

## SGA passes amendment and postpones elections

SGA passed an amendment Tuesday that now requires SGA executive board candidates to complete a campus life form to run.

Other required documents for candidates are 30 signatures of the students' peers and letter of recommendation from a faculty member. Candidates must have previously attended a minimum of three SGA meetings to be eligible.

Applications are due by April 8. A question and answer session for executive board candidates is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 in the Reserve Dining Room. Updated executive board voting information has not been announced yet.

Voting for faculty, staff, and coach of the year has been extended. Students may vote for a faculty member from each division during lunch and dinner on Monday, and lunch Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 12, SGA will host an open forum meeting concerning the presidential search. Students are encouraged to attend to voice their opinions about the next President of BC.

# Tour of Turkey Pen

## PERSPECTIVE

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Last week I was privileged to play tour guide for the Editorial staff of Dirt Rag Magazine. This doesn't mean much to people who don't ride mountain bikes. But if you enjoy a good publication, then you might want to check the magazine out. Printed every six weeks, Dirt Rag is based out of Pittsburgh, Pa and has been in print since 1989. The staff profiles "need to know" information such as local races, the review on a good brew, and the latest part that's worth buying.

The magazine is well known for its cycling related literature and they encourage reader submissions. The staff was on tour of some of the finest riding on the east coast. While testing products for the next issue, they were also touring a few facilities in preparation for an article about products made in the USA.

Two parts manufacturers are located in Asheville. One, Industry Nine Componentry, is a machining company that produces the best wheel sets currently on the market. The other is Cane Creek, a veteran company best known for its partnership with the motocross company Ohlins in manufacturing one of the most revered shocks in cycling.

Our route is a classic, and I thought they would enjoy what I had in mind. We started at Turkey Pen trailhead. This entrance to Pisgah National Forest is located off NC 280 at the Henderson and Transylvania county

line. From the parking lot we descended down to the South Mills River and crossed the swinging bridge. If you've never been in this part of the forest, it is beautiful this time of the year. The Lady Slippers and ferns are just starting to come up.

Paralleling the river for a few miles on South Mills River trail we reached the intersection with Cantrell Creek.

George Vanderbilt had a hunting lodge here, and the chimney remains intact. This trail runs along Cantrell Creek itself, and climbs until it hits Squirrel Gap trail.

Squirrel Gap is often doted as the "Crown Jewel of Pisgah" as the narrow ribbon of singletrack weaves in and out of hollows for nearly 13 miles in a rocky, rooty undulation that could leave even the biggest curmudgeon smiling.

After the ride the twilight grew as we shared the contents of their cooler, laughing and projecting our hopes for the coming summer. "We had a really harsh winter. We needed that ride, thanks Park," said senior editor Josh Patterson. 2011 is shaping up to be a great year.

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## DIRTRAG THE MOUNTAIN BIKE FORUM



A map of the Turkey Pen trail: Riders cross three swinging bridges over South Mills River along the trail.