



BC students get out to vote during The Clarion's mock presidential election held on campus Thursday, Oct. 20. Clarion staffers Lisa Matkins and Beth Seagle help voters with the procedures. (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

BC students vote 225 - 90 in favor of Bush

by Lisa Matkins

Bush for President!

The results of the Clarion-sponsored mock election loudly proclaim that Brevard College students support Vice-President George Bush over Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. When 51 percent of the student body voted Thursday, Oct. 20, Bush received 225 votes, while Dukakis trailed behind with only 90.

Many students shared their political interest and involvement when they answered the questions regarding the reasons for their choice. Jay Lighthiser said, "I don't believe in Michael Dukakis' beliefs about abortion and capital punishment. Dukakis can't balance our budget like the budget for his state. I feel Bush can carry out Reaganomics."

Karen Olschesky did not share Jay's view of the economy but supported Dukakis. "I feel that Reagan has let the deficit build up. We need new ideas. Bush will follow Reagan's standards and the country needs new growth," she said.

Jamie Cousin also voted for Dukakis because he felt that Dukakis could "do a better job with the economy than the Republicans have done in the past."

Dukakis received Amber Norton's support because "He's honest enough to say he's going to have to raise taxes."

Others were influenced by Bush's knowledge of his prospective duties as President. Grant Thompson said, "I voted for Bush because he has more experience and knows what's happening."

Japanese student Chizuru Tijina offered her opinion of both the mock election and her candidate. "I think the mock election is good, because it gives students who will not get to vote in November a chance to express their opinions."

"All us Japanese students like President Reagan because of his foreign relations, so if I could vote I would vote for Bush."

However, many student voters were not impressed with either candidate. Stephanie Bambarger voted for Bush "because he is the lesser of the two evils."

A 'lot' of controversy

by Heather Conrad

'Dunham lot,' BC's newly constructed parking lot, may be ready for occupancy, but its construction has not come without controversy.

"We made a minor goof," said President Billy Greer, "not in where or why, but by not turning to the SGA for feedback."

Students objected to the Dunham lots construction for several reasons. Some students feel the new lot detracts from the beauty of the area around Taylor and Green dormitories, while others say the lot ruins the students' informal football and frisbee play area.

President Greer explains that after three years of complaints from faculty and students, accompanied by record freshmen enrollment this year, the parking problem needed a solution.

Dale O. Wiener, Director of Financial Affairs, said in a memo to the faculty that "for some time now we have been concerned with our lack of adequate parking for commuting students and our 'Friends of the College' who patronize activities at Dunham Music Building."

After six to eight weeks of development, the parking lot was constructed, in response to the growing need for parking in the central part of campus.

President Greer, Wiener and maintenance head Reid Plemmons took part in deciding on the lot's location. Other sites were considered, including behind Jones dormitory, the cornfield, and beside the maintenance shop. However the site beside Green dormitory offered the most benefits and a smaller price tag.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek, Dunham lot's construction answered several parking dilemmas Brevard's faculty, staff, and students

previously faced. The day student lot is reassigned as open parking, enabling resident students additional parking. Dunham lot is assigned as the new Day Student lot, 7 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. Faculty and staff are also assigned to Dunham lot during these hours. The day student hours leave Dunham lot open in the evenings for patrons of Dunham Auditorium.

Is your room clean?

It's Parents' Weekend

by Patricia Bone

It's time to begin preparing your room for mom's white glove inspection because Parents' Weekend is just around the corner.

BC students' parents and friends are invited Nov. 4, 5, and 6 to attend Parents' Weekend, sponsored by the Student Government Association, in cooperation with faculty and administration.

Many interesting activities are scheduled to entertain parents and friends. The weekend begins on Friday to allow parents to attend classes with their son or daughter. One major event of the weekend is the student presentation of "The Rainmaker," directed by Professor Sam Cope. The play begins at 8:15 on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission is free for Brevard students, but all other seats are \$3. Reservations are mandatory and all seats will be reserved.

Other major attractions will include athletic contests featuring the Brevard Soccer teams in the NJCAA Region X Tournaments; coffee and conversation

with President Greer, other college administrators and members of the faculty; and special college worship service with remarks by Dr. Charles Zimmerman.

In addition to the campus activities, parents can also enjoy the beauty of the campus and its surroundings. The Pisgah National Forest is only 5 minutes from campus and offers picnic areas as well as beautiful hiking trails.

Meals will be available for guests in the A.G. Myers Dining Hall at the following rates: Breakfast-\$2.20; Lunch-\$3.; Dinner-\$3.65; and Sunday Lunch-\$4.25.

Many students enjoy the chance to invite parents and friends to a special weekend here at Brevard. Melanie Ramseur, a resident assistant for East Jones, says that she is "looking forward to sharing some of my experiences here at Brevard College with my family and friends."

This weekend is an opportunity for all students to do just that. With all of the special activities schedule, Parents' Weekend is guaranteed to be a big success.



Former President Gerald Ford addresses a capacity crowd at Brevard College's Boshamer Gym on October 4 during a Republican campaign swing through Western North Carolina.