

Letters To The Editor...

Violation Of Rules?

Dear Editor:

I am more than just slightly concerned about some of the rules which are still in effect and which contradict the social behavior report. One incident in particular was the "Headcheck" conducted in both girls' dormitories on April 20. A girl had apparently signed out to spend the night in Jones dormitory from West Beam dormitory. For some reason the dormitory director decided to check for her and she could not be found in either the girl's room she had checked out for or her own room. The dormitory directors then proceeded to check every room in the dormitory trying to locate the girl. I question their right to conduct such a check and the procedure used during the check. First of all, since the directors looked in girls' rooms for someone, this constitutes a room search and must be conducted according to room search procedure in the Social Behavior Report. The college has the right to search "provided that: there be direct suspicion of the rooms occupant and a specific charge." Reasonably, the directors could have searched a few rooms where the girl would most likely be found, but the whole dormitory? The search did not really help anyway. It only showed that the girl was probably not in the dormitory but it did not locate her.

The next clause states "The Dean of the College grant permission to at least two individuals to make the search." The Dean of the College was not asked permission to search rooms.

The next clause states "The searchers knock and identify themselves before entering, and that the student or his roommate be present except in cases of dire emergency." The searchers did knock; but if no one answered the door, they went in anyway. Some of the girls were asleep and some were not even there. The girls must be awake and present to carry out a room search. A "dire emergency" is a life or death situation.

Fortunately, no one seemed to mind this particular "Headcheck," but if this practice is allowed to continue, it could easily result in the decay of the room search clause and what the room search should be according to the Social Behavior Report.

It's time students let their dormitory directors know what they expect in regard to following the Social Behavior Report, and then stand behind their directors in enforcing the new rules.

Sincerely,
Wayne Lottinville

Good Things Happening

Dear Editor:

I think that things are beginning to look up for Brevard College. Even with all the troubles we've been having lately, there are a few good things still going on at Brevard. Such as the SGA elections.

All of the candidates are outstanding young men and women. Ken Eaton and Wayne Lottinville are two of the finest persons at Brevard, or, indeed, anywhere. There's no way we can go wrong.

(Name withheld upon request)

Judicial Board Unjust

Editor:

The recent activities of the Judicial Board have been a source of increasingly intense controversy for several weeks now. Decisions handed down by them have been highly inconsistent, and in some cases either unjust or "too fair." The term "unjust" is used to cite a case in which extended D.P. was given, when the policy in the past has been that anyone already on D.P. and who is found guilty of breach of school policy, or of breach of local, state, or federal laws while on D.P. has received automatic suspension or expulsion. What about the term "to fair"? Four Brevard College students were arrested for willful and malicious destruction of both private and public property. Statistically, there are 38 charges against these fellows, 2 of which are federal charges. However, the damage done by these students entails more than property damage. Their actions have given Brevard College a bad name, and the College will undoubtedly lose students because of them. After all, what parent is anxious to send their children to a school where people of this character are permitted to room. Many of the students with whom I have talked, feel that the action of the Judicial Board was "too fair." These students should have been automatically expelled. Who wants to live in the same dorm with a person who, in a state of sobriety, will destroy property? What other crimes are these people capable of?

On Tuesday evening, April 29, the Judicial Board elected to suspend two persons, both of whom were already on D.P., because they were, in a very technical sense, in a men's dorm. Had the purpose of these involved been of a questionable nature, they should certainly have received suspension, but their reason for being there was merely to paint some boxes for a student's campaign. In view of past actions of the inconsistent Judicial Board and in view of the intent of these two persons — why could the Judicial Board not give them their "extended" D.P.? Why are four confessed criminals permitted to lurk in the dorms and on campus?

The majority of you fellow students have expressed your dissatisfaction with the Judicial Board within the groups that you frequently associate. Talking about the problem among yourselves will not bring about the much needed reform of the Judicial Board. You must publicize your viewpoint — talk to students who are either uninformed or misinformed, tell faculty members how you feel, and most importantly, let the administration know of your extreme dissatisfaction. Judicial Board reformation can not be achieved by only a few students — all of us must take action for our own protection (for the last two weeks, two students have been brought in for the sole purpose of questioning — no charges have been made as yet). Your rights as a student are being exploited. Will you let this type of thing continue any longer?

(Name withheld upon request)

Not The Phantom

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Dear Editor,

To date I have been blamed by seven students, two teachers, one administrator, and one irate library assistant for something I did not do. This is in reference to the "Stamp Out Virginity" sign on Dunham (aw come on fellas! find your own place!). The PHANTOM didn't do it.

If you are interested in who did it, ask those creatures that live on the second floor of Green. They will, more than likely, be able to come up with a few names. In fact, a lot of people have been blamed for a lot of their garbage lately.

What galls me is the fact that they even hung the sheet the same way. Has originality disappeared for our midst? Do something different for a change. I don't like taking credit for a stunt I didn't pull and I especially don't want credit for some one else's "animalisms." That sign offended a few thus it didn't come under the guide line that I use for stunts: "Never do anything to destroy property, injure anyone, or hurt anyone's feelings." In spite of some of the childish reactions to that sign, I feel that those people have a right to their feelings, and the gripes against the sign are valid.

THE PHANTOM

Close The Gap

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that many students — girls in particular — are still a little confused about what is valid or invalid as far as rules and regulations are concerned. I believe that interpretations are in order.

First of all, freshmen girls are now allowed off campus during the week. No rule now stands that can prohibit this. Some feel this is an academic concern, but what is the difference in sitting in the S.U. from 9:30 to 11:00 and sitting in Partner's?

Coed sunbathing is now permissible in good taste. It is still suggested that girls observe the one o'clock hour on Sundays simply for appearance reasons. Boys' parking lots are no longer off-limits and neither is there any such thing as "back" campus. A girl is allowed anywhere on campus at any time. Empty beer cans or liquor bottles are no longer forbidden as room decorations. Nonetheless, it is an individual's responsibility to be absolutely sure that no contents remain in these cans or bottles, or it can be used as evidence against you at a Judicial Board hearing.

Questions concerning washing clothes, use of telephones and the P.A., the kitchen, television, and stereo after closing hours are to be taken directly to the dormitory director. She has to answer to no one in regard to her parlor. The parlor is her domain and what she — and only she — says goes. Girls, our dorm mothers can be very reasonable people. It is up to us to let them know what we want, to give them valid reasons, and to comply with their decisions. If every girl will display her responsible and reasonable self, I have no doubt whatsoever that our wishes will be

The RANKIN FILE

BY BILL RANKIN

Hello, again. A lot has happened around here since I wrote this so-called column last. (I was being held prisoner in the Art Department.)

These new rules and guidelines for the conduct of Brevard College students are sort of confusing the image I had of this place. Where are the narrow-minded, blue noses? Where are the righteous fanatics? They must be here somewhere.

Obviously these new policies must be a subtle trap for us wicked people. Of course! They've taken away our pleasure by calling our actions "legitimate." We can no longer sin! And, if we try, the extremes that we must go to will be so humorous that we will "hang" ourselves, so to speak. Very clever.

It looks as though this scheme is already working. With the use of that very potent instrument of justice, the Judicial Board, the guardians of right have banished or crushed some of our "most infamous evil-doers."

It is ironic, I think, that this Board was looked to as a sort of "protection" against bias, consideration of things not related to a defendant's crime, and other practices that are "shady" in the idealistic conception of justice.

Unfortunately, for the wicked, the Judicial Board does not recognize any concept of justice except its own. What is more unfortunate is that their concept is a gem presumably too radiant in its purity and truth for the eyes of ordinary students to withstand.

The functions of the Judicial Board know no limitations or even examinations. Whether their methods are in any way fair is a question whose answer is known only to the members of the Board. And, I have a feeling that their judgment may be somewhat prejudiced.

I would not presume to accuse the Board of anything. As far as I know, the Judicial Board members are all nice guys; but there are too many episodes in my past that could conceivably damn me by their elusive standards.

I would like to see a written statement of rules and procedures of the Judicial Board distributed to the students.

I would also like to see Judicial Board meetings open unless the defendant requests that they be closed.

In this way those of us who do not happen to have an emaculate history can at least have a chance at thwarting justice.

Fellow wicked people of Brevard, unite! Even if you aren't very wicked, you still need some protection from those who have been chosen to cast stones; for the sake of competition, if nothing else.

An Important Decision

Dear Editor:

Perhaps you've already made up your mind as to who you're going to vote for. I think that's crazy — whether its for Wayne or myself. Keep an open mind. Don't close your mind because you're a good friend of one of us and hardly know the other. Let different ideas go through your head up until voting day. Take a long, hard look.

I suppose you're wondering why you haven't seen any Ken Eaton posters up. Well, the truth is I don't believe in them for me. If all I would have to put into that office was my name, it would be different. But I have to put my whole self into the job, heart, body, and soul. It would have to become a part of me and me a part of it. Posters help to show people

granted as far as possible. Why don't we stand behind our dorm mothers and let them know that we are with them and not against them. So let's let it be known how we feel about everything that bothers us and start closing up this communication gap.

Sherry Queen

the candidates name. Its good for publicity. But I feel that most of the students know me already and that posters on my behalf wouldn't make a bit of difference as to whether you vote for me or not.

Do I want it? Yes, I believe I do. No one can be really certain. I haven't had this job before — I don't know exactly what its like. I am concerned — I think I can help make the school a better place.

What do I want to see done? I would like to see all social activities to be placed as a separate division of the SGA. In this way the government would have more time to spend on questions that arrive everyday concerning many of the facets of school life. The student government should be interested in all areas of student life. We must not be afraid to question, to ask about things pertaining to the students here. But we must have all the knowledge concerning what we might question. Then and only then do we have the right to agree or disagree.

I think the SGA should get away from the administration building for a meeting place

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