

New emergency notification system at BC

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A new notification system known as Emergency Contact Now is being implemented at BC. The program relays information via text and e-mail messages in the event of a campus emergency.

While the campus security team directly assists people of the BC community; plans and procedures are laid out by Stan Jacobsen and Jason Djuren. As Director of Community Living, Djuren is in charge of campus security, the RA selection process, and the concerns that students bring to campus life.

During the Food Lion bomb threat; Djuren and Security blocked off traffic from entering campus to avoid the situation across from the school.

“It was interesting because we were trying to contact everyone and warn them. It’s good that we have the Emergency Contact system we’re

using now. It’s probably a good way to do that,” said Djuren.

Stan Jacobsen is the Director of Safety and Risk Management at Brevard. He is responsible for notifying students around campus of events like the Bomb Scare at Food Lion. He is also a firm advocate of the ECN program.

“It’s a great idea, and I think it will help out a lot. We just didn’t have very many people apply for it last semester,” said Jacobsen.

Other campuses use similar systems to notify students and staff of threats the moment they are reported and verified.

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Within minutes of security finding out about imminent natural disasters, violent intrusions, and other immediate threats to the BC community; text messages would automatically

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“ be sent to everyone listed in the ECN contact list.

To access the ECN program, click on the red diamond in the bottom right corner of the BC home page. The only requirements are contact information and the current residence hall; a process which takes five minutes in exchange for an effective notification system.

BC yearbooks available online

Student yearbooks from Brevard College are now available on DigitalNC.

The online collection includes a few yearbooks from two of the schools that preceded Brevard College: Weaver College and Rutherford College.

The Brevard yearbook has been called “The Pertelote” since 1935, the name coming from “The Nun’s Priest’s Tale,” one of the Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer, and referring to the relationship between Brevard and Duke

University.

The editors of the 1935 volume write, “The name of this book signifies our relationship to our big brother, Duke University. The title of Duke’s annual is ‘The Chanticleer’.

In Chaucer’s old tale, Pertelote was the hen most loved by the valiant Chanticleer. So, since we are in various ways connected with Duke, and particularly of the same religious denomination, we elected to call our annual The Pertelote.”

Dorm preparations for spring break

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Spring Break is finally here, but before anyone can put some miles between Brevard and their Spring Break destination, there are some things dorm residents need to take care of.

“Clean your room, take out your trash, and unplug things like your alarm clock,” says Jason Djuren, Director of Security and Student Housing at BC.

“We want the rooms to be secure, doors locked, and windows latched. You don’t want to come back from the break and have things missing,” said Djuren. “The rooms don’t have to be spic-and-span. We are just checking to see that there are no fire hazards like space heaters, candles, or toaster ovens. Those things are banned for a reason.”

Two members of the housing staff will be coming around the residence halls and checking all rooms to see that they are livable, safe and locked. Dorm residents should also make sure that there is a clear path from their door to the window and that dishes are washed.

Students need to have everything clean and need to leave their rooms by Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. “If everything is not done, then it is on you. If you didn’t take the trash out, then you can come back to mice and bugs, which isn’t good. We want to avoid things like that,” said Djuren.

Residence halls will re-open on Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m.

The Sesquipedalian literary society presents:

The Word of the Week

Propinquity (n)

Definition:

Proximity or nearness; kinship; similarity in nature.

Etymology:

Middle English propinquite, from Latin propinquitat-, propinquitas kinship, proximity, from propinquus near, akin, from prope near. First known use, 14th century.

Usage:

Local housing prices, thanks to the propinquity of an especially picturesque beach, are out of the reach of many would-be buyers.