



Times they are a-changin'

SACS Accreditation Board visits, Board of Trustees meets

Staff Editorial

In addition to midterms, Brevard College hosted several significant events and meetings this week that have implications for students, faculty, and alumni in addition to members of the Brevard community.

The Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS) sent a delegation from their Accreditation Board this week to assess the status of Brevard College following the probation placed upon the school last semester.

The delegates arrived on campus Monday and were scheduled to leave on Wednesday. After touring campus, meeting with faculty and staff members, and finally interviewing Student Government Association President Patrick Helmick and Treasurer Burton

Hodges, the SACS representatives cancelled the final day of their trip.

The Accreditation Board will not make a decision to remove or continue probation until June.

Several decisions were reached last Friday at the Brevard College Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting led to several changes that will directly affect Brevard College students in the future.

Tuition for next school year will increase by 3.4 percent after the annual budget was approved for 2014-2015 school year.

Assistant professor Dr. Eva Smith was promoted to Associate Professor of Business and Organizational Leadership and was granted tenure.

Additionally, several decisions for changes were made that will take effect within the

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Students and faculty take photos of artwork, and each other, while touring the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on a field trip last Thursday, Feb. 20. Read more about their trip on page 4.

Psych students to spend spring break at SEPA

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Three psychology students, Carah Hoover, Savannah Calvert, and Jourdane Landry, along with the head of the department, Dan Moore, will be going to Nashville, Tennessee over spring break to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association.

The students have performed research on a current topic of interest. They asked questions and surveyed Brevard College students last semester to try to understand the responses as they relate to the personality variables of neuroticism, conscientiousness, agreeableness, extraversion, and openness to experience.

Dan Moore and psychology students from previous years have found a system that works well to relate the research to one of the personality variables. The two-part system measures cynicism and ethnocentrism. Cynicism is the belief that others aren't reliable enough to do good for us, and ethnocentrism is the idea that one's culture and beliefs are superior to other cultures. Both of these apply to the interesting topics each student delved into.

Carah Hoover's *Ethnocentrism Relative to Privacy Versus Security in Government Surveillance Tactics* accurately reflects current debates. She has been researching the opinions of the current surveillance debate and how people who are very ethnocentric relate to the issue.

Savannah Calvert based her research on the second amendment to the constitution that deals with gun laws and how much we can control them. Her research is titled *Second Amendment Rights: Cynicism and Ethnocentrism in Freedom Versus Control*. She looks at ethnocentrism in relation to gun control and how there is very restricted access to automatic weapons. She has quite a lot to play with, since gun control in the South has been met with aggressive arguments for freedom with weapons.

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