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## B.C. Honor Students Rise & Shine with Community Youngsters

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Every Monday through Thursday during the fall semester, students in the Brevard College Honors Program tutored local 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Rise and Shine After School Enrichment Program. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders arrive at Brevard College around 3pm, are met by the honors students, and move to the Learning Enhancement Center located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of McClarty-Goodson. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders get a quick snack, then begin the tutoring session. Each Rise and Shine student is paired up with a different B.C. honors student on each day of the week. Each child is tutored on homework that they need help with.

"They help me with math, spelling, and other homework," said David Carson, a five-year participant of the Rise and Shine Program. Raven Wynn, also a five-year participant,

said, "I have had fun working with the college students and I am doing better in school because of them."



(Photo by Jarvis Broom)

Ms. Julie Bahnson coordinates the activities of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. After tutoring, the students usually stay on

campus for another hour of poetry, movement, and other activities. Then they head back to the main location of the Rise and Shine program, which is Bethel A church in Brevard. On some days, other honors students meet with them there, for musical or physical activities. Ms. Tammy Moss, head coordinator of the Rise and Shine After School Enrichment Program said, "Part of the reason why we have selected the Brevard College students is that we are trying to inspire the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to look towards a higher education someday. We also believe that the kids should branch out of their community and see a different part of it. We hope that this program will get the College kids more involved with the community and help them to develop a

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## Elk Reintroduced in Smokies

DR. JENNIFER FRICK

Elk have been recently reintroduced into the Cataloochee Valley in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A total of 75 animals are scheduled to be released over a 3-year period. This year, 25 animals were released on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February.

This is at least the third attempt to return the elk to North Carolina, and certainly the best planned. The elk are radio-collared and will be tracked in order to evaluate the success of the project. In North Carolina, an attempt in 1912 and another in the 1940s both failed to reestablish a population. The 1912 attempt was nothing more than a hunting park establishment. In Virginia, a 1935 introduction was successful until 1974, when the remaining animals became infected with a parasite that was transmitted by white-tailed deer.

The reintroduction project has

been delayed for many years because of several concerns. The most hotly debated issue was whether or not the elk would introduce a disease that could affect cattle in the region. Bison that wander out of Yellowstone National Park are often killed because ranchers are concerned that they could transfer a similar disease to cattle. Biologists working with the reintroduction project, however, have certified that the reintroduced elk are disease-free, as is the herd from which they were removed, and it is extremely unlikely that the elk would infect local cattle. There has been no documented case of an elk or bison transferring the disease to cattle. There is also a vaccine against the disease that is available to cattle owners.

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## Prayer Controversy On Campus

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All across

America there is controversy on whether to have prayer in the school systems. Locally, there was just a decision to stop prayer before high school football games as it may contradict someone else's beliefs. Some locals in Brevard show their opinion of this decision with bumper stickers that state, "We Still Pray."

Here at Brevard College there has also been some controversy on whether to pray or not at the beginning of Student Government or SGA meetings. During one of the meetings someone suggested that they should pray. The SGA held a vote and decided that they would pray at the start of every meeting.

According to Marion Wilinski, "I think that we should because it's a Christian college, and the reason I

chose this college is because I was able to voice my religious beliefs without offending anybody." When asked if she thought that having the prayer would offend anyone, she replied "no" with confidence.

Julie Robbins agrees with Marion saying, "I just think it's a good idea." However, she also says "I do think it could offend people because our way of prayer and religion could be different than other people's."

Could having prayer offend someone here at Brevard College? Camille Lacey says, "Yes, this could easily offend someone. Granted this is a religiously affiliated college, but this still does not give SGA the right to enforce prayer at a public gathering, which in essence is supposed to allow

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