

International Picnic

On Saturday, April 28, Brevard College International Club gathered for the last time of the semester next to the tennis courts for a picnic prepared by the Board of Visitors.

International students, host parents and coaches were welcomed to take part of this event.

This end of the semester lunch was the opportunity for Brevard College foreign students to spend some time together before final's week and summer break.

Burgers and hot dogs were on the menu for this picnic, accompanied with salad and fruits. Once the lunch was over, the students stayed a few more hours to play corn hole, soccer and tennis.

This event that was supposed to take place earlier in April, had been postponed twice because of the rain, but most students were able to attend the picnic. The activities organized by the International Club will resume next Fall with a possible canoeing trip organized by the Board of Visitor at the same time next year.

— Florian Peyssonneaux



International students pose outside the tennis courts after their picnic on Saturday, April 28.

Autopsy: Sweezy's death due to 'complications from diabetes'

In a recent email update, Campus Minister Sharad Creasman informed the Brevard College community on how and why Rakeem Sweezy tragically died last semester. He wrote, "according to the autopsy report, we now know that Sweezy died of complications from diabetes. We do not believe Sweezy was aware of his condition."

A forwarded autopsy report, provided by Dr. Deborah D'Anna and conducted by Dr. Tiffany Erin O'Neill of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, says that Sweezy's passing was brought on by "diabetic ketoacidosis." Dr. D'Anna wrote

in an email that even Sweezy's family was not aware of his condition.

The report continues, "major findings at autopsy were an enlarged heart, fatty liver, and a mildly enlarged heart" and that "no injuries caused or contributed to his death."

The campus was shocked and saddened to learn of Sweezy's death on the final day of classes in December. In order to fully appreciate Rakeem Sweezy's legacy, D'Anna wrote in an email that "we will host events in November for Diabetes Awareness Month in Sweezy's honor."

—Jordon Morgan

Kelly Kearnan: graduating senior, commencement speaker

By Jordon Morgan
Editor in Chief

As one of two commencement speakers for this year's graduating Brevard College class, the other being Zach Hutelin, Kelly Kearnan will set an example for the seniors this Saturday.

Kearnan is a Business and Organizational Leadership Major with a double minor in Criminal Justice and English. In addition, she is also a three-year residential assistant. "On campus, I have been a third-year Resident Advisor (two years in the Villages, one year in Jones Hall), a peer leader my Junior year for FYE 101, and a Teacher's Assistant for JR's Geology Lab and Tina Holland's Honors English 112. I am in the Criminal Justice and Business

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