

*At Spring Convocation*

## J. Thomas Bertrand installed as BC's 10th president

Brevard College installed its 10th president, J. Thomas Bertrand, during Spring Convocation ceremonies on Friday, Feb. 11. Bertrand took his oath of office from former president Dr. Cameron P. West, with Board of Trustees Chairman F. Crowder Falls witnessing.

The ceremony was held despite an ice storm that struck Transylvania County the night before, causing power outages throughout campus. In fact, every building on campus was without power except for Boshamer Gymnasium, where the ceremony was held.

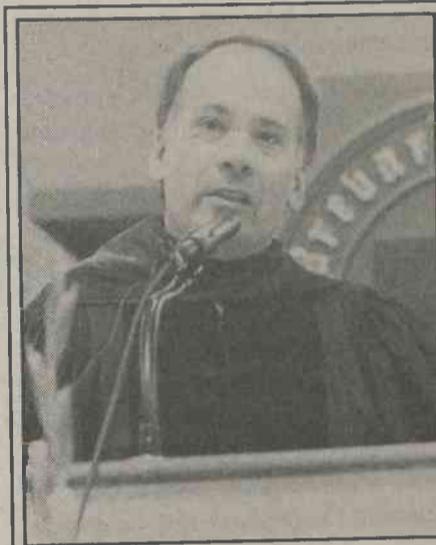
"Our numbers are small, but we are a hardy crew," Bertrand told the assembled audience as he welcomed the students, faculty, trustees and staff of

Brevard College and guests including U.S. Congressman Charles Taylor, representatives from colleges and universities throughout the U.S., high-ranking officials from the United Methodist Church and Bertrand's own friends and family.

Bertrand urged those in attendance to take the College motto, "Learn so that you may serve," to heart. It is through service to others, he noted, that the world will be saved from what some observers are calling a future of anarchy.

Bertrand was welcomed to his new presidency by a host of dignitaries, including Bishop Bevel Jones III of the United Methodist Church, Congressman Taylor, Student Government Association President Paige Tarr, President of the Brevard College Alumni

Association Robert Boggan, and Dr.



BC President Tom Bertrand

Clara Wood, Senior Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Brevard College.

This year's Spring Convocation, which traditionally is the ceremony which opens the new semester, also celebrated the history of Brevard College. The exercise commemorated the 140th anniversary of the founding of Rutherford College, which merged with Weaver College in 1933 on the grounds of Brevard Institute. As part of the ceremony, several graduates of Weaver College received honorary Brevard College diplomas.

Another ceremony honoring part of Brevard College's past was held later in the day when the stone fence and gate at the front corner of campus was dedicated as a site on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Clyde Carter to head Brevard College's new School of Wilderness Education

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Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains near the entrance to the

Pisgah Forest, Brevard College is in an ideal location for the students to take advantage of the vast natural resources that surround them. Seizing this opportunity around them, Brevard

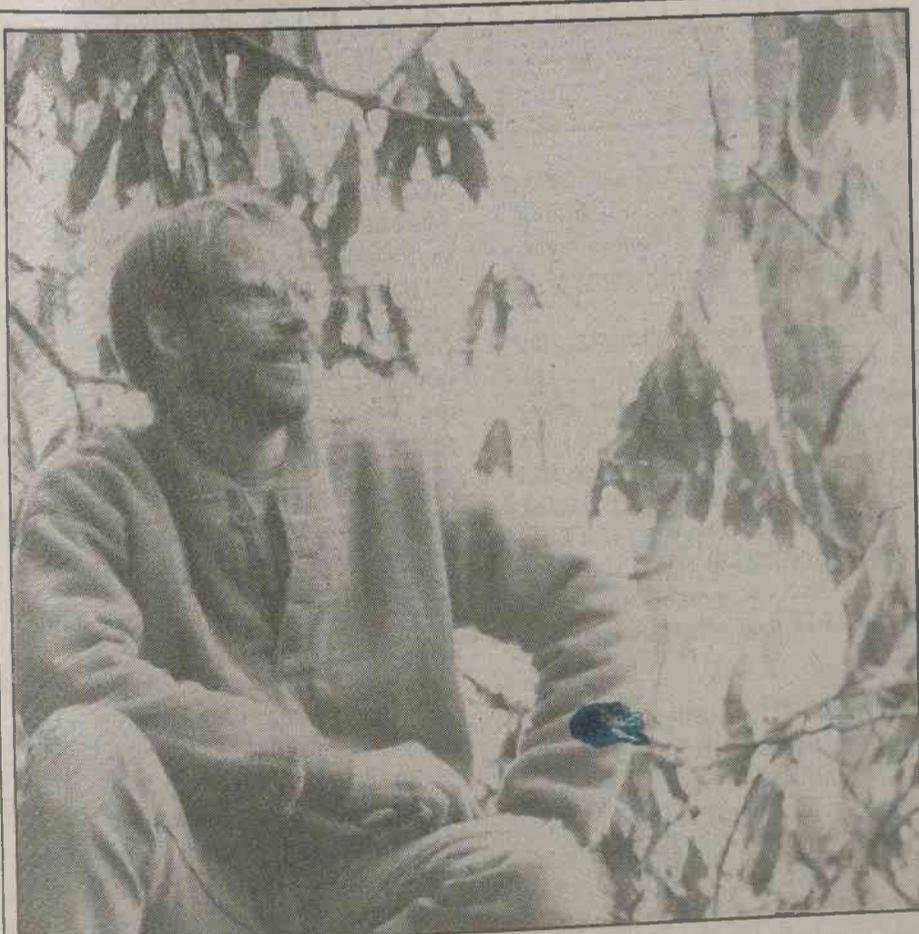
College has decided to form the new School of Wilderness Education.

This new program will offer a two-year Associates of Arts degree in outdoor leadership. Classes will center around the Junior College Diploma requirements with a concentration of 22 hours in two areas, "Adventure" education, such as rock climbing, mountain biking, kayaking, and "Environmental" education with classes in forestry and sociology as well as psychology.

This new school will be headed by the head of outdoor recreation of Brevard College, Clyde Carter, who feels that "Wilderness Education will benefit any student regardless of their major." In this program Carter strives to challenge his students physically, mentally in dealing with their fears, socially in learning to depend and trust on one another, as well as spiritually.

This new program will be located in the duplex behind the gym. Within this duplex is a classroom downstairs and office space and equipment storage facilities upstairs. Moving into the duplex will enable the program to expand even further.

With interest in the program thriving, students will learn and gain an understanding of self-confidence and hands-on life experiences. It also enables the students to learn how people affect the environment and how the environment affects them.



BC Instructor in Outdoor Recreation, Clyde Carter, will head up the college's new School of Wilderness Education (Clarion photo by Synda McCracken)

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