



## BC Takes Extra Measures to Deal With Violence

by Walter Hackett

In the first part of Brevard College's '97 fall semester rumor has fallen ill with talk of violence and even bloodshed. A number of quarrels leading up to violent action have taken place on our campus leading school officials, teachers, and students to wonder why this sudden shift in attitude, what we as a community can do to handle violent offenders, and how we can keep the peace that most of us are used to here at Brevard College.

The first offense we heard of this year was one of a truly extreme nature. On Wednesday, September 17, a student actually walked into a classroom while class was being taught and bludgeoned another student with the heavy end of a pool cue. Students in the class were shocked into disbelief that an action such as this could happen at a place like Brevard College, whose safety record is close to impeccable. The quarreling students had to be pulled apart by other students and

held apart by Dean Martin and Rachel Harris, who were immediately called in place of a security official. The case received scrutiny from the BC student Judicial Board as well as from the Student Life offices, and a decision was reached to expel one of the participants, who had apparently been badly hazing the other to his final breaking point. The other student, who actually instigated the brawl, was placed in an academic program in which the student will attend tutorial classes by himself on a probationary basis. This situation was apparently very hard to judge, though it seems that justice did prevail through understanding and caring for those involved.

Violence has also reared its ugly head on two separate occasions at dances in Coltrane Commons. The first problem was a minor scrap involving two freshmen that lasted all of twenty seconds. After the fight the two shook hands and admitted their fault to each other then went about their night. The second "Dance fight" was a little more

involved and with more consequence, but just as pointless. This fight took place on September 26, and involved not only BC students, but also a group of Brevard natives who were attending the dance. Rumor would have it that one of the young men from town mistook a Brevard College girl for his girlfriend and "caught" her dancing with another fellow. Outside of the dance, with some possible provocation, the young man took it upon himself to prove his manhood to "his" woman by starting a fight with a guy who had not even been dancing with the girl in question. A number of people joined in the fray, which was quickly broken up by BC Public Safety and the "townies" fled from the campus to avoid arrest. A couple of hours later the young men returned in search of the fight that they had left, and again were scared off by BC Public Safety and Brevard City Police.

In answer to the fights at dances, Brevard College has taken extra measures to police and oversee stu-

dent activities. According to Steve Martin, dances will be chaperoned by a Public Safety officer inside Coltrane, a roving Public Safety officer on patrol, and a member of the Brevard City Police Department will be on duty outside of the dance. It has also become a rule that student ID's be shown in order to attend dances, and those without ID's will only be allowed in as guests of BC students.

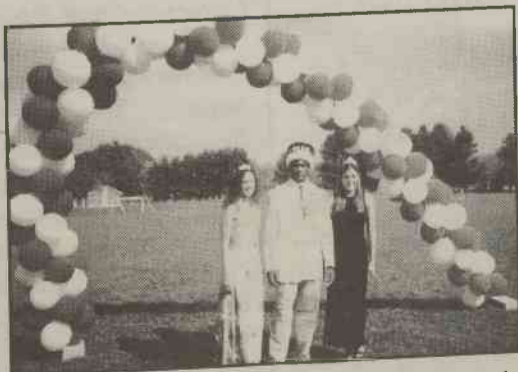
President Tom Bertrand has called for a Task Force comprised of faculty, staff, and students to discuss and examine violence on campus. Major topics to be considered are how the Judicial board should handle fights and violent offenses, and the actual place of and reason for violence on a college campus. The college's firm standpoint on the latter is that yes, there are reasons for fights and that fights do happen, but that there is no place in Brevard for violence.



## Energy Runs High for Homecoming

by Kristen Grice

The weekend of October 10 and 11 was Homecoming at Brevard. It was full of exciting events including, on Friday, a Homecoming dance which was full of excitement and music, and on Saturday, soccer games, Homecoming Court, skydivers, and championship rings for the National Women's Soccer Team. The court was presented between the soccer



games. The Homecoming Court nominees were Summer Kershaw, Kelly Sisley, Tracy Phelps, Jennifer Neal, Jessica Raper, Amy Bressom, and Amber Parmele for Queen; Durbin

Davis, Thomas Howard, Ronnie Ward, Jean-Paul Cosse, William Dickey, and Austin Ortiz for King; Suzette Cooper, Trish Duncan, Julie Jankowski, Robin Ingram, and Amanda Gardin for Princess; and Steve Mercer, Jeremy Davis, Ken (Andre) Robertson, Kory Benken, Shaun Ward, and Paul Zinke for Prince.

The winners were:

Queen: Jennifer Neal  
King: William Dickey  
Princess: Suzette Cooper, and  
Prince: Shaun Ward. The class of 1947 had their 50

year reunion and almost 50 alumni showed. The Monday after Homecoming David Huskins said that the group was full of energy and kept him on his toes. It was a great Homecoming and the campus had energy all weekend.

## Brevard To Consider Honor Code

by Andrea Messenger

"Brevard College is like a continuation of high school," says Selome Bekure. Mr. Tim Long and Ms. Choate, along with a few students, hope to change that. They want to set up a student led honor code that will handle academic violations. Currently, the instructor or the Dean enforces the honor system, which all students sign upon admission to college. If a student chooses to appeal a violation, he or she must go to the Dean, who is generally in agreement with the faculty.

Long says, "I believe that students and faculty should work together to create an honor system and work together to maintain the honor code." He thinks that by working together with the students, an honor court could be established to determine punishments. The honor court would consist of students who show interest in being a member of the court and are nominated by faculty members.

The honor code might give students a feeling of responsibility toward each other, their teachers, and themselves. Any violation, which would not only consist of cheating, but failing to report someone for cheating would be grounds for dismissal. Long hopes to have a rough draft of the code by January or February. The code might be in place by the fall semester.

Anyone interested in helping to set up the honor code should see Mr. Long or Ms. Choate for more information.

### Voice of The Rivers: Update

Brad Kimzey brought back great news from the Fall Break trip to meet with the Voice of the Rivers team in Missouri. He is happy to report that the team was doing very well. The trip was emotional and spiritual for everyone. The team remains clear in their drive and commitment to speak for the Rivers. They are scheduled to be at the Australia Landing in Round Lake, Mississippi on November 4.