



With its mountain backdrop, the campus of Brevard College is viewed from the cross country track at the far end of the cornfield.

Welcome to Brevard College

With its vital and popular new president, Dr. Billy Greer, spearheading the pursuit of excellent, Brevard College has entered a new phase in its long history of academic achievement and community involvement.

This year has been a busy one for Brevard College. The College has just completed a successful \$100,000 community campaign to raise funds for students scholarships. A dramatically expanded continuing education program is literally bursting at the seams, and a new continuing education facility to house this growing feature of the College is anticipated.

Along with his committed and active wife Fann, Dr. Greer has a fresh vision for Brevard College. "We have attracted some of the brightest teaching faculty in the Southeast to Brevard and many of our students are among the most talented in the South," he says. "We need now to find ways to link up our liberal arts curriculum and life experiences." When this happens, Dr. Greer asserts, "lives are changed and one's way of viewing life and the world and society are enriched."

This year Brevard College has set out to solidify its role as "Brevard's College." The beautiful 140-acre campus is literally and figuratively the heart of Brevard.

College President Dr. William T. Greer calls 1987 "a bright new day for this grand institution." The school's expanding Continuing Education Program is one of the most exciting growth areas this year. Fourteen courses last fall grew to 25 this spring, and an additional 17 were offered this summer.

Further, this year's summer semester, with 18 courses offered, combined to make this the busiest summer on record at the College.

A private, two-year liberal arts college dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, creative artistic expression, moral development and educational questing, Brevard College is owned and operated under the auspices of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

As a church-related college, Brevard affirms the dignity and worth of every individual, and strives to perpetuate those values which derive from the Christian faith.

"Brevard's strength lies in being the very best transition institution in the Southeast," says President Greer. And as such, the school strives to ensure learning on a human scale, maintaining a 12:1 student to faculty ratio.

The faculty consists of 40 full-time members, with 40 percent holding a Ph.D. or the highest degree in their field. They serve a campus community of approximately 610 students from all across the nation and several foreign countries. The ratio of young men to women is about even.

Brevard College has a well-earned reputation for excellence in

academic and fine arts programs. 80 percent of Brevard graduates go on for further studies at America's leading colleges and universities. The Alumni Association includes over 12,000 graduates, and there are approximately 600 Brevard College graduates living in Transylvania County.

A new, state of the art computer science program established three years ago offers student hands-on learning experience with 69 Digital terminals, several printers, and two central main frame computer units.

Nine new IBM-compatible personal computers have been added this spring, and in addition to their use by English, computer science and journalism students, the new PC's are already being used in continuing education classes this summer.

During the school year Brevard College offers the community cultural enrichment and entertainment through its Life and Culture Series which includes a worldly mix of concerts by collegiate musicians, top-flight musical performers from outside the school, drama in the Barn Theatre, and authoritative and thought-provoking speakers on matters of importance. Most all Life and Culture events are free and the public is invited.

The school's athletic program is widely respected. Men's soccer and basketball teams have made a name for Brevard College among their opponents in the National Junior College Athletic Association. Last year, Coach Don Scarborough led his men's soccer team to the Region X championship.

The achievements of Brevard's runners are legendary. Under coach-emeritus Norm Witek, the men's cross-country team won four consecutive national championships. This year, under new coach Dave Rinker, the men finished a proud second. And his women's team in only their second year, also finished second in the nationals.

The school's history is closely tied to the community of Brevard. The parent institution, Epworth School, was started by Sarah and Fitch Taylor in 1895. It was later taken over in 1904 by the Women's Home Mission of the Southern Methodist Church and renamed Brevard Industrial Institute, serving as public education here until 1934. That year, the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church ordered the merger of two other financially struggling schools, Weaver and Rutherford Colleges, and designated the Brevard Institute facility as the campus for a new Brevard College.

Now, 50 years later, Dr. Greer has a fresh vision for Brevard's college. "We stand on the threshold of a vital and vigorous new era of involvement with this community," he says. "In the days ahead, you will see Brevard College doing much, much more to enhance the values, beliefs and standards that make life in this community so special."