

## LISTEN - WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured and far away."

Thoreau

How often do we laugh at someone — a fellow student, an acquaintance, a person we only meet and never see again — for being "different"? for daring to stand alone, disdaining to follow the crowd?

We look out from our cocoon of no problems, no responsibilities, no fears — the cocoon that we wrapped ourselves in when we started letting everyone else think our thoughts for us — and we laugh. We laugh, perhaps, because we do not understand this individual who is not afraid to be an individual; or perhaps we laugh because we envy this person — we want to dare to be ourselves, too, but we lack the courage. And maybe a few of us laugh because we really think we "have it made" while this other person is out of the crowd only because he can't get in. We are safe; we belong. We do not have to stand alone and voice an opinion and then be able to support this opinion. We do not have to bother with being an individual with responsibilities both to ourselves and others.

How narrow we are! how blind! The only men and women who have succeeded in every field are those who have pulled away from the binding confines of conformity, and have given their true selves a chance to breathe, to live. Many of the great leaders of the world have been branded eccentric, different, unusual. Of course! How could they attain any status of power or influence if they allowed someone else to do their thinking for them; if someone else directed their every word and action?

Following the crowd might be the easiest way out, but is that what we are seeking? We must put something into life — what we give is what we receive.

Yes, if someone does not conform to a set standard perhaps it is because he hears a different beat. And perhaps this beat is the one meant only for him. If we would all only listen, it is possible that there is a separate beat for each of us to step to.

## WELCOME BREVARDIANS

September has rolled around again. To our green freshmen, this first month will be a whirlwind of fresh adventures, strange faces, different living habits, and weird new ideas. Altogether, this whirlwind will blow through their brains sweeping out old established modes of thought, creating in the vacant space, new, and at first, strange ideas. Now at college, the freshman alone must decide which and whose standards and ideas will influence him. Freshmen, you're on your own now; maintain your individualism and initiative; stick to the grind now, and the reward will materialize around January 20. (Grades?)

But, let's not omit the sophomores with this welcome. Of course, last year's teacher (Sophomores are sure) could not wait to see their former students. The returning sophomores also welcomed seeing the familiar faculty faces once again.

The Sophomores, like old-timers, can be seen striding the campus walking in a cocky manner as if saying, "I've completed a year here, and I really know the ropes, You Green Freshmen. . ." Even if they do produce this effect, down deep they, too, are just as wary of this year as any freshman could be.

Speaking of new faces, the campus is loaded with a new stock of teachers. Last year, many beloved faces saw their old classrooms for the last time; these are now in retirement or in new teaching homes. Although

## Faculty - Student Workshop Plans Year, Welcomes Frosh

Brevard College's 1966 Faculty Work Conference opened September 7 with the theme, "The Role of a Christian College in Higher Education."

The faculty members heard addresses by President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., Chaplain C. Edward Roy, Mr. Alan Wallace, Mr. Nelson Adams, Mrs. C. Edward Roy, and the main speaker, Mr. J. Everette Spell.

Mr. Spell, who is a native South Carolinian, received the A. B. degree from Wofford College and did graduate study at Duke University and the University of Tennessee. His area of work is counseling and guidance, and he specializes in family counseling. Formerly superintendent of Oak Grove in Charleston, S. C., he is now the director of Family and Children's Services of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Spell has held offices in the National Association of Social Workers and the Child Welfare League of America. He served during World War II with the Army Medical Corps.

Mr. Spell has published articles in various professional journals, the most outstanding

being "Christian Dynamics" in **Social Philosophy and Practice.**

Mr. Spell's presentations to the faculty were very stimulating and he has been asked to return for speaking engagements during the school year to continue discussions on counseling and guidance.

Also during the work conference, departmental meetings were held as well as faculty committee meetings to make plans for the school year.

September 9 the members of the student workshop arrived and attended meetings concerning leadership, objectives of student groups, and planning sessions for organizations.

A picnic at Camp Deerwoode for faculty, staff and families and students representatives ended the Workshop.

During the three day orientation period new students were briefed on college policy and standards, were tested for guidance and placement, and entertained at several dances.

Registration Day, September 14, was the end of the orientation period and the beginning of the 1966-67 Academic year of Brevard College.

# The Times That Count

Meeting someone and finding that he or she has many interests in common with you; sitting up late in the night discussing your views on life with your roommate; cheering up your next-door neighbor who is a little homesick; uncovering a new area of knowledge that was previously non-existent to you; seeing the friendly smiles of other students while walking in the rain; rising with the entire student body for the chapel benediction — these are some of the things that so often go unnoticed — the small happenings that, when noticed, make us feel that we belong at college. We study, work, and play; we wonder where we are and why; we ask ourselves, "Who am I?" Then, to the fortunate ones, comes a moment sometime when we no longer wonder or question. We truly become students, roommates, sweethearts. We mature; we understand.

These are the times that count.

These are the golden moments along the way.

## Many New Books Added To Library; Others Catalogued

Thomas Wolfe, *Drury's Advice and Consent*, and *Born Free*, by Adamson, are just three of the recent best sellers that students will soon be seeing on the shelves of the library.

History students, as well as other interested in historical biographies will be able to find such outstanding personalities as Charles II, Peter the Great, Hannibal, Cyrus the Great, and Eleanor of Aquitaine, captured by various outstanding biographers.

Several books on personality and charm, manners, and room decoration can prove quite useful to all students.

In the reference section, a new set of the Americana Encyclopedia has been added. This set was purchased with special funds given in memory of Dean C. E. Buckner.

A gift from the Men's Bible Class and the Methodist Men, in memory of Dean J. J. Stevenson, is being used to purchase books of a "luxury" nature. One of these, *Living Insects of the World* contains scores of beautiful color plates and much pertinent information to interest the nature lovers as well as the entomologists.

Since June, 500 books have been recatalogued and relabeled for students' benefit. Many new copies of standard fiction have been purchased to replace worn discarded classics.

It is in the interest of all student's that the libraries are concentrating intently on obtaining literature concerning the forthcoming election. Books detailing duties of the president and impartial biographies of the candidates may be found there soon.

Remember—Employers say—"Send me a man who reads."

## When You're Alone

By Vandalyn Brown

Here we are. Whether freshman or sophomore, each of us is starting down the wonderful, exciting, unusual, and at times wearying road that will lead to the end of the 1966-67 Brevard College year. It is a long road, marked by experiences on every side. These come in the form of disappointments to be overcome, decisions to be made, relationships to be built and rebuilt, ourselves to be understood.

The bad, depressing times will be there along with the good. But these should not be sidestepped for with each disappointment we rise above, each problem we solve, we mature. And, too, without these times how could we appreciate the times free of trouble and doubt?

Brevard College has already changed the lives of everyone of us. It will keep on changing it, adding a little here and a little there. It will become a part of us because it will give us some of our greatest joys and, possibly, some sorrows also.

But in the end we will look back over our two years here and we will see how much college has done for us. For it will have done a great deal if we will only wake up NOW and not be afraid of the changes it will bring to us.

Yes, it is a long road and one entirely different from any we have ever been on before. But it is also the most interesting one we have ever traveled. May we walk it well, devoting ourselves to it.

## Council Tells Of Plans For Coming Year

The Christian Council coordinates all the religious activities and the programs on the campus. It promotes and directs religious events. Its main objective is to engage all students in some expression of Christian faith while on campus.

The main activities for this year are the Thanksgiving banquet on November 22, the lighting of the Christmas tree, possibly a carol sing, Religious Em-

phasis Week, the Easter program and the annual sunrise service.

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they will be, and already have been missed, the fresh, new teachers have already found cubbyholes to call their own at Brevard. Not only physically have they established themselves here, but already they have wiggled their way into the students' hearts.

WELCOME all of you, Freshmen, Sophomores, new and returning Teachers. With sincere wishes, the CLARION hopes that this year will be a record-building one for the entire Brevard College community.

## Reception For

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ward Roy. Assisting with the serving in the faculty lounge were alumnae of the college.

The reception, an annual social event of the year, was followed by a dance in the auditorium sponsored by the Mnemosyneans and Delphian Societies.

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