

## Our Blessings Are Often Disguised

At times, when we're feeling "blue" and discouraged, we tend to criticize our teachers rather harshly for the "impossible" homework assignments, or for "the test that Einstein couldn't have passed."

But later, after we transfer from Brevard to a senior college, most of us will probably realize that the "impossible" assignments and tests were really designed to bring out the best in us, to make us work harder and learn more.

The following letter from Miss Barbara Parks, a sophomore at Brevard last year, should make some of us more appreciative of what we have.

"There are some teachers at Brevard whom I'd like to thank for helping me. Although when they were teaching me, I didn't realize what a great value their courses were.

Mrs. Lobdell prepared me very adequately for the great shock I received when I began taking a biology course at a senior college. They're hard, and without a good foundation I would have been lost.

Mr. Keeter, who really put me to the task, gave me a workable knowledge of mathematics which was very valuable to me in physics last semester.

To Mr. Miles goes all my respect and admiration, for the universal truths he showed me, and for the man that he is.

I owe much to Miss Nicholson for tutoring me in chemistry. I have found her teaching to be priceless.

There are others who complimented my knowledge, but to these four I am indeed indebted."

Barbara Parks

## SHOULD WE ADOPT A CHILD?

Dottie Ballew

The second meeting of the societies and clubs on campus was held Monday, April 30. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the adoption of a child.

The campaign has already started to get the students interested in this program. It is hoped by the leaders of the various organizations and faculty that this will strike the students as a worthwhile project.

Some students will ask the question, "Why should we adopt a foreign student when there are American children who need aid?" But we in America are more fortunate than those abroad. If a child in America has the **Ambition** to go to school and college he can go. He may not have the money; but if there is enough will power, in a person, he can make it through, many young people have done it and will continue to do so. But a foreign child does not have the opportunity we Americans do!

To introduce the students to the project, Jack Phillips gave a speech in chapel today. Jack was chosen to speak because he just naturally has a way with words!

This is a chance for the students at Brevard College to really feel that they have a part in something. And they do, they have a "share" in a child. If you will stop and think about it, it will give you a warm feeling to know that we have given someone an opportunity to have a home and go to college, which otherwise he would not have had.

Remember this is an opportunity to show that we, the students at Brevard College, are mature and responsible enough to take this upon ourselves.



LORRAINE MARTIN

What quality do you look for most in your date?

Betty Erwin — Courtesy.  
Russell Pearson — Thriftiness.  
Ann Miller — Somebody who is sincere and has a good personality.

George Brown — Neatness.  
Nancy Poppell — Someone who shows you a real good time and is a good conversationalist.

Lynn Whitley — Thoughtfulness and sincerity.

Nancy Marshall — Fun to be with.

Bill Burgin — Good sense of humor.

Pat Morrissey — "Spastic" Lance.

Lynn Wells — Good personality and good time.

Mickey Ingram — Dress properly for the occasion.

Randy McKnight — Full of life.

Juan Reddick — Sharpness.

Pat Orr — Ivy League.

Pam Boone — Sports, religion, good manners.

Oscar Smith — Proud to be seen with her.

## Woods Are Dry: Prevent Forest Fires

In spite of the fact that winter and early spring have been accompanied by a surplus of moisture, particularly in the Piedmont and Mountain sections, the spring winds have dried the surface to the extent that the danger of forest fires has become critical.

Many small woods fires and a few major forest fires have emphasized the risks involved at this season. The work of the Forest Service has proved to be an invaluable aid in protecting our forests, but this group alone is not enough. All citizens should be aware of the danger of careless or accidental action that might bring serious loss to our woodlands.

All of us have a valuable stake in our forests which promise valuable returns from forest production in the years to come. Let's all try to protect them.

## S. G. A. Candidates

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Lorraine Martin, from Murphy, N. C., and Joyce West, from Stanley, N. C.

Jeanne Cleary, from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida has been announced as the editor of the *Pertelote*, the college yearbook.

The *Pertelote* editor is not an elective office. The S.G.A. handbook committee also plans to remove the *Clarion* editor next year from the number of elective S.G.A. officers.

Wednesday, May 9, from 9:00-3:00 has been selected as the day of registering and voting. The voting will be carried out by secret ballot.

The ballot box will be located in the lobby of Dunham Hall, where a member of the S.G.A. will preside.

## Kampus Kommentar

By JOHN GOINS

No one can fully appreciate the experience of fighting a forest fire until he himself has lived through it: the back-breaking labor . . . the close-to-nature feeling generated by a day spent on the side of a mountain . . . the danger that often accompanies such an experience . . . and lastly, the pride that comes after finally defeating your larger opponent.

Dressed in boots and rough-looking clothes as we left the campus on the back of a truck, we pictured ourselves as strong "he-men" who were going to go charging up the side of a mountain, whip off our shirt, wet it in a convenient, near-by creek, and then go charging to the rescue of a beautiful young maiden cut off by the flames from her millionaire father . . . Ah, sad delusion, vain delight! If fairy tales only came true . . .

First of all, we did not go charging up the side of a mountain — we crawled. We did not whip off our shirts — we put on our coats. There was no convenient near-by creek — it was 200 yards straight down the side of a mountain. There was no beautiful young maiden — only tough-looking old rangers continually cussing us for our stupidity and inexperience.

The first act of a forest-fire fighter is not, as some are led to believe, to run to the fire and begin immediately beating the flames, but rather to contain the fire within certain limits. This is accomplished by clearing a "fire-line," a five to ten feet wide space cleared of all things burnable. If the fire is encircled with a fire-line, and is not allowed to jump over the line, it will soon burn itself out.

The back-breaking labor comes in clearing a fire-line of leaves, wood, and other debris, and then patrolling the line to see that the fire doesn't jump over.

According to an experienced ranger, in fighting forest fires the chief danger lies, not in the fire itself, but in the falling trees that have been "gutted" by fire. This is especially true of the "mopping-up" operation.

## Man Without Food? Just Can't Be Done!

JOYCE WEST

It has often been said that the route to the heart of a man is through his stomach. A recent discovery reveals that the route to a man's brain (if he has one) also goes through his stomach. What does all of this route-finding lead to? Simply, it forms the basis of communication with a man.

When there is a subject that needs to be discussed with a man, whether it is pleasant or unpleasant, a little forethought, a good deal of ingenuity, and a lot of food will prepare the way.

Man can occasionally resist the charms of a beautiful woman (just occasionally), but can seldom resist that age-old weapon called food. Man can do without a lot of things—but he just can't do without food. For example, take away a man's razor and what is left? A bearded but well-fed man. Take away his liberty and what have you? A well-fed man right where a woman wants him. Take away his initiative and what's left? A well-fed, but manageable man. Take away his eyesight and his speech and what's left? A silenced, but never the less well-fed wolf. Take away his girl and what's left? A well-fed wretch. But take away his food and what's left? Nothing. He becomes a miserable, skinny, weak, worthless shell of a man.

### MORAL OF THIS STORY

When you want to speak to a man, use a language that he understands — food. Feed him well, and then he is quite manageable.

tion, where fighters must venture beyond the fire-line in order to extinguish the last of the flames, and where fire-weakened trees are apt to fall long after the fire has been put out.

Wherever man goes, no matter how tired and worn — over he is, he can usually find something to laugh at: Gene Balla running head-on into a tree while running from one that was falling; Joel Stevenson rolling down the mountain while fleeing from the same tree; the high-school kid at Al's (where Uncle Sam treated us to breakfast) ordering tossed salad for breakfast!

## CHRISTIAN WITNESS ON CAMPUS

By BOB SPENCER

Many times this year I have written criticisms of the religious life on our campus. These criticisms, I feel, were warranted. I think, though, there is more to be done than simply to go around criticizing everything, so today I wish to commend you on what you have done this year, especially the boys and their prayer chapel.

Early in this school year a few devoted Christian boys started a prayer chapel, and held evening devotions. For some time the chapel existed only in a small way. Then it began to grow larger and larger, until today there are more than twenty active attendants.

The one thing that has made this chapel work is the fact that all who come are a part of it. The boys take turns at prepar-

ing the program. All get something from it because all put something into it.

The point I would like to emphasize is the type of boys that attend. They are sound Christians who are willing to stand up for their beliefs. Some of them may not go to church, but then the church does not always offer what they are seeking: a chance to take part in and be a part of a 20th century worship service.

I challenge the religious club on our campus to follow the example of these boys. Open your doors to all, make all a part of your fellowship, and offer those who come what they are seeking.

A thought to remember: Every noble work seems first impossible.

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