

# Roomies! *Through thick and thin*

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Ricky Surles: "I slipped my kayak under the bottom bed, and returned to the car to get more things. When I got back to the room, there stood this big guy—he was huge, with a red shirt, a red face, and a real short military hair cut. He stood there, and his parents just looked at me. I was thinking, "Oh my God..."

Robert Cooler: "The first day the dorm president escorted me to my room. When I told him who my roommate was, he started laughing. I began to worry. So I get to my room and see this boat under my bed. I really started having second thoughts..."

Ricky Surles and Robert Cooler giggle as they reminisce about their first day at Brevard College,

Robert from Savannah, Ga., informs, "I wasn't sure if I could handle a large university just out of high school. At Brevard, the size is small and there's a lot of personalization."

Ricky, from Stockbridge, Ga., was attracted to BC for similar reasons. "It's small and is a junior college, which is what I was looking for", he says "It was real personal, and close to the outdoors. I went to summer school before my freshman year here and fell in love with the place."

Introductions done, the two set up all the necessities. "Rob brought the entertainment system, and I brought the refrigerator and girlie posters says Rick. Later, other more personal similarities were discovered. Says Robert, "Trust is important to me. And trust is a big part of Rick and I's relationship."



In your face!

Ricky Surles and Robert Cooler have been roommates all that time. BC won't be the same without these two.

Rick agrees. "You can't live with someone if you don't trust them." He scratches his chin." And I guess the great thing about us is that we each can do our own thing and are still good friends. If we happen to end up doing something together, well then that's cool."

"I think Rob and I have finally learned the art of control," admits Rick. "Our first year, we were too wild. Now, things are more balanced, we've struck an equilibrium between class and fun."

"Yeah," agrees Rob "We've got this college thing down."

He brightens, and changes the subject." I am ready to leave here, but it's always gonna feel like home. A lot of good contacts are made at Brevard. People like Rob, and my girl, Jill & others.. I'll never feel alone again. But it'll be hard to leave. They should offer me a job here!" He laughs.

Rob adds, "Friends here, they're forever."

But before Ricky and Rob graduate they wish to make a few requests.

From Ricky:

"\*For Dean Langel: I want you to ask me (after graduation) about not having to go to summer school because of my U.S. Olympic Kayaking trials"

\* "To Mr. Coryell: Thanks for the two best classes I've ever had.

\* And from both:  
"Thanks to the students and faculty in helping us through. Enjoy Brevard as much as you possibly can."



## From Camp Greenville

The rope swing provides one swinger with a place to show off his stunts.



There's seldom a dull moment in the Brevard College spring drama, Jean Anouilh's romantic farce "Thieves' Carnival." Tickets are on sale at the Brevard College receptionists' desk in Beam Administration Building for reserve seating in the Barn Theatre. Tickets are \$3.50 for the public, and free to BC students, faculty, and staff. Play dates are April 6, 7, 8, 14, 15. The players include Beth Winters and Sean Frazier (center) and left to right, Traci Nutting, Rob Dixon, Lee Smith, George Bond, Anthony Ballard, Paul Dilberger and Gray Hawks. (Clarion photo by Jock Lauterer)