



### The 1998 Spring Semester in Austria Approaching its Departure

by Sarah Carpenter

Brevard College has an unusual study abroad program, which is in Altmunster, Austria. The students traveling abroad with the program this year are: Doug Ausley, Sarah Carpenter, Eric Cohen, Jackie David, Christian Humbert, Jay Moore, Bill Morrow, Jessica Raper, Paul Roeser, Amir Sheikh, and Chris Walters. These students have the opportunity to learn the language and culture of Austria.

The participants will be living in a small apartment building where classes are also held. In one semester the students will take and get credit for the equivalent of one full year of college German. They will also take a music history course and a humanities course teaching them the musical history of Austria through excursions to sights of historical importance and by interacting with the people and culture of Austria. There is also an alpine skiing class offered for a PE credit. The students will be professionally instructed and are anxious to learn how to ski in the Alps. Music majors also have the opportunity to receive private music lessons while abroad for an extra cost. There is also extra traveling included in the trip. The group will spend an entire week in the city of Vienna and will also see sights in Salzburg, Hallstadt, Bad Ischl, Trauenkirchen, Innsbruck and other places of historical importance.

Their semester will begin early when they board the plane at the Atlanta airport on January 9. The students have the opportunity to stay abroad and continue traveling at their own expense. The Clarion staff wishes this group a great journey abroad and safe return to the states.

### BC Breaks Ground on New Student Housing

by Tracy Borden

Brevard College is undergoing many changes. As our school is quickly transformed into a four year college, new things are happening. The faculty and the students are equally excited about the transformation appearing before our eyes. One of the newest additions to our campus is Brevard's new housing plans. The new housing is not another dorm, but in fact, are new apartments for the upper classmen. So, if you are going to be a Junior or Senior next year, this addition is being built for you.

Four buildings are being constructed right now for the Fall semester of 1998. Eventually, college staff hopes to have sixteen buildings. Each apartment will consist of a den, kitchen, laundry room, two bedrooms downstairs, and four upstairs apartments. Between each of the bedrooms will be a bathroom. All of the apartments will contain brand new hardwood furniture that is moveable. In addition to that, the apartments will also have bike and kayak racks. The bike racks will be covered by a roof to protect the bikes. There are enough bike and kayak racks that every person in the apartments can have a place for both.

Outside, a covered walkway will connect all of the apartments. The covered path will have rocking chairs so that people can sit out in the front and socialize. On the back side of buildings, will be courtyards. Each apartment will have its own courtyard that connects to the apartment next door, creating a large socializing area in the back. The courtyards are set up so that the women will share a courtyard, and the men will share a courtyard.

For this upcoming Fall, two apartments will be available for women and two for men. Each apartment holds 24 people. In all there are 96 spaces open, 48 for men, 48 for women. The availability to the apartments is on a first come, first serve basis. This is definitely an excellent opportunity to be close to campus, yet have your own space.



### BC Students Take On "Special Friends"

by Kristen Grice

In May 1997, President Clinton and the First Lady supported a campaign to reach out and touch a child's life. They joined together with volunteers to salute America for all the effort they had put into working with children. President Clinton

asked for the nation to help in his fight to help children grow.

To honor President Clinton's plea to help children, Brevard College came up with "Hearts and Minds", a Brevard College Campaign for Children. The Center for Service Learning continued a program called "Special Friends" with a new similar program, TREND. "Special Friends" is in its second year and this year Brevard College Students Ambassadors are paired with a young friend to share with them their hobbies, interests and to show children a new vision.

On November 8, Brevard held its first Super Saturday which brought 22 elementary age children together to enjoy activities on campus. Brevard

College Ambassadors showed the kids the campus and directed the events. The next Super Saturday they attended a

basketball

game and met Dudley Bradley, ex-NBA player and present basketball coach of Brevard College.

Brevard College has five students who work at Brevard Elementary and one visiting TC Henderson. These students work for after-school programs tutoring small children, but in the process they are making friends.

The College logo states, "For Hearts and Minds as large as the mountains." This campaign to teach children to become good people proves just how large that can be.



Tracy Phelps at the climbing wall

### International Peer Mentor Program

by Jamie Tomasello

The International Peer Mentor Program is a new program this year which intends to reduce the isolation and confusion many foreign students may face when they arrive here. Organized by Dr. Liping Liu, the International Peer Mentor Program pairs a Brevard College student with a foreign student. The students are matched by country, language, or personal interest. The BC student volunteer will initiate correspondence over the summer, meet the incoming student at the Fall International Orientation, and be available to those students after orientation to offer support, answer questions, and share experiences at Brevard College.

Out of the BC student population of 685, 30 of those students are foreign. One of the biggest problems foreign students face is loneliness. Sometimes it is difficult for foreign students make friends due to a language barrier. Presently, many foreign students take an ESL English class five hours a week. Dr. Liu advises international students to take an Intensive English class which meets for five hours a day. "I want them to integrate," Dr Liu says. Dr. Liu hopes that this program will provide a smoother transition for the new students.

Any BC student wanting to volunteer their time, please contact Dr. Liping Liu in MG-129 or at 883-8292 ext. 2233.

### Update on the "Voiceketeers"

by Kristen Grice

The Voiceketeers have been exploring down in Louisiana, the final state! While walking down the banks of the Mississippi River, it seems that they ran into unexpected visitors. Bette and Patrick, who are known as the "biologists" on the trip, went for a walk to follow what they thought were beaver tracks and instead found an alligator, who came up towards them onto the bank and went casually back into the water. They all seem to be experiencing the great outdoors. They have

had a little trouble with their take outs, but are meeting plenty of friends along the way.

They have had some bad weather, but on November 22 things began to look up. The weather became remarkably beautiful and they spent the day relaxing and paddling down the river.

