

Campus renovations continue

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Brevard has been steadily working toward renovating many areas around campus. Brevard College President David Joyce shared some insight on the changes that have been made and the plans for the future of our small school. "Everything we're doing, we're doing with grants," Joyce said this past Thursday, Jan. 31. He named the Cannon Foundation as long time supporters of the college.

According to the president, they have just finished using the first grant this foundation provided for Brevard. Along with this, retired faculty member Barbara Boerner recently gave Brevard College a contribution to go toward a meeting room in the dining hall, or as the president described it, "A special place to have meals and things."

Joyce also explained the process of using and applying for grants. Until the school has used all of the current grant money they have, they can't apply for more to help with other renovations.

This past summer, they were putting this grant to use by installing an induction loop for the hearing impaired in the Porter Center, Dunham and McLarty-Goodson room 125. MG was almost completely remodeled before students came back to school with, fresh paint in classrooms, new technology and updated bathrooms.

Other renovations completed this past summer included cleaning out the gutters in the villages, updating showers, installing HVAC units and painting common areas. In the Moore Science building, gutters were cleaned, windows renovated and walls painted. The bell tower, as most have probably already noticed, was fixed recently and has been tolling throughout the day. Beam was repainted in some areas over Christmas break while students were at home.

During the interview, he called in Juan Mascaro, who is the school's vice president of strategy and operations, chief financial officer, as well as the head women's soccer coach. Mascaro was able to share valuable information on the changes that will be taking place. Currently, the school is in the process of applying for another grant. President Joyce also stated

we've already been invited to apply.

So what's next? The school wants to install new locks and air conditioning in Beam, HVAC units in MS, more technology in classrooms, and to paint East Jones. There will be a board meeting in three weeks to discuss all of these changes. Mascaro and Joyce both explained that their top priorities currently are safety and security, air conditioning, lighting and sidewalks.

However, air conditioning will cost a lot of money to be installed. "For Beam and Jones it would be about a million dollars," Mascaro shared. As of right now, they're focusing on internal things like fixing up boilers, electrical work, etc. There are plans to fix up the gym and bleachers as well.

According to Mascara, the college did sustain some damage during the "snowpocalypse" that hit Brevard during Fall 2018 finals. "The greenhouse next to my house is pretty much done," Joyce said. There are plans to rebuild it, however, but nearer to Neely Road.

As for Ross Hall, it's going to be demolished by fire. As early as next semester, the plan is to have the fire department come and have a controlled fire. Ross Hall, located on the other side of campus and near the track field, is contaminated with asbestos and is not a salvageable building at this point. Joyce did not divulge what will be done with the land Ross Hall is currently on. "I have some ideas," Joyce said, "It's a surprise."

When the board meets in three weeks, they will discuss what needs to be done first and how to pay for it. "We have to prioritize," Joyce said. Ideas will be presented to the board, and then the next steps toward making a decision on what can be done will be discussed. "We want this place changing every year," Joyce said.

"Everything we looked at so far, touches a student in some way," said Barbara Hulsey, who is chair of the board. Hulsey graduated from Brevard in '75. "That's what the board said," she continued, "It has to be for the students."

Tornados can be on the lookout for exciting, upcoming renovations to campus!

Super Bowl snooze

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For neutrals, Super Bowl LIII was underwhelming to say the least. For the most part it didn't really feel like Super Bowl Sunday.

On paper we had two of the best offenses in the league competing, but they didn't show until the 4th quarter. The game was played with special teams.

Through the first half of play the game had only seen 3 points put up by the Patriots. In the end looking at the stats both teams were going through a rough patch offensively.

The very first drive of the game for the Patriots resulted in an interception. Followed by a few more three and outs. Outside of the game the two most important things every year attempted to inject some excitement in the scene, the halftime show and the commercials.

This year's halftime show was a weird one for those who managed to sit through it. It didn't carry the same feeling as performances of years past. Maroon 5 felt out of place singing a lot of classic hits.

Travis Scott did a decent job. Being an autotune rapper the vocals could have been better, but they also could have been worse.

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