

Mike Cross Concert

A Sunny Saturday Afternoon

by Cameron Tankersley

In the audience, chuckles, cheers, and clandestine sips from containers full of mysterious potions, heads nodding autistically, bare feet stomping the hapless grass; onstage, cat-gut and horse-hair meeting to form melodious strains which float around the greenery. The leader of this ritual, the minister of music, looks upon his flock with a scanning motion, comes to the moral of his ballad, stops to let it be absorbed, and backs into the last refrain. Once finished, he starts into another before the applause subsides. This time a wam-bam bluegrass jig rocks the flat-bed of a Brevard College maintenance truck which serves as a stage for the time being. The shouts crescendo when the familiar notes of "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" shatter the monologue: "this is a number that Earl Scruggs recorded back

in 1947 and is still going strong....doot-dee-doo-teedle-do" and so forth, and the crowd goes wild.

It's the long awaited arrival of Mike Cross and his One Man Guitar and Fiddle Shindig and Down-home Emporium of Southern Good-Timing and the natives love it.

All flora and garbage aside, Mr. Cross presented an outdoor concert in the B.C. yard on Saturday, April 11, with practically the whole school plus brothers, mothers, friends, and lovers to join in the culminating event of Brevard College's Springfest.

Mike Cross is a native of Lenoir, N.C., a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, and an honorable Master of Folk Music, if audience

response has its way, He came down to Brevard on invitation from the Social Board, and presented a grand mixture of Scotch-Irish ballads, bluegrass, and original numbers which received a more than warm reception from the audience. Somewhere in the afternoon, two noted bluegrass talents, William Lammers on the banjo and Sandra Jameson on the guitar, were invited to crash the stage and perform with Mr. Cross, becoming local heroes almost instantly.

Even as the sun rises only to set, so did Mike Cross have to call it a day, and a reluctant audience let him go amidst a thunderous applause. Thanks a bunch, Mike Cross.

Dum-diddle-dum-dum...de-ump.



Mike Cross fiddling around at B.C. (Photo by Steve Rabey).



William and Sandra join Mike Cross in sharing music with B.C. students. (Photo by Steve Rabey).



Lots of people, good music, and warm sun make a whole lot of fun. (Photo by Steve Rabey).

18 Faculty Openings

by Rafael Gasti

Returning students wonder what the B.C. situation will be like next semester. As in the past years, a fresh group of resident tutors will join the staff. Several members of the faculty are leaving including the McDowells, the Hiltons, and the Armstrongs in order to attend graduate school or pursue lucrative job offers. Approximately eighteen openings must be filled. Don Scarborough, Dean of Student Affairs, affirms that such an exodus occurs yearly.

Concerning possible changes in the Open Dorm policy, Dean Scarborough says that the Administrative Board is currently reviewing suggestions submitted

by the Community Affairs Board. He feels confident that the student body's voice will be heeded. Scarborough acknowledges the possibility that the men and women of Beam might switch sides. He notes that the male-female ratio is slightly out of balance due to the male occupation of Ross Hall. The potential switch in Beam would make the male-female ratio even. Use of the Robinson Street House, a residence for six women, would also help rectify the disproportion. In the more remote future, Scarborough predicts the building of an additional dormitory. Essentially, however, Brevard College will remain the same.

PTK Honored In Texas

by Rafael Gasti

On March 26-28 Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor fraternity for junior and community colleges, held its 63rd Annual National Convention at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas. Ten delegates from Brevard attended, including Debbie Moseman, Southern Region Vice President. Among the activities were a barbeque, a square dance, and a

speech delivered by Bert Lance. The organization recognized Mrs. Sally Beard for her great service both on the local and regional levels as adviser. The highlight of the convention for Delta Phi, the Brevard chapter, was being named a Top Ten Chapter. Ten dynamic chapters were selected out of six hundred. The rising freshmen will have to work hard next year in order to maintain the chapter's high degree of achievement.



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