

College receives solar energy grant

\$5000 grant to be a start towards adding a solar panel to Myers Dining Hall

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Brevard College has received a \$5,000 grant from the Katherine Preyer Foundation for use towards a future solar energy project, Associate Professor of Geology Dr. Jim Reynolds confirmed on Wednesday.

The money will go toward preliminary plans to add a solar panel to Myers Dining Hall that will allow the cafeteria, which is the largest consumer of hot water in Transylvania County, to due the majority of its water heating via solar energy.

According to Reynolds, the dishwasher in the cafeteria requires water to be heated to a temperature of 180 degrees. The solar energy panel will be able to heat the water up to 160 degrees, making only 20 degrees

of the heating being forced to come from electric or gas power.

“This will slash the power bill drastically,” Reynolds said. “Just heating the water with this panel will cut about five-sixths of costs.”

There is no current timetable on the project, which will cost up to \$75,000. It is Reynolds’ intention to use the grant money to attract more donors for the project.

“Our intention is to take the \$5,000 and ask people if they can match it. Ideally we will fund this project entirely through private donations,” Reynolds said.

Reynolds, who wrote the grant proposal, was given the opportunity for the project at last spring’s Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland. At the retreat Reynolds met with representatives from the Katherine Preyer Foundation who expressed interest in the project.



photo courtesy J. Reynolds

A grant written by Dr. Jim Reynolds was recently given to the College. The money will go towards a solar energy project on campus.

While the current plans are still in developmental stages, Reynolds stressed that the money will go towards helping the college achieve its goal of sustainability.

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There’s still time for adventure

Voice of the Rivers to field applications until Feb. 13

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VOR 2009 expedition faculty leaders Robert Dye and Tina Holland will be leading students on a paddling adventure down the Catawba/Wateree River. This trip offers challenges, adventure, academic LINC credit and more. The trip dates are May 16–June 2, 2009. Feel free to call, e-mail visit Robert or Tina for more information.

May 31- We woke before the sun arose which led to an early morning breeze and productive day of paddling, the river being still calm, peaceful and cool.
-Merek Slagle VOR 2008 student blog

Interested students should prepare an application letter including the following:

- Summary of your academic plans and

how you see this expedition fitting into your education.

- Description at least three attributes that make you a strong candidate.

- Summary of any experience in water-based activities, working in small groups, camping, cooking, and/or adventure travel.

- List two individuals who would serve as references who can speak to your qualifications to meet the preceding three criteria. Please provide contact information.

The cost, including tuition, will be \$1,900 per student. Student applications must be submitted electronically by Feb. 13, 2009, to JonesJW@brevard.edu in the Office of Academic Affairs.