



CRJ 'makeover'

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The crime scene space in the attic of McLarty-Goodson received a makeover during the summer of 2019. The new additions to the scenes were spearheaded by Dr. Timothy Powers, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Major and Dr. Laura Vance, Professor of Sociology and Social Science Division Chair.

This space is intended for use by the Introduction to Crime Scene class, taught by Powers, the Crime Scene to Courtroom class and the Master's program. "I thought this was the best way to induct folks, to show what we do for a living and get you out of your chair," Powers said when talking about his first encounter with a crime scene class at Brevard College.

Powers, at first had a hard time working with a crime scene class, the materials to make the class life-like were not available. He first worked with tarps on the wall, these were used as make-shift rooms for the students in the class.

"I started setting up small crime scenes at first, and the students were like, eh this is okay," said Powers. He felt like he needed something more, to make the experience in the class feel more real.

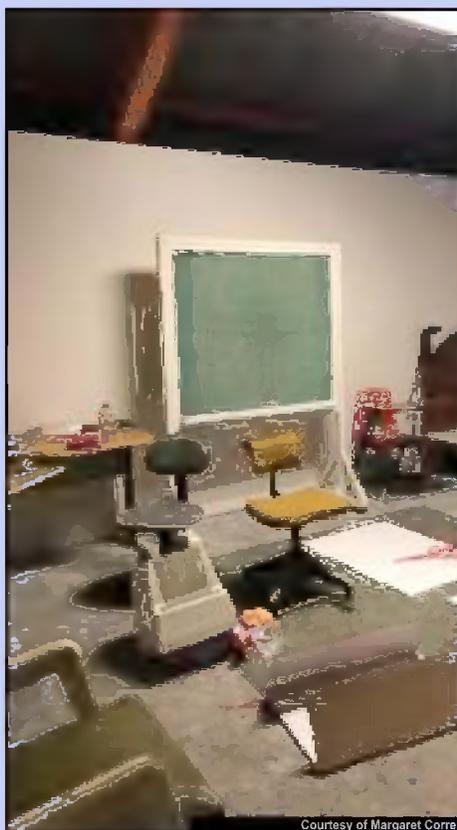
Powers started looking for a way to take the crime scenes to the next level, he planned to make the scenes all homicide and to make them look like an actual room. "I wanted to make it enjoyable for the students and make them feel like they accomplished something when they finished the class," said Powers. New walls, furniture, and lights were added to the crime scenes.

When the time comes for the Introduction to Crime Scene class to work on their final investigation, Powers says that this new setup will be very helpful to the students. "The students are getting the best possible experience for situations like these, in this class without actually being in a real one," Powers said, "I'm literally taking you into the real world, this is what it looks like."

The new additions will continue to be used in many Criminal Justice classes. "I don't know how we were doing it without these rooms, we were making it work," said Powers. He hopes that students will see the benefit of the rooms as well.

"I can observe, I can direct, and I can teach," Powers said about the new uses for the rooms and for the future of the Criminal Justice program. Powers believes other classes, not just in the Criminal Justice program, can benefit from the new spaces as well and invites other majors and minors to interact with the new space.

The new attic space is open to specific classes and is considered an "active crime scene." Permission is needed to gain access to the space.



Courtesy of Margaret Correll

A current, working crime scene located in the attic of MG.

Big ticket issues on BC campus

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During the first week of classes, the Transylvania County Democratic Party (TCDP) visited Brevard College and spoke to several students to determine the most important political issues in the 2020 election.

Students overwhelmingly chose "Planet Issues" such as climate change, environmental protections and sustainability, as most crucial. The next important group of issues was "Education Issues," such as college affordability and better pay for teachers.

In addition to the issue survey, the TCDP also conducted a voter registration drive, and a survey of student interest in a College Democratic Club, the latter of which resulted in sufficient numbers for students to apply for the formation of the club.

The TCDP appreciates the warm welcome from Brevard College students and professors, and looks forward to future events on campus. Students are invited to the TCDP Debate Watch Party and Oyster Roast, Thursday, September 12 at 8 pm, at 185 King Street, Brevard, NC. An RSVP is required for the 18 and over event.

