

125th Campaign Drive Gets Underway

BREVARD, NC — Brevard College President, Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, Jr., and the Brevard College Board of Trustees jointly announce a \$1.5 million development campaign, the largest fund drive in the history of the College.

The campaign, marking the 125th anniversary of the founding of Brevard College, will be conducted throughout the 1977-78 school year, in the area served by the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church first, and then in other areas of the state and nation.

According to President Martinson, the campaign is an investment in the future of Brevard College and its students. "New sources of support are needed to enrich and enhance our curriculum, upgrade our facilities, achieve new goals, and continue our role of leadership in the lives of our students, our alumni, and our community," Dr. Martinson said.

General Campaign Chairman

is Johnie H. Jones, of Charlotte. Jones has a long association with Brevard College. He is the grandson of James Addison Jones, for whom the college library is named. The Annabel Jones Dormitory is named for his aunt, wife of former Brevard College Board Chairman, Edwin L. Jones. Johnie H. Jones has served on the Brevard College Board of Trustees since 1972. He is Executive Vice President of the J. A. Construction Company, of Charlotte.

Allocation of funds to serve the immediate needs of the College include \$650,000 to renovate and upgrade academic facilities, \$325,000 to strengthen academic programs, and \$600,000 to increase the permanent endowment and establish endowed professorships.

Long-range goals are directed toward the greater Brevard community. "Programs of study and revised College policies which will make our curriculum more attractive to area residents are now being considered," Dr. Martinson said.

Showboat Is Underway

BREVARD, N. C. — For 50 years people have been singing, whistling and enjoying the beautiful songs from SHOWBOAT: Ol' Man River, Make Believe, Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man O' Mine, You Are Love, Why Do I Love You, and many others. On Nov. 3, 4, 5, this masterpiece of the American musical theatre will be presented at Brevard College.

Director Sam Cope announces that the show is cast and is well into rehearsals. The large cast includes both college students and local citizens. The roles of

Magnolia and Ravenal are played by freshman music majors, Karen McCall and Danny Brown. Captain Andy Hawks and his wife Parthy, owners by Luke Osteen and Ruth Barnhardt. Both will be remembered for their roles in the production of Carnival last fall, Luke as the puppeteer Jacquot, and Ruth as the gypsy fortune teller. The roles of Ellie and Frank, actors on the "Cotton Blossom" will be taken by Melanie Johnson and Steve Powers. Melanie charmed Carnival goers last fall with her sensitive portrayal of Lilli the orphan waif. Steve, a resident of

Brevard was an apprentice at Flat Rock Playhouse this summer, and thrilled audiences with his portrayal of Eugene in "Look Homeward Angel." The roles of Joe and Queenie, handyman and cook on the "Cotton Blossom" are played by Carle Wilson and Veronica Patterson. Carle, a resident of Brevard is a veteran of the stage, having worked in many capacities with the Brevard Little Theatre. It is Joe who sings the memorable "Ol' Man River" which has thrilled audiences since SHOWBOAT first opened on Broadway on Dec. 27, 1927. Veronica is a freshman from New Jersey. Pat Robinson, member of the voice faculty at Brevard College, and Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church, will be seen in the role of Julie, leading lady on the "Cotton Blossom". Julie sings "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man O' Mine", and the haunting, wistful "Bill". The large chorus and the orchestra include both townspeople of Brevard and college students. Claire Cope is creating the complex costume scheme which ranges from the 1885 bustle and frock coat period, through the Gibson Girl, sack suit of the turn of the century, to the simpler styles of 1912.

Athletic Teams Regroup

Due to the loss of many accomplished athletes, four of Brevard's major sports programs, basketball, cross country, track and soccer will face the challenging task of trying to rebuild around a large group of freshmen. Fortunately, all of the respective coaches had extraordinarily good recruiting seasons.

Cross Country Coach, Norman Witek, announced the signing of twelve freshman runners, over half of whom are receiving scholarships. Leading the list are two Alabamians, Tim Black and Kevin Wood. Black is the state champ in the two-mile outdoor run, while Wood holds the state indoor two-mile. Black and freshman Greg Boyd and John Trainer joined sophomores Joe Beasley, George Price, David Hall, and Lee Davis in the team's season opener in Stone Mountain, Georgia, September 17.

Coach Witek noted that while this year's team "doesn't look as good on paper as the last team, they do have a better mental attitude. They have the potential,

but again it will be hard to repeat".

Witek is also coach of the track team which suffered heavily by the loss of many outstanding athletes. He has listed this year's team's overall ability as "questionable". "It's hard to lose someone like Curtis Stanfield (Houston Tex.) Baptist College," explained Witek, "who could get as many points as ten or fifteen others put together could." Also gone are All American Jeff Cosgrove (Clemson) and Dave Comer, Valdesa State, Florida, a couple of excellent long distance runners.

Freshman Mike Duncan, a highly touted pole vaulter from Florida (2nd in state), should make up for several lost points, thought, as well as a pair of foreign prospects Witek hopes to lure to Brevard by the spring semester.

Soccer coach Bill Barfield also had "an above average recruiting season," signing nine players, five on scholarship. Barfield, in his second year as coach of the Hotspurs says he is "more than pleased" with the way his team is shaping up for the '77 season. "As a whole they are dedicated to the game and they are in good physical condition."

Barfield listed Suluyman Njie, Steve Schneider, Steve Stewart, John McHugh, Kevin Bryant, and

Robert Ottley as key freshmen. Combined with a talented group of returning sophomores, the Hotspurs should enjoy another winning season and conference championship.

It was probably coach John Meyerhoff's basketball team that suffered most damage due to non-returning students, and it was probably his team that turned out the best recruits.

Last year the Tornados romped to a 22-6 record, their best ever. Gone are last year's entire starting lineup and several key reserves. Included in that list are all conference forwards Darnell Smith, who last year started a record book of his own, and the ever persistent Ben Harper. The Tornados also lost two excellent forwards who are academically ineliable to return this semester.

"On paper, this was our best recruiting season ever," admitted Meyerhoff, "they're a great group of kids and they've got ability;" however, he cited that "academics and attitude" show need for improvement.

The impressive background of some of the players should provide Myerhoff reason for optimism. James McCleave was the leading scorer in the state last year; Benton Wade (6'7") was a member of the All-State team and a participant in the stae All-Star team; as was his new

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Plans Are Made For 43rd Homecoming

BREVARD, NC — Plans for the 43rd Annual Homecoming at Brevard College on Saturday, October 8, have been announced by President Jacob C. Martinson, Jr.

The event is scheduled to begin with registration and coffee hour at 10:00 a.m. in the faculty lounge of the Beam Administration Building.

Lunch will be served in A. G. Myers Dining Hall from 12 noon until 1:15 p.m. in cafeteria style for alumni and friends.

The homecoming activities will continue with a cross country meet at 1:15 p.m. with Brevard visting Carson Newman and Western Carolina University at Sherril Field.

Brevard will be hosting Montreat-Anderson at 2 p.m. for a soccer game and at halftime will be the presentation of the Homecoming Court and the announcement of the winner of the Cross Country Meet.

Dinner will be served in the A. G. Myers Dining Hall from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. for alumni and friends. The Homecoming Dance will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in Dunham Auditorium, featuring the "Royal Kings" and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. The dance is formal with no admission charge.

All alumni and friends are invited to use and enjoy the facilities of the Sims Student Union Building. Facilities include the College Store, Tornado Room (snack bar), lounges, ping-pong tables and pool tables.

Hours are College Store 8:15 a.m. to noon, Tornado Room, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., lounges, ping-pong, pool tables, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.


President Martinson invites all former students and their families to plan to spend the day on the campus of Brevard College on Saturday, Oct. 8 and join in the festivities.

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