



President talks campus changes

By Patrick G. Veilleux
Editor in Chief

Brevard College President David Joyce met with Clarion staff on Sept. 10 to discuss the ongoing construction of the student plaza between Moore Science Building and the Myers Dining Hall, as well as some other changes that the BC Community may want to know about.

The construction projects have been significantly delayed because of Brevard's infamous weather. The construction was started in May with the intention of having a grassy knoll waiting for the returning and incoming members of the college, but there were obstacles.

Joyce said "the dirt is from the bottom of a creek, so when it rains, the machines can't work with it. We had hoped to have it ready for you when you came for the Fall, but anything that could go wrong did go wrong."

While areas had been marked off for digging and groundwork, the construction teams hit many unmarked areas that had been unaccounted for. Power lines, computer lines, water lines, gas lines were all being avoided but they couldn't locate all of them until after problems began to arise. Joyce has said that he doesn't know when it will be done, only that it will get done. The new plan is to plant grass in the Spring when the next growing season

begins. Soon it will be something other than a mud pile, and the BC community can count on the plaza being there in the future.

The road work continues, though weather has run interference here as well. Joyce said "We're going to do some paving, I don't know how much; it all costs money, we have to see how much. We are going to fix potholes."

There has been work on the road leading by the track and the baseball field, though Joyce and his staff are still observing to see how effective the road work has been. "They took up the asphalt and stones, mixed it with an enzyme and laid it back down," Joyce said. "So what looks like a dirt road is supposedly not like a dirt road. It takes a while to settle, so we're waiting and seeing. If we have to do more, it's a better base now."

Not all of Brevard's changes have been things we can see as we walk around campus. Soon the Board of Trustees will be meeting to discuss and learn with a facilitator about practices as a governing board. "In this process, they will also talk about what we call 'the vision' or how we live the mission of the college," Joyce said. "It creates a framework so we as an institution can decide what we will become, how big we want to be and what we want to be known for."

Eventually Brevard can hope to see a new mission statement, representative of the exciting times of change that we are seeing this se-

mester and the changes that are yet to come.

"A good mission statement has to be compelling, succinct and it has to last at least a hundred years," Joyce said. "It's our purpose, it's why we exist. It's not descriptive, it doesn't describe what you do, how you do it. It's a statement to say 'why we are here.' Then we develop a vision with the trustees, to determine what it will look like to be living that mission statement, descriptive and visual.

"How big are we, what our buildings like, what is our endowment, and what are all of the components that make that up. Then comes our strategic plan, which is how we get from where we are today to the things that we want to there. We will also determine core values and principles things like transparency, showing respect to the worth and value of others. We will conform everything around our values. The ends don't justify the means, the means will justify the ends."

The mission statement usually only changes at pivotal moments—this is the first big step into broad change. Joyce emphasized that despite our motto *Learn in Order to Serve* is not subject to change; the motto is part of BC's values. It's something that the school's new skin will be molded around. "We're not just graduating people to get jobs," he said. "We're graduating people to make a difference."

Brevard College Hosts 11th Congressional District Debate

By Caleb Welborn
Staff Writer

Republican Mark Meadows and Democrat Hayden Rogers found many issues that they agreed on at a debate on Wednesday night at Brevard College, but clashed on the issues of social programs, political gridlock, and education. The two candidates are vying for the US House seat currently held by Heath Shuler, a Democrat.

The debate, sponsored by the Brevard College Debate Society and Young Politicians of America, took place in the Porter Center for Performing Arts. Around 400 people, mostly older community members, attended the event.

See 'Debate,' page 8

