

Security measures increase after 2nd attempted assault

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Friday, Nov. 28 at just after 5:00 p.m., Director of Safety and Security on Campus, Stanley Jacobsen, e-mailed the campus community regarding a second attempted assault on college grounds.

The email stated that at about 10 p.m on Wednesday, Nov. 26, slightly two weeks after the first attempted sexual assault that a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, attempted to assault a female student on King's Creek Loop, near the baseball field.

This description is very similar to the one given from the victim of the first attempted assault on campus, and just like in the first instance, the student fought off her assailant.

Students suggested at meeting that there may be further meetings regarding assault on campus, a notion that Dean of Students Deb D'Anna confirmed. When asked what kind of steps the school were taking to prevent further assaults, D'Anna confirmed that more informative sessions will take place, "in the spring."

D'Anna went on to say that these sessions will be entirely different from the first ones, as they

will no longer be about educating the campus community about school policies, but instead to, "educate students what to look out for."

Another initiative the school has taken is the new 'SafeWalk' program, which has been formed by students of Brevard. The program, which came to student attention on Tuesday the 2nd of December in a campus wide email, is an attempt to prevent students from walking on their own around campus.

Should it succeed, the SafeWalk program will allow students to phone volunteers from anywhere on campus, who will then come and collect the student, and escort them to wherever they need to go. D'Anna said that, "Larger colleges have this program," and was happy to see students engaging in the matter.

It was asked whether or not the SafeWalk program has come as a result of an urgency for more protective measures, to which D'Anna replied, "the first instance brought the urgency for change," and continued by saying, "anything like what has recently happened can only heighten that urgency."

After speaking about this, D'Anna was keen to make sure that students understood that this

is a "safe campus," and that to keep it that way, anything suspicious should be reported to campus security.

D'Anna confirmed that local police will continue to work with the school in an attempt to find the assailant from both attempted assaults, and will continue to work towards creating a campus where the students, "can feel safe."

It appears that steps were already underway before the second attempted assault, and that these steps may be being accelerated in light of recent events. Whilst this occurs, the message from the school to students is to, "be aware," and to "report anything that may appear suspicious."

Spring Theatre productions announced

The Theatre Department is excited to present two shows during the Spring 2015 semester. The first show is the senior project of BC student Karen Bennett. Bennett will be directing the play, "Freud's Last Session".

Written by Mark St. Germain, the play depicts a fictional conversation between psychoanalyst Dr. Sigmund Freud and Christian author C.S. Lewis. During the conversation the two intellectuals engage in a battle of wits related to faith and deliver some riveting ideas. Bennett is looking for two male actors to fill the roles of the play and the auditions will be held today, December 3, 2014.

Another event to look forward to, BC's Music and Theatre Departments will be joining forces to produce the musical revue "Some Enchanted Evening," which will feature the music of the beloved Rogers and Hammerstein. This will be a collection of some of their most loved works from musicals such as "The King and I", "Cinderella", "Oklahoma", "South Pacific", and more.

The auditions for this will be after winter break. Those intending to audition should prepare by having rehearsed the required two 16-bar cuts from musicals before 1960.

Let's get cracking

'The Nutcracker' performed in Ingram Auditorium

This past Sunday, Nov 23, BC hosted a wonderful abridged performance of "The Nutcracker" in the Ingram auditorium.

"The Nutcracker," a ballet that was first conceived in Russia in 1892 by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, is extremely common during the holiday season and a very famous ballet overall in America. This particular performance was conducted by a group of dancers from the Brevard Ballet School, which offers ballet classes for those in age groups ranging from age three to adulthood.

The ballet was directed by Angie Wells, who also founded the ballet school, and was done wonderfully. Wells's magnificent choreography along with the efforts put forth by the dancers in

rehearsal resulted in a great performance that was enjoyable for all audience members.

The background and costumes were also very well designed and detailed. The nuances of the show did an excellent job of drawing in the audience and created an ecstatic atmosphere for the performers as well as the parents and relatives of the dancers.

Overall it was an excellent performance that left everyone in attendance wanting more. I hope that next year the Brevard Ballet School can come back to BC to perform again. And this time I'd recommend that if you did not get to see this performance you should definitely come witness their immense talent!