

## Witek relaxing Uniform Guidelines

by BR Orrell

The Uniform Guidelines for Brevard College students are being restructured for next fall, placing more responsibility

on students as adults, and in some cases, relaxing the basic structure.

Norm Witek, the dean of student affairs for next year, is designing the new point

system which "gives each individual a second chance before points are put on his or her record," Witek says. "The guidelines will put the burden of respon-

sibility back on the student." Under the new system, violations will be divided into two levels: minor and major infractions.

"This system is not etched in stone," says Witek. Several details, such as the appeal process and the amount of fines, are still being worked out. Witek says he welcomes student input into the restructuring plan.

For minor infractions, first offenders will be issued a letter of reprimand, and will be counseled by the dean of student affairs or given a fine. A minor infraction will result in a penalty of 1-3 points which, in most cases, will be dropped after the student has paid the fine.

Another new aspect of this system is that minor infractions, if persistent, will be dealt with as major infractions.

Violators of major infractions will be subject to 4-10 points, a mandatory session with a college counselor, and community service work.

When a student commits a second major infraction, he or she will have another mandatory counseling session, a stiff fine, and permanent points on his or her record.

After accumulating 10 points, the student will be put on disciplinary probation, and at 15 points is automatically suspended. Witek says, "I've got to be consistent; I've got to be fair." Witek promises, "Rules are going to be enforced; you're not going to see the sliding of regulations."

After 20 years of coaching, Witek claims that it is learning to abide by rules and regulations that has produced his national championship teams. "I'm a firm believer in discipline," he says.

Next year most resident directors will be new to BC and will have master's degrees in various fields of counseling. Witek feels this added factor will help make the point system more consistent and give the students some input into their individual situations.

With a major infraction, the student will have to work off the fine in an area related to the violation; and the "right counselor for the problem" will follow the case through, according to Witek.

Although many BC students object to having rules and guidelines for behavior, Witek says BC must have "rules to prevent chaos." He adds, "We've got to live and work within the system we've got."

Alcohol is the biggest problem on the BC campus, according to Witek, and unfortunately most of the students are underage drinkers. The problem is not just the alcohol, but the fact that when some students drink, they become destructive, Witek says, citing the Spring Formal as an example of this behavior from BC students.

Witek says these guidelines have been reviewed by the current SGA and will also be presented to the newly elected officers. Witek hopes the new point system will render to the student "some better understanding of what we're trying to get across."



PTK members who were recently inducted are: Front row, left to right, Mary Cinkota, Susan Brewton, Debbie Nahikian, Linda Michaels, Celia Alves, and Millicent Alexis. Back row, left to right, Mark Higginbotham, Charles Sherrill, Jamie-Jo Perry, Kim Riggins, Jessica Graham, Karen Strickland, Lisa Handelman, Teresa Paxton, Kelly Williams, Terri Stone, and Becky Tapper.

## Charges dropped against BC students

No formal police charges will be brought against eight Brevard College students identified as being responsible for approximately \$400 in damages to property at the Quality Inn on the Plaza in Asheville during the April 4 Spring Formal.

Hotel manager Roberto Mayol said Tuesday morning that he had decided to not press charges as a result of what he considered "the severe action" issued by the College against the students involved.

The eight were identified by the Brevard

College Office of Student Affairs in cooperation with the Asheville and Brevard Police Departments.

The eight have received disciplinary action from the college "since it was a Brevard College function," Scarborough said, adding that the damage occurred not at the dance itself, but in hotel rooms leased by individual students.

All eight have been placed in disciplinary probation (10 points), and fined \$50 to compensate the hotel for the

damages. The students' parents have all been notified, the dean said. Scarborough noted that most of the students involved didn't have any points prior to the incident.

As to next year's Spring Formal, the dean said, "If I had to make a recommendation, I would suggest that we don't have the dance in a hotel.

"And I would hope the students have learned something. It was a slap in the face to the SGA." Scarborough said, "because they were trying to make the dance truly an adult event without a lot of supervision and security...and now they were the ones embarrassed and hurt by the whole thing."

## SGA calls for new elections

A re-vote has been scheduled Thursday for the Office of Student Government Association president. The candidates are Allen Brooks, Robert Brooks, and Reg Williams.

The action comes as the result of the resignation of newly-elected SGA president Mark Higginbotham, whose involvement with the incident at the Quality Inn on the Plaza at the April 4 Spring Formal made him ineligible for office.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Don Scarborough, after learning of the incident, the SGA resolved on April 12 that "if any new officers were involved, then the election would be null and void and a new vote held," Scarborough said.

In other SGA races voted on by the BC student body, April 1-3, the winners included: Don Rett-Social Board vice-president and Nick Embrey-Judicial Board vice-president.

## Outdoor Ed. offered

Contrary to erroneous information circulating on campus recently, the Outdoor Education program will be offered again next year at Brevard College, according to Dean of the college Dr. Harry Langley.

The dean said he is in the process of lining up instructors for the courses. Students with questions about the program are invited to speak with Langley.