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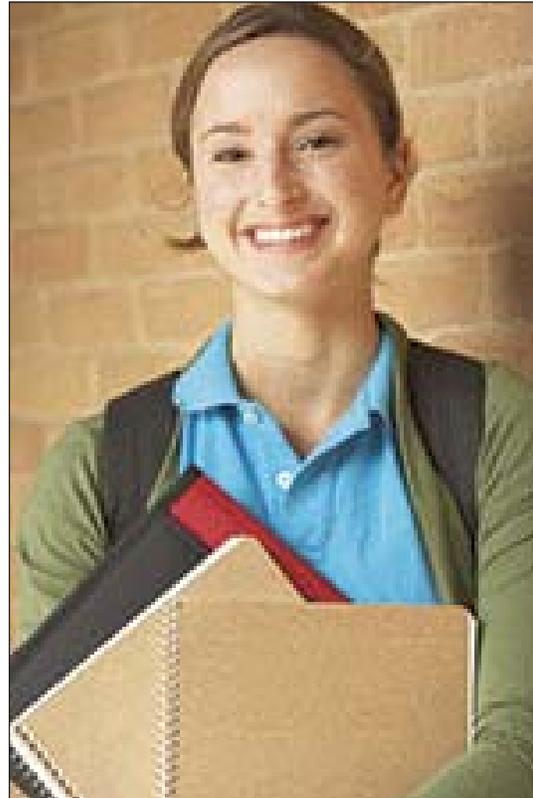
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Institute for Women in Leadership to begin in fall

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Brevard College recently established the Institute for Women in Leadership and the program will begin in the fall of 2008.

Though the specifics of the program are still being fine-tuned, the program will revolve around community service, a communal living situation with the other members of the program, and a portion of the program



together in Beam Hall, as well as 15 returning students who will probably live in one of the villages.

Incoming students who are part of the program will be required to perform ten hours a week of community service. Each woman

components will be an enrichment opportunity, similar to the honors program.

“We initially conceived this as a co-curricular program, with the hope that the curricular elements would be developed in the near future. However, Dr. Brown and other faculty have taken strong leadership in working toward more concrete plans for the first year,” said Nelson.

“Our faculty and staff leadership here at Brevard provide excellent role models for the women of this program.”

Applications are currently being accepted for the program. Nelson said that she is expecting 45 applications from incoming students. 25 current students have already applied for the program.

New students will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for participating in the program. Returning students will receive \$2,000 annually.

According to Nelson, the Institute for Women in Leadership is one of several strategies to help balance the male to female ratio on campus. Last fall, 53% of Brevard College’s students were men.

“We know that women have a great chance for leadership here on our campus, we just have to get them to take a look,” Nelson said.

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members’ academic curriculum being geared towards leadership.

“Much of this program is just being fleshed out in terms of overall themes of leadership and service,” said Vice President of Enrollment Management Joretta Nelson.

According to Nelson, the program was originally intended to be just for incoming students, but there was so much interest among students currently enrolled at Brevard that the program has expanded.

The institute will consist of two groups- 15 new students who will most likely live

will be paired with a local girl from an area middle school or high school and will serve as a mentor in order to fulfill the community service requirements.

Returning students will have different requirements for community service, as they will be required to perform a group service project together each semester.

The development of the academic components of the program are underway under the leadership of Margaret Brown, chair of the Curricular Taskforce for IWIL. The academic