

Brevard College faculty moves audience

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After an audience of students witnessed the skill and proficiency of the performers at Brevard College's Faculty Recital on Aug. 30, people see proof as to why the school is reputed for its musical virtuosity. Piano instructor Kathy Palmer, clarinet instructor Frederick Lemmons, and guest flutist Rita Hayes dazzled the audience with material ranging from classical chamber music to more modern styles and selections of Music Professor Dr. Robert Palmer's work.

The show began with a selection from Neils Gade entitled "Fantasy Pieces, Op. 43," which

featured Professor Palmer and Professor Lemmons in a grand, yet soothing display of the music of the 1860's. The interplay between the two as they moved through each section never ceased, and only became more and more intricate.

After they exited, Palmer returned to give a brief introduction and explanation of the pieces written by her husband. The audience was told to pay attention to the piece "Showing Off," in which she explained that her left and right hands would be mirroring each other. It truly was something to see as her hands danced across the keys.

The performances continued with Lemmons rejoining Palmer onstage for a collection of pieces from recently deceased composer Robert Muczynski which featured very dark and bombastic playing throughout. Palmer's piano set the perfect atmosphere for Lemmons' blindingly fast clarinet to accentuate.

Next Hayes and Lemmons performed a series of short but impressive duets, featuring Fanfare and Proclamation, and two brief blues and ragtime pieces. Palmer then came out for the final two performances which featured a brilliant solo by Lemmons to wrap the recital up.

Beat the heat at local swimmin' holes

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Many students come to Brevard College for its unique recreational opportunities. We have world class rivers to paddle, unclimbed pitches, and nearly endless singletrack to pedal. That said, the Clarion staff wanted to let students know where to go for a more relaxing, less extreme way to enjoy the public lands that we are so fortunate to be close to. Swimming in the icy mountain waters is invigorating and within a 30 minute drive are numerous swimming holes to dive into after sweating in MG.

Fawn Lake in Dupont State Forest is a calm, secluded lake with a dock, picnic tables and a gazebo. The water is warm, clean and the dock is great for sunbathing.

Directions: From the college, head south on NC 276 towards Greenville, SC. Turn left onto Dupont road, and make an immediate right onto Reasonover Rd., and continue for a few miles. Make a left into Fawn Lake parking lot and head left up the gravel road. The lake is about a

5 minute walk up the road.

The water at Skinny Dip falls is probably about as cold as it gets in the area. It's a nice hike to get to, so you're a little sweaty when you get there. On the weekend you're guaranteed to see some other folks, so the chances of skinny dipping aren't the best.

Directions: Head north on NC 276 into Pisgah National Forest, drive to the parkway and make the left heading south until you get to mile marker 417 and park in the overlook parking lot. Cross the parkway and head up the Mountains to Sea Trail, continue left for about 15 minutes.

Gorges State Park is perhaps the most popular swimming destination in Western North Carolina. The Horsepasture river flows through a granite bedrock for miles, literally baking the water making it quite a bit warmer than any river around. The two most accessible waterfalls in the park are Rainbow and Turtle Back Falls. The latter was given the name for likeness of a turtles shell. The best part is that you get to pull yourself up the side of the falls on a barge

rope, shimmy out into the water above the falls and slide over the edge into the pool below. The slide is smooth and the water is deep.

Directions: Head west from campus through downtown Brevard, merge right on NC 64 towards Rosman/Lake Toxaway by the bowling alley. Stay on 64 for about 25 minutes and make a left onto NC 281 South at the town of Sapphire. This isn't much of a town, but you'll make a left at a gas station following signs for Gorges. Drive down 281 for about 2 miles and make a left into the state parks main entrance. Continue to the main parking area and follow the signage to the waterfalls at the kiosk. The trails are well marked and the hike is easy.



SIGNS YOU SHOULD DROP A CLASS

by Karam Boeshaar

