

in to it. They begin by saying they don't have any issues with the college and then they go on to say the problems they have with the college. I will admit I was a little confused there. The first issue that this person had was with the smoking policy. The smoking policy was put in place because smokers would sit right in front of the entrance ways to the buildings around campus and non-smokers would have to walk through smoke. This would be second hand smoke that a non-smoker would be forced to inhale. I know many times it was asked for smokers to not smoke directly in front of MG. The majority of the people that smoke cigarettes continued to smoke directly in front of MG. Therefore a policy had to be put into place because those who choose to smoke cigarettes were not being respectful to those who choose not to smoke. As far as making the area around the flag pole a designated smoking area this was done because it isn't in a direct path that people who choose not to smoke would normally walk by. It's that simple. Whoever wrote the article should be ashamed of themselves for comparing the Brevard College smoking policy and how affects smokers to what the US did to the Japanese in World War 2. The Japanese were forced into prison camps because of their nationality and skin color and you have to smoke in a designated area because you chose not to respect those who didn't want to inhale smoke. That isn't the same thing at all.

The next issues this person had was with the football team. It isn't uncommon for a liberal arts college to have a football team. A liberal arts school is talking about academic curriculum not what sports are offered. The author says they came to this school, "to get away from stereotypical jocks and cheerleader prostitutes". As far as I can tell most of the members of the cheerleading squad had attended Brevard prior to there even be mentioning of a football team and I haven't heard of any them being prostitutes. As far as jocks being on the football team, I haven't seen any. I'm a small guy so if there were any jocks I would be an easy target but, no one has taken my seat in the super lab, no one has beat me up and took my lunch money, no one has skipped me in line at the cafeteria, no one has taken my homework or forced me to do their's, and I haven't heard of this happening to anyone else. I may be confused but I thought that's the type of stuff jocks did. I'm going to have to say that I haven't seen any jocks. Lastly, I will say that I had nothing to do with the smoking policy and I'm not on the football team.

-Freezer Death

# BC has need for Geology major

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Graduation from Brevard College is a time of great pleasure. It marks the end of one time and the beginning of a new era. All graduates of Brevard College will earn a BS (Bachelor of Science) or BA (Bachelor of Arts) which will help them land a job after graduation. For the students interested in the BS program here at Brevard, you have two choices for a major, Environmental Science or Ecology. Why aren't there any more BS majors?

This is a "liberal arts" college that does not have a major in the area of Physical Science. Lots of students and even faculty ask me from time to time, "aren't you a Geology major". Sadly the answer to this is, "NO"! If we had Geology as a major, I would major in Geology along with several other students.

The reason I became interested in Geology is because of what my buddy Zach Schang said to me about his Geology class with Dr. Jim Reynolds (aka JR). I was told the class would open up my mind beyond belief. Since that time I have taken every Geology class that this school has to offer and been a teaching assistant 3 times, and a Geology tutor for the past two years. I have also formed the Brevard College Geology Club (BCGC) which has had many open campus events, taught lessons to many elementary students, helped Cub Scouts earn a Geology badge, and organized a river clean-up project on the French Broad River.

This fall is a sad time at BC because JR is leaving for a year of sabbatical in South America. The college must hire a new teacher because BC offers Geology as a minor, and if there were no Geology teacher they could be sued for fraud. The college has a perfect opportunity at hand to make this institution better. To do this, they must hire a well qualified teacher to teach in JR's absence. We could make Geology a major if this teacher would permanently stay on board when JR comes back from his well earned hiatus.

Two Geology professors would allow the college to offer Geology as a major. This would mean that BC would offer a BS in a Physical Science. Something currently unavailable at our institution. This could be a reality if the Dean of Faculty and the Administration are actually willing to undertake this challenge **financially**.

We cannot beat around the bush. The college must actually jump into the pool to find out how the water feels. If we never make an effort to take forward strides, how can we ever say our school is growing and becoming a model Division II institution?

One may ask; well why not just keep it as a minor? Let me list a few reasons for making geology a major.

1) Having Geology as a major could bring more students to Brevard.

2) Since most Geology students "discover" Geology after matriculating, a Geology major is good for retention of students.

3) Students who have attended Brevard have transferred elsewhere (WCU, App. State, USC, CCSU, and Fort Lewis College) because the school did not have a Geology major.

4) There are students attending Brevard now that would declare Geology as their major.

5) There are graduates of the Geology minor that would have declared Geology as their major.

6) Only one additional faculty is needed to be able to offer Geology as a major.

7) The Geology minor at Brevard is very active. Jim Reynolds leads and co-leads trips to South America, Iceland, Greece, Guatemala, and Italy.

8) Geology classes at Brevard take really cool field trips every semester.

9) The Brevard College Geology Club was founded two years ago.

10) The area that we live in is a great geological laboratory because the Brevard Fault runs right through our campus.

11) Currently a student and professor are researching into a possible meteor impact site in the Western North Carolina region.

12) The Geology program attends and presents abstracts at the National and

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