



Sara Beard and Sally King discuss plans for convention.

## Delta Pi Hosts Regional Convention

In April of 1958, Brevard's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Delta Pi, got its first taste of national recognition. It came in the form of a PTK national convention in which representatives of all 48 states converged on the tiny Brevard College campus. At that time Delta Pi was a fairly new and relatively inactive chapter. But this national convention proved to be the beginning of a rich heritage of which Delta Pi is justifiably proud. In recent years, Delta Pi has become one of the most active PTK chapters of both Carolinas.

Phi Theta Kappa, like its "big brother" Phi Beta Kappa, stands for the promotion of academic excellence on the junior college level. One of its main objectives is to acquire scholarships for the campus's brightest students. Among Delta Pi's scholarship winners is former Brevard College student Sue Caldwell. Sue competed with Phi Theta Kappa applicants across the nation for a two-year, full-tuition scholarship to Florida Atlantic University.

The climactic moment came for Sue and Brevard College at the national convention in Philadelphia on March 25, 1975. PTK's national office both shocked and thrilled Sue, the Delta Pi delegation, and the local sponsor, Mrs. Sara Beard, by awarding Miss Caldwell the scholarship.

Last year's national convention proved to be an even bigger success for Delta Pi. Biloxi, Mississippi, was the site and the trip included a visit to New Orleans. Representing Brevard at the convention were Angela Penley, Sally King (Delta Pi's current president), Wes

The local chapter was named one of the top ten chapters in the nation. Mrs. Beard, who doubles as North-South Carolina Regional Advisor, was named one of the top ten sponsors in the country. To cap off the steadily growing list of Brevard College honors, Debbie King was named the winner of the William Faulkner Award for her essay on

This year's PTK activities included a "coffee" for the presidents of the North Carolina Association of Junior Colleges and a Halloween visit to the patients of Transylvania County Hospital in Brevard.

But one of Delta Pi's biggest honors came at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, N.C., at last year's regional convention. The Brevard Delta Pi found itself nominated for president of the North-South Carolina Region. Mildred Webber (last year's president), Pete Lance, Danny Armstrong, and Kim Wehunt were sent to the convention to campaign for themselves up against neighboring Lees-McRae College.

They found what Mrs. Beard describes as a "low-key" campaign, Delta Pi

upset Lees McRae and was elected president of the North-South Carolina Region. Another honor accompanied this one, that of hosting the 1977 regional convention.

So Delta Pi now finds itself with a big responsibility on its hands. On February 4, PTK representatives will be rolling into Brevard College from all over both Carolinas.

The chapter has been planning the convention since its election last year. President Sally King, Mrs. Beard, and the rest of Delta Pi's members have put together a full schedule of meetings and entertainment to keep their guests busy. The schedule includes a concert and square dance, which are open to all Brevard College students, as well as numerous business meetings and a banquet with our own Dr. Martinson as speaker.

The convention will also draw a couple of PTK celebrities to our campus. Marty Grant, who represents the entire South on the national level, will be here with Lees-McRae's delegates.

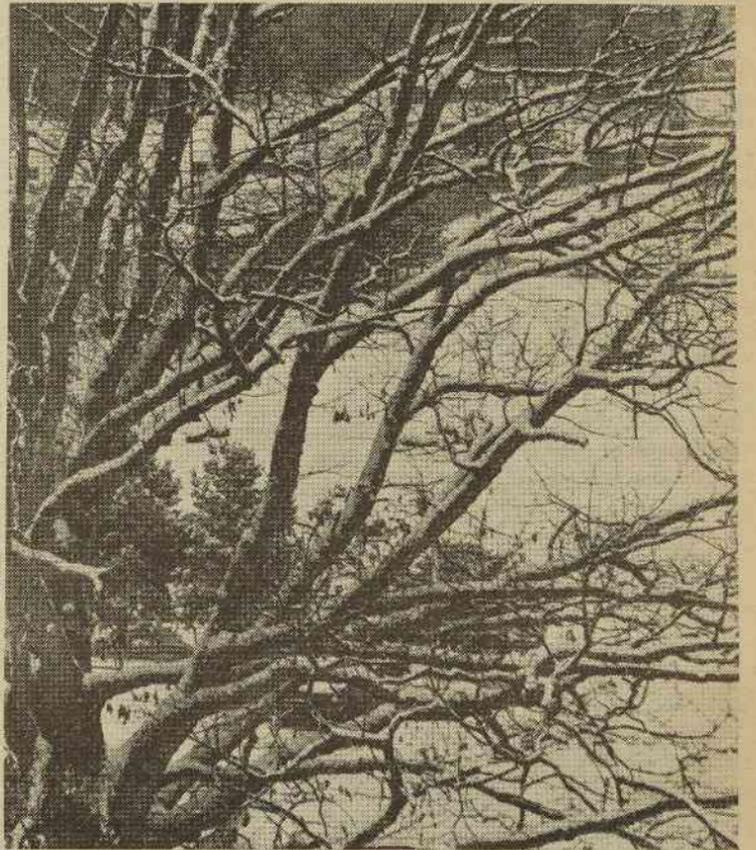
In addition to Marty, last year's national president, Kip Johnson, will be visiting our campus. Kip is now an honor student at Duke University. He is described by Mrs. Beard as, "a charming young man who can deliver an impromptu speech as well as most college presidents can deliver a prepared one."

Delta Pi and Brevard College are very privileged to be hosting these representatives and special guests, and PTK members ask the students to cooperate in making them feel welcome. So if you see a strange face on campus the weekend of February 4, 5, and 6, give him a smile. Remember, he is your guest too.



Kip Johnson

PLANTOONS by SHOCKLEY



Snow blankets Brevard College campus, again.

## THE ICE AGE COMETH?

By Luke Osteen

The polar icecaps grow enormous in the span of a few years. Crops in traditionally warm regions wither and die under waves of cold air. Northern cities are bulldozed into the ground by marching glaciers. Civilization crumbles as Man again faces a savage Ice Age.

Is that the finale of a meteorologist's nightmare? A scene from a grade B science fiction movie? "Certainly, cheap fiction," say many of the world's top scientists. Still, you know that sometimes, late at night, they must feel the Worm of Fear gnawing at the backs of their minds. According to research undertaken by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the National Academy of Science, the earth does in fact seem to be passing through a cooling trend, one that will extend for at least the next three years, possibly the next three hundred.

Where does this leave Brevard College? — trudging through the worst winter in sixteen years. This year's record low of eight degrees below zero is surpassed only by seventeen below in 1960. And the worst is yet to come! "This is already the worst winter we've had since I've been here", remarks Mr. H. L. Souther, the college's bursar "Even down-town you have people pushing stalled cars." We should have been ready for it, but we were given faulty information. Observing the fact that squirrels were not storing away nuts and that woolly caterpillars were somewhat less than woolly this

Well, there is very little that THE CLARION can advise to make the winter months more bearable. Drive slowly. Drink plenty of fluids. Wear your woolies. Keep warm, Pilgrim; see ya after the Thaw.

## Painters Featured At Reception

A reception for sophomore painting students was given January 11 by the freshmen art students in Coltrane Art Building. The reception featured a showing of the sophomore students' paintings. There were several different kinds of paintings, including: a landscape of the college, a transparency, line without form, line with form, and an open and closed composition. The artists featured at the reception were: Linda Love, Nancy Presley, Cecilia Hedenlo, remarks Mr. H. L. Souther, the college's bursar "Even down-town you have people pushing stalled cars." We should have been ready for it, but we were given faulty information. Observing the fact that squirrels were not storing away nuts and that woolly caterpillars were somewhat less than woolly this

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