

Baseball coming back to Brevard in '91

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The Great American pastime is on its way back to Brevard. In the fall of 1991, Brevard College will have its first baseball team since 1969.

In mid-October, the BC Board of Trustees decided that it was definitely time to reinstate baseball at Brevard College.

According to President Billy Greer, "It's a good thing to bring back to Brevard College. Every school in our conference has a baseball team and we feel the need to get in there." Greer added, "Baseball will add a much-needed and extra excitement during the springtime."

The project is in the early stages of development, but many things have been pretty much decided. The baseball field will be built where the cornfield is now located.

In addition to the baseball field, the 30 acres of the cornfield will also be turned into a softball field. The ball park will be built in-house, with a local contractor doing most of the building. The initial cost of the project will be approximately \$100,000.

The coach for the team has not yet been decided on, but will most likely be hired in the spring of 1990 in order for him/her to become acquainted with the BC program. The coach will also be hired at that date so that he/she will be able to do the recruiting with more time and ease and to familiarize him/her self with the area coaches and systems.

The addition of a baseball team will bring 35 to 45 new students to BC. Of these, 25 students will be heavily recruited and the other 10 to 15 will be walk-ons.

How exciting is the prospect of baseball at Brevard? Public Information Director Jock Lauterer, "This is wonderful. What more American sport is there than baseball? It's only appropriate that Brevard College have baseball back in its sports program." Lauterer added that, "It's one of Brevard College's most traditional sports."



Doug Rogers' men will get sophomore leadership from, left to right, Nate Fearington, Cleon Dickerson, Jamie Cousin, Harvey Cozart and Marcus Allen.

How do the students feel about the idea of baseball coming back to BC? Sophomore David Hunt said that "even though I won't be here when it happens, I believe that it's a great idea and that Brevard needs another sport." Sophomore Charlie Dino added, "It's the national pastime. It's about time that it was put into action."

Brevard College has its own baseball hero. Back in the 1940s, a player by the

name of Gil Coan played baseball for the Brevard College team. A few years after he graduated from Brevard, Gil Coan was a professional baseball player for the Washington Senators. Coan did quite well in the major leagues. Having a .303 batting average and was a real hustler. In a previous Clarion interview, Coan was quoted as saying this about baseball at BC: "I wish they could have baseball, but with schools being out around May 1, it's hard."

Men lose to Bobcats in championship

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The Brevard College Men's Soccer Team ended their regular season on a great note. The team geared up for the Region X Tournament by traveling to play Hiawasee College Oct. 28. The team killed Hiawasee by the score of 8-1. The win was lead by Kurt Lehnert's three goals and the goalkeeping of Dave Simmers and Andrew Zeldin.

The team's first game in the Region X tournament was played on Friday against Anderson College. Brevard split their two games with Anderson earlier this year. This game went well for Brevard. The team advanced into the Region X championship by defeating Anderson 2-1. Goals were scored by Adrian Benzinger and Michael Murray. The goals were assisted by John Hackworth and Kurt Lehnert respectively.

In the Region X championship game, Lee's-McRae opened the game with an early score, which was answered quickly with a Kurt Lehnert goal. Again, L-M scored and that was answered by a BC goal again by Lehnert. The halftime score was 2-2.

Then, in the second half, Mike McAvoy got the go-ahead goal for the Tornados. Now it was the Bobcat's turn to respond, and L-M tied the game at 3-all. BC bowed out when Lees-McRae scored two goals in the last four minutes to win it 5-3.



Defensive action from the championship round of the men's Region X finals against Lees-McRae.

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