

## BC Class of '94 to graduate May 14

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On Saturday, May 14, 141 students will earn their rights of passage from Brevard College. The college's 60th Commencement Exercises will be held at 2 p.m. in the main gym of Boshamer Gymnasium. Eighty-six of the graduates will walk that day, and 55 students who graduated in December or last summer, or who are transferring back hours to graduate, will have their degrees mailed to them.

This year's graduation speaker will be Steve Strickland, president of the National Peace Foundation.

According to Senior Vice-President and Dean of the College Clara Wood, this year's graduating class statistically

looks typical. "We have the typical combination of students. Some have stayed for the two years, others have done their two years and went on to their senior institutions and have transferred back their final credits. And others have finished up back at the end of the fall semester," said Wood.

According to Wood, this year's graduating class has made many contributions to Brevard College. The graduating students "...have improved the lives for future Brevard College students. I hope the students who will be graduating will carry with them a sense of purpose, a willingness to take challenges, and a dedication to service that will last them their whole life," said Wood.

## Christopher Ford elected Student Government Association President

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Congratulations to Chris Ford, who was elected SGA President on April 20. Megan Remick finished second and Kristi Ash third in the running. Voter turn-out was low with an estimated 128 students casting ballots. LaMonica Woodruff was elected vice-president of the Judicial Board. Dustin Calhoun was also elected vice-president of the Social Board.

Chris Ford says he is committed to change. In reference to establishing a communication link with the administration, Ford says, "I feel I already have. I will try to convince the administration that there is a majority of the student body that truly appreciates this institution."

Ford addressed two major things that students are interested in: alcohol and visitation. His opinion on alcohol

is that any on-campus policy should mirror that of any off campus law, "so there is no misunderstanding of the rules." Ford has a very reinforced stand on visitation. He stated that, "The administration has to mature to the point where they trust us and we have to mature to the point where we can utilize more lenient hours for more study time."

The two runners-up had a little bit different platforms in mind. Megan Remick ran her campaign as honestly as a political candidate could. She gave a good reason for not making a political popularity contest out of the race. She did not want to make promises she could not keep. She did say that she was "willing to gather everybody's ideas" in the event that she won.

Kristi Ash's plan was individual as well. She wanted change too. She was lobbying for more student and faculty interaction. Ash also wanted to make (See SGA on Page 8)



## Spring Fever Hits Campus

Lori Musgrove, left, and Heather Grover, right, are acting as crazy as the rest of campus with the onset of Spring Fever. (Clarion photo by Henry Stepp II)

## BC Board of Trustees vote to reduce college enrollment

In a meeting devoted to enhancing the academic quality of Brevard College, the College's Board of Trustees met on the Brevard College campus on Friday, April 15, and approved new scholarship and academic programs, while endorsing a policy to reduce the College's enrollment.

A new interdisciplinary program in environmental studies was approved and the Brevard College School of Wilderness Education was launched. At the same time, acknowledging demographic trends, the trustees endorsed a selective trimming of the College's operational budgets to permit the College to operate with a smaller, more selective student body.

According to Brevard College President J. Thomas Bertrand, the decision will require some difficult personnel and salary decisions. Every aspect of the College's budget will be under review over the next month to arrive at the details of implementing the trustees' policy.

"We are reaching the bottom of the demographic trough of graduating high school seniors in the nation and in North Carolina, so there are not as many highly-motivated students out there for colleges to enroll," said Bertrand. "Brevard College's reputation rests on its rigorous academic standards, and in order for us to maintain those (See Trustees on Page 8)

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