



ONE OF THE MANY BAGS CARRIED LAST WEEK

## College Starts 33rd Year Of Instruction

Brevard College opened its doors for the 1969 fall semester to 625 students this past weekend to begin its thirty-third year of instruction as a two-year college institution.

Faculty members and student leaders were the first to arrive on the Brevard College campus last week. The instructors reported for work on Monday and the students came Tuesday. They spent the next few days in an effort to ready the dorms and the buildings for the college's 344 freshmen, who arrived Thursday.

On Wednesday of last week, the newly appointed hall counselors were in meetings lasting the majority of the day. In these meetings the new system was explained and various examples of duties were discussed.

The bewildered, but excited freshmen started arriving early Thursday morning.

The first official meeting of the freshmen was held Thursday evening in the Dunham Auditorium. The students were welcomed by Ken Eaton, president of the Student Government Association. President Davis spoke a few words to the freshmen and then Eaton introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Louis Miles, a history and religion professor here at the College. Mr. Miles spoke on the history of the College since its organization and commencement in 1934.

Friday was a tiresome day for the freshmen as they got their first taste of life as a BC freshman — that of standing in lines. These new additions to the student body also took tests in physical fitness and placement tests in academic courses.

Freshmen assembled in Dunham Auditorium again Friday night and were informed of the student leaders already on campus and were later dismissed

to their respective faculty advisors.

The freshmen preregistered Saturday morning with their faculty advisors.

The returning sophomores hit the campus on a rainy Sunday and registration for classes was held Monday.

The 1969 fall semester got underway Tuesday morning at eight o'clock.

## Davis Speaks At Convocation

The 1969-70 academic year at Brevard College officially got underway Sunday night in the Boshamer Gymnasium with the Convocation address given by the newly installed president of the College, Rev. Robert A. Davis.

President Davis assumed the duties of college president June 1, 1969, fulfilling the vacancy created by the death of former president, Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr.

President Davis' speech challenged not only the freshmen to step out and take advantages of the offers of Brevard College, but he also stressed his challenge upon the sophomores. Using the symbolic example of man's first step upon the moon, the president compared the building process needed in achieving a worthwhile goal to that of achieving a worthwhile education.

"One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind," quoted President Davis from Astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words upon stepping on the moon's surface. It is one small step to come to Brevard College as a freshman, said the President, but it is one giant leap in the educational process of each student here.

## Proposed Constitution Vote Is Scheduled For Wednesday

During the past summer and early fall, certain members of the student body have been re-vamping the Student Government Association Constitution. They literally threw out the old constitution, which had not been used or served a meaningful purpose for several years, and have written a more modern up-to-date constitution.

The new constitution will be voted upon by the student body next Wednesday morning.

On Monday, copies of the new constitution will be given out to all students. Wednesday morning before the voting begins, an assembly will be held for students to ask questions concerning the constitution.

The revision includes a system of "checks and balances" and "division of powers," like our national constitution. It consists of five articles: Article I, the legislative branch; Article II, the executive department; Article III, the judicial powers

of the SGA; Article IV, the social branch; and Article V, the general provisions.

The committee also undertook the responsibility to write a preamble to the new constitution. It reads as follows: "We the student body of Brevard College do establish the Student Government Association in order to promote the general welfare of the students; to provide a link between faculty, administration, and students; to insure representation of student voice in the direction of the college and to perpetuate the concept of responsible student freedom."

Some of the big changes the revision calls for is the almost complete separation of the social department, called the Social Board, and the student legislature, the name given to legislative department.

In the student legislature there are to be 29 members, of which the Vice-President of the SGA is the speaker. This

is a big change from the other year's parliamentary form, in which the president presided over the legislative branch. The president, under the new constitution shall have powers like that of the President of the United States, which includes appointments, presentation of a comprehensive budget, suggesting legislation to the student legislature and making sure all bills passed be enforced. He also has veto power. The office of Secretary-Treasurer is to be split up into two distinct offices. These are only a few of the changes called for.

The Committee has worked many long and hard hours, beginning with the first session of summer school and working this first part of the fall semester.

The members are D. J. Padgett, Kerry Kille, Maureen Scott, Gaines Bowers, Mack King, Keith Holland, Ken Eaton, Ron Smith, Dean Lawing and former history professor, Mr. Richard Wilson.

## Brevard College Receives

## \$38,000 Grant From HEW

Brevard College will receive a \$38,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, according to an announcement from the office of president Robert A. Davis.

The grant, announced recently in Washington by TEW's Office of Education, is being awarded for the 1969-70 fiscal year under the government's program of financial aid to developing institutions.

According to Dean Grady H. Whicker, project coordinator for Brevard College, the funds will be used in the areas of administrative and faculty development, cultural improvement programs, an audio-visual workshop, tutorial and reading programs and to provide salaries for three National Teaching Fellows.

Dean Whicker indicated that part of the grant would be used to enable administrative officers and members of the faculty to travel to national conferences and to other institutions in order to broaden their experiences in their respective disciplines. In addition, several consultants will be brought to the campus to study the college's administrative structure and curriculum and to confer with college officials and faculty members.

The grant will also provide funds for an increase in the level of cultural improvement programs offered to the student body each year as well as helping to support a new tutorial and reading skills program for entering freshmen. In addition,

a portion of the grant will provide the necessary funds for an audio-visual workshop to be presented to the faculty prior to the beginning of the 1969 fall term.

Finally, the grant will supply the salaries of three National

Teaching Fellows in the areas of mathematics, history and reading skills. The National Teaching Fellows replace Brevard faculty members who are on leave of absence while studying for advanced degrees in their academic disciplines.

## The President: A Rookie But Determined Leader

President Davis has been Brevard College's president for three months now. The newness of his office has probably worn off for him. The faces he meets as he crosses the campus have a ring of recognition. Even the faces of students can

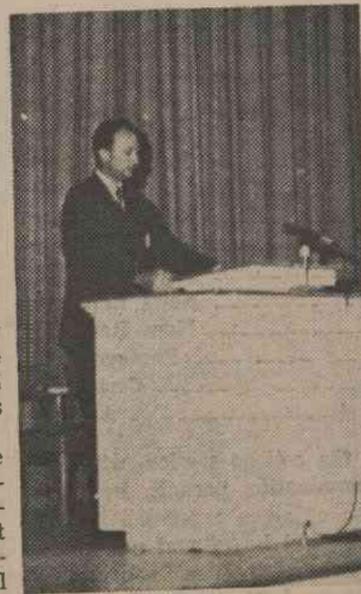
be occasionally associated with a name that he has learned before.

And yet, there is more than the usual challenge facing a freshman president. For this year at Brevard College, there marks the beginning of a new era.

Brevard College has moved into not only a new facility, the McLarty-Goodson Classroom Building, but has also instigated a new form of government for the college students and family.

One of the new programs that are underway with the entirely new program is the organization and commencement of the "Learning Lab." The new program was set up to help those students admitted on Academic Probation to "reach their full learning potential." President Davis said that he very much appreciates the work done by Mrs. Wike and Miss Burgess for the success of the new program.

President Davis also was pleased to announce that the new international image that



PRESIDENT DAVIS

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