

## Derrick Briggs organizes campus Escort Service

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When walking alone at night, whether it is admitted or not, there is a fear which touches people -- that maybe fate has chosen them to play the starring role as victim in a brutal tragedy.

"You never know when someone may be hiding," says BC sophomore Jessica Miller, "just waiting behind a bush. And there is always someone who thinks it won't happen to them."

What can be done? Derrick Briggs, a BC sophomore, has come up with a solution: an escort service.

Derrick explains how it all got started. A number of music students have to practice late hours and walk out to the Complex or Duplex alone. Many, including Jessica, asked Derrick to walk them home, which he did. Derrick realized that he would not always be there, so he wanted to try to set up the escort service so that someone could be there at all times.

What exactly is the escort service? Its purpose is to "keep people walking around campus safe," says Derrick. He also adds that the escort service is a preventive service. There is not as much danger here as at a bigger campus, but "It's better safe than sorry," says Derrick. The escort service itself is still in the process of getting organized.

Ideally, when it is set up, the service's office will be perhaps in Jones

lobby. The service will have its own phone number. Whenever an escort is needed, one could be reached at the number. The escort will come to the student and walk them to their destination. Also, if it is required, he or she will be back at a specified time to walk the student back to their dorm or Complex/Duplex.

However, they will not be walking anyone to Ingle's this is strictly an on-campus service. The escorts will be wearing a vest with some reflectors and a logo which would read "Brevard College Escort Service."

Volunteers are still needed. Derrick says, "A lot of people keep telling me it's a good idea, but more is needed than that. We need people to volunteer and work."

People who work as escorts will receive training from Steve Woodson, the director of security, who will actually supervise the Escort Service.

Jessica Miller says, "It's a great idea, and could help a lot of people, but the students have to be willing to work at it."

According to Derrick, this is the key factor. If this service is going to work, the students have got to support it and be willing to volunteer for work. This campus can be a safer place, but only if students make it that way, he says.

If you are interested in helping, give your name and box number to Derrick Briggs at 310 Green.



Derrick Briggs, who played the role of defendant Mark Garrison in the Mock Rape Trial, accompanies Tara Harding across campus. Briggs is the founder of BC's new Escort Service.

(Clarion photo by Rachel Moore)

## Mock Rape Trial: A mockery for some?

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Brevard College's second annual Mock Rape Trial was meant to portray to students the very real horrors of date rape. But instead, according to some instructors and students, it made a "mockery" of the issue.

Kathy Meehan, instructor of psychology at BC, asked her students to write essays in reaction to the trial. "The papers I got from students," she says, "said, because of what they saw at the trial, they would not report a rape."

Meehan says this year's trial did not accurately portray the facts and realities of an actual rape trial. "If we're going to do this," she says, "We need to increase awareness that sex and rape are two totally different things." She pointed out that the jury didn't understand the medical examiner's report.

"It's not the verdict I'm worried about, it's the message we've put out,"

Meehan says. She, along with College Nurse Barbara White, will help coordinate next year's Mock Rape Trial.

White agrees. "I don't really think some students in the jury really understand what rape is," she says. According to White, next year's trial will be a bit different. "We may even rewrite parts of the trial. It is meant to make people think." She says that this year's jury didn't understand much of the testimony.

White also says many students who are upset about the outcome of the trial do not understand that the defendant, Mark Garrison (portrayed by BC sophomore Derrick Briggs), did not go free. "In a real court he would have been re-tried by another jury," she says. "It's important they know he did not really get off free. A lot of people think that's what happened."

Meehan concludes, "What we have to get across to the students is, this is real. This is not a Life and Culture event."



BC's Project Inside -Out spent a recent Saturday uncovering artifacts at the Deavor House, a local historical site. Here, archaeologist Ruth Wetmore, center, Solange Wilson, left, and Angela Caponiti, right, examine an Indian Stone that they've just found.

(Clarion photo Lin Redmond)

## Video Yearbook underway

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Dan Curnow has got Brevard College's first-ever video yearbook underway along with many new ideas.

Curnow, a sophomore from Chatsworth, Calif., and his crew consisting of camera department, marketing and production staff, have already began filming calendar events for the video yearbook.

He says that all social events that are on the BC calendar will be covered. Also, camera interviews at certain events, such as a soccer game, as well as candid interviews, will be in the video. Prominent news events will also be in the video and a campus life section.

Curnow explains this effort is in now way meant to compete with the traditional printed yearbook. "This goes way beyond the printed yearbook," he says.

When Curnow leaves for BC's

Semester in Austria program this spring, sophomore Danny Fogle will be taking over for him. Curnow says he plans to take a camcorder with him to Austria to give the video a little "international flavor."

The video yearbook will be professionally published by Yearlook Enterprises. The cost will be \$39.95 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Curnow says the video will be similar to a music video including special effects. The video yearbook will be 30-45 minutes long. Yearlook Enterprises will have a promotional video available in January for people who would like to get a preview.

This is the second year Curnow has been involved with such a project. Last spring, when the idea emerged, Curnow produced a video in just one month, chronicling April events.

The video yearbook is sponsored by The Clarion, with Director of Public Information Jock Lauterer serving as faculty advisor.