

# Taking a 50 year trip through time

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The 1950s were the years of pop culture and technical wonders: sock hops and television. Drive-in



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Brevard College building, 1953.

movies overflowed with girls in poodle skirts and guys with shiny red Chevy's. The diner was the place to go, where football players shared their shakes with the cheerleaders next to them.

In 1950, scarcely 100 students attended this college with the average tuition cost at \$500.00, compared to the average of \$1,119 for private institutions. Then five years later, enrollment tripled to 320. Brevard College tuition and fees for 2001 will reach \$18,000.



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Students gathered in the "Rec" for sodas and something hot off the grill.

Things Change.

In 1950, not only did we have a football team, but we had a good football team. In 1950 Brevard College tornadoes entered the conference tournament. Brevard College ended the regular season with a 59-46 victory over the North Greenville team. The football players were a main focus of the traditional homecoming parade. In 1950 homecoming was a very big deal. It was traditional for all the girls to wear long beautiful dresses. The homecoming queen received a beautiful homecoming crown and roses. It was very formal and elegant, but the eloquence of homecoming has somewhat disap-

peared since then. It is less formal and less organized in this day and age.

Things change.

The "happy family" 1950s generation took a hit off the 1960s along with the hippies. Gas only cost nineteen cents per gallon and Marilyn Monroe and Elvis took over. Kennedy was assassinated. The first walk on the moon occurred. "I love Lucy" and "the twilight zone" ruled the tube.

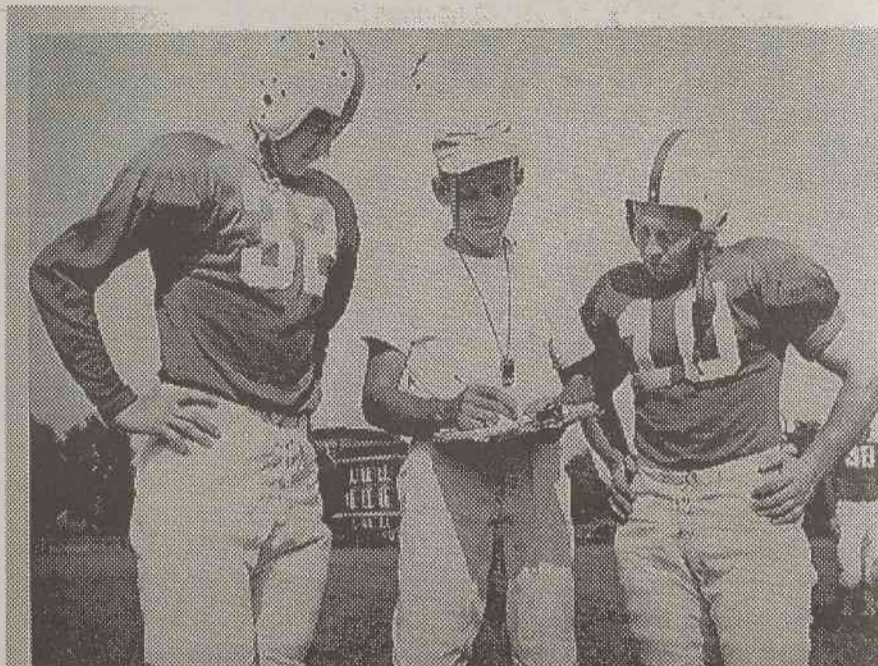
In 1961, the first phase of the building program was completed with the construction of the Bryan Moore Science Building, then followed by the Boshamer Gymnasium in 1962. Then the Beam Administrative Building was built in 1965, the Lena Sue Beam residence hall in 1966, the Addison Jones Library in 1967, and now Village Phase II takes foundation in 2000. In 1967, 645 students attended Brevard College.

While construction was helping the campus look more attractive on the outside there were problems going on with people on the inside. Brevard students of 1968 belonged to an idealistic generation

and one of protests. They hoped change things on campus as well as off campus. Many protests occurred during this time. One example was in the spring of 1968 by Brevard College students. There was a protest demonstration where students rebelled against the rules of Brevard College.

Things Change.

The 70s discoed in and Elvis died. Nixon was president, and by his request, the maximum speed limit was reduced from 70 to 55 miles per hour. Eventually, the Water Gate scandal grabbed the attention of everyone. After years of public dissent, the Vietnam War finally ended.



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In their final existing season, the Tornadoes entered the conference tournament. According to records, finances disbanded the team.

In 1975, the Tornadoes finally won the 17-year battle against North Greenville at Tigerville. Brevard College cross-country team finished fourth in the nation in the NJCAA national championship meet in Champaign, Ill. Students loved to hang out at the old theatre called the Co-Ed, now known as The Falls.

Things change.

The 1980s rolled around and nobody saw anything because of all the big hair, teased and feathered. Regan went from Hollywood to the White House. "Celebration" and "Betty Davis eyes" were playing on the radio, as music and video found each other and the San Francisco 49'ers danced around. The Challenger tragedy brought tears of grief to America and the fall of the Berlin wall brought tears of joy to the world.

"Visitation was at 8 p.m. There were no phones or computer jacks in our rooms. There was one payphone per hall and everyone had to share," said Rachel Harris graduate of Brevard in 1989. "This was a good thing in a way because we had a strong sense of community. I mean we were taking each others messages so we were involved whether we wanted to be or not."

As the years go on people loose touch with traditions.

"Not only did we have cheer-

leaders, but we had a dance team as well" says Rachel Harris, regarding 1989.

Things change.

The 90's came and nothing but OJ Simpson splattered the TV. Who killed Jon Bennett Ramsey? And, is the President having an affair with Monica Lewinsky? Brevard Community College became a four year institution.



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Students voted "Most Athletic" in 1953.

This led up to this past New Year's, when fears of Y2K put everyone in a frenzy. We enter into the new millennium with \$6.25 to go to a movie and \$1.25 to order a nice cold soda. Hillary left Bill for New York, Michael J. Fox left "Spin City" and the hunt for Rudolf continues.

Things keep changing.