

Editorially Speaking . . .

With the rising excitement evident these last few days, it is not at all difficult to look back over the academic year and recall things past as it sometimes is.

Much has occurred since last August 29 which we feel will have a good, lasting effect on the Brevard College community. Achievements in almost every mentionable area have been made. This expansion of the physical plant of the college is evident without comment.

However, many of the feasts and changes which have been made will not begin to take shape until Brevard College opens its doors next fall. The seeds of the cultural program, which will replace the present lyceum and chapel series, and the social behavior renovations, which replaces the present form of dormitory government as well, have been well planted.

We feel that next year will yield the biggest "harvest" Brevard College has witnessed.

Motivating many of the changes has been a definite increase in communication. This past year, the CLARION has ventured to provide Brevard College with what is most needed — a newspaper. A newspaper is defined as a medium of communication through which occurrences are conveyed with precise, factual details, and the readers are at liberty to express their own ideas and opinions of the news. The newspaper has been exactly what is stated on the flag — "The Voice of Brevard College Students." Our editorial page has published every letter received from students, with the exception of three letters which could have been responsible for a perfectly legitimate libel suit. These letters were censored by the editor-in-chief, no one else. An attempt was made to report "news," not just "bulletin board information and notices." We received much criticism about printing the news. But our policy was that as long as a news item was linked to the Brevard College community in some way, we would make an effort to report it factually and unbiased.

Many heading the list of critics had not taken advantage of the situation. Approximately twenty students have exercised their rights, seventeen have seen their questions and issues presented. There are other ways in which the paper could have been used. Our main purpose is to educate as well. Education occurs when one is told something he does not know. Only in this particular area are we able to begin to smile at success.

Therefore, we conclude that the CLARION has failed. For a very few, it has succeeded. Only those who were educated, who expressed their understanding or disagreement, reaped the rewards.

The vitality of the new editor-in-chief seems to be growing along with the environment. Ronnie Smith realizes that the CLARION is behind times and not in step with the fall, 1969.

But one man can not pull the load. When students realize and take advantage of the potential in the CLARION, only then will Brevard College have a student newspaper.

It is our sincere desire that progress will be made in this area before too much is lost.

The CLARION Staff:



Now you know who we are!!!!

Letters To Editor . . .

To The Editor:
An Apology:

In last week's issue of the CLARION there appeared an article which was given the title "Judicial Board Unjust." Although no names were mentioned, reference was made to a few specific cases in which the author felt that the Judicial Board had dealt inconsistent forms of punishment. This was the sole purpose of the article.

However, the case cited which dealt with the four B.C. students who were tried for vandalism rightfully became the object of an intense search for the identity of the author. The author was justly sought because some of his information, which he was reasonably certain was correct, was not correct. It is the wish of the article entitled "Judicial Board Unjust," to extend an apology to those involved for the usage of erroneous material.
(name withheld upon request)

Dear Editor

Much has happened since the last Phantom letter to the editor. Second floor denies hanging the sign and says the third floor did it. Guess what? The third floor says I was right the first time. Oh well, it isn't important anymore.

There are more important matters at hand now. For example, the terrorist campaign being waged against Dean Roberts and family has grown from minor incidents to full-scale attempts at murder. The fun-and-games are over! There is now an armed guard on the premises at all times while Mr. Roberts himself is not present.

While he is in the house, the weapons are at his disposal. The guards will NOT HESITATE TO SHOOT TO KILL if another fire-bombing is attempted. I, personally, am an excellent shot and have no qualms what-so-ever about shooting in defense of life and property.

This is not an isolated incident. There is a reason and a goal in mind here somewhere. However, the person or persons involved have overplayed their hand this time and aroused the populous against them. Such a group cannot function in an atmosphere where the people are against them and constantly on the watch. The cooperative effort that resulted in the capture of the criminals Monday night demonstrated that the student body is far from apathetic. Almost one hundred students were involved in watching for the suspect's entrance onto the campus. It was one of these students that alerted the police and thus affected capture.

Sorry! No more so-called rampant apathy here. The cards are on the table, and the VAST MAJORITY know exactly what has to be done!

THE PHANTOM

Dear Editor:

This letter is for one man and one man only. There is absolutely no reason in stating who he is — since he knows who he is. This man came to my rescue recently. If it hadn't been for his help, I'd be in pretty sorry shape right now. This is inadequate for what you have done, but—Thank you sir.

Kenny Eaton

FISH Program Organized Here

Members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and the Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian Church are uniting in a community service project, FISH, to help underprivileged and elderly people in a time of need.

FISH is simply a group of Christian people who need to express their love and concern for their neighbors. They will perform such services as babysitting, reading to the blind, providing meals, transportation, companionship for the elderly and shut-ins.

There will be no charges for these services. Anyone can contact FISH simply by calling 883-3311, any time, night or day, after the first of July.

Anyone desiring further information about this program should contact Father Edsel Keith, J. S. Walker, or L. S. Burhans.

Boston To Speak At Sports Banquet

Ralph Boston, Olympic Gold Medal winner and former world record holder in the long jump, will be the featured speaker at the annual Brevard College sports banquet this Saturday night.

Ranked first in the world in the long jump for eight consecutive years, Boston won the Gold Medal in the 1960 Olympics, received a Silver Medal in 1964, and last year was awarded a Bronze Medal in Mexico City. He broke the world's record twelve times during his career, and was captain of the United States track team for eight years. Boston is presently employed in the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Tennessee, where he is also an assistant coach of the track squad.

Varsity letters and awards will be presented to athletes on the baseball, basketball, track, cross country, soccer, tennis and golf teams at the banquet. The Brevard College cheerleaders will also be recognized.

Gash Addresses Business Club

Mr. Robert Gash, a district judge in the 29th district, spoke at the April 22 meeting of the Business Club. He discussed the qualifications he looks for in a secretary. A secretary, according to the judge, should be able to think and should be conscious of cost.

Mr. Gash described dictating equipment as a time-saving device, which frees both the secretary and "the boss" for other work.

The secretary's office dress is very important and Mr. Gash emphasized the fact that extremes are not appropriate. Her overall appearance can determine whether she gets the job and can hold it.

An efficient secretary, one who is really the "boss" in the "arm," is an asset to any organization. Her salary is determined by her skills, personality and poise.

A social hour was held at the close of the meeting, during which Mr. Gash held an informal question-answer period.

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