Palmer, Chilton to lead Clarion staff next year

The Clarion held senior staff elections on Monday, choosing Aaron Palmer and Joseph Chilton to take over the top leadership roles when the newspaper resumes publication in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Palmer, a senior English major from Baltimore, Md., will take the reins as editor in chief this fall. He joined the staff in January as managing editor. He is planning to graduate in December.

Chilton, a junior English major from Brasstown, will take over as managing editor. He served as a staff writer this year, writing a wide variety of news, features, and sports articles for *The Clarion*.

Several staff will continue roles they held this year. Zack Harding, a rising senior English major from Hendersonville, will continue to serve as the Arts & Life editor, a role he has held for two semesters. Amethyst Green, a rising sophomore psychology major from Canton, will again serve as sports editor, and Josie Guinn, a rising sophomore English major from Brevard, will continue her position as opinion editor.

John Billingsley, a senior majoring in integrated studies from Houston, Texas, will continue for a fifth semester as the newspaper's head photographer.

There are some new faces on the 2007-2008 staff as well. Business majors Kyle Hamilton and Emily Clark join the newspaper as business staff. Hamilton, a rising junior from Peterhead, Scotland, will serve as business editor, while Clark, a rising sophomore from Hendersonville, will take over as the newspaper's business manager.

Palmer looks forward to the challenge the new staff will face this fall. "I really appreciate the direction that our paper's headed," he said. "A once-a-week publication is a difficult task and our staff is getting better at all of their jobs. I hope to see some new faces next year that are enthused about writing and want to collaborate on some new ideas."

Several staff positions remain vacant, most notably the role of news editor and layout and design editor. The newspaper also seeks additional staff to serve as assistant section editors for news, Arts & Life, and sports, as well as an online editor to oversee the newspaper's web site.

Also, the role of copy editor has yet to be filled.

Nevertheless, outgoing editor Matt Rutherford sees a strong future for next year's staff.

"Aaron Palmer is a great writer and has a unique sense of humor and determination that will help *The Clarion* continue to evolve," Rutherford said. "The new-comers such as Josie Guinn and Amethyst Green will continue to grow as journalists under his leadership. I'm also glad some of the tried and true are continuing like Zack Harding."

Rutherford looks back on his experience with the newspaper with both a sense of amazement and accomplishment in how far the newspaper has come over the past few years. "I am astonished at the amount it has changed," he said. "I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished in my three years working on *The Clarion.*"

Rutherford, an English major from Morganton, graduates next month and will begin graduate school this fall at the New School in New York. Also graduating are news editor Tom Cowan, an English major from New Orleans; layout and design editor Molly Carlson, an art major from Pittsboro; and business manager

(and copy editor) Katie Berube, an art major from Beaufort, S.C.

"We will definitely miss our graduating seniors," said John Padgett, faculty advisor for *The Clarion*. "It is because of their steady leadership and guidance that the newspaper has become such a welcome and important part of the Brevard College experience each week

"I am extremely proud of what all of *The Clarion* staff members have been able to accomplish this year," he said.

Anyone who would like to join the newspaper staff next year should contact Padgett or simply email *The Clarion* at clarion@brevard.edu.

Joretta Nelson explains the campus intranet

by Matt Rutherford Editor in Chief

In a recent interview, Joretta Nelson, Vice President for Enrollment Management, gave her thoughts on the use of the campus intranet.

Nelson is currently seeking better ways to provide information to the students saying, "Email will serve as formalized way to do so and we continue to expect students to read their BC email. However, in terms of updates and information, often email is misused and results in students deleting rather than reading their email. So, we developed the intranet in hopes of providing a central location for faculty, staff and students to share information."

Nelson also informed that students should check their WEBTWISTER accounts throughout the summer to check about their financial aid and billing situations. The administration will

no longer be sending hard copies of financial aid awards in a bid to save paper on campus. Nelson said, "They can see what forms or documents they are missing, what awards have been made, etc. Soon, likely the middle of May, they will be able to see what their billing statement is for the fall semester, as well."

Nelson also agreed with issues of having dual logins for email and WEBTWISTER. She says, "We wanted to confirm with students that the dual process of logging into the network WEBTWISTER is a frustration about which we are aware and with which we agree! Unfortunately, we have no option within the WEBTWISTER system to make that change, although we are seeking out information about future possibilities. In the meantime, if a student forgets their ID/password for WEBTWISTER, they can quickly request help from IT via email."

