

Check out

the chess club

by Russ Evans
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Tired of the Wednesday Night nothing-to-do blues? Would you like to meet new and interesting people? Then maybe the Brevard College Chess Club is for you. Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. the BC Chess Club meets upstairs in the Student Union. The club is open to all interested persons, whether you are an experienced player, or would just like to learn the game.

The BC Chess Club is sponsored by the Transylvania Youth Association, a United Way Organization. The BC Club is directed by Jim Berg, who also conducts chess tournaments in the local schools.

One such school is Brevard Middle School, whose Blue Knights Chess Club is registered with the United States Chess Federation. Mr. Berg also has a column in the Transylvania Times, in which a chess problem is given.

The ambition of the chess club is to stir interest in the game, and to form a larger club for competition with other junior colleges. The club is also wanting to form an all-girls team to get more females playing.

There are currently only six to eight people who regularly show up to play, three or four of whom are senior players. The club meets for the pleasure of playing chess, and learning new strategies and concepts of the game. The most active senior players are; Jim Berg, Phillip Crist, Jack Newman, Steve Okula and Vernon Warren. These senior players are quite strong in chess and enjoy teaching the basic theories of this very ancient game.



BC's man in motion: Steve Faust is a blur as he cycles past...

(BC photos by Jock Lauterer)

Steve Faust: BC's man in motion

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"What the mind can conceive, the body can achieve." This quotation can be accredited to a special person. He is an exceptionally talented cyclist and his winnings are many. Introducing...Stephen Faust!

Born and raised in Raleigh, N.C., Steve was first inspired to be a cyclist at age sixteen. "My sister's boyfriend at the time raced bikes and I thought it was neat," he said with a smile on his face. It was then that he began setting his athletic goals. "I want to be professional by age 23 and racing in Europe," Steve explained.

Cycling demands extraordinary strength and stamina. Practicing daily is essential. "I practice every weekday about two and a half to four hours and on the weekends it varies because I have more time. On an average, I bike from 350 to 500 miles a week," said Faust. One of his many hobbies include cross-country skiing, which comes in extremely handy.

Brevard, according to Steve, was the best choice for studying but twice as good for training. Mountainous regions, especially during his favorite seasons, fall and spring, make training much more enjoyable. Training also involves a set schedule, and the desire to work his body to its limits, he says.

Because Steve's cycling takes him all over the United States, support, both financial and emotional from his parents helps him to get that "spirit". His family plays an important role in his motivation and enthusiasm.

For the past three and a half years, Steve has achieved a great deal. Among his major accomplishments are the following:

- 1986: First place Raleigh Times Road Race—(30 miles)
- 1986: First place Georgia Road Race—(30 miles)
- 1987: First place Willmington, N.C. Road Race—(60 miles)
- 1987: Sixth place State Time Trial Championship (25 miles)
- 1988: Sixth place State Road Race Championship
- 1988: Third place State Time Trial Championship—(25 miles)
- 1988: First Place Asheville, N.C. Road Race—(60 miles)
- 1988: First Place Williamsburg, VA. Road Race—(60 miles)
- 1988: First Place Willmington, N.C. Road Race—(60 miles)

At the age of 20, Steve is presently training for the 1989 season, which runs from March until November. "I love cycling and I hope to race professionally until I'm 40," he said. "Then maybe I'll retire and manage or even own a pro team!"

Crossing the finish line in the top spot is an art Stephen Faust has mastered. Said the athlete, "It's a triumphant sigh of relief. It's victorious and all I keep repeating to myself is 'Yea, what a feelin'!"



....Then in a reflective moment, Steve is doubled by a campus rain puddle.

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