

At the ballpark...

# Scott's most unforgettable home run

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I just finished writing my article on Baseball coming to Brevard in 1991 and it just made me think about the influence of baseball in the American life. Consider this, in the early 1940s when WW II was in full swing, baseball was the only bright spot in the sometimes deary American life. Some of the big stars were in the war but there were still some of the big names still playing the games.

What other sport can you name that has gone as worldwide as baseball? The Japanese have been playing baseball for years now and there are many American players over there who just couldn't quite do as well, or get paid as much, over here in the pros. Take a look at the Little League World Series. The event is almost completely dominated by the Japanese,

until this year when a team from Connecticut surprised the Japanese team. It was first American win since 1983.

Also getting in on the act is Russia. The Russians are just now learning to play and even though they aren't very good, that's besides the point. The fact is that even through political differences, baseball and the love of the game can overcome any and all obstacles.

Yes, I know that the sport has had its rough times just like any other sport, but who or what could replace the national pastime. Sure, Pete Rose didn't help the game much this past year, but just think what he has done for the game over the past 20 some-odd years. When you think of hustle, you think of "Charlie Hustle"—Pete Rose. The head-first slides, the barreling into home plate, the 4,197 hits. I mean, what more could you ask of a

player. Yes, he was guilty, but still, what a player.

I remember when I was a wee tyke, (well I was never wee, but still a tyke) and played Little League. That was exhilaration. You get all dressed up in your uniform, your little hat and spikes and a cheap new glove. That glove might have been cheap, but it was the best glove that you had ever seen.

Don't you remember your first base hit or your first great catch that probably saved the game. And after the game, your dad took you out for some ice cream.

I hit only one home run in my short-lived Little League career and it wasn't really a sight to see, but to me it was the best home run I had ever seen. The ball went screaming over the second baseman's head and into the outfield. When I rounded first, I looked towards the outfield and noticed that the outfielder had the ball in his hands. But I said, "Go For It" and rumbled into second. I say rumbled because

that's exactly what it was, rumbling. I was what you would say, "not very fleet of foot." When I got to second, and realized that the second baseman had dropped the ball, I began to run for third. It was on my journey to third that I realized that I was on a mission from God. He was on my side and I knew that there was no way I would be called out.

When I got to third, it happened again. The boy dropped the ball. The ball didn't roll as far away as it had at second, but as I said before, I was unstoppable. I thundered on home and this time it was a bit harder to be safe. First of all, the third baseman's throw to the plate was right on the money. Secondly, the catcher was a girl. Now, I thinking that the only way to score was to knock her over. But she was a girl and I was too much of a gentlemen to knock her over. But then I realized that she was out there to play ball, not to go to a prom. So I barreled her over as hard as I could. She wasn't hurt. She dropped the ball, but she wasn't hurt. I scored and my mission was completed. We got clobbered 16-4, with my homerun accounting for the only four runs. But its the principle of the matter that counts.

What I'm really trying to say is that there is no other sport in the world like baseball. It's the American national pastime and is quickly becoming the national pastime of countries all over the world. Til next time, see ya.

## Golf team completes season

by Brenda Owen  
Clarion Reporter

The Brevard College golf team played in the WCU- Sapphire Fairfield Golf Tournament Nov. 4 and 5 in Sapphire. The team had a combined score of 638 points. Chris Smith was leading individually, shooting a 78-75. Grayson Mullen shot 81-78. Jim Cadieu shot 75-82. Bryan Edwards shot 81-87 and Scott Grubbs shot 85-95. This was the last tournament for the golf team this fall, but they are looking forward to a good season this spring. According to sophomore Bryan Edwards and freshman Grayson Mullen, the team has improved a lot and the only thing they are shooting for now is the Nationals.

## Golfers place third

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Brevard College golfers placed third out of 10 colleges in the Gardner-Webb Fall Invitational Oct. 26 and 27, but they were only one shot away from winning second, which was taken by Catawba. The University of Charleston, W.Va., won the tournament by six points.

The team had a combined score of 614 points. Sophomore Chris Smith was leading the team individually, shooting a 72-76, and he also came in 3rd place individually. Bryan Edwards shot consistent rounds of 75-76, as did Jim Cadieu, shooting a 79-77. Edwards put together four straight birdies on the back nine the second day. Freshmen Grayson Mullen shot 81-78 and fellow teammate Todd Wysong shot 101-90.

## Intramural deadlines

Intramural Co-ed Volleyball  
Entry Deadline: Friday, Nov. 17.

Teams will consist of a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 12. At least 3 females must be on each team. Entry rosters are available in MG 105. Play will begin the week of Nov. 20.

Turkey Trot

Monday, Nov. 20.

The Turket trot is a prediction race on a 2 mile course. Participants predict the time it will take them to finish. The person closest to his or her predicted time is the winner.



The annual Flight of the Vampire Roadrace on Oct. 29 was led this year by — what else? A vampire (BC runner Bill Mantooth) Honestly. (Clarion photo by Jock Lauterer)

## Snow skiing to be offered Spring Semester

Brevard College will be offering snow skiing during the Spring Semester. Have fun as you learn to ski or improve your present skills. Instruction is available for all levels of ability. Orientation, videos, small classes with students of similar ability, and consistent guidance assure success. Snow Skiing gives you the opportunity to earn college credit, develop a lifetime sport and have a great time during the cold winter months.

The best way to progress in the sport of skiing is with a series of lessons with professional instructors. Lessons are not just for beginners. Intermediate and advanced skiers will learn to ski parallel and control their speed on steeper terrain. Beginning skiers develop sound fundamental skills, making skiing safer and more fun. Three or more lessons close together is the ultimate way to learn.

Your skiing ability and desires will be closely matched with others to give you the best blend of skiing time and coaching.

95% of all beginners are skiing more difficult terrain by the end of their 3rd lesson.

Ski classes have no more than 8 people and are grouped by ability, interest and style of skiing. This enables you to maximize your learning experience while enjoying the fun and camaraderie of the group.

The Snow Skiing Course includes: Five (5) sessions of skiing; all equipment, boots, skis and poles (if needed); ski tickets, lessons and four (4) nights lodging.

The class begins January 7th through January 11th. Instruction is conducted by the French-Swiss Ski College and the skiing will be at Appalachian Ski Mountain, Sugar Mountain and Ski Beech.

Contact: Jan Gillelan, MG 105, 883-8292 for more information.

Join the thousands of southern skiers who now look forward to winter. Get a friend to go with you and sign up for skiing this winter.



Katie Trexler led the Lady Tornados in scoring last year