

# Sports Line

by Bobby Hayes

I recently received a letter from one of our readers that I would like to share with you in the hopes that you will find it as intriguing as I did.

The letter comes from Mr. C. Kennon Robertson, a member of the class of 1946 at Brevard College and also a member of the 1944 Brevard College football team. He is an attorney at law and resides in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mr. Robertson begins by stating, "The reason for this letter is to say that in the course of my studies, my interest in Brevard College and in the sport of football has been fanned and accentuated to the extent that I am now urging, if there is sufficient interest, that football be reinstated at Brevard College. I am requesting that you publish this letter and request students to advise you as to what interest they have."

Football at Brevard College? Interesting. Picture this. The Tornados open up the 1983 season in their new 90,000 seat domed stadium, The Storm Cellar, against the Crimson Tide of Alabama, the defending national champs. Brevard goes on to record an incredible upset win over the Crimson Tide to attract national television coverage of the rest of their games and goes on to an undefeated regular season. The Tornados are then invited to the Orange Bowl where they defeat previously unbeaten Oklahoma for the national championship. Impossible? Read on.

I'm afraid Mr. Robertson does not have his goals set quite this high, but he does offer some suggestions as to how to begin the program. He states, "First of all, I would take a survey via the Clarion, to ask if it is really

wanted. This would be on a no subsidy basis, that is no scholarships or scholarships only after the boys have come out for football rather than being recruited. You might also prepare some ballots by memograph or copy machine and hold a referendum.

"If there is interest the next problem would be financing and equipping the team. Perhaps all students would be willing to donate \$10 each and those who could afford it might donate more. You might make the rounds of supporters in the Brevard area. Also, contacts could be made with large senior colleges that might be willing to give you equipment they no longer need."

I do not believe Mr. Robertson really knows what he is asking. I am a big football fan myself but I also realize how terribly expensive it is to fund a successful football program. To ask each student to contribute a minimum of \$10 to something he may not care a bit about in order to attend Brevard College does not seem to be in the college's best interests. And to go another route and fund a football program through the athletic budget (which the administration is firmly committed to resist increasing), with Title IX and an ever-worsening economic crush on the horizon would require almost a total wipeout of the current athletic program at Brevard. This seems a bit unrealistic to me.

To keep with Mr. Robertson's wishes, any comments or ideas concerning this proposal should be addressed to: Brevard College, Box 156. Mr. Robertson and I will be most interested to hear your opinions on the subject. Meanwhile, the Orange Bowl awaits our decision.

## Netters Face Mounties Today

by Frank Moody

The Brevard College Tennis Team jumped out to a good start taking five out of the first seven matches. Both of the losses came from the team's toughest conference competition, Anderson.

The team has placed wins over: Sand Hills Community College 5-4 with four wins in singles and one in doubles; Western Piedmont, winning all nine matches, and Montreat-Anderson, 7-2 with four wins in singles and three in doubles. The team also gained a forfeit from A.B. Tech. Playing for Brevard is Baker Heard, Masa Yone Mura, Jeff Gold, Dave Schad, John Capin, Johnny Madden, Scott Plemmons, and Bill Hester.

Having Anderson out of the way should prove to make the rest of their schedule an easier one, but they still have to play Lees-McRae and North Greenville, who should also prove to be tough opponents. In non-conference play the team still has to face the four year school of

Emory and Henry

The rest of the team's regular season schedule includes North Greenville today, B.C. Invitational on April 10 and 11, and Roan State on April 18 with a Spartanburg make up game also included. The team will be on the road against Emory & Henry, Lees-McRae, Isothermal and North Greenville. All home matches will begin at one-thirty. The team will also be involved in co-ed doubles after the dual match against Lees-McRae on April 16 at Lees-McRae.

The second Brevard College Invitational Tennis Tournament is scheduled for this Thursday and Friday April 10 and 11th. The first round will begin Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. (Louisburg Sandhills). Brevard will then meet Montreat-Anderson Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The second will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday with Thursday's two losing teams meeting, to be followed immediately by a match between Thursday's two winners.



B.C. All Americans (left to right) John George, Wilbert Carter, and Jeff Wentworth.

## BC Places 3 All-Americans

by Mark Kennard

Three Brevard College indoor track members, John George, Jeff Wentworth and Wilbert Carter earned All-American honors at the National Junior College Championships, March 13-15, in Columbia Mo. Their contribution to the team effort placed Brevard 12th in the nation, out of a field of 60 teams, the best indoor finish ever achieved by the Brevard College indoor track team.

Highlighting the meet was John George, winning the two mile in 9:06. Due to injury during the cross country nationals, he was denied the chance to earn All American honors. However, for the indoor track champ, he proved his All-American ability by defeating the current national

cross country champion from New Mexico Junior College.

Jeff Wentworth finished 3rd in the three mile with a time of 14:07, improving his personal record by 10 seconds. This marks the third time this season that Jeff has broken the indoor school record. This is also the third time Jeff has received All-American honors.

After a day's rest, both men ran in the B section of the mile race. George finished 8th in 4:18.3 and Wentworth finished 9th in 4:19.3.

Wilbert Carter, the third member of the track team to earn All-American honors, placed fourth in the shot with 49'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". After an unstable beginning, Wilbert adjusted to the national competition to earn his fourth

place finish, becoming the first freshman ever to earn All-American honors in indoor track and field.

Gary Angel qualified for the nationals with a throw of 48'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at Virginia Tech the previous week, but could only manage a throw of 46'11" in the qualifying round at Columbia. Unfortunately this did not qualify him for the finals but it was a great showing for a "walk on" member of the Brevard team, who had not thrown the shot since his junior high school days.

"The men did extremely well in the national meet," said Coach Witek. "I wish everybody from Brevard could have been there to share the pride I felt for these athletes."

## Lady Tornados Defeat Milligan

by Mike McFarland

The B.C. Women's tennis team opened their season by dropping two of their first three matches. A very tough Western Carolina University team defeated B.C. 9-0 on March 5th. On the rebound, Brevard came back to beat Milligan College 7-2 on March 11th. Montreat-Anderson out-dueled B.C. 7-2 on March 26th.

All of the matches were played at home. A Greensboro College match to be played at Greensboro on March 29th was cancelled due to rain. The match is expected to be rescheduled.

The team composed of eleven players, has been hampered by inexperience. Only two players, Lynn McManus and Annette Miale, return from last year's team. The team and Coach Gail Anderson look to these two catalysts, relying on them for

leadership both on and off the court. Both have improved their games alot. As of this writing (challenge matches within the team frequently changes the seeding order), the team shapes up as follows:

(1) McManus, (2) Miale, (3) Lisa Miller, (4) Terry Smith, (5) Erin Gourley, (6) Donna Barnwell, (7) Lorraine Csronce, (8) Pam Roberts, (9) Susan Rowan, (10) Coleen Holtz and (11) Dotty Goble.

Coach Gail Anderson remains optimistic with regard to the rest of the season. She commented that her girls are "showing a lot of interest," Anderson also emphasized that the whole team "is really working hard."

The upcoming matches shape up as follows: Wednesday, April 2nd vs Lees-McRae here at 2:30 p.m., April 8th vs. UNC-Asheville

there at 3:00 p.m., vs. Western Carolina there at 3:00 p.m. and April 11th vs. Greensboro College here at 2:30 p.m.

Also scheduled is Converse Tennis Day at Converse on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 a.m. Coach Anderson stated that the team "was really looking forward to this event" because 16 quality teams will be competing and it will provide a lot of good experience.

Following Converse Tennis Day, there are three more matches and the Regional Tennis Tournament on B.C.'s slate. Brevard will play Montreat-Anderson here at 2:00 p.m. on April 15th, Lees-McRae College there at 1:00 p.m. on April 16th, the Regionals at Anderson College on April 18th and 19th at a time to be announced. And Milligan College there on April 21