

May-Britt does BC

by Biár Orrell

May-Britt Borgen, a 21-year-old freshman from Sweden, is one of the many international students here at BC. "It's my dad's old college, so that's how I knew about it (BC)," she says.

May-Britt attended nine years of elementary school and three years of gymnasium, the latter which is equivalent to American high school, before coming to Brevard College.

She speaks Swedish, English, and some French; but May-Britt's major study at BC is Spanish. She doesn't know what her future education holds, but she says, "I would like to stay here at least one more year."

May-Britt studied for three months in American high school in Durham while her father, a Methodist bishop, finished his studies at Duke University. When comparing Swedish schools to American schools she says, "Like college, that's a bit different, but when I went to high school that can be compared to gymnasium. They're very similar."

May-Britt also says American schools seem more strict, "much more disciplined." She says, "I think the math courses

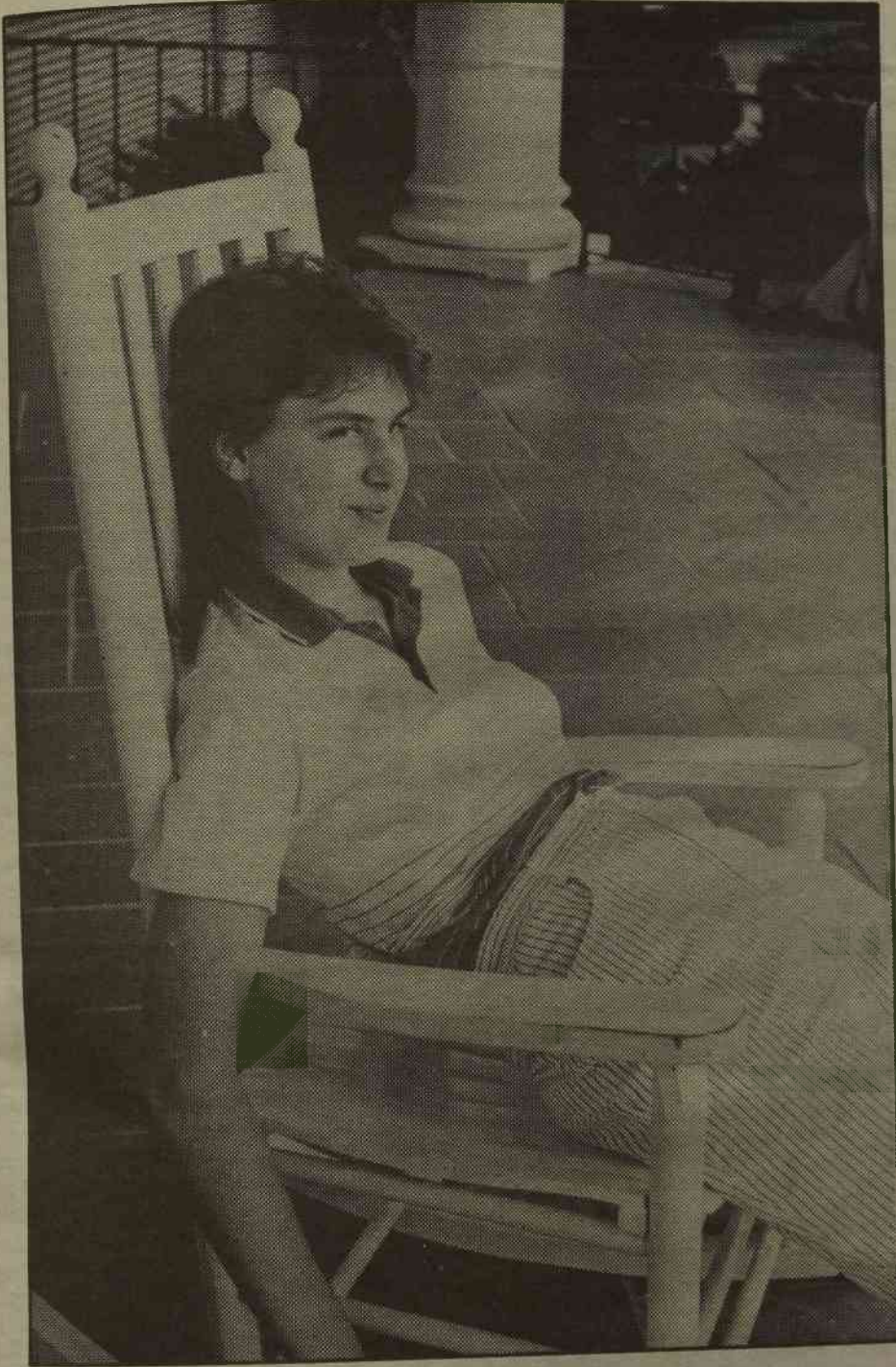
are very....," she pauses, rolling her eyes, "The easy math courses are very easy, and the hard math courses are very hard. You get divided in math very early."

May-Britt is from Stockholm, Sweden. "It's (Stockholm) an old university town," she says. Her brother is a 19-year-old student of technical physics at the University of Uppsala in Stockholm. "Uppsala," she says laughing, "it sounds sort of weird."

In comparing American attitudes to those of the Swedish, May-Britt says, "You Americans are really big on stating your life goals, or like saying what you believe." She says laughing, "We don't come with insight or wisdom."

May-Britt says the Swedish are "big on image, very closed and to themselves." She says, "We're not a lot for talking about our big belief in life. Actually we don't talk that much about ourselves." She also says American PR and advertising are overdramatic, and in Sweden it's not that way. "In Sweden it's a bit boring, even," she says.

As for Brevard, May-Britt says, "When it's raining out, I don't get bothered by my allergies. It's true. Normally I don't like rain, but here I like it."



May-Britt Borgen "glueing" on the porch of Jones. (Biár Orrell photo)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am inquiring about the lack of up-keep of the tennis courts. It seems to me with all of the money students pay to go here that Brevard could afford to replace the nets. The nets are the worst I have ever seen. They try to tape them back together, but this only solves the problem for a short time. If they would replace the nets with some dependable new nets they would easily last five or six years. With a women's team here, it would seem to me that when they had home matches they would want nets without holes. Most of the time I cannot tell whether the ball goes through or over.

It also puzzles me to know why the college doesn't have a men's tennis team here. One of the main reasons I came to Brevard was so I could play here, get experience, and go on to play at a 4-year college. It upsets me that this college goes out and gives scholarships to attract top athletes for other sports. Yet they offer no money to attract good tennis players. We don't stand a chance against the teams in our region without good players because two teams from our conference tied for the

national title. I would only hope that officials at this school see that something has to be done on both of these matters.

—Brian Cloninger

In response to the "well-informed" editorial in the last issue of the Clarion.

This editorial was obviously not written by a minority. If it had been, the editorial would have said, "Yes, there is racism on Brevard's campus." Now this racism is not out in the open where everybody can see. It is in a look or a word. Nothing you can put your finger on, except for feeling that you are not wanted. As for the "self-imposed" segregation, there are at the most 100 minority students compared to about 600 white students. When a minority student enters a class there might be one or two or maybe no other minority students in the class. The minority students are seen together out of class, so that we don't feel as isolated. The minority groups do mix with the white students as can be seen all over campus.

—Tamiko Harrison

The Message Board

by Andrea Henry

All right all you shy Brevardians, where are your messages for friends, tutors, buddies, boyfriends, girlfriends, teachers, and anyone else? Don't forget: This message board is especially for you.

Here are this weeks messages:

For all you BC students with boyfriends or girlfriends at Presbyterian College in SC— good choice!

A PC fan at BC

To Alecia and Beth—
Teach me how to fly South!
As Always, Quack
Love Duchy

Hey Elizabeth S. Sleep much?
Love, Ducky

To Allen:
Thanks for your supportive friendship!
You are a sweetie! MJL

Ken Howe,
Keep on playing that trombone— sounds great!
From: Your 1 Fan

Scarlet,
It's a "Secret"—
See you, Rhet

G & Q,
Cute hair! Lookin' good!
Rf-R-E

Jeannie and Melissa,
What do we highlight next? Can't imagine life without BC weekends.
—Ducky

"Billy, go get your Aunt Betty from the airport; she's had one too many and missed her flight."

Hey "Rosie Cheeks"
Thanks for homecoming weekend!
"The Lady In Red"

My dearest Andrea,
Your friendship has made THE difference in my freshman year so far. The giggles and good times have made me smile on the "worst Brevard days." Thanks for everything! Love ya always,
Your BBB

P.S. As for vinegar girl!— will she ever use the vinegar on her salad as much as she does on her hair!!!

Hey East Jones first floor girls—
I'm glad we are feeling "unity" again!

Dear Rocky,
Keep your door locked and your baseball bat in the closet...we don't need another Rocky sequel!!

Your Buddy,
Melissa

Hey Cam Cam—
You are the betterestest buddy anyone could have!

Hey Roomie,
Anything that's mine is yours too! Oh— and I promise— I won't tell!
"Roommate's Honor"

Teddybear!
Thanks for keeping me company when Aaaaaandrea is away!!
Your weekend buddy!

Fred,
I think I got all of the crayons out of the burner. I just wish you had said something sooner. I can't get the wax out of my mind.
Ginger

So BC, hop on over to the mail room and submit messages to PO Box 324. Have fun writing.