

Robert A. Davis Installed Sixth President



PRINCIPALS AT INAUGURATION—Principals in the inauguration of President Robert A. Davis at Brevard College last Saturday are pictured prior to robing for the installation ceremony. Pictured left to right, they are: Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, resident bishop of the Birmingham

Area of The United Methodist Church; Allen H. Sims, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees; President Davis; and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., resident bishop of the Charlotte Area of The United Methodist Church.

A high moment in the life of any college is the inauguration of a new president to serve as chief executive officer of the college and its spokesman to the wider community. The inauguration of the Rev. Robert Aldine Davis on Saturday, May 2nd, was such an occasion for Brevard College.

In an installation ceremony witnessed by 137 delegates from colleges, universities and learned societies plus a large number of local citizens, students and special guests of the college, President Davis was inaugurated as the sixth President to serve Brevard College since its beginning in 1934.

"I have already dreamed dreams and had bright visions for this college," the 41-year-old educator told the assembled audience.

"The one dominating dream is that we might be faithful to the task that called this institution into being—a task which sees the coming together of academic excellence and Christian development." In this confused and secular age, I promise that I shall not forget either of these noble aims. For I am convinced that despite gloomy predictions from some quarters, the church must continue to be involved in higher education, that there must be church-related colleges with a Christian commitment which perceive their central purpose as a God-given task."

In closing his remarks, President Davis pledged "my greatest efforts to the realization of these aims."

"To the Faculty of this college, I pledge my efforts to assure a wholesome and sound environment in which our sacred task of teaching and searching together may be carried out with freedom.

"To the Student Body of this college, I pledge my sympathetic and understanding concern as you seek knowledge and truth. It is my prayer that you may grow in wisdom

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Sims Student Center Will Be Ideal Recreation Facility For Brevard College

The new Sims Student Center is scheduled to open in January of 1971. This is something that Brevard College has needed for a long time, and it will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the students and faculty. The trustees have made this addition possible and it is to them that we should be grateful.

The Sims Student Center will consist of two floors. The ground floor will contain a Snack Bar or Tornado Room which will have the facilities for cooking. There will be hot sandwiches, possibly salads, hamburgers, and French fries available. The College Store will be completely separate with island and counter displays. They will consist of sundry items, books, sweat shirts, T-shirts, jewelry and there is a possibility of paperback books and magazines. The idea for these two rooms to be separate is that there is a larger demand for the Tornado Room to be open longer than

the College Store. Mr. Alderman says, "Provided the help is sufficient I hope to see the Tornado Room opened from approximately 8:00 to 11:00 from Monday through Saturday and a few hours on Sunday."

One of the main advantages of this is the mail distribution. The mail boxes will be accessible from the time the building opens in the morning, until it closes at night which will be 11:00 P.M. which includes weekends. Also downstairs will be the laundry and drycleaning pick-up, a lounging area, locker rooms and a dancing room with a juke box.

The upstairs will have a separate lounge for T.V. and studying. There will be three offices and an SGA workroom and conference rooms. The game rooms are designed for table tennis and six pool tables. The upstairs will have the same hours as the Tornado room.

The new student center floors will be terrazzo, which

is made of small chips of marble set in cement and polished. There will be no equipment from the present book store transferred over to the new; all equipment will be new.

Another luxury will be piped in stereo music throughout the building with separate controls for each room. We have Mr. Joe Bowles to thank for raising the funds for this addition. Also the entire building will be air-conditioned.

Baccalaureate Speaker Is James T. Laney

The Baccalaureate Service will be Sunday, May 17, at 11:00 in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. James T. Laney, Dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the speaker.

Dr. Laney is the former Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Methodist Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. He was a study secretary for the Korean Student Christian Council and Associate Professor at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, for five years, all under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. He has also been Pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chaplain at The Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut. Later Dr. Laney served as a special agent in the U. S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps for two years.

For his B. A. degree, he attended Yale University from

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President To Speak At Commencement

The Commencement Exercise will be held in the Boshamer Gymnasium at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, instead of the originally scheduled 3:00 p. m., May 17, 1970. The Commencement Speaker will be our newly inaugurated President Robert A. Davis.

President Davis is a native of Broxton, Georgia, and attended 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.

He 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 Georgia as director of the Wesley Foundation at the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1959-1962.

In 1962 he was appointed an Associate Director in the Division of Higher Education Of The United Methodist Church, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, and remained in that capacity until his acceptance of the Brevard appointment.

President 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, Georgia. They have two boys, ages 11 and 4, and a six-year-old girl.

Toby Ives Is Alumni Speaker

The Alumni Luncheon in honor of the Graduating Sophomores will be Saturday, May 16, at 1:00 in the A. G. Myers Dining Hall. The purpose of the luncheon is to invite the Graduating Sophomores to become members of the Alumni.

Mr. Toby Ives, admissions counselors for two years at Brevard College, will be the speaker. Mr. Ives is an Alumni of the college from the class of 1966. He attended Culinary Institute of America in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1960-1961. After being an apprentice at Greenbriar Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, for a year he served in the U.

S. Army Intelligence from 1962-1964. Mr. Ives attended Brevard College in 1964-1966 where he met his wife Pamela. He then attended Guilford College for two years.

He and his wife Pamela are going on a trip to Europe July 15, 1970, for ten months. They are going via the Youth Hostel Route. After this trip, Mr. Ives plans to attend graduate school.

Following the Alumni Luncheon will be the Commencement Concert, at 8:00 Saturday night. The concert is by the Brevard College Music Department.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller Perform At Music Convention

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Miller, instructors on the music faculty at Brevard College, performed for the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs State Convention here April 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller offered a program of music by North Carolina composers as well as several selections written by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Miller recently attended a choral - organ workshop in Greenville, South Carolina, which was directed by Alec Wyton, organist - choirmaster of St. John-the-Divine in New York City and an instructor at Union Theological Seminary. The workshop was sponsored by the Greenville chapter of the American Society of Composers.