

BC ranked in top 50 southern comprehensive colleges

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Brevard College has been ranked among the top Comprehensive Colleges in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Brevard College was also recognized as having one of the best first year experience programs in the United States and for having the second highest proportion of classes under 20 among Southern Comprehensive Colleges.

"We are extremely pleased by this national recognition of Brevard College's educational programs," said Brevard College President Drew Van Horn. "We are proud of our academic programs, our students, faculty and staff. Together we strive to create an academic community where our students can succeed and flourish. National recognition like this lets us know we are succeeding in meeting the needs of our students."

Library to host literary programs on William Faulkner, John Ehle

Brevard College's J. A. Jones Library will commemorate the life of Nobel Prize-winning novelist William Faulkner at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27.

Dr. John B. Padgett, an assistant professor of English at Brevard College, will lead a discussion on Faulkner's acclaimed short story "Dry September." Copies of the story will be on reserve and available for checkout.

First published in 1931, the story relates how, after 62 days of drought, men in a small Mississippi town are spurred to violence against a black man who is rumored to have raped a white woman. Faulkner uses a technique that forces the

For a third year in a row, Brevard College was listed among the top colleges in the United States that make freshmen feel connected through special programs and regular small group interactions between students, faculty and staff and peers.

The magazine's special 2005 *America's Best Colleges* edition recognized Brevard College among the 50 Top Southern Comprehensive Colleges. Comprehensive Colleges are four-year schools that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs both in the liberal arts and professional fields.

Brevard College was recently named one of the best Colleges and College towns in America by *Outside Magazine*, among the top Comprehensive Colleges in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* and a "Champion of Character Institution" by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

readers, as well as the characters, to try to construct what actually occurred from fragments of gossip, ambiguous hearsay, and things left unsaid.

Next month the library will present a program in support of Transylvania County's "Together We Read" program. On Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m., Brevard College professor of English, Dr. Ken Chamlee, will present a discussion on John Ehle's *The Road*, a novel about the building of Western North Carolina's railroads.

For more information about these and future programs at J.A. Jones Library, contact the library's director, Mike McCabe at 884-8248 or library@brevard.edu.

Library adds new databases

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Brevard College's James A. Jones Library has available several new databases through its website as part of its overall mission to provide a wide range of up-to-date electronic information resources.

Now available at www.brevard.edu/library are: American Council of Learned Societies History E-Book Project, a fully searchable collection of high-quality books in history, recommended and reviewed by historians; ERIC, the Educational Resource Information Center, a U.S. Department of Education sponsored database of more than 1.1 million citations and more than 107,000 full-text non-journal documents; Gale Virtual Reference Library, a database of e-Book reference titles, such as encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research; Liebert Online, searchable online access to full text journals on biomedical research, clinical medicine and surgery, law, and science; Making of America (MOA), a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction; Oral History Online, a source of more than 2,500 collections of oral history in English from around the world; PsycBOOKS, the American Psychological Association's (APA) database of more than 10,000 chapters in PDF from over 600 books published by APA and other distinguished publishers; PsycEXTRA, also from the APA, consists of technical, annual and government reports, conference papers, newsletters, magazines, newspapers, consumer brochures and more in the field of Psychology; and PubMed Central (PMC), the U.S. National Library of Medicine's digital archive of life sciences journal literature.

Hours of operation for Brevard College's Jones Library are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. For more information about the library and its resources, contact Mike McCabe, director of the library, 884-8248, or library@brevard.edu.

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"And to me, that's the thing I found the most unique was this whole biology. What it says to me was that those insects knew it was coming. They knew it. They were getting ready for it. They were no longer talking to their buddies, they were clinging on. They knew it was coming. It really makes you think, 'Who's the more developed?' They knew it was coming and I didn't. I'd love to know how they know it."