

## BC Women's Golf to tee off in fall 2008

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David Nelson is a busy man on the Brevard College campus these days. Not only is Nelson splitting his time between his job with Brevard's alumni house and his duties as the school's men's golf coach; now he is also hard at work making preparations for the school's addition of women's golf next fall.

Brevard announced last month plans to launch a women's golf program during the 2008-09 school year. In the time since then,

Nelson has sent over three hundred letters to potential recruits who he hopes will help get the program off the ground.

"I hope to bring in five or six people for next year, and combine that with two or three people that already go to school here that have expressed interest in playing," Nelson said.

There has been interest on campus in adding women's golf for some time. According to Nelson, several women approach him each year asking about the possibility of playing golf.

The school has been seriously considering adding the sport for the last three years, ever since the school decided to move to NCAA Division II and revive the long-dormant football

program.

Things were finally put into motion last fall when Brevard College's Athletics Committee presented their women's golf proposal before the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the proposal at their October meeting, paving the way for Brevard's December announcement that it would add the sport.

"We've been talking about this for a long time and now it's finally here. I think it's a great move," said Nelson.

According to Nelson, the team will compete in a full schedule their first season, playing five tournaments in the fall and five more in the spring. The team will be fully funded to South Atlantic Conference limits, meaning that Nelson will have one and

a half scholarships to split amongst his recruits.

With the addition of women's golf, Brevard now offers all 14 sports sponsored by the South Atlantic Conference, the NCAA Division II league that Brevard will become a full member of next school year.

"We are very excited about the addition of women's golf, as it provides additional opportunities for women in collegiate athletics, and helps Brevard continue our tradition of gender equity in athletics," said Brevard College Interim Athletic Director Kim Pate.

"We are going to offer a great opportunity for kids to come into something run professionally with hopes that we can be as competitive as possible."

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## Police still searching for NC hiker

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Investigators are still searching for the body of hiker John Bryant, 80, whose wife, Irene Bryant, 84, was murdered and linked to Gary Michael Hilton.

Hilton, who has been charged with the slaying and beheading of 24-year-old Meredith Emerson, whose body was found on Jan. 7 by authorities in a Georgia State Forest with his aid, has now been linked to the disappearance of John Bryant and the decapitation of

Cheryl Hodges Dunlap in Florida's Apalachicola National Forest on Dec. 15.

Searchers from the Transylvania Police Department found Irene's body near a trail in the Pisgah National Forest on Nov. 9. Authorities assume John Bryant was kidnapped for the access to an ATM account the couple shared due to the \$300 withdrawal that took place the day after they went on their hike. The withdrawal of money was traced near the Georgia investigation about 50 miles

away. Authorities said that Hilton also tried to use Emerson's credit card after she was murdered.

The North Carolina Bureau of Investigation are also trying to link Hilton to the 2005 Bryson City disappearance of Rosana Miliani, 26. It was reported that Miliani mentioned to her family that she was going on a hike on Dec. 7 2005. A store clerk told private investigator Steve Siske, that Miliani seemed nervous when she bought a backpack with a white man in his 60's.