



Dr. Robert A. Davis



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Commencement Scheduled For May 2

Brevard, N. C. — A weekend of graduation activities have been scheduled at Brevard College on May 1 and 2.

Commencement speakers will be Dr. Robert A. Davis, President of Brevard College; the Rev. Lloyd Donald Ellis, pastor of Burkhead United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem; and Mrs. W. Murray Hollyday of Asheville, and former secretary of Brevard College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

President Davis will address the graduating class of 1976 at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, in Boshamer Gymnasium. As in recent years, a capacity attendance of parents and friends is expected to share in this highlight and culmination of the academic year, when some 120 students will be awarded degrees.

Dr. Davis has been president of Brevard College since 1969. The 1976 graduation event will be the concluding one for Dr. Davis. He will leave Brevard in June to assume the presidency of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.

Holding degrees from the University of Georgia, Emory University, and Yale University, Dr. Davis' leadership has been recognized by state and national and church organizations. He currently serves as president of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the Western North Carolina Conference, on the private College Advisory Committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and the Steering Committee of the National Associated Methodist Colleges and Universities. He is listed in *Who's Who* in North Carolina, *Who's Who* in the Methodist Church and the *International Dictionary of Biography*.

Dr. Davis is a native of Broxton, Georgia and is an ordained United Methodist clergyman. Before becoming president of Brevard College he served seven years on the staff of the Methodist Church's General Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, as an Associate

Director of the Division of Higher Education.

Dr. Davis is a member of the steering committee of the National Association of United Methodist Colleges and Universities and past secretary of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges.

In Brevard he has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund and the Rotary Club, is a trustee of the Transylvania Community Hospital, and also is a member of Brevard Music Center's National Advisory Board. Academic honors include membership in Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship fraternities. He was a Danforth Scholar in 1958-59 at Yale University.

He is married to the former Phyllis Clough of Douglas, Georgia, and they have three children: Robert, III, a freshman at Georgia Tech; Blaine, 13; and Palmer, 11.

Mr. Ellis is pastor of Burkhead United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. He has also been chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of the Ministry since 1972. Born in Tampa, Florida, he and his wife, Clara, have five children: Emmette; Marie; Gene; Michael; and Timothy. Ellis attended Southwestern College in Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Western Carolina University with honors and also graduated from Emory University Candler School of Theology. In his ministerial career he has served the Bethesda Methodist Church in North Georgia Conference, he has served churches in the North Carolina conference, among the most recent being minister of membership for West Market United Methodist Church in Greensboro and pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, before his present assignment at Burkhead.

He is a Mason, member of the Civitan Club, Toastmasters Club, and Lions Club. He has published articles in periodicals including the *North Carolina*

Christian Advocate and *The Upper Room Devotional Guide*. He is listed in *Who's Who* in Methodism and will soon be listed in *Who's Who* in North Carolina.

Mr. Ellis will give the baccalaureate sermon in the First United Methodist Church at Brevard at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 2.

The Brevard High School Band, under the direction of Dr. Robert Palmer, will present a concert at 1:30 p.m. in Boshamer Gymnasium preceding the graduation exercises.

Saturday, May 1, the Annual Alumni Luncheon will be held at 1:00 p.m. in A. G. Myers dining hall and Mrs. Murray Hollyday will be the speaker. Mrs. Hollyday is a member of Brevard College Alumni Association and has served as a member of the Board of Directors for several years, part of that time as vice-president.

Mrs. Hollyday and her husband reside in Biltmore Forest and operate Hollyday, Hahn, and Company, a certified public accountant firm.

They have three children, ages 28, 15 and 16 and two grandchildren, ages 6 and 2.

They are members of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. Mrs. Hollyday has been treasurer of the Women of the Church, has taught Sunday School about 20 years. At the present time she serves as a member of the Buncombe County Board of Social Services, is vice-chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Party and is President of the Children's Welfare League.

The Fine Arts Division of the College will present a concert in Dunham Auditorium on Saturday night at 8:00 p.m., which will be followed by a reception by Dr. and Mrs. Davis, honoring the graduates and their parents, at their home.

"Arsenic And Old Lace" A Big Success

This humorously ironic and funny play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," which ran April eighth, ninth, and tenth at the Barn Theatre proved to be a great success. The Thursday night showing was a near sell-out, whereas, the Friday and Saturday night showings were complete sellouts. All who had the opportunity to attend found themselves laughing in spite of their efforts to stay calm and collected.

Through use of multi-level meaning, the humorous irony made its way to the audience's funnybone. A very good example of this would be Teddy who, in the play, thought he was Roosevelt. He was always charging up the stairs saying, "Charge!!!" The stairs were San Juan Hill. The cellar of the house was the Panama Canal and the "little, old, lonely men", Teddy thought, were victims of the yellow fever epidemic. In reality, these "little, old, lonely men" were victims of Aunt Martha Brewster and Abbie Brewster's long cherished family recipe: 1/2 teaspoon stricknine, 1/2 teaspoon arsenic, and a pinch of cyanide in a glass of elderberry wine. The recipe worked everytime. The little old ladies thought they were doing a great work of charity sending lonely, old men to their graves; whereas, Jonathan Brewster thought the murders were some kind of lottery contest between himself

and the innocent little, old ladies. Jonathan, who has a record of criminal activity, was chased all over the world but was never caught (until the end) thanks to Dr. Einstein, the plastic surgeon, who gave Jonathan a new face everytime he got into trouble. Throughout the play, Jonathan had the face of Peter Loring. Dr. Einstein claimed the night before Jonathan's last plastic surgery that he had watched a monster moving starring Peter Loring. Elaine Harper, the young and beautiful daughter of Reverend Dr. Harper, falls in love with Mortimer, Jonathan's brother. Through multi-level irony and action among the almost insane to the very insane, the audience got a very complete picture of the 1930 high society life. At the end of the play, the audience knew what happened to the main characters: the little, old ladies end up in Happydale Sanitarium; Elaine and Mortimer are going to get married; Dr. Einstein escapes the police arrest; and Jonathan, after being arrested, ends in jail.

Much thanks and recognition go to the many who made the play a success: the cast members who spent long hours throughout play practices and then, during productions; the persons in charge of the props and sets; and those who helped with makeup and then behind the scenes.

BC Candidates For Who's Who

Fourteen of Brevard College's sophomore students have been nominated to appear in *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. These students will represent Brevard in the 1976 issue. The students are as follows:

Mr. Floyd Danile Armstrong, Miss Martha Suzanne Dickerson, Miss Deborah Kay Easler, Miss Kim Virginia Wehunt, Mr. Thomas Paul Horonzy, Mr. Keith Lee Honeycutt, Miss Sonia Elaine Ingraham, Mr. Don Pete Lance, Mr. Billy Mac Sexton, Mr. Samuel Wesley Sharpe, Mr. Michael David Stinneford, Mr. David Douglas Johnson, Mr. William David Haire and Miss Mildred Jordan Webber.

The new two-dollar bills will portray on the back the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Spring Festival At BC

Brevard, N. C. — "600,001, 600,002, 600,003 . . ." Old Rocking Chair's Got Me might have been the themesong for these weary rockers. As the final hours of this grueling contest ticked away, an earlier-noted air of enthusiasm gave way to nodding heads. The occasion was Spring Festival at Brevard College. Overalled Robert "Hobs" Talbert, of Winston Salem, N. C., center and Patricia Terry of Raleigh, N. C., second from right, rocked their way to a winning 41 hours and 45 minutes. The contest was stopped by the bell, the class bell Monday morning. While all this excitement was going on in McLarty Hall, elsewhere on campus it was kite flying, creek jumping, greased pole climbing and bingo, chess and frisbee tournaments. For the nostalgia buffs there was a 50's dance and a 50's movies festival. Monday was reported to be an unusually quiet day in class.