

Opinion

Too much light on campus

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Every year for one hour the world shuts off every light to bring attention to climate change. This event takes place on the last Saturday of March every year.

It has been a Brevard tradition to participate in this particular event for the last ten years. As Brevard is one of the most Earth friendly campuses in the state of North Carolina, not participating in this years event was disappointing to say the least.

To avoid having this happening again and to keep the eco friendly label for the college we should remove the lights on campus. Astronomy professor Mike Castelaz suggested getting the lights in and around campus removed years ago for the astronomy class that is offered on campus.

Professor Castelaz is the one of the physics professors here on campus. He is also the instructor for the astronomy course that will now be available all semester. He first brought up the removal of lights because he is concerned with the light pollution.

Light pollution is the brightening of the night sky caused by street lights and other man-



This night-time picture of the Brevard College campus, seen prior to last year’s graduation ceremony, shows the contamination of light pollution near the bell tower, in the academic quad, and atop Moore Science lighting the cupola.

made sources, which has a disruptive effect on natural cycles and inhibits the observation of stars and planets.

With the removal of the lights on campus we would save money and we can end our partnership with PARI, and we can start doing our observations from campus. Along with the students, Castelaz would like to have the class

and the lab on campus.

This could be very beneficial to both parties honestly. More people get to learn about stars and other space stuff, while being on campus for the lab component. All in all, this is a great idea by Castelaz, this will benefit the faculty, staff, and students in the long run. The removal of the lights will begin June 2019.

Brevard College: Honors & Awards Day will be replaced with ‘Shame Day’

BC embraces ‘bottom-up’ approach

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Brevard College recently announced that its typical Honors and Awards Day, held each spring semester to honor high achieving individuals, would be cancelled. It is to be replaced with a campus wide Shame Day.

Awards to be given include certificates for Lowest Attendance, GPA below 2.0, Most Disciplinary Action as well as awards in each major degree program for Least Likely to Actually Secure a Job in This Discipline.

Students with failing grades are asked to arrive early to practice receiving their certificates, and to be fitted for their sandwich boards, which will display a large red letter “F”. Students are invited to gather in the academic quad to be photographed with their boards and certificates.

Parents, family and friends of underachieving students are welcome to come to the event, and are encouraged to share a few words of their own disappointment following the ceremony.

Professors hope that the bottom-up approach will be beneficial for all students, providing a sense of reality along with the encouragement needed to get students to care less about grades and more about how others perceive them. This will also prepare students for future work meetings where such topics as “who did this?” and “why would you do this?” may be discussed.

Students will not be the only ones being honored during Shame Day festivities. Attendees can expect to find out which professors will be recognized for highest fail rates in each academic area. Professors receiving this award will also be receiving a

0.04% raise in their annual salary, a small but well-deserved token of the school’s gratitude.

This approach will also be paired with changes to the typical spring commencement ceremony. Students not quite meeting traditional graduation requirements will be honored with Certificates of Participation at the May commencement ceremony.

What do you think of this ideological change? Either way, get ready to embrace it!



Senior Cersei Lannister, an IWIL student from Westeros, demonstrates BC’s new “Shame Day.”