

Brevard College Gets New President

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Gives Views

"I accepted mainly because I was invited," chuckled Rev. Robert A. Davis in a telephone interview Wednesday night.

Mr. Davis has been named as the sixth president of Brevard College and will assume his duties on June 1, 1969. He succeeds the late Dr. Emmet K. McLarty, Jr., who died May 23, 1968.

"Seriously though," continued the new 40-year-old president, "I am a person that is involved in higher education and I want to try my hand at leading a college in the field of education. I'm committed to higher education and also committed to the (Methodist) Church and that is why I accepted the position when it was offered. I feel that the Church has a role in higher education."

Mr. Davis visited the campus recently and reported that he likes the Brevard College campus. "I had a quite positive first impression and I like the setting. It is a neat and nice campus."

When asked what plans he had for the improvement of Brevard, Mr. Davis said that at the present he could not respond. "I will have to work more with both the faculty and the administration in this matter," he said.

"I will place emphasis on good solid academic work and solid support for the faculty."

Commenting on the quality of education at Brevard, he said, "I need to do a lot more study but my first impression was that the college has a basically sound program." He said that he is under the impression that Brevard stands very high among the junior colleges in the Southeast.

Student Unrest

"It is a part of the times, and the college campuses reflect the unrest in our society," said Mr. Davis in commenting on the student unrest on college campuses across the nation. "It is a part of a larger culture."

"Secondly, it is a part of growing up for the student and is a way for him to express himself. Thirdly, there are some legitimate concerns that need attention. Although we (the older generation) may not like

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Rev. Robert A. Davis

Rev. Robert A. Davis Appointed Prexy

Rev. Robert Aldine Davis of Nashville, Tenn. was appointed the sixth president of Brevard College. The announcement was made Wednesday morning by Allen H. Sims, chairman of the Brevard College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Davis will fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., who passed away on May 23, 1968. Dr. McLarty served as president from 1957 - 1968.

A native of Broxton, Ga., the new president was graduated from South Georgia Junior College and received the B.B.A. Degree from the University of Georgia. He was awarded the B.D. Degree from Emory University and the Th.M. Degree from Yale University.

"It is a distinct honor to be chosen by the Board of Trustees to serve as president of Brevard College," said Mr. Davis. "Brevard's history is one of distinguished service to the cause of church - related higher education."

"My own dream for Brevard

is for academic excellence in a Christian context. While public education is growing at a great pace, there is even greater need for church - related colleges to continue their service both to church and the larger society. Questions of the spirit and the meanings of life must continually be raised in the academic setting. The institutional commitment to Christian values provides the context in which the search for truth is directly related to the deeper needs of men in our time."

Mr. Davis served from 1952-1958 as director of the Wesley Foundation on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. During the 1958 - 59 academic year, he studied at Yale as a Danforth Scholar, returning to Brevard as director of the Wesley Foundation at the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1959-1962.

The 40-year-old Mr. Davis is a member of the South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church, of the Georgia Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, of the South Georgia Conference Board of Education, and of the National Committee on Education and Theology.

He is married to the former Phyllis Clough of Douglas, Gr. They have two boys, ages eleven and four, and a six-year-old girl.

Students Get Insight Into World Problems

The United States Student Press Association Conference in Washington, D. C. concluded February 16 with the near-1600 delegates returning home. With them, delegates carried what was hoped to be, by conference organizers, a new insight into the problems of the campus and of the world today.

The subject of the conference was "The Economics of Social Disorder," and featured many of the nation's top economists and other personalities.

The keynote address was presented the evening of February 13 by Professor Karl Deutsch, head of the political science department at Harvard University. Following Prof. Deutch was Michael Sweig, instructor in economics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and former Students for a Democratic Society leader at the University of Michigan. Other addresses, with

news conferences by NBC, CBS, ABC, and Washington newspapers, were presented to the delegates by William Grier, author of **BLACK RACE**; Muhammad Ali, former heavyweight champion of the world; Rol Innis, executive director of CORE; Walter Reuther, President of the United Auto Workers of America; Ralph Nader lawyer and modern reformer; and Kenneth Boulding, President - elect of the American Economics Association.

Discussion groups were conducted by such personalities as Louis O. Kelso, author and economist, Ray Tanter, political scientist from the University of Michigan, and others.

The conference was constantly interrupted by radicals from Newsreel and activist groups who managed to infiltrate the conference.

A series of articles with comments by John Lum, Bill Payton, Ronnie H. Smith, and

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Brevard College met last Friday afternoon at the Holiday Inn at Hickory to elect a new president. Chairman Allen Sims is pictured above

presiding over the well-attended meeting. At his right is E. W. Hardin, Jr., business manager of the college, and Rev. James McLarty, secretary to the board.

BLT PRESENTS "REBECCA"

The Brevard Little Theater will present "Rebecca," a drama - mystery in three acts, tonight at 8:15 p. m. and again tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p. m. in the Brevard High School auditorium.

John Setzer of the Brevard College faculty heads the cast with BC students Bruce Armes and Hall Parrish also cast in roles.

Madam director is Mrs. Rhuemma Miller, also of the BC faculty.