

# National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics



## BC Men's Soccer

### BC Press Release

Brevard College has announced its intentions to become a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) beginning in the fall of 1999. Brevard College has already begun the academic transition from a two-year to a four-year institution, thus requiring the athletic programs to leave the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and make the leap into the four-year competition.

"We believe that the NAIA will be a very competitive association for us," says Brevard College Athletic Director Dave Rinker. "Most of the schools are quite comparable to Brevard College in size, facilities, budgets, and in their commitment to intercollegiate athletics."

The plan over the next two years is to continue to compete as a two-year athletic program, but to apply to the NAIA for acceptance for provisional status in the summer of 1998. This will mean that Brevard College will have to abide by all the NAIA eligibility requirements and policies during the 1998/1999 academic year. Therefore, recruiting as of now must fall in line with the NAIA criteria.

Under NAIA criteria, all student athletes must meet two of the three following requirements in order to be

eligible for athletics as a freshman:

1). Student/athlete must be ranked in the top half of their graduating class

2). Student/athlete must have at least 860 on their SAT

3). Student/athlete must have at least a 2.0 overall grade point average

The above requirements will prevent us from recruiting some student/athletes who have enrolled at Brevard College in the past. This should be offset due to the fact that, with the College's new four-year baccalaureate curriculum, student athletes will remain at the College for four (and in some cases five) years. The higher minimum standard will, however, raise even further the academic level of our student athletes.

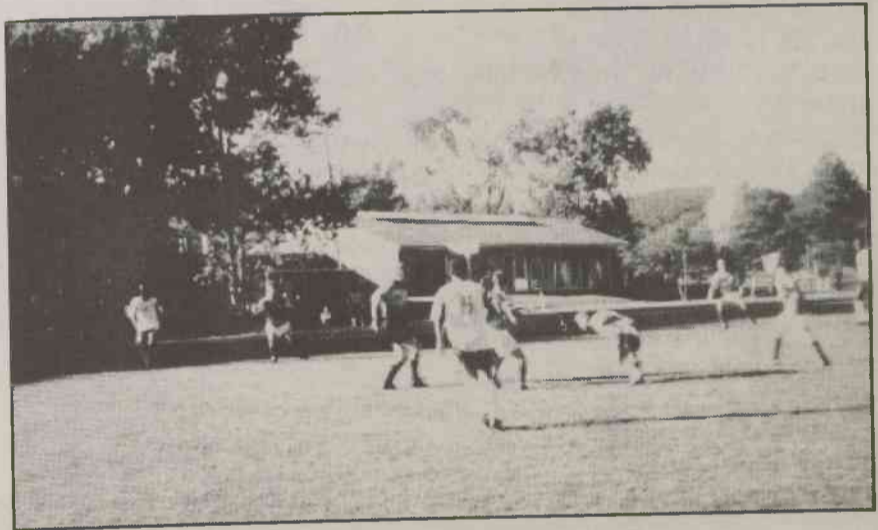
The College is still contacting and gathering information in regard to conference affiliations for a future alliance, but there are a number of competitive conferences that have shown interest in Brevard College becoming a member.

"We are committed to being a member of both a national affiliation and a conference affiliation that will allow Brevard College to continue to stress excellence in athletics in both the areas of competition and sportsmanship," says Rinker.

### by Sarah Carpenter

Brevard College men's soccer has had their share of ups and downs recently, but overall they are doing excellent. Through some unfortunate undertakings they went from 13 wins, 3 losses, and 3 ties to 8-8-1, and now their record is 10-8-2. They were supposed to host the Regional 10 tournament, but do to a misunderstanding Spartanburg hosted the game, and Brevard won with a score of 1-0. The game went into a double overtime. Saturday, November 8, they will be playing in the Southeastern Regionals in Dekalb Georgia. If they win, they will play in Nationals in Essex, New Jersey.

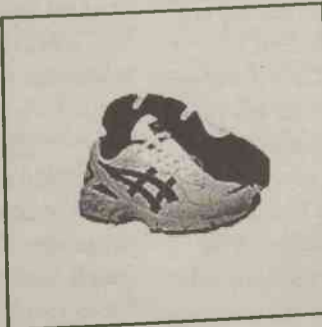
Recently, a few players won outstanding awards in their region. Paul Sackie received an award for "Player of the Year," Jared Morton received an award for "Best Mid-fielder," D.J. Wayoro got the award for "Best Defensive Player," and Mike Abiodon Adeyemi received an award for the "Best Offensive Player."



## Cross Country Heading to Nationals

### by Amber Jefferies

The cross country team runs an average of 10 miles a day. They run in the morning and in the afternoon. The lady tornadoes are ranked sixth nationally and the guys are ranked fourth. A We have an awesome coach and he works us really hard, he is well respected,@ stated Kim Schaper. The guys and girls won first place for the junior level at



Winthrop Invitational. The team is now preparing for nationals as they have been for the past twelve weeks. Kim Schaper stated that A The girls should come up in the top five for nationals and the guys should be in the top three. It is only four weeks away and we are preparing for it now. Coach Dave Rinker works us hard but only good

will come out of it. The girls team hurts because there are three girls injured and only four girls are now running. I think

that the girls team is doing better this year also the guys team is good and they can hold their own. Coach Rinker is determined to make us the best we can be and we are all working at that.@ The cross country tornadoes are doing a wonderful job this

year. They are all doing great and are ready to compete in this years nationals which are held in Texas on November 15. Sophomore Mark Osborn agrees with Schaper. He stated that A The men's team should perform well at nationals, up until this point, we have continued to get better, injuries are our only downfall.@