

Ruth Still Honored by United States Navy

BC Press Release

Brevard College Assistant Professor of Music Ruth Still, Director of Brevard College Brass Studies, has been honored by the United States Navy for helping several Brevard College graduates continue their careers as musicians in the U.S. Navy. Two representatives from the Raleigh Naval District Recruiting Station (covering all of North Carolina and parts of Virginia and South Carolina) visited Brevard College to present Still with a Naval Recruiting District Plaque, a Certificate of Appreciation and Letter of Commendation from B.J. Putnam, Commander United States Navy, Commanding Officer Naval Recruiting District Raleigh.

"We have placed approximately 25 percent of Brevard College's graduate musicians into the Navy Music Program due to the quality of the musicians being taught, mentored and nurtured by Ruth Still," said Chief Chris Amsler, speaking on behalf of the United States Navy and Commander Putnam. "Not one single Brevard College musician has failed to overwhelm the audition proctors, and they have all been enlisted and guaranteed advance-

ment upon successful completion of the Armed Forces school of Music." Additionally, said Amsler, for those who qualify for the Navy College Fund is available which, in conjunction with the Montgomery GI Bill, totals \$30,000 for use in furthering their education.

Still came to Brevard College in 1992 after a distinguished career as a performer and educator. She has taught at the University of Kansas, the College of Wooster, Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles and the Brevard Music Center. She has performed with the Eastman Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Phoenix Symphony, the Brevard Music Center Symphony and the Kansas City Philharmonic.

"To become a fine musician, students must study not only music but many other fields," Still says. "Students must work hard to develop character and integrity, and above all, students must strive to keep their faith and vision relative to universe as a whole. I chose to work here at Brevard College not only because of the dedicated faculty and outstanding programs but because of the unwavering commitment and philosophy towards the development of each student as a total person."

It is this dedication to her students that sets them apart from many of the other recruits from around the country, Amsler said. "It is the support of such outstanding community leaders such as Ruth Still that make it possible to keep the Navy manned at present levels with only the brightest and most qualified young men and women," he said.

The United States Navy will hold rare local auditions for Western North Carolina musicians interested in the Navy from November 3 through November 7; for information, contact

Chief Combs or Chief Amsler at (704) 251-5202 or 253-1931. For more information on the Brevard College Department of Music or any Brevard College programs, contact the Brevard Office of Admissions at (704) 884-8300.



Ruth Still, Director of Brass Studies. Photo by Brad Kimzey

BC Expands English Major

by Sarah Carpenter and Lindsay Davis

The summer held new beginnings for Brevard College. The college was given approval to begin a four year degree plan for those students majoring in English. The idea is to get away from traditional English and expand to courses beyond. Different types of literature and writing technique classes have been introduced.

This degree is put together in three sections, one being the core requirements that all four year students must have. The next is the language arts core, which is essential for anyone who is majoring in English. The last section is the area of concentration

which is selected by the student from a number of options. The options are literacy studies, creative writing, environmental journalism, pre law, art, music, and natural sciences.

New courses have been added to provide the appropriate support for students interested in the BA in English. Dr. Ken Chamlee, Chairman of the Humanities Division states, "Brevard's four-year English program has been designed to be flexible and allows students with interest in communication and writing skills to take their interest and apply it not only to literacy study but to other field areas as well. Within the next year, we are hoping to implicate with Theater, Business, and Communications."

Phi Theta Kappa Inducts New Members

by Will Ginsler

On October 16, Brevard College's chapter, Delta Pi, inducted the following students into Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges: Jose Acosta, Frederick Call, Daniel Chapman (in absentia), Sandra Crow (in absentia), Deidre Frinzel, William Ginsler, Michael Guggino, Robert Hynson, Lara Jaffee (in absentia), Molly Kummerle, Keiichi Okada, Jonathan Owen, Erica Paulus, Kimberly Purcell, Shannon Riley, George Spitzer, Daniel Taylor, Raita Yamazaki.

BC Scholars: Students With Potential

by Andrea Messenger

The Brevard Scholars program is a series of scholarships offered for achievement, character, and leadership to select applicants of Brevard College. It has been around for many years. Barbara Boerner in Admissions says that the purpose of the program is to encourage students with leadership potential. It gives the students an opportunity to experience mentoring with the faculty.

Scholarships are awarded to students for excellence in humanities, social studies, environmental studies, fine arts, wilderness education, and leadership. A student who has received the award must maintain a 3.5 average and be recommended by the Dean of Brevard in order to renew the scholarship in the sophomore year.

This program is one of only two that are derived from Angier B. Duke. The other one is at Duke University.

"I'm glad [the program] is here. It recognizes dedication and responsibility which is not always recognized in this society," says Boerner.

Ambassadors Lead Open Campus Day

by Kristen Grice

On Sunday, Oct. 26, the Student Ambassadors met to orient members and to discuss upcoming events. This year, they are asking for students to apply to be student ambassadors, and the students will have to go through an interview by the selection committee. The ambassadors are taking on a new position to be more involved with the campus and the students. Their focus is to show perspective students what

Brevard is all about.

One of the many events the Student Ambassadors are taking on this year is an open campus day for students who are looking at Brevard College. The dates for this semester are Saturday, November, 22, 1997, and Friday, December 5, 1997. The students will have several different opportunities to meet students and faculty, see the school, and have time to see what a day of college is really like.