

Student body smaller, more masculine this year

by Joseph Chilton
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This year's Brevard College student body is slightly smaller in number, with a higher percentage of males than last year, according to numbers released this week by Joretta Nelson, the school's Vice President for Enrollment Management.

The fall of 2006 saw the Brevard College enrollment jump to 684, with 55% of the students being males. This year, the total number of students has fallen to 675, while the male to female ratio has skewed more towards the masculine, with males now making up 57% of the student body.

According to Joretta Nelson, decline in enrollment is not just an issue at Brevard College.

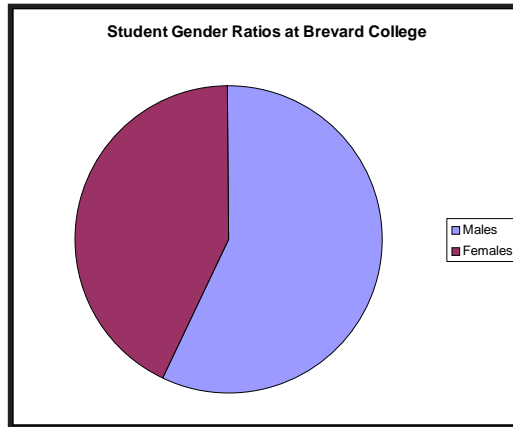
"We have already heard of several other North Carolina

private colleges, smaller in size, that experienced a dip in enrollment this year," Nelson said.

Nelson also points out that last year was the inaugural year for football, which spiked enrollment significantly. Now that the program is no longer new, enrollment is beginning to level off.

"The addition of the football team last year (was) an anomaly," Nelson said.

The football team is also part of the reason for the imbalance of men to women on campus. According to Nelson, the school understands that the



male to female ratio at the school is an issue, and plans to take steps towards resolving the issue.

"BC has a very unique place in the higher ed statistical landscape in that we have more men attending than women," Nelson said.

"The College has some very specific strategic plans in place to balance that out in the next several years."

Vandalism Shocks NV residents

by Ben Goff
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Last weekend residents of the North Village were shocked by an act of vandalism. According reports, students were relaxing on the porch of the North Village and were confronted by several other students who appeared intoxicated. These students behaved in a highly offensive and inappropriate manner towards the students sitting on the porch.

The NV residents went inside to avoid any confrontation with the intoxicated individuals, but later that night, several of the NV residents returned to the porch and found that a table they had constructed was missing.

The owners of the table located it in the fire pit in the village quad, and found that it had been broken into several pieces. One of the residents that had helped make the table expressed his displeasure at seeing his work stolen and destroyed.

As the NV residents were taking their broken table back to their unit the intoxicated individuals from earlier in the evening approached them and again began verbally assaulting them and attempted to instigate physical violence.

According to eyewitnesses the same individuals appeared to have been involved in the destruction of the table. The owners of the table feel strongly that the people who harassed them earlier in the evening were also responsible for the vandalism, and have notified campus life about the incident.

SGA Beat

This week's SGA meeting was a senate meeting. Please note that there will be another senate meeting on Tuesday, September 25th. If you would like to join us next week, we are going to be approving new club ideas. There was a motion for 65% of SGA's budget to go to clubs; speaking of which, budgets are overdue! Please turn them in to the SGA as soon as possible!

Other SGA news:

- **SGA conference is leaving on September 27th, and will be returning September 29th.**
- **The Leadership retreat is October 6th.**