

Doctor Branson Thurston Appointed Dean, Brevard College

Brevard College President, Robert A. Davis, announced today the appointment of Dr. Branson L. Thurston as Dean of the College effective January 1, 1974.



DR. BRANSON THURSTON

A native of El Paso, Texas, Dr. Thurston received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwestern University where he graduated *cum laude*. He continued his graduate studies at Southern Methodist University, receiving the Master of Theology degree in 1960. From 1960 to 1963, he served as Director of Youth Work for the Kansas Conference of The Methodist Church, located at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. Continuing his studies, he received the Doctor of Education degree from Syracuse University in 1970.

While at Syracuse, he was a graduate teaching assistant in 1965-66. He was appointed instructor in the Department of Religion for 1966-67.

In 1967 Dr. Thurston accepted an appointment to the faculty of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, and in 1970 was named Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, a position he currently holds. Dr. Thurston is an ordained minister of The United Methodist Church, with membership in the Florida Annual Conference where he holds a number of positions in the area of education.

While pursuing his educational career, Dr. Thurston received numerous scholastic and leadership awards. He was elected to Alpha Chi, scholarship honorary, and to Blue Key, leadership honorary, societies. At Southern Methodist University he was a Senior Honors Fellow, and at Syracuse University he was elected to Phi Delta Kappa. From 1963 to 1965

he was a Ledden Graduate Fellow at Syracuse.

Dr. Thurston is active in the American Academy of Religion, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phi Delta Kappa (honorary and professional fraternity for men in education) and the Religious Research Association.

Dr. Thurston is active in civic affairs in the Lakeland area, including membership in the Kiwanis Club of Lakeland.

Dr. Thurston is married to the former Betty Lambert of Houston, Texas, and the couple

have two children, Blake Thurston and Blythe Lorraine Thurston.

The new Dean and his family will move to the Brevard campus immediately following the Christmas holidays.

"Brevard College is most fortunate to secure the services of Dr. Thurston for the important position of Dean of the College," stated Dr. Davis. "He brings excellent credentials, both as a teacher and as an administrator. We look forward to having Dr. Thurston and his family at Brevard."

Student Library Services Expanded

On the Brevard College Campus are many places which the majority of students never see or use, and then again there are the focal places that are constantly in use. One of these focal places on campus is the James Addison Jones Library and here is what's happening there Right Now!

The latest flash of information from the library is that of a new arrival. The library now has what we've been waiting for; a copy machine. The A.B. Dicks Copier is available for the use of the student. No longer must we wait at the administration building to get a copy of the photograph or magazine article. The price is ten-cents per page and is available for use during library hours. The copier is here on a trial basis. It is being rented at present with the rent being applied to the purchase price. The Brevard College Board of Trustees has made this arrangement possible through personal donations and as long as the operating expenses, are met, it will be here to work with.

Also of interest in the library is the exhibit of Spanish articles on loan to the school by Mrs. Viola Perez, the Spanish professor at the college. There are some very interest-

ing items in the display and you may see them until after the Thanksgiving break.

Among the latest changes in the library is the change of Saturday hours. Instead of being open from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. the hours will be 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. These new hours will be tried for

several weeks and if interest proves satisfactory they will be made permanent.

While you are in the library looking at the Spanish exhibit or using the copier remember that, if you have any questions ask Miss Jane Wright or Mrs. JoAnne Bryson. They are always at hand to help you.

U. S. Steel Establishes Fund

The North Carolina Foundation of Church - Related Colleges has received \$12,934 from the United States Steel Foundation's challenge grant program.

The grant program, whose aim is increased corporate support for independent colleges, is administered by the Independent College Funds of America (ICFA) for its 39 state and regional associations.

In all, the I C F A's members raised \$1,025,000 in new and increased gifts which qualified under the program during

the last academic year. To this amount, the steel foundation added \$250,000 for a net increase in fund - raising of slightly more than \$1.25 million.

For the current academic year, the steel foundation is providing a \$150,000 challenge grant to the ICFA for new corporate gifts.

The North Carolina Foundation of Church - Related Colleges has 26 member colleges throughout the state, including Brevard College.

An Open Letter To Fans

Dear Students,

I want to thank each and everyone of you who supported the soccer team at home this season. As you know the young men on the soccer team receive no financial aid and their personal sacrifice is truly a great one. Nothing inspires a team more than a mob of screaming, cheering enthusiastic fans—win or lose. Never think for one minute we don't appreciate you — we do, every single shriek and moan. The inner pleasure the team and I receive simply would not be complete without you.

I would especially like to thank score keepers, Ray Rash and Mark McGuire; official timers, Fritz and assistant Izzy, line runners Brian Cuff and Niles Whitaker and alternates Robert Tanzy, Osmond Ashmond and Charles Deberry. These students gave unselfishly of their time for no pay. The jobs they did were big jobs that make Brevard Soccer the success it is and gives us the class we've got.

A special thanks also to the Cheerleaders who have done a super job this season — you gals are really great. Thanks so much Donna and the "gang in blue."

If I've missed anyone of you I apologize — but from the bottom of our hearts — the 1973 Brevard College Soccer Team thanks each and everyone of you!

Coach Campbell and Team

"Miracle Worker" Being Presented

Two months of dramatic sweat and effort will be culminated this weekend in the production, "The Miracle Worker." The drama which utilizes the talent of Brevard College and community will be presented November 8, 9, and 10 at 8:00 p. m.

The play, written by William Gibson concerns the struggle of Annie Sullivan as she attempts to permeate the mind of Helen Keller and to teach her how to communicate. Continuously stressed throughout the play is the idea that although Helen's mind is shrouded by her handicaps, it is alive and vibrant. An underplot develops since Annie, who was reared in a state asylum, must learn to love.

The play, directed by Sam Cope (Brevard Music Faculty),

is brought to life by his cast and crew including Libee Deese as Annie Sullivan, Gina Martin as Kate Keller, James Barnhill as Captain Keller, David Rutledge as James Keller, Julia Davis as Aunt Ev, and Keith Sargent as Dr. Anagnos. Jenny Miller will portray Helen and Selena Robinson, Anita Robinson, and James Blocker will be seen as Vney (Helen's nurse and the Keller's Housekeeper) and Martna and Percy (Helen's playmates.)

The setting designed by Sam Cope, was materialized by the Theatre Arts workshop and is manned by Jane Burton and Debbie Fleishman on props and Ruth Gavel on sound. The costumes are creations of Mr. Cope's wife.

Admission is set at \$.75 (for students) and \$1.50.



STUDENTS FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION on the field as Bre-

vard gained a berth in the Southeastern Soccer Sectionals.