

# Campus Life

## Ceremony creates celebration

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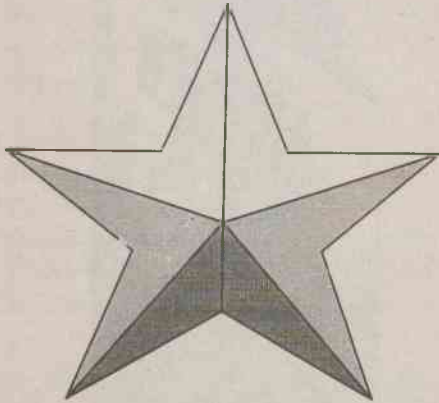
Brevard College hosted a truly traditional Christmas experience for the whole family on Sunday, Dec. 8, when the Brevard College Music Department teamed up with Twister Productions for an evening of classical Christmas music, caroling, a tree lighting ceremony and a celebration of the burning of a Yule log.

The celebration began with two performances of the popular Brevard College Christmas Concert in Dunham Auditorium, featuring music for choir, brass ensemble, band and strings. The Brevard College Guitar ensemble provided prelude music in the lobby, and the program included a rendition of "Jesu Bambino" by faculty soloists Harvey Miller and Patricia Robinson as well as seasonal favorites such as a chorus of Handel's "Messiah." Readings from classic Christmas literature was interspersed throughout the program, and the audience was invited to join the choir and band in the singing of several favorite Christmas carols. The first performance began at 3:30pm, and the second was at 7:30pm.

Immediately following the 7:30p.m. performance, Brevard College invited the community to participate in a very special Christmas tradition. The assembled audience was led by a choral procession to the Weaver College Bell

Tower at the College's academic quadrangle for Christmas carols, a tree lighting ceremony, spiced apple cider, and the burning of a symbolic Yule log. The ceremony included a candle lighting ceremony, comments of the significance of the light during the Christmas season by college chaplains Ernie Mills and Courtney Sampson, and a tree lighting ceremony which was presided over by Brevard College President J. Thomas Bertrand.

The evening was capped off with the Yule log ceremony, an ancient Christmas tradition of burning pine boughs in a large fire to dispel the bad luck of last year and welcome the good luck of the coming year. Following the ceremony, all were invited to stay for cider, cookies, and singing by the fire with Ernie Mills and friends.



## Fair enjoyed

Carrie Bauer  
Staff Writer

On Monday, December 9th, a fair was held in the Coltrane Commons at Brevard College.

Area merchants set up booths with various goods for sale in hopes of striking some student interests. The goods being sold consisted of hemp jewelry, candles, incense, pottery, baked goods and crafts.

Students had the opportunity to choose the style of hemp they wanted as well as watch the merchant make the jewelry for them.

Students seemed to enjoy the fair as did the merchants, who benefitted from this experience as well. Students at Brevard College were made aware of some area shops and will probably venture into town to locate them in the future.

*Twister Productions*

**Pancake Break with  
Singer-Songwriter  
CHUCK BRODSKY!**



**Sunday  
December 15  
9:00 p.m.  
Cafeteria**

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### SPIERS GALLERY - SIMS ART CENTER - BREVARD COLLEGE

December 6 - January 31 Opening Reception: 7 PM, Dec. 6, 1996

#### "North Carolina Crystalline: PAST and PRESENT"

*This exhibition is organized and circulated by the Mint Museum of Art Travelling Exhibition Program*



Vase, circa 1980's, porcelain with crystalline glaze. Vase, 1992, porcelain with crystalline glaze. Vase, 1985, porcelain with crystalline glaze. All selections: Phil Morgan. 94.23.65; 94.23.31; 94.23.87. The Mint Museum of Art Collection: Gifts of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Guyselman.

#### WORKS FROM THE ELANGENI GALLERY

A selection of fine and folk art, from Southern Africa will be on exhibit in the Spiers Gallery. The Elangeni Gallery is located in Asheville, NC. Mrs. Naomi Tutu, Seese Instructor of Comparative Studies at Brevard College, and Anne Chenoweth Owens, Director of the Elaugeni Gallery will give a gallery talk at 7:30 pm, Dec. 6 during the opening reception.



*Illocut M.W. Sojola  
South African*

**Music and Refreshments will be provided.**