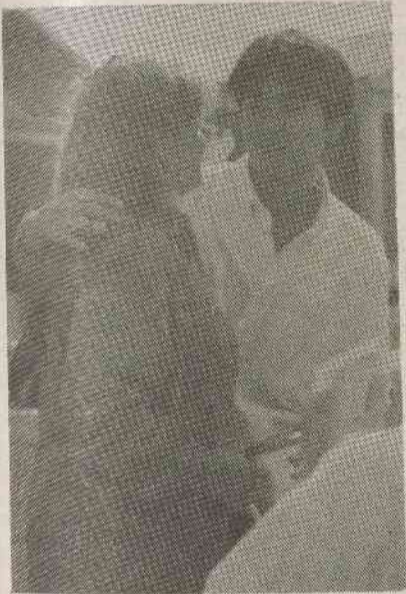


## SGA Elects New Officers

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On Friday, April 26, the SGA officers for next semester were announced. Manabu Okawa, who ran against Vivian Rivers, won the election for president of SGA. The other officers are Erica Broadway for treasurer, Dan MacCaffrey for secretary, and Heidi



Rivers and Okawa  
(Photo by J. Ostendorff)

Rodenbaugh for vice president.

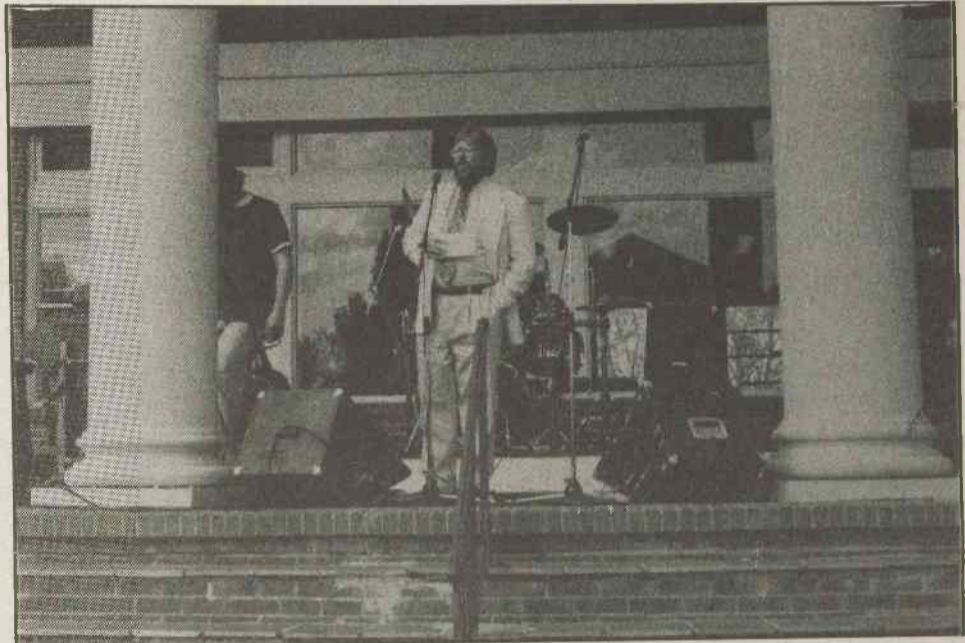
Okawa, who is a freshman, ran and won on a campaign platform of placing bill changers in all the dormitories. He also has an idea for an opinion box to be placed in the Student Union.

Rivers, a sophomore student, with more than a year's experience in SGA, ran on a platform of promoting the new constitution and providing a balance between Twister Productions and SGA.

To some of the incumbent officers of SGA, the election results were a complete surprise.

Lyle Alexis, current SGA student body president, had this to say about the election results, "I was shocked, I feel like all the work we've done this year has gone down the tubes. I don't think that this will be the same organization." Alexis also said that if the candidates had had a chance to debate the issues in a public forum setting, the election results would have been different.

After hearing the results, Vivian Rivers said, "I don't know the actual count, but I'm sure it's close. I feel that it would have been better to have a debate between the candidates so that the students could see where we stand on the



Steve Martin, Dean of Campus Life, announces the new officers  
(Photo by J. Ostendorff)

issues. I would like to congratulate Erica Broadway, Dan McCaffrey, and Heidi Rodenbaugh. I believe they will do an excellent job. I would also like to wish Manabu lots of luck, although I believe that I am the only one who deserved the position."

When asked about the future of SGA, Rivers said that this election clearly shows that Twister Productions and Curt

Crowhurst have taken over SGA and that the combination of those will, unfortunately, become one organization.

Curt Crowhurst, coordinator of Twister Productions, said, "I feel that this election is very healthy for SGA. It speaks highly of the people who ran. I believe this will bring a different energy to the organization."

## B.C. Celebrates The Return Of Spring

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After a cold and icy winter, Brevard College has finally welcomed spring with open arms. Despite the rain, nothing

could dampen the spirit of the Appalachian Spring Celebration of Culture and Earth that took place on the Brevard College campus April 13-20.

The excitement began on Saturday, April 13 with Springfest '96. A variety



Children enjoy earth games at the Earth day celebration.  
(Photo by Kris Caswell)

of music, games, and food were in the Student Union that day. Bands included "The Furies", "The Merle", and "The Jumpstarts". Mike Louter orchestrated a delicious pig pickin' in the cafeteria as well. Chris "Red Dog" LeConte said, "I've had a lot of pigs in my time, but none as wonderful as Mike Louter's".

Then, on Monday, Professor Tim Murray gave a lecture on art and the environment. Tuesday, William Cooper, from the department of Wilderness Education, presented the Pakistan Climbing Adventure. Following that, on Wednesday, Dr. Susan Schmidt presented Nature: Writings, Poetry, and Thoughts. On Thursday, the storyteller John Spellman visited, and Friday, Rev. Howard Hanger and Dr. Larry Ragsdale held a prayer breakfast for the earth. at evening, there was a campout in the

lobby of Jones Dorm.

Finally, the week ended with a bang as Earth Day took place. The day was full of environment-related activities. Some of the most popular events that day included visitors from the National Wildlife Preserve and their animal friends, wonderful bands that provided uplifting tunes, square dancing with Ernie Mills, and vendors from town that shared their creative goods.

The members of Twister Productions and Kurt Crowhurst spent a great deal of time and energy organizing the week-long schedule of events. Kurt Crowhurst stated, "I came to bring more of the earth and outdoors to Brevard College. This week is so wonderful because instead of being tested on what we know, we can celebrate what we learn."