

SPORTS

Athlete credits Brevard family with success

By LENORA MOODY

People describe Kelly Sisley as the type of person that will laugh off any situation. Sisley is a Senior soccer player for the lady Tornados. In a recent interview with this 21 year-old athlete, a personal side to this player's life was revealed.

Sisley was born in San Diego, California. However, she did not remain there long due to her family situation; her father is a navy man. According to Sisley, the family moved to many places, yet, the place she always considered home was Virginia Beach.

In Virginia, she lived with her Mother, Father, older Sister and younger Brother. While growing up, Sisley developed a great love of soccer and volleyball. Her former high school was around 2,000 in attendance. Close to 600 students completed her graduating class.

After coming from a relatively

large school, why would Sisley choose Brevard College? "I liked the area, the soccer team and I wanted a smaller College," said Sisley.

She remarked her decision to attend Brevard was unusual, because most of her family went to Florida State University. However, Sisley's choice to attend Brevard has been a rewarding experience. The soccer team has played in the All Americans and back to back National Championships. Personally, Sisley ended with a 4.0 GPA last semester and a Merit Scholarship.

Sisley has formed many relationships within the school. She said the relationship with the soccer team is excellent. "They are more like a family than a team," said Sisley.

When they loose a game they do not get mad and tell each other off. They work together and fight to reach the next goal. Sisley said Coach Bart has influenced herself and the team by showing them it maybe a "tuff



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English, are the two teacher relationships she values the most. "They want to know about me and what is happening in my life," said Sisley.

Since starting Brevard College, Sisley has found many things to enjoy in the small town. One of her favorite things to do is the rope swing in Pisgah Forest. She said a group of friends go to Looking Glass Falls and make a sauna out of an old tent. Then after they have been in the sauna a while they swing out into the falls. She said this activity is "like a spiritual thing."

A few years ago, Sisley's College career was starting and now it is ending. What does Sisley plan to do with all these new experiences, achievements, and a Bachelors Degree in English with Interdisciplinary Studies in Theater?

"I want to go to Los Angeles to act or sing," said Sisley. With an accomplished past behind her, may a bright future lay before her.

road," but they still should be polite to everyone, they should not be immature and they should never cut corners.

Sisley said some of the best relationships are with her teachers. Dr. Coleman-West, professor of English, and Ms. Tina McBride, instructor of

Women's basketball preview

By TREVAUGHN MAYZ

I walked into Boshemer Gym and heard the ocean waves. No, this is not a class about oceanography, but the 1999 Lady Tornados getting psyched before their practice.

Head Coach Connor paced around telling his team that, "everyone must be on the same page." He then asked, "How much do all of you want to be apart of this team?"

All the ladies in their own way put on their "game faces," as if ready to play an opposing team right now. When speaking with Assistant Coach Kim White, she said, "This team has been working hard and are ready to win. We are capable to play against every team we face."

The lady Tornado practices have been long and tough. They have been pushed and drilled to do well, especially on their defensive skills.

"Defense is stressed more and more," said White.

The team has really been determined and self-motivated. According to them team, ideals such as desire, working hard and determination all but some up the lady Tornados' goals.

"A lot of talent this year and the desire to win." Everyone agreed that team is going to to very good this year," said Junior Guard Brandy Nelson. Hearing the screeching and the scurrying of sneakers up and down the court gave me the sense that this team is for real.



Paddlers need full support

Column By JAMIE WELCH

In October of 1998, *Paddlers Magazine* ranked Brevard College second among East Coast colleges for having the best places to paddle. With such a prestigious honor you would think that Brevard would use this as more of an asset, however the issue still remains underwater.

A very athletic-oriented school, we take pride in our hard-working student-athletes. However, aside from the playing grounds within the campus, we do not offer one sport that brings student-athletes in contact with our surrounding environment.

Brevard College is far from the typical urban college of the 20th century. Due to our location, the college is able to offer its students a wide variety of studies from archeology to wilderness leadership, which many schools, particularly those in urban areas cannot. It is this little extra at Brevard that captures the attention of so many people. With so much to offer, why stop our teaching at the classroom.

Although paddling is not recognized by NAIA or NCAA as a sport, it can be made into a "club" sport. As a club, the paddling team could receive sponsorship from SGA, the student government association, and student body.

The paddling crew has already received its first victory. On Oct. 2, twenty Brevard students entered the Southeastern Intercollegiate Canoe Race on the Catawba River. Four of those students placed first in their category, thus helping Brevard College to a second place win. A Paddling team officially supported by the College would provide the students with a great sense of awareness to the world in which they live and a great sense of self. By offering paddling as a club sport, the students who participate get a taste of working as a team to accomplish a mutual goal, something that we will all experience in our future careers.

You have now created a group a people who have developed a true respect for the earth, people who are going to care about the earth's future condition. Further more the club would bring Brevard College much exposure, thus attracting future students and faculty to the College.

With the numerous rivers and creeks that the region offers, the national recognition and exposure, along with this weekend's victory, Brevard College and its student body should be proud to sponsor a paddling team.

The paddlers would like to thank SGA for supplying lunch and Elisa Morehouse for supplying the paddling crew with stickers for their canoes...