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Tornado Room Is A Disgrace

The Tornado room below Dunham Auditorium has for the most part of this school year looked as if a tornado actually came roaring through it in a destructive frenzy. This is a light way of putting a serious problem that is absurd and deeply shameful occurring at a college of young men and women, most of whom are responsible students.

In an interview with Mr. Alderman, manager of the college store, many facts concerning the destruction of Tornado room property were brought out. Mr. Alderman disclosed the fact that pool sticks have been broken completely into, as many disgusted pool enthusiasts have already noted. Also, the eight ball has been stolen from the table. He remarked that many students who complained about the absence of the jukebox didn't realize the extent of damage done to the machine. It was removed for a month by the sponsoring company after someone broke through the inplate of the machine and manipulated the mechanism in order to obtain free music. After an unwarranted stunt like that it is remarkable that the company re-installed the jukebox. It has been returned, however, with a metal shield to prevent the recurrence of such an act.

Recently, a used pinball machine was placed in the Tornado room. Mr. Alderman confirmed that the Student Union has been promised a new pinball machine, also, but considering what has already happened to the one there now, that promise could be easily broken. Someone has already smashed the glass covering on the machine, making it useless to all students. Evidently, this action was committed with malicious intent since it was not reported as an accident. Most certainly it was an act of an immature, indifferent individual.

Aside from the pool table, the juke box, and the pinball machine a cracker vending machine in the room has also been abused several times. Certain individuals have actually turned the machine upside down in attempts to make money fall out of it.

The primary question concerning this vandalism of recreational property is this: who is responsible for such actions? In the first place, each individual on this campus is under suspicion, and each consequently, suffers for it in being denied the facilities because of the actions of the guilty persons. In the second place, many individuals that have knowledge of the vandals and yet hesitate to report such actions are just as guilty as if they had had their hands in the action. In the third place, these vandals could be outsiders from town or guests of students, but in all

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We are living in a world of prejudice where there is discrimination against class, color, creed and religion. In this country, the greatest nation in the world, we find prejudice against race most predominant. Here the whites discriminate against the blacks. Why is this so? It is because they hate the blacks; it is just a thing that they have grown up with. In the same way that they were taught that there is a God and accepted it, they have accepted the assumption that black is low, dirty, mean and everything evil. They have been brainwashed by the literature that is used in schools.

Brothers, the whites are wrong. Black is beautiful, good, kind, and capable of deep love for their fellow man. This we got to show to the world in a peaceful way. We got to fight but not with violence. We must strive to excel in school, at work and at play. In this way we can show the world that we are worthy of having equal rights. Then and only then will

we get it. For man only gets what he deserves.

The future of black America lies in the youth; they are carrying the key to success in their books. But those who are in school or college must try to assist their brothers in any way they can. Don't try to pull them down because you envy their success. This is what will keep you back; it is not because you are black. Whenever a black makes the top he looks down at the other blacks. Blacks discriminate against blacks. This can be seen in this little community of Brevard to a great extent. Those who are or were in college are too high and mighty to associate with other blacks. This is where the answer lies, within ourselves among our own people. So brothers, stop blaming others for your setbacks in life; stop crying over spilled milk. Get up and do something about it. Raise your head and wear your color with dignity.

Sincerely,
Roland Yearwood

How Do College Editors Feel

About The Draft?

(ACP) — More than two-thirds of the nation's college newspaper editors do not favor the lottery system as it now stands of drafting men into the armed forces, according to a recent poll conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press.

Two hundred college newspaper editors were polled, and of the 98 who replied, 31% favor the lottery system, 68% do not, and 1% abstained.

Fifty-seven per cent feel that knowing a sequence number in the lottery will make it easier than the old system to plan for the future.

When asked if they thought the December 1969 drawing was "fair and random," 55% thought it was.

Of the 17% who thought a new set of numbers should be drawn, there were two women and 14 men. Half of these men will be classified 1-A this June, and half plan to resist the draft. Five of the 14 fit in both categories. All but one have numbers below 144.

As for new occupational deferments, 67% did not want the abolished.

Eighty-one per cent favored the establishment of a well-paid volunteer U.S. armed force, but only 6% of the male editors who responded would join up, given the opportunity.

Although 51% of the male editors don't plan to resist the draft, 36% do; 10% are unsure, and 3% gave no answer.

Opposition to the Vietnam war was the prime reason for resisting induction. Forty per cent of those listing reasons for resisting chose this cause. Opposition to involuntary servitude was the next most popular justification for resisting the draft, with 20% holding this view.

Opposition to killing human beings and opposition to war in general were the next favorite reasons, drawing 16% each.

Eight per cent admitted fear of death was their reason for resisting the draft.

Pan Am Day To Be Held April 14

The Organization of American States (OAS) is an international organization uniting twenty American republics for the common purpose of maintaining peace, freedom, security, welfare, and human rights to all Americans. The member states are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Republica Dominicana, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, los Estados Unidos, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Pan American Day, April 14, is celebrated annually as a "commemorative symbol of the American nations and the voluntary union of all, in one continental community."

Reflections

BY PAUL SIMS
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A young man sat in a chair reading a newspaper, his thoughts absorbed in the latest news. The television set across the room was turned on, but unnoticed for the moment. To his right, the young man's wife sat reading her favorite fashion magazine. To her right was the only window, a rather small window for the size of the room. It was bordered by white silky curtains that covered the window's steel framework that was firmly insulated and air tight. There was no way to open the window. Oblivious to the drone of the television, the young couple sat reading.

Suddenly, the television screen flickered and a commercial came on. A pleasant, masculine voice emitted from the set. When the man heard the voice, his head bobbed up and he called for his wife to listen to what was being said.

"This commercial could save your life," said the voice. "When you are outside of your cubicle and all you have between the air and you is your pollumask, you can rest assured that the engineers at 'Life-line Pollumask Company' know you want the ultimate in protection. That is why we have developed a pollumask that protects far more than any of the others."

While the voice continued its sales pitch, the young man explained to his wife that he

was going to purchase the new style pollumasks for both of them in the near future. They broke off the discussion when the voice began to tell about all the new shades and shapes of the "Life-line Pollumasks."

"Our latest color is a beautiful aqua-blue that reminds one of a beautiful sky or the spreading ocean, lest we forget. For the men we have a classical gray that looks as distinguished as it sounds. Remember, 'Life-line' has a pollumask to fit every face. 'Life-line' could save your life."

Hazy sunlight was filtering into the room now, as the sun began to set. The poisonous air that oozed and settled like a fat, stupendous cloud among the cubicles of the vast neighborhood screened out the penetrating sharpness of the sun's rays even on this cloudless afternoon. On a cloudy day, the sky was almost a reddish-gray and the sun was only a faintly brighter area in the sky. Beautiful days were a thing of the past.

As the young couple sat in the hazy sunlight, they remembered an earlier time when as children they had laughed and played in air that was still safe. They looked at each other with a tender, lost emotion filling their chests. It could have been different, they thought.

cases the violators must be reported before they can be detained.

Even though the year's end is close and the new recreation room will be located in the Sims student center, the same thing may happen there if the responsible students on campus allow it. Violators can be prosecuted if they can be found out. If these vandals are brought under control it will inevitably mean more student freedom, and better recreational facilities for weekends. It all boils down to one thing. The responsible individuals at Brevard College are going to have to take it on themselves to be alert to vandals or to irresponsible students who can put to disadvantage the entire campus if they are allowed to do so.