



Artist's conception of the new auditorium and civic center planned for Brevard College.

# Ingle announces \$3 million BC auditorium

## Construction projects changing the face of BC

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Brevard College has announced plans to build a \$3 million auditorium and civic center.

Breaking the news at a March 21 groundbreaking for the new Coltrane Student Center, Robert P. Ingle, chairman of the board of Ingles Markets, told a gathering of students, faculty, BC trustees, and friends that he had "accepted the challenge" of raising the funds for a "versatile, 1,100 seat auditorium."

Ingle, who called BC "a school with great vision," told reporters he became interested in Brevard College during his recent negotiations with the school to purchase approximately 15 acres for a new shopping center.

Although he declined to be specific, Ingle

said he planned to make a significant gift toward the auditorium project. Director of Development Don Scarborough said that Ingle is aiming to have the funds raised within two years.

No construction timetable has been announced yet but Scarborough said he would like to see the building ready for use within three years at the outside.

As to the location of the new facility, College officials have picked the open space between the current SU and Pizza Hut. Displaced athletic fields will be moved to the cornfield, according to the office of public information.

The new auditorium will triple the size of Dunham auditorium, which seats only 350, and can't contain the school's enrollment of 700, which is expected to be even higher this fall with another record freshman

class anticipated.

The new auditorium building will be available for community use, such as plays, productions, meetings, and conventions. The facility will be the largest indoor auditorium in the county.

The surprise announcement came after the groundbreaking for the Coltrane Student Center project, which is already under construction. The target date for that project's completion is January or February of next year.

In the dual project, the existing Coltrane Art Building is being renovated and expanded by 7,000 square feet into a centrally-located student center with an outdoor patio, enlarged game room, snack bar, lounge, commuting student lounge, bookstore, conference rooms and offices for the Student Affairs staff.

In the other half of the project, the Sims Building, currently the Student Center, will be converted into the new Sims Art Building to house the College's expanding art department and provide easy public access and increased exhibition space.

The groundbreaking signalled the first major construction project in 19 years at BC. President Billy Greer said it signalled "a new vitality" at BC, which he said is a "small college doing big things."

The new auditorium will "shape the quality of life for this campus and for this community and region for years to come," he said.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert I Dalton of Charlotte told reporters, "I don't think we'll wait another 19 years to see another building spring up. Things are starting to happen here fast."

## Letters to the Editor: BC students speak out on variety of issues

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To the Editor:

How much more are the professors who live the Complex/Duplex area being paid to compensate for their inevitably increased renthousing costs next year? This lack of salary seems to me highly presumptuous of an administration that pays scant sums of money to professors who are doctors in their fields to instruct 101 and 102 courses.

Where are the research courses? Those higher level courses in specific fields can aid the student who majors in one these applicable fields invaluable and certainly provide a closer interaction with his/her major that Brevard, at present doesn't offer. Yes, this is a two-year institution, and the need for such courses may not yet be realized, but what about the professors? The concern for their well-being seems to have been forgotten.

Yes, Brevard's commitment is to students, but for that commitment to be perpetuated — and also wholehearted and beneficial — for the students. Doesn't a consideration need to be given to the doctoral and other faculty — displaced from housing as the supreme in consideration — or simply those receiving an insufferable amount of salary for compensation of their work with students? To me there is something inherently wrong with a system that doesn't even take care of its own (the faculty), for the care of its own (the students). Am I wrong? Or, finally, is it wrong to think there is also an inherent

problem with an admissions board that admits more students that it can house?

Sean Frazier  
Freshman

To the Editor:

The other day I was in the cafeteria and I happened to notice a very interesting shirt a student was wearing. As explicit as it was, I do not feel that it was offensive. Others have worn similar slogans but because of the graphic detail of this particular shirt, many people were annoyed.

I believe it's time we open our eyes to reality. This student's shirt expressed a view that has been drummed into us through all forms of media and propaganda since AIDS and other forms of venereal diseases have become more eminent.

I don't think the student's shirt offended anyone unless they are just looking for something to be offended by. Everyone should exercise their first amendment rights.

Karyn Olschesky  
Freshman

To the Editor

Brevard is becoming an uninviting place to be now days. I came to the school and I ended up having a lot of good friends. The

first weekend back from Christmas break one of my better friends was kicked out of school. Now on the first weekend back from spring another one of my close friends is getting kicked out. Many of my close friends are also on the verge of getting kicked out. What I would like to know is when is the madness going to stop? The students make up the school and if you kick enough kids out then there won't be a school. The students being kicked out are not bad students. Staying in school these days is not a matter of getting grades yet is a matter of whether or not you are in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A lot of these students get in trouble because of alcohol consumption. The root of the problem does not lie with the school or this country. When a person turns 18 a person is considered an adult with one exception. The exception is that the person cannot legally drink. I ask you why not? A young man can die for his country, yet he cannot drink a beer. To me this is ridiculous. In most countries in Europe no drinking age even exists. When the drinking age ceases, the dangerous element of drinking also ceases to exist. If the danger lay in people thinking they are getting away with a social taboo, cut out the danger, and possibly fewer people will drink. Nevertheless with or without the drinking age, people under 21 are going to drink anyway. After a hard week of school, I believe that a student

should have the right to get hammered in the privacy of his dorm room if that person so wishes. The majority of the points at this school seem to come from alcohol violations. I am not suggesting that the school break the law, yet I am suggesting that maybe a revision in school policy towards drinking offenses. Reduced points or no points for drinking on weekends might be a solution.

Finally some serious thought needs to be given to the problems of students getting kicked out. I miss my friends terribly. And my only consolation for them getting kicked out is that something good might come out of it. Twenty years from now I hope people will not have the need to still write letters to the editor about their friend getting kicked out of school. You see, I have faith in the future and faith in social evolution. I feel that people will grow and open their minds to see certain drugs, and personal liberties. Without this growth stagnation will occur, and stagnation leads to eventual death. I feel that my generation will remember and rise to the call for social change. You might ask what can we do about this here at Brevard? We can start by stopping the kicking out of good students. I hope something good comes to this.

Sincerely,

Charles Koory  
Freshman