

Reception Held For Dr. And Mrs. Thurston

Dr. and Mrs. Branson Thurston were guests of honor at a reception held Wednesday afternoon on January 23. The reception was sponsored by the faculty, staff and Student Union Legislature of Brevard College. Receiving the large crowd of students and faculty, along with Dr. and Mrs. Thurston, was President of Brevard College, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Davis.

The reception gave everyone

a great opportunity to meet and talk with the new Dean of Students over an hors d'oeuvres.

Like the Brevard students who enjoy camping the weekends away, Dr. Thurston and his family also find camping to be one of their favorite outings.

Dr. Thurston talked of his camping experiences with his wife Betty, two children, Blake 8, and Lori, 3, and oldest

daughter" Luci (their twelve year old poodle).

The Thurstons own a crank-up camper and over the past two years they have traveled and camped at the Grand Canyon, Disney World, along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Crerokee.

While camping Dr. Thurston likes to take the full day's cooking upon himself for his family, and when some spare time rolls around, he and his family plan to do some camping in the beautiful Pisgah Forest.

Dr. Thurston and family

seem quite pleased with their new surroundings here on Brevard's campus, and love the people, the area and the students.

Beginning his college teaching 8½ years ago, he taught for two years at Syracuse University, New York, and for 6½ years at Florida Southern a four year college of 1350 students in Lakeland, Florida. He "likes teaching very much", and is enjoying the World Religions course he is now teaching here at Brevard.



DR. BRANSON THURSTON

Government Progress

In the first few weeks of this semester some areas of Brevard College have been topics of discussion between the Administration and the Executive Department of the SUL and a few other concerned students and SUL members.

The main area of concern is centered around the overall atmosphere at Brevard and what causes atmospheric conditions good or bad. Discussions were held with all the dorm mothers and the Deans about this atmosphere. It was very productive in talking over problems and establishing better lines of communication. Also, overall attitudes of students were discussed in relation to Dorm life. The point was established that problems in the Dorm are sometimes equated to studies and the Brevard College community causing ill feelings. It was felt that if the whole community could work

together and talk problems over more and respect each other's viewpoint, then the overall atmosphere of Brevard could be enhanced. Going further, discussions have been had with President Davis about a regular open visitation period and the delegation of extra responsibilities. It is felt that this could also boost the overall moral and atmosphere of the college, keeping in mind that the situation at Brevard concerning a conducive environment for maturing is far above last years and also other years but still needs improvement. Other areas which are under discussion are concerning the activities involved with the infirmary. A bulletin is being worked on so as to set down general facts concerning the infirmary. If problems arise students are urged to tell student leaders their troubles so it can be looked into.

Bicycles For Sale

NOTICE

The bicycles in the Student Union are now on sale. In order to make the sale fair we are going to handle the transaction in this manner. The bikes will be placed in the lobby out front of the Tornado room in Simms Student Union. They will be numbered so there will be no discrepancies about the bike in question. After looking at the bikes and if you want to purchase one, the following procedure shall be followed:

Make a bid (minimum amount of \$30) and write it

down on a piece of paper including the number of the bike and sign your name. Put it in an envelope and address it to Mark Mc Guire, P O Box 308 Brevard College. Offers should be dated and received no later than Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a. m. Please give an indication as to how you can be reached.

We will open the bids at 11:00 a. m. on February 12 notifying the people with the highest bid on each individual bike that day. After notification, ones with the highest bid have two days to pay for the bike, if not done persons with the second highest offer will be notified with the same two day stipulation and so on down the line.

The Bikes will go on display starting Friday, February 1.

Weldon, New V. P.

"I wasn't associated with what was going in the school. I thought I could do more than what had been going on," was Heath Weldon's explanation for waiting until the recent special vice-presidential election to run for public office.

Heath Weldon had the opportunity to run when George Howe moved up from Vice President to President to replace Stuart Krall who resigned.

Now that he has been narrowly elected Weldon plans to make efforts to unite the Freshmen Class into a more cohesive assembly with common goals. He is also making a plea to the students to let him know what ideas or suggestions they have.

Comments On Crisis

Today many people feel they cannot trust the government because too often one official tells the people something and another official disputes it. One such issue is the Energy Crisis." President Nixon and most personnel in the big oil companies say there definitely is an energy crisis and the only thing that can be done about it is for people to cut back on the energy. However, Ralph Nader and Attorney General William Saxbe say that this is a big hoax to get every penny they can. We at the "Clarion" decided to ask some of the students what they thought about it. And here are some of the answers:

William Johnson, 18, (Shelby, N. C.) — I believe that it is a hoax that is why it does not stop me from going home every week-end.

Gary Johnson, 18, (Brevard, N. C.) — I definitely think that it is a hoax. I think the country is going back to a conservative bourgeoisie with big business taking over.

Lynn Simon, 18, (Lakeland, Florida) — I believe there is a shortage of fuel, but it is not as drastic as people make it out to be.

Richard Parks, 20, (Pittsburg, Pa.) — I believe its a

hoax because there are eighty seven full tankers of crude oil off the Gulf of Mexico. Canada did not shut off our gas and oil reserves completely.

Jane Burton, 18, (Orlando, Florida) — I believe that it is a hoax and the oil companies are trying to make up for all the money they lost off the oil spills.

Joe Hardee, 20, (Greensboro, N. C.) — I think it could have been avoided if they would have done something earlier when they realized something was wrong. But I definitely believe we are running low on petroleum energy.

No matter what their views are at the time, most people would go along with the government, and help out if only they were told the straight truth, every once in a while and not a beat around the bush answer all the time. People have got to realize that even if there is not a fuel shortage now there could possibly be one in the future because these resources can not last forever.

NOTICE

The Tornado Room will be open Friday and Saturday night until 12:00 on trial basis, this weekend.



BREVARD'S RAJAI KAYAL recently received All-American Soccer Player. See page four for story.