

# Uniform guidelines changed

The Office of Student Affairs has announced changes in the college's Uniform Guidelines for student behavior, getting tougher in some areas and more lenient in others.

"We want this to be a very positive year," said Dean of Student Affairs Don Scarborough. "The purpose of attending a college is educational, and we want everyone to reach their educational goals. Certain types of behavior infringe on this quest not only for the student involved but it inhibits others as well," he said.

The administration, faculty and students are concerned with destruction and other similarly inappropriate behavior. We cannot and will not tolerate behavior which is not in keeping with the goals and purpose of Brevard College," said Dean Scarborough.

Prior to their adoption, the changes in the Uniform Guidelines were discussed extensively with the Student Government Association, the dean said. "The revisions in the guidelines are an effort to reflect a more realistic relationship between the offense and the sanctions imposed," he said.

This year Brevard students will be facing sterner alcohol control rules straight across the board, both from a new N.C. state law (see related story) and college rules. "Most of the problems of destruction

are directly related to alcohol," said Dean Scarborough.

Beside the state's new 21-year-old minimum age requirement for the possession, purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverage, the college has increased its alcohol sanctions, including the following:

— Increasing the points by 2 for all categories of alcohol violation — public, private or party.

— Increasing the penalty points from 5 to 10 for public drunkenness.

"We are also taking a sterner approach to destruction of college property," Dean Scarborough said. Previously, the penalty points assigned for the charge of destruction was variable. Under the new rules for 1986-'87, the minimum amount of points for destruction will be 10.

Scarborough also announced that a student with 15 points will be summarily suspended. This policy further structures the rules, replacing the ambiguous wording of the older guidelines.

Also this year, Resident Tutors will write incident reports with recommendations for assigning points, but that decisions will fall solely to the dean of student affairs, thus eliminating what was seen as an inconsistent system in which RT's assigned points on the scene of the infraction.

The judicial system has also been streamlined Scarborough announced. With the new appeal system the tedious process of appealing ruling before several boards has been eliminated. This year students will appeal to the dean of student affairs, with the final appeal being made directly to President Greer.

Two other new rules Scarborough announced were: no smoking in the cafeteria, and the creation of an aiding and abetting rule which basically makes students culpable for their participation in illegal actions even if the infraction was started by someone else. (See the Catalog Supplement for details.)

On the other hand, Scarborough announced a more lenient policy in the College's visitation rules. Visitation violations used to carry a 10-point penalty, a seven-day suspension and a \$50 fine. Under the new rules, the penalty for a visitation infraction has been reduced to 6 points, no suspension and a \$30 fine.

Also, the penalties for violation for the 30-minute grace period from 12:30 to 1 a.m. have been reduced.

From 12:30 to 12:40, the penalty is now 1 point and a \$5 fine.

From 12:40 to 1 a.m., the penalty is now 3 points and a \$15 fine.



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## Legal drinking age is upped to 21

Not only have the Brevard College sanctions against drinking been increased this year, (see related story of Uniform Guidelines) but as of Sept. 1, it becomes illegal for people under 21 to possess, purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in North Carolina.

For the person under 19 caught attempting to purchase and/or purchasing alcohol, the fine is a one-year driver's license revocation and a charge of misdemeanor (a penalty punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, or two years imprisonment, or both). Those under 19 caught possessing alcohol will be charged with a misdemeanor.

For the 19-and 20-year-old group caught attempting to purchase, purchasing or possessing beer and unfortified wine, the

penalty is a fine and the charge is called an "infraction," which under the law is not a crime, and the conviction bears no consequence other than the payment of the penalty. But for this same age group it becomes a misdemeanor to purchase, attempt to purchase or possess fortified wine or spiritous liquors.

Further, the use of a fraudulent driver's license or ID, or one issued to another person, in obtaining or attempting to obtain alcoholic beverage remains a misdemeanor. A conviction of this provision may result in a criminal record, the assessment of a fine, and/or court cost and the loss of driver's license for a year.

Additionally, 19-to 20-year-old persons

are subject to misdemeanor criminal charges and one-year driver's license revocation for allowing another person to use their license or ID and for assisting another under-age person to buy or consume alcoholic beverages.

These announcements were made this month by the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Division. The change in the drinking age was promoted by the passage of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 by the U.S. Congress. Any state not adopting the minimum drinking age of 21 by federal fiscal year 1987 will lose 5 to 10 percent of its federal highway funds.

Students with questions about these changes should consult the Office of Student Affairs and Dean Don Scarborough for further details.

## Requirements up; enrollment down

Brevard College has raised its requirements for admission this year, and according to President Greer and Dean of Admissions Dana Paul, this has resulted in an expected dip in enrollment.

"We tightened the screws," said President Greer, "when it comes to the qualifications for admittance to Brevard College. We turned down 80 percent more people than we did last year. If you opened the floodgates and let in that 80 percent, then we'd be up in enrollment this year."

President Greer added, "No college in the country even likes to be down in enrollment. And the jury's still out — the students aren't here yet. But if I had to say it today, I'd guess we'd be down this year,"

he said.

Full-time enrollment is expected to be in excess of 600 residential and commuting freshman and sophomores, as opposed to last year's figure of about 660, according to the Office of Admissions. Dean Paul said the Brevard College 1986-'87 enrollment "has been trimmed over last year's as the College proceeds with an effort to increase the level of academic preparation evident among members of the incoming freshman class."

President Greer concurred. "The Board of Trustees and the faculty have said, 'We want a better quality student.' The transcripts of many past students reveal that we had loosened up significantly in

terms of the kind of student we'd accept."

Dean Paul said that by focusing on recruitment of more academically able freshman students, "Brevard is actively engaging in an effort to address the issues of satisfactory academic progress, retention and career preparation."

President Greer said, "So I don't want people to be wringing their hands, or panicking, or saying that Brevard College is in trouble — because none of that's so."

"I am confident that we have the finest group of professionals in our Admissions office, and I admire what they've done. Moreover, I predict that a year from now, you'll see this college in a strong position, both in terms of quantity and quality."

## BC Music Dept. looks to busy fall

Just because the Brevard Music Center's 50th anniversary season is over doesn't mean the hills won't be alive with the sound of music.

Brevard College's prestigious music department announces a busy fall schedule which includes concerts, recitals, music festivals and workshops with master musicians.

The college's four musical ensembles — the Collegiate Singers, the Show Choir, the Concert Band and the Jazz Ensemble — are open to all Brevard students. No auditions are required for the Concert Band and Collegiate Singers. Students wanting to join may simply sign up at registration.

Students wishing to be a part of the Show Choir and Jazz Ensemble can make appointments for auditions with Show Choir director Hugh Floyd and Jazz Ensemble director Steve Kelly.

The tentative fall 1986 calendar for the Music Department includes:

- Oct. 4 — John Marcellus and Vern Reynolds, trombone and horn master class and recital.
- Oct. 31 — Choral Festival
- Nov. 11 — Joint Concert — Jazz Ensemble and Show Choir.
- Nov. 20 — Concert Band Concert.
- Dec. 6 — College Singers perform in Asheville.
- Dec. 6 — Conductors' Workshop with Frank Batistti as clinician with Brevard College Concert Band.
- Dec. 7-8 — Music Dept., Christmas Concert.