

Welcome to Brevard ... now what?

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Let's face it freshmen, walks to and from the cafeteria can be exciting for only so long. And believe me, sitting in your room looking at the Facebook all night isn't all its cracked up to be either. So here's a short list of things to do around the area that might get you off campus, or at least out of your room for that matter.

While Brevard may not be the typical bar hopping, fraternity party, football crazy college town of America, there is still plenty to do in the area. Of course, being in Brevard means you are surrounded by the never-ending and always fascinating Pisgah National Forest. In the forest you will find an infinite number of hiking, running, and biking trails, campsites, rivers, rope swings, cliffs, and boulders. And as you all should know from the backbreaking orientation that you dreadfully suffered through the first week of school, Transylvania County is engulfed with over 250 waterfalls for your viewing, and in many cases jumping, pleasure.

If playing in the woods isn't your thing, try exploring the big city of Asheville, only 33 miles from campus. There you will

find an eclectic mix of boutiques. From funky to hippy to punk, all the shopping you need can be found in Asheville. And yes, for all you mall rats worried about the latest name brand trends, there is the Asheville Mall located just outside the downtown area. While you're there, check out some of Asheville's delicious cuisine. Some places to keep in mind are The Mellow Mushroom, Jack of the Wood, The Laughing Seed, and Barley's.

But now we'll return home. After all, with gas prices topping over three dollars a gallon, it might be a good idea to walk to some popular eats closer to campus. Check out some of these great restaurants Brevard has to offer:

Cielito Lindo has been the traditional Mexican food hangout for the past few years, but El Ranchero has been slowly crawling ahead with their infamous Thursday night specials. If you're not into Mexican, try Dugan's Pub, located on Main Street, and providing everything from Irish favorites like fish and chips to good old fashion American hamburgers. Venturing more into the town, you can find student favorites like Casey Jones, The Sunrise Café, Pescado's Burritos, and Big Mike's. Jordan Street Café and Jason's on Main

Street provide not only good meals but some of the best local musicians Western North Carolina has to offer.

After all this food, you may need some exercise. Brevard Rock Gym opened just over a year ago and is one of the finest, and closest, indoor climbing gyms around. Fully staffed with experienced climbers, the gym is suitable for any student itching to begin this popular sport. For a much easier workout, travel over to Pisgah Lanes and bowl the night away. Keep an eye out for college night at the lanes, sure to always lead to a good time.

Finally, if you're sick of grinding through the campus all afternoon, grab your board and head over to Zero Gravity Skatepark. The 12,000 square foot indoor park offers a spine mini-ramp, fun boxes, a mini three-quarter bowl, bank ramps, launch boxes, a pyramid, ledges and roll-ins.

Okay, so we've run through a short list of popular spots in the area. I hope you were taking notes. If it still didn't convince you that, yes there are things to do in this retirement community ridden town, or if you just got sick of doing the things listed above, then you can never go wrong with this one simple solution: Head to Ingles. Grab a six pack. And call it a night.

70 years of The Clarion

Advice for BC freshmen include gems like 'Be a gentleman, or a lady'

Editor's Note: While digging through the Clarion archives, we came across a bit of advice from the first ever issue of The Clarion—dated September 25, 1935. Written during the Great Depression and before Adolf Hitler was a household name, these "Hints for Freshmen" should provide some insight into life here at the college.

When you enter Brevard College you are considered a gentlemen, or a lady. You can do as you like about your work; nobody will make you do it. Be honest with yourself and always keep in mind the fact that you are here because of a great life purpose.

You are a freshman in college not a

senior in high school. You are not judged by what you say about your "prep school" but by what you do here.

All students should be in the cheering section at the athletic contests in order to give the team proper support.

Every member of the student body should speak to the men of the visiting teams while they are on the campus and do all in their power to make them feel at home while here.

Don't think that profanity, cigarettes, and drinking "booze" make a true college man.

Don't be afraid to say "NO" and stick to it. There will always be company with you at Brevard College.

Don't cut out athletics. Get into some

form of them and benefit yourself.

Be a mixer and a credit to the college.

You will never find time for anything—if you want time you must make it.

Be a gentleman or a lady at the table as well as elsewhere.

Be willing to take advice from faculty and upper classmen alike.

Don't hurry in the selection of your intimate companions. Take time to select the right companions, because it means much to establish yourself with the right company.

To be a success as a student it is necessary to "shine" in the classroom as in the "bull session."