

# Editorial Page

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## Monster

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Student government is a common cause, a gathering and mobilization of power and energy for the students and by the students in preparation for their day of leadership on a national level, and more important a individual level.

Today students are faced with a corrupt government, or perhaps a corrupt country of which the leaders of our nation are but a direct reflection. Many sicken when faced with fraud, politically justifiable schemes and immoral judgment. Our government is a manifestation of years and years of deceit and political murder.

Students throughout our nation are up in arms over what they see in the example of government set before them. This in many cases is as far as it goes? Far worse, more students just don't care. Have the students of our college and our nation grown fat and gotten lazy as our parents and grandparents have been accused of in Steppenwolf's "Monster." Student government is a common cause, but a common cause of what? Does our student body at Brevard College meet the requirements of a mobilized body of power and energy which will eventually find itself in the position of its parents. Or have our students "grown fat and gotten lazy," and become just another parasite under the auspices of the "Monster" which threatens to devour our nation. Students are willing to criticize and grumble, but where are the students once the time for collective unity arrives? Are the tangled and knotted atrocities of our nation today soluable for future generations? The answer is no if the growth of obsessive uninvovement is allowed to continue. The answer must have its beginnings in our generation. It should just as well begin here at Brevard. Will Brevard College students become mobilized and exert their full power in the learning process of government, or will they continue to grumble and gaze with unseeing eyes the answers which are before them. Cannot we learn from other's mistakes, or must we repeat the errors of the past, today in our Student Union, and further pollute and contaminate our government once we take our rightful positions of leadership. Yes, there is a Monster on the loose. It may be found in our government.

Is it an extention of the students here at Brevard? Is it here with us now?

## Student Activity

It has, in five months of school, become a common thing to hear people complain about nothing to do on the weekends. The Social Board (headed by Libby McGimsey), working with Coach Campbell has come up with a tentative schedule of weekend activities for the rest of the semester. To go along with this four visitation days have been set up for the semester Actions such as these cannot be successful unless students participate.

The Social Board is working on more ideas, so if you have any give them to Libby or Coach Campbell and participate!

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## Peter, The Wolf And Fire Alarms

Susan Anderson

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Peter. Peter lived in a log cabin in the Austrailian wilderness with his mother and father. One day, Peter was helping his father out in the fields. Well after a while Peter's father decided to leave him in the fields alone and he would go repair the fence around the house. Before he left his father told him to be careful and that if anything should happen to scare him to cry out for his father. The father had no sooner begun to work on the fence when he heard his son. His father could barely see Peter but the cry of "wolf, wolf," was unmistakable. Peter's father dropped his tools and when he reached the field he found his son in the grass laughing and his father was very angry and warned his son not to do it again. The boy said he was only checking to see if his son the man once again left the field. Twenty minutes had not yet passed when the father heard the cry "wolf, wolf" coming from the fields. The man threw down his tools and took off for the field. This time the son was again laughing to see his father. The father, however, did not find this second offense funny at all. He felt that his son was breaking a bond of trust. Right then and there he decided that he would not come the next time his son called. About an hour passed and the father was beginning to have faith in his son once again. No sooner had this thought crossed the fathers mind than the cry of "wolf, wolf" came. The father's anger began to rise again and he continued to work. Again came "wolf, wolf" continuously until suddenly the cries stopped. The silence began to worry the father and he ran to the fields. When he arrived the man was shocked to see his son lying dead, torn apart by the pack of wolves with their hunger satisfied.

This parable has been told for a reason. There's a meaning. The first feelings you might have is that the father should have come all three times and would have if he truly loved his son. The other is that the son should not have called "wolf" unless he meant it. The boy should not have lied. What happened, happened and the facts can not be changed. The father blamed himself. The boy was dead.

Many times in our society a person cries wolf. These persons do not realize how much they endanger their own existence and well being. These wolf criers have one thing in common — they don't think before they act. These men and women don't consider the other people involved. Maybe this story of a boy who cried wolf will bring to mind a few of the drawbacks and repercussions that follow an act that takes place before thought.

## Energy Crisis

Every time you hear the news or pick up a newspaper or magazine, what is the first thing you are confronted with. Right, the gas shortage. The major oil companies have declared that they can't supply enough oil to be refined and processed to keep up with the demand of the world. But many Americans, including Ralph Nader believe the American people are being led astray by the big companies.

Let's look at some possibilities. The major companies for one thing wanted the Alaskan Pipeline to be approved by Congress, but environmentalists shudder at the thought. What, they asked, would this do to the vast Tunda of the Alaskan state? Anyway many people hypothesize that the major companies made up a big hoax about the shortage to get Congress to pass the Pipeline Bill. If so, it worked.

Others say that the companies foresee the end of a great demand for oil as scientist are coming up with cheaper, more accessible means of energy. Solar energy is possibly right around the corner as scientist are learning ways to harvest energy from the sun. At least three major car companies are working on prototypes of electric cars. These will run off energy cells and give off no pollution. If the companies do foresee this possibility then they may be trying to make as much as they can before this event occurs.

## SUL Report

The proposal to form a student body committee was passed at the January 16 Student Body meeting by over ninty percent of the voting students. The executive Board of the SUL (Mark McGuire, M. B. Sheppard, and Libby McGimsey) nominated nine people, who were approved by the SUL Tuesday, January 2. The nine appointed were Osmond Ashman, Sheree Beard, John Capps, Terry Craig, George McJunkin, David Meeks, Diane Paul, Debi Weirenga, and Rose White.

At the January 29 meeting of SUL, Kirby Bailey elected unanimously to replace Stuart Krall as Sergeant at Arms.

This month the SUL also redivided into committees to replace last semesters, most of which had become ineffective. The new committee heads are Sam Edwards, Constitutional Committee; Fran Hermann, Honor Committee; Bev Sherwood, Sims Banquet Committee; Jerry Yunker, A. P. Tutorial Committee; and Libby McGimsey, Social Board Committee.

The A. P. Tutorial Committee is a new committee set up to help persons on academic probation. This committee will be working closely with Dean Thurston to come up with solutions to some of the people affected by A. P.

### EDITORS NOTE

The CLARION is open to letters to the editor and guest editorials. Articles should be typed and placed in the campus mail box 29 or given to Sheree Beard the Monday before publication. The newspaper is a channel of communication; use it.