

# Editorial Page

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## Is The U.S. Nearing Big Decision In Viet Nam? N. Vietnamese Tactics May Force New Action

The recent announcement of President Nixon on the Vietnam War, or shall we say, the war in Southeast Asia, was still another move by the administration towards opening up negotiation for a peace plan. His latest speech, presented nationally last week, called for the adoption of a complete ceasefire, with existing boundaries to be recognized as they stand.

The move, if adopted, could mean a quick end to the war, especially for as use of U.S. troops is concerned. It would enable the U.S. to withdraw completely in a short time, with the South Vietnamese becoming solely responsible for their own protection.

But, despite the fact that this proposal may be one of the best to come along as yet in this rather futile, frustrating, and costly war, the North Vietnamese, not unexpectedly, refused to accept the terms. While this may be one of the best chances yet for the U.S. to get out of Vietnam on the plus side since their present position is comparatively favorable, for the North Vietnamese it is not. Also throughout the war, the North Vietnamese have constantly refused to settle for anything less than a complete U.S. withdrawal with no real assurance that they would not resume aggression once the forces were removed.

Thus, the Paris Peace talks have been a complete failure, although the blame cannot be completely placed with the North Vietnamese. Still, however, the United States cannot make too many more concessions without giving in completely, which would be what the North Vietnamese have sought all along.

The dilemma of the whole situation is that, for the United States, the only alternatives are to continue the war, suffering great costs in men and material resources; give up completely, letting down the people that they have already worked so hard to protect; or to attempt to widen the war effort, going all out to win it as soon as possible. All three alternatives had their bad sides, of course, and all would meet with opposition from various sides.

Perhaps for the North Vietnamese the best strategy would be to continue the war for a longer period of time, perhaps indefinitely. But for the United States, a solution, however difficult and imperfect it may be, is practically a necessity. Unless the North Vietnamese change their present stance, the United States may find itself forced to take some decisive and definitely controversial, action.

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## The College Store Makes Announcements

The manager of the College Store, Mr. Alderman, has announced that all those wanting a Brevard College class ring must, by the end of October, place an order. One must do this by making a required five-dollar deposit to insure an early spring delivery. Place your order quickly, for other colleges and universities are ordering at this time. There are six samples in the college store on display from which one can choose. They range from men's jumbo to a lady's dinner ring.

Gray Brevard T-shirts, sizes large and extra - large, have arrived at the college store and are now on sale for \$2.50. Mr. Alderman is now taking orders for personalized rubber stamps.

Mr. Alderman also said that anyone wishing to place paper in the mail boxes in the post office must first fold them before bringing them to the store. There is a folding machine in the public relations office which one may use.

## Brevard College SGA Has Need For Change

By - Milton Rankin

The student representative body for Brevard College is the SGA. It is the responsibility of the Student Government Association to carry the desires, wishes, complaints, etc., of the student body to the Administration. The Association in the past has never become radical or demanding, and has insinuated no such action of becoming so this academic school year. However, because it is the responsibility or duty of the elected SGA member to carry "the voice of the student body" to the Administration, faculty, and staff, and because Brevard College students are now demanding a stronger voice in those decisions and regulations directly affecting them, a more authoritative Student Government Association may be forced to emerge.

Although I do not suggest that the SGA be as strong a governing body as the Administration, I believe that we should have more authority or power than is granted to us at this time. As it stands now, the SGA averages about 90 minutes each week debating over how proposals are to be worded to be submitted to the Administration. While one might conclude that we're asking too much from a church supported school, I sometimes wonder is it really worth the effort when a proposal as simple as "bare feet in the parlors" is rejected!

## NOTICE

Dr. Andrew Baggs, from the Department of Political Science at Western Carolina University, will be the primary speaker at a required convocation on October 19th at 7:00. Entertainment will be provided by the Brevard High School Band, under the direction of John D. Eversman and Georgie Henson.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about the lonely presence of the flag pole on the center of campus and the absence of the American flag I expect to see flying there.

True, the fact exists that flying a muddy, weather-beaten flag is disrespectful and unsettling to see. It is also true that rain is a safe prediction for today's or tomorrow's forecast here on campus. Even so, Brevard weather is not offensive enough to stand as an excuse for the absence of an American flag on any American college

campus. And if that is not the excuse, then what is?

I feel I hold an average amount of patriotism and pride for the institutions of which I am a part. I want to see the United States flag that is still to me a symbol of faith and hope. Brevard College is wrong not to take advantage of the campus inspirational mountain surroundings. This beautiful campus setting is the perfect background for a picture of optimism, created with the American flag in the foreground.

Susan Harrell

## Soap In The Fountain Symbol Of Rebellion

By Mike Thorpe

Earlier this fall someone poured soap into one of the fountains in front of McLarty-Goodson Classroom Building. It was finally removed this week. Some may have looked at it and thought of a prankster as being the one who did it. This most likely would be correct. I

see the fountain as a thing of beauty made by man to represent God's beautiful creations: rivers, small streams, the wonderous lakes, which He has given man to enjoy. The soap suds gloating, bobbing up and down in the fountain, make me see the interference a man's negligence and a "don't care" attitude about saving the earth's natural resources can cause.

Did the person see and understand the hidden meanings of his work of rebellion?

I watched many people, faculty, and students, pass the fountain, and I saw them take note of its condition. I wonder how many saw the fountain as I did? Many stopped and laughed; others stared and shock their heads in wonderment.

When one looks at the fountain, first he looks for beauty, art, and for love; then he sees the disfigurement of these things.

## OUTLOOK

By Mark Todd  
EDITOR

Now that midterms and fall break are practically here, and homecoming has just been completed, things are picking up on campus. The appearance of Robert Moorman, a former drug dependent and associate of Dr. Timothy Leary, was one of the most interesting events of the semester. It was, for those who attended, a very worthwhile experience.

For many of us it was the first time that we have heard someone tell it like it really is on the subject of drugs. It seems that all too often, drug presentations do little but confuse and misinform. Or if they do not do that, they serve to give a distorted view of the damaging effects of drug abuse. Moorman really knows what drug dependence and its effects are like. He has been there before, and has used many of the drugs that are coming to be even more in the news every day.

Even before the recent drug related deaths of Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, two well-known "acid-rock" artists, the drug problem has been more and more in the forefront.

Moorman admitted his own ignorance on the subject of drugs before he was introduced to them. He also admitted that, at first, he enjoyed drugs. But the eventual effects, he pointed out, were such that he is still struggling today and will have to continue to struggle to recover from them.

This type of program, it seems to me, is perhaps one of the best ways to educate the youth of America to the dangers of drug abuse without turning them off before you even begin.

Have a good vacation; good luck with those midterm grades, and I'll see you week after next.