

Part III

# Academic Life After Brevard

By Cameron Tankersley  
The Fine Arts Department of Brevard has gained a reputation as one of the finest among junior colleges in the nation. Many students were probably aware of this before they were accepted. According to Dr. Larry Whatley, the music department is one of 12 to 15 in the nation accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The buildings on campus are decorated with many paintings done by B.C. art students. Every semester the drama department produces plays which fill the Barn Theatre several nights running. These examples are a credit to the excellent staff in the Fine Arts Department.

Dr. John Upchurch, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, said that music majors have a unique program set up for them which immediately introduces them to the music field. Unlike the liberal arts major, who spends his first two years taking seemingly

unrelated courses on a broad basis, the music major begins an "internship" as a freshman. Credits from Brevard are very transferrable if the student does well. Some of Upchurch's recommendations for further education in music were Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa, which have broad programs in music. In the Southeast, UNC-Greensboro, East Carolina, and Florida State has attracted a number of Brevard students in the past, and some students have gone as far west as Arizona to continue an education in music. One student here has applied to Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and Upchurch said that his chances of acceptance are very good.

Dr. Whatley mentioned a few possible choices of colleges and conservatories within certain branches of the music discipline. In this area, the top choices for a performance major are UNC-Greensboro and the University of

Montevallo in Alabama. UNC-G also has a good choral conducting program. Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. is an excellent school as well. Music therapy, a study which is aimed at developing musical skills of mentally and physically handicapped children, in attracting a lot of people to East Carolina and Florida State, where these courses are gaining notoriety. In 1972, Whatley conducted a curriculum study to make music core courses more transferrable to other schools, thus altering the program to what it is now. The freshman year for the typical music major is spent with basic musicianship and theory; the sophomore year expands into music form and 20th century music. Whatley said that the Brevard music graduate should have a "speaking" acquaintance with theoretical ideas."

Lee Bratton, voice instructor and choral director, said that the

student should go wherever necessary to find the best instruction in his field, and that not many schools in the Southeast provide superior quality. He did say that Stetson and Florida State have excellent voice departments. He also plauded the overall quality of U.N.C., UNC-Greensboro, and Tennessee. Outside the Southeast, specialized schools such as St. Olaf's (Northfield, Minn.), Oberlin (Oberlin, Ohio), Westminster, Eastman (N.Y.), and the Julliard School of Music were the superlatives, as well as Curtis Institution in Philadelphia, the University of Iowa, and Southern California.

In the art department, Mr. Tim Murray advocated the Atlanta School of Art, the University of Georgia, East Carolina, the Memphis Academy of Art, and the Rhode Island School of Design. Art experienced a big boom in the '60's, and that interest was translated into en-

dowments and expansion for art departments. The biggest market for art majors is in communications, especially advertising, and the field is becoming more wide open. Some other choices by Mr. Murray were Pratt Institute and Parsons Institute, the Cincinnati Art Academy, the Chicago Institute, San Francisco Art Institute, Mars Hill, and Virginia Commonwealth.

Theatre at Brevard is not officially considered a fine art, but the curriculum at many schools is designed as such. Dr. Sam Cope said that undergraduate work in theatre will normally assure a broad knowledge of the subject. Mars Hill has a very interesting theatre program, according to Dr. Cope, as do UNC-Greensboro, Florida Southern, and the University of Georgia. If a student engages in graduate work it will normally be used toward teaching.

## Student Government Office Responsibilities For Upcoming Elections

By Bob Oakley

What happens within three weeks after spring break? The elections. Yes, time to vote for our SGA officers for next year. The following is a breakdown of each office, three in all.

The president is the official representative of the Student Government Association; therefore, he represents the SGA on appropriate occasions. He also oversees all committees and boards of the SGA. He sees that legislation is carried out and may call special sessions when necessary. He may nominate chairmanships to be approved by the SGA.

The main duty of the Judicial Vice-president is to serve as chairman of the Judicial Board.

He is also serves on the Board of Continuation.

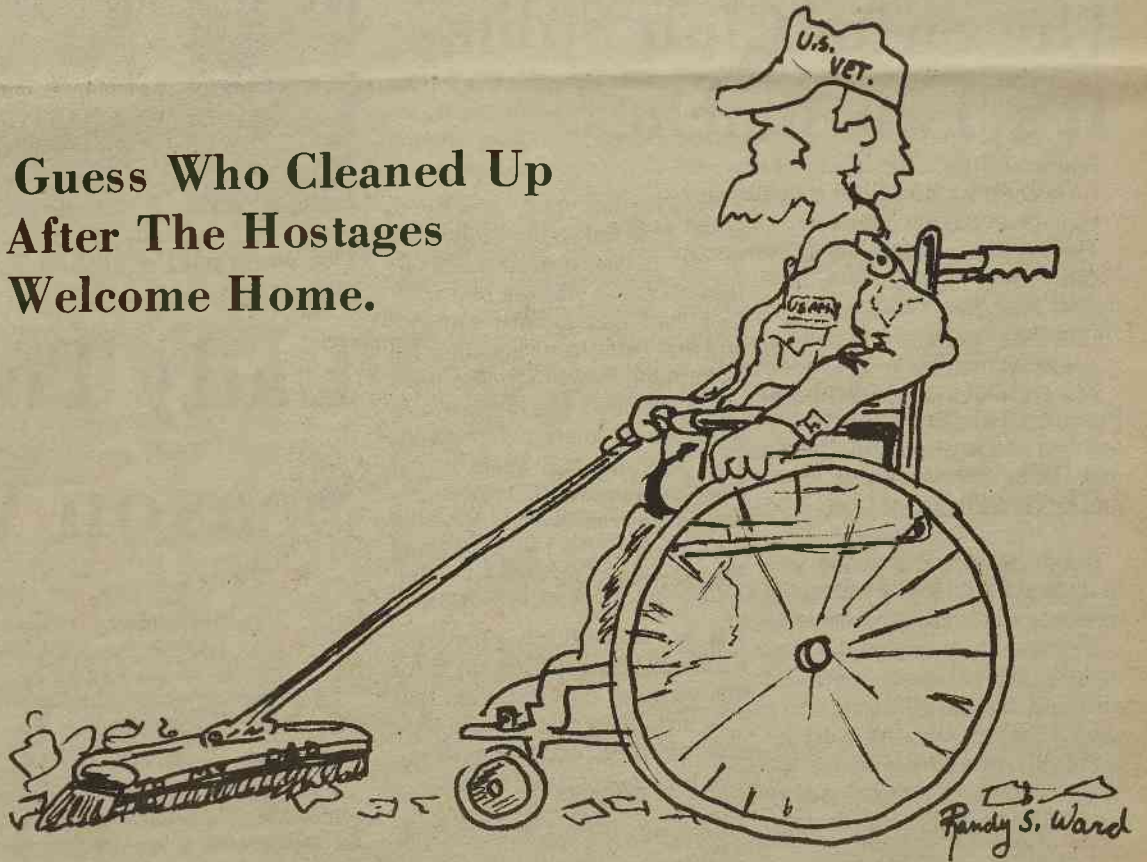
The Social Vice-President's main function is to serve as chairman of the Social Board. The Social Board is responsible for co-ordinating all social activities and functions. It also retains primary control over publicity.

All Executive officers are responsible for serving on all assigned boards and committees of the administration.

Currently holding these offices are David Hauser, President; Neel Lattimore, Judicial Board Vice-President; and Steve Moore, Social Board Vice-President.

Any questions concerning these offices or positions should be directed to these gentlemen.

## Guess Who Cleaned Up After The Hostages Welcome Home.



### SGA Elections

## Dependable People Are Asked To Run

by Sandy Hulbert

Are you a dependable person interested in the improvement of the Brevard community? If so, why not think of running for a student government office? Elections will be held in the mid-spring; however, at this writing a date has not been determined.

The procedure for the nomination of an office is based

on the student's eligibility. A form or application is then filled out by the nominee indicating exactly which office he/she is running for. Three main offices will be open, President, Social Vice-president and Judicial Vice-president. After the application has been filled out it is then taken to the registrar and approved. Certain positions require a minimum grade point average.

Last year the procedure had some difficulties. In the past years only second semester freshmen were allowed to run. However, last year first semester students could be nominated even though they had not obtained a certain grade point average. The general election is held several weeks after the nominations. In the general election, every returning student votes.

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