

'Southern Class' art exhibition

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On Friday, Sept. 6, the Brevard College Art Department hosted an opening reception in Spier's Gallery for local artist Travis Donovan to introduce his sculptural exhibition titled 'Southern Class.'

As a native of Southern Appalachia—born and raised in Valle Crucis, a small town outside of Boone—Donovan developed a fascination for the region's unique culture and prevalent motifs.

In 2004, Donovan received a BFA in Sculpture from Appalachian State University. He later continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a Studio Art MFA in 2011 and, upon graduating, became a North Carolina Artists Fellow.

Donovan now works as a North Carolina interdisciplinary artist and educator, currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Sculpture and Area Coordinator at his alma mater Appalachian State University.

Inspired by his experience living in the

mountains of North Carolina, Donovan began his pursuit to study, challenge and capture themes of economic and gender dynamics throughout the South.

'Southern Class'—Donovan's current artistic exploration—delves into the relationships between southern identity, integrity and memorabilia which define life under the Mason-Dixon line.

In his exhibition and throughout his other works, Donovan experiments with an array of materials, techniques and innovative concepts. From traditional artistry to contemporary media, Donovan's creations feature an assortment of aesthetic elements, which often appear collectively in a singular piece.

"My current work utilizes this storytelling tradition of embellishment by investigating unexpected presentations of materials and objects that I have encountered growing up in the South, in hopes of coaxing new poetic connections from an established cannon of reality," said Donovan.

'Southern Class' is open to the public and will remain on display until Sept. 27. Gallery hours for the show are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays.



Photo credit TravisDonovan.com

Donovan uses saw in studio for sculpture project.

BC security report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Tuesday, Sept. 10, 3:30 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

A hit and run occurred on campus in which a vehicle was damaged. If students observe a hit and run occurring, please obtain the license plate information of the departing vehicle and immediately advise Campus Security.

A North Carolina state and New York state flag have been reported missing from the tennis building. If anyone had any knowledge of this please advise Campus Security.

Speeding is still being observed on campus. Please slow down and respect the campus wide 15 miles per hour speed limit.

Several bicycles have been reported missing and some have been recovered on campus.

There have been several reported incidents of harassment via social media. Students are reminded that this type of activity is in violation of Title IX and has serious consequences to the offender.

Do not engage in this type of juvenile behavior.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

—Zach Dickerson

Thursday is Commuter Day *Lounge for commuter students opens Sept. 12*

On Thursday, Sept. 12, Brevard College will celebrate its commuters students. All commuters will be able to eat in Myers Dining Hall for free and BC will open its newly remodeled commuter lounge. The commuter lounge is located in Tornado Alley in Rutherford Room A.

The lounge will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

—Campus Life