

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

In an age possessing the power of unthinkable destruction, it must be the primary concern of every citizen of this country to establish international understanding, and to abolish the ever-present possibility of war. The United States today is in a position to lead the way towards peace, and it must meet this grave responsibility. We feel that our present foreign policy, founded as it is on the struggle to maintain military supremacy, is leading us towards, rather than away from, war. The outcome of every arms race in history has been war, and this one is carrying us headlong in the same direction. The accumulation of military strength implies the threat of using that strength as a means for protecting our interests. It is unthinkable that we fully intend to unleash the destructive powers of our atomic weapons on even our most bitter enemies. Yet even if we do not intend this, and our threat is a bluff, it is naive to suppose that this bluff will not eventually be called. When it is called, we will be compelled to carry out our threats, and the use of arms will cease to be a bluff. It will be a necessity. Our race for military supremacy draws us inevitably to the use of military power.

Our military policy has repeatedly failed to achieve its objectives. China and northern Indo-China have both become communist in spite of such a policy; military action in Korea has solved nothing. Communism has continued to spread without regard for military alliances. The growth of fear about us, reflected in the nervous plunge into accelerated military production, is an index of this expansion. We must come to the realization that our military policy cannot halt this advance. The appeal of communism is ideological. On this front we have failed to meet the communist challenge. Do we feel that we have no strong alternative to offer the new nations of Africa and Asia? We submit that there is much in the democratic ideals of the United States to inspire these new nations. But instead of showing to the world the strength of our way of life, we show them a military policy deeply in conflict with the very ideals upon which this country is founded. Can we talk to the Arabs about democracy and freedom while still supporting the absolute monarch King Saud? With our military outlook we cease to view the nations of Asia and Africa as homes of human beings to whom our moral standards apply. This very way of thinking will lose the respect, friendship, and cooperation of these nations for us.

We have just witnessed another colossal failure of policy based on military force. Let us not repeat the mistakes of Britain and France in the Middle East. Such action will cripple us in the ideological struggle, and place us in immediate danger of the total war which we cannot afford.

To our militaristic foreign policy is now to be added the Eisenhower doctrine committing us to military involvement in the Middle East.

Expression of public opinion received by mail in Washington has been eight to one against such involvement. We feel it our responsibility as citizens of the United States to add to this manifestation of opinion. As students we have the unique opportunity to do so. If you feel as we do:

1. Write individual letters to your senator, expressing your views.
2. Urge your student government to draft a petition against our policy in the Middle East, to be sent to the President.

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From a Bird's Eye . . .

And so, the year passes . . . "Tempus fugit"? Yep, how time has flown. March has crept in rather quietly with all her lamblike grace. The grey of the winter tree is beginning to change to green; the weeping willow thickening its foliage. The daffodils and hyacinths seem to be unaware of nature's mischievous tendency to warmly lure them from their cold weather earth-beds up and into the world — only to become the victims of recurrent cold and ice. The May Court will soon choose and decide upon the proper "courtly attire" for that Big Day. The new building has begun to acquire a middle. The stage of its hither-to open-air auditorium will soon be shrouded from the sky by a proper peaked roof and will then have aural day and moonlight so long as

to depend upon windows for its nature — the building remains a standing structure . . .

Members of the glee club are anticipating that all-important spring tour which begins the last of this month. "Only six more regular rehearsals." (A direct quote from Mr. Adams who smilingly but rather wickedly emphasized the "regular".) Not only are many of the selections planned for use on tour very beautiful (i.e. "The Last Words of David", "Beethoven's 'Hallelujah Chorus'", from "Mount of Olives", etc. . . .) and should provide pleasant listening but are also a privilege and pleasure to learn and sing. The lighter pieces are cheerful, pretty and sometimes absolutely plumb hearty!

Honestly, what will those boys do next?! The other day the lily pond looked like a miniature lake

Mrs. Lavender Now On Library Staff

Miss Clark, former librarian of the Brevard College Library, found it necessary to resign her post because of sickness in her family. Her post has been filled by Mrs. Stevenson, who has taken over the general management and interim of the library, and Mrs. Lavender, who is now doing the cataloguing. Mrs. Lavender has her master's degree in psychology from Bucknell University. She resides at Lake Junaluska where she is cataloguing a rare collection of books for the World Council of Methodist Churches. She spends two days a week, Thursday and Friday, on Brevard College campus working in the library.

Her husband, until his retirement, worked on a job connected with the rehabilitation of prisoners in Pennsylvania. Before her husband's retirement, Mrs. Lavender worked at Bucknell University, and catalogued for the largest Sunday School library in the world which she helped found. This library is in Louisburg, Pennsylvania, and is used by the city as its library.

Mrs. Lavender collects stamps, pictures, and postcards. Of all of these her main hobby is postcards. She has 65,000 postcards catalogued and another 15,000 which are not catalogued in her collection.

The couple moved to Junaluska because they were tired of the extreme weather of Yankee-land and because they liked this part of the country. They bought a home on Lake Junaluska then built another in which they now reside.

Mrs. Lavender has led a very interesting and colorful life, and we welcome her to Brevard College.

(or an oversized bathtub)! set aside for boat racing. 'Course the tiny motor (run by batteries) had to be shared, so only one boat could perform at a time. I'm not sure who had the most ship-shape craft . . . Dave, Mac, Warner, or Roland, but one little vessel seemed to positively lose his rudder and zoomed merrily around in a constant circle right smack-dab in the middle of the pond where no one could reach him 'til the waves he caused were spilling over the sides of the pool! Everybody knows it's against the rules to be IN the pond — but it did look as if someone would have to stoop to some extreme measure in order to rescue that runaway boat . . . Between Ed and Warner, it was finally retrieved, (they did it with a long stick and a long arm) his borrowed motor removed and the racing resumed. Don't ask me who outraced who . . . but I believe the runaway was the best of all!

This seems to be the "Go Fly a Kite" month and quite a few (kites, that is) may be seen drifting high above the chimneys of Brevard Tech. There is even a night flyer — for goodness sakes. Oh, 'tis thrilling to observe activities on Ye Ole

Mrs. Lobdell Has Interesting Story

This article is a second in a series of articles about a member of the college faculty. We at Brevard are fortunate to have in our science department Mrs. Mary Gladys Lobdell.

Mrs. Lobdell was born on a Mississippi plantation. She attended Mississippi State College for Women where she received her B. S. degree.

Mrs. Lobdell had planned to be a doctor but after talking with one of her uncles and weighing the question carefully, she decided to major in Zoology. But on the advice of the head of the department, she majored in Botany to get the proper foundation for graduate work in Zoology. Mrs. Lobdell received her Masters degree from the university of Illinois and has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota. Results of her research have appeared in several publications.

Mrs. Lobdell was one of 117 ecologists asked to participate in the description of areas still in a natural state that should be set apart as natural parks or preserves. Mrs. Lobdell wrote the section on Mississippi of the NATURALISTS' GUIDE TO THE AMERICAS. An interesting side line is that this book was picked in the first forty to be placed in the library at Geneva, Switzerland.

Her hobbies include stamp collecting, doing historical research, and drawing house plans.

Mrs. Lobdell said this about her interests, "I never did anything in my life that wasn't interesting."

Mrs. Lobdell has been at Brevard since 1942 and thinks that this college is one of the best junior colleges in this country.

She offers this advice to students who are planning to major in science, "Be certain to have a good foundation before you start to specialize."

Choir Festival To Be Sunday Afternoon

The Brevard Civic Chorus, directed by Prof. Nelson Adams, of the Brevard College music faculty, is sponsoring a choir festival in the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 10, at 4:30. Approximately 150 children and youth will be singing, in addition to the Civic Chorus, of which several college students are members.

Campus lately!

Plans for the "Stunt Night" performance, which will be a sort of initiation service for the Student Union Building, are beginning in earnest. Rehearsals will begin after mid-term exams. This, as a "Freshman - Sophomore Project" should prove to be very successful as well as being an opportunity for lots of fun for all who participate.

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