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Brevard welcomes new faculty

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There are several new faculty members at Brevard College this year. Their colorful and diverse histories will hopefully bring fresh ideas to our school. There is a new face in almost every department.

Drew Brennan, who works in the WLEE department, grew up in Rochester, Minnesota surrounded by the adventurous outdoors. Brennan placed emphasis on the importance of community in Brevard and was impressed when the WLEE students and faculty made it a point to meet him and his family face-to-face.

"I find great value," says Brennan, "in the way that the WLEE program has endeavored in recent years to integrate a philosophy of experiential education and wilderness leadership studies." It was what set the WLEE department apart from many similar programs in the country.

Drew Brennan moved cross-country with his wife Thalia and son Luke. They're excited to experience a different culture and to explore the surrounding natural land-

scape.

Prior to Brevard College, Brennan taught for Oregon State University's Cascade Campus and their Outdoor Recreation Leadership Tourism degree program. He has also taught at Central Oregon Community College, Prescott College in Arizona, and St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. He graduated from St. John's University in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Brennan also completed graduate studies at Mankato State University and St. Mary's University. Currently, he is completing work with Oregon State University.

Dr. Robert Cabin, who works in the Ecological and Environmental studies department, was born in Columbus, Ohio but grew up in Massachusetts and California. His favorite things about Brevard, so far, are the students and the setting. He's married to Anne Meijers, has one son Paul, 2, and is expecting his second child in the spring.

Cabin taught as a visiting assistant professor at Kenyon College in Ohio, did a postdoctoral fellowship at the National

A new year brings new construction

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The project to join the Beam Administration Building and the Moore Science is finally underway.

The new annex will provide the science department with some new lab space. Four new labs will be added to include a large chemistry lab, a new biology lab, and two other labs for general use. President Drew Van Horn stated that these

projects around campus are "all

positive signs of growth."

McCarroll construction got the building permit from the city at the beginning of August. Since the project began workers have run into a few problems. They first had to relocate some utility lines that were underground, and then discovered the soil at the site wasn't fit to build on. They had

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Construction seen from the academic quad.

photo by Hall Penn

Paranormal Society now a BC club

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The next time you hear an odd noise in your dorm, you may need to call the Paranormal Society.

The idea for a club that investigates paranormal phenomena was hatched in April of last year, when students Jess DesRochers and Jonathan Paige started hearing tales about the haunting of Ross Hall. Soon they were "wading knee deep through deeds, photos, and information about the Zachary family, the original owners of the land", according to the Brevard College Paranormal Society executive board (BCRPS). This developed into "quite a hobby", and by the end of the year, Paige and DesRochers were working with a team of six people interested in paranormal research.

But just what is paranormal, anyway? The BCRPS executive board quotes Joshua P. Warren, founder of the L.E.M.U.R. paranormal research team here in NC. He says, "the prefix *para* means beyond, so "the term refers to studying any events beyond the realm of normal occurrences." As to what is normal, he defines it as "any phenomenon that can be satisfactorily explained by known and widely accepted physical laws and standards."

According to the executive board, "North Carolina is supposedly one of the most paranormally active states in the country." Therefore, the society has several places they can choose to visit to collect research, such as the Devil's Circle or Brown Mountain Lights. However, they

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