

Brevard College expands to four-year program

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Brevard College, a 141-year old United Methodist liberal arts college in Western North Carolina announced that it plans to seek accreditation for baccalaureate degrees in music and art. Upon approval by accrediting agencies as a four-year institution, the College plans to enroll juniors in the fall of 1995 in its long-respected music and art programs.

The official announcement was made at the annual fall meeting of the Brevard College Board of Trustees, which approved curricular plans recommended by faculty and trustee committees. The Board also voted to declare the College's \$16-million capital campaign successfully ended.

The College will continue to maintain Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Fine Arts degrees. It is one of the few traditionally two-year colleges nationally whose associate degree programs in music have long been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Once the college has achieved accreditation, other selected baccalaureate programs may be added in the interest of achieving a balanced and distinctive undergraduate program.

Brevard College President J.

Thomas Bertrand stated, "Even as we build these distinctive baccalaureate programs, we will continue to emphasize close student-teacher relationships in the first two years of college. That has been our signature for the last sixty years. It will continue to be. At Brevard College our finest professors will always be devoted to teaching freshmen and sophomores."

The College's five-year "Building for Success" capital funds campaign, which kicked off in January 1990, was closed early after the goal was surpassed by over \$500,000.

One of the recent gifts which made this campaign a success is the bequest of the late Lora Lee Schmidt, which will total nearly \$2 million when the estate is finalized. The trustees have designated the bulk of this gift to assist with the construction of the Paul B. Porter Performing Arts Center, with other amounts to support the operating budget, faculty and staff salaries and expansion of library holdings in the fine arts.

Additionally, several new trustees were named. Edward W. Seese of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is a new life trustee. He is president of Seese Enterprises, Inc. which is involved with real estate and hotel development. Two alumni trustees, both BC Class of '66,

also joined the board at this meeting: John C. Brookshire, owner/president of Old Orchard, Inc. and FIMA, Inc. (textile manufacturing) in Hendersonville and W. Douglas Tanner, the executive director of the Faith and Politics

Institute in Washington, D.C. They were elected by alumni this past summer to begin their terms with this fall meeting. Four more alumni board trustees will be elected for staggered terms over the next two years.

Students seem to like new coed arrangement in Beam

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Finally, the school board has decided to allow males and females to sleep together, in the same building. Much to everyone's surprise this year, Beam dorm implemented a co-ed program.

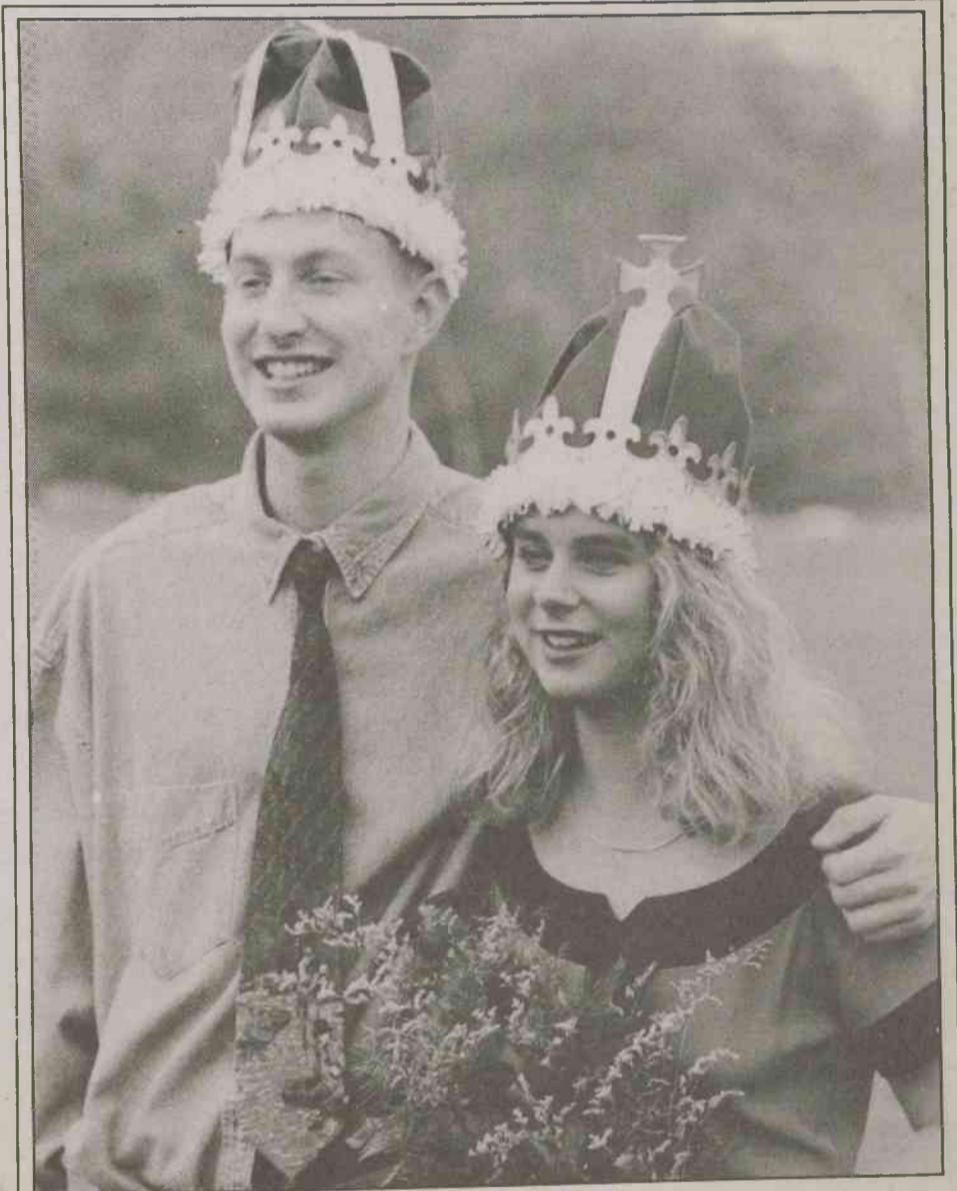
This idea was introduced by Steve Martin and Dr. Bertrand as they were looking to offer a unique style of housing, mostly for honor students. However, Beam is divided into both honor and general students, with general in East and honor in West.

Despite the opinion that the violations from alcohol and visitation would increase with the introduction of the program, Pablo Sanchez (resident director) has noted that there hasn't been any increase in the number of these violations. On the whole, Sanchez feels that the students are well-behaved. His only complaint is the lack of social interaction between the students.

Most residents of Beam say that they like it, especially because it is quiet and allows them to study. They claim that Beam being co-ed has not been a distraction and feel that the program is working.

Some students, however, say that they feel like prisoners with the security doors. After asking Sanchez why such an issue was made about having the security doors, he stated, "We look at the residence halls as their home...you wouldn't leave your front door open all the time." The use of security doors is also being noticed more and more on other campuses where security is becoming an issue. Also, they are currently trying to implement this same program at Jones residence hall and eventually all residence housing.

Another complaint centers around the opinion that we are treated like children and as one student says, "Are we in high school or college? If it's high school, fine; but if it's college-leave us alone." (See Coed on pg. 12)



Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming King Rodney Melton, left, and Homecoming Queen Tanya Costa, right, preside over their court during festivities at homecoming weekend. For more homecoming photos, see Page 7.

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