

# Editorial Page

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## A Pathetic Situation

An assembly was held Wednesday night for both classes of the Brevard College student body. The freshmen were to meet in the gymnasium and the sophomores were to have a meeting in Dunham Auditorium. The reason for these meetings was that it gave the students a chance to hear speeches by the people that were running for the offices that would represent these students.

The attendance at these meetings was poor. To put it more bluntly, the attendance at these meetings was pathetic.

It is hard to understand how students can make the sound judgement that is required in votings for class officers, members of the Judicial Board, and representatives to the Student Legislature without hearing the ideas and goals that these students plan to pursue.

Therefore, the future for these students would at the surface appear very dimly lit. But fortunately, nearly all of the students that are running for offices possess, to some degree, the amount of good sense and maturity that is required to be a leader. The Brevard College students were lucky this year. There is very little chance for them to go wrong.

However, if these students continue to show no interest in the policies that are going to be passed throughout the year and years to come, well, these students have automatically forfeited their right to criticize.

## Viet Nam War

The Viet Nam War, the mere mention of it drives feelings of guilt, fear, shame, and pride deep into the hearts of every American, regardless of color, religious preference or age. For the college students, especially the young men, the war is a prevalent force in the decision to continue their education.

The United States has been involved in the situation, which it officially refers to as the Viet Nam Conflict, for nearly ten years now and at this point the situation is still far from being solved. It has been the longest war in the history of the States and could be well debated as being one of the most unpopular and terrifying.

Recently there was a milestone laid in the development of this war and maybe in the conclusion of it. It was the death of probably the one man that has caused the war to last as long as it has. This was the death of North Viet Nam's Ho Chi Minh. It was the seemingly undying devotion to the person at the head of Communist Viet Nam that has kept up the fight by the Viet Cong and North Viet Nam regulars against the strongest force in the world today.

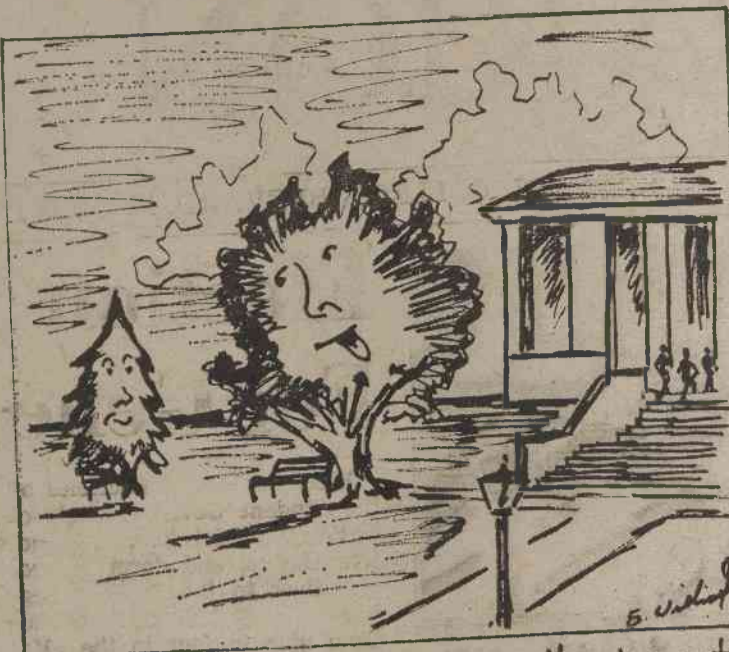
Now that Ho is gone, and we must admire this man for fighting hard for something in which he believed, the United States may be able to relieve itself of an overwhelming burden.

## The CLARION

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"Too many on AP. this year, they're not keeping our roots warm at night."

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am mad. It is an agitation like a big bug crawling down my back.

I'm mad because there are not near as many students tutoring as there are drunks on week-ends. Not as many people help little kids as there are students to help drunks up the dormitory stairs.

But we're too busy to help

kids; we have too many other important things to do. Besides, we didn't have any tutors to help us when we were young, now did we, so why should we help these kids out.

I'm not sorry at all if I offend anyone. It's just that I can't understand why sometimes people don't care.

Sincerely,  
Ken Eaton

## Students Design Own Academic Programs, FPC

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (I.P.) — Florida Presbyterian College will begin a program this fall which will allow selected students to design their own four-year academic program.

"This is an experimental and innovative program, preceptorial in concept" said President Billy O. Wireman. "Months of study, investigation and discussion have preceded our decision to pioneer in this direction. We believe our new program will enable us to offer exceptional students an exceptional opportunity to obtain the best education possible.

"These students," Dr. Wireman continued, "guided by a member or members of the faculty, will follow an academic program tailored to their individual needs, instead of following the pattern established for our average student."

Florida Presbyterian has pioneered in independent study and interdisciplinary study since its first class was admitted in 1960. The college now offers interdisciplinary majors, conducts a month-long period of independent study for all students every year, and allows students to study, for full credit, courses not listed as class offerings which a qualified professor is willing to teach as

## Freshman

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ed course for students graduating after 1972 will be English composition. To further expand the students' freedom of class choice, tests will be administered in all five areas. If a student exhibits measurable proficiency on the examinations, he can be exempted from up to 48 hours of classroom work.

## BEST Program Is Organized

Brevard College students have helped the Elementary School over the years by providing tutoring services. Once again, BEST (Brevard Educational Student Tutors) is asking for volunteers to tutor one or two hours each week between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The tutor may choose his grade level and the hours and days he would prefer to tutor (Music, art, and P.E. are included). This is a very rewarding experience as each tutor feels very quickly how wanted he is and how helpful he is. The tutor-tutee relationship is more than just "teacher-pupil"; it is a close friendship.

Please contact either Sharon Spires Jones Dorm or Mr. Tawney, Room 205, McLarty-Goodson, for more information and to sign up for this rewarding and much needed service.

## MSM Attends Folk Concert

The Brevard MSM attended a folk concert given by Ed Kilbourne at the First United Methodist Church in Hendersonville last Sunday. Mr. Kilbourne, based in Atlanta, sings a variety of music — from "pop" to "hill billy." He sings such songs as "The Eve Of Destruction," "Little Green Apples," "Child Of Clay," "Day Is Done," "I'll Be On My Way," and "Child of the Ghettos."

Through his songs he carries a message relevant to the crises we face today. He is very capable of "reaching" his listeners since he has deep convictions and expresses them well. He believes that "if life is sworth living, it's worth living well," and also "if you aren't lived it's tragedy, but if you don't live it's catastrophe."

The climax of the evening occurred when he ended his program by singing "The Lord's Prayer." As a project for this year, MSM hopes to bring him to Brevard College.

## Perspective

BY RONNIE SMITH  
EDITOR

The object of this new column is that of peace and relaxation—mine. You see, I've been cursed with this pen and trying to find enough copy to fill up this newspaper. At times, that is quite a job and often we will run short of copy.

So, to kill two birds with one stone, I hit upon this idea for a column. I can write something on a more personal, lighter level (a break away from stuffy editorials and hard core news that plague every newspaper) and still find copy to fill up.

Have you ever felt alone and not exactly sure that you want to continue on in what you are doing? I know that I have, and during these periods it helps me to observe something that is steady.

I was out walking recently with a very good friend of mine and was in this type of mood. It was night and we stopped on the sidewalk behind the Infirmary. I stood there and I noticed the top light on the radio tower. Ever notice how steady, how confident that light is?

I wonder why we can't be that steady? It would make things a lot simpler.  
I'll see you next week.