

Editorial Page

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A Positive Outlook

Several national college student organizations have banded together in an effort to form a mass protest to the war in Viet Nam. The national demonstration is scheduled to occur Oct. 15, which will be one week from Wednesday.

We support any student's right to participate in this group effort, but we question the real reason that a majority of the students will participate. Will they really be against the war, or will the main reason be just an excuse for cutting classes for a day and taking a day off? Will students participate like blind sheep being led to water or will they participate with their ideals being their motivating force in the effort?

We also question the authenticity of the demonstration. Organizers of the movement have stated that it was an effort to show the President how the students felt about the war. It would seem quite evident to all that the President is well aware of student feelings upon the touchy subject. How could a man that has assumed the duties of the Presidency not been aware of how the students felt about the war when during the last five or six years there have been demonstrations after demonstrations. We feel that President Nixon is well aware of the student's feelings.

Therefore, we propose a new type of demonstration. It is not a demonstration against the war inasmuch as it is a demonstration supporting the President's effort to stop the war. This demonstration would come on a Saturday, a time when students would be giving up their free time. This would separate the ones who are sincere and the ones who are not.

We feel that this type of demonstration would be more useful and more productive than the one that is suggested for Oct. 15.

Overdoing The Rush

This past week Brevard College has been thrown into an uproar by the so called "Rush Week" staged by the four societies that are present on the college campus.

There has been numerous cases of "proposals," friendly kisses, a little acting, and offers to help the older members of the various organizations (carrying trays, polishing shoes, cleaning rooms, etc.). This was all in good fun, and for the most part it was taken with a grain of salt by both the pledges and the observers.

But, also during this past week there have been something activities induced by the organizations that have not quite been up to the standards that the organizations claim to maintain. We are referring to several of the signs that some of the pledges were required to carry.

We feel that some of these signs lacked the decency that is expected of college students that are really interested in bettering themselves.

We hope that the organizations will strive in the future to limit their advertising to less vivid language.

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BREAK-OUT TOOL



Music Director

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Mr. Adams represents the College in the North Carolina Music Teachers, Association, of which he is treasurer. For the Association's convention later this month at Elon College, he will serve as registrar. He also plans to attend the North Carolina Music Educators' Conference to be held in Charlotte; and over the Thanksgiving Holidays, he will attend the National Association of Schools and Music Convention in Los Angeles.

It is not hard to understand that the position Mr. Adams holds is an important one. His post requires dedication, time, and energy. Mr. Adams has been a helper to students and faculty alike, and a fine asset to Brevard College.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Last week you, the students of Brevard College, elected a new Student Government based on speeches that a few of you heard, remembrance of a name you happened to recall from one of the campaign posters, or impressions which you gathered in conversation with that candidate. You have assembled, by vote, an extremely active group of people ready to work for you and for the benefit of the college.

In my opinion, I think the newly-elected legislature has the greatest potential ever for producing change and the betterment of our already excellent college system. We have a new constitution which allows greater student representation. In student affairs, this item alone can become very strong in conjunction with a concerned student body, and a responsive group of representatives.

Being a Freshman representative, I've already seen the enthusiasm of four fellow SGA members as they began drawing up blueprints for a more organized class in relation to student affairs. All other members are eager as well to begin a new academic year in the legislature with emphasis on student involvement and participation. It is here that everyone associated with Brevard College academics becomes a part of the SGA.

Only through your ideas, your thoughts and actions can the student government operate smoothly. In talking to anyone who holds an office, you become as much a representative as that officer. Get to know these people — take anything you have on your mind to them that you think can better our campus. You can be sure your demand, policy or idea will be heard and acted on. Remember, this is your school and your legislature. You cannot support one without supporting the other.

Sincerely,
Sherrill Barber

Dear Soccer Team,

... The spirit was there. The sun was high; the weather was great. The cheers rang loud and constant. The sideline coaches

were coaching . . . The white field lines were fading, the players were dripping with sweat and the cheerleaders were hoarse. The team was there . . . where were you? Where were you when Brevard lost its first conference game? Well, you missed it, friend. You missed seeing not only a hard-played game, but also seeing a team lose in style.

The team was there to do a job . . . to win. They came close but not close enough. They lost an important game but they won the privilege to stand tall in their defeat because they tried. They never gave up or even indicated that they were frustrated even when they had good reasons. When a few good shots at the goal failed after the team exerted a strong effort, they didn't die. No, they played harder and stronger. They didn't run into the valley of defeat or stand in

the shadow of losers; they tried and sweated it out like winners. They played like men and lost like men. They tried.

Some players smiled after the game for they knew they had tried. Others couldn't find a smile because it was buried within their disgust for the way they thought they had played. Those were the players who should have smiled because they are a part of a team that tries; a team of winners . . . team. We're behind you whether or not you win or lose because of the kind of team you are — a team to take pride in because you try and never say die.

I offer these few lines as a matter of fact.

Before they start
They don't even begin
To step on the field
If they're not trying within.

Sincerely,
Karyn Nicholaides

Perspective

BY RONNIE SMITH
EDITOR

Although I do not have any convincing facts and figures to support my theory, I would imagine the most relied upon word in the English language is that one syllable, over-used, mutilated word if.

You are always hearing "If this," or "If that," and "If I hadn't been up all night and if I had more time yesterday, I would have done so and so or completed this or that." I think that I've yet to hear an excuse start off without the old reliable.

Webster treats the word sparingly. You would expect to see a list of definitions and examples as long as the walk from the Classroom Building to the gymnasium concerning the abused word. But maybe Webster did not need an excuse, for he defines the word in four small lines. It is a conjunction that means in case that; granting, allowing, or supposing that.

Now that does not make much sense does it? Consider how we have used the word. It shows our true nature of not being able to face up to our own failures or shortcomings. We need something upon which to base all these shortcomings on and it seems that it has caught the brunt of the attack.

Now, if I had more time, and if I had more space I would probably continue to criticize your use of the word. But I don't.

I'll see you next week.