

## The Shorts Question

There seems to be a growing dissension on campus concerning the new rules on dress, especially the rule limiting the wearing of shorts. This conflict is due partly to a lack of communication between the students and administration of the College — an old problem at Brevard.

The students have several objections to the policy changes. First they object because they feel that the new rules infringe upon their basic rights and freedom. They also feel that they are being made a part of some hypocrisy by having to put up a front for the public. This generation's aversion to such dishonesty is famous. Related to this latter objection is the belief that these rule changes are a part of the archaic, prudish ideas attributed to the Methodist Church.

On the other side of this question — the side which is so often vague or concealed from the student body — the administration has its reasons for instigating this change in policy. They did so, in a sincere effort to improve the intellectual climate of this college. The new rules are a product of the theory that a neat environment promulgates "neat thinking." On the surface, this is probably a sound concept. But here, due to student prejudice and other corrupting factors, this theory is not very likely to succeed. Even if it did succeed would its results be necessarily good? Shouldn't individuals be able to decide when they are going to have a certain frame of mind? Must we all think like mathematicians on the main campus except on Saturday afternoon and think like poets only on the north side of King's Creek? If the students are going to think, it is my opinion that the administration should not govern how they do it. Therefore, they should not govern how they dress, either, if thinking is actually related to one's apparel.

## CLASS OF 1970

A message to the Brevard College Freshmen, the Class of 70:

**Concentration:** It is one thing to attend college, but will all of you concentrate on the important tasks set before you? Will you reach the obtainable goals you have set for yourself? One criteria for obtaining these goals is the amount of concentration each of you puts forth every day.

**Learning:** What you learn is in large measure up to your professors. How you use this knowledge is primarily up to you. You assimilate and react to the material that is presented and in so doing, the learning process takes place for you.

**Activity:** There are two kinds of activity. The college designs co-curricular activities for you. Clubs and organizations make up this form of activity. There is also the activity of the mind. Those of you who will seek knowledge, who question and extend yourselves within the academic milieu are bound to succeed.

**Scholarship:** Purposeful scholarship is the name of the game. Put it to work for you.

**Social:** The ability to interact with people in a meaningful way will determine your view of Brevard College and the way in which you envision the world. Those of you who are aware of the needs of others and who attempt to get along with your associates will receive much more than the Associate in Arts degree in 1970.

**Objectives:** Formulate your objectives and keep them in mind as you continue your college program.

**Future:** Realize your capabilities and plan your future accordingly.

**1970** if the previous analysis is correct, you will be ready for 1970. No one can predict the future with precise accuracy, but you can be ready for the future if you do your best every day.

## Letters...

Dear Mr. Editor:

It has come to my attention that Brevard College can do a tremendous service to local high school seniors that many colleges throughout the nation, large and small, are already doing. I think that it would be a great help to prospective college students and to the future student body of BC if high school seniors were allowed to take courses here for college credit. However, for the student to gain the hours, he or she must first graduate from high school.

I know as a day student that there is a great misunderstanding of Brevard College and its quality as a college possessed by many students of Brevard, Rosman, and Hendersonville High School. When the name of Brevard College is mentioned to them, the comments they make are "highly unfavorable." If they think the institution is a "sorry place to get an education," let them enroll in a course or two and give them the chance to find out that Brevard College is one of the finest in the nation.

This will eliminate the ignorance of the area students as to BC and at the same time attract more area students to enroll full-time when they graduate from high school.

I would like for the administration to consider this possibility. I think that it would be a great day indeed if the college would initiate such a program.

A Day Student.

## SGA Holds Meeting; Discuss Homecoming

The regular meeting of SGA was held on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at eight o'clock. Homecoming was again discussed and for the dance, the Georgia Prophets have been suggested as a band. The final decision on the band has not been reached.

The committee on Committees met Monday for the purpose of selecting members, which are listed below:

Christmas Committee: Jay Ingles, Pat Sweetman, Pat Downing

Student Activities Committee: Phil Baugess, Jackie Tyler, Dave Wendelin

Religious Committee: John Vimont, Monte Sharpe, Jan Gast, Linda Smith

Athletics Committee: Bill Broome, Tom Cahill

Cafeteria Committee: Andy Smith, Patsy Knox, Judy Cox.

Election speeches will be held Tuesday evening, at 6:30 and voting will take place Friday. Informal speeches in the dorms and on campus will be the time after speeches and before elections.

A \$50 award will be given to the best exhibit of the dorm at Homecoming.

The shorts rule was discussed but still no decision has been reached. For those interested in talking to Dean Burgess about this, there will be an informal gathering in front of the auditorium on Friday, Sept. 15, at 5:45.

A required assembly to elect

Cheerleaders for this year will be today at 7 o'clock.

"Beanies" for all freshmen have come in. The cost of a beanie is \$1.25, and each freshman is asked to buy one. (The profit will go towards the Homecoming Dance). The rules for the wearing of the beanies will be set up and presented to the SGA by the next meeting.

## Price Of Lawlessness

(The McDowell News & Transylvania Times)

Tolerance of violence and property destruction may diminish when the price of our "permissive anarchy" hits home. An inkling of that price has been given by a spokesman for the insurance industry. He says, "No business . . . can continue to operate in a society where order, reason and confidence do not prevail. The insurance business alone cannot continue to offer security to property owners when these spasms of lawlessness which at times seem to approach insurrection become so widespread and frequent . . ."

No business or industry can turn a wheel without insurance. Legislation is now pending in Congress for the federal government — the taxpayers — to provide reinsurance. However much one may deplore further involvement of government in the financial and economic life of the nation, the alternatives in this instance are even more grim. Excessive riot losses could bring about a total collapse of insurance coverage in metropolitan centers whether the taxpayers could then be expected to assume the awesome cost of rebuilding and insuring our cities is doubtful.

Restablishment of law and order in the land is the only permanent solution. On this depends our survival as a nation. We should not lose sight of the fact that a subsidy for anarchy in the form of taxpayer guaranteed insurance coverage for the uninsurable risk of urban warfare is a stop-gap measure. It will ease for the time being the pain of the disease, but it most surely will not cure the malady that afflicts this nation.

## Ask, And It Shall...

(Matt. 7:7) Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

As school begins, there are many questions being asked. Even the sophomores with their great wisdom are at times more confused than the freshmen. There is so much happening that many of us feel completely lost. So we run to ask the house counselors, faculty advisors, teachers, deans, and others what to do and when to do it. We depend upon their answers to lead our lives on campus. Yet even with these answers we feel lost.

Who do we ask finally to know that we are leading in the right direction? What is the right direction? We depend upon many people, asking question after question, but do we ever once ask God which direction to go?

Many freshmen last year had to go home before Christmas because they couldn't adjust: also many didn't return after Christmas because of their grades. This happens every year and will happen again this year. The people who had to go home didn't because of a lack of mental ability. They went home because they had no purpose for being here. Do you as a student at Brevard have a real purpose for being here or are you here because this is an age when most young people are going to college?

This is your school and you can make of it what you want. You can leave it or can stay and get involved. You have to ask to get involved and the first one to ask how is Christ.

If you accept God's love, you

can't help but promote a better atmosphere on campus. This includes joining clubs and pitching in to help wherever it is needed — helping dorm mothers, helping fellow students and helping yourself.

God gave this great beauty around us. He also gave life to each one. If we fail to ask him for direction, if we just sit back and don't care, we are robbing ourselves of all this bounty of love which we can have for the asking.

What questions do you have? This column is open for you, the students. Any questions or contribution you have will be appreciated. Get involved and let us know your feelings; and we, together with God's help, will seek the answer.

## The CLARION

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