

## Opinion

## New mascot, sports writers needed on BC campus

Make sure you look where you're walking on campus, you might injure your spine. Jing Zhao was walking near Dunham Music Center when she fell over 5 feet and ended up in the Missions Hospital Spine Center in Asheville. While she is not paralyzed, this incident highlights the lack of certain safety precautions on campus. Since the incident a lamp has been installed so that the gap is easier to see. Surely these sorts of precautions should be in place before anyone is injured.

It's been around for quite a few years, but the college's mascot, a tornado, is finally being scrutinized. A group of students in Dr. Jordan's Political Economy and Social Thought class formed a committee to judge students' views on the current mascot and reconsider the possibility of having it changed. This spawned from Adam Beeson's column in the September 23 issue of *The Clarion*. Hopefully the inadequate use of a tornado for our mascot will be changed sometime soon. We need a unique and fitting mascot here at Brevard College; one that will represent our college. It's the opinion of the editorial board that the most fitting choice would be the "Brevard College Fighting White Squirrels."

In the last issue of *The Clarion* we touched on the problem of apathy on campus, and while that is still an issue, there is a more specific problem facing *The Clarion*.

No one seems to want to write sports articles, or even photograph sports events on campus. Our volleyball team is in second place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, ranked third in the region and BC is hosting the conference tournament soon, meanwhile the golf team is doing very well.

Yet, we have no one covering these events. Surely there are some sports fans out there that would like to write an article or two about campus teams.

As far as the nation at large, it's been a bad week for America. Vice President Cheney's top aide, Lewis "Scooter" Libby was indicted on charges of perjury, lying to federal investigators, and obstruction of justice in the ongoing investigation into the outing of undercover CIA operative Valerie Plame. Bush's nominee for Supreme Court justice, Harriet Miers, withdrew her nomination in fear that it was causing harm to the White House, and Bush has nominated Samuel Alito, a right wing judge whose on mother has admitted he is against abortion. Perhaps when the Republicans speak of "activist judges" they're a little confused.

All of this highlights an executive branch and Senate majority that doesn't care for the rights of this country's citizens. Perhaps NC Democratic party chairman Jerry Meek was right when he said "Patriotism to a Republican is a love for country." It's becoming more obvious that to Republicans, and in general those in power, patriotism is love for power and those that hold it.

## On the Record ...

"I think the only thing that can rescue Bush from the consequences of his inept handling of Iraq is overkill by zealous Democrats."

—Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute.

"With respect, your honor, I plead not guilty."

—Lewis "Scooter" Libby, charged with perjury, lying to federal investigators, and obstruction of justice, speaking to U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton

"We are focused on raising the caliber of all of our student programs to meet the expectations of today's collegians."

—Brevard College President Drew Van Horn on the hiring of a new school Athletic Director

"Patriotism to a Republican is a love for country. Patriotism for a Democrat is a love for countrymen. You can't be a patriot if you lie and manipulate the facts to send fellow countrymen to war."

—North Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Meek

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