



Snow Foolin'

BC freshman Teresa Buckley was one of hundreds of students who enjoyed the recent snow. For more snow photos, see page 10.

Bell Tower Trees Disappeared Over Christmas Break

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The bell tower trees disappeared over the Christmas holidays, causing quite a stir around campus.

According to Reid Plemmons, Maintenance Supervisor of Brevard College, the trees were supposed to complement the bell tower, but instead, had become a hindrance. Evidently, there had been some complaints about the view of the bell tower being obstructed. Also, some concern was raised about the lower branches being a hazard to pedestrians.

After almost a year of consideration, an executive decision was

made by the Brevard College Board of Trustees to have the trees removed. Although the opposition on campus was about 50 percent, Plemmons felt the decision was a good one. He said cutting the trees back would have made them look "scrubby".

The college considered relocating the trees, but it was doubtful they would survive. And, at a cost of \$1800, the idea was unwarranted. Plemmons said the trees were ordinary barclay pear trees, not outstanding, and could be bought for \$35 at any nursery.

"The trees are not as important as the bell tower," said Plemmons. "I feel the opposition is unfounded."

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B.C Displays Advantages of Two-Year Colleges

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Despite all the jokes about Brevard College not being a "real school," there are numerous advantages to coming to a two-year junior school before going to a four-year university.

Dean of the College Clara Wood said, "The advantages are great for students who come from either small or large high schools. In the bigger schools they don't get as much attention, whereas in small schools they get more. So it's actually good for both.

"Another advantage is that it's good for those students who haven't found a career direction," Wood said. "For the student who plans on not going beyond the two-year program, it looks good for the work force; and it also looks good if they do decide to go on to a four year school. The degrees are set up for maximum flexibility for meeting requirements with other schools. The few courses that aren't flexible are transferred as electives, and even if they don't transfer, the student still has the hours."

Wood went on to say, "Brevard is very flexible for students who don't get the Associate of Arts degree in two years. Brevard is also one of the few

junior schools that have international programs in Austria during the spring semester and a four-week summer program based in Austria. Also, there are many international students on campus."

Wood added, "It's also easier to get into various campus activities."

When Steve Martin, College Counselor and Assistant Professor of Psychology, was asked the same question he replied, "One of the greatest advantages has to do with the change that occurs between high school and college. We have to teach the student to become an independent learner. We can pay much more attention to the individual because we are such a small school. Our professors are here to meet with the students. The professors are much more involved and interested in the students. This helps the student to make the transition from high school to college. Also, you can't get lost in a class; the size is really small, no greater than forty-five students per class."

Martin went on to say, "There's probably not a faculty member here who couldn't make double their salary somewhere else. They simply enjoy being here. Brevard is better placed for

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Ross Throws Party For A Terminally Ill Child

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What thoughts come to mind when the phrase "the meaning of life" is said? Well, in the eyes of a little girl named Charlotte, who is terminally ill, life is cherished and lived to the absolute fullest.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, the residents of Ross Hall gave one little girl a party that she will always remember. Jon Erickson, the Resident Director of Ross, first met the little four-year-old while recovering at the Transylvania Hospital from an operation on his appendix.

Erickson told Ross residents about how Charlotte came into his room one day while exercising. She offered him her walking cane. In return, Erickson and the residents of his dorm decided to throw Charlotte a birthday party.

Since Brevard's community has

such a high rate of retired senior citizens, there were only three people in the hospital under the age of 65. "Throwing a party for Charlotte would give her a chance to have fun and interact with younger people," Erickson said.

The residents of Ross threw Charlotte a party for many reasons. "They wanted to do an Adopt-a-Family service hour. They also learned more about Charlotte's illness," Erickson said. "I did it because I wanted to help a little girl in need," one resident said.

Erickson still keeps in touch with Charlotte, who is presently doing fine. Everyone who participated in the party got something positive out of this educational social.

This event was made possible through the cooperation of the residents of Ross Hall, their R.D., and the nurses at Transylvania Community Hospital.