

It's time for a new mascot

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Let's talk mascots. I mean, honestly, can we even say it anymore without that silly little grin crossing our faces, or at least a slight curl of the lip for that matter? Try it with me now: *Tornadoes*.

It's been the joke ever since I can remember. We've all seen it. A group of students are gathered alongside King's Creek during an athletic event and decide to give it the old tornado whirl: arms straight out, perpendicular to the body, spinning in vicious circles while their buddies are doubled over with laughter, sarcastically yelling, "Go Tornadoes!"

Now I'm not saying it's always been this way. I'm sure there was a time when the students on this campus looked upon their mascot with respect. Of course, this was probably around the same time that New York still had the Knickerbockers, Atlanta still had the Crackers, and Chicago still had the Staleys. Yes, before the Bears there was the Staleys.

Bottom line is, times change. And with a change in time comes a change in popular culture. Don't get me wrong, as intimidating as a natural disaster may be, New Orleans will never go from the Hornets to the Katrinas. It just doesn't have the same effect.

Fact: Between the years 1950 and 1995 Transylvania County had a total of three

tornadoes. Three. Maybe it's just me, but something doesn't seem right here.

Solution: Let's go for something of a somewhat scary abundance in Transylvania County: White Squirrels! Now you may laugh, but hear me out.

If we really do take pride in ourselves as being "different," (not just a number, unique majors, liberal arts, you've heard it all before) then why not follow in the footsteps of some of our brave collegiate counterparts like the Minnesota Golden Gophers or the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers? These schools not only take pride in their uniqueness but they exert their town's rich history in those titles as well.

The Fighting White Squirrels. Hell, if I ever stumbled upon an unusually strapping, fierce eyed, no nonsense white squirrel sporting red boxing gloves and a bad attitude, I might be a little intimidated. But that's just me.

Where else in the world can one find a white, not albino, but white, squirrel than right here in Brevard, North Carolina? It's because of this individuality that we should make every effort to support these furry little creatures we've all come to call friends.

Intimidation? Yes. Individuality? Yes. Differentiation? Yes!

Come support Brevard College Athletics. Come support your men's and women's Fighting White Squirrels.

Sports Calendar

September 24:

Men's Soccer vs Union College 3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs Union College 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs Union College 11:00 a.m.

September 27:

Volleyball at King College 6:30 pm

Women's Soccer at Southern Wesleyan 7:00 p.m.

September 29:

Men's Soccer vs Newberry College 4:00 p.m.

Volleyball at Tennessee Wesleyan 6:30 p.m.

October 1:

Men's Soccer vs Covenant College 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs Covenant College 3:30 p.m.

Cross Country King Invitational Bristol, TN

October 4:

Men's Soccer at Tennessee Wesleyan 3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer at Tennessee Wesleyan 1:00 p.m.

October 6:

Volleyball at Montreat College 6:30 pm

October 8:

Men's soccer at King College 3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer at King College 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball at Virginia Intermont 1:00 p.m.

Cross Country Furman Invitational Greenville, SC

CC team overcomes heat, humidity

by Thomas Cason
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The Brevard College cross country teams competed this past Saturday at the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, SC. The runners had to overcome extremely hot and humid race conditions, with the mercury rising close to 90 degrees at race time. The meet contested 24 college teams, with the results being separated into a Gold Race (Division I) and a Garnet Race (Non-Division I). The BC men's team continued to impress, recording a 2nd place team finish. The men's team was led up front by the duo of Sophomore Jesse McEntire and Senior Kirk Bjorling. This is the second week in a row the men's team has recorded a runner-up team finish.

The BC women's team also had a strong team showing with a 5th place team finish, and were led up front by Senior Emily Hulse, Freshman Alycia Andrade and Junior Sara Harris. The BC harriers have a weekend off, and will resume competition in two weeks on October 1 at the King College Invitational.