

# A Field of Dreams...

## Rick Robinson named new BC baseball coach

Brevard College has "A Field of Dreams" coming true.

And for Rick Robinson, it's a shared dream.

Robinson was named Brevard College's new baseball coach this week, in a joint announcement by BC President Billy Greer and Athletic Director Dave Rinker.

"Brevard College is happy to be able to have someone like Rick Robinson to restart our baseball program," said Rinker. "Not only does he have an excellent coaching record, but his energy and local ties should definitely get our program off in the right direction."

Brevard College's reactivated baseball team will see its first action in the fall of 1991. The new coach's first duties will be to recruit a team and to oversee the building on a baseball field.

Robinson, a Brevard native and Brevard High School graduate, served as head baseball coach for three years at Pisgah High School of Canton. His final year there, he took the Bears to the W.A.C. championship and was named the Coach of the Year for the conference. His overall high school coaching record is 40-26.

Coach Robinson is excited about his new duties, which begin officially in June. "This has always been my ambition," he said, "to coach a college baseball program -- and to have it and start it like a renaissance in your own home community -- it's just outstanding."

Robinson played both football and baseball for Brevard High, Mars Hill in addition to starring with the Appalachian State University Southern Conference (baseball) champs in 1984. He earned his bachelor's degree from ASU in physical education.

When it comes to recruiting, the new BC coach says he believes in the athletic ability of the young men of the region.

"I really think many great young athletes from Western North Carolina are overlooked many times," he said. "I intend to concentrate my recruiting in this region."

Already looking at area high school juniors, Coach Robinson said, "I hope Brevard College will be a place where young men can come and develop their baseball abilities and further their education to the four-year level."

When it comes to goal-setting, Coach Robinson isn't shy. "My number one objective is for Brevard College's baseball program to become one of the outstanding baseball programs in the nation," he vowed.

But first, there's got to be a place to play.



Standing in his "Field of Dreams," Brevard College's new baseball coach Rick Robinson says it may not look like home now, but just wait til this summer when grading should start on the new

diamond. The Pisgah High School coach has been hired to start BC's baseball program. The first pitch is scheduled for fall 1991. (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

The most logical site for the new baseball field seems to be where the College's Christmas trees are now growing. As a result, the College is in the process of selling those white pines as quickly as possible so that the grading and seeding can happen this summer.

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### What's happening

#### this weekend

##### Friday, April 20

Casino Night, 7-11 p.m., Rutherford Room.

##### Saturday, April 21

Soccer Tournament, six-a-side, both soccer field, all day.

EARTH DAY activities start, see Page One for details.

##### Sunday, April 22

EARTH DAY, events all day, for details, see Page One.

Entertainment: "Stuart and Lori," magicians, Dunham Auditorium, 7 p.m.

## Outdoor track season well underway at BC

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Brevard College's third running phase, the outdoor track season, started after spring break, and already two BC runners have qualified for the nationals.

During the Saturday, May 31, Clemson meet, Bill Mantooth and Craig Goodroe qualified for the NJCAA National Track and Field Championships to be held in Odessa, Texas, May 17-19.

Mantooth, a sophomore from Pinellas Park, Fla., won the steeplechase in 9:19.96 to earn his trip to the nationals. Goodroe, a freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., won the 1500 in the national qualifying time of 3:52.12.

A third runner, Mark Crellen was BC's third individual winner, but he just missed qualifying with a time of 1:55.86. Coach Dave Rinker cited other runners with outstanding performances: Heather Weldon, third in the 800 meters with a 2:20.77; Brad Smith, second in the 5,000 meters with a 15:46.17; and Brian Watkins, third in the 5,000 meters with a 15:54.24.

The previous week, BC's men opened their outdoor season at the George Relays at Athens where they were in competition with 24 other teams including such prestigious schools as the University of Minnesota, Drake and Miami U.

Coach Rinker said he was pleased with these performances: the men's 4x100 meter relay team finished fifth with a 42.93 (the second fastest time ever by a BC team). That team is comprised of Donald Bolton, Arthur Maddox, William Mills and Mark Crellen.

-- Mike Kinne placed fifth in the men's 3,000 meter steeplechase

-- the men's 4x800 meter relay team placed fifth. That team includes Crellen, Goodroe, Scott Wilkinson and Chris Griggs.

-- the men's 4x400 relay team finished third with a 3:22.19. Team includes William Mills, Art Maddox, Tom Bernal and Crellen.

Both men's and women's teams compete this weekend, April 12-14, at the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.