

# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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## I SHALL NOT

"And, it came to pass,  
Early in the morning toward the last day of the  
semester,  
There arose a great multitude smiting the books and  
wailing.

And there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth,  
For the day of Judgment was at hand.  
And they were sore afraid, for they had left undone  
Those things which they ought to have done,  
And they had done  
Those things which they ought not to have done  
And there was no help for it.

And there were many abiding in the dorm  
Who had kept watch over their books by night,  
But it availed them naught.

But some were who rose peacefully,  
For they had prepared themselves the way  
And made straight paths of knowledge.  
And these were known  
As wise burners of the midnight oil.  
And to others they were known as "curve raisers."

And the multitude arose  
And ate a hearty breakfast.  
And they came unto the appointed place  
And their hearts were heavy within them.

And they had come to pass,  
But some to pass out.

And some of them  
Repented of their riotous living and bemoaned their  
fate,  
But they had not a prayer.

And at the last hour there came among them  
One known as the instructor; and they feared exceed-  
ingly.  
He was of the diabolical smile,  
And passed papers among them and went his way.

And many and varied  
Were the answers that were given,  
For some of his teachings had fallen among fertile  
minds,  
While others had fallen flat.

And some there were who wrote for one hour,  
Others for two;  
But some turned away sorrowful, and many of these  
Offered up a little bull  
In hopes of pacifying the instructor.  
And these were the ones who had not a prayer.

And when they finished,  
They gathered up their belongings.  
And went their way quietly, each in his own direc-  
tion,  
I shall not pass this way again."

And each one vowing unto himself in this manner;

# GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS!

## The Christmas Blanket

By Monte Sharpe

Then Linus, alone now on the stage, said, "Lights, please." When the spotlight was turned on, he spoke. "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown," said Linus. "Listen again. Go outside. Look up at the stars and listen."

And so he did in "A Charlie Brown Christmas" presented on T.V. last Sunday night. Out there he concluded, "Linus is right!" He decided not to let commercialism spoil his Christmas, to decorate the tree, and to show the gang that his small, real Christmas tree would work in the play instead of an aluminum one. But when he placed a bulb on it, the tree just drooped, as did his last hope of finding the true meaning of Christmas.

But then Linus came along, he saw the tree alone, and said, "It's not a bad little tree, really. It just needs a little love," and put his blanket around it. The tree sprang back to life, and then everyone began to hang ornaments on it. The more they worked, the fuller and more beautiful the tree became.

Then Charlie Brown came back, and Lucy said, "We need more people like Linus. Look how he made your tree grow!"

And that's what Christmas is all about. Someone gave up something that was very dear to him in order to show someone else the true meaning. It's the blanket that did it.

We the people of God are not really bad people, all we need is a little love. We have it. God gave up his blanket, Christ, for all of us. And how do we love him in return? He said by loving one another. What blanket do you have to give? We need more people like Linus to help show true meaning through love.

"A Merry Christmas to you all," said Charlie Brown.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It was very gratifying to hear so many comments about the Clarion's drinking poll. All of the praise, insults, snide remarks, etc. prove that some people, at least, are paying attention to what is going on.

It was especially gratifying to get a response from Mr. Gilbert Coan, whose letter appeared in last week's Clarion. As a student I would like to thank Mr. Coan for his interest in our problems and to answer his letter with my personal views and opinions.

The purpose of the drinking poll and the newspaper article which followed was to bring the problems relating to drinking at Brevard out into the open. There is a discrepancy between what is practiced and what is preached (and preached, and preached) here. From my experience the college's approach to the problem has, in the past, been shoddy to say the least. I think that it is time for some definite action to be taken to rid the school of this aura of hypocrisy (and Micky Mouse-ness).

I did not say that our policy makers are unintelligent, I only asked if they were or if they are detached from the students that they govern.

I do have confidence in the type of people you named in your letter. Each is successful in his own way. I do not, however, consider success in the business world or in the church as a valid qualification for ruling another person's life.

You contend that the trustees have responsibility for the students; but it is my belief that each person, whether he is a minor or not, must assume the responsibility for himself as soon as he is capable of independent thinking. Every person with a brain has to make the decisions which will affect him regardless of his financial situation or in loco parentis or anything else. People must be free to make mistakes if they are going to be able to make correct judgments. They must have the freedom to suffer the consequences of their errors if they are to gain any benefits from anything. To my way of thinking there can be no "right" decision where there is no decision at all. We are very limited in our choices at Brevard, and this does not apply only to drinking.

I agree that alcohol is not a necessity to life. I can think of nothing that is besides food and air.

I also agree that a clear mind is needed to learn and absorb, but I feel that limited information and a restriction on the things that one may experience is much more detrimental to clear thinking than a liquid that comes in a bottle or can. I reject your idea that we need "extensive guidance and counseling." We do need the opportunity to gather information and to form our own opinions.

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To The Clarion:

As the 1968 fall semester at Brevard College closes, one can proudly say that this semester has shown definite progress. At the beginning of the semester the fate of the campus looked doomed. Communications between students, faculty and administrators had reached such a low that the only alternative seemed to be to appeal to the trustees for help.

The day the trustees came to campus was a day of reckoning for everyone on campus. At this time the Presidential Council promised to aid the students by looking into the problems, their causes and possible ways to reform the difficulties. Now in December the promises have become realities as the Presidential Council took the first step by creating two committees. One committee deals with the problems of absences, quality point deduction for excessive absences, the number of cuts each student should have and, in short, all problems that have anything to do with absences. The other committee, deals with the social problems on campus. Needless to say, this committee has an extremely broad area to deal with. They are concerned with the dress code on campus, quiet and order in the dorms, and looking into almost every rule and its significance that is placed upon the students. The problems of drinking and pot are being taken up directly by the Presidential Council. Presently, they are looking into the legal matters involved with both drinking and pot.

On November 25 both committees met with the Presidential Council. At this meeting they discussed exactly what their jobs were and how they could go about achieving the goals they set. I feel safe in saying that everyone in the room was shocked at the depth of the problems and the complexity of the work involved.

On December 2 the committees met to choose a chairman and secretary for its committee. The Committee on Absences elected Mr. John Setzer chairman, and Mrs. Tauscher was appointed secretary. The Committee on Social Behavior elected Mr. David Holcombe chairman and Bonnie Brewbaker was selected secretary. From this point on the committees were on their own and began to plan their individual programs.

Each student has an obligation and can perform a service to each of these committees. Starting next semester the committees will be holding open sessions where interested students who have a serious complaint or opinion to voice may be heard. Also, the committees will be, from time to time, taking surveys on the student body's feelings toward certain issues. This is when 100% student participation is seriously needed. Back in September al-

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