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Preston Woodruff resigns after 33 years

by Adam Beeson and Matt Rutherford

There may be one less familiar face in the Brevard College religion department next fall. After an extended salary dispute with the college, Preston Woodruff, professor of philosophy and religion, says he will not be returning to Brevard. Woodruff, who says he makes \$8,000 less than the average full professor, has been with the college for 33 years.

"It is hard to imagine Brevard College without Preston Woodruff," Mel Bringle, Chair of the Humanities Division said. "His gifts as a story-teller and a classroom teacher have left an indelible impact on three de-

acades of students. His wit and wisdom have been equally cherished by his colleagues in the Humanities Division and all across the campus. Many of us are saddened that he feels the need to take the step of resigning from his position in this way. We will miss him."

According to Woodruff, the average salary for a full professor at Brevard College is \$51,300 a year. However, Woodruff says he only receives a little over \$43,000 a year.

President Van Horn released the following statement:

"Preston Woodruff has made the personal decision to resign his faculty position at Brevard College. The College did not request, nor seek

Preston's resignation. The College appreciates Preston's long-term service to the institution, and is saddened by his decision to resign. The College wishes Preston much happiness and success in the future.

Brevard College values all of our faculty and staff. The administration has worked diligently to address salaries and benefits for its employees. While they are not where we would like for them to be, the College has been able to make some progress. The Board of Trustees, at its February meeting, stated that faculty and staff salaries would be the top priority for the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget."



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Banff Mountain Film Festival visits BC

by Tom Cowan Staff Writer

On March 18 and 19, the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BMFF) once again included the Brevard College Porter Center on its world tour. This year, the festival received its largest turn out in Brevard.

The Banff Centre is an arts, cultural, and educational institution that annually tours the world with a collection of cul-

tural and outdoor related films. This year's showing of the Banff films was the seventh in a row.

Members of the BC Outing Club and Cycling Team were aided by Campus Recreation in organizing the festival and picking 17 films from a list of 25 carried by Banff this year. Banff representative Holly Elliott said that the film selections for each festival are geared toward the community, which is why Brevard's festival featured a good deal of rock climbing and white water sports. Elliott said that the Banff Centre chose their 25 films out 319 films submitted from 39 countries this year.

On Saturday night, the festival's films included: *Balancing Point*, *The Hatch*, *Harvest Moon*, *Hockey Night In Ladakh*, *Grand Canyon Dreams*, *Return2Sender: Parallelojams* (The Fundamentals) (Best Film on Climbing winner), *Solilochairliftquist*, and

Tangerine Dream.

On Sunday, films included: *Cavewoman*, *The Kumbu Mighty-Mites*, *The Lost People of Mountain Village*, *The Magic Mountain* (People's Choice Award winner), *Middle Kaweah*, *Person as Projectile*, *Praszczur (Grandpa)* (Best Film on Mountain Sports winner), and *Return2Sender: Bug Out*.

Elliott said that for this year's world tour, Banff vans have brought their films, projectors and sound systems, to 185 locations in North America and 80 locations throughout the rest of the world.

This year's BMFF took place on open campus weekend, helping it to sellout for the first time in history Saturday night and generate its greatest ticket sales, totaling around 1,100 tickets according to Assistant Director of Campus Life, Rod Fincannon. BC students were charged \$5, faculty members

were charged \$10, and guests were charged \$12-\$15.

This year's money will go to fund BC's new Cycling Team, The Outing Club, and Campus Recreation received five percent.

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