

wrote. “They make literally almost everything from scratch, even all their sauces. And the owners are the sweetest people in the world.” Poppie’s Market, incidentally, is not closed—nor, if all works out as planned, will it be. The owners of the upscale market and dining spot announced a few weeks ago that they lost the lease on their present store building, but they intend to move to a new location if possible.

Poppies will remain open at its present location until Sept. 15, but according to their Web site ([www.poppiesmarket.com](http://www.poppiesmarket.com)), the owners say they have found a “very exciting location that we think our community will LOVE!” In the meantime, Poppies customers may enjoy substantial discount prices during their moving sale.

### **Favorite seafood restaurant**

Pisgah Fish Camp was the clear choice here, with more than half of those responding calling it a favorite. Price does seem to have played a role here, however—as one student wrote, “Pisgah Fish Camp isn’t that great, but it’s cheap. Then there’s Falls Landing which is great, but expensive. Happy medium, please?”

Despite their higher prices, Falls Landing did get favorite marks from 28 percent of those responding, and a full 15 percent said it is worth the drive to Lake Toxaway to dine at the Brown Trout Mountain Grille.

### **Favorite diner, pub, or sit-down restaurant**

Maybe it had something to do with how the question was worded, or maybe it’s just a matter of being located conveniently across the street from campus, but Dugan’s Pub led the way in this category with 34 percent calling it a favorite place. Hawg Wild Bar-B-Que came in second, with 28 percent.

Roughly tied for third place were Sagebrush Steakhouse and Rocky’s Soda Shop, each receiving favorite marks from about one-fourth of respondents. Seventeen percent listed Huddle House as a favorite spot, though one person did remark that it “should be replaced with a Waffle House and should allow smoking regardless of N.C. state law.”

Gatekeeper’s Table, located in the Forestgate Shopping Plaza near Bi-Lo and Walmart, got favorite marks from 11 percent of those responding. One person with close ties recommended it highly, calling it “an excellent place to eat. I work there and it’s a lot of fun. The environment is great, you can be entertained by one of the two singing waitresses, there is karaoke on Friday nights at 9:30 and a whole score of great things to do.”

### **Favorite “upscale” dining spots**

Square Root was by far the top vote-getter in this category, with half of those respond-

ing calling it one of their favorite places. The next highest, Marco Trattoria, received only 24 percent. Jordan Street Café got 20 percent, and Falls Landing and Hobnob each received 19 percent.

The price for these restaurants is clearly one obstacle to their getting higher marks. A number of students mention that they had not been to some of these places because of the menu prices, though some do say that the quality of food makes them worth the expense. One person, for instance, referred to Hob Nob as a great place to take a date, adding “The dent to your wallet it worth it.” Another referred to Jordan Street, Square Root, and Marco’s as “the only REAL places in town that are worth getting food at. Everywhere else makes me wish I had just made it at home. Too bad they’re all expensive.”

### **Favorite bakeries or coffee shops**

The top marks here went to Starbuck’s, Sunrise Café, Bracken Mountain Bakery and Brighter Day Coffee, ranging from 36 to 29 percent ranking them as favorites. The next tier included Blue Ridge Bakery, French Broad Café and Quotations Coffee Shop, each with around 15 percent.

“Bracken is one of the most amazing bakeries I’ve ever had the pleasure of munching in,” one student wrote, “and I must say that Sunrise is pure excellence. Their food isn’t necessarily the best in quality (Sysco, any one?), but they truly make their food with love.”

### **Favorite bar or pub**

Again, it may have something to do with the way the question was worded, but Dugan’s led the way in this category, with 53 percent listing it as a favorite. Cielito Lindo came in second place, with 36 percent, and Jordan Street came in a respectable third, with 26 percent.

### **Favorite fast-food location**

Subway and Zaxby’s led the way in this category, with 35 and 33 percent of those responding listing them as favorites. Sonic, Taco Bell (each with 26 percent) and Wendy’s (24 percent) received the next highest number of favorite marks, followed by Burger King (18 percent), Arby’s (17 percent), the Cardinal Drive-in (14 percent) and McDonald’s (13 percent).

Students commented often on the affordable price of fast food in Brevard, even as they bemoaned the quality of food and the choice of offerings. Several students noted the lack of a traditional fried chicken fast-food franchise here. “Zaxby’s should be replaced with a Bojangles and Arby’s with a Chick-Fil-A,” one person wrote. Another person likewise voted for a Bojangles in Brevard, saying Bojangles “would make so much money here!”

### **Favorite place to shop for groceries or personal items**

Ingles led by far in this category, with more than 8 out of 10 students saying they shopped there—due, no doubt, to its proximity to campus. Walmart was second, with 60 percent, and Kmart was third, with 37 percent.

For personal services such as hair salons, the most common response seemed to be “someplace back home” for haircuts. Students were invited to list other places they shopped or sought service in town, with Sycamore Cycles being mentioned several times, as well as Looking Glass Outfitters, Dollar General, Hunters and Gatherers, and Kiwi Gelato (“Absolutely worth it and delicious! So much better than regular ice cream”).

### **Leisure time activities**

As you might expect for an area with so much to offer in the outdoors, students at Brevard College list just about every kind of outdoor activity you could think of.

Topping the list of favorite outdoor recreational activities here were day-hikes (45 percent), camping (37 percent), swimming and team sports (each receiving 36 percent).

Three out of 10 students listed kayaking as a favorite outdoor activity. Sight-seeing (by car or motorcycle) was listed as a favorite pastime by 26 percent of respondents, followed closely by rock climbing (23 percent) and backpacking (22 percent).

One-fifth of students listed intramural sports at the college as a favorite activity, and roughly one-tenth said they enjoy mountain biking and trout fishing.

The favorite location for most of these outdoor activities is Pisgah National Forest, which three-fourths listed as a favorite place to spend time outdoors. More than half of those responding listed the Blue Ridge Parkway as a favorite destination, and 43 percent mentioned DuPont State Forest.

Two out of five said just hanging out on campus was a favorite outdoor spot. For those who like to get a little farther away from campus, 16 percent listed the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as a favorite getaway spot, and 6 percent head to Gorges State Park near Sapphire.

As for non-outdoor leisure time activities, the city of Asheville was most often mentioned as a place where Brevard College students go. One person recommended Asheville “for more bars, more people, and other friends. Sometimes you just need to get the hell out of Brevard, and there’s nothin’ wrong with that.”

Other leisure time places mentioned include Strykes Again bowling alley on Rosman Highway (described as “pretty cheap”), and at least one person suggested Bear Arms Indoor Shooting Range on Rosman Highway.