

New RA's announced for next year

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To most students at Brevard College the abbreviation RA stands for Resident Assistant. But it is the hidden meanings behind this classification that make the position one of great importance and respect.

An RA is a friend, a figure of authority, one to confide in, a leader, and one that not only contributes to correcting students but also encourages them.

Several weeks ago students at BC were given the opportunity to become an RA for the 1989-90 school year, and 23 were chosen. The new R.As are: Kristi Bindrim, Animari Cowan, Stacy Fowler, Heather Gleason, Mika Korogi, Susan Link, Martha Mariner, Charlotte Safrit, Carla Simon, Jeannine Valvo, Mary Wise, Joan Gregory (if females in W.Beam), Patrick Boggan, Joe Cowan, Jake Dalton, Russell Evans, Kenny Gallagher, Leroy Hermann, John Kennedy, Dino Locklear, Rob Malsby, Dan Miller, Anthony West.

"Just as there are no little people or unimportant lives, there is no insignificant work." -ELENA BONNER.



BC Jazz Ensemble react to their \$700 price tag at the recent Community Campaign Kickoff.

Sophs premiere artwork

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Brevard College's sophomore painting students are now exhibiting their work in the Dunham Auditorium lobby. The show, which is traditionally held in the cafeteria, went up April 6.

Serving as the location of many cultural events, Dunham's location brings a larger number of viewers to the show. Exhibiting artist Kelly Brannon said, "I feel I've gotten a greater response from the student body than if the show was held in Coltrane."



Around campus views of the show differed. Heather Conrad, Brevard College sophomore, said the exhibit is "a vivid representation of the strong and nurturing talent on this campus."

On the other hand, Ken Howell and Tom Giampietro expressed their bafflement of the more cryptic paintings.

The show features the work of Gary White, Terri Owen, Melinda Hansen, Matthew French and Kelly Brannon. All the paintings were done this semester in the intermediate painting class taught by Bill Byers.

Four BC musicians

win competition

from BC News Bureau

Four Brevard College musicians won their division in the annual Ivey's Young Artist's Competition in Asheville this weekend.

"It was a clean sweep," said an exultant Tony Sirianni, a Brevard College faculty member who accompanied the four winners. Sirianni said, "I couldn't be prouder. They were up against people from the N.C. School of the Arts, WCU, Appalachian, and Warren Wilson."

About 40 young musicians competed and only six were named finalists in wind, string, and piano divisions.

The winners were Brian Cashwell, a freshman piano student from Americus, Ga.; Andrew Rogelberg, a freshman piano student from Hendersonville; Anita Cocks, a freshman bassoon student from Martinez, Ga.; and Christian Hinkle, a sophomore trumpet student from Mount Airy. Cocks was accompanied by Katherine Morgan, Brevard College faculty member.

Sirianni pointed out that Brevard Col-won in every category it entered.

The annual competition, consisting of preliminaries on Saturday and finals on Sunday, earns the four musicians the right to appear with the Asheville Symphony Orchestra.

RA role changes

by Brian Howell
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The role of resident assistants will change next year, providing better informed resident directors, and hopefully a better image for the residence. Assistant, said Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek.

Starting this fall, RA's will no longer turn in incident reports for individual violations, as has been done in the past. Instead RA's will be responsible for a daily log of all notable activity within their assigned areas. This log will include accounts of any disturbances or problems, or even good behavior, not just violations of Uniform Guidelines, said Witek.

The log will be read periodically by the assigned RD and any potential or realized problems will be discussed with the RA responsible for the account to determine the gravity or nature of a given problem. But except in extreme or possibly life threatening instances, said Kevin Binkley, campus security director, no points will be issued to students for individual Uniform Guideline violations recorded in an RA log.

Points will be replaced at least initially, with counseling to offenders to determine their motivation for the offense. Points will be issued only after repeated unsuccessful attempts by the student affairs staff to help the student correct errant behavior through diplomatic means, according to various student affairs staff members.

For instance, said Sharon Waggy, assistant to the dean, an RA sees a student drinking a can of beer in the hallway. The RA will ask the student to throw the beer away; the student cooperates without further incident. The RA then records the event in his log, noting the student's cooperation. When the RD reads it, he finds the student in question and visits him in an attempt to determine the possibility of a problem. If the student is previously not known for such offenses, the RD might even skip mentioning the first offense. But if a pattern develops, the RD might seek counseling as an option for the student. Students habitually repeating violations with no apparent desire to correct their own behavior would be given points, said student affairs officials.

The idea of a log will accomplish several objectives, said Waggy. First, said Waggy, the log will enlighten RD's to students who might have trouble dealing with stress or emotions. If a student is found crying in the hallway or two roommates aren't getting along, the progression of these instances might lead RD's to give counseling or suggest resources to student that might help them cope with such problems before they become harmful. Secondly, since many RA's felt isolated because they were held responsible for fellow students getting points, even though technically Dean Witek is the only person on campus who actually issues points to students. According to Binkley, "No points will be issued from the log." This practice should also encourage RA's to be honest and thorough in their log, said Waggy, and it will be used only for informational purposes. The Department of Student Affairs is shooting for more visibility and accountability next year because many RA's evaded opportunities to report problems by isolating themselves on their hall to avoid seeing anything wrong, said Witek.

Other changes include RAs alternating what Binkley calls "duty nights" and "duty weekends," which would assign RAs to a rotating shift schedule, making each responsible for monitoring their whole dorms for their shift, said Binkley.



Award-winning BC musicians, clockwise from bottom; Anita Cocks, Brian Cashwell, Christian Hinkle and Andrew Rogelberg.