

Gross Cracks Down on Campus Crime

JULIE ROBINS

Before coming to Brevard College, Mikael Gross of Durham, North Carolina, had many jobs that highly qualify him for the position of Director of Public Safety. Those jobs included work at Trivoli Systems as Manager of Security Operations, the North Carolina Department of Justice, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement, and the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, as a Youth Services Officer.

His extensive education has earned him a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and a Bachelor of Science

Professional Degree in Criminal Justice, from East Carolina University. Prior to college, Gross attended Oak Ridge Military Academy.

Gross has earned an abundance of certifications and awards in the areas of law enforcement, management, and instruction, some of which include Law Enforcement Officer Certification, Basic Alcohol Law Enforcement, Risk Assessment Training, Specialized Defensive Tactics Instructor, General Criminal Justice Instructor, Certified School Director, and Multi-Media First

Aid, just to name a few. He has also received Basic, Intermediate and Advanced State Law Enforcement Certificates.

When asked why he chose the position at Brevard College, Gross replied, "I wanted the opportunity to build a campus police agency from the ground up." He believes strongly in establishing a working relationship with students that may include



(Photo by Jarvis Broom)

a volunteer/work study program for anyone that is interested in a career in law enforcement. Some of his goals for the new campus police agency include

around the clock officers that are fully uniformed and certified police officers, who will have the ability to make arrests. They will be responsible for answering and handling any and all calls made at Brevard College, without the need for outside police assistance.

It is now the honor of Brevard College to welcome Gross, who states, "We are going to go through some growing pains, but stick with us and expect some really great improvements."

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relationship with the community."

The Brevard College Honors Program was brand new in the fall semester of 2000. There are 34 sophomores and freshmen who are members of the Honors Program. One of the requirements is to take four semesters of seminar, each of which has a different theme. These themes are service, scholarship, communication, and comprehension. The focus for the fall semester was service, and the spring semester focus is scholarship.

"Tutoring was our choice for the first service semester because it is something that we felt our students could do well. The members of the Honors Program have demonstrated their excellence in their own studies. It was a natural fit to select tutoring, because our students could make a meaningful contribution in helping another person. We hope they are also good role models for the students they tutor," Dr. Jennifer Frick, the Director of the B.C. Honors Program, said. She then went on to say "While I hope that the 5th graders will benefit by exposure to the idea of college in their futures, I also think that our students will benefit from the program. Service is a strong tool for making connections to others and to understanding yourself."

Tutoring is continuing this spring semester, and is open to all interested B.C. students. Contact Ms. Linda Helms, in the Center for Service Learning, for more information. Contact Dr. Frick for information on the Honors Program.

Coalition Offers Leadership Forum

JARVIS BROOM

On Saturday February 3, 2001, the Campus Coalition for Service met in Village Pavilion I for a leadership workshop. The Coalition is an organization designed for students who wish to pursue leadership opportunities in the area of community and campus service. The workshop gave student leaders the chance to look over past events, plan for the future and determine the work of the Coalition for the Fall 2001 semester. Dee Dasburg, Associate Dean of Campus Life for Student Growth and Development, discussed the importance of reflection in service learning activities, and Trey



Fouche, Associate Dean of Campus Life, led the group in team-building exercises relating to communication skills.

Linda Helms, director of the Center for Service Learning, developed the group last fall. "The Coalition was formed to identify student leaders who want to coordinate a volunteer force on campus," stated Helms.

The Mission Statement for the Coalition is "to build an ethic of ser-

vice at Brevard College and give students the opportunity to put their faith into action. The Coalition helps students develop leadership skills, promote service within the campus culture and encourage fellowship among all. Its purpose is to create a strong partnership with the community and engage in the process of helping people help themselves." Shelley Moore designed the logo, which also was an assignment for one of her art classes. The logo will be used for brochures and t-shirts for the Coalition.

One of the first events this year was Relay for Life, led by freshman Melanie Dunn. Relay for Life was held in September 2000 to raise money for cancer research. The total amount of student hours spent on the Relay for Life was 160 hours, and they helped raise approximately \$50,000.

The Campus Coalition for Service continues to "move mountains" with over 3500 hours of service since last September. Other projects include Operation Christmas Child, led by Shelly Moore, Walk for Diabetes, led by the Wellness Committee, Martin Luther King, Jr. service to the Boys and Girls Club, led by Jarvis Broom, and the World AIDS Day, led by Rachel Jensen.

All students and faculty are encouraged to give their time and talent to the Campus Coalition for Service. The Coalition will keep everyone posted for future meetings. If you would like to get involved, contact Melanie Dunn or Jarvis Broom via email.

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