

President inaugurated at B.C.

An important event in Brevard College's history occurred on October 15, 1976. The inauguration of Dr. Jacob Christian Martinson Jr. was a momentous occasion indeed.

Dr. Martinson was greeted by several different groups associated with the college. Speaking for the student body, Thomas L. Massie described Dr. Martinson by saying, "He's a good fellow and the students are well pleased with him."

The Reverend Edward C. Roy,

representing the faculty, greeted Dr. Martinson by telling of a poll he had taken among the faculty. Among the many one word phrases he had collected were, "friendly, compassionate, and intelligent." Reverend Roy also said about Dr. Martinson that "we all believe he fills the shoes and will walk as tall as any of our presidents."

Lt. Governor James B. Hunt commended the president for coming to such a beautiful part of the country. He also said that he was lucky in coming to a college

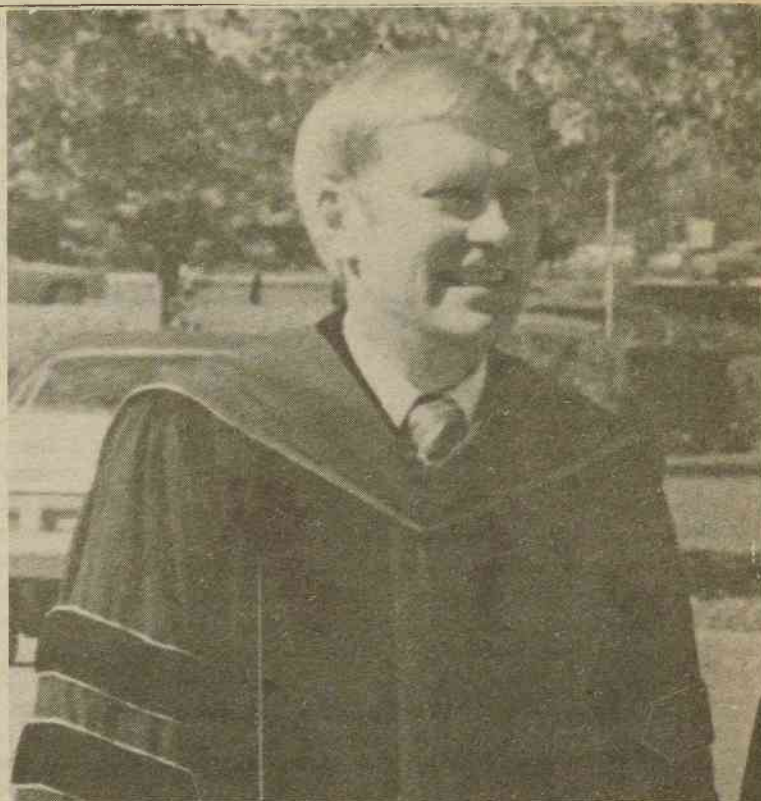
with good financial backing and that "there is no limit to what he and the Brevard Community can do."

Before and after the welcoming speeches were heard, the band and glee club performed.

Dr. Branson L. Thurston introduced Bishop L. Scott Allen. He recognized the bishop as an "educator, editor, and churchman."

Bishop Allen gave the inaugural address. He said that he was "happy and privileged to have Dr. Martinson and his wife" come to Brevard College. He talked of the price of education in the church related school. The church related school must provide an education at all economic levels. The church related school must also adopt the role of a "redemptive agency" and must never relax "ethical standards" to go along with trends or to get more students enrolled.

After the inaugural address, Dr. Nicholson presented the charge of the presidency to Dr. Martinson. Dr. Martinson answered each charge with the words "I will so do, the Lord



Our new president, Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, at his inauguration of October 15.

being my helper."

Dr. Martinson then gave his response. He emphasized that Brevard College has a "mandate to minister as well as to educate." He gave a brief history of Brevard College and said the "student is as important as the subject matter is." Dr. Martinson accepted the challenge as president as a "glorious opportunity."

Mrs. Beard, representing Phi Theta Kappa, presented President Martinson with a gold medallion. She said that this was only worn by a few distinguished friends and leaders across the country.

The inauguration of President Martinson ended with a beautiful reception in the Sims Student Union Building.

Halloween approaches

For many people, Halloween is simply a holiday for children, a time of old Bela Lugosi movies and papier-mache bats. Kid stuff? Or is it? No holy day of the year has such a tangled background of terror, paganism, death, and Christianity. Originally, Halloween was a night of horror for Britain's Druids as an entire year's dead returned in the forms of animals to confront the God of Death, Samhain. It is said that the groans and screams of these tortured souls could be heard throughout the countryside as each saw his fate. Throughout Europe there were strangely parallel legends wherein the dead would return to their former households to partake in a feast. Those who would not feed these wandering spirits could be certain of painful death within a year.

Along came Christianity and its desire to spread the Gospel to its Pagan neighbors. But it is hard to leave your loved ones

and the new converts would not abandon the belief that dear departed Uncle Albert would not be returning home for dinner. Rather than lose these new sheep in the fold, the Church decided to set aside one day each year to commemorate the souls of the departed. As time went on the terror that was once an important part of that one evening of the year gave way to the happy celebration that we know today as Halloween. But it is still wise never to turn away a hungry spirit.

On Sunday night, November 14, at 8:00 p.m., the Christian Council is sponsoring a concert by "Damascus Road." They are a group within "The New Directions". The concert will last approximately two hours. It will be held in Dunham Auditorium. All students, faculty, and administration are cordially invited.

Mrs. Beard speaks up for PTK

(Editor's Note: Remarks made at Brevard College, Brevard, N. C. on Friday, October 15, at the time of the presentation of Phi Theta Kappa's medallion to Dr. Jacob C. Martinson as part of the ceremonies in connection with his inauguration as Brevard's seventh president.)

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I am Sally Beard, an English Professor here at Brevard College, but I am also the Regional Advisor for 24 chapters in North and South Carolina of Phi Theta Kappa, the national scholarship honorary for two-year colleges.

distinction under his guidance. In fact, Dr. Martinson, is one of our strongest supporters, and for this he has been made an honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa.

For this reason, Dr. Margaret Mosal, the capable and enthusiastic national director of the fraternity had very much wanted to be here with us today, but since this was not possible she delegated me to represent her and the fraternity and to present to Dr. Martinson at this time Phi Theta Kappa's gold medallion, reserved only for our national director, our national executive board, and our most distinguished friends among the leaders in education in this country.

Dr. Martinson, will you step forward, please?

On this happy occasion of your inauguration as the seventh president of Brevard College, it is my pleasure to present to you on behalf of Phi Theta Kappa, its director, Dr. Mosal, and all of its members, this gold medallion, a token of our love and esteem for one of our most loyal and distinguished members.

Actually, Phi Theta Kappa is much more than an honorary. It is dedicated to enriching the educational opportunities of the two-year college and to providing for its members the maximum in cultural and social contacts, and opportunities for service on the local, the regional, and the national level. Brevard's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Delta Pi, is a very active one. In fact, we were honored last year by our selection as one of the TopTen of the well over 500 chapters located across this nation.

You can imagine, then, how happy we were last year when we learned that Dr. Jacob C. Martinson was to be Brevard's next president. You see, we already knew of him! His Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Andrew College in Georgia where he was then president is also a Top-Ten chapter and had achieved great



Mrs. Sally Beard enjoys the opportunity of representing Brevard's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.