

Annual Fund

Raising Begins

Brevard College — The 1975-76 Brevard College Annual Fund has begun in Transylvania County, according to an announcement by Dr. Milton V. Massey, Transylvania County chairman for the Fund.

The campaign got under way officially with a kick off dinner at the College for executive committee members and captains of the Brevard College Transylvania County Fund.

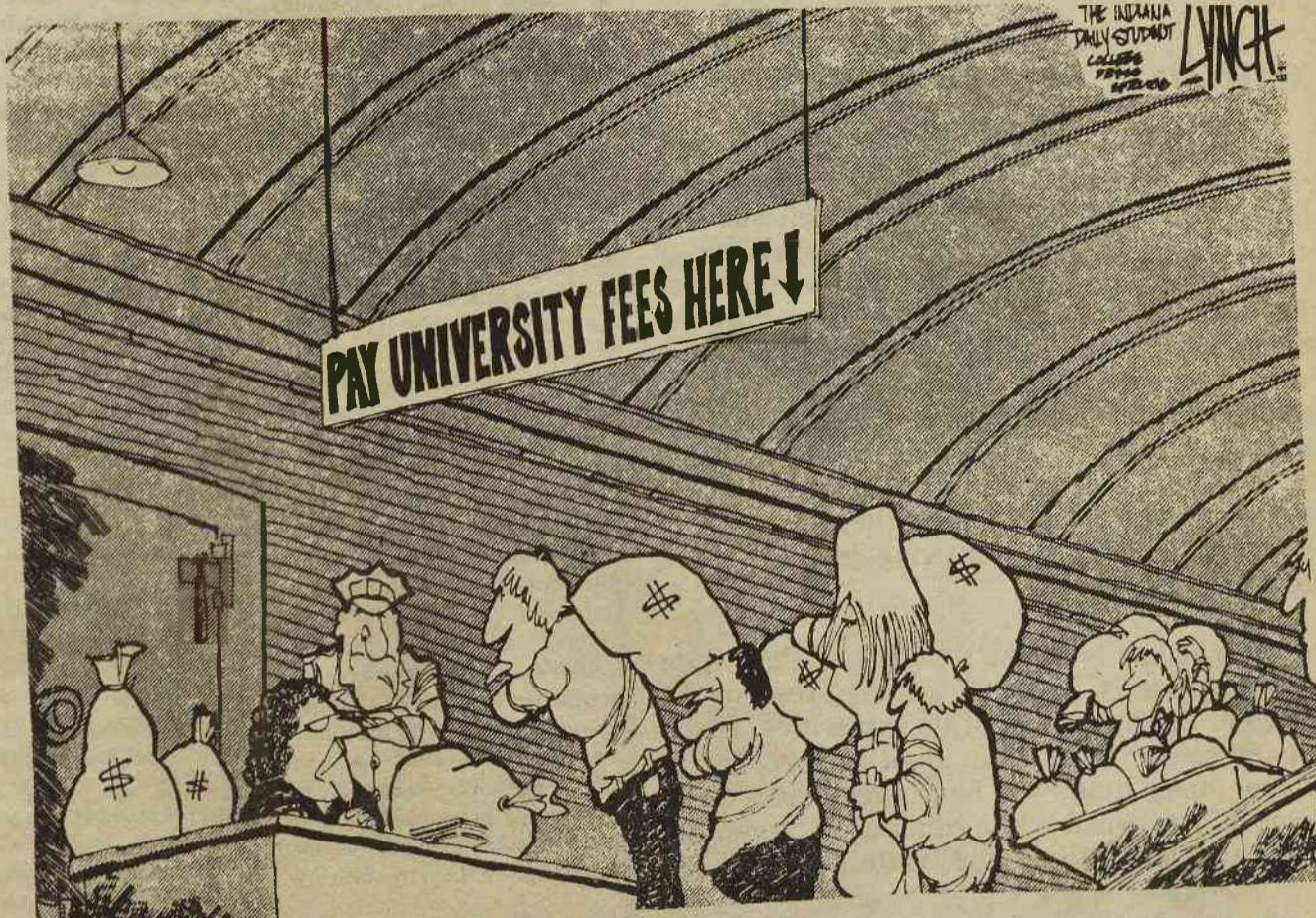
Purposes of the 1975-76 Brevard College Fund are: To help Brevard College maintain and enhance the quality of its teaching and learning; to undergird and expand funds for student aid; to underwrite and expand funds for the library; to help make campus improvements; and to help Brevard operate in the black.

To keep the cost of attending college within the reach of many, tuition at Brevard is held well below what it actually costs to operate the College. Tuition income generated by the College's endowment, and appropriations of the United Methodist Church meet more than 75 per cent of operating expense. To this are added gifts from business firms and private foundations, as well as contributions from trustees, alumni and friends. The faculty and staff also share in this undertaking.

A \$30,000 goal has been set for the Transylvania County Fund which is part of the overall 1975-76 Brevard College Fund, headed by the College's Development Council of which Ray Simmons is Chairman.

"An excellent case can be made, Simmons said, "that economic and cultural returns to Transylvania County far outweigh the investment we must make." He indicated that at the Tuesday evening dinner meeting full information regarding this was presented to the many persons who have volunteered to work in the 1975-76 Fund.

Serving on the executive committee of the Transylvania County Brevard College Fund with Chairman Milton Massey are: Donald R. Blankinship, Gil Coan, Sr., Dr. W. A. Davis, Charles B. Eggleston, Charles F. Himes, Charles L. Russell, William L. Scarborough, Ralph C. Williams, Henry McDonald, and Dr. Robert F. Tuttle.



Pep Band Is It Going From Here?

Brevard College has had a lot of controversy concerning a pep band and the expenses it would take for it to perform at the home basketball games. The Clarion thinks that this controversy should be brought before the student's eyes for examination of the situation.

Brevard College does not have a so called "pep" band by name, but the music department tries to work in the concert band and the stage band to perform at a couple of the home soccer and basketball games. The stage band, which consists mostly of brass and percussion instruments, is an academic class and the students get credit for taking this ensemble.

According to the music department, the music has to be bought for the stage band to make some noise, and the S.U.L. did not pass the budget for the expense to play at basketball games. Between classes and scheduled concerts, the stage band tries to "pep-up" the atmosphere during the intermission for a couple of a home games.

Last year there was a proposal to pass a budget for the stage band to play so it could put in a little "pep" at the home basketball games. As we in-

terpret it, Coach Meyerhoff went personally to one of the S.U.L. meetings to get something going on the order of a pep band at the home basketball games. As far as we can determine, it fell through and was not passed through the S.U.L. much less mentioned again. Why????? The best conclusion we can come up with is that it was not the music department's fault and it was not the athletic department's fault. So the only thing that is left is the student's interest. This is the main reason why the basketball and soccer games, during intermission, are so, shall we say, "uninteresting."

Now, why can't a few music students on their own get together and make some noise at some of the home basketball games? It would make the game livelier and be good for the players and fans.

What about the alma mater or a fight song? Our records show that there might have been an alma mater a long time ago, but what happened to it? After years and years, the students must have let it fall through, and now this generation at Brevard College does not have an alma mater. What about a fight song??? It is not up to the music or athletic departments to come up with one. It is up to the

students to go to the S.U.L. and tell them that they want "such-n-such" song as our fight song and for them to pass it into the constitution.

And what about school spirit????? Well, just like the rest of the things that have happened, the students' interest has let everything that makes school spirit go down the drain; so there is hardly any school atmosphere on campus.

Student involvement... that's the answer and where has it gone and where is it going?????????

You say - Why can't S.U.L. do anything??? The answer is quite simple; the S.U.L. cannot do anything or try to accomplish anything unless it has the support of the students. So why haven't the students gone to the S.U.L. to say we want this and that and a pep band to play a fight song at the basketball games. Could it be that the students don't want to get involved or are they too afraid to come before the S.U.L. (or whoever) and say what they think should be done? Instead of our asking the question "Why," we think that each student who reads this article should ask himself, "Why doesn't Brevard College have a "pep" band at the games?????????"

Senior College Day For Sophomores

Graduating sophomores will have opportunity to meet with a selected number of four-year college representatives on Wednesday, February 25. The Senior College Day will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m., according to Dr. Branson Thurston, Dean of the College. Each of the participating colleges will have a table in the Sims Student Union Building.

Invitations have been sent to all colleges holding a Direct Transfer Agreement with Brevard College. These schools would provide Brevard College A. A. graduates special assurances of transfer of credit and possible preferences regarding housing and financial aid. As the CLARION goes to press, the following Direct Transfer colleges have indicated their plans for one or more representatives to be on campus on February 25: Bennett, Campbell, Carson-Newman, Coker, Elon, Florida Southern, Greensboro, High Point, LaGrange, Limestone, Mars Hill, Methodist Pfeiffer, Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Tusculum, Wesleyan, Wofford.

In addition the following regional universities have accepted the special invitations extended to them: Appalachian State, Duke, North Carolina State, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, USC-Columbia, UT-Knoxville, Western Carolina.