

*Staley Lecture Series*

# Rev. Al Staggs illumated the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Brevard College hosted Al Staggs on March 22 and 23. "A View From the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," was presented in an one-person stageplay.

Reverend Staggs is a pastor of Woodland Baptist Church in San Antonio, Tex. The play is an examination of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German minister who spoke out against the Nazi treatment of the Jews.

For this action, Bonhoeffer was jailed by the Gestapo in April, 1943 until his death on April 9, 1945. "Bonhoeffer is the best contemporary of true Christianity that we have to

examine," Staggs claimed following his performance at Dunham Auditorium.

The performance was set in a simulated prison cell with Bonhoeffer (Staggs), examining his own Christianity and the choices he made. Much of the information came from Eberhard Bethge's biography of Bonhoeffer. "He stood true to Christianity even if it meant the loss of his own life for standing up to the Nazi's," said Staggs.

The basis of Bonhoeffer's involvement was that he saw a government-controlled religion that persecuted the masses and forced political power in the name of Christianity. This is much of the same reason that Reverend Staggs claims he



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continues this form of ministry. He believes that the same atmosphere of political persecution via religion exists today in the United States.

"You have the fundamental right-wings such as Pat Robinson and Jerry Fallwell and Southern Baptists who wrap themselves in the American flag, demand their interpretation of Christianity, which is the same as the Nazi's. I was watching a televangelist last week in Minnesota who before the end of his program had tied the entire Waco, Texas, incident to Clinton."

Reverend Staggs has a Master of Theology from Harvard Divinity School and is currently a doctoral candidate at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Austin Texas.

## BC offers a variety of religious organizations

by Kim Button  
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On campus and in the community, BC students are sharing their faith with others through religious organizations and outreach programs. Brevard College, which has United Methodist Church ties, sponsors a religious organization that is active on campus. Many students have also started their own religious groups so that they can have fellowship with others of their faith.

While these organizations are primarily for the students' benefit, they are also very active in helping others on campus as well as in the Brevard community.

Wesley Fellowship is sponsored by the college, through the chaplain, in cooperation with the United Methodist Church. They meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Chaplain's office.

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) is an interdenominational group

which meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the private dining room in the cafeteria. Its members are active not only on campus but in the community as well.

Every Monday at 9 p.m. CSF has a prayer time in the game room in the Student Union. They have organized a town devotion where they encourage people on the streets in Brevard to come to a devotion at night. Members are also volunteering at the Sharing House,

which is similar to the Salvation Army, visiting older adults at College Walk, and baby-sitting at the Episcopal Church.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in Boshamer Gym.

There is also a campus worship service every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Each organization would welcome anyone who is interested in attending the meetings.

## Brevard College says goodbye to Olivieri

by Henry Stepp II  
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If you were not at B.C. for the 1992-1993 academic year, then you may not fully appreciate the job Aurora Olivieri has done at her post of Student Activities Director.

On Saturday, March 12, Aurora was married to Manuel Insignares beneath a new moon in Asheville. "He (Manuel) is the most wonderful man in the world!" Olivieri commented. The newlyweds will live in Duluth, Ga. The couple decided to move to Georgia because Insignares works as an engineer in the Atlanta area.

Olivieri began the job as full-time Student Activities Director at the start of this academic year. This post was held part-time by an R.D. on campus. Beforehand, Olivieri worked for the college as the Resident Director in West Beam during the 1992-1993 year (note: West Beam was a woman's hall then).

Olivieri said the thing she will miss about B.C. are the students. "The students at BC are the greatest. I have been continuously impressed with their bright hearts and minds." Olivieri has

also enjoyed "listening to your (the students) concerns and helping plan events that bring us all together!" It is certain that Aurora will be missed.



Aurora Olivieri

## Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members by Angie Clark

On Wednesday, March 2, Phi Theta Kappa, the National Honor Society of two-year colleges, held its spring induction ceremony. The ceremony took place in the Rutherford Room located in Myers Dining Hall.

Inducted was the largest group of members to Phi Theta Kappa in quite some time. Kathy Meehan spoke at the ceremony on the problems associated with balancing unity and diversity in our ever-changing world. After the speech the induction ceremony took place, followed by a reception for all who attended.

The following students were inducted:

- Aaron Lee Barnes
- Jamie Silas Barr
- Hans Erling Bone
- Kimberly Button
- Amy Vanessa Cuccia
- John Keith Dills
- Jeffery Lee Durham
- Richard Louis Eilers, Jr.
- Matthew Justin Frady
- Ross Stuart Gillespie
- Daniel Thomas Hill
- Naoko Izumi
- Beth Kolousek
- Benjamin David Kruger

- Myra Dianne Leistner
- Helen Denise McKie
- Robert Vance Moore
- Satomi Nakayama
- Ai Okuda
- Layton Ray Parker
- Joshua Quincey Poindexter
- James Azro Sadler, Jr.
- Levan Seperteladze
- Ruth Marie Shope
- Charles Phillip Turner
- Keith Wayne Wallington
- Tonia Michele Windham