

Get ready for BC Homecoming



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Homecoming is not for the faint of spirit! This week has been a week full of festivities and fun. Every day is a new theme, from pajama day to pinkout.

Tonight (Friday, Sept. 22) is the final night before the big homecoming football game. This means you get to experience the first pep rally of the semester!

Starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Boshamer Gym, our homecoming court will be crowned. Afterwards, games, cheer stunts and spirit will ensue to build hype for our football team. The pictures show last years pep rally fun, but 2023 is bound to have more spirit.

The game will start Saturday, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m. at the Ives-Lemel field. Come out and support Brevard College and remember to have a good time!



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Campus Critters

Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds

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Greetings and welcome to the Campus Critters! As we enter the new season, I think it's only fitting that this week's Pet of the Week is a new animal. Everybody welcome Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds to the Campus Critters!

Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds is a calico cat with such an amazing name that you couldn't possibly go without saying all of it. Her lovely mother is Jules Lusk.

Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds is quite the sore loser. According to Jules, Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds probably would have cried if she did not win this week. She loves attention and food.

She is quite the advocate for current events. Jules states that Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds is a feminist and is combating police brutality, weed, her loving mother, medication and modern art. She is currently in law school (she's shallow) to bring up these issues to higher legislation.

When Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds is

hungry, she immediately turns to her enemies to snack on. What a spunky cat. She is an avid believer in ghosts. Sadly, she can't jump rope, so please don't mention that around her. It seems to be a touchy subject. Princess Peach, Destroyer of worlds was asked, "If you were a celebrity, what celebrity would you be?" She was the first pet to both understand and respond in English. She said, "the queen (deceased)." I don't know what that means, but I don't think I want to know either.

If you are feeling brave enough to go up to this cat, drop off one of her enemies, she would really enjoy that. Make sure that you are politically correct because she will slap you silly with the law.

Thank you for reading! Do you have a pet that lives with you on campus or in the place you commute from? Do you want your pet to be the next Campus Critter? Scan the QR code and fill out the form for a chance to have your pet featured next time. All types of animals are welcome, especially birds.

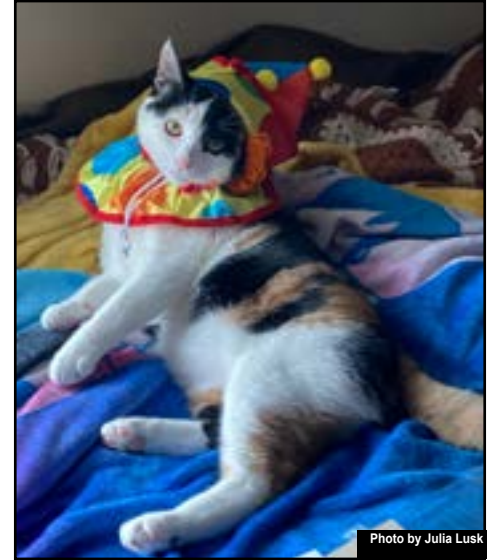


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Princess Peach, Destroyer of Worlds

Weekly horoscope

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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.

Senior Pinning

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Managing Editor

“Maaaannnn, let me tell you about LIFE.”
That’s how it feels to be a senior.

Last week on Sept. 15, I was pinned in the Porter Center by Reverend Dr. Sharad Creasman. After he pinned the button to my collar, he told me he wanted to be just like me “when he grows up.” In a way, I’ve been told this before.

Heading into college, I only had dreams of being an athlete. During a football workout with a personal trainer, a black man and his young son walked onto the grass. This was normal, the next client coming early to chat. My session was finishing, and my coach was hyping me up, but he wasn’t telling lies. He told the boy’s father I’d just graduated with a 4.44 GPA. The man turned to me and told me *and* his son he wanted him to be like me. I had my mind in football mode, so I thought, “Big deal.”

I’ve known Sharad Creasman, the campus minister, for about a year now. After I told him I am a screenwriter who writes black stories, he kept saying he wanted to be just like me “when

he grows up.” My funny little inside joke is I want to be like him when I grow up.

This time when he said it, I knew it was at least a small big deal, if that makes any sense. Remember hearing God, the Creator, gave Adam breath, the first breath? Well, Adam may have been just standing there waiting for life to hit him before he took a deep breath. The same thing happened to me if it happened to Adam at all. I looked around the Scott Concert Hall floor, seeing many well-dressed students and their families...

When Sharad said that to me, I wondered but didn’t voice, “Are you serious?”

Upon leaving, I heard someone say there was a dessert bar over the microphone, but I’d already had my sweets for the day. Sharad and I slipped out a side door, and we were walking around to the front when I made a joke he related to too well. “If by some chance I get famous, which isn’t really what I want, I’ll be in public but only to work. I’m dipping immediately afterwards. I have to vanish.” He laughed and admitted that’s

his personality too. Then he told me a story.

“They’re not gonna let you do that the same way an old friend didn’t let me. See, it’s not about you -- it’s about the message you deliver. If they took a piece of the message, they’ll eventually want a piece of you. We had that conversation over the phone.” My eyebrows rose. My lips didn’t move.

That man was to Sharad Creasman exactly what he is to me: a friend. I walked to my dorm unable to process how bad I wanted to say, “Maaaannnn...” Then I took a deep breath. I guess it’s not that big of a deal if I have to stay and hang out.

I’ve always thought it’d be cool to drop some work off and run, though. In the old chase cartoons, one of the beloved gags is that the chaser sets a trap, the runner gets the bait, but the trap doesn’t go off. I too would like to bait people. I’d like to bait them into learning and trap them with my style. For some reason, that seems like the life. I guess that’s the Saturday morning child in me.

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Concerning disability bullying

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Struggling with a disability and being bullied doesn’t make life easy. Here are the effects of disability bullying, what we can do as a student body to find solutions, and how we should treat individuals with disabilities.

Growing up with cerebral palsy was an obstacle on its own, but that wasn’t the only challenge I would have to face. I can always recall countless instances of mistreatment and bullying.

Together, I believe we all can find solutions to these issues. It should be a requirement for every school to have a strict anti-bullying policy put in place. All students should participate in a class that provides education on orderly conduct regarding individuals with disabilities in the public school system and college.

Due to societal and educational norms, it is critical to implement these strategies. When we judge someone because of physical appearance before knowing them, it is a complete reflection of ourselves and our character.

The U.S. Department of Education conducted the National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 (NLTS2), a twelve-year study on the experiences of disabled students across the United States. It involved over ten thousand students with disabilities from middle school, through high school. One of the study’s findings was that students with

disabilities were more likely to be bullied than their non-disabled peers.

It began in the year 2000 and continued on until 2012. The study collected numerous pieces of data on a broad range of topics from educational experiences to social and emotional well-being. They mainly focused on students between the ages of 13 and 21. Research showed that many students ended up dealing with anxiety, depression, and self isolation.

Because of the NLTS2 study, many positive outcomes emerged. An increase in the understanding of individuals with disabilities led to a change in school policies and practices to better support students with disabilities.

Additionally, the outcome of the study has been used to create training programs for school staff and educators to help create a safe environment for students with disabilities. This is what I want for Brevard College.

I want the student body and faculty and staff to all be educated. I personally think it would be wonderful to have specific classes that teach students about different types of disabilities, how to respond, treat someone with a disability respectfully, and how they can help make a change in their own community.

LeBron James, The Goat?

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LeBron James goes by many names including King James, The Chosen One, and LBJ. LeBron's impact on the game is unmatched when you compare him to the other greats of all time. Some may say that Michael Jordan is the greatest of all time, but I'd have to disagree with that statement. I believe that LeBron's longevity, consistency, and impact on the game has been so great that he surpasses the former greatest player of all time.

LeBron James was born in Akron, Ohio to mother Gloria James, with no father in the picture. LeBron grew up poor but always kept basketball in his heart. At times, LeBron and his mom would have to go house to house looking for somewhere to sleep, oftentimes ending up on couches. This kind of life can be hard for a young kid just trying to grow up. I believe this put a chip on LeBron's shoulder from the beginning.

When LeBron reached high school, things started to change for the James family. He began

to excel in basketball, the game he had spent so many hours playing as a kid. This skyrocketed him and the St. Vincent-St. Mary basketball squad up to the top of the high school basketball rankings.

As a junior in high school, LeBron was on the cover of Sports Illustrated and other magazines. Obviously with all this hype, LeBron went straight from high school to the NBA, going first overall to his hometown Cavaliers.

LeBron's NBA career would go on to live up to the great hype his high school basketball days had created. He would win rookie of the year over Carmelo Anthony, a controversial decision at the time. He would go on to win his first MVP at the age of 24, and winning another MVP the next season to go along with that.

In the first couple years of LeBron's career, he was not seen as a winner with the Cavaliers, so eventually he would leave for Miami to team up with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, two estab-

lished all-stars.

LeBron would go on to win two back-to-back championships with this team in 2012 and 2013. After this, he would return to Cleveland to hang a championship banner like he'd promised in 2003 when he was drafted. LeBron James delivered Cleveland a championship in 2016 with Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love by his side.

Finally, James won his fourth ring with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2020, bringing them back to relevancy for the first time since the city's beloved Kobe Bryant retired.

LeBron James is now 39 years old, the all-time scoring leader, fourth in all-time assists, and 35th in rebounding with over 10,000 boards. I believe that all of these accomplishments make LeBron the true greatest of all time, surpassing Michael Jordan.

Major League Baseball: Who is the MVP?

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Normally, I write pieces about Brevard athletics, and in the Fall, I normally write about Brevard Football.

This week, I wanted to go in another direction and discuss one of the most hotly contested MVP races that baseball has ever seen.

In the American League, that award has been wrapped up for quite some time with Shohei Ohtani well on his way to his second MVP.

In the National League, it's a different story. Four different players would likely be the MVP in any other season, but only one can win this year.

The four players each come from the two best teams in the NL, the Braves and Dodgers. First, both teams first basemen. Braves First Baseman Matt Olson has set a new team record for home runs with 52 and counting and has a chance to break the RBI record as he sits at 130.

Dodgers First Baseman and former Braves icon Freddie Freeman will likely finish third and could finish with over 60 doubles with an outside shot at the batting title.

Both of these guys have been phenomenal, but the race has come down to two other players: Dodgers utility man Mookie Betts and Braves Right Fielder Ronald Acuña Jr.

For most of the season, including now, Acuña has been the front runner. This was the case in 2021 as well, before Acuña tore his ACL in mid July. Last season upon returning, Ronald was not his normal self. That was not going to last.

Before we get to Ronald, let's take a look at Mookie. Betts has a .311 batting average, with 39 home runs, 170 hits, 8.1 Wins Above Replacement (WAR) and a Weighted Runs Created+ (WRC+) of 171.

By all means, this is an absolutely incredible season, and when you take into account the fact that Betts, a Right Fielder by trade like Acuña, made the switch to the infield for much of this season to help the Dodgers, he has an impressive case for the award.

However, Acuña is making history. To start, Ronald has 39 home runs himself, with an average of .338, over 200 hits and counting, a 7.9 WAR and a WRC+ of 171, identical to Betts.

What separates Ronald is his amount of stolen bases. Along with a league leading on base percentage and on base plus slugging, Acuña has shown a power-speed combo we have not seen since Barry Bonds.

Acuña has swiped a league leading 67 bases.

Three more will put him in the most rarefied of air with another home run. Ronald would become the first player in Major League history to hit 40 home runs and steal 70 bases. He would become the fifth member of the 40/40 club, and recently became the first to 30/60.

What will likely set Ronald over the top is his performance down the stretch. While Acuña has been consistently elite the entire year, in Sept., he has a .348 average with nine home runs, five stolen bases and an OPS of 1.178, which is very good.

Earlier in the month, in a clash of the two MVP favorites, Acuña stole the show in Los Angeles, hitting two huge home runs and dominating the Dodgers as the Braves won three of four.

With a historic field of players for the award, it is a shame only one can win. But that one is staggeringly clear. Ronald Acuña Jr has been the best player all season on the best team. He is a catalyst and the definition of most valuable. As good as Betts has been, Acuña is having a season we haven't seen.

Give the National League MVP to the 25 year old Venezuelan. If I had a vote, I know for sure I would.

11 Fingers:

The Research Will Be Televised

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Inspired by "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" by Gil Scott Heron. I am not referring to the "revolution" when I say research. The song inspired me to take another route, make my own lane.

I will continue my research on scripts for black television. The stories will be televised and witnessed by many.

Is it more important that I or the research be televised? The research will be televised and close friends will be glad that instead of calling them and asking tough questions, I ask the audience. When the research is televised, you will not have to ask why I spent so much time typing in the darkness, for it will all make sense.

The research in the field is why you can stay home, people; the research cannot be sexy. Your color TV will know what hit it when the black and white research is televised. It will present itself exactly as is. All historical, black stories are recycled and told again. *All historical, black stories are recycled and told again.* Even the reactions will lead you to the conclusion that stories cannot be told in an instant, therefore, research is necessary.

The research will be televised because it is the foundation for how the project got televised in the first place. The research will be obvious to the naked eye, yet you will forget that research is slippery. The research will be televised, and we will understand where our biases come from. The stories will stand tall on the research, but to the masses they will seem like jokes.

Black research is not small talk performed on corners in black neighborhoods only to be forgotten about by my brainwashed generation. Hip-hop, jazz, R&B, soul, funk, neo-soul and gospel will flow through the ears of the deaf showing that black intelligence from the 20th century is why I'm alive in the 21st. The research will be televised.

Oldheads in the black community who know the term "free game" will see the research and still consider me a biter. Then they will sit back

and school the young kids who don't learn right in American schools. The research will be televised, and all of us will see America has not changed. White America will boast that my stealing of white literature from the film industry is evidence that blacks were done a solid when we were taught English...then everyone shall know the term "Revenge Codes."

White media shows how our country's ghettos need saving and considers it a good deed to highlight the lowlights. Let the research show and continue to show that they are a part of the reason the people are troubled. The research will be televised to my people who consider me a nerd. The research will be televised to the people in the suburbs who consider me a slur. Yes, let the resume show I am indeed involved in community service. I consider a good deed seeing a starving white page and feeding it black ink.

The research will show African Americans who've spent most of their lives in the clink. It will be live when I try to convince convicts that slang on a page is graffiti. But first, the tears will flow. The research will be live, for I will have to walk the streets to fully understand. When the research is summed up and it goes down in the [insert], the cowards will have nowhere left to hide.

The day that the research is being televised, you will wonder why you don't hear young African Americans listening to intellectually inspiring music more often. You will not be able to decipher whether that last statement is propaganda or if we really do that to ourselves. You will not be able to understand the complexity of our community, and then you will thank the researchers and even Black Jesus that the research is being televised. Writers, walk the streets. Go where the research lives.

On just the proper occasion, you and no one else will care that research has been brought to your attention. You will be able to understand how when your favorite athlete studies film on

the greats that came before them, then mimics their moves, the research is being televised. By now you understand we cannot live a remembered life without research.

You will be able to understand why literature detonation needs to be a term, but you wouldn't if the research weren't being televised. Only when you know I had this idea while making my bed after doing laundry at nine a.m. on a gray Saturday and had to write about it will you understand literature detonation.

Writers who have been looking for a place to spew their research on a particular topic will understand what I mean when I say, "It's been years." I am hopeful that *all* research...will be televised. It is not important how many times I say, "I'm gonna count how many times I listen to the song, so I can make a line out of it and impress people." It is only important that the research is televised.

The research will be televised in high definition, but the children will understand. *The research will be televised in high definition, but the children will understand.* The research will be televised, and it will make your brain stretch; research has the power to scrape the scum.

Ask yourself why anyone would ever want to research an old black song about a revolution that wasn't televised as you watch it. You will be able to see how the research is being televised, but you will not be able to decipher whether Gil Scott Heron and his generation did it all for mine or for themselves.

You will not be able to predict the underlying issues wrong with content creators because you will not be able to quantify how many hours they spent researching. And in the end, you will cherish that the research is being televised. To the future, thank you.

Dedicated to creative nonfiction.



Huge cycling success for Brevard last weekend

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Brevard had its second cycling meet this past weekend on Sept. 16 and 17th at Camp Thunder. Unlike the previous events, this race held five events, each on separate days.

Saturday started early with an 8 a.m. cross-country race. The average time to complete a lap was 25 minutes. The men and women competing completed three full laps.

Owen Clark won the men's race, and Matthew Edwards finished third! The second and last event was downhill. Unlike any other collegiate race this year, there were two downhill races and no dual slalom.

I, myself, placed third in Women's A, Izzy

Weinburg placed third in Women's B. For Men's A, Jack Brown placed first, Cameron Mader was second, and Matthew Leliveld came in third. Watt Hackney placed fifth, and Gunnar Ensign came in seventh.

Finally, finishing off the day was Men's B. Dylan Richards placed first, and Mattew Smith placed third.

Sunday held three races starting with a team relay that Brevard placed third and fourth in. Immediately after, the short track races started. The course would be completed in five minutes. Matthew Edwards, Owen Clark, and Matthew Leliveld placed first, second, and third, all within

a second of each other!

The last event was the second downhill of the weekend. I came in second in Women's A and Madeleine Pollock placed third. Izzy Weinburg placed first in Women's B!

In Men's B, Dylan Richardson placed first, and Mattew Smith placed fifth. In Men's A, Camron Mader placed first, Jack Brown was second, Gunnar Ensign placed third, and Watt Hackney came in 5th!

Overall, we had an amazing weekend! Be sure to tune in for next week's race at Lees-McRae to find out how it goes!

Winning streak for Brevard

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Congratulations to the Brevard High School football team with their 63-5 win against East Rutherford on Friday Sept. 15. The team is currently sitting at 3-2 record while being 1-0 in their conference. The Blue Devils are hot with a three game winning streak.

Their next game will be Sept. 22, and they'll take on the R-S Central Hilltoppers at their home. This team currently has a 1-3 record, so be on the lookout for that game.

The Brevard women's soccer team is also on a hot streak with their third straight win. They won against Carolina University with a score of 2-1. Our women's soccer team is sitting with a 4-2 record.

Over the past three victories, they have outscored their opponents 15-1. Freshman midfielder Austin Huffman scored her first career collegiate goal and recorded an assist to help lead her team. Senior forward Taylor Richardson scored BC's second goal, and sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Arroyo registered four saves.

The Tornados outshot Carolina 12-8 in the contest to go along with a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks. The Bruins committed 11 fouls, compared to ten fouls by the Tornados. The victory gave BC

a 3-2 edge in the all-time series over Carolina, avenging a 1-0 defeat last season in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The volleyball team split the USA South Conference Opening Tri-Match. The Tornados dominated their first match of the conference season with a sweep over Mary Baldwin. BC took a 25-19 win in the opening set before making significant statements with a 25-13 win in the third set and a definitive 25-14 victory in the clinching third set. Senior Makenna Parkins led all players on both the offensive and defensive ends with match highs of eight kills and eight digs.

Senior Kaitlyn Pressley registered a match best 16 assists to go along with six kills. Junior Logan Priddy was a factor as well in distribution with 15 assists. Junior Ashley Hoxit led all players with four service aces in addition to seven kills and four digs. Junior Kendall Rockstad delivered six kills as well. Be on the lookout this week for more wins from Brevard athletics. Upcoming games at Brevard College include women's soccer at 11 a.m. at Ives-Lemel family field against North Carolina Wesleyan and the football homecoming game on the same field at 5 p.m. against Maryville College.

