

Snow day at BC!

Editor's note: This issue was delayed by one day because of yesterday's weather-related closures on campus. We plan to resume regular publication next Wednesday ... weather permitting, of course.

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Cycling wins Team Relay National Championship

Hannah Arensman takes varsity women's title

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Competing at the USA Cycling National Championships in Reno, NV., last week, the BC Cyclocross team picked up a pair of National Championship Titles. The Tornados defended their title in the team relay event, while Hannah Arensman emerged victorious in the Division I Varsity Collegiate Cyclocross National Championship.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, Hannah Arensman took home the Varsity Women's Division I title, after a long, back and forth battle with Samantha Runnels of Lindenwood College. Emma Swartz of Marian University rounded off the top three.

Arensman completed the event in a time of 44:28, 31 seconds ahead of second-placed Runnels at 44:59. According to Cyclocross Magazine, Arensman took advantage of a third-lap pit from Runnels to open up a gap on her opponent.

With this victory, Arensman joins an illustrious list of previous BC cycling national champions. She also becomes the first racer in the Brevard Cyclocross program to capture a Division I

national championship individual title.

For the men's individual races, BC placed three racers inside the Top 20. Carson Beckett finished 11th overall, Scott McGill finished 15th, and Tyler Orschel was one spot further back in 16th.

On Jan. 11, one day after the Varsity individual races, Arensman was once more a National Champion, this time as part of a trio in the Team Relay event. Carson Beckett and Scott McGill were the other two members of this victorious team.

The relay team bore a remarkable likeness to the team that won the national championship last year. Arensman, Beckett and McGill were all part of the victorious team of 2017, and managed to repeat this feat one year on.

This year, without the help of Alison Arensman, the Tornados were once more victorious on the national stage. Unlike every other team in the race who fielded four racers, Brevard had only three, with Hannah Arensman taking on two spots by herself.

Despite being one racer less than every other team in the event, BC finished with a time of

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BC celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Brevard College students marched alongside the community on Monday during the 28th Annual Unity in the Community march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. The celebration began with a community brunch at the Bethel "A" Baptist Church Saturday and closed with a march to the Porter Center for the celebration Monday night.

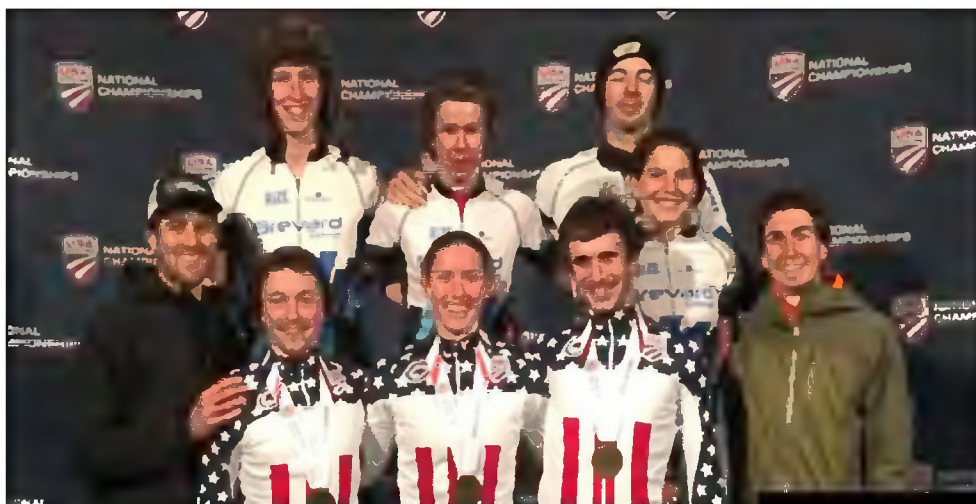
Breakfast was served by local and student volunteers at the Bethel "A" Baptist Church on Saturday morning. This breakfast has annually been a way to bring the community together to start conversations and connections among those who might never meet otherwise.

The march began at the Bethel "A" Baptist Church with the NAACP banner leading the way and proceeding down Main Street to the college. They were accompanied by the Brevard Police as driving and marching escorts, attracting curious looks from drivers passing by. The group of marchers totaled upwards of 200 people and consisted of Brevard College students and professors, Brevard High School students, local business owners, and Brevard locals.

The march was followed by performances in the Porter Center by local groups. Starting off the celebration were the familiar faces of Ebony and Ivory (otherwise known as David Carr and Ed Buckley) who have hosted the event in the past. Buckley started the event by saying, "We need love, we need to have unity—sometimes that's hard but it's never impossible."

Dr. Joyce spoke before the performances about the history of the event and its ability to bring together the entire community for a common cause. Stressing the importance of choosing to come together and stand together during

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BC Team Relay Champions successfully defended their National Title in Reno, NV.