

Editorial Page

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Drinking Policy Needs Attention

A survey was conducted recently by the SGA to obtain the students' viewpoint on the present policy on drinking at Brevard College. The results were quite informative. Of the students participating, 276 desired a more lenient policy, 15 stricter, and 38 had no opinion. 273 students stated that they consumed some form of intoxicant, while 54 stated that they had not.

On the question of whether the student had done so before coming to Brevard College, 258 said they had, while 70 stated they had not. 246 said that their parents consented to their drinking, while 71 said their parents did not consent to this. 286 students stated that they would approve of regulated drinking on campus, while 41 were against it.

Despite the fact that over 200 students did not participate in the survey, the impact is not hard to grasp. The majority of Brevard College students stated that they would approve of regulated drinking on campus.

On recent years the trend on college campuses has been towards the legalization of drinking on campus, particularly at the larger state institutions. However, Wofford College, in South Carolina and less than 60 miles away, is an example of a small private, Methodist College that has legalized on campus drinking, and this trend is also spreading. So it seems this is an issue that will be facing Brevard College in the coming years. It is one that cannot be ignored, especially when one notes the above statistics. Brevard College should continue the work it is now doing to uphold a policy that is relevant in the light of our changing society.

Not all of the liberalized codes seen on many campuses are without their drawbacks, as some seem to be going too far. After a certain point it seems, human nature being what it is, that people take advantage of lenient rules. Another problem is the trouble in regulation of legalized drinking which would result if the policy is revised. Since most Brevard students are under the age of 21, under North Carolina state law only beer could be legally consumed, the state law setting 18 as minimum age for beer. However, in many states, 21 is the minimum age for both beer and liquor, and this would mean an adjustment for these students in some respects.

The question is not an easy one, but it is one that Brevard College should continue to ponder to insure that it is maintaining a policy that is relevant to the world outside—the world that it is preparing students to enter.

—The Editor

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Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor:

Because of the fact that our academic exclusion rate has been very low and we enroll graduates of Oxford College into our junior class, Emory College has not been able in the

immediate past to accept as many junior - college graduates as we wished.

We have decided to enlarge our fall enrollment by about 100 students. We would welcome, therefore, applications from students who will be graduated from Brevard and who would find Emory a suitable place to continue their education.

I would be grateful if you could call to the attention of your prospective graduates opportunities at Emory. Our Admissions Office will naturally be pleased to furnish information to any student who may be interested in Emory College.

Sincerely,
John C. Stephens, Jr.
Dean of Emory College

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Phi Theta Kappa Campaigns For U. S. Prisoners Of War

At the present time there are 2000 acknowledged prisoners of war being held in North Vietnam. Only the North Vietnamese know the exact number of Americans they hold. Within the barbed wire cages that imprison the POW's, Americans lie dormant, dying of starvation and dying due to atrocities imposed upon them by their captors.

We, students of Brevard, cannot imagine the pain these men must endure. The only food they receive is rice, frequently including lice and pests that have invaded the food stuffs. If a rat should happen by, it is killed in the hands of a soldier and a fight ensues as to who will eat this morsel. The men are housed in shacks too small to accommodate their numbers. If they fall ill because of the conditions of their environment, they lie ill until death releases them from the hell they endure. Even after death they are not buried immediately — not until after they rot and their remains become a prize for animal scavengers.

Imagine for a moment a person you love who is lost - your brother, your father, or your fiance. Try to imagine your loneliness, your fear for his life, and the terror of not knowing whether he is alive or not. Up to this time in history, death has been the only escape for American POW's. Through death they find peace.

Brevard has many people who frequently curse the war damn our politicians. They are

quick to criticize but apathetic to any means that could be helpful in overcoming the suffering of men, which is the real tragedy of war — the suffering of men who were perhaps drafted to serve, men who did not on their own accord ask for this war and its consequences.

Phi Theta Kappa, at this time, is attempting to organize a campaign encouraging all students to write letters demanding of the President of North Vietnam:

1. The names of all POW's.
2. The allowance of a Red Cross committee to inspect the prisons and demand proper housing and medical aid for the prisoners.
3. Communications between

the prisoners and their families including letters and packages.

Campaigns of this sort have been successful in the past in so far as the North Vietnamese have released more names of the POW through their ambassadors in Paris and more mail packages are reaching the prisoners than before.

By supporting this campaign we will be able to join the millions of other concerned individuals in an attempt to change the policies of the President of North Vietnam, who is very conscious of American Public Opinion.

Please help us help them.
Marilyn Schnelle
for
Phi Theta Kappa

OUTLOOK

By Mark Todd
EDITOR

The recent planting of shrubbery around the Sims Student Union and the McLarty - Goodson Classroom Building was a step in the right direction. The development of a more beautiful campus is an important aspect in the progress of a college.

However, Brevard College, despite great progress, has not yet taken full advantage of the potential that is available due to its pleasant mountain environment. We still have some way to go before we can be called a complete campus. A need is evident for more plantings, particularly trees. This might relieve the "red brick syndrome," or the effect that on some parts of the campus there is little but a maze of red brick buildings and not so much else.

In the future there is much need for new dormitories and better maintenance for the ones that already exist. While much of this is a student's responsibility, the fact that the white brick portions of Beam on the outside walls and the parlor walls within have been peeling for over a year is something we need to correct. A need for more sidewalks is also evident, particularly in rainy weather. To its credit, the college has made plans to raze the old Classroom Building, a definite eyesore, and due to student initiative the parlor of Jones Dorm is to be redecorated.

As brought out in a recent Clarion article, another area of concern is the poor condition of several campus roads. Simply filling potholes with dirt will not solve the problem permanently, so definite plans should be made here also.

Therefore, a number of areas need our attention in the improvement of our campus for both appearance and practical use. We are fortunate in being at an institution where much progress has been made in this area in the past decade. However, there are always new problems that we must keep in mind. Many of them are being worked on, others are not. There are limitations in any situation too, money being one. But if we remain aware and continue moving forward, perhaps someday we will reach the goals we have set.

New

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ning for an office either this spring or next fall, it is advisable to check with Frank Owen or any member of the Constitution Committee on the requirements of that office because the proposed new changes have altered many offices.

Mini Art Showing Held In Dunham

Mr. Poe's drawing class is currently holding a mini art showing in the lobby of the Dunham Music Building. The students have been working on several different types of drawings to display. Students do sketch drawings with pen and ink, pencil, and charcoal. They then frame these and other art works with various colored mat boards.