

Diamond Forde reads from her book 'Mother Body' to BC campus

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At four p.m. in MG 125 this past Monday, visiting poet and writer Diamond Forde visited and read her poems for us.

After a warm introduction by our own Dr. Alyse Bensef, Forde first admitted that being a writer and giving a reading is quite difficult, even after "Mother Body" won the 2019 Saturnalia Books Poetry Prize.

The weight of the reading was hard to hold. The room was warm already, and Forde made it scorch. Immediately, my chest was burning like how it does after taking a shot of something strong and nasty. Strong and nasty — that's why there was an adult, uncensored Lil Kim reference! And Diamond Forde wrote a poem off of that. People had to shake out their limbs and take sips of water after that.

Elephant genitals made an appearance as the visiting poet described her first visit to the zoo in graduate school. I imagined "Their own Africa in Alabama." then continued into what followed — the elephant's private parts. They didn't ask permission

to visualize; Forde's words were so descriptive that the image was crystal clear. No word was wasted, and no sentence was wrinkly. Yes, it was kind of nasty, but God is an artist, and so is Diamond Forde. Nudity doesn't have to be nasty. Animals are usually naked anyway.

Ode to My Neighbors

"Humans make love sounds too." I finally got myself together once I realized we weren't dropping the topic of sex. Sex is a part of life, or sex is apart from it. Talking about it can be taboo, but this was no problem for Diamond Forde because she's serious about her work and all the uncomfortability that comes with it. Her confidence raised the temperature in the whole building of MG, so much so that football players, who are usually in study hall around the corner, stepped in and stayed the whole time.

Fat*ck

"Fat—a currency." Heat circled around me, and the circulation in my baggy hoodie was cut off. Sweat trickled from my pits. This was a tough reading to sit still through. Forde proved why

poetry is not for everyone. Always bring water or a fan to a poetry reading. Maybe both.

"No more flannels to poetry readings." - John Padgett

"She showed a different side of poetry that was eye opening to the genre." - Riley Sinclair



Photo by Dr. Alyse Bensef

Diamond Forde reads from and discusses her work.

Outdoor Living Skills class explores Cedar Mountain

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The Outdoor Living Skills class at Brevard College recently embarked on a remarkable journey to explore the rugged terrain of Cedar Mountain, NC, where they participated in an immersive and educational hands-on learning experience. The excursion was led by experienced outdoor educator David Lackey, who taught the students valuable skills such as navigation, wilderness survival and Leave No Trace principles.

As they trekked through the dense forests of Cedar Mountain, the class members engaged in various activities, including studying the compass, hiking and identifying local flora and fauna. The educators imparted insights on the importance of conservation and stewardship of our natural resources, explaining how human activities impact the environment and how we can minimize it.

The journey was not only educational but also a delightful one. The students disconnected from their screens and immersed themselves in the beauty of nature. Many reported feeling a sense of peace and tranquility while exploring the rugged terrain

of Cedar Mountain. One of the spots found and named within our group was called Grassy Greens for a memory. If reunited, it would be reminiscent of the memory.

It's fascinating to note that Cedar Mountain is home to diverse wildlife, including Eastern box turtles and white-tailed deer and black bears. The students were lucky enough to spot some of these animals during their adventure, which added to the overall excitement of the trip.

The Outdoor Living Skills class's trip to Cedar Mountain was an unforgettable experience that will remain in their memories for years. The students gained valuable knowledge and skills to prepare them for future outdoor adventures while fostering a sense of appreciation and respect for our natural world.

The best feeling was getting to the top and feeling the mellow winds hitting me with a calm breeze, like from a fan at home. The excursion was a perfect blend of adventure, education and fun, providing the students with an opportunity to learn, grow and explore the beauty of nature.

Since the class is around four hours long, the first two hours of the class was hiking, and the

rest was coming back down and going back to campus, overall one of the best times in the outdoor wilderness class.



Photo by Oswaldo Olmedo

This Marvelous View is at the top. Several spots are similar, and right here is one of the nicer ones. Right here, Dr. Lackey asked us to practice our compass and understanding of navigating during the course.

Fearless Girl:

A tribute to Anne Chapin

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Contributor

Dr. Chapin had a way of forming connections. Between drawing parallels across contemporary movements, Impressionist painters and Minoan relics, she connected with her students and brought people together.

She experienced the world observantly. She acknowledged what is often unnoticed, and she was kind. Dr. Chapin’s charisma, wit and contagious verve for learning radiated in the classroom and set her apart as an educator.

Once, while studying modern art, Dr. Chapin posed the question. “What is good art?” The class discussed and decided that it is the individual who determines whether art is good or not. However, for art to be elevated to a museum-worthy status, it must be, by some standard, impactful.

Dr. Chapin truly changed lives. We see the world differently and through a new lens because of the lifelong skills and confidence she instilled in us. We are forever indebted.

Often, we choose to separate the art from the artist — Gauguin from his contributions or, perhaps,

Kanye from his music. But for Dr. Chapin, her craft and her being were truly one and the same.

Like art, which is not often purely black and white, Dr. Chapin’s life reveals a unique meaning to every one who had the privilege of knowing her.

Aptly named, the Fearless Girl is a bronze sculpture that once stood, deliberately and valiantly, in front of the Charging Bull, a much larger and heavier statue credited to another artist.

Embodying bravery in the face of adversity, the Fearless Girl — despite noted pushback from the community — was eventually and reluctantly relocated.

She was not defeated; she simply moved on. This truth serves as a metaphor, a reminder that a life well-lived and the legacy we leave will always triumph over death. Dr. Chapin would certainly agree, as she dedicated her life to appreciating the remnants of what once was.

I like to imagine that Dr. Chapin departed this world like the final scene in “Mona Lisa Smiles.” In a bittersweet ending, Julia Roberts’ character is being taxied away as her teary-eyed, smiling students parade alongside. Likewise, Dr. Chapin

was celebrated until the end, escorted to the next life by those who loved her.

Of course, Dr. Chapin’s life and legacy cannot be reduced to a movie reference or curatorial metaphor, but I think she’d appreciate the lines drawn. She had a way of forming connections.

On behalf of her students, I offer our heartfelt condolences to her family. To Bob and Andrew, we are sincerely sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that her memory will live on in us as well.



The “Fearless Girl” and the “Charging Bull”

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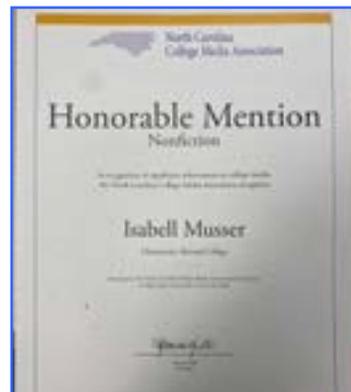
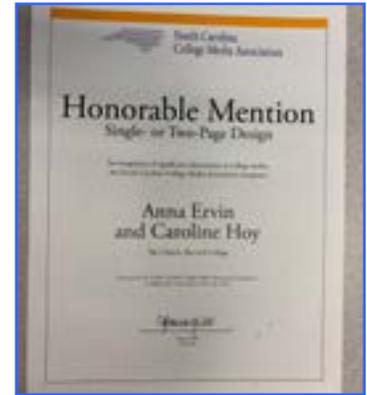
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Chiaroscuro and the Clarion rack up awards at NCCMA



Charlotte the sting ray confuses the masses

Olivia Ervin
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Charlotte the sting ray has recently made quite the spectacle of herself. She lives in Hendersonville at the Team ECCO Aquarium and Shark Lab. Team ECCO is an organization that serves to teach children about marine life. They mainly study the behaviors of sharks, rays and reptiles.

Charlotte is currently pregnant, but her tank has no male rays. This means that she has either mated with one of the sharks in the tank or she did a process called parthenogenesis. It is very unlikely that her babies will be half-shark.

The whole rumor about her mating with a shark is because there are two male bamboo sharks, Larry and Moe. Charlotte had bite marks on her, which is pretty common behavior for male sharks who are trying to mate, but their DNA and reproductive material are too different to be able

to produce offspring.

Parthenogenesis is the more probable explanation for Charlotte's situation, and no, this does not mean a baby-Jesus-stingray-situation. As cited on the National Institute of Health website, parthenogenesis is a form of asexual reproduction where an egg does not have to be fertilized by sperm in order to create an embryo. It occurs mostly in plants, insects and reptiles, but the process is different in plants.

Charlotte only lives around thirty minutes from Brevard, so visiting her is not out of your reach. They are open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 1- 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Team ECCO has a website as well with more information about what they do and ways that you can support them. They also have a TikTok where you can follow Charlotte as she gets closer to popping and discover some of the other animals that live with her.



Photo by Team ECCO

"Charlotte and her Aquarium family so appreciate your support in this amazing journey. As we all await the delivery of pup(s), I think one of the hardest things to focus on is that this is not a typical ray pregnancy. We can find no precedent or data that gives a specific gestation time frame. Charlotte is showing no unusual behaviors or changes in eating patterns. Patience is the game right now." - Team ECCO

Never forget those lost to police brutality

Jordan Laws
Staff Writer

History is not relegated to the past.

History occurs around us all the time. The U.S. War in Afghanistan, the COVID-19 pandemic and the War in Ukraine, to name a few, are remarkable historical events that occurred in the last 20 years alone or are still occurring in present day. During the exhaustion of experiencing one unprecedented historical event after another, it is crucial for society to reflect on the origins of such events and to examine the confluence of seemingly disparate elements that culminated in the revelation of a great injustice.

Black History Month is a period of such reflection. It is a time wherein we acknowledge the accomplishments and trials of African Americans who fought for freedom and equality by organizing a bus boycott in Alabama, demanding to be treated decently while helping Americans land on the moon, becoming president of the United States or simply trying to live their lives without being harassed.

Despite all this, the plight of African Americans continues.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed a mere 60 years ago. People who argue that an issue doesn't exist usually point to the fact that the Civil Rights Movement happened in the distant past when the reality is there are people alive today who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Considering history's scope, the 1960s hap-

pened yesterday.

This disconnect extends as high as the U.S. Supreme Court and dips low into police departments. As legislators and representatives take their time arguing about the issue of equal treatment, lives are lost. This loss is a direct consequence of a systemically racist system — a system that continues to misrepresent African Americans as automatically guilty and inherently criminal, oftentimes at the cost of their life.

The list below contains people who were unjustly murdered from 2014 to 2020.

We should never forget these people. They lost their lives for little-to-no reason. Certain officers became judge, jury and executioner for either minor crimes or no crime at all and, in turn, robbed these people of their right to live. Please take a moment out of your day today to imagine that these were your brothers and sisters, your mothers and fathers, and then ask yourself how you would feel to know all of this could have been avoided if we treated everyone equally under the auspices of the American Justice System.

Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Philando Castile, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean, Atatiana Jefferson, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd.

Carve their names into your mind. Remember them in order to never forget the ultimate injustice that befell them. In their passing, all of us perished too.



Students and faculty are interviewed about The Caf and their solutions to their problems

Sidi Podolan
Staff Writer

Throughout the last couple of weeks, the opinions of Myers Dining Hall have been increasing in quantity. I decided to interview select students and staff based on what I have seen posted on BC Radar and based on the recommendations of others.

Each interviewee was asked the same three questions. What is your opinion on this matter? What changes would you like to see happen in Myers Dining Hall? Do you believe the food we receive should be better regarding what it costs to attend Brevard College?

An anonymous source gave very detailed information in the responses I received. The individual has “many strong opinions about what has been going on with the campus food options.” The interviewee is “extremely frustrated” with the state of the dining hall to not even provide fresher food and food that is cooked thoroughly, which should go without saying, is necessary for a school with student-athletes as the majority.

The student went on to address a growing issue—reusing the same food from lunch in a different dish for dinner, along with receiving undercooked burgers for both lunch and dinner. “I do not want leftovers from lunch thrown into a pasta,” said the student, “I do not want to eat a burger twice a day, especially if the meat is raw.”

The student offered “a few simple solutions to this issue.” Preparing the food in a “safe manner” means the food is prepared properly, making sure the chicken and burgers are cooked would be a start. This source feels that the opinions of the students are not taken seriously by the dining staff.

The student responded to the third question with great detail, and I believe that other students can relate to the response given.

“This is where most of my frustration about this situation lies. For me personally, I am on a tuition payment plan and the money comes out of my bank account each month. It is extremely upsetting because I feel as if I am wasting money every time I use a meal swipe. I pay a little upwards of \$300 a month out of my pocket to attend Brevard College. I am a Biology major with a 22-credit hour load this semester. I do work, and I am involved in many things around campus, meaning I am super busy. I do not have time to always have to worry about what I am going to eat next. It is Brevard College’s responsibility to provide me (and us as a student body) with the correct means to stay healthy and energized during this

stressful and busy time of our lives. I do not have the means to keep either buying groceries or fast food every day, as most of my hard-earned money goes towards my tuition.” This student is one of many who are frustrated by the dining hall to provide adequate food to the student body. I then turned to Jared Lee Smith to interview.

Jared Lee Smith is a junior football player. “I think the cafe simply needs improvement in variety and quality,” he said. This opinion is one that many students can agree with. The selection of raw chicken, hamburgers that are still mooing when put on the bun, pizza and french fries as the daily form of nutrition is not sustainable throughout the day. Smith added, “We understand it is hard due to having to cook for ‘large amounts of students’ but my high school had more students than here, and they provided a wider variety and better quality food.” My high school also had a larger student population, and I never had issues with the food there, and I didn’t pay to go there.

It is important to recognize what the student’s opinions on this situation are because the students are the majority. “That’s why my suggestion would be to provide the school with the same exact stuff we ate in high school, i.e. square pizza, siracha chicken, chicken rings, (etc.),” he replied. Smith went on to say “Let me be clear, that does not mean I want the cafe to cook these same items!! I want them to figure out where local high schools get their cafeteria food and try to meet with these people about providing the food for the cafe to make and serve.”

Smith respectfully answered the third question, beginning with “This is not to reduce anyone in our cafe because I greatly appreciate their work and all they do for us,” he added, “but I simply don’t think I am provided adequate food for the amount I pay to attend this school. If you directly compare our cost to attend to the cafeteria quality with other schools you will see our complaints are not coming from nowhere.” Smith, along with many other students, have heard the same things such as “the number of students” and “vegan options having to be required” are the reason we, the students, don’t receive decent food that most people are tired of.

Smith ended his response by saying, “That’s simply not satisfactory,” ending his sentence with “due to high schools having these same obstacles and overcoming them with better options and quality.”

I agree with Jared’s responses, but that is not

where the interviews end. I went on to interview Lena Hatter and Debbie D’Anna. Lena Hatter is a senior and SGA President. Debbie D’anna is the Dean of Students.

Lena was asked her opinion on the dining hall and said, “I know that the Caf works hard to meet the needs of all students around campus, and I know that can prove to be very difficult sometimes,” she added, “So, I think there is a lot more behind it than just a simple, ‘do I like it or not’, I guess.”

Lena provided further insight, “I think to clarify, I’m saying more so in the sense, of like, there’s a lot more that goes on behind the scenes of producing food at a mass quantity that they have to provide for our student body. I think that sometimes, we don’t know everything that has to go into that.”

Lena’s stance with the question of what she would like to see change in the caf regarding the food was a middle ground. “I think students definitely have their favorite meals that the Caf makes,” she said. “And the Caf actually has QR codes all around in the dining hall that you can go and scan and reply with comments about the Caf.” Lena finishes her response by taking the stance that there are students who feel there should be more of and less of certain items offered in the dining hall. She urges students to speak with SGA and to use the QR codes to express their opinions.

Debbie D’anna provided information on the cost per student who pays for a meal plan. The cost for the year comes out to \$2,530, \$1,265 per semester. This comes out to roughly \$12 a day for three meals.

“There’s a lot more as Lena said that goes into food service besides providing food. One of the challenges that dining services has had is the increase in food costs since covid. All of that plays a role in options and the variety that they can choose to serve.” said D’anna.

When asked about her opinion on this topic, D’anna said, “I think it’s always hard in food service to provide a program that’s not going to cause some complaints. The challenge here at Brevard is we have one dining hall. Students have to eat all their meals in the dining hall. You get tired of that. I think some of it is the lack of variety because it’s one dining hall. We do have late-night that provides some variety, but it’s still different than some larger colleges that have two or three different dining options.” She added, “Yes, students do complain about food. My

Students and faculty are interviewed about The Caf and their solutions to their problems cont.

advice is- instead of complaining on BC Radar, meet with the dining hall staff and talk to them about the pink chicken and get to the bottom of what's happening. Let [dining hall] staff know what students want to have in the dining hall."

D'anna provided strong insight on the issue. Talk to your staff, and don't hesitate to speak up or ask questions. The dining service staff are always ready to help, and they are prepared for your insight.

Claiming your name

Alexander Bolton
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Hello fellow humans, how are you? Sorry for the odd introduction today, but I am here with an important message. It would be great to know your name, but for now I will refer to you as fellow human.

My name is Alex or Alexander, even AB depending on who you ask. I was born in 2005 and was given the name Alexander by my parents who thought it was an amazing decision. The name Alexander means "defender of men" Pretty cool, right? I would love to live up to such a name as this.

Way way back in history men and women named their children names that would ascribe traits to their children. I encourage you to research your name and ask your parents why they gave it to you.

I come to you today with a plea for you to place a value in your name. While reading my Bible I came across a verse that struck me hard. In Proverbs 22, the first verse says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches..."

A good name? What exactly is a good name? Is it Bill? Bobby? Christian? Maybe even Teresa? I would say all of these are pretty cool names.

I think it's deeper than that. While there may be a definition for all our names, we don't all embody the name we have been given.

So what then is a good name? When I think of a name it is further than just that thing on your name on an ID it is more so the reputation that identifies you as you.

When I realized this I began to think about how important a solid reputation is and how easy it is to corrupt such a thing. What are you doing and what are you choosing in life that is either bettering or hurting your name?

I believe this generation has placed value in the now without looking to the future. The temporary is as stated, temporary and sadly all of life is such.

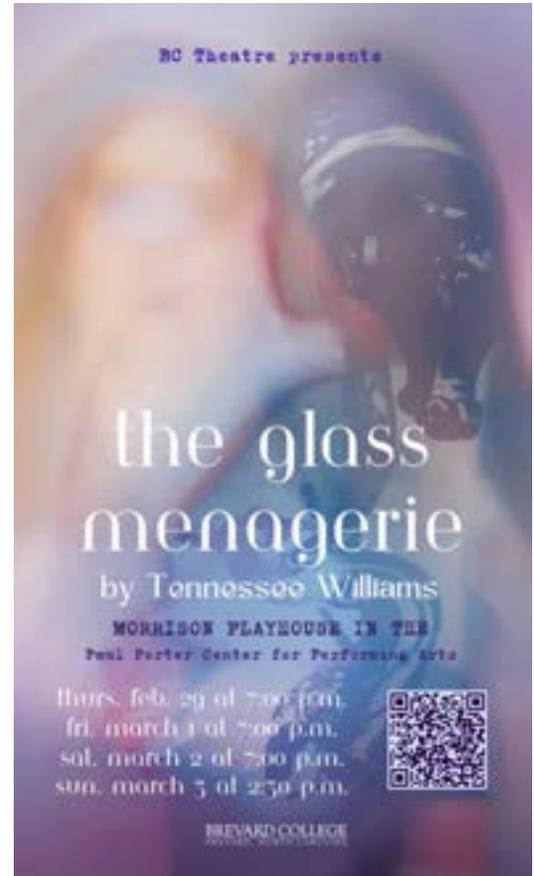
If this is so then we must place our focus on the long term and what truly matters. Your identity! I identify myself as crucified with Christ, a firm believer in the faith, and for this I have to realize what my name is.

However you choose to live and walk your path in life is how you will be identified. If you chose to walk the path of a criminal, your title is criminal, and thus you will be seen as such. This goes both ways for good or bad.

The verse from Proverbs tells you to value your name over all else. Don't allow anything or anyone to affect your name. You have to walk in integrity looking to uphold the name given you.

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Stroke no one's ego

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Rule number one about elevating as a writer: stop writing about yourself. You wanna be a rapper? Go be a rapper! If you're staying to be a writer, writing is not about you. Writers do not have to be the main character in their own stories. Oh you don't believe me? Write about yourself forever. Bet your pockets show you you haven't had a loyal fan in just as long.

I am not the main character in your life. I am not the only character in my life. I am not the main character in Life. How could I be if my story started before me? How could it be if the story continues after I die?

Never stroke someone's ego — not just because they won't return the favor — but because you have your own energy to maintain. The people who want their ego stroked have experienced being ignored... just like the rest of us. They took it to heart and took it too dramatically. They vowed to make everyone see and hear them at all costs. If you converse with these people, beware of your battery level.

It is rude and arrogant to believe your opinions

validate or invalidate anything that is open to debate. If you were Yahweh, you'd be brighter than the Sun and the other one. Then what you say would be. For this, I do not write to please anyone, not even myself. I enjoy the process, but I was in the middle of writing when I realized that the audience is more than just me.

Writing, at least for amateurs, is deeply personal, and we are not yet sensitive to the fact that people will experience our words differently than us. They each have their own beliefs, experiences and values. They are the main characters in their own lives.

I can be a hater. I can be a critic. I have encountered both. Enjoying the haters and using them as fuel, honestly, is whatever to me because the energy I have pours into the craft either way. Critics, on the other hand, are useful and welcomed. Critics are not in the business of giving feedback to a writer in order to make them feel good or feel seen.

Writers should not get into the game in order to appease others, flirt with cliques or people please. The crowd does not dictate what we write. We are not waiters or waitresses, but writing is more

along the lines of social work. Writers should not write for personal attention or gain.

So if I advise you not to stroke your own or someone else's ego, what should you do when you write? Provide entertainment by explaining experiences lived by people just like you. When you write, you must write in a tone that's relating to your audience at all times.

We writers here requests from the audience all the time, but act when fans *need* favors. We are showing you us, and you are reacting to that, which shows us you. In a strange way, we've developed a relationship. Why would my friends want me to talk about myself in their presence? Why would my fans need my diary? They will not feel like it is a conversation. Writing is a conversation between friends. And if we are friends, we should be honest with each other as much as possible.

Writing is not for narcissists. Being in the audience isn't either. Even under the watchful eye of the spotlight, we should bring awareness to the fact that this is just the opposite side of the coin. Sometimes we sit in the crowd, sometimes we're on stage under the big lights. Conversate.

Who the Steelers should sign as quarterback during the 2024 offseason

Kenny Pickett was drafted number 20 overall in the 2022 NFL draft. Since then he has played 25 games, leaving some of them early. He passed for 4,474 yards and threw 13 touchdowns to 13 interceptions, with a completion percentage 62.6.

A big part of that was from their former offensive coordinator who had fans furious. The Steeler's offense has not been playing up to par in the last two seasons. Before Matt Canada got fired, Kenny had 1,722 yards and a completion percentage of 60.5. After the fire, he had a percentage of 72.1.

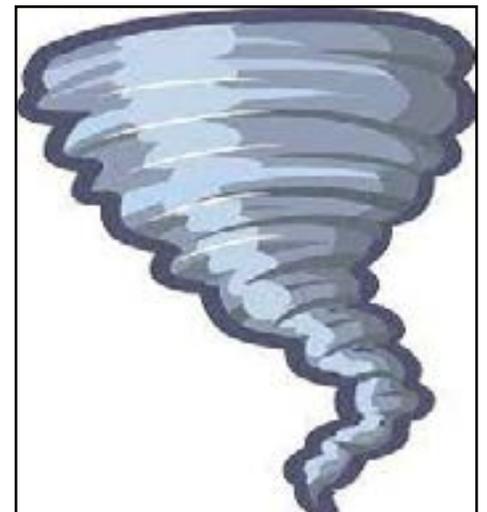
Maybe Matt Canada was the problem. Mason Rudolf is at QB one due to injuries. He performs well with a completion percentage of 68.2 over a four-game span, including playoffs. With a total of 945 yards in four games vs Kenny's 2,000 in

11 games. This means that Rudolf would have an estimated 600 more yards for the same amount of games.

There are a lot of names going around for potential quarterback positions like Russel Willson, Justin Fields, Ryan Tannehill, Kirk Cousins and Jimmy Garoppolo. I believe that the Steelers should trade for Justin Fields given that he has the highest upside and the most potential and is overall a better athlete than Kenny.

Unfortunately, there is the reality of what the Steelers have done in the past and will continue to do. Most likely sticking with Kenny as their starter, possibly signing a guy like Ryan Tannehill as backup and getting a guy in the draft that meets team needs.

—Alex Spangler



A tornado sports recap

Ivelysse Leighton
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This past weekend three of Brevard's spring sports brought the battle to their home field. Women's Lacrosse, Baseball and Softball all had home games this week and everyone was able to come away with a complete sweep.

Women's Lacrosse got us kickstarted on Saturday for their game against Eastern Mennonite with a 12-11 win! Four different tornados had hat tricks in their match which included Emily Denaga, Xan Hill, Arianna Casertano and Grace Vaught. There were a few different tornados who came away with assists like Hamrick (2), Casertano (1), Hardin (1) and Denaga (1). Their day was highlighted by Emily Denaga who scored her 100th career goal, and BC Head Coach Roya Tahmassebi earned her first career victory as a collegiate head coach. Lex Macglocklin was awarded USA South Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week!

Baseball was able to rally late to come away with a 4-3 win over Oberlin. The Tornados used timely hitting and baserunning to take the game back from Oberlin. L. Granata pushed the first run for the Tornados in by homering to left field in the bottom of the first inning. They trailed behind Oberlin until the bottom of the seventh inning when L. Sawyer and L. Clark scored on a wild pitch, tying the game up 3-3. The game ended with L. Sawyer with an RBI single which scored J. Pledger, making the final of the game 4-3.

Baseball came back on Saturday for the final game which ended with a 4-1 win over Oberlin. The Tornados held the visitors to just one run on seven hits and held a 1-0 lead through the first five innings when they finally added the insurance runs they needed. B. Wyatt hit an RBI single to right field that scored F. Vasquez, which opened up the game in the second inning. In the sixth inning, C. Oehler came through with an RBI that scored L. Clark. Also, in the fourth inning C. Pyle hit an RBI that scored F. Vasquez making the score 3-0. The game ended with C. Oehler getting an RBI that scored L. Sawyer in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Last but certainly not least softball came away from the weekend with a two-game sweep over Wesleyan on Saturday. K. Queen opened up the game with a hit-by-pitch in the first at-bat at home this season. K. Queen stole the second which allowed Sophomore R. Winkler to get an RBI-double by driving home K. Queen giving the Tornados a 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the fourth inning, R. Locklear got an RBI double to center field, scoring R. Winkler. G. Hooper followed Locklear with an RBI single that scored Locklear, giving the Tornados a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth inning K. Queen scored on a wild pitch. O. Martinez came up with an RBI that scored J. Harlow and M. Wilborne. Coming up big in the sixth inning was M. Wilborne with an RBI single that scored M. Jones. The game concluded with starting pitcher G. Reynolds retiring the final two Wolves that came to the plate on a pop fly and a strikeout that secured the win for the Nados.

In game two of this doubleheader, the Nados held the lead for most of the game and pulled away with a big sixth to take the victory. This game was a scoring fest for our Nados which ended up with a 12-6 win. They had RBIs from J. Harlow (2), O. Martinez (2), K. Queen (1), R. Winkler (1), L. Mann (1), G. Hooper (1) and I. Leighton (1). J. Harlow delivered again with her towering two-run shot over the left field wall. R. Locklear also pulled off a sneaky steal home in the bottom of the third. Freshman 3B J. Harlow went 4-for-4 in this game and had a stellar performance in the field which earned her USA South Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week!

Overall, the Nados had an amazing weekend at home with many memorable moments. This is foreshadowing a great spring season for all of our athletes. Keep a lookout on BC Radar and your weekly emails for updates about what events are happening on campus that week. Go out and support your fellow Nados and show some school spirit! Nado nation lets ride!



The softball team gets ready for another round.

Volleyball proves small crowds can still mean big fun

I went to view the volleyball event on Feb. 23. It was a small crowd with a little over five people, but that did not affect the fun we had. There were many times I even caught myself laughing or smiling as it was so infectious in the room with their cheeky banter and overall fun environment; I was shocked that more people hadn't come or attended.

The skill they showed was refreshing, especially since I am very interested in the sport but could never get over the pain in my forearms from the

ball's impact. I commend those who play the sport, especially with its coordination and teamwork. This also contributed to the environment since you could tell some of the people there knew each other, making it a very fun and friendly competition.

If you are just sitting in your dorm and want to get out even for ten minutes, I highly recommend attending these fun events because it would mean a lot to the players and could do good things for you to like getting out and even talking with others

attending as well. I'm sure they'd all appreciate your attendance.

—Mari Carter



Both audience and participants are having fun.

Al-Coholics FC wins the Futsal Tournament

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After five incredible weeks of Futsal, the league came to an end with champions coming from the tournament on Feb. 26. Al-Coholics FC was able to go from the bottom of the table to the championship and are the 2024 winners of the Intramural Futsal League. A hard-earned win, but not the only important thing that happened in the tournament, so let's dive in to see the best moments of the tournament.

The tournament consisted of a first round, Semifinals, and then the Championship. La Manita (3) would face ATK (6) in the first round for Leg 1, while C.S.N.A.A.G. (4) would face Al-Coholics (5) for Leg 2. The winner of Leg 1 would face Dinho FC, the one of Leg 2 would face Big Dossa United and the remaining two teams would face each other for the tournament title.

The first game of the night would be C.S.N.A.A.G. vs Al-Coholics FC. C.S.N.A.A.G. ended the league with a win and fourth place, but in front would have been the only team that was able to beat them twice. This time, contrary to their first two games between C.S.N.A.A.G. and Al-Coholics FC, the score wouldn't move so quickly, and the game started with both teams attacking, but the keepers weren't allowing any shots. Al-Coholics FC would be the team that scored first and would open the game for more goals to come. C.S.N.A.A.G. would then react by tying the game a minute later, and then both teams were scoring goals, not allowing the other team to get the lead. However, a late goal by Marcelo would see Al-Coholics take a 3-2 lead just before halftime. For the second half, both teams would maintain the same intensity, but Al-Coholics would strike first with a brace by Santi, getting them closer to the semifinals. However, C.S.N.A.A.G. wouldn't give up so easily, and an incredible goal by Martin, and another by Mauro would see them trail by only a goal. Tiernan scored the tying goal on a controversial play, but it was overruled as the ref said the ball had gone out. C.S.N.A.A.G. would keep trying to tie the game, and although they got close, they couldn't score the tying goal, and with a final result of 5-4, Al-Coholics FC were in the semifinals.

The other leg would see ATK facing La Manita, in a match that had a similar history to the C.S.N.A.A.G. vs Al-Coholics FC one; La Manita had won both games against ATK and was looking for a third victory. Nevertheless, ATK wasn't going to let this be an easy game, and even though they finished in sixth place, they were ready to win the tournament. Quick goals by Lamont, Will Finney and Reed would see ATK go ahead 3-0 early in the match. La Manita would quickly score one goal thanks to Jose and look for a comeback with plenty of time to go. Although they lacked

accuracy in finishing their chances, ATK didn't. Five goals from Jerick, one by Taylor Whelan, and a final goal by Will Finney would see ATK get a comfortable 10-1 win in the first round of the tournament, get their first win against La Manita and make themselves a serious candidate for the title.

The next game would be the first semifinal, in a game where the dark horse, Al-Coholics FC, would face Big Dossa United, the second-place and previous finalist in the 2023 Intramural Futsal League. The game would start slow, as neither team wanted to allow the other team to score, and although the chances were being created, the keepers were able to block all shots. However, high pressure from Al-Coholics FC would see them score the first goal of the game and soon after double their lead thanks to the attacks of Santi and Nathan. But Big Dossa would react quickly, with Porti and Lynch linking up in the attack to score some goals as well. The game would be 3-3, with both sides attacking and defending well, but no team being able to obtain a significant lead. It wasn't until the second half that Al-Coholics was able to get control of the ball. They scored a couple more goals to increase the lead, stopped any attack from Big Dossa with a solid defense and overall dominated the final minutes. The final score would be 5-3, and Al-Coholics would be the first finalist of the night.

The second semifinal would see Dinho FC face ATK, in a game with an interesting history. In week one, ATK overcame a 4-1 score and won the game 5-4 in the final minutes, but in week 4, Dinho FC beat them 3-1, confirming ATK as the last place in the league and putting themselves at the top. They would meet once again in the semifinals, in what would be another amazing match. Dinho FC started attacking more, and this attack was reflected in the score as they headed to halftime with a 3-0 lead, thanks to a brace by Esteban and a goal by Jonis. ATK would need to overcome this deficit in the second half, and although it was a difficult task, they had done it before and could do it again. Will Finney, ATK's top scorer, would score early in the second half to get ATK's hopes up. Lamont would score a second goal which would narrow the difference to only one goal. Dinho FC wasn't going to let go of the lead so easily and started attacking with everything they had. Nevertheless, in front they had Filip, and he was going to have an amazing performance, saving four important shots in the second half and keeping ATK in the game. A great passing play by ATK would see Borch scoring the third goal of the game for ATK, tying the game and possibly sending the game to overtime. However, in the final play of regular time, a series of rebounds saw Jerick in front of the goal, and even though he shot the ball and it went in, the buzzer

had gone off before he kicked the ball, and thus the game ended with a 3-3 score. Overtime consisted of five extra minutes of play, and if the tie persisted, we would head to penalties. Both teams were trying their best to score the winning goal, but amazing performances by Mack and Filip in goal would see the game head to penalties. Dinho FC would be able to score their three penalties, and although ATK scored their first two, a save by Mack on the last penalty would see Dinho FC head to the championship game.

Dinho FC and Al-Coholics FC would play the final game of the tournament. The best defense of the league (Dinho FC) would face the dark horse of the tournament (Al-Coholics FC) in what promised to be an exciting final. In the league game, the score was 4-3 in favor of Dinho FC, and they would try to replicate the result once again. They would start with the right foot, as a goal by Jonis and another by Gar would see them go 2-0 right before halftime. However, an amazing play by Tom Doussage would see Nathan in front of goal, scoring a goal that would set the score 2-1 just before halftime, and then early in the second half the game would be tied thanks to an own goal by Dinho FC. Both teams were trying their best to score the winning goal, but solid defenses stopped these attempts. Then out of nowhere, Mack (Dinho FC's goalkeeper) scored an amazing goal from his half, aiming into the lower corner of the goal, and giving Dinho FC the advantage late in the game. It seemed as if that would be the winning goal, but a great shot by Tom Doussage would tie the game, and once again, we would have overtime. Even though both teams were tired, they still were running up and down the field, trying to score while showing good defense to block the other team's attack. It wasn't until an amazing play by Al-Coholics FC saw Nathan shooting the ball into the corner of the goal, impossible for the keeper to save it, and gave the advantage to Al-Coholics FC with less than a minute to go. Dinho FC would try to score a goal, and although they had two chances, an amazing defense would stop these shots from going in. The buzzer went off, and Al-Coholics FC became the 2024 Intramural Futsal League Champions. From the bottom to the top, Al-Coholics FC went from three consecutive weeks in the bottom of the league, to the tournament champions after three well won games.

Nathan de Lima won the goalscorer award with 23 goals, Dinho FC was the best defense allowing only 28 goals, and Big Dossa United was the best offense by scoring 44 goals. Thanks to everyone who participated in the League, and we hope next year's Intramural Futsal League is as good as this one.