

## A Presidential Message

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In a matter of days we come to the end not only of another college semester, but to the end of a decade. It is thus appropriate that we take stock of our life together at Brevard College. The ingredients of excellence in higher education are present in our college. We have a faculty that is dedicated to undergraduate teaching. We have facilities that are adequate in almost every respect. We began the semester with the great hope that each student would dedicate himself to the tasks of hard work and self discipline that are necessary to the achievement of a quality education.

It is appropriate that each student not only take final examinations (and hopefully pass them!) but that you examine yourself to see if you are doing your part to enable you to receive the very most from the opportunity that is yours at Brevard. It is so easy to waste a great opportunity. It is so very easy to settle for mediocrity. It is my hope that each student at Brevard might set for himself the goal of personal excellence — excellence in academic achievement (the achievement of your own highest capacity) and excellence is personal growth. If you have not chosen such goals for yourself, I would challenge you to do so — even as we near the end of this semester and this decade.

As your president reviews this first semester at Brevard College, he finds it to be gratifying in almost every way. By most standards it has been a good semester. We have produced championship competitors in the sports arena. We have had excellence in the fine arts and music. Chapel services and guest lecturers have added greatly to the academic program. I would venture to guess that most students have received even more than the final report might indicate. But in the final analysis, it is the mastery of subject matter in English, math, chemistry, music, etc., which must be evaluated. For after all, that is why Brevard exists — to see that you receive the best that is available in a college education.

I wish for each student success in those final exams. And may this Christmas Season bring much joy and happiness

## Legislature Passes Proposal Concerning New Closed Study

The Student Legislature passed a bill that stated that all freshmen girls that have a cumulative "C" average at the end of the semester be allowed to be taken off of closed study. The second portion of the bill, as presented by Ken Eaton, President of the SGA, stated that both men and women who do not have a 2.0 average be put on closed study.

The proposal was amended by Dave Chestnut to read that students can either go on or off closed study at mid-term instead of having to wait until the end of the semester.

Passed, 7-6

The amended proposal passed by a 7-6 vote in the Legislature and now will be sent to the Dean of the College for his approval before it will be eligible to go into effect.

"I have long been disturbed about the double standard," stated Dean Lawing, Dean of Student Affairs. He said that he supported the proposal.

Eaton also presented three other proposals, one of which passed, one failed and one which was withdrawn.

### Proposal Withdrawn

The proposal that was withdrawn was done so as to allow more time in which to investigate the possibilities of the proposal. The proposal called for the Student Legislature to approve a plan for a mid-term break during the fall semester, much like the one that comes during the Spring semester. It was debated as to whether the break would take the place of the Thanksgiving Holidays, and Eaton said that he would present the matter to President Robert A. Davis, President of

the College, before he presents the proposal to the Legislature.

### Open Study

Another proposal presented by Eaton called for open study anywhere on campus that is designated for study. Those places as indicated by Eaton are a person's room, another student's room, study parlor, library, classroom study hall and the music center. It was pointed out that these places were already open to students on

closed study. The proposal failed.

The Legislature also approved the appointment of three committees that would include students outside of the Student Legislature. The three committees are a Public Relations, Student Counseling, and a Student Volunteer Committee. All three proposed committees passed.

This was the last Student Legislature meeting of the semester.

## Pfeiffer College Announces New Transfer Regulations

Three new programs of special interest to transfer students have been announced by Pfeiffer College. These include a direct transfer agreement, a grade transfer plan, and a transfer student scholarship program.

The college admissions office has been authorized to enter into direct transfer agreements with accredited two-year institutions whereby their graduates will be accepted on the recommendation of the president or dean of their institution. This approach requires the application form and transcript.

A plan providing for the Pfeiffer registrar to transfer actual grades, including D's earned by the student, has also been developed. This plan provides for using these grades in computing the student's average at Pfeiffer and will have appeal to individuals aiming for academic honors.

This plan also provides that transfer courses need not exactly match with courses taught

at Pfeiffer. Credit may be allowed for a course not taught at the college if it fits logically into the Pfeiffer curriculum.

A special scholarship series for graduates of two year institutions has been established by the college. These are valued at \$500 yearly for dormitory students and \$250 yearly for commuting students. Candidates must be recommended by their institution and rank in the top one-fourth of their class.

Pfeiffer, a Methodist-related liberal arts college of some 900 students, offers the bachelors degree in majors related to the natural sciences, the social sciences, music, religion, business, teacher preparation, languages and pre-professional areas.

Further information on these programs, student financial aid, academic programs, etc., may be obtained by writing K. D. Holshouser, Director of Admissions, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. 28109.

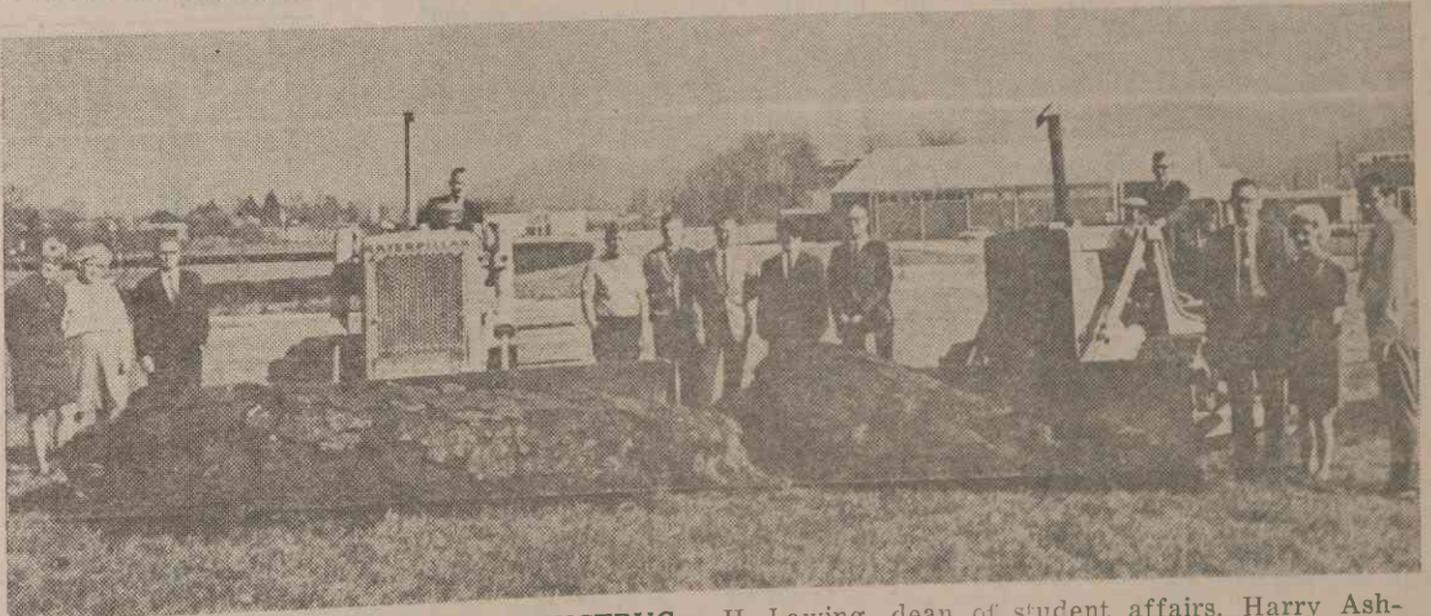
## Smith Resigns From Clarion

Ronnie H. Smith, editor-in-chief of the college newspaper the Clarion, announced his resignation last week in a letter addressed to Mrs. Ena K. Sigmon, newspaper advisor. Smith's resignation will go into effect at the end of this fall semester.

Smith's reasons for resigning, as stated in the letter sent to Mrs. Sigmon, were forced by his plans to leave Brevard College at the end of this semester.

The letter stated that his reasons for leaving were "strictly personal" and "are not meant in any way to condemn the College or the many friends which I have amassed here during the last three semesters."

The resigning editor served as editor this semester and as associate editor both semesters last year as a freshman here. He also served as a hall counselor this semester.



**BEGIN STUDENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION**—President Robert A. Davis, left, and Dean Grady H. Whicker, right, operate bulldozers that turn the first earth for construction of the Sims Student Center at Brevard College. Other College officials and those involved with the construction of the building, left to right, Mrs. Christina E. Bowles, assistant to the dean of student affairs, Mrs. Imogene M. Eaker, alumni secretary, Luther

H. Lawing, dean of student affairs, Harry Ashworth, foreman of the construction crew of Bryant Corporation, Boyd Smith, also of Bryant Corporation, Jimmy Alderman, manager of the college store, which will be located in the new structure, John I. Anderson and Gil Coan, local trustees of the college, C. Edward Roy, college chaplain, Mrs. Brona N. Roy, associate registrar, and Toby Ives, admissions counselor.