

# Brevard College now offering test optional admission

Brevard College is looking for students who match its commitment to hands-on, experiential learning. By offering prospective students a choice between a test optional or traditional application, Brevard more closely aligns its admissions policies with the College's experiential mission statement and moves "fit" to the top of the list of

admissions requirements.

This fall, Brevard College joins a growing number of top liberal art institutions, like Furman and Wake Forest, which offer test optional admission in order to identify their most suitable applicants.

"As we choose each incoming class, our goal is to assure, to the greatest extent possible, that the

students selected for admission are a good fit for Brevard College," said President David C. Joyce. "Numbers rarely tell a student's whole story, and we believe this new holistic approach will open our doors even wider to talented and deserving students who will thrive in Brevard's exceptional academic atmosphere."

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rested for using the app to post terrorist threats to the campus at large. While there are security measures in place to block yaks that are viewed as obscene, but this is based solely off of user reports.

In the case of BC, there has obviously been some communication between administration and students who feel as if the app is harmful. Having asked around, I got the feeling that a number of students weren't happy with the things being posted. The app has been described as obscene and hurtful by a number of students. When you enroll in BC, you are basically agreeing to follow all the rules, regulations, and guidelines set up by the college, and one of those guidelines is the Social Code. The school has set up a code of ethics that is used to establish community standards and protect the general student population.

"To insure these freedoms the College requires a community protective of free inquiry; respectful of the rights of others; and free from threats and intimidation. In exercising freedoms and in discharging the rights and obligations of citizenship, students must also rec-

ognize their responsibilities to other individuals, to the College, to the state, and to society in general. Orderly, dignified expression and conduct are expected at all times. In protection of these freedoms the College must establish standards of personal and group conduct known as the Honor Code and the Social Code. Foundational principles of academic honesty, personal integrity, tolerance, respect for diversity, civility, freedom from violence, and pursuit of

lifestyles free of alcohol and drug abuse are examples of these standards. "(BC Student Handbook)

The gist of this is that school guarantees us a safe environment free from intolerance, prejudice, and intimidation through means of the social code, which all students must adhere to. That being said, if someone filed a legitimate complaint to the administration about cyberbullying it would be viewed as a violation of the social code, and if enough people made complaints, then the administration would have to take steps to curtail that type of behavior.

The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States protects individual freedoms from

government interference. It does not, as a rule, protect individual freedoms from interference by private organizations, such as corporations or private universities. Private universities, such as ours, then are free, within the law, to define their own missions, which is shown with our social code. Our school has the legal right to ban you from using Yik Yak because you agreed to follow their social code, and the app has been deemed in direct violation of the terms set out by the code.

I have to say that the action of completely blocking the app was a complete shock to me, but it also emphasizes how much this has affected the student body, since the admin felt they needed to take such drastic measures. The fact of the matter is, the administration felt the need to stop cyberbullying in its tracks before it progressed to the point where students felt the need take their own lives. At the ages of 18-22 you'd think that most of us would understand how to follow the age-old adage of "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." With all that in mind, my last words for readers would be to reevaluate your online presence because there is never real anonymity, and the things you do and say today, could affect someone else tomorrow.

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of bullying and the recent issues with proper handling of social media.

People aren't afraid to bully on Facebook and Twitter, with "subtweeting," posting without

putting a persons name that you're discussing, and things like that. Just because the immediate problem is resolved, and BC cannot be held liable, doesn't mean that the issue is solved.

There are decisions being made that heavily affect us and we have absolutely no idea. There is the thought that we can't know everything or have a say in everything, but should things like

# Help Rally for Breast Cancer Awareness

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October marks the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness month, or what some like to call the "pink invasion." During this month, all the stops are pulled out in an effort to raise money and awareness, while celebrating the survivors and supporting those suffering.

Here are a few events in the surrounding area where you can show support:

### Every Weekend in October: Taylor RanchFest and Pink Corn Maze

Come enjoy a 6-acre pink corn maze, haunted trails, live music, and even a kiddie-maze! Proceeds will benefit Mission Hospital and local cancer care.

### Sunday, Oct. 5: Party in Pink

Party in Pink will be hosted at Scandal's Nightclub from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Come show your moves for a good cause!

### Monday, Oct. 6: Pink in the Park

Help raise money to provide mammograms to low-income women in Western North Carolina and to benefit Beauty Through Cancer as well as Ladies Night Out. The walk begins at 10 a.m. and registration is \$25. You may register in advance or at 9 a.m. the day of the walk.

### Saturday, Oct. 27: Power of Pink

MedWest Health and Fitness Center in Clyde, on a new, easier course. The Survivor/Honor/Memory Walk will start at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K Race/Walk at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the 5k is \$25 per person and \$10 for the 1-mile Honor/Memory/Survivor Walk. .