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Katrina Affects Brevard

President Van Horn calls for community to help families, conserve gas.

More than 12 displaced families are already in the Brevard area.

Gas lines form in town days after storm hits Gulf Coast.

Red Cross asks for volunteers, money, peer counselors.

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Professor leads two geology trips

by Zack Harding
Staff Writer

On August 17, geology professor Jim Reynolds, Ph.D. returned from his second international trip this summer involving students from Brevard College.

The first trip, which was to Greece, was a co-listed class of Geology 270 and Art History 290, effectively titled Geology and Archeology of the Mediterranean Basin. The second trip was to South America, and was sponsored through the Appalachian College Association Berger Grant.

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Earthquake shakes local houses

by Stephen Schonewolf
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"I was outside on the deck. While I was outside there, the insects became quiet and I thought, 'That's strange.' It took about 10 seconds and boom! The earthquake hit. It shook just about everything. I knew it was an earthquake."

This is the story of Dr. Jeffrey B. Llewellyn, a member of the science faculty here at Brevard College. He's referring to a small earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, August 24th at 8:56 AM. This smaller quake, called an aftershock, received minor attention in the media.

Earthquakes are caused by shifts in the earth's crust. From time to time, the plates slowly shift, and pressure builds up at points that don't shift with the rest of

the plate. When the pressure reaches the point where the plate snaps free, we experience an earthquake. Earthquakes are usually very short in duration, although it can take a lot of time to heal the damage they cause.

Many people in the Brevard community were concerned about the Brevard Fault Line, a geological feature where two different types of rock formations meet. Earthquakes often occur on lines like this. However, Earthquakes in Western North Carolina are very rare. Most of us aren't even aware of the tremors that occur from the shifting of rocks in these mountains.

"It took about a full minute to get back to the full chorus of insects you heard before the earthquake," Llewellyn said.

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Red Cross volunteers take donations

Volunteers with the Transylvania County Chapter of the American Red Cross took donations for the Hurricane Katrina survivors in the College Walk parking lot across from campus Monday morning. See pages 6-7 for more details on the storm's effects on the Brevard area.

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