

BC opens with largest freshman class ever

Brevard College has opened the 1988-'89 academic year with record enrollment.

This year's freshman class, approximately 430 new students, is the largest freshman class in the history of Brevard College.

The increase is the result of "a lot of hard work over these last three years," said BC President Billy Greer, "now the team effort is paying off." He cited Dean of Admissions Bob McLendon and his

staff, as well as former Dean of Admissions Dana Paul.

Dean of the College Dr. Harry Langley reports that the Orientation Week program and the opening of school went very smoothly.

Freshmen participated in the second annual "Camp Greenville Experience," Sunday, Aug. 21, surviving and enjoying the challenge course and a day of games, discussion and getting to know each other.

(Pictures inside this edition).

After classes started on Aug. 25, the campus had a day of fun and games at the annual Derby Day games. (See pictures inside).

The beginning of the 1988-89 academic year at Brevard College marks the start of many new programs, all designed to better serve the students, according to Dean Langley.

Dr. Clara Wood, newly-appointed

Associate Dean for Student Development, will be coordinating academic support programs that will offer students support to meet the challenges of their courses. "We're trying to build in success," Dr. Wood said.

Among the support systems are the Math Lab, Language Lab, Writing Lab and Learning Center as well as individual tutoring.

Also, a new program of freshman advisors has been instituted, designed to allow an advisor to follow the progress of incoming freshmen advisees throughout their Brevard College experience.

Adelaide Miller, the school's new Transfer Counselor, represents another development in the school's growth. She will be "greasing the tracks," according to President Greer, of the students transferring to major 4-year institutions. Presently, approximately 83 percent of Brevard students go on to continue their higher education.

Another new support system: Steve Martin has been named the school's Campus Counselor who will be on call this year to talk to students who need a mature and friendly ear.

The "Scholars Halls" is another pilot project that has been introduced to BC this year (see story page 9). The top floors of Taylor and Jones have been designated areas for students who wish more quiet hours and study time.

On third floor Taylor, there are 29 men signed up for this Scholars Hall program, and on third floor Jones, there are 50 women.

With the campus student headcount at approximately 700, administration team members are working with the challenges on the areas of housing and parking created by the increased numbers.

Some 20 students who applied in August were temporarily housed at Brevard Motor Lodge until Ross Hall could be utilized. According to Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek, the College has been working hard to get these students on campus as quickly as possible.

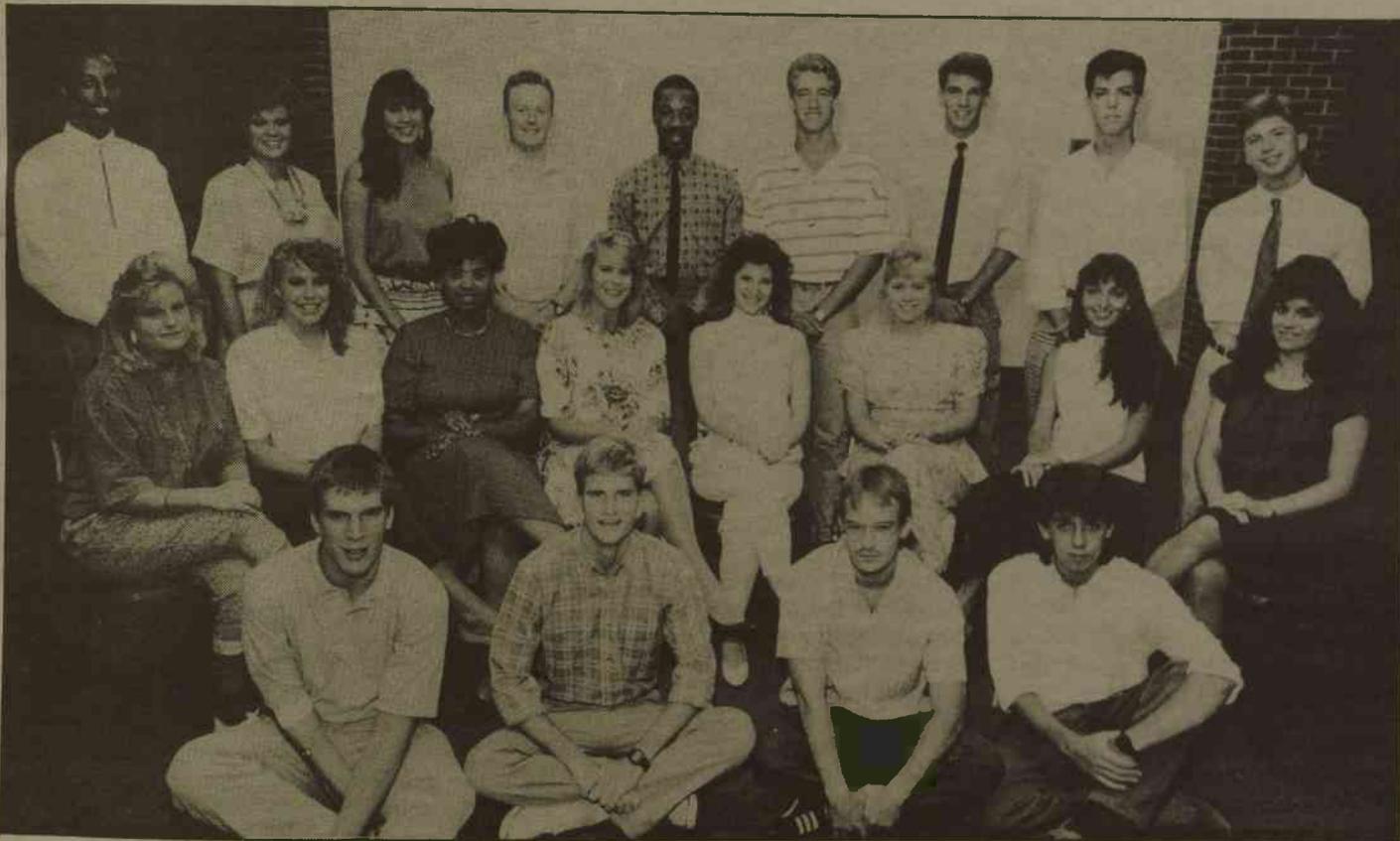
The parking "problem" is not really a problem at all, Witek suggests, if students use the gym parking lot. Warning tickets were being issued earlier, but now "real" tickets will be going out soon.

The bright enrollment picture, says BC President Greer, is likely to continue here.

"I genuinely believe that the kind of transformation that's taking place at Brevard College can happen anywhere where you build a strong faculty-administrative team," he said.

Citing the nationwide drop in the number of college-age youth, Dr. Greer said, "Enrollment at colleges and universities all across this country will be difficult for the next 10 years. But for the institution that has its act together, and is offering a quality product, the concern for enrollment won't be a wrenching experience.

"Students are going to find the strong colleges and universities, of which Brevard is one," the president said.



The new Resident Assistants for the new year at BC are, seated, left to right, Cammy Cabe, Brad Dodson, Jim Fredere, and Matt French; second row, Kristen Hogan, Alicia Andrews, Melanie Ramseur, Mitzi Motsinger, Rachel Klein, Cindy Deviney, Selena Lauterer and Marla Camp; third row, Juan Kincaid, Terri Jennewine, Mia Clark, Kenny Monteith, Duane Moore, Aaron Kerr, Brent Hill, Paul Dilberger and Anthony Sedberry. Absent at time of picture was Amber Norton. (BC News Bureau photo)

Kincaid elected president

by Kim Boyle

Juan Kincaid was elected President of the Student Government Association during Monday night elections at Brevard College.

Kincaid, a Morganton sophomore, ran successfully against candidates Duane Moore and Amber Norton.

According to SGA sponsor Kim Penland, about 120 students voted in the open elections.

Last spring Sal Cavarretta was elected as the SGA president. However, for personal reasons, Cavarretta was unable to return to BC this fall.

Elections for dorm representatives were held last week for new SGA members.

Green Hall has Robert Cooler representing them as their dorm president, along with Warren Nance as vice-president. The

freshmen representing Green are Jake Dalton from the basement, David Simmons on first floor, Anthony Ballard on second, and Jeremy Duplissey on third.

Taylor Hall president and vice-president are Tom Cunningham and Brian Thompson. The freshman representatives are Fred Goble in basement, Chris Gibson in first floor, Rob Malsby represents second, and Mike VanBuren on third.

Brent Hill and Mike Waters are the new officers of East Beam with Richard McPhail on first, Chris Crunkleton on second, and Richard Terrell represents third floor.

The new president of Jones is Selena Lauterer, and vice-president is Heather Conrad.

West Jones representatives are

Catherine Engstrom on first floor, Tracey Upson on second, and Raisen Russo on third floor.

East Jones has Jenni Parker in the basement, Beth Richter, Anna McCormick and Beth Winters representing the three floors.

West Beam's new president is Marla Camp, and Debbie Lucenti is vice-president. Jeanine Valvo is the freshman representative in the basement, Lora Woodrum on first, Charlotte Safrin on second, and Amy Yeh on third.

Day Students elected Cindy Edwins as president and Freddie Woodward as vice-president with Angie Fain and Eddie Spronse as the freshman representative.

One other new dorm this year is the Cottage which has Shawn Young as the representative.