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A Man From Galilee

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled."

The words ring a familiar bell because they are words that we have heard in connection with the Christmas season for all of our lives. Yes, they sound very familiar but it seems that more and more each year the words are repeated parrot-like, with little or no meaning. Amid the hustle and business-like way in which Christmas is handled each year, there is little or no regard to the real meaning of the celebration of Christmas. Christmas is the birthday of Christ. This year, we should all send out a decree to the world to celebrate the birth of Christ, and try to downgrade the capitalistic views on the holiday.

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night."

These were people, like you and me, who worked from day to day in order to scratch out a meager living in a world of hardship. Little has changed in the last two thousand years. People are still struggling in their drive for a better life, in search of success.

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people . . ." spoke the angel.

All the people was the phrase that was used, and we are still all of the people. What was true for the small few on a starlit hilltop many years ago is still true for us today. Let us not forget that important happening in centuries past, for it affects not only our lives today but our future.

And in our quest for a peaceful world in which brother loves brother, hate is turned to love, war to peace, prejudice to kindness, and in our search for a utopia let us not forget who gave us this dream.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased."

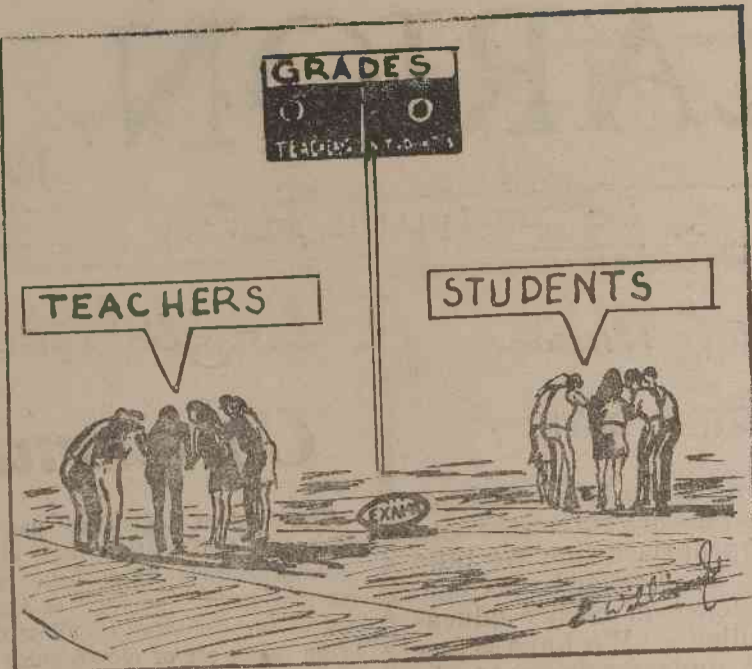
New SGA Proposal

The Student Legislature passed a proposal Wednesday evening which, in effect, stated that all students who do not maintain a 2.0 average should be required to participate in closed study period four nights out of the week.

The new ruling affects the men students more than the women since the women are already under the closed study system.

We tend to believe the new proposal, and the old one for that matter, concerning the closed study system unfeasible and ridiculous. Nothing short of armed guard would be needed to keep the vast majority of freshmen men in their rooms for study for two hours a night. And in their rebellion against forced study, the young men would probably not study enough anyway.

We think the whole system of closed study is undemocratic and childish. But the fact remains that it has helped many women in the past to maintain better grades, or has it? The question will never be answered, for who can say these women would not have studied without being forced into it.



Student Shares Experience From Red Bird Mission

By LARRY LANIER

This past summer I visited a state which I had never been in before. I was in the deep wilds of mountains in a place called Beverly, Kentucky. It was about the most isolated spot I have ever been although there were quite a few people around.

I was sent to Red Bird Mission by the Methodist Board of Mission. Red Bird Mission is twenty miles from the nearest town. It was established in 1921. The people lived up and down the valleys and hollows. Many of the homes (none were modern) have mountains for back yards. There were numerous creeks by which the natives tell directions. Visitors, about 2000 a year, have a rough time knowing which way is up or down — north and south just did not exist.

The Mission is dedicated to

New Addition To Hardin Family

They might call it keeping it in the family, but Mrs. E. W. Hardin, wife of the business manager of Brevard College gave birth recently to a son, Eric Wannamaker Hardin.

The exciting day for the family came Nov. 25 with the arrival of their first child.

The question that arises, however, is the future of the young Hardin, to be more exact, his college future. You see, Mrs. Hardin is a graduate of Brevard College and now Pop is the business manager. Wonder whether young Eric will "keep it in the family" and attend Brevard when he is a little older?

Holiday Break Starts Dec. 19

Brevard College students will begin Christmas holidays on December 19 after completing examinations for the fall semester, according to an announcement by Grady H. Whicker, Dean of the College.

Dean Whicker indicated that classes will end on Wednesday, December 10, with December 11 set aside as a reading day in preparation for the final examinations. Exams are scheduled to begin December 12 and will continue through December 19.

provide a well - rounded high school education to the mountain youth. It has a boys' and girls' dorm for students living in isolated areas. The school has from the first to the twelfth grades with an enrollment of 270 students.

Five counties are served by the Mission. It also has some out centers that have churches and elementary schools. Beech Fork, Jack Creek, Greasy Fork, Stoney Fork, and Mill and Flat Creek are some of the names of these centers. The Mission also has a modern hospital.

While there, I was a tutor in the summer elementary school program. The students came from very poor home situations. Their fathers drank and were on relief. But the people seemed happy and content. The students' home life showed up in the classroom. They were ornery and stubborn. If they did not want to do anything, then it was virtually impossible to motivate them. All they needed was confidence and a feeling of worth. The kids also had a bad inferiority complex. They did not like to be called hillbillies.

For the first time in their lives the teenagers at the Mission saw "Sound of Music" and were treated to homemade ice cream. Basketball is played year round, even in 100 deg. temperature.

Masquers' Project Is Announced

This year's Masquers' Project will be a blending of song, dance, and comedy called "Double or Nothin'!

This Musical Review will be under the direction of Mr. Wilbert Kimple. Mr. Kimple collected, arranged, and wrote all of the material in the show.

Auditions for this Review will be held on Jan. 22. Three males and three females are needed for the cast. Piano, bass, and drums will also be needed for the instrumental ensemble.

The Review, which lasts one hour, will be presented twice on Feb. 27 and on Feb. 28. A small admission donation will be taken.

Admissions Crackdown Is Being Stressed

Faced with harsh criticism from several nonwhite high school counselors, the National Association of College Admissions Counselors has balled on its member colleges to increase their enrollment of minority students to at least 10 per cent of their student bodies.

At the association's conference in Chicago, its governing body passed an 11-point resolution designed to improve college admissions opportunities for nonwhite students. The vote was 7601.

Other points in the resolution:

At least half of the 10 per cent should be "high-risk" students, i.e., students who would not be expected to succeed in college according to normal academic criteria.

Colleges "should eliminate the use of aptitude test scores as a major factor in determining eligibility for admission for minority students."

Although colleges should continue to use available federal funds, they should also commit part of their normal operating budgets to recruitment and aid for nonwhite students.

Financial need should be the only criterion for determining assistance for minority students.

Perspective

BY RONNIE SMITH
EDITOR

This is my last column, not only for this semester, but also my last as editor of this newspaper. I plan to leave Brevard College at the end of this semester.

When I first started writing this little "space filler" right after the start of the semester, I admitted publicly that I was writing it for my own enjoyment and satisfaction. Well, I have enjoyed doing it and as far as being satisfied with it, well, it helped to fill up the paper.

I have tried to cover a various range of topics with Perspective, covering deep subjects, light ones, humorous ideas, and a little of my ideas about life.

And so I cannot help myself, but I am forced to leave you with a little advice. It comes from a famous man in our history, and it is so simply stated that it is brilliant: "Be sure you are right, and then go ahead."

In everything you do, and in everything you try, think through it carefully, weigh the pros and cons, and then if you are sure you are right, go ahead. Merry Christmas and I'll not see you next week.

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