

# NEWS BRIEFS FROM BREVARD COLLEGE

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## BC track gets face-lifting

Brevard College's track is undergoing a major facelifting to the tune of \$90,000.

The three-month-long project should be completed some time in December, according to Dave Rinker, BC athletic director.

College planners had hoped the new track would be ready by now, but weather has played a major factor in the delays. The paving was completed in October, and then several layers of polyurethane must be applied when the surface and temperatures are right.

During this construction phase, walkers and runners are asked to stay off the track. A fence is being constructed to keep bicycles and large wheeled vehicles off. The new fence has a constantly open, narrow right-angle passway, allowing walkers and runners through.

When the new track is complete, it will be open to the public again — but with a major difference. "The new track will be a first-class athletic facility," said Director of Public Information Jock Lauterer. "It's soft surface is designed only for the proper kind of running shoes. This is not like a parking lot surface; hard soles and wheels can destroy it. We're just asking the public to respect this facility."

When the new track is completed, the College will prohibit the walking of dogs on the track as well as the use of all wheeled devices such as skateboards, bikes and baby carriages, all of which will damage the soft surface.

"The new track replaces one so decrepit that we didn't care what you did out there," Lauterer says, "The way the old track was, you could have rolled a Sherman tank on it and it wouldn't have made much difference. No wonder we didn't have any rules regarding the track's use."

Because the new facility is mainly for the College's running program, Coach and AD Dave Rinker is reserving the first three inside lanes for collegiate runners, leaving the outside lane for walkers and the public.

## Pre-registration fee is due

Dean Wood's office reminds students that the deadline for the pre-registration fee for Spring semester is Dec. 12. The fee is \$50 for residential students and \$15 for commuting students.

Payment of the fee is especially important this year because of the waiting list to get into BC for the spring semester.

According to Dean Wood, "Paying this fee indicates that a student has made a commitment to return to Brevard College for the spring semester. I will assume that any student who has not paid the fee by the deadline will not be returning to BC. Therefore, I will direct the Registrar to remove that student's schedule from the computer and the Director of Housing to cancel that student's room reservation."

This fee should be paid in the business office upstairs on the west wing of Beam Administration Building. Fees will be applied to the spring semester bill. For students who decide later not to return to BC, deposits will be refunded until Friday, Jan. 4, 1990.

## Project Winners needs you

Do you want to make a difference in a young person's life?

Brevard College will again hold its high school drop-out intervention program this summer, "Project Winners." The College hosts about 50 eighth graders from Western North Carolina in an attempt to encourage them to stay in school. About 10 BC student counselors serve as principle role models for the two two-week sessions in June and July. To apply for the paid position, see Steve Martin, MG 130.

## King birthday to be observed

Brevard College will celebrate the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a Jan. 15 program. The 8 p.m. presentation in Dunham Auditorium will feature Dr. Julius Scott, the president of Paine College of Augusta, Ga.

## Christmas Dance planned

The annual Brevard College Christmas Dance will be held this year Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Auxillary Gym. The dance will feature the band "Beat the Clock." ID is required. Students planning to bring guests must sign them up now with the Office of Student Affairs in Stamey. Dress is semi-formal.

## Try-outs set for new play

Tryouts for the Spring Production, "Summer and Smoke" by Tennessee Williams, will be held Dec. 6 and 7 in the Barn Theatre at 7:30 p.m. All students interested in drama, regardless of whether they have acted before, are invited to attend. Also, any students interested in backstage work are invited.

Jonathan Crow, Director of the spring production, described the play as a "lyrical tale of unrequited love, set in the Deep South after the turn of the Century."

Production dates for the play are Wed. through Sat., March 29, 30, 31 and Wed. through Sat. April 5, 6, and 7.

While tryouts will be held before Spring Semester, actual rehearsals will not begin before the second week of Spring Semester, late January, according to the director.

## Make that date

Any group which plans to meet on campus during spring semester must fill out a scheduling request with Paige Johnson in the president's office. This is necessary to secure a meeting place and to have the meeting included on the Coming Events List if desired.

## Semester abroad program students picked

The six students selected for the Brevard College semester abroad program in Altmunster, Austria, have been selected. The are: Cory Clark of Porte Vedra Beach, Fla.; Kelly Ferguson of Upper Marlboro, Md.; Marla McNeill of Kannapolis, N.C.; Andrew Parse of Valdese, N.C.; Russell Washburn of Spartanburg, S.C.; and Grant Westfall of Raleigh. The six will spend the spring semester studying German with BC instructor Maggi Zednick and learning about Austrian culture.

## Letter to the editor . . .

### A word from the President

My dear friends:

I am writing to say how very proud I am of each of you and I mean it. Brevard College is a demanding place, and that is why you chose it. There is not another two-year school in America that possesses the kind of integrity Brevard possesses in the eyes of four-year colleges and universities. This faculty knows how to get you ready for high-powered places because they are high-powered people. We make no apologies about being tough. Each of you can handle it or you would not be here.

The past two years have been marked with significant changes. The changes have been and are an effort to improve the quality of life for you. Enormous changes are occurring. Some of the changes are obvious while others are more subtle. You have seen the creation of learning center (we need more personal computers in the learning center). We have added a full-time college counselor and brought to the staff a full-time leisure recreation person. We have expanded the physical education department with the beginnings of an outdoor recreation program and we have launched an Austrian semester abroad program. We have seen an environmentalist group formed, and in a few months our new service component, Project Inside-Out, will become a reality.

As I write this letter, we are in the middle of two important construction projects — a new state the art track and a new student center. Hopefully, the track will be

completed by the time you return in January, but the timetable on the student center is not as hopeful. We are looking at a late March or early April date on it.

When I stop to think that we will have gone through nearly an entire academic year without a student center, I realize how patient you have been. I thank you very much for your patience and understanding and believe that the wait will be worth it in the long run (sophomores may wish to disagree with me about this).

You will be interested to know the enrollment continues to break records. We expect another record enrollment in January and still another record next fall. It pleases me very much that Brevard College is a popular place, but it pleases me more to know that it is a tough place with tough academic standards and tough demands placed on each of us. I assure you that we are never tough just to be tough. We are tough because we care. We are tough because we are committed to doing everything we can to lift your horizons and to make a small contribution toward shaping your life in the direction of service and responsibility toward your fellow man.

Your Friend,  
Billy Greer

P.S. The next three weeks will be critical to each of you. Study hard, utilize our support systems and good luck!