

Dollar General takes over campus bookstore

By Jennie Dahler
Bookstore Representative

After the contract with the previous bookstore vendor expired earlier this semester, Brevard College has announced they have reached an agreement for a new vendor to manage the on-campus bookstore: Dollar General.

Kings Creek Bookstore officially became a Dollar General store earlier today when the large yellow sign for the ubiquitous chain of variety stores was installed outside Coltrane. Almost immediately, the store began to run out of toilet paper and chocolate bars.

Initially, the college sought more traditional vendors to run the campus bookstore, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and a newer company called Textbooks R Us. In the end, all turned down BC's offer when it became clear that at no point had any Brevard students ever

actually purchased books from the on-campus bookstore.

Into the mix came Dollar General, who as part of the deal made with the college promised to drop the sale of textbooks and focus instead on discount pet food, automotive products, cleaning products and a vast assortment of snack foods.

While not directly involved in the decision to contract with Dollar General, BC President David Joyce nevertheless praised the decision to put a Dollar General on campus. "If there's one thing we don't have enough of in Transylvania County, it's Dollar Generals," he said. "The addition of the BC Dollar General on our campus will save us from having to ever leave campus to buy Slim Jims, Hostess Twinkies and Snoballs or Nacho Cheese Doritos."

The decision to install a Dollar General on the Brevard College campus is not without some

controversy. Already, a number of those who last year protested a new Dollar General on Greenville Highway, less than five miles from one in Brevard and another on the same stretch of road, have expressed some concerns that a college campus may not be the ideal location for the discount merchandiser. "No Dollar in the Holler" signs in Brevard near campus have been spotted with Sharpie edits to now read "No DG at BC" and "No Dollar, Alma Mater."

Despite the smattering of opposition, the deal to open the new BC Dollar General is already moving forward, which will include future stores. As part of the deal with the college, the retailer also secured the right to open at least three more Dollar General stores on campus in the next six months.



Courtesy of Jennie Dahler

Dollar General is now the new on-campus bookstore in Coltrane.

Tyrrannosaurus rats take over Green

By Kym Caldwell
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On a dark, musky evening in Green Hall, the air was uncomfortably still. The hall was not filled with a single peep, unusual for the dorm building, but that would soon be interrupted by the chaos we're all used to. Just as quickly as the silence came it was disturbed with a series of stomps. These were not the usual footsteps of individuals running through the halls, no. This was an earth-shaking rumble; the building, with its poor wall structure, would shake profusely causing a disturbance to pictures on the wall and tiles in the bathrooms. With every footstep came nervousness. The sense of not knowing the source of the ruckus began to weigh heavily on the students. "A jet plane?" a student utters. "Has to be a

f***** tornado!" another student screeches, not ready for the monstrosity he was about to see. Standing 20ft tall right through the roof of the place many students called home was a creature of such ferocity. His feet stretched 15ft and his tail dragged 40ft behind him; a force to be reckoned with. "He was some kind of raccoon thing, I think. Man, I do not know. I was like four White Claws in" a basement floor resident said when interviewed. "I don't know but it was scary for all of us. He had fur all over his ass, the longest tail I'd ever seen, and these huge beady eyes. I almost pissed myself". Upon further investigation, we were able to find out that the unknown monster wreaking havoc is a tyrrannosaurus rat; he is no raccoon, put respect on his name.

After the known rat problem in Green was not counteracted in any way by Facilities, the rats began to de-evolve back to prehistoric times. This is unlike anything modern-day science has ever seen. "Disproves everything I ever studied" a renowned scientist added. Aside from what you may think, the new rats have caused less of a nuisance than you think. Students say, despite them being 20 feet tall and about 60 feet long, coexisting with the tyrrannosaurus rats has almost been a breeze. This is not entirely new to them; the students of Green Hall have been forced to live alongside rats for years now. Girls on the third floor have loved having the new creatures. "They created this hole in the roof that allows the right amount of airflow through the building. It doesn't smell like musk and smoke anymore, just rats," added a student. "If we have to get rid of them, I'll be pretty upset, yes. They did more for this building in a day than the staff ever did."

From the looks of it, the tyrrannosaurus rats may be here to stay if it is up to the student body. Students in Green Hall have gotten so comfortable with rodents that discomfort would only come if they suddenly disappeared. Stay tuned to this developing story; next week we will visit Stanback Hall and cover their new pet bed bugs!

BC announces new president

By Simon Donnaway
Staff Writer

This week Brevard College has announced that they have chosen a new president, and you won't believe who is going to be stepping up. The school has decided to choose an insider for this task. Someone who already knows the ins and outs of campus and has served Brevard College for longer than most can remember, Darlene from the cafeteria.

Some of you may have heard the rumors of her retirement but this was a mere ploy to help enable a smooth transition into her new position of power. According to the board, the decision was "only logical" as "Darlene pretty much ran the school already." As one of the most loved members of BC staff the decision was obvious and probably should have been made sooner.

As of now, Darlene plans on getting this college back on track, and hopefully soon after her installment, we will see much-needed improvement on this campus. Luckily I got to talk to her and find out what some of her plans are going to be.

Her number one priority is going to be "getting these kids something edible to eat." This is something that has been missing from Brevard. She plans on finally getting quality, healthy food into the cafeteria, something that has been long overdue putting Brevard College behind other schools. She will also be addressing the recurring stingy portions problem and making sure that students will actually get the amount of food they need.

As for other improvements, she plans on addressing the school's current academic problems and athletic problems. She wants to move Brevard athletics back to division two because "to be honest division 3 really doesn't count."

There are also plans to reimplement foreign language into the school's course catalogs. This is of utmost priority because "how can this place have the nerve to call itself a higher learning institution without offering what is found in middle schools."

After talking with Darlene, the college should be very excited to see what comes out of this new presidency. It seems like the school will be in great hands soon enough.

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The Clarion to turn into BC tabloid

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

After an 86 year run as Brevard College's student newspaper, The Clarion editors and their staff have decided to change the formatting of how news is distributed to the campus and the surrounding community, starting in the fall. The Clarion will now be referred to as The Daily Clarion, getting the inside scoop and reporting on all of the hot topics that Brevard College has to offer.

Since ascending to the Editor in Chief position, senior Margaret Correll has aligned herself with some very controversial topics that were not widely accepted by the BC campus.

After receiving complaints that many people did not like The Clarion's reporting style, the conclusion was made to turn the paper into something more appropriate. "I think the changes that we are making here will be beneficial to the college," Correll said, "and my predecessor is looking forward to carrying on my legacy."

To prepare for the upcoming semester, The Daily Clarion is asking for viewer topic submissions that could garner in the most reads. "We are not looking for truth here," Correll said, "we want something that is going to get people to read our tabloid." Topics ranging from who is dating who to what the

caf is serving, the entertainment possibilities are endless.

The Daily Clarion hopes to continue serving the Brevard College campus, just as The Clarion had done for so many years, all while adding a bit of flair and excitement to its reporting. "The overall feedback from viewers seemed to point us in this direction," Correll said, "I am glad The Clarion will take on this new face and finally start to go in the direction it was always meant to go." Keep on the lookout in future issues of The Clarion for topic submission links and updates about the new format.

BC cafeteria to go partially vegan

By Aia Andonovska
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After some long consideration by the Brevard College administration, the school has come to the decision that Meyers Dining Hall will be a partially functioning vegan cafeteria by next semester, fall 2021. The unanimous decision came after students have been complaining for months about not receiving enough nutritious food from the cafeteria.

This may come as a surprise to meat-loving students. There is hope for these students, however, who do like to eat meat. The cafeteria will be offering meat to those students who wish to eat it, but primarily the cafeteria will be serving vegan and vegetarian food to its student body. Meat will now be upon request for non-vegetarian and non-vegan students.

COVID-19 willing, the salad bar will be back in the fall semester as well. New toppings and other food items will be available as well to students, such as tofu, dairy-free cheese, a variety of nuts, quinoa, cranberries, kale, beans and dairy-free dressings as well.

The sandwich station will start offering meat substitutes as well for students. Some well-known brands that students will recognize that will be offered are Tofurkey, Light Life, Gardein, Morning Star and Boca Burger.

Students also complained about the variety of different meals each week, saying that the cafeteria makes the same meals in a boring rotation that never changes. The administration took this into consideration, and took a vote on three new meals that will be introduced into the cafeteria's rotation. These three new meals that will be offered starting in fall 2021 will be vegan lasagna, butternut squash soup and vegan burrito bowls, or burritos.

The cafeteria will also be providing oat milk, almond milk, coconut milk and soy milk as dairy alternatives for coffee and cereal. A smoothie bar is going to be established near the main assembly line as another healthy option. Chia seeds, coconut flakes, dark chocolate, strawberries, peaches, mangoes, pineapples, blueberries, raspberries, apples, pineapple, bananas, vegan yogurt, dairy-free milks and

peanut butter will be offered as possible combinations for smoothies.

As a way of cutting down on unhealthy foods, the cafeteria will also now be implementing air fryers into their cooking routine. Gluten-free bread will also be available to students who have a sensitivity to gluten or for those who just wish to eat it.



Photo from Newcastle Gateshead

An example of a culinary option to be offered at the caf starting next fall.

BC decides to change mascot

By Jake Moore
Staff Writer

Over the course of several weeks people of the Brevard community have sent in ideas and issues they have with the school. This has been something that has happened every year for a while now. Brevard college faculty decided they would have a meeting over the weekend to discuss these concerns.

After further discussion the school decided to send out a poll allowing the students of Brevard College to have a say in a very big decision. With very little feedback from the students, faculty decided to do further research before they make a final decision. This area is very well known for its white squirrels and the school even has a white squirrel wearing a mask posted all over campus. People have

even teased the idea of Brevard being the white squirrels instead of the Tornados.

So after looking into the issue further Brevard College will be changing their mascot from a tornado to a hurricane. With some research on this area they found that Pisgah National Forest actually is a temperate rainforest. To back this up even more there has been several inches of rainfall over the past couple weeks.

This will go into effect starting the fall semester of 2021. For all returning students that have BC merchandise the bookstore will be allowing you to swap out your clothes for the new Brevard College Hurricane attire. This new change will also be affecting all sports for one year while the school can get new jerseys and logos. For any questions about this head over to Hurricane Alley and as always GO HURRICANES!!

New LINC courses for students

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

Good news for students, brand new LINC courses will be available for students within the next semester. So, if you are looking for a new LINC course to be a part of for next semester, these are a pair of classes that you should consider taking for your major or for a little fun.

The first class is a type of home economics class focused on the cooking of different meals and food that can be prepared by anyone and are easy to make in a few hours. It's a mostly fun class to take if you feel like just learning some new recipes for yourself or for someone else.

The class linked to it is a criminal justice course designed to aid in the teaching of correctional officers located in prisons. In this

class, you will learn how to handle prisoners and different protocols used in prisons when moving prisoners and handling prison riots. If you plan to take this class, you better be prepared to utilize this information in a meaningful way, or if you are just planning to use this as a means to know certain trivia or being a know it all, then you can still take this class, but be aware that you will be expected to take the class seriously and not to mess around when visiting the different prisons to see the different rules and regulations they use in their day to day lives.

So, these are the upcoming LINC courses for the fall semester. If you want to take part in these classes, make sure to register for it for the upcoming semester and check with your advisor to make sure these classes are right for your major.

Brevard College to add a Latin class

Unlike most schools, Brevard College does not have a foreign language program, but that will all change soon. The college is reintroducing their foreign language program with a very special language. Soon Brevard College will have a Latin program.

The college has made the decision to add a Latin program because of how popular the language is spoken. Latin is definitely one of the most alive languages in the world. Latin is also great for traveling to the Vatican.

Since Latin is such an old language and is spoken by so many people it is sure that the college will not at all struggle to find a professor to teach the subject. It is such a big surprise that the college didn't decide to teach Latin sooner.

It is completely understandable why Brevard College decided to add Latin over Spanish. After all Spanish is not spoken anywhere. Spanish is a dead language. It is very questionable that some schools decide to teach Spanish out of all things.

What would someone even do with a Spanish degree? Why, teach a language that no one speaks nowadays. With a Latin degree someone could do so much. With a Latin degree, someone could encrypt an ancient text from the Roman empire or they could know scientific terms. The possibilities are endless.

Everyone on campus seems super excited about the new Latin program. It is unclear at this moment who will be heading the new program, but it will for sure be mirum et fabulosum.

— Caroline Hoy

Fashion Beast

Spring is here and you need not look beyond the Brevard campus for the newest fashion trends.

The nearby communities of College Walk, Deer Lake and Straus Park look to the hip members of Brevard College for the freshest ideas. You can see the double takes at the Food Lion or Ingles' Starbucks. The scrunchie is back. The scrunchie was patented in 1987 by Rommy Revson and named after her toy poodle, Scrunchi. Good to know.

What is new is using the scrunchie on men's beards. The weather is getting warmer and Brevardian men like to sport a long, long mountain beard. Let's face it, what could be more intimidating than going mano a mano on a basketball court with a Brevard Tornado wearing his signature blue scrunchi. Women will swoon and men will most likely just give up. Such is the power of the scrunch.

Local seamstresses that were busy making masks for the pandemic have switched their threads and bobbins to make scrunchies. Local shop Sew for Dough can't keep up with the demand. It's rumored that the entire tennis team will sport their scrunchies during the graduation procession. Another popular style is the absorbent scrunchie for the guys and girls who rock climb and might need to dry their hands in mid-climb. The scrunchie can be more than a fashion statement when sporting the colors of your favorite team or wearing the colors of your favorite flag or political party. Busy students want to know when scrunchies will be available at the book store.

Next week; Bare Feet at the Farmer's Market Fashion faux pas or not?

— Anita Mann



Inflatable bumper bubble is the next COVID-19 precaution

Friday, March 26, North Carolina governor Ray Cooper has just put in a new COVID-19 mandate that will increase overall safety for current residents and visitors. This new rule, being put into action April 1, calls for the usage of inflatable bumper balls to be used in populated areas and inside all buildings.

"The idea behind this is to further establish the necessary boundaries between people in order to lower the case number overall," said Cooper. It is recommended that you still wear a mask inside of the ball while outside; masks are still required indoors, even when inside of the inflatable bumper.

North Carolina will be one of the first states to enact this new method of COVID-19 prevention, but it will not be the last. Scientists are saying this mandate could cut cases in half overnight.

However, this method will only work if everyone does their part in wearing their bubble bumpers. According to the NCDHHS, North Carolina is the most advanced in its responses to COVID-19, especially when it comes to this new regulation.

These are very easily accessible, starting at the low price of \$90 and going up to about \$200. They are available at your local Walmart and Target, and you can purchase them online at Etsy, Amazon, Wayfair, and many more.

We all are looking for ways to end this pandemic, and when the opportunity arises to speed up the process, who are we to say no? Do your part. Wear your inflatable bumper.

This is all a part of the process of learning how to live safely in this global crisis. Consider the safety of others before you walk out of the house without your precautionary bumper.



Short-sighted architecture

How Brevard College's campus is unfriendly to extremely tall people.

Our campus is often advertised as comfortable, spacious, and comfortable. This is only the case for normal-sized people. Many Brevard College students who are of a more vertical persuasion have had numerous issues with how this campus lacks accommodation for people our size.

Many of us have to duck our heads when we enter and exit doorways. Our classrooms lack the space for us to properly function in an academic setting. I can't sit at my desk, the desk has to sit at me.

This problem also comes with class field trips. We cannot fit into the vans provided by the school. Our professors have to tie us to the roof of the van like a Christmas tree and pray we do not fall off somewhere in Pisgah.

During COVID-19 season, the additional issue comes with the temperature scanners in each of the academic facilities. Everytime

I scan to get my sticker, I look like I'm auditioning for a school production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Dr. John Padgett, professor of English studies and a tall man, has also pointed out the numerous issues with the scanners.

"I have to get on my knees and look like I am praying in order to get it to properly take my temperature," said Padgett, "Also, given my past with the mafia, I don't like seeing the red dot on my forehead."

Now that the Brevard College campus has been undergoing several renovations, tall students, staff and faculty can be assured to walk through newer, loftier doorways while hopefully not being mistaken for trees by any tourists or squirrels.

— Sam Hipp



Courtesy of Sam Hipp

Sam Hipp, local tall man, displays the everyday difficulties of being tall at Brevard College.

Queen dies, the apocalypse happens

Last Thursday, Queen Elizabeth II passed away at the age of 94. This is something that shook the world. For many years, the Queen was believed to be immortal. She lived through World War II, the Cold War and many other events. We all thought nothing could kill her.

Ever since the Queen's death, absolute chaos has ensued. God himself has stated in a recent interview that He is disappointed in us for letting the impossible happen, and it truly looks like the apocalypse is happening. Hell is freezing over, and a bunch of unthinkable, horrifying things are occurring.

Many animals are evolving into crabs, even humans. Other humans are devolving back into less intelligent primates. All of the major oceans in the world have magically transformed into fresh water, killing almost all sea life. New York is on fire, pigs are flying, spiders are doubling in size, thunderstorms are covering Australia and Cardi B has announced a new album. It's all a living nightmare.

We understand that some of you may be struggling during these troubling times. No one could predict that the natural death of an English Queen could be the catalyst for such catastrophe. President Joe Biden has offered shelters for U.S. citizens, but those shelters might not survive the tornadoes. The United Nations is currently negotiating with God to possibly revive Elizabeth II, agreeing to trade her for Jake Paul. We'll keep you updated on the negotiations.

— Jackson Inglis