

Brevard College Band sets Fall Concert Nov. 10



Under the baton of Director Steve Kelly, the Brevard College Concert Band rehearses for their upcoming Fall Concert here Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 8:15 in Dunham. (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

by Heather Conrad

Wish to catch a night of classical music entertainment? Do the deep pulses of a baritone, or the sweet trill of a high wind instrument appeal to your harmonious senses? Brevard's own concert band will be performing a selection of classical pieces, giving everyone a chance to enjoy the same program they will present at the N.C. Band Master Association Music Conference on November 1, in Raleigh.

To participate in the conference, each contending band submits an audition tape to a panel of judges, who are experts in the field of instrumental or orchestral music. Over 28 college bands submit tapes; only two to three are chosen to perform in the conference. Once selected, these bands play before an audience of up to 1000 people, most who are experienced or well reputed band directors and players in the field of music.

Last January, Brevard's concert band was one of the few band's selected by the board to perform. This year's concert band wishes to continue the tradition, and has been putting in many hours of practice, time and effort. The group must also submit the tape this October, which is much earlier than last year's deadline. However, Steve Kelly, Brevard's Concert Band director, is confident this is not a negative factor. He says, "The pressure may be greater with time to prepare almost sliced in half. But these kids have given a phenomenal amount of themselves toward preparing and I feel they're ready. They've worked hard, grueling for hours on pretty difficult scores, and have put up with me, which is never easy. They didn't have to push, and try to master these extraordinarily difficult pieces, nor did they have to compete against the other colleges, most being four-year schools with graduating programs in music. But the kids took the challenge. They simply have a strong desire to play, and to do it with perfection. I'm very pleased with their work, and I hope this conference shows them that they are much better they realize."

The band will present its program to the college Nov. 10 at 8:15 p.m. in Dunham auditorium. The performance will include all scores presented at the Band Masters Conference, including Britton Lane, a piece of written by Larry Wahlly, a member of Brevard's music faculty. Also, a horn solo will be performed by Mrs. Kelly, another member of the music department.

Families need balance

by Kenny Monteith

Balance is the most important element in the family according to the Rev. Andrew Summers who gave the annual Purgason Family Lectures at Brevard College, Oct. 27-28.

The Purgason Lecture series focused on the values of the home, marriage, and family life in American society and how "Direct relationships influence the lives and behaviors of those persons profoundly," said Summers. "The family is the most close-knit of these relationships."

"As it says in the book of Proverbs, people perish when they have no vision," said Summers. He added that it is important for people to think beyond the confines of the modern world into what is called the post-modern world.

Summers said that "the growth of individualism can become cancerous. People get preoccupied with their own ex-

periences. The family then becomes a haven in a heartless world."

Summers ended by saying that new research points us in a new and better direction, a direction that gives us a sense of hope. Research shows that in "healthy families" the parents have a strong relationship, a high degree of responsibility is taken, and the family can easily talk with one another.

Summers is a member of the staff of the Pastoral Counseling Center in Savannah, Ga. He has received an A.A. degree from Young Harris College, and a B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University. He has also earned a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco.

The Purgason Lectures are possible by a gift made by W.H. Purgason in honor of his wife, Victoria Watts Purgason. Both are alumni of Brevard College, the class of 1938.

Safe sex: beyond fear

by Biár Orrell

Safe sex is no longer a question of morality but instead a question of life or death.

AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) have invaded the lives and life styles of many people and altered them greatly, leaving the population beyond fear.

There will be a Safe Sex program sponsored by the second floor of West Jones and Residential Life. The program is Nov. 11 at 7:30 pm in Dunham Auditorium.

Films on AIDS and STDs will be shown, and free information will be handed out. Ann Hargrove from the American Red Cross and Karen Barbour from the Transylvania County Hospital will speak and answer any questions.

This program is to educate the young adults of Brevard College and to lower their risk factors to AIDS and STDs.



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