



Photo Courtesy of Womens Lacrosse Twitter

View of the Turf Field from Kings Creek Residence Hall.

Turf Field to soon reach completion

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“It’s lit!” was the first response of sophomore soccer player Megan Shina when asked about the new turf field being installed on campus. And she wasn’t just referring to the lights staged to illuminate the field, allowing night contests for the first time in BC athletics history.

The turf field which is set to be finished Thursday will host five sports teams for the BC athletics department. Mens and Womens soccer, Mens and Womens lacrosse, and softball will all hold their competitions on the new field.

According to Brevard College Athletics Director, Juan Mascaro, the turf field provides a solution to many problems in the most cost effective way possible. “We had two fields that were not at par for a collegiate program, so we needed to find a way to bring them up to par. The best way to do that was to have a turf field that can host five different sports.”

Prior to the field’s installation the two natural grass practice fields for the lacrosse and soccer programs were chronically flooded due to the geography and weather of Transylvania County.

By the end of the fall sports season, the soccer field adjacent to the gymnasium and the Village residence halls resembled a mud pit, with more brown spots than green. “It’s always raining here” said one Brevard soccer player. “If we waited for the field conditions to dry out then we would never be able to use the field. What happens when you play on soft grass though, is eventually it gets trampled into mud.”

The lacrosse field was even worse when it came to flooding. At certain points in the season, the lacrosse teams could be seen bailing buckets of water off of the grass to allow for field conditions to improve.

For the softball team, a turf field is an interesting move, but one that Mascaro says may be the future for the sport at the collegiate level. “It’s a

new thing. Anderson just did their field on turf. At Liberty [University] I saw a couple baseball and softball fields there on turf, too. It’s easier to upkeep” The current softball field will remain as the practice field for the Tornados.

Junior softball player Paige Atkinson said, “Our team is very excited about the turf, and ready to see how the field plays. I personally have played on turf for years and love it, so knowing we have it is very exciting for us...and it is closer to the main part of campus so hopefully we have more fans that can come out and support Brevard softball this year.”

According to Mascaro all athletic competitions at the turf field will remain free of charge, and like Atkinson he believes that the new facility will increase game attendance.

The first game set to take place on the turf field will be Saturday Sept. 17 when the Mens and Womens soccer teams take on Coker College at 2pm and 4:30pm respectively.