

## Committee Proposals: Three Pass, One Fails

Students and faculty alike passed the Report on the Social Behavior and the Cultural Program Policy in a vote April 1. The Academic Attendance Policy failed by a small margin.

Mr. Richard Wilson, member of the Social Behavior Committee, commented that it was still too early to tell anything about the new policies presented by the Social Behavior Committee. Most of this policy will take place next year.

Mr. Setzer, chairman of the attendance and Penalties board, stated that he was both disappointed and elated. The section of the report which dealt with class attendance was defeated by one vote. Class attendance policy for next year will now be decided by the administration.

The reports were voted on before the students left for Spring break. The dress rules and the smoking rules went into effect when the students returned.

## Former Student Is Honor Grad.

Marigay Lesh, 1967 graduate of Brevard College, recently graduated with honors from Pace College in New York City. She is a native of Hempstead, New York, and was a member of the College Choir while at Brevard.

Miss Lesh graduated fourth in her class.

## Masquers Will Present

### H-Y-M-A-N K-A-P-L-A-N

The Drama Department of Brevard College will present their Spring Musical, "The Education of H \* Y \* M \* A \* N K \* A \* P \* L \* A \* N \* N \*", by Benjamin Bernard Zavin this Friday and Saturday nights in Dunham Auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

Members from the drama, music, and art departments will be taking part in the production. The play is directed by Rhuema Miller and student director, Hall Parish. Musical direction is by Harriet Herring who is assisted by Alice Kissiah. The art direction is done by Tim Murray. The technical director is Stan Tesh and dance arrangements are by Lee Goodwin.

The play is a story of immigrants who are attending night school in order to receive their American citizenship. The plot revolves around a young German immigrant, Hyman Kaplan, who meets difficulties in both academic studies and romantic life.

Bruce Armes stars as Hyman Kaplan and Penny Taylor as Rose Mitnick. The play also stars Alan Lathan as Sam Pinski, George Weaver as Mr. Parkhill, Karen Nicholaides as Miss Vitale, Charlotte Lee as Miss

## Perezes Receive

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It takes a lot of deep, red-blooded courage for a man to take his wife and his daughter and, with only a few suitcases carrying clothes for a two to four weeks' vacation, to walk away from a new home in his native country and seek to start a new life. It was hard for Mr. Mario Perez to do just that on that hot day in August, 1960.

Mr. Perez, his wife, Viola, both Brevard College Faculty members, and their daughter, Violita, were fleeing the strengthening hand of Fidel Castro, the Communist dictator, who had seized control of the Cuban government a short time before. Since that time in 1960, the Perezes have been without a country as the Cuban government stripped them of their citizenship as soon as they failed to return.

This will all come to an end on May 16 of this year when the three Cuban refugees will take the oath as citizens of the United States of America.

### Long, Twisting Trail

It has been a long, twisting trail for the Perezes from their Cuban doorstep of their new home to the examination room in Asheville for their American citizenship. It has been a trail that wound its way through the trials of obtaining citizenship, from the little town of Brevard

to Toronto, Canada, and back to Brevard. The trail has been scented with the fragrance of nostalgia, and with the memory of the Cuban life before the Castro regime. It has been confronted with the barriers of having to learn American History, American Government, and the traditions and ideals of American life well enough to pass a written examination. It was a long, hard trail, but the Perezes feel that it was worth the trip.

### Left As Tourists

The Perezes left Cuba on a tourist visa. This was not unusual since the Perezes, who also taught in their home land, customarily spent their summers vacations in the United States. They packed their bags just as if they were going for the usual trip to the States that summer, but they never returned. They walked out on a new home that had only been built a few years before, a house full of furniture, two new cars and their bank accounts. They had to leave most of their money in the bank so as not to arouse suspicion that they were going to leave the country and not come back.

After being in the United States a year, the Perezes accepted a position on the Brevard College faculty in August, 1961. It was like going home, Mr. Perez reports, since he attended Brevard Institute in

## U. S. Citizenship

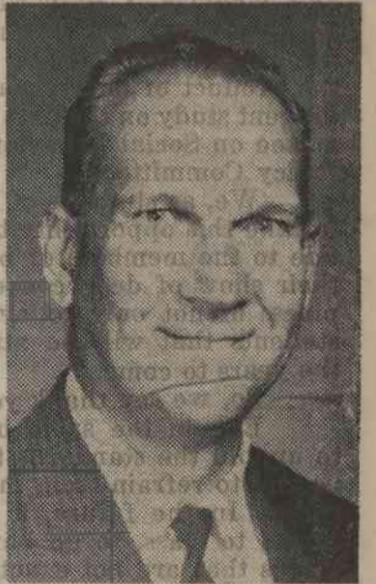
1930. The initial step in obtaining their citizenship was for them to leave the country again and apply for permanent residence in the United States. This had to be done at an American Embassy, so they took off on a hazardous trip to Canada. On the trip, the trio experienced all kinds of weather except good. They encountered rain, snow and terrific wind storm on the way, but they did receive their permanent residence permit.

### Five - Year Residence

To apply for their citizenship, the Perezes had to be in residence for five years. So, five years later to the day, Feb. 20, 1963, they applied for the United States citizenship. They took their exam April 10, and in the words of the examiner, they were successful.

"We are proud that America and Americans have accepted us especially since we accepted America to come and live with. We adopted the United States and are proud to have been accepted," says Mr. Perez.

"On one of our trips to the United States and while we were staying in Hendersonville," continued Mr. Perez, "My wife stepped out on the porch and said that this a part of the world that she could live and die in. I believe that she is going to have her say, now."



Mr. Mario Perez



Mrs. Mario Perez

## Methodist Ministers

### Visit Campus April 14

Ministers representing the fifteen districts of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church visited Brevard College, April 14. The ministers have spent two weeks visiting the four Methodist colleges, (High Point, Greensboro, Pfeiffer, and Brevard) in Western North Carolina and finished their tour at the Brevard campus.

In keeping a similar agenda as was utilized at the other three colleges, the ministers met with administrative officers, faculty, and students. To facilitate the meeting with large groups, persons were selected from the three categories.

Dean Grady Whicker, E. Wannamaker Hardin, Jr., Business Manager; Charles P. Court, Director of Admissions; Luther H. Lawing, Financial Aid Officer; Eston E. Roberts, Dean of Students; and Joseph P. Bowles, Director of Public Relations represented the administration.

Louis Miles, Chairman of the Division of Social Studies and Religion; Leighton W. Martin, Chairman of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; and C. Edward Roy, College Chaplain represented the faculty.

Jackie Collins, director of the Save-A-Child Program; Bonnie Brewbaker, President of West Beam Hall and Member of the Student Government Association; John Lum, Vice-President of the Student Government

Association; and Wayne Morton, Editor of *The Clarion* and member of the Student Government Association represented the students.

Due to inclement weather, only twelve of the expected thirty ministers were able to attend. Several of the ministers spent the night on campus and discussed problems of the campus and other topics with other students.

## AAUW Requests Student Books

The American Association of University Women has adopted a project in which students of Brevard College may share. The Association is conducting a book sale to provide fellowships for deserving candidates to complete their Ph. D. degrees.

This is a project of the local Branch of the Association which endeavors to provide funds for graduate students who would otherwise not be able to complete their studies.

Students who have books (text books, paperbacks, etc.) which they intend to discard are requested to deposit them in boxes provided in each dormitory, the library, and Mrs. Sigmon's office. The books will be sent to a committee in charge of the book sale.

## Smoking Promoted

A smart Madison Avenue outfit, engaged in the promotion of the pleasures of a new long cigarette, has come up with the idea of having the product endorsed by celebrated figures out of history.

We are indebted to The New York Times for the following example:

"Hi. I'm Genghis Khan. In the 900's we extended the Mongolian Empire and changed the face of the world. (Actually it was the 1200's, but Madison Avenue is not THAT concerned with accuracy.) It was fun! But let me tell you of a more spectacular century. This century." Then he holds up the butt.

Among other famous endorsers are Ivan the Terrible and Catherine the Great of Russia and Henry VIII of England, and don't think we're going to object to these endorsements because we're not.

Genghis Khan slaughtered his millions. Ivan and Catherine tortured and murdered their enemies. Henry lopped off his wives' heads.

What better associations could there be for a product the health hazards of which are so eminently notorious?