

EDITORIAL

A Sad Situation

This year at Brevard College has been and is a year of transition. Many changes are taking place in our campus operation. Students have, by showing their maturity and willingness to cooperate, gained respect and responsibility toward making Brevard a more liberal institution. This year could be one of the most productive in the school's history, simply because some students have the interest and initiative to try to accomplish something.

On the other hand, this year could turn out to be one of the most destructive in Brevard's history, simply because some students feel a need to show their immaturity. Unrest and general disapproval of some of Brevard's regulations. These students seem to be looking for reform, but not through cooperation. They don't want to be ruled by any form of administration. They want liberal rules, which to them means no rules at all. The sad thing is that these "children" could ruin through their immaturity and stupidity what interested students are trying to gain through cooperation and compromise.

Saturday night's escapade, the most recent episode of stupidity, was one of destructive vandalism and deliberate infractions on college policy! Windows were broken in several dormitories resulting from the snowball fight that got so out of control that Brevard city policemen had to be summoned to restore order! Damage to college property was considerable. This isn't the only incident of stupidity, however. Someone else has slashed Taylor Hall furniture with a knife. Taylor Hall's director has had two windshields maliciously shattered in her car. Furniture has been stolen from Taylor's lobby. There has been also countless other such acts of deliberate destruction on campus.

Some students are ready to protest, riot, or demonstrate at the drop of a hat and will even throw their own down to have something to gripe about. It makes me wonder what some people are here for. To get an education? To learn to become an integral part of society? I shudder to think that tomorrow's world depends on someone low enough to commit vandalism to protest against established, reasonable policies.

Brevard College is a unique institution. Granted, it isn't perfect, but students are admitted here who would find it impossible to receive a quality education elsewhere. Brevard makes it possible for any student, who shows promise, the opportunity of obtaining an education. Financial situations are of little importance in the admission procedures of Brevard students. So how do some people respond to the vote of trust placed in them by Brevard? They break windows, shatter windshields, steal, and yell their fool heads off about the unfairness of Brevard College!

Uncle Sam could use some destruction experts in Viet Nam!

I sure hope he gets them!

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A Time To Praise

By - Kenny Eaton

Every once in a while a person comes along and does something that is hard work, courageous, and unselfish. And sometimes this person gets absolutely no recognition. I witnessed such a happening on February 20. This is the way it happened,

A bus was being taken to the Gardner - Webb game, and much work had gone into the preparation for the trip. The bus had mechanical problems in route to the game. During the game, certain people worked very hard to get the bus repaired. Approximately an hour after the game was over, the bus was finally fixed.

So that's the story. Doesn't sound like anything special, does it? But let's look into it a little deeper. Gaines Bowers worked very hard preparing for the bus trip, working on the reservation of tickets and many other things. We were discussing about how much work there was in getting up such a trip, but I remember especially one statement he made. "It'll all be worth it when I get to see that game." Gaines never did get to see it however. He worked all during the game and an hour afterwards to get the bus fixed. And he did, along with the help of other unselfish individuals.

And you know what that

The RANKIN FILE

BY BILL RANKIN

How about this? I'm not griping this week. In fact, I feel very optimistic about Brevard for a change.

Even that sounds good. **Brevard For A Change.** Have you noticed all of the new things that are happening? The formation of the Concerned Student Activist Movement, an organization whose purpose is to inform and stimulate the students, was certainly something new for us. If the formation of this group was "out of line" as some seem to think, it was also a step out of the rut of student non-involvement.

A similar innovation is the founding of **The Concern**, a student newspaper. Competition for the **Clarion** (the other student newspaper).

There are "peaceniks" walking around handing out leaflets on peace, and "Veterans" putting up posters of the opposite view.

There are even "Commie - hunters" stalking the campus.

Less spectacular, perhaps, but just as indicative of the new interest in change is the work of the two committees set up by the Presidential Council to investigate and receive rules on social behavior and absences and penalties.

So, Brevard is sprouting wings (left wing and right wing?). I wonder how far the bird will fly?

This is a question the bird's new head might like to ponder.

crazy guy told me at 1:00 p. m. in the morning when we finally got back to the college? He said, "I'm glad that the rest of the students got to see the

game and could enjoy it."

What a guy! I think we could use a few more like him.

I take that back. We need a lot more.

"The Economics Of Social Disorder"

This is the first in a series of articles to appear in the weeks to follow outlining topics and speech excerpts presented and dealt with at the United States Student Press Association conference held in Washington, D. C., February 13 - 16. The theme of the conference was "The Economics of Social Disorder" and featured such speakers as Muhammad Ali, Walter Reuther, Ralph Nader, Roy Innis and others. The conference was attended by Wayne Morton and Ronnie H. Smith of the CLARION and Bill Payton and John Lum of the Student Government Association.

It is hoped that the students, faculty, administrators, and trustees of Brevard College will be attentive to these articles, written with the intention of informing those who do not know exactly what is going on in America today as pictured at the conference.

Michael Zweig, instructor of economics at The State University of New York at Stony Brook and former Students for a Democratic Society leader at the University of Michigan, was introduced as one of the keynote speakers in the Shoreham Hotel the evening of February 13. A buckskin and suede clad, bearded man of twenty - nine approached the rostrum, his hair swaying from side to side and bouncing on his shoulders before about 900 students, network cameras, and newspapermen from the Washington area.

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen," he began. "Would you believe that this world is — — — ed up?" His interrogative statement shocked the assembly.

"We are going to spend the next several days looking in a more or less concentrated way at 'The Economics of Social Disorder.'"

Zweig's approach was definitely blunt and unceremonious, unique in overture. Many students (at least fifty) walked out. Others pulled a pen from a pocket or purse and began taking notes.

He continued.

"Work is done in terms of 'society' imposing burdens on people, 'the economy' acting sluggishly or smartly, 'history' sweeping up from behind, someone beating us from the bush and controlling our options, in league with 'culture'; and everything hopefully works out in 'the national interest.' Now really. 'Society' does not exist as a functioning entity. 'The economy' is an utter fabrication. 'Historical forces' are illusory, except insofar as people behave or believe in a way now because they themselves remember or have learned something about the past."

Zweig stopped momentarily rubbed his bearded chin, scratched into his long hair, and continued.

"The country is coming apart domestically, and wars of liberation and oppression are being fought around the world,

because people have deeply conflicting interests and can't live together any more."

The speaker continued in saying that the people in conflict are real and demand the attention of everyone. He pointed to the campus struggles at San Francisco and Columbia and to the fact that the students were asking: "In whose interests shall the university operate?" And, as Zweig illustrated, they had not received a reasonable answer.

"People have now caught on that the draft system is not in their interests, that the war in Viet Nam is not in their interests," Zweig stated as he attempted to explain that such a problem of "in whose interests" is not restricted to the campuses.

At this point, Zweig had only about three - fourths of his original audience while about twenty students were interrupting his address almost at the conclusion of each thought he was attempting to convey.

"Okay, since you are still here," he interjected, "take this and get out of here."

"Exposing the interests operating in America is a highly political act, however 'objective' the inquiry may be. Frequently powerful political or economic people act to smash the investigation and punish the investigator. But if we want to understand America, as one part of Noam Chomsky's

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