



PRESIDENT ROBERT A. DAVIS, left, welcomes **Mr. Allen H. Sims**, Chairman of the Board of the College Trustees and outstanding benefactor, to the official dedication of the Student Union named in his honor. (Photo by Kent Deardorff)

Dr. Davis Reviews The Academic Year

In one short week the academic year 1970-71 will come to an end for Brevard College. As with any year, it is a mixture of success and failure, of good things and disappointments. We began the year filled with hope and great potential. Some of these died along the way. Others continue to grow and hold promise for the future.

Academically, Brevard continues to hold its place of excellence. Your diploma carries with it a distinction that is recognized by the finest colleges in our state and region. During the year a number of exciting changes have been made in the curriculum and will be in effect next year. The faculty have been concerned to make the curriculum as stimulating and useful as possible. I believe they have accomplished this in an admirable way.

Beyond the classroom, the single most important event was the completion of the Sims Building and the beginning of extra-curricular activities through this new facility. A more creative and wholesome social life awaits future generations of Brevard College students.

There have been sad events too. Some of your classmates have died, or dropped out of school, or given up for one reason or another. We have been aware of a supporting and concerned community at such times. In a more positive way we need a community which emphasizes achievement in academic and in personal matters.

In keeping with this is the need for the student leadership

to work more creatively for an attitude on campus in which students take more seriously the educational opportunities that are theirs at Brevard. First emphasis must be placed on academic achievement. It is my hope that this will increasingly be the case next year.

Our entire community regrets the resignation of Dean Whicker. His contribution to every facet of life of our college

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'71-'72 Marshals Are Selected

The Honor and Awards Committee, acting upon information received from the Associate Registrar, have designated the following persons as marshals for the 1971-72 academic year at Brevard College:

Susan Jo Decker, Chief
Margaret Lucinda Dees
Charles Ray Rinehart
Keith Michael McGinnis
Thomas Fain Taylor
Celia Newton Tolar

The following students are named alternates in the event that one of the above cannot serve:

Carl Alan Smith
Cathy Lynn Rhodarmer

Student marshals are selected on the basis of academic excellence, and a student must be in the top six of his freshman class to qualify. As a marshal, they will assist the college marshal, Chaplain C. Edward Roy, in conducting such events as commencement and convocation programs.

Dean Grady Whicker Resigns As Brevard College Dean

Mr. Grady H. Whicker, Dean of Brevard College, recently announced his resignation, effective shortly after the end of this academic year. At Brevard since 1968, Dean Whicker has been a popular and effective administrator in his years of service here.

Dean Whicker will become Dean of the Oxford Orphanage, located 29 miles north of Durham, N. C. He will work closely with the staff of counselors, and lead them toward their responsibilities in the development of rapport with the children. The orphanage includes youth from age four through high school age, and enrolls 300 young people in a strong educational program.

Dean Whicker seeks to "help

the kids become aware of their talents," and "to help them to become all they are capable of being." He sees a major need for helping the orphans feel that they are important in the eyes of others, and that somebody cares. To produce a home-like environment for these students and help them to overcome the emotional problems of being an orphan is Dean Whicker's goal.

Dean Whicker calls his new job "just too good to turn down," as it will make good use of his love for working with chil-

dren. He feels that it will offer him a better chance than ever to work intimately with young people, and to take advantage of his background and training in the field of counseling.

Dean Whicker admits he has mixed feelings about leaving Brevard, and feels that Brevard is "on the way up." He sees a bright future for the College, and feels that future students will have a fine opportunity to take advantage of Brevard's outstanding faculty, staff, and overall program.

Old Classroom Building Razed

By David Arledge

On April 12, 1971, Brevard College signed into effect a contract with Brummett and Waddell, Inc. for the destruction of the old Classroom building.

The building was built in 1914 for Brevard Institute and was first named Spencer Hall in honor of Mrs. J. S. Spencer, a benefactor of the school. Later in 1933 when Brevard College opened, the building housed the library, Chapel, administration offices and classrooms. During this time it was commonly referred to as the administration building.

In 1949 it was officially renamed Dunham hall as a tribute to H. A. Dunham, member of the board of trustees.

Three years later in 1950 a fire severely damaged the interior, and for one semester all activities were continued elsewhere while it was rebuilt.

In 1957 with the completion

of the present Dunham music building its name was again changed, this time to the classroom building.

Finally in the Fall of 1969 with the opening of the McLarty - Goodson Building it was abandoned.

There has been no official date set for the completion of the work; however, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons several students voluntarily helped hurry the project along. On Saturday students were allowed to stand outside and break glass to their hearts' content. Later on Sunday afternoon some students returned and attempted to demolish the interior. They nearly succeeded.

The administration is grateful for the students' efforts in trying to save the school money, but they would like to ask that from now on the contractors be allowed to finish the job so as to avoid possibly injury to amateur wreckers.



THE OLD CLASSROOM BUILDING is finally disappearing, brick by brick, from the College Campus, as demolition work has begun.