

# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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Mr. David Holcombe and his mighty crew on the Social Behavior Committee have been very, very occupied for the past several weeks and are on the verge of completing their enormous task. However, one meeting still remains and is the final opportunity for suggestions to them from students. Need there be any other remarks?

Dean Whicker has brought it to our attention that many students, perhaps in anticipation of a more liberal cut system, are over-cutting three classes and are receiving quality point deductions. Let it be said that the class attendance regulations are the same as stated in the student handbook, that the cut system is therefore the same, and that students will lose quality points for over-cutting. The matter seems to be getting well out of hand, so please read the handbook and be sure that you know the rules.

### Borrowed . . .

We are the younger generation of our society. Often it is said that we are the most misunderstood generation of history. It is true we are guilty of doing strange, and even weird things: for example, some of us have smoked banana skins and pot, and others have taken trips on drugs.

But, we are not different from any other generation in its youth. Remember when the college kids were swallowing goldfish? Remember when they stuffed themselves in small cars and telephone booths? Remember when college students ran unusual items up the campus flag pole?

The only thing that has changed is the degree of reporting: News media exaggerates and often distorts facts about student opposition. Our parents showed opposition in their way, but it was not known out of proportion as our acts are today.

True, we do have our young Castros, Hitlers, and Carmichaels. But, we also have young Lincolns, Washingtons, Frosts, Edisons. We are not all bad. Many of us are trying to find the right way to live our lives.

Therefore, please do not be too quick to judge, until you have understood our problems and have considered our solutions.

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The Look of an average Brevard College Student at Registration

## Election 1969 Is Upcoming

With less than three months left in this semester, the time has now come for students to think of the upcoming Student Government Association election in April.

Sophomores and Freshmen, begin to look among the freshmen class for potential leaders and urge them to consider seeking one of the many important offices.

Never before has Brevard had as many changes made as those being completed in the Committee on Attendance, the Committee on Social Behavior, and the Presidential Council. The changes that these committees will make can only succeed if next year's Student Government Association stands behind them and makes them work.

John Lum  
 Vice-President  
 Student Government  
 Association

## Today's History Is Interesting

In ancient Rome, the middle of February was the time of Lupercalia, feasts held in honor of the deities Pan and Juno. Among other practices at this time was a lottery conducted to match couples for the festivities. Such a festival lasted the greater part of a month.

In the third century, a priest by the name of Saint Valentine was martyred. He was clubbed to death for his Christian teachings. Because his death occurred at the same time of the Roman Lupercalia, the festival was adopted (somewhat modified) by the Christian ecclesiastics to honor St. Valentine.

As time passed, the annual observance became so labored that in the 19th century a widespread belief held that "the first person to meet another of the opposite sex while walking abroad on St. Valentine's day was a destined husband or wife." Elaborate cards with Cupid and a strung bow would be exchanged, "honeyed with compliments to her various perfections."

Today, the facsimile of the mood has been somewhat altered. Valentine cards have trolls and other comical characters proclaiming their love inspirations. Parties and dances are the order of the day, and the spirit is tongue-in-cheek.

Today, the earlier spirit rests with the children. The fruits of their crude artistic efforts are sent in the hopes of winning a little boy or girl. The simplicity of their illustrations foils the grand adult display, and it leads one to wonder which serves the intention of St. Valentine's Day.

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ton's nationally known PRIDE; and Julius Hobson, black member of the new DC school board.

The conference will also have many other guests that will be barraged by questions from the visiting college students, many who will be traveling all across the country in

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# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Rankin's comments on what Brevard is and is not.

The implication is that in "aint - intellectual" Brevard, the students would, if unleashed by the dictatorial faculty, suddenly bubble with brilliant and (of course) workable solutions to the problems which adults have bungled thus far and that intelligent conversation would blossom in bull-sessions — maybe even in the classroom. True intellectualism, however, is not usually or necessarily squelched by a "hostile" environment; and intellectualism seldom springs full-grown from vacant minds. It involves more than empty denunciations of systems and empty generalizations based on one's individual "hang ups."

Mr. Rankin sighs, "Perhaps no one cares." The facts simply do not substantiate such an easy and righteous cliché. Brevard enrolls many low risk students; yet an uncommonly high 90% of its graduates continue their education in four-year schools where they do very well academically and socially. They apparently feel few after-effects of the "mental" limitations they endured at Brevard. In spite of their "incidental" and "burdensome" classroom chores, they learn something; perhaps they even manage to avoid the pseudo-intellectualism of those who believe they possess innate wisdom which is not to be changed by knowledge or by anybody in any classroom.

Brevard is by no means a little heaven on earth, guided by divine wisdom; neither is it a place of perverted Christian values. It is simply an institution of learning — and a good one — with students who know their needs and apply where they have a good chance of having them met. If "unqualified" people are admitted, competent persons are graduated.

If all the rules are not satisfactory (an accepted fact), neither is all behavior. If Bre-  
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Dear Editor:

Well, here I am, a protester and a dissenter. For the first time in my life I have been campused in my room for five days. And the crazy thing about it is that I asked to be campused. And in a real sense for no reason at all except to have the right, I think, to gripe and complain about Taylor II being campused. But lets start at the very beginning.

The whole commotion started about two weeks ago on Taylor II. A towel fight got started and soon there was a shaving cream fight in on the act. This doesn't cause much noise, but soon there were more guys that added to this. With these new additions it did get loud. And in the end referrals were given. The fellows who were mainly in on the activities admitted their terrible sins and the referrals came up before House Council.

The House Council noted to campus all of the nine students for five-days.

So why am I griping? I bet you're thinking it sounds like a just punishment. But today I am an angry young man who believes that this dorm is my home as long as I live here. I spend a great deal of time in my home, and I live in it, really live in it, not just study, sleep, study.

I know that the world-wide question that pops into your mind is "What if you bother someone when you let go a little bit." I feel that any time a student lets his hair down, he is going to affect someone else.

The question is: Does this bother that someone else that much? Sometimes it does that's when one gives real referrals (not demerits — but then again, sometimes it doesn't. I believe that perhaps we need to look at the dorm situation from a different perspective. I mean that we are human beings, not robots, and it's just not in us to study, sleep, study, which is supposedly the way we are to act in the dormitory.

So here I am in my little 7' x 8" cubby hole, crawling the walls. And here I'll stay, to ponder over, maybe learn something new. Who knows, maybe I'll become enlightened, or  
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