



RECEIVE GROUP INSTRUCTION — Six Brevard College music majors receive instruction at the college's new electronic piano lab-

oratory which enables one instructor to teach all six simultaneously and independently of one another, if so desired.

New Electronic Piano Lab Is Installed At The College

Brevard College is utilizing the time of its instructors in the music department more efficiently this fall due to the addition of an electronic piano laboratory which enables one instructor to teach up to six students at one time.

According to the Rev. Nelson F. Adams, chairman of the college's division of fine arts, the electronic equipment makes it possible for six persons to receive instruction simultaneously. The instructor talks to all six, or any combination of the group, through the use of headphones.

Students then can play their programmed material as a class, in smaller groups, or individually. A manual at the instructor's position enables him to utilize any combination of groups, all playing separate pieces, without disturbing each other. Com-

munication can be with the entire group, with one individual, or with any group the instructor desires.

At present, the electronic laboratory is being used to teach secondary piano instruction to music majors not majoring in piano. Mr. Adams asserted that use of the equipment is planned for expansion in the fall of 1970, when town students wishing to take lessons from the music faculty will be introduced to the group teaching method.

The laboratory, designed and produced by Wurlitzer, is equipped so that auxiliary units, such as cassette tape records or music turntables, can be plugged into it, making it an even more versatile teaching instrument. More piano keyboards may be added, up to a total of 24.

In commenting on the effec-

tive use of the electronic piano laboratory, Mr. Adams said:

"Use of this equipment makes it possible for the same size staff to handle many more students. For the beginning piano student on the college level, it provides an ideal group approach to learning a new instrument."

Music Faculty Attend Meeting

Several members of the Brevard College music faculty will be attending the convention of the North Carolina Teachers Association, October 25 - 27, at Elon College, Elon, N. C.

Attending will be Mr. Adams, Mr. Cope, Mr. Cousins, and Mr. Miller. The association is primarily an organization of College and Private music teachers, and is affiliated with the National Association of Music Teachers.

Dean Grady Wicker Addresses Legislature

In a special appearance before the members of the Student Legislature Wednesday night, Dean Grady Whicker, Dean of the College, answered questions concerning his veto of a resolution sent to the Administration concerning attendance policies.

The resolution was passed by the Student Legislature at its regular meeting two weeks ago. In the resolution it was demanded, among other things, that the required outside class activities demanded by an instructor be submitted for regular class meeting time.

In opening his address to the members of the legislature Dean Whicker said that when he first arrived at Brevard College two years ago there was a committee of faculty members at work on a specific attendance policy. This committee had been at work for more than three years and had yet failed to produce anything that was acceptable by the majority of the faculty members. The subject was then transferred to another committee made up of both students and faculty.

The report made by this committee was voted on by the student body and faculty in the spring of 1969. It failed.

Thus the problem of finding an acceptable attendance policy was turned over to Whicker. It was either to come up with a new policy or to go back to the previous policy of the school which Dean Whicker felt was immoral.

"I came up with the attendance regulation that the professor will declare the number of absences allowed in his class," said Dean Whicker. "And I don't know of anyone that is being unfair."

Legislature member Sherry Queen told Dean Whicker that the main problem as meant by the resolution was the required attendance outside of class, especially the Wednesday assemblies.

"Just as a professor decides the amount of homework and outside work . . . I feel that a division has the right to do this," responded Dean Whicker. "I don't think that they are going to be unfair," he repeated.

Legislation Is Passed On School Beautification Plan

Legislation concerned with the beautification of the school grounds were the main topics of discussion at the meeting of the Brevard College Student Legislature.

Dean Grady Wicker also made a guest appearance to answer questions concerning a veto of a resolution sent to the Administration two weeks ago concerning attendance policies.

The Legislature appropriated \$25 to supplement the \$50 offered by the Administration for the purchase of shrubbery to plant in front of the Science Building running from the cafeteria parking lot to the sidewalk in front of the Classroom Building. The purpose of the purchase of the shrubbery would be the prevention of students cutting across the lawn and eventually wearing a path.

The Legislature also appropriated \$100 to be joined with \$200 from the Administration for the completion of the sidewalk running parallel to West Beam Dormitory and the new Coltrane Art Department. It was meant by completion the continuation of the present sidewalk to the street.

In other legislation presented to the governing body, there was a proposal by Mack King for Ken Eaton concerning the joining of the project Biafra Hope. The proposal called for the setting up of a committee to organize students in the Biafra Hope project. It was passed.

Also a proposal was presented by Representative Sherry

Queen that the Legislature appropriate \$25 to the Moritorium Day drive to get special speakers and films for the two-day exercise. It was defeated.

Midterm Grades Bring Emotions

Now that midterm grades are in and known to most of the Brevard students, typical emotions can be seen all over the campus. For many it is a time of disappointment, perhaps agony, and for others a time of satisfaction.

Those students whose grades were low may be walking around in a depressed mood these days, wondering if they can ever really make the grade or will have to resign to failure.

However, in many cases these grades can be improved, and with a greater effort from now till Christmas, a great deal can be salvaged. This is especially true in the case of those of us who didn't give our work the proper attention. For those who tried and still failed to do acceptably, the thing to keep in mind is perseverance. Although we may think that it's no longer any use, a continued effort might just prove to be the answer.

This also is true of the students that did well, as too big of a letdown might prove disastrous when exam time rolls around. Continued effort is the key for these students as well.