

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be received before Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. of each week. Letters should be typed (double space) and must be signed. If any of the content is to be altered, the author will be consulted before publishing.

Dear Editor:

On October 29, 1968, I walked through the Classroom Building and stopped to get a drink of water. As I was waiting in line, I noticed a sign on the wall stating:

"Have you heard about the new doll named Dean Burgess? Wind her up and she makes a new rule and laughs!"

I was startled at first, almost amused; but I suddenly became disgusted with myself when I saw kids going by joking and laughing about it. I walked out and went to my dorm, thinking about how big a stupid jerk I had been for not taking the sign down. The truth is that I was plain scared. I was scared of what the students would say. A mean feeling of hate beat within me, a self-hate because I had been gutless. I tried to rationalize — but I couldn't, for inside me I knew the truth. So I went back and tore down the poster.

So you're asking — why did I do a dumb thing like that? And I couldn't give the exact reason — at least not right after I took the poster down. But slowly it came to me. Dean Burgess is a very real human being; she is no robot, constantly thinking up bad things to do to the students. I know she has her faults — but if you haven't any, then you must be a deity. I know she has made mistakes, and I know also that the students have the privilege to question and argue her rulings. But I know also that she has her pride, as does anyone, and she has feelings, as does anyone.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of the proposals sent to the Presidential Council. I think they are just and state the general feeling of the students and I believe that the main basis for the proposals can be stated in one word, **MATURITY**. We want the chance to be able to make our own decisions, and to a certain degree, we must have the chance. But this maturity is not just a decision making thing. It is the ability

to cope with problems and to work with other people. Do you question this? Think about it honestly. It's up to each individual student to decide, not the mass.

Kenny Eaton

Dear Editor:

It looks as if the SGA is picking on the administration again. Now they want everything! They're asking for reasonable drinking rules, a sane classcut system, voluntary chapel, abolishment of assinine dress rules. They even want to release the female students from their imprisonment. What is wrong with these agitators? They are trying to force their ideas on people who don't want to hear about it.

The proposals that these so called leaders have made would give each student the responsibility for himself. This may be fine for people, but others do not want to have to make their own decisions for themselves. They would rather have right and wrong (or a fascimile thereof) spelled out for them. After all, these rules were made to help us, to protect us. It is much easier to accept the wisdom of others than to question it.

Some students on this campus have the audacity to presume that they can run their own lives and from their own standards and morals. Such people are dangerous to a Christian institution. How are Christians going to help people who don't need any help? Our mommies and daddies didn't send us to school to be exposed to the cruel, nasty old world. We need to be sheltered so that we can grow up big and strong. (Who needs to think anyway?)

If the Presidential Council accepts these proposals, they will be throwing a lot of innocent people into a "sink or swim" situation. Only the best would survive. This is definitely not a Christian attitude to take.

Bill Rankin

SGA Proposes Changes

The Student Government Association respectfully submits the following proposals which represent those problems of greatest concern to the student body. Each problem has been stated after much thought and discussion. We thank the Presidential Council for their willingness to help us and hope that this will be the first step in better communications between the administration, faculty, and students.

We realize that all of our proposals will not be changed by the Council, but we hope that you will be able to clarify those which you feel have value.

The following is a list of the main problems on campus which have brought the most student unrest.

DRINKING RULE

The students agree that due to the Methodist stand on drinking that drinking cannot be tolerated on campus, but the students also feel that drinking off campus should be left to their own discretion, realizing the fact that they may not come back to the campus in any degree of intoxication.

We are sure that the Administration and Faculty realize that this is a morale problem on campus, not only because it forces abstinence, but because it creates hypocrisy. (It is no secret to anyone on campus that well over one-half of the student body indulges.) This hypocrisy is poisoning the relationship between administrators, faculty, and students on campus. (Students are afraid to express themselves freely to administrators, faculty and their friends for fear of endangering their status and the status of others.)

When we came to Brevard, we did not come under the assumption that the Methodist stand on drinking would be imposed upon us off campus. In essence the Methodist Church is acting as a tyrannical father in making our moral decisions for us in regard to drinking off-campus.

We realize that students are the legal responsibility of the college at any time that they are not under the jurisdiction of their parents. We wish to point out that legal responsibility should be confined to legal matters and that a vast majority of the student body are allowed to drink according to the laws of North Carolina.

DEDUCTION OF QUALITY POINTS

The students feel, along with a number of faculty members, that the deduction of quality points is an unfair means of punishment.

The students should not be penalized by deducting quality points for excess absences from chapel, classes, lyceums, and assemblies. Since quality points are not given for these functions (except classes), the students' hard earned quality points should not be deducted for failure to attend.

Our recommendations for changing this policy are these:

1. These functions should be on a voluntary basis. A student who desires to attend these functions shows an interest and will probably benefit from them.
2. Campusment, instead of quality point deduction should be given for excess

sive absences from chapel, assemblies, and lyceums.

3. Suspension should not be given because of a loss of four quality points due to absences from these functions and classes.

SHORTS RULE

The students feel that in order to engage in the academic and social life of a college community in a manner that reflects the maturity and responsibility demanded by such pursuits, that they must be afforded the freedom of expression necessary for their self-respect and meaningful development through individual decision. Therefore, the S.G.A. respectfully requests the removal of the condescending and belittling code of dress now being imposed upon the Brevard student body and that it be replaced by a policy which recognizes the student's ability to make choices with regard to dress. This would be in keeping with that level of maturity which the college rightfully might expect of any person old enough to work, raise a family, and die in his nation's armed services.

The following is a list of problems which are considered by many as trivial. But to the students, these problems cause unnecessary hardship and are insulting to their degree of maturity.

1. The new shorts ruling including the revisions made by the Residence Council last month.
2. The divisions and restrictions placed on main campus and back campus.
3. Girls being confined to their rooms one - half hour after closing hours and being disciplined for not following the rule.
4. The needless red tape in obtaining permission to leave the campus overnight. At the beginning of the year, parents filled out a blank permission form which stated the conditions under which their daughter could leave campus. Why then is there a necessity to have additional permission to leave. As the system stands now, a girl must get an invitation from the place she is going to, get a signed letter from her parents saying that she may go there; she must sign out with her hall proctors on a green card, and still she must sign a white card which is sent to her parents telling them where she went.
5. Students do not see why they must pay one dollar for an additional meal ticket after the first one is lost. If anything, the price for a new one should be lowered.
6. Students cannot understand the five - dollar automobile registration fee which is supposed to be spent on maintaining and fixing the parking facilities. If the money is used for this purpose, why do administrators, faculty and students have to drive on the pot-holed roads of the campus?

REVISIONS TO THE CUT SYSTEM

The students feel that the present cut system should be re-

vised. Our recommendations are these:

1. Students should be able to take as many cuts as does not exceed the twenty percent limit of class tendance as set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges. This would include missing class for any reason (such as college activities, illness, etc.)
2. The number of cuts should be determined by each professor for his own class.
3. There should be an increase of one class cut for each student regardless of academic average. This would eliminate the double cut system which is in effect before and after holidays. (The double cut system restricts some students from leaving early and sometimes not being able to get home at all.)

The Student Government Association is asking the Administration to look at the student body as mature, capable students and citizens. We realize that there are those students who are not mature and need help; but in helping these people, which are a minority on our campus, they should not infringe or ignore the maturity of the majority which can be trusted.

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STUDENTS...

May I express my appreciation to the men from Green who led the drive to reopen the Student Center. Order is possible without freedom, but freedom is never possible without some semblance of order. Freedom demands that we respect the rights of others.

To paraphrase Shakespeare, "He who steals my purse steals trash . . . but he who filches from me my right to use the Tornado room robs me of that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed."

Thank you for accepting the responsibility of those who deny freedom to others but want it only for themselves.

Dean Whicker

Moral Decay At BC?

"Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of extortion and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who made the outside also make the inside? But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you."

"But woe to you Pharisees! for you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! for you love the best seat in the synagogues and salutations in the market places. Woe to you! for you are like graves which are not seen, and men walk over them without knowing it." (Luke 11: 39-44)

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