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To STAY or NOT TO STAY

-ERIC JOHNSON, Staff Writer-

With second semester in full swing here at Brevard College, many students begin to think about future plans. Many people will be leaving campus at the end of the year and not returning. A lot of these people are seniors, who are going of to graduate schools to further education, or into the real world in search of jobs and a family. However, not all who are leaving are seniors; some are from the freshman class.

In a survey of seven freshman females, three said they were leaving, three are staying, and one said it was just too complicated to really think about. These students all have their reasons for wanting to stay or to leave.

One student who will be staying said that she likes it here. The food may not be the best in the world, but it is edible. She also felt that the small school setting was beneficial, because a big school is not for her. In contrast, another student said she wouldn't be returning because of financial reasons. "The school just costs too much." She did feel that if there was more financial aid to go around then she would be able to stay, but the cost of private college is just too expensive.

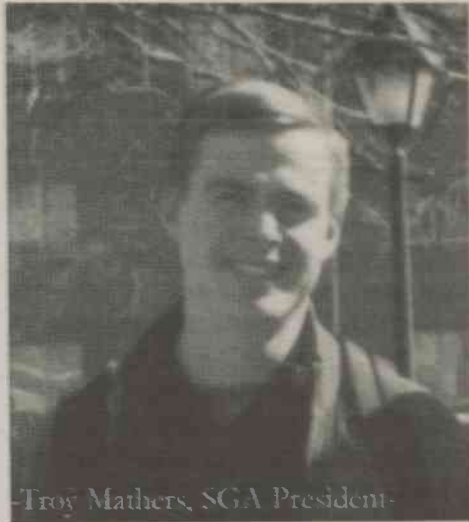
Two students were in agreement as to why they want to transfer. They are both going to be changing majors at the end of the semester. This may not seem like a valid reason for wanting to transfer because the school has a wide variety of majors to choose from, but for these two ladies the variety isn't large enough. Neither of their intended majors are offered here.

Many students struggle to declare a major.

Some arrive knowing and others don't until their second year. The school has many majors, but as they don't have the ones those two students are seeking. President Van Horn has said on numerous occasions and at many Open Campus Days for potential students that he is working together with the departments to try and create new majors so that there will be something for every student here. Just this semester, a theater major was added. The school is also hopeful that in the next couple of years, Brevard College will be able to add a teacher education program that will allow students to earn teacher certification credentials. This would be a big plus for the college.

In addition to the two students who were leaving because of majors not available, two students were in agreement that they were staying because of their major. These two students are both Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education or WLEE majors. One student said she loves the area and the school. Being a WLEE major, the mountains are like a second home to her considering that is where she spends much of her time. "A WLEE major is a rare major, is hard to find, and Brevard has one of the best ones in my opinion," she said. The other student said that the WLEE program was exactly what she was looking for, and she knew that it would be a great asset in her finding a career when she is through with school.

Be it money, major, or just not being happy, these six females all had valid points for their reasons for leaving or for staying. With the thought of new majors, and new changes coming in the future, one hopes they will reconsider their decisions.



-Troy Mathers, SGA President-

Get Involved!

- Beta Beta Beta Biological Society: Jonathon Marchal
- Brevard College Photo Club: Staci Spring
- Brevard College Recycling: Sam Kroiz
- Campus Crusade for Christ: Shelley Moore
- Circle K: Rachel Watkins
- Debate Society: Toni McCourt
- Dimensions: Ryan Morris
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Jana Reynolds
- International Student Association: Shen Liu
- Outing Club: Les Hooker
- Pastimes: Toni McCourt
- Relay for Life: Lindsay Shields
- SAFE Team: Julie Robbins
- SGA: Troy Mathers
- Student Ambassadors: Kristy Mayfield
- Student Judicial Board: La'Zendra Bossaard
- The Alliance: Marty Edes
- The Beans-The Coffee House: Vrindy Delisle
- Twister Productions: Jessie Babb
- Wesley Society of Friends: Carrie Knight

Relay for Life

-LINDSAY SHIELDS, Staff Editor-

Run by the BC chapter of Circle K International, Relay for Life is back at Brevard for another year of raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. This year's Relay is April 11-12, 6 p.m.-10 a.m., with a team goal of 25 and a monetary goal of \$7500.

Relay is a celebration of life. It began as a 24-hour event based on the idea that cancer never sleeps. Since then, it has grown to include over 3,800 communities around the world. Groups of friends, neighbors, and co-workers come up with a team name and theme. They raise money before and during the event. The night of Relay, teams pitch tents trackside and sign up to walk (or run or jog or skip or cartwheel) around the track.

This year, Relay will be held at the entrance to the school. Entertainment will run all night long through Twister Productions. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Those not on a team pay a \$5 entry fee, which includes a t-shirt, entertainment, and a free chance to win a prize. Kick-Off is at 6 p.m. with the Cancer Survivor Lap. At 9 p.m., there will be a Luminary Ceremony to honor those who have won their battle with cancer and to memorialize those who have passed on. At midnight, there will be a free pizza party and haircutting ceremony for those who wish to donate their hair to make wigs for cancer patients. A free breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.

Interested in forming a team? Contact Stephanie Bates at batesr@brevard.edu or 966-5335. Have a talent you would like to showcase? Questions about the event? Contact Lindsay Shields, chair, at shieldm@brevard.edu or 966-5388.

Frisbee Golf

-CHRIS BEAUVAIS, Staff Writer-

It's a bird, it's a plane... it's a horribly over-used cliché. That's right boys and girls; disc golf has come to Brevard. Through the tireless effort of several motivated students, SGA, Twister Productions, and the intramural sports coordinator, Brenda Skeffington, Brevard College now has a competition-level disc golf course.

For those of you not familiar with the sport, disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc. The sport was formalized in the 1970's, and shares with "ball golf" the object of completing each hole in the fewest number of strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest number of throws). A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target which is the "hole". The hole can be one of a number of disc golf targets; the most common is an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt"

lands in the basket and the hole is completed. Disc golf shares the same joys and frustrations of traditional golf, whether it's sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway. There are few differences, though. Disc golf rarely requires a greens fee, you probably won't need to rent a cart, and you never get stuck with a bad "tee time." It is designed to be enjoyed by people of all ages, male and female, regardless of economic status (PDGA- the Professional Disc Golf Association).

We now have nine holes set up around the back side of campus. The first tee box is located between the Villages, with the first basket being far down the field, just to the left of the basketball court. Each tee area is well marked with a sign showing pin location and out of bounds areas. The par and distance for the hole are also marked on each sign. The course offers a variety of challenges including distance shots through the villages, tree hazards behind the gym, and of course, King's Creek. You may also be wary of stray shots landing on rooftops and in the baseball field.

Getting into the sport is extremely easy and inexpensive. Golf discs start at about \$8.00, and only two discs are really needed to play; a driver and a putter. A driver is designed to fly further and faster and usually naturally curves

to the right or left to compensate for the natural arc of your throw. Putters, on the other hand, are usually bulkier and heavier to fly straight and plow into the chains. There are all different kinds of shapes, weights, and plastics out there, so the best idea is to borrow discs from fellow players to find out which type is best for you. The first tee is also host to a rules sign to explain the fundamental points of disc golf to beginners, making our course extremely "newbie" friendly. I must warn you though, this sport is EXTREMELY ADDICTIVE.

Disc golf is a great way to get out and enjoy the sunshine, snow, wind, or rain- whatever tickles your fancy. Now that Brevard College has an official course, the drive to Fletcher, Greenville, or Asheville is no longer necessary thereby eliminating all excuses not to give the sport a shot. So grab your discs, lace up your shoes, and enjoy a beautiful day outside. See you on the green!

For more information on the sport of disc golf, visit www.pdga.org, the Professional Disc Golf Association homepage.



-Barry Fulton, photo by DUSTIN FREE-