

Brevard opens with record enrollment

Brevard College opened its doors Aug 26 to the largest enrollment in the history of the college.

The record enrollment of 764 students eclipses the old mark of 730 set in 1982, according to Dean of Admissions Bob McLendon. "It's been a very good year," he said, "one of the best I've ever experienced."

The incoming freshman class is the school's largest — 445 strong, up from last year's figure of 421.

Another record: this year BC hit its enrollment capacity in May. And, McLendon estimates if the school had unlimited space and had kept admitting students all summer long, BC could have had a freshman class of 600, or approximately the size of that of UNC—Asheville.

BC was cited in the 1989 edition of America's Best Colleges, (published annually by U.S. News and World Report) as being one of two highly-selective two-year schools in the nation. McLendon noted that the College is "becoming (even more) more selective," and that this freshman class's academic profile is higher than that of last year's freshman class.

Echoing that theme, BC President Dr. Billy Greer characterized the freshman class as "bright and energetic."

Dr. Greer observed, "This kind of enrollment record does not just happen. The faculty and administration from here is as strong as you will find anywhere. I am exceedingly proud of the job they have done to make this kind of enrollment news possible."

BC officials also pointed to another strong indicator: approximately 100 day and commuting students swelling the enrollment figures.

The College began responding to the anticipated record enrollment as early as last year when an overflow freshman class had to be temporarily housed off campus for several weeks until arrangements could be made.

This year, there was no overflow, according to Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek. The College Housing Office has implemented a plan utilizing all available space on campus for student housing, including the conversion of former faculty temporary housing, and the construction of two new student suites in unused lobbies in Beam Residence Hall.

New features on campus this year include a new student union and an expanded are building, both presently under construction. The Sims Art Building, formerly the Student Union, is being renovated in stages during this school year. The former Coltrane Art Building is undergoing a major face—lifting and expansion, and by February should be ready to open as the Coltrane Student Center.

The Office of Student Affairs, formerly housed in the old Student Union, has relocated in Stamey building, which was originally built as the campus infirmary,



New friends were made Aug. 26 at Brevard College where a record 445 freshman arrived on campus. Here, Brevard's Kendrick Erwin, left, watches as freshman Patrick Smith of Matthews, N.C., greets another new friend. In the background, the banner on historic Taylor Hall reads: "Welcome Home." (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

and in part, returns to that function this fall. Campus Nurse Barbara White has her offices there, along with a new assistant to help her respond to the students in need of health care (1825 calls last spring). In addition, the College has secured the services of a local doctor who will visit campus daily.

Also, the Myers Cafeteria has been improved with the addition of a new dishwashing machine, carpeting, drapes, fresh paint and mounted enlarged color photos of campus scenes.

In other summer improvements: the administrative computer was upgraded with a Microvax 3900 Digital computer, which

will be used also by the business office when it moves into newly-renovated quarters upstairs in Beam Administration Building later this fall.

Also, the Weaver College Alumni Association is planning to fund a Belltower on campus to "commemorate the impact that Weaver College had and continues to have on this campus," according to Director of Development Don Scarborough. To date, the fund stands at \$23,500 toward a goal of approximately \$50,000. The original brick made in 1840 by slaves at the Weaverville site have been recovered for the project which is slated to be built at the end of the walkway opposite Beam Administration Building. Construction could start as soon as spring 1990.

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SGA dorm officers elected Sept. 11

by Tina Wiegerink

Student Government Association elections for this school year took place on Sept. 11. Jeff Battle, director of student activities, commented that the representatives are "a good bunch of people."

This year the student government is focusing on getting people involved who are committed to their jobs. "The structure for this year is going to be much tighter," said Battle.

The winners for dorm president are as follows: Loke Kue for Taylor; Kip Davis for Green; Carole Reid for Jones; Denise Ikerd for West Beam; Rob Miller for Complex-Duplex; Mike McCarthey for Ross and Richard McPhail for East Beam.

The winners for vice president are: Jeff Yellon for Taylor; Charles Koory for Green; Brittany Meister for Jones; Joyea Warren for West Beam; Beth Winters for Complex-Duplex; John Massie for Ross and Logan Smith for East Beam.

The presidents elected will make up the executive committee, while the vice presidents will make up the judicial committee. Those who were not elected to either committees can still participate in student related activities with the social groups.

The student government hopes to have more activities and participation than in recent years.