

## Dr. Wray Accepts Challenge

Morris Garland Wray was sworn in as the new Dean of Student Affairs of Brevard College, Thursday, September 1, 1977, in a ceremony that coincided with the annual Fall Convocation.

He was previously on the staff of Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia as an educational consultant.

The 7:30 p.m. assembly was held in Boshamer Gymnasium on the College campus. The night's proceedings began with a fanfare by the Brass Ensemble and the traditional caps-and-gowns Processional of the Brevard College Faculty.

Following the Invocation by College Chaplain C. Edward Roy, the congregation was invited to sing a hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Ralph R. Clayton, a Brevard College Trustee, spoke the Words of Welcome.

Special music was provided by organist Adelaide Miller and soprano Marion Whatley, with a selection from Handel's The Messiah.

President Jacob C. Martinson, Jr. supplied the introductions and presented Dean Wray, whom he installed with the oath of office.

A native of Greensville County, Virginia, Dean Wray attended Mars Hill College where he received a B. A. in both History and French. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree which he obtained at the South Eastern

Seminary at Wake Forest University.

Other honors include the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees, the S. L. Stealey Award for Historical Research, and a coffeehouse named "Uncle Morris" on the campus of William and Mary.

Educated in a three-room schoolhouse with a pot-belly stove, Dean Morris Wray has an eye for innovations. He views himself as a catalyst who must "try to keep us thinking of things we might do, places we might go as an institution, and to help the faculty and students implement good ideas."

After completing his dissertation, Dr. Wray was employed at Andrew College from November of 1974 until July of this year, when he was offered the position of Dean at Brevard.

Dean Wray says he is "gratified by the number of students committed" to Brevard, but that the college needs to grow and become better.

"Faculty, students, and staff must commit themselves to academic excellence," he emphasized, "and it will take this year to decide what we want Brevard to become."

In his inaugural address, Dean Wray said that, like the civil university, "...we shall teach Shakespeare, and our students will learn Einstein's theory of relativity. But we cannot stop here. The church-related institution must help students discover the meaning of human

existence."

He believes that an educational institution, like an organism, thrives because a proper balance is maintained between the mind, body, and spirit. But the organism is "handicapped if the body grows and mind does not, and handicapped if the mind grows and the spirit does not."

Although unmarried, Dean Wray understands the problems of today's young people. They are dealing with the question of where they are coming from, and where they are going, he says.

But the new Dean of Brevard College makes a person wonder when he says, "Youth can be defined as a synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits."

### New Arrivals

### Create Diversity In Faculty

The opening of the new school year brings many new faces to the Brevard College campus. This year there are five new faces in the McLarty - Goodson Building.

The first is Miss Sara Barnhill who teaches Composition and American Literature. Miss Barnhill attended UNC-G, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, Clemson, and Jordanhill College of Education in Glasgow, Scotland. Before coming to Brevard, she taught at Clemson. Miss Barnhill lived in England for four years and was a frequent visitor to this area while growing up. She enjoys traveling, snow skiing, and collecting foreign cookbooks.

Dr. Theodore Leithman, another addition to the English Department, teaches Developmental Studies and Composition. Dr. Leithman attended Vanderbilt University. He enjoys running, tennis, and swimming. In addition to his teaching duties, he is Director of Green Dormitory.

Returning to the Religion and Philosophy Department after a year's absence is Mr. Preston Woodruff. Mr. Woodruff attended Wofford College for two years, received his B. A. in English from Georgia State and his Masters of Divinity Degree from Emory University. He enjoys



TOM WICKER shares ideas on urban living with Brevard students at recent Lyceum.

## Associate Editor Opens Lyceum

Many states may boast great men. Virginia has had her Patrick Henrys, George Washington and John Adamases. North Carolina has had her share of great men also. Many citizens of our state have risen to fame in various fields and in various states. One of these men is Tom Wicker, Associate Editor fo The New York Times.

North Carolinian born and bred, Tom Wicker attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and later attended Harvard. He returned to North Carolina to speak at the opening program of Brevard College's Lyceum series September 20. His lecture theme centered around Urban Life in America in relation to street crime. Several points were made concerning how Wicker feels the problem of street crime in all of America, not just in the cities, should be handled. Some of these include the need to make the criminal process, from arrest to trial to sentencing and parole, the same for everyone. No more arbitrary judgement on the part of the arresting officer and the judges. Wicker also placed emphasis on the need for more effective punishments for criminals. This would include jail sentences without the chance for parole for all prisoners. Swift and certain punishments, he believes, will act as an effective deterrent to crime. Many of the examples he sited were from the recent blackout looting in New York

City. Unemployment, Wicker considers to be a factor in street crimes. The poverty stricken and those from disintegrated homes are more likely to be involved in street crimes than those from middle class families. He stressed the need to simultaneously wage battle against inflation and unemployment in order to provide jobs for the "under-classed."

Before coming to The New York Times, Tom Wicker worked on several newspapers in North Carolina, Tennessee and Washington, DC. He has written eight novels and three non-fiction books, the latest of which is A Time to Die. His articles have appeared in such magazines as Harper's, Esquire, Saturday Evening Post, Playboy, Life, and New Yorker. He currently writes a column for The Times called "In the Nation," which appear thrice weekly. Wicker says that it is like "writing a magazine peice once a week."

After concluding his speech, Wicker answered questions from the audience. Most of these included questions about national affairs such as the Panama Canal situation, the possible minimum wage increase, and social security. He also spoke to an informal gathering of student leaders and faculty in the cafeteria preceeding the lecture.



DR. MORRIS GARLAND WRAY takes inauguration vow from President Jacob Martinson at opening convocation.

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