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Brevard College to lose numerous faculty in Fall 2005

Retirement, sabbatical leave take heavy toll

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Brevard College will suffer great losses next year as many valued faculty will not be here in the fall.

Their reasons for leaving are varied: some will take a year of sabbatical, some have terminated their interim contracts, some are retiring, and some have been offered opportunities elsewhere.

In the division of Environmental Science, Mathematics, and Natural Science, the division chair, Dr. Larry Ragsdale, will be retiring at the end of this semester. Also leaving the ESMNS division, though only for one year, will be Dr. Jennifer Frick, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Ecology and director of the Ecology major.

Dr. Frick will use her sabbatical year in

conjunction with a grant from the Appalachian College Association to write a book based on her column in the *Transylvania Times*, "Appalachian Almanac."

The divisions of Social Science and Humanities will suffer the losses of Dr. Robert Bauslaugh and Ms. Betsy Burrows for a sabbatical year as well.

Dr. Bauslaugh says that he will use this time to finish two books he has been working on for some time: one for scholars on the Hellenistic period of Greek history, and one for non-scholars entitled *Dar al Harb* (Arabic for *The Abode of War*).

"I'm looking forward to the year," Bauslaugh said, "but I always miss teaching when I'm not in the classroom, so I look forward to returning in fall 2006."

Ms. Burrows intends to use her time to finish coursework on her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and begin

research and writing on her dissertation.

Perhaps suffering the most losses will be the Division of Fine Arts. With Dr. Paul Elwood on sabbatical, Dr. Julia Broxholm and Mr. Kyle Biery accepting positions elsewhere, Mr. Andrew Le returning to his home in Michigan, Dr. Tim Murray officially retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Todd and Kate Jenkins finishing interim and adjunct positions respectively, and Ms. Molly Doctrow relocating to Florida after a leave of absence this year, the Fine Arts Department is actively involved in several searches for new faculty.

Senior Jana Nepelchovitsj remarked that it will be especially difficult to lose this many faculty in the music department because as a musician, the professors guide the major so personally, and it is difficult to adjust to an entirely new teaching and musical style.

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Drunk driving accident kills one man, injures another

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On Sunday, April 24, at 11:16 p.m., a drunk driving accident left one dead and one seriously injured.

The accident occurred on Highway 64 between Cummings Cove Road and Banner Farm Road when Caleb Fisher, 20, of Lake Toxay crossed the yellow line, crashing head-on into 18-year-old Chaise Jeffery "C.J." Ladas.

Fisher had been driving his silver 2000 GMC Jimmy highly intoxicated. When hit, Ladas' blue 1980 Ford pickup truck was pushed into the ditch, where the gas tank exploded, causing both vehicles to catch on fire. Someone nearby was able to save Fisher but was unable to remove Ladas from his pickup.

Fisher was listed in fair condition Wednesday at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, suffering from hip displacement and other injuries. He was charged

with driving while impaired, with possible other charges that may stem from this accident. Ladas was pronounced dead at the scene.

Services were held in Ladas' honor April 28 from 6-8 p.m. and April 29 at 4:30 at Beulah Baptist Church in Etowah. Ladas was a month away from receiving his high

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River clean-up

Catherine Johns and another Brevard College student pulled trash from the French Broad River during the college's celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 22.

Photo by Joel Graham

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