

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The Whitewash

And the snows came. Thus was the scene both Saturday and Monday on the Brevard College campus. It is true that the snow reigned as one of the most beautiful sights to hit the campus since the issuance of the meal tickets, and the white fluffy flakes sent many students rollicking across campus.

But what did the snows do? Did it clear the troubled air floating around the campus for the past couple of months? It all started with the shorts question, but now this seems outdated, for even the most die-hard girl would scoff at the idea of walking across front campus in shorts — day or night.

The drinking problems, or question as the case may be, also raised many red faces on the BC campus during the weeks preceding the snows. Will this, along with the high question of dope, be dampened with the white crystals silently falling?

Reports of theft in the dorms, lockers, and in the Classroom Building also occurred before the six-pointed crystals slipped down from the heavily laden skies. Will this too fail to recur in the future?

Will the unspeaking, undoing, nonlasting crystals whitewash the slate clean and put the administration and student body back on a better base of understanding and unite them to strive faster and easier toward a common goal?

Social Calendar Announced

- 15 Fri. 8:15 — Modern Dance Lecture - Demonstration 8:15 Dunham
- 16 Sat. Cross Country Nationals - Kansas (Lawrence)
- 17 Sun. Drama "The Rainmaker" - The Barn 8:15
- 18 Mon. Spanish Club - Dunham 7:00
- 20 Wed. 7:00 Chapel - Miss Helen Rosser
- 21 Thurs. 5:30 Newman Club - Myers Dining Hall
- 7:30 There - Basketball - Gainesville, Ga.
- 7:30 Transylvania County Social Service-Faculty Lounge
- 22 Fri. 5:30 Methodist Student Fellowship - Myers Dining Hall
- 8:00 Recital - Dunham - Debbie van Sciver featured Sophomore Recital

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A Difficult Task For Pres. Nixon

Although confident with the success of victory, Richard Nixon will have a difficult task of re-uniting the people. His margin of victory, the 26 Illinois electoral votes, indicates the sharp split of the major political forces.

The division of votes between Humphrey, Wallace and Nixon resulted in a narrow miss of a Constitutional crisis over who would be elected President. Humphrey swept the Negro and Jewish vote; Wallace, the deep-rooted conservatives; and Nixon on the middle-class. These clashing forces must be reconciled and are foremost in Nixon's mind. This is also evident in the post-election speeches of both the leading party candidates.

Humphrey has made a call to "get on with the job" of unity and has admirably endorsed the President-elect, Nixon, accepting Humphrey's endorsement has pledged a complete re-appraisal of the foreign and domestic policies causing so much dissension.

Nixon's outlined proposal of increasing free enterprise in the ghetto is the best and probably the only solution to the ghetto problems. This will also help to instill pride and civic responsibility and meets with the rightful demands of the Negro leaders and residents.

What his plans are for Viet Nam are to date, unclear, but he has openly supported President Johnson's bombing halt. Contradicting some of the suggestions of his aides, he did not see the halt as a political ploy to help Humphrey.

He has also pledged to cooperate with the incumbent administration in their efforts to settle the war in Viet Nam. In addition he has offered to fly to Paris or Saigon to help move the peace talks from their stalemate.

The days ahead will be a time of trial, both for the people and the leaders of the country. The Presidential choice has been made and it is up to the people to reason, compromise and unite so that all may again progress together. For us, the division begins at Brevard. We can be apathetic or constructively concerned, involved or alienated. This question deserves responsible thought. To be unconcerned is to be uninformed; to be uninformed is to be unquestionably controlled.

A Time To Build

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College. Will we find there a solid foundation of knowledge and understanding that we have built? Our work today will determine the answers to that. Today is all we have. With this great opportunity before us, let us make the most of it. For today is a time to build.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Have you ever heard the response of kindergarten age children, who are listening while another child attempts to read a story and stutters over some of the words? Immediately, one can hear the giggles and snickers coming from underneath the breaths of the other children even though the child is earnestly trying to pronounce the words. Well, this is also the response of many Brevard College students whenever some individual is expounding his greatest efforts in order to participate in a program.

There is only one major difference between the reaction of the two groups. The children have not reached the level of maturity where respect has become second nature. As young adults, we should have reached this level before entering college. I think it is rather pathetic when some college students cannot distinguish between moments intended for serious thought and inner searching. If one feels he has the authority to abase the talents and efforts of others, does the same individual have the nerve to examine himself realistically as a man or woman? Who will answer?

Sincerely,

Charlotte Lee

Dear Editor

As evidenced by this year, as perhaps in past years, dogs, which everyone is interested in, have been a fixture on campus.

A dog to which everyone has come to be attached is Sandy, a part German shepherd, mostly brown, and very soft and cuddly.

Last Monday when a dog catcher came to take Sandy, some students took up for the little canine. This action was not intended to be cruel to the catcher, but — rather to be fair to the student body. Sandy has acquired the love of students and especially those who have pets at home.

Later the same day, a "Save the Dog" fund was established in an attempt to get the necessary shots and registration for Sandy. Soon, the little dog had a new collar with a registration number, all at student expense.

But soon, another problem confronted Sandy and his admirers, pets are not allowed in the dorms. However, the rule does not state that pets aren't allowed on campus. The students have been told that Sandy cannot be kept. According to the laws of nature, animals find their own protection.

The teachers have dogs who roam the campus so why should students be deprived of this pleasure?

The students took the responsibility of the dog. This is where the matter should be left. Will it be? It is up to you, the student body.

Kickey Nichols

Dear Editor:

I feel, as many student do, that the administration's ethical and judicial policies are destroying morale on campus.

The concept of justice at Brevard is unique even to the American ideal. The students as a group are judged and punished for individual offenses. All of the students did not burn the table in the Student Union, yet all were prohibited from using this facility. All of the residents of Taylor Hall did not steal money, yet all were threatened with being campus-ed. We are being questioned and harrassed for the purpose of revealing information about the actions of other students.

Generally, we feel that we are under surveillance. A few students have been subjected to "Gestapo tactics"; their rooms have been thoroughly searched and they have been relentlessly questioned. Is all of this necessary? The student patience is being abused.

Something is wrong at Brevard; both the students and administration are unhappy and angry. From the beginning of the year, the Brevard social and moral image has been stressed more than the academic image. Everything seems to be oriented to the idea that we are all irresponsible; students who are responsible are angry and restless. I recognize the difficulties of formulating social policy when there is so much variation in student maturity. I can also see that Brevard genuinely cares about individual students, but its concern is overbearing. The college wants to make a model student from a mold of ten years ago. The student body today is on its way to becoming more critical and cosmopolitan. Let's replace pacifying with reason and progress.

Sincerely,

Tony Galvan

Dear Editor

Let us look down on and downgrade such characters as Dr. Leary, Allen Ginsberg, the hippies, and the regular college Joe, who just wants to give it a try for curiosity's sake. They all smoke pot or drop acid. Shame! We cannot possibly associate with such persons as these, because they are seeking a new thrill in life. We should not be so hypocritical about the situation. Drugs are a symptom of society. To begin with we might consume alcohol, smoke cigarettes, or take sedatives to calm the mind. Strange, these are all accepted by society even though aspirin has caused damage to the brain and liver, and cigarettes have been directly linked to cancer.

There are many types of drugs such as pills to induce sleep, to prevent seasickness, to prevent pregnancy, so why not have a pill to find the ultimate truth in life? They say it is habit-forming, but television, cafein (Have a Coke!), alcohol, sedatives, etc. also produce psychological habituation. Marijuana and LSD (lysergic-acid-

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