

Talk about a

Super baby sitter ...



Candy Laster with Isaac Wells (BC photo by Lorrie A. Diaz)

BC's Candy Laster is a life-saver

By Lorrie A. Diaz
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The night of Friday, Oct. 6, began as normally as any other for sophomore Candy Laster. Again she was babysitting for local pediatrician Dr. Ora Wells.

He and his wife, Susan, were attending a party. Candy sat in their living room enjoying the television. She had little idea of what was about to take place.

At approximately 9 p.m., during a commercial break, Candy went to the kitchen for a glass of water. There he stood: Isaac Wells, 9, the oldest of the three children. He stared at her with an expression of panic engulfing him. His face was blue because of the lack of oxygen. His hands were wrapped loosely around his throat and he was silent and still. The tears flowed endlessly from his eyes. Isaac was choking.

Candy, not knowing exactly what was happening, asked Isaac if he could breathe. He softly shook his head 'no.'

Instantly, Candy bent Isaac over and began to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. Within seconds, he was coughing up the pieces of a peppermint candy onto a towel that lay on the floor.

Isaac began breathing again. It was over and he was all right.

"I dropped to my knees and I hugged him and I was crying," said Candy. She had just saved a boy's life and she felt numb with disbelief.

Earlier this semester when Candy registered for her First Aid class at BC, the last thing on her mind was having to actually use what she had learned in the class so soon.

She decided to take the course because she felt it would be a benefit to both her and those around her.

"I didn't realize how important it was to know something like that," said the heroine. Isaac was a lucky little boy. The 9-year-old said, "I was scared but I was just glad she knew what to do."

After making sure that he had recovered, Candy called Isaac's parents. According to Candy, Dr. Wells was very calm but happy to know his son was alive and well. Mrs. Wells was frightened to realize that her child was that close to death. She praised Candy for thinking so quickly on her feet and taking charge. "You never think of having to save someone from choking," said a relieved Mrs. Wells. According to Dr. Wells, Isaac was very close to death because both his windpipe and esophagus were bruised. He believes that every babysitter should learn some type of First Aid.

Isaac's perspective of the incident was the scariest. He said that he was sitting in bed playing with his Lego toys and put a piece of peppermint candy in his mouth. He laid down on the bed and continued playing when the mint became lodged in his windpipe.

He started to choke on it. Isaac tried to climb down from the top bunk but fell along the way. While not being able to breathe, he still managed to struggle his way to the kitchen — and that is when Candy saved him.

Even after he was breathing normally again, Isaac was still shaken up. Candy said the tears were still streaming down his cheeks.

Dr. Birdie Eason, Candy's First Aid teacher here at Brevard College, was very proud to learn of Candy's success with her new knowledge from the class. Dr. Eason said one never knows when they'll need or use what they have learned. Candy made the occurrence known to her classmates, and as a result, it has made them more aware that the training they are receiving can and does save people's lives.

Said Candy, "I think that anybody who's interested in taking a health class should consider First Aid because you never know when something catastrophic is going to happen, and everybody should be prepared."

The parents are coming! The parents are coming!

by Burney Mack
Clarion Reporter

Are you ready for Parents' Weekend? Have you cleaned your room up from your Halloween parties? Moms, dads, and relatives will be on campus Nov. 3, 4 and 5 to see how you live at BC. Parents' Weekend is sponsored by the Student Government Association, in cooperation with faculty and administration.

Many interesting activities have been scheduled to entertain parents and friends. The weekend begins on Friday to allow

parents to attend classes with their son or daughter. One major event will be the student presentation of "Nude With Violin," directed by Professor Sam Cope. The play begins at 8:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission is free for Brevard students, but all other seats are \$3. Reservations are required and all seats will be reserved. Contact the BC Receptionist in Beam Administration Bldg. for information.

Other major attractions will include music by the Jazz Band; coffee and con-

versation with President Greer, other college administrators and members of the faculty; Open House in all the residence halls, a special college worship service with music provided by the Chamber Chorale and remarks by Campus Chaplain, Jr. Charles Zimmerman. Best of all, there will be the annual student talent show in the Dunham Auditorium, Sunday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m.

In addition to the campus activities, parents can also enjoy the Pisgah National Forest, which is only 5 minutes from cam-

pus and offers picnic areas as well as beautiful hiking trails.

Meals will be available for guests in the A.G. Myers Dining Hall at the following rates: Breakfast - \$2.30; Lunch - \$3.15; Dinner - \$3.85; and Sunday Lunch - \$4.30.

Many students enjoy the opportunity to invite parents and friends to a special weekend here at Brevard. Joe Cowan, a resident assistant, says, "It's a great idea, it gives parents a chance to come down and spend time with their son/daughter. Parents get into that kind of thing."