

ENTERTAINMENT

The Bars of Brevard

-by Tyler Harbour, editor-in-chief-

Since November, there have been two new editions added to the restaurant/bar scene in Brevard, which has added some flavor to the usual bar hop adventure. If you are looking for some authentic Irish excitement, then *Dugan's Pub* is your place. At first glance, this tiny and low-lit bar may seem a little rough, but this just adds to the atmosphere. The meals are inexpensive and range from mouth-watering sandwiches to authentic Irish cuisine. Of course, they have all of the alcohol that your heart could desire, but this comes at a price. First of all, a pint of beer runs for \$4.00 and it is not fun to drink Pabst Blue Ribbon in an Irish bar, so if you have money to burn then by all means, spend away. Secondly, for the short time that *Dugan's Pub* has been open, they are prone to run out of alcohol quickly. So if you are a huge Guinness or Bass fan, then drink up because you might just end up staring at a wall.

Once you have had your feel for the Irish nightlife, then run on over to *Jason's Main Street Grille*. I don't personally recommend the food, since it

is overpriced and taste like something from the cafeteria, but sometimes you take what you can get. What it does offer is a spacious bar with local bands that generally play ever Monday or Friday. It also offers some insane drink specials and if you are brave enough then try their famous *Laser Beam*. It will turn your world inside out!

Another local favorite is *Jordan Street*. That is if you have a steady paycheck and don't mind a huge crowd. Once the retired folk have left the vicinity of this time-tested restaurant, then the gloves are off. It has toned down over the past few years because of police harassment, constant noise violations, and wait-staff being thrown thru the front window, but it doesn't mean that you'll find the customers' reading a book on etiquette. Bluegrass bands frequent this small venue and even if you don't like the atmosphere, you'll leave wanting more.

Speaking of etiquette, if you want to find a place where there is none then this is your dive. This is a place where every ex-con, I mean, every-



Dugan's Pub sign, downtown Brevard
-photo by Kristy Mayfield-

one knows your name. It's a place where the possessed mingle, where demons come to hang. If you guessed *R and R* (or red and redder as the col-

lege folk say) then you probably have had the experience of waking up the next morning praying to the four winds that you were still alive. Yes, it's cheap and the locals thrive, but we all need a dose of reality sometimes.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

-by Lark McMillan, staff writer-

For the past five years, the Outing Club has sponsored Banff Mountain Film Festival, a tradition enjoyed by college students and community members alike.

The films are submitted to the Banff Mountain Cultural Center each year by novice and professional filmmakers and screened each fall. A group, including festival winners, travels throughout all seven continents. Many venues host the film festival, but Brevard College is one of only three places the films can be screened in North Carolina.

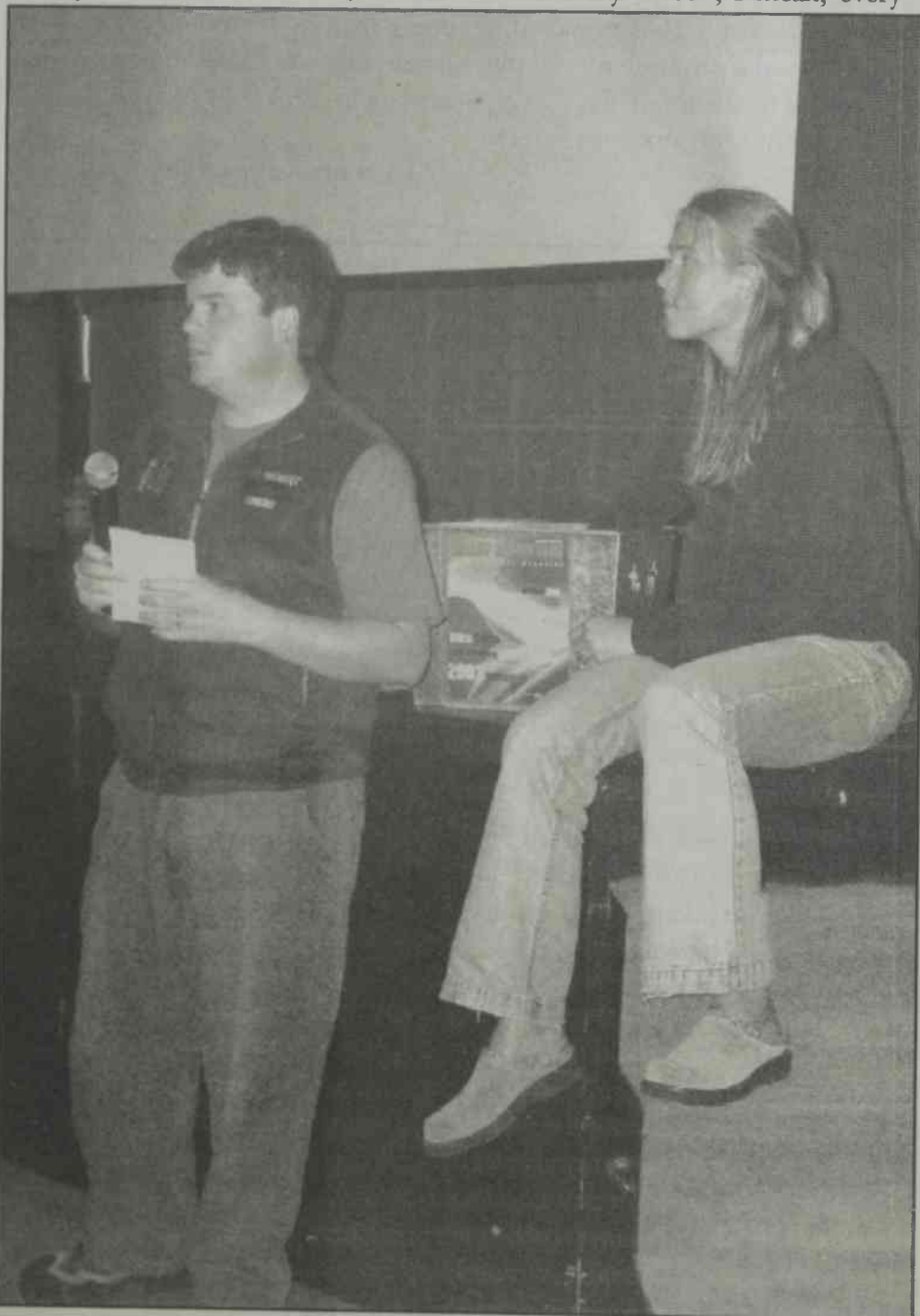
The festival is a two-day event which brings hundreds of adventure lovers to the Brevard College campus. This year there were two screenings, each offering a variety of films. The officers of the Outing Club picked 11 films from over 35 to show at the festival. These films included not only adventure sports, but also cultural films about mountain people. Some of the more popular films this year were "Vertical Limits," a history of climbing in Yosemite, "Escape over

the Himalayas—Tibet's Children on their Journey into Exile" about children seeking better education by crossing the Himalayas into India, and "The Yenisey River Expedition," in which Canadians and Australians row a raft and then a boat from the Yenisey River's start in the mountains to the sea, thousands of kilometers later.

Each year there are a number of door prizes given away by local sponsors. The sponsors of the film festival this year were Mast General Store, Diamond Brand Outdoors, Looking Glass Outfitters, Sycamore Cycles, WNCW, the Eagle's Nest Foundation, and the Blue Ridge Parkway Association.

The tickets were \$5 for students, \$8 general admission, and \$12 day of show. The Outing Club reports that it made a significant profit from ticket sales and concessions, which it will use for trips and gear purchases in the upcoming year. The approximate total attendance at the event this year was 550 people.

Rachel Brown, the Outing Club secretary, says, "The festival went really well. The films were exceptional and it was great to see community members and students enjoying the festival and supporting the Outing Club."



Audience members enjoy the Banff Film Festival- photo by Lark McMillan-