner over Pfeiffer on September 29.

The sophomore was recently honored by the USA South Conference with All-Conference First Team and West Division First Team plaudits upon the conclusion of the Fall 2021 regular season. In Spring 2021, O'Callaghan earned West Division First Team honors in his freshman season while helping lead the Tornados to a Spring 2021 USA South West Division Tournament Championship victory.

O'Callaghan has totaled three goals and



Sam O'Callaghan plays against Methodist.

seven assists for 13 total points in his two seasons at Brevard, starting and playing in 25 total contests.

Brevard, under the direction of Head Coach Helio "L" D'Anna, Associate Head Coach Juan Mascaro Jr., and Volunteer Assistant Coach Mario Pinto, qualified for its third-straight postseason in the Fall of 2021. BC finished its season with an impressive 9-4-3 overall record that included a 2-2-2 mark in conference play, earning the West Division's third seed in the

2021 USA South Conference Men's Soccer Tournament.

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