

Variety

New High-Tech Language Lab Is Open

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One of the newer additions to the curriculum at Brevard College this year is the brand new, state of the art Language Lab.

The Language Lab is a computer center that allows students to use audio visual tools to enhance their skills in foreign languages. The money to pay for the language lab came from Coma Bera, who left money to the school, and

a portion of it was used to pay for the Language Lab.

The lab contains 25 video monitors and tape players along with headsets equipped with microphones. In addition to the monitors the lab also has 5 computers which will be able to run language programs to help students get extra help in their foreign language.

The language lab has many fea-

tures and tools to help students. A teacher sits at a desk at the front of a room, like a control station on Star Trek. From there she is able to play tapes or videos, and the students watch them at their desks. The teacher is also able to listen in on particular students as they work on their speech.

Judy Pascale, the advisor over the language lab, is very pleased with the

lab and the tools it has. She said, "It beats the days when we had walkmans and each student sat in a corner working on a particular language."

Although the lab is not yet fully operational, Ms. Pascale does hope it will be ready by Christmas. Once the lab is ready, it will be open to foreign language classes and students to use in their free time.

Hurricane Opal Strikes BC

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Classes were cancelled Thursday, October 5, due to power loss and high winds from Hurricane Opal. Hurricane Opal came to us from the south, and though we did not get the worst of her, Brevard saw a lot of rain, high winds, and plenty of damage.

Power went out on campus around 6:30 a.m. on Thursday as winds picked up around 7:30 a.m. and news of classes being cancelled spread throughout the dorms around 9:00 a.m. There was plenty of damage just here on campus to put Transylvania County on the map. One of our giant willow trees was ripped from the roots, and several large trees were also forced out of the ground. Tree limbs and leaves covered the majority of the campus, and a few cars were struck by flying twigs and branches.

Pisgah National Forest saw around the same amount of damage as our campus did. Several trees were ripped from the ground, and the waterfalls were over-flowing. After the worst of it was over on Thursday, the forest was filled with men carrying their chainsaws in one hand and a beer in the other, preparing to make use of all of the wood that was left on the ground.

In an area between Craggy Gardens and Mt. Mitchell on the Parkway, a land slide has kept the road closed. Damage in Asheville was not quite as bad as that in Brevard or Canton, but the residents there still experienced power loss, high winds, and a fair amount of damage.

There is almost no trace of Hurricane Opal now. As you drive through the forest, some trees are still down, but the falls are back to normal, and the worst of it has been cleaned up.

In dedication to Belinda Lee Queen who attended Brevard College (1994-1995). Belinda was patiently awaiting a heart transplant and passed away over the summer due to heart failure. Belinda's warm heart and gifted spirit will be well remembered and well missed for many years to come.

New DWI Laws In Effect

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New DWI laws have gone into effect for under-aged drinkers who drive. If you are under 21 years old and use alcohol, then these new laws will have an effect on you. The laws say that you will be charged if you have any alcohol in your blood or an opened container in your vehicle. The level doesn't have to exceed 0.08 anymore.

Your first conviction with alcohol in your system will limit your driving privileges, and you may be charged with a DWI. The second conviction will cause you to lose your license for six months and to pay a fine that could reach as much as \$1,000. A third conviction will result in a year of revocation of your driving privileges.

The local and state agencies are enforcing these laws seriously and effectively.

Whiten Named Associate Director Of Admissions

Brevard College has named Richard "Rick" Whiten to the position of Associate Director of Admissions, according to Vice-President and Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid Robert G. McLendon.

Whiten holds an Associate of Arts degree from Anderson College in Anderson, S.C., and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Shorter College in Rome, GA. He has been Associate Director of Admissions at Anderson College since 1984, and served as an admissions counselor prior to that.

"Rick will be an asset to our admissions program in every respect," said McLendon.

Lights Back On At Ross

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The lights are back on at Ross Hall this year, and the big house on the hill is full of more warmth and happiness than ever. Ross turned off its lights for all of last year the residents of Ross don't hesitate to call our famous "Haunted House" home.

The land that Ross Hall sits on today was bought by a Mr. R.H. Zachary in August of 1921. R.H. and his wife Carrie then decided to build the big house on what was then called "Savannah Hill" and rent it out to tourists passing through. Mr. Zachary then unexpectedly passed away in 1928, leaving his wife to tend to the house. Mrs. Zachary wasn't able to accept all of the responsibilities of the house and sold it to the Brevard Institute (now known as Brevard College) in 1934.

Despite the years of rumors of the house's role in the Civil War, the house has been a home to not only many traveling tourists in the 1920's, but also a home to many faculty members,

summer camps, and it now houses our Fine Arts Majors. Of course, the house wasn't really part of the civil war, but Ross Hall is still one of our oldest (and most expensive to keep open) dorms here on campus.

Even though the house had no involvement in the Civil War, that certainly doesn't mean there aren't some souls lurking in the hallways, basement, and attic. Ross Hall residents for years have always had complaints of strange noises, eerie feelings, and feelings of being watched. I don't think we'll ever know who these souls really are, but it is unlikely that they are Civil War soldiers since no battles in the war were ever fought on Transylvania County soil.

Ross Hall did indeed receive a few minor renovations that were promised. Ross received a new paint job on all the walls and doors, a fumigation of the entire building, and new locks on the doors.

Snow Skiing Classes

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Brevard College will be offering snow skiing classes this winter. You can have a great time during the cold winter months and earn one hour college P.E. credit. The program is scheduled to begin January 7-11, 1996.

The program includes 5 sessions of skiing: 1 night and 2 days at Appalachian Ski Mountain, 1 day each at Sugar Mountain and Ski Beech, rental equipment (skis, boots, poles), ski tickets, 4 nights lodging and instruction with the French-Swiss Ski College, and the text Skiing Everyone.

Small classes grouped by ability enable you to maximize your learning experience while enjoying the fun of a group. Lessons are not just for beginners. Intermediate and advanced skiers learn to ski parallel and control speed



on steeper terrain. Beginning skiers develop sound fundamental skills making skiing safer and more fun. A series of lessons close together will have you skiing better than you would ever have believed.