

## EDITORIAL PAGE

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### School Spirit Is Vital

Students! Now is the time to rally to school spirit! We are in the midst of homecoming, and big things are popping.

For example, there will be two athletic events this Saturday: a soccer match, and a cross country meet. Both teams are doing excellently. Why not support them? Why not yell for them? Why not go out and cheer them to victory?

This school needs more spirit. Turn your restless drives to demonstrate to more constructive endeavors, such as rooting for the ol' home team.

The cross country team is ranked nationally. The soccer team is racking up victory after victory. It's ridiculous to sit shut-mouthed and look on as our teams work hard for victory. On, Saturday, come down to the athletic fields and show some real school spirit, or the victory will all be for nothing.

The alumni will be here, so let's show them what kind of a school Brevard is today. Not a sleepy, complacent little college, but an active, alive institution which prides itself on its student awareness and support.

### Radio Free Brevard

Tuesday night, Radio Free Brevard initiated transmission, and the "Voice of Brevard College" took to the air. From its "studios" on Green III the "immortal, invisible sound" found avid listeners all over campus. Despite transmitting difficulties the lobby phone was frequently ringing with requests, dedications, reception reports, and words of praise. It's been some time since anything began so inauspiciously and caused as much excitement.

As is evidenced by the popularity of B.C. jackets, tee-shirts, car decals and the like, the students here are proud of their school and want very much to identify with it. A small station oriented exclusively to this student body, in an area where there is no local broadcasting after 10:00 p. m. would be an exceptionally effective morale - booster; campus spirit stands to improve tremendously.

Will it fizzle out? Will the administration step on it? All this remains to be seen. Of necessity, the legalities of this thing must be determined, F.C.C. regulations must be consulted and observed, and a standard of good taste has to be established.

We need this, and we can have it so long as the negativizing influences of indifference, lack of imagination, and narrow-mindedness are resisted and student interests clearly made known.

### "YOUTH"

We look to our teachers for encouragement today,  
Tomorrow senior colleges may turn us away.  
We flunk an exam, lose our best friend,  
Sometimes we almost wish the world would end.  
We're exhausted from studying and practicing ball,  
But from neither do we get any glory at all.  
Our eyes drop shut — it's a quarter of one,  
But we must plod on to get that term paper done.  
Trials, heartache, disappointment on every hand,  
No more do we think we'll be able to stand.  
We reach for the stars, our ambitions are high—  
But sometimes we want to give up with a sigh.  
We wonder what our purpose on earth can be,  
But we are the youth—the future we cannot see.

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Brevard College

# Homecoming

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DON'T MISS IT!

## Brevard College History Is Fascinating Over Years

One golden autumn day in the early 1850's, a one-horse wagon passed along the Caldwell County roads, going west. In the wagon were packed a man, his teen-age wife, three children, and all their earthly possession. Their destination was a small community in Burke County, called Excelsior by some and Happy Home by others.

The man was Robert Laban Abernathy, the teacher of the Excelsior school, brought there by Daniel Johnson, for whose hospitable home he was now headed to spend the night. The following day, the Abernathy's moved into a small cabin provided by the Johnson's. A mile and a half away was the one-room log schoolhouse known as Owl Hollow School.

Having established himself there in August, 1853, Mr. Abernathy had boarded with students and had ridden back to Caldwell County on weekends to be with his family. Now, he had become established well enough to transport his family to their new home.

At first, there were only eight pupils, but the teachings of Mr. Abernathy soon spread far and wide. He was soon asked to remain at Owl Hollow indefinitely.

Such was the beginning of Brevard College and the term of its first "president." As time went on, the maturing, later-to-be Brevard College, evolved through many stages of growth and occasional deterioration. But through the efforts of capable administration and interested teachers, students, and benefactors, the Brevard College star shone brilliantly in the ever-changing world of education.

The school taught by Mr. Abernathy at Excelsior was sometimes referred to as Happy Home Academy. The name was derived from the nearest post office at a community one mile distant called Happy Home, today called Connelly Springs.

In 1858 by legislative enactment, Owl Hollow School was chartered Rutherford Academy. Three years later, the name was changed to Rutherford Seminary, occupying the old Rutherford College campus in Rutherford County.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the school was moved to Table Rock. However, due to the effect of war on the student body, the school was broken up. In 1869, the school resumed and was renamed Rutherford College. At this time, the greatest benefactor in the history of the college, John Rutherford of Bridgewater, took an interest in the college and became the first of a long line of wealthy men who had dedicated a portion of their means to Christian education.

In 1910, through the efforts of John Rutherford, the school became a four-year institution.

"Only two buildings stood on the old campus for classes and administrative purposes. Around these buildings in the yard were thirty or forty rough, planked up and down, one roomed structures for the use of students. Of course there were no lighting, heating, or sanitation facilities. The college contained only the great trinity of education—the teacher, the pupil, and the book. Crowding was a problem. Oftentimes food was scarce, and the "first table" demolished the supply till there were few scraps or left-overs for those of us who sat at the second serving."

The curriculum at this time was divided into six schools: Latin, Greek, Mathematical, English Literature and Rhetoric, School of Natural Science and Mental and Moral Philosophy.

Degrees were awarded on the following basis: completion of Natural Science, English Literature, Mathematics, and Mental and Moral Philosophy received Bachelor of Science; completion of all schools except Greek

## LISTEN

### Begun By BSU

Brevard College B.S.U. has joined the ranks of many other colleges throughout the state in adopting the LISTEN program. ("Love Impels Sacrifice Toward Every Need.") This mission project, begun in 1963 by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, is totally supported and carried out by college student. Its purpose is to help the masses of hungry, sick, ill-housed, under-educated, and unemployed people.

Almost \$60,000 has been donated by concerned college students since the program began — but much more is needed to conduct recreational, cultural, and spiritual activities for needy children at every hand.

The Brevard B.S.U. is planning various Halloween activities on campus to raise \$100 for the LISTEN program.

## Cleaning Service Offered By College Store

A new service will soon be available to Brevard College students. Cardinal Cleaners of Brevard, through the efforts of college store manager, Mr. James Alderman, will provide cleaning and laundry service on campus beginning October 16. Without extra charge, the service will be offered between 4 and 5 p. m. Monday through Friday near the front entrance of the cafeteria in the Dunham Fine Arts Building. Laundry can be left at this time and may be picked up the following day at request with no additional charge also.

Mr. James Hawkins of Cardinal Cleaners said, "We feel that the convenience of this will be an asset to the students of Brevard."

Mr. Alderman is working especially hard to cultivate this service, and is always striving to help the students of Brevard College through his position as store manager.

received Bachelor of Arts; completion of all received Master of Arts. The tuition ranged from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per term and would be paid in fodder or wood or some type of green. The enrollment in 1874 was 238. The faculty numbered five.

By 1874, new buildings were erected and the number of students and faculty boomed to 315 and 19 respectively.

The school was destroyed by fire August 9, 1891. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. Classes were held in the Methodist Church until the re-opening two years later.

In nearby Transylvania County near Brevard, the Brevard Institute, a private school, had concluded its usefulness. In 1933, the Woman's Missionary Council, owner of the property, offered to donate the site for a new co-educational junior college. The gift was valued at \$250,000. Others offered donations with the city offering

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