

# 10 hours in the arctic at Brevard College

by Mark Selkirk

Well, how's that for a kick in the teeth? Sunbathing and playing frisbee all day in 70-degree weather made for a beautiful Sunday, but cripes! You're not supposed to sunbathe and snow ski on the same day! By Sunday evening, when temperatures dropped into the arctic range, snow was falling, and the wind was blowing hard enough that I could ski Sapphire Valley's toughest slopes — uphill. I was getting really upset.

Then, at 12:25 Monday morning, the electricity went out, but I was lucky enough to be on the third floor of Taylor Hall, where the wind blew approximately two truckloads of wood through my window. I tossed the small children, a pig, and most of the car parts back out. But who's complaining? Let's build a cozy bonfire and roast marshmallows for all of western North Carolina!

Some time after 1 a.m., our power came back on. We were lucky. This morning, it was easy to spot the chicks from West Beam. They were mad because they had no hot water to shower in. They were the ones whose alarm clocks never went off. They woke up five minutes before class and showed up with pillow creases still on their furious little faces.

But let's not forget the guys in East Beam! Were any of these poor souls in your 8:00 class? What about 9:00? Were they out before noon? These fellows looked a lot like the hardcore Taylor residents who also suffered through cold showers. (Yes, guys do shower, even if there's no hot water.) They are easily identified by a bloodthirsty expression that says "Who's in charge of the power company?"

Before I get shot for picking on people, how 'bout that breakfast, huh? How often do you get milk warmer than your coffee? But let's face it, this will be the only day of the year you won't gripe about the runny eggs or ice crystals in your sausage!

Well, enough belly-aching from me. This being Valentine's season, the blackout came just in time to enjoy the old 98.6 degrees of your sweetie—maybe making sure she's maintaining a healthy body temperature before you invest megabucks in roses and candy. By the way, I still have eight wool blankets and a warm sleeping bag to trade, or maybe sell for \$98.60.



An animated Penelope Cecchini leads a master class in keyboard last week following her highly-successful piano concert. BC music students, left to right, Verna Ferrell, David Moody, Benny Gandy, Kelly Williams and Amanda Hill don't miss a word. (BC photo by Jock Lauterer)

## Students involved in improving campus life

by April Woods

One of the biggest barriers overcome Feb. 6, when five student representatives got together with Dean Harry Langley to discuss student concerns was not a physical barrier, but rather a barrier of communications.

"The most important thing that came about," Russ Schlenker said, "was a realization that the lack of understanding between the students and administration is a big problem."

Schlenker was one of the five student representatives who met for Friday night's four-hour dinner meeting. The other representatives were Jeff Rice, James Evans, Andrea Ross, and Tracy McKie.

"I had no idea what to expect, besides dinner," Schlenker said. "It turned out to be more of a question and answer and suggestion meeting."

And the suggestions and concerns abounded. The food service, bookstore, maintenance, point system, visitation, academic affairs, and communication concerns were all included in the areas of

discussion.

Dean Langley discovered that the students had both positive and negative comments to make.

"The most important outcome for me," Langley said, "was that I found that students are very interested in the quality of life here at Brevard College and are interested in getting involved to help make life at Brevard better."

The list of items mentioned at the meeting continued for two pages. Because of the long list of concerns, and also because school funds are limited, "It is possible," Langley said, "that even though we are interested in doing something, it may be difficult to respond rapidly."

Some of the problems, such as the scalding water in Green dorm, Langley

feels should and can be dealt with quickly.

To solve the communications problem, students suggested borrowing the idea of the Naval representative who visited BC last month—a dot matrix board.

Schlenker said the consensus was that posters are inefficient because there are so many of them scattered everywhere and that students often don't read the memos they find in their mailboxes.

Langley was very pleased with the overall outcome of the meeting and appreciated the students' "organization and obvious preparation."

Schlenker said he felt good about the meeting. "I thought the whole thing was very, very profitable," he said.

The students also suggested that further meetings such as this one be held.

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Both Mr. Cunningham and his assistant, Lianne Masterson, are available and ready to assist all students who need help or advice in completing the FAF.

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