

Banff film festival sells out at BC

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Banff Mountain Film festival has sold out on its sixteenth stop at Brevard College. This year, the Cycling Team and Outing Club had the privilege of attending a preview of this year's selection of films, and picking from them the ones they thought stood out. Twelve films will be shown this weekend, each one unique in their portrayal of humans and their fervor to push athletic boundaries.

Among them we have the quintessential mountain bike film, an artistic endeavor in its filming, as well as its soundtrack. Many other mountain bike film soundtracks are heavy, aggressive and in poor taste. "Life Cycles," contains music from Bonobo, Explosions in the Sky, and Blockhead in an attempt to portray the mountain biker as more than an adrenaline pumped "dude."

Hunter Tuttle, a sophomore at Brevard, came

here for the WLEE program, and because of the school's proximity to Pisgah National Forest. "Pisgah is known nationally for its trails and it's part of the reason I came to Brevard. The film festival is just another great thing about this place. Hopefully I can get a ticket."

"The Swiss Machine" ensnares alpinists with aerial footage of speed climber Ueli Steck in his attempts to break climbing records all over the world until his feats bring him to our own country, and he tackles the highest walls in Yosemite.

The film "Eastern Rises" is third on the list. "Eastern Rises" won Best Film on Mountain Sports by the festival directors and showcases fly fishing in the furthest east region of Russia, the Kamchatka Peninsula. The area is teeming with wildlife: bears, huge mouse eating trout, bugs, and even Sasquatch sightings.

The Cycling Team and Outing Club are hosting the film festival again this year in the Porter Center for the Performing Arts. The doors open Friday and Saturday night at 6pm so that patrons have an opportunity to interact with this years sponsors.

This year's French Broad level sponsors are Mast General Store; Looking Glass Outfitters;



The Hub at Backcountry Outdoors; WNCW 88.7; Fox Mountain Guides and Climbing School; and Headwaters Outfitters.

Davidson River level sponsors include: Kiwi Gelato; Poppies Market and Café; Brevard Rock Gym; Pura Vida; Climbmax; Landmark Learning; Appalachian Mountain Institute; Black Dome Mountain Sports; Bracken Mountain Bakery; and Navitat.

A raffle benefiting the Bracken Mountain Project, a trail system within Brevard city limits, will commence after intermission.

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BC prepares for commencement

The academic quad was roped off earlier in the week in preparation for commencement exercises to be held in May.

"Our goal is to enhance the ambience of the area and to avoid traffic patterns in the grass during Commencement," said Joseph Brown, Director of Facilities in an e-mail to the campus.

In order to allow the grass seed time to take root the lawn of the Academic Quad will be roped off for at least three weeks, according to Brown.

Nominations for commencement speakers are also being taken. Students and faculty should submit their nominations via e-mail to Judy Jones by Friday, March 25.

In addition, a Grad Finale will be held in the Reserve Dining Room on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. More details about the Grad Finale can be found on page three.

