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## Cycling Team competes in conference championships and looks to Nationals

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The Brevard College Cycling Team competed in Conference Championships at Clemson University on April 23-24. Several of the racers have qualified for Collegiate Road Nationals in May.

On Apr. 23, the team competed in a criterium or "crit" - a race in which competitors do numerous laps on a short course. The duration of the race is based on time - they range from 30 to 60 minutes depending on the racer's category. The race was held in the parking lot of Glenview Middle School in Anderson, South Carolina.

In the Women's A crit, Janelle Cole won after being the sole racer to break from the peloton. Allison Arensman finished in the sixth place and Nicole Miranda finished in 15th place.

In the Men's A crit, Josh Cole finished with the peloton in 16th place.

In the Men's B crit, first year BC students Zack Staniak and Zack Lowden finished in 11th and 12th place respectively.

On Apr. 24, the team competed in a road race held in Central, South Carolina. All racers competed on a 13 miles long loop with rolling hills and several corners. Riders did a preset number of laps based on their racing category. Men's Category C completed two laps while Men's Category A completed five laps.

In the Women's A Race, Arensman and Cole topped the podium, finishing in first and second place respectively. Cole attacked the peloton on one of the many steep hills on the course. Arensman said that after Cole stated in the breakaway, she "attacked and bridged the gap solo."

Arensman said that the results of the race gave the women's team "confidence as we head into nationals."

In the Men's A race, Josh Cole and Ray Dangelmaier finished in 16th and 17th place, respectively after having stayed in the peloton



Janelle Cole (center left) and Allison Arensman (center) on the podium for the Women's A Road Race.

for nearly all 65 miles of the race.

Bradford Perley, the coach of the BC cycling team, said that he was "extremely happy and proud" of the team's strong performance at Conference Championship. He added that it was the "result of hard work by everyone, not just A riders."

Nationals will be held from May 13-15 in Marshall and Burnsville, North Carolina, both of which are north of Asheville. The men that will represent the team at nationals are Josh Cole, Ray Dangelmaier, and Spencer Lowden while the women that will represent the team are Allison Arensman, Janelle Cole and Nicole Miranda.

The team representing nationals this year is smaller than it was in 2015. This is in part because several student-athletes including Nick Jowsey and Wyatt Briggs have since graduated.

Perley said that as a result of the team's small size, it will be focusing all of its efforts on the road race and criterium.

While the team will be small, its roster is strong. "The women have more experience racing at Nationals, having raced last years. The guys are prepared as they can be" said Perley.

## Ross Hall *A brief history*

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It was confirmed a few weeks ago that Ross Hall would no longer be home to the WLEE Department, which plans to move in the basement of Jones this coming fall semester. But now, what will happen to this historic building once the WLEE department moves out?

"In the next few months, when everyone is out we plan to bring in an engineering firm to give us an evaluation of the building. The board must approve any improvements or even a tear down. I doubt seriously we would have that information before the fall," Deborah Hall, Vice President of Business and Finance said.

The Zachary family built Ross Hall as a summer home in early 1900's as summer tourist. The building was constructed into two phases. The first part of Ross Hall was built during World War I and is solid brick with a stone foundation. The second phase was built in the 1920 and was brick veneer with a brick foundation.

Ross Hall received its name after a former Brevard Institute faculty member Francis H.E. Ross. Initially, Ross was used to house the men that attended the institute. In 1940's Ross transitioned over into faculty living quarters, which it would remain until it was turned into the Fine Arts Resident Hall.

In the fall of 1994, the Wilderness Leadership Experiential Education Program was founded. It was shortly after that Ross would change once again to accommodate the WLEE department. Since then, the WLEE department has made Ross Hall their home providing classrooms and resources for outdoor learning.

Recently, Ross Hall has been deemed unstable. However, it is unclear what kind of damage nor the extent of the damage.

"A few years ago the fire marshal told us that the building needed to vacated as soon as we could find a home for WLEE," Hall said. "There were some fires in Ross over the years that caused some damage that we were unaware of until he brought it to our attention. We've had a general contractor look at Ross but he was unable to give us an idea of costs without an engineering study."

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