



SPORTS

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Kayaking in Pisgah Forest

-by Jesse Janicula, staff writer-

With Pisgah National Forest only a few miles from the campus, Brevard College attracts a variety of outdoor enthusiasts. From students of Wilderness Leadership to Business, it seems that most everyone participates in at least one outdoor recreational activity. One of the many activities available to Brevard College students is kayaking.

Many students are involved in this sport, as proven by the many kayaks seen strapped on top of cars or sedentary inside and outside of residence halls. Brevard seems to be a hub for kayaking with rivers such as the Green, French Broad, Nolichucky, Nantahala, Ocoee, Pigeon, and Chattooga that are all within a few hours driving distance or less. In fact, Asheville was recently named one of the best kayaking cities in the country.

Pisgah National Forest, while not renown or known outside the immediate area for its rivers, offers the students at Brevard College kayaking opportunities closer to home. Two of the better-known paddling spots in Pisgah, the north and west forks of the French Broad River, are situated near Headwaters Outfitters in Rosman. They are excellent Class IV and V rivers, situated deep in a scenic river gorge with rapids such as Boxcar Falls, Pinball, Submarine, Vortex, and The Clog.

These rivers can easily provide the seasoned boater with non-stop thrills on their technical runs. Every rapid on these rivers is scout-able. These rivers need a fair amount of rain to get them up, the put-in and take-out may be hard to find, and they can be fairly consequential, so it is advisable to go with someone who knows the river.

Two other rivers slightly closer to the college are the Class III and IV Upper Davidson River and the Class IV and V Looking Glass Creek. The put-in for the Upper Davidson is at the parking lot for the Duncan Ridge Trail and its take-out is at the low head dam, up from the fish hatchery. The Upper Davidson is also a scenic run, and holds fun rapids like Whaleback, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and Shotgun Wedding. Everything on this river is also scout-able. It needs a lot of rain and only gets high enough to run a few times a year. Looking Glass Creek needs days of rain to run and is only meant for expert boaters.

The expert boater who really wishes to push his or her limits can go to the headwaters of the Pigeon, which starts in Graveyard Fields and runs to Highway 178. This run has only seen a handful of descents. There is Courthouse Falls, a fifty-foot waterfall below Devil's Courthouse, and sixty-five foot Looking Glass Falls, which is not meant to be taken



-Idle kayaks in South Village 3. Photo by Michael Cohen-

lightly (running it carries a hefty fine and one of the only two people to ever run it compressed four of his vertebrae upon landing).

The local Brevard area has many great rivers to suit the seasoned boater, can be great fun, and provides a challenge without the intimidation or consequence of places like the Narrows. As always, boat with partners, go with people who know the rivers, and use judgement. Don't run things you are not ready for. If any of these rivers are flowing, this boater advocates skipping class to paddle; it's worth it.

Brevard College Men's Basketball Team Ranked #17 in Nation

-by BC faculty, special to the staff-

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced its preseason top 25 poll for the 2001-02 season. Brevard College was ranked 17th by a National Rating Committee. Then NAIA has 185 member institutions nationally.

BC finished the 2000-01 season with a record of 22-13 overall and 14-6 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC). Brevard won the AAC conference tournament last year in just its first year of participation. By winning the Conference tournament, BC earned a bid and participated in the NAIA National Tournament held in Springfield, MO.

Brevard College returns four of its top six players from last year's squad. Senior David Evans was named AAC All-Conference Team last year. He led Brevard in scoring, rebounding and steals. Junior Tyjuan Campbell started every game last season and was the team's third leading scorer. Junior Paul Wiedeman started every game after Christmas Break. He led the team in three-point shooting percentage and field-goals made. Junior Will Gibbs started 10 games. He was the team's second leading scorer and second leading rebounder.

Brevard plays a very difficult non-conference schedule, including NCAA Division I schools such as: UNC-Asheville and Gardner Webb University, as well as top NAIA and NCAA Division II schools.

Sports Briefs

-compiled by Eric Saliba, editor-

BC Volleyball Team wraps up 2001 Season with a 4th Place at Conference

-by Kelly Jones, special to the staff-

The Brevard College Volleyball Team ended their season on Saturday November 10th with a loss to Montreat College.

Scores for the match were as follows: (16-30; 20-30; 18-30).

Hannah Camenzind led all Brevard scorers with 9 kills in the match. Senior, Pam Sanders added 8 kills and had 2 blocked shots. Senior setter and captain, Adriane Thorpe recorded 20 assists and 11 digs. Congratulations ladies on a strong finish.



Intramural 3 on 3 Basketball to Continue through Dec. 6

-by Brenda Skeffington, special to staff-

Thursday, 11/29:

4:00 NY's Finest v Danahers
4:20 www.faculty.net v DJIBOUTI
4:40 One Chance v Danaher
5:00 In the Zone v NY's Finest
5:20 Bucs v One Chance
5:40 W. Volleyball v Gym Rats II
6:00 Bucs v Bracewell
6:20 I three v Bucs
6:50 Danaher v I three

Friday, 11/30:

7:30 NY's Finest v Bracewell
7:50 NY's Finest v I three
8:10 Bracewell v I three

Monday, 12/3:

7:20 One Chance v I three
7:40 One Chance v Bracewell
8:00 www.faculty.net v W. Volleyball
8:20 In the Zone v Danaher
8:40 Bucs v NY's Finest
9:00 Bucs v In the Zone

Wednesday, 12/5:

7:30 DJIBOUTI v Gym Rats II
----- Men's League PLAYOFFS
7:50 3rd vs 5th
8:15 2nd vs 4th
8:40 1st vs 6th

Thursday, 12/6:

----- Women's League PLAYOFFS
7:30 2nd vs 3rd
7:50 1st vs 4th
8:10 Men's Playoff (game # 4)
8:30 Women's Final Championship
8:50 Men's Final Championship