

Snowmania 2018

Winter Storm Diego leaves its mark

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After recovering from a foot of snow, the Brevard College campus has nearly returned to normalcy. Students enjoyed the break from studying for finals to have snowball fights and to go sledding.

The snow from Winter Storm Diego started on Saturday, Dec. 8 at around 3 p.m. and did not stop until noon on Sunday. During the snowfall, BC experienced campus wide power outages along with the rest of the county.

Power was back on for most of the upper portion of campus by early Sunday morning with the rest of campus regaining power not long after.

Along with the issue of the power outages, students also had to work around problems with IT and the internet being down. The large amount of snow left the library closed through Monday.

A campus wide email read, "Remember that Library resources are available 24/7 through our website. Librarians are available through email and chat, as well (when we aren't out playing in the snow)."

With finals looming around the snow day fun, IT worked to restore internet access and important sites like MyBC and Sakai quickly.

The school made plans for the rescheduling of finals and sent out emails with information about where students needed to go if power was lost to their building.

Email, phone call and text alerts were used to update students regarding power outages and exam rescheduling.

Finals were cancelled for Sunday and Monday due to the bad weather conditions. Those finals were rescheduled for later in the week.

Some areas of Transylvania County experienced power outages until Tuesday and saw snow accumulations of up to 18 inches.

Mount Mitchell received the largest amount of snow from the storm with 34 inches, according to The Weather Channel.

Fallen trees and downed power lines made the waiting times longer as the power companies worked around the clock to fix the problems.

According to the Asheville Citizen-Times, "At midday Sunday, more than 76,000 Duke Energy customers were without electricity in WNC, and Duke Energy had some 9,000 workers out in the Carolinas to restore power."

The storm first left snow in California at the Alpine Meadows Ski Resort and then moved across the lower Midwest gaining moisture from the Gulf of Mexico before dumping snow on Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina and then up through Kentucky and Maryland.

This is the first snow of the winter season in WNC and with warmer temperatures and rain in the future forecast it will not be long until it melts away.



Photo by Lucas Gomez



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Above: Students huddled together in an igloo they built outside the Villages on campus Sunday. (From left to right) Nathan Boepple, Hannah Arensman, Sam Schaer, Emilie Abbott, Malynne Petoia, Gabe Neckolaishen, Duncan McWilliam-Grench, Ivy Blanton, Abi Fuesler, Matt Stephens, Taylor Everard and Danielle Brown.

Left: Brevard College's campus was transformed into a winter wonderland after over a foot of snow poured down Saturday and Sunday. Downed limbs were seen in many areas on campus, as were picturesque winter views, such as this one just outside of Green Hall