

★ Cross-Country Team Wins 3rd National Title ★

By Kelly Johnston

The Brevard College Cross Country team finished first in the National Junior College Cross Country Championships in Twin Falls, Idaho, on November 10, winning the national title and producing four All-Americans. Brevard's victory was the first time that a team had won the N.J.C.A.A. championship title three years in a row. Patrick O'Grady, Charlie Purser, Glenn Roach, and Rodney Curry each received All-American honors.

The team arrived in Idaho late Thursday night. On Friday, Coach Norm Witek and the seven runners got their first glimpse of the five-mile course that runs along the Snake River Canyon. According to team members, the weather was sunny and mild.



Brevard College All-Americans Patrick O'Grady, Rodney Curry, Charlie Purser, and Glenn Roach.

They awoke on the day of the race to a light snowfall. Weather conditions continued to consist of sleet and rain with the average temperature at 35°F.

The course was icy, causing many of the runners to slip and fall several times. According to team member Rodney Curry, the condition of the course benefitted

Brevard. He said, "The weather conditions separated the other competing team members. It increased the time gap of their first five runners while Brevard's runners stayed close together."

Patrick O'Grady was the first Brevard runner to cross the line, finishing 8th overall. Charlie Purser finished 17th, Glenn Roach finished 18th, Rodney Curry finished 25th, Winston Brown finished 31st, Henning

Brandt finished 33rd, and David Coulter finished 81st.

Team members attributed their success to months of training, the spirit of the team, and the concept of running as a team. Coach Witek said, "We run against major competition, like A.C.C. schools and other four-year colleges. The other guys were worrying about the weather. We just thought about the race."

Brevard ended the season with a record of 96 and 9.



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Students File For Aid

Students who want to file for Financial Aid for the 1985-86 academic year should do so as soon as possible after January 1, 1985.

All students must file the Financial Aid Form (FAF) for 1985-86 to be considered for aid at Brevard College. Financial Aid Administrator, Ed Cunningham, has received the 1985-86 FAF applications and has announced the following distribution program:

1. All first year students who

were awarded financial aid in 1984-85 based on need will receive the 1985-86 FAF form in their campus mailbox prior to December 7.

2. All other students desiring the new 1985-86 FAF may pick up the form at the Financial Aid Office in Room 205 of Beam Administration Building anytime after December 7.

Mr. Cunningham urges all

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Students Win Drum Corps Positions

By Andrea Braymiller

Two very talented BC students have been chosen as members of Crossmen, a internationally ranked drum and bugle corps. Chris Burnett, a freshman, will be playing snare drums while Chuck Shelf, also a freshman, will be a keyboard-marimba player for Crossmen. Auditions were held in West Chester, Pennsylvania on November 23-25, and approximately 150-200 people tried out for the available positions in horn, percussion, guard,

and drum major sections.

Burnett won one of the ten snare drum positions. From Gastonia N.C., Burnett has eight years of experience with snare drums, and in 1982 he was a member of the Avant Garde Drum Corps of Saratoga Springs, New York. He is a member of the concert band and the jazz band at B.C.

Shelf won one of four open positions for keyboard/marimba players, and will also be playing

tympani drums. He is from Charlotte, N.C. and has been playing keyboards for about seven years. He is a music major and the principal percussionist for both the concert band and the jazz band.

The Crossmen is made up of 128 people from all over the United States. At the national championships in 1984, they were ranked tenth in the world. This place-

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BC Community Celebrates Christmas

Christmas is almost three weeks away, but at Brevard College the season of preparation and anticipation has already arrived. The Christmas spirit has nestled in the practice hall of Dunham Music Building with the echoing phrases of Handel's Messiah and the pungent aroma of beeswax and tallow candles.

Across campus, expectation is growing for the celebration of Christ's birth with a service of worship where the Brevard and Brevard College community gather for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree. The 1984 Christmas Tree Lighting Service will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The service owes its tradition to the Moravian Candlelight service and to a vision of Dr. C. Edward Roy, professor emeritus of Brevard College. Dr. Roy sought to establish an annual tradition

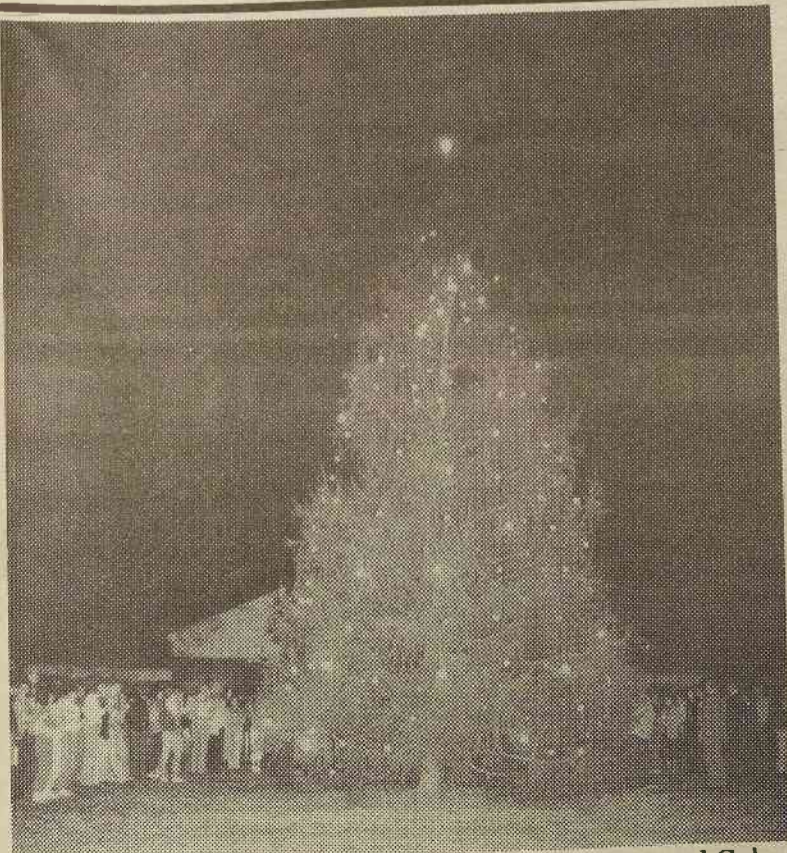
on the Brevard campus of a community gathering to light a Christmas tree and to read the Christmas story in celebration of the Nativity. The small tree he planted in front of the Dunham Music Building years ago now rivals the height of its neighbors.

The annual tree lighting was combined with a Christmas Concert performed by the Brevard College Music Department. Like the Moravian Candlelight Service, small beeswax candles trimmed with a red crepe paper ribbon are distributed to each member of the congregation. A light from the altar is passed from person to person until the sanctuary glows from hundreds of tiny flames, and swells with hundreds of voices singing Yuletide hymns. The congregation recesses to the College Green and participants surround the fir, where upon the College Presi-

dent, Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, Jr., reads the Christmas story. The tree is lit and the candles are extinguished.

Recent years have seen and increasing community interest in The Christmas Tree Lighting. In 1983, over 400 people crowded into Dunham Auditorium and the building foyer. The program director, Alex Helsabeck, cherishes that time for gathering of friends and neighbors. He said, "We want the community to know the College. We want to invite them to share in this experience of worship, proclaiming, 'Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill towards men.'"

Helsabeck, Director of the Brevard College Collegiate Singers is joined by the Brevard College Band Director, Steven Kelly, in preparing for the concert.



The lighting of the tree is the climax of the Brevard College Christmas celebration.