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From the time we are born until the time we die, we are faced with the problem of meeting and getting along with people. Very seldom is there a better place to visualize this than in a college dormitory.

When people are living together in close quarters, there are bound to be conflicts and friction among them. However, these may be avoided or at least lessened by respecting the rights of those around us. These include the right to privacy, the right to be able to study and sleep, as well as the right to be an individual.

Rights are fine and dandy on paper, but they are no good unless we consider them while we go about our business. Freedom is the practice of exercising our rights without infringing upon the rights of others, and sometimes this is extremely hard to do. For this purpose, rules and regulations have been made which are supposed to help protect the rights of all of us.

In the Brevard College dormitories such rules include the practice of having "quiet hours" during the week nights in order to facilitate studying and sleeping. It seems, though, that "quiet hours" are very seldom quiet, especially before and during exciting times such as Homecoming. Recently there was a disturbance in the dormitories resulting from the childish behavior of several students. I call it childish because those involved took no consideration of the people in the dorm who were attempting to sleep and study. Only children are expected not to understand the concept of consideration for other. Sure, there are those times when a person feels that it is necessary to "let go" and relax. This is good for a person's emotional and mental as well as physical health. However, he should also consider the health of others who may be sick or is trying to study or sleep. Many people get really uptight when they cannot study, and their health may be affected by this.

In a dormitory situation, everybody's rights are involved and it is up to those living there to see that they do not infringe upon the rights of others. If everybody would take these things into consideration before they do something, it would save a great deal of trouble and irritation and help make a better community within the dorm.

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Police Nab Partying Hoodlums

Jon Anderson

Just as London suffered through the German Blitz of the early 1940's, so has Brevard experienced the fury of the Rosman "townies" of the late 1970's. And while Austria cannot be blamed for the crimes of one Adolf Hitler, neither can the city of Rosman be charged with the acts attributed to six of its natives.

High School dropouts from the beginning, this sordid group of six young males have been in and out of trouble throughout their lives. On this particular Thursday evening, drugs and alcohol were the main ingredients in their actions.

At approximately 10:00 on the night of September 29, while many of the students were viewing the Ali-Shaver fight on television, a 1967 Chevrolet quietly cruised through the rear entrance of the college. Yielding to a halt near the cafeteria, a number of the occupants disembarked from the auto wielding yard-long wooden truncheons. Striding from the Chevy to a car picked at random, the delinquents swung heavily and demolished the entire shield of glass on the driver's side of the parked vehicle.

The vandalized auto, a 1975 Nova, belonged to Mr. Gene McDowell, West Beam Director and an instructor of Religion at Brevard.

Word frantically spread through the residence hall and to the room of Mr. McDowell. Naturally, the instigators had vanished by the time the students emerged from the dormitory. Campus security was summoned, and all figured that that was the end of that. How wrong they were.

An hour later, Mr. McDowell was conferring with two students, Tom Dehn and Mike Fox, about the incident. At 11:15 p.m., as the trio stood outdoors facing the cafeteria's south side, a Chevrolet pulled slowly up beside them from the back entrance. An unidentified person in the car leaned groggily from the window and asked the three for some "pot."

Receiving a negative response, one of the unknown members of the automobile said drunkenly, "Then what the h— good are you?"

Stepping from the vehicle, two or three individuals brought the long clubs from hiding and began walking toward the group. McDowell said later that he could see the glass particles from the car's windowpane embedded in the sticks.

Before any more violence could occur, McDowell began yelling at the top of his lungs. Most students on West Beam's first floor heard him, and those that did not were aroused when he triggered the fire alarm. By that time, the entire dormitory was on its feet and was ignorant at first to what was happening.

The vandals, meanwhile, had hopped back inside the Chevrolet and steered it toward the entrance of the college. On their way out, the glass of a second vehicle was hastily smashed to pieces by the "townies." This car belonged to Ermory Winstead, one of the two security guards on campus.

But the destruction spree was finally halted, for the Brevard Police Department was waiting for them at the top of the street, where an arrest was ultimately made.

On campus, the men of West Beam were ready to engage in physical combat had the vandals decided to return. But word was relayed that the perpetrators had finally been snared.

Incidents such as this will continue to plague the campus unless appropriate action is taken soon.

"I am still learning."
Motto of Michelangelo

Clean Forest Is For All

Lee Reed

People from all over the United States enjoy coming to the Pisgah National Forest. Each year when tourists come to the area, they expect to see a clean well-kept forest and it is up to us, "the public," to keep it that way.

Many students of Brevard College consider the forest their home away from home. The forest is a place for many activities such as hiking, swimming, sight seeing, and most of all, Forest Parties. A forest party is a good thing to have, but if students do not start doing their part to clean up the trash after the parties, the privilege we now have (usage of the forest) will be taken away.

It just takes a little effort to clean up after a party. When you are in the forest and you are getting ready to come back to school, please look around and pick up what you can and take it to a trash can, because "every little bit helps."

SHOWBOAT will be presented by the Brevard College drama department. It is directed by Sam Cope with costumes by Clair Cope. Curtain will be at 8:00 p.m. Fine Arts Chairman, Dr. John Upchurch announces that tickets are on sale at the box office from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and may be reserved by calling 883-8292 ext. 11. Tickets prices are \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00. All seats are reserved. The Box Office is opened Mon. Through Fri.

"Pause" is a very special kind of fellowship each Thursday evening. The time at "Pause" is spent sharing, singing, and discussing God and what he has done for us in our lives. There is a special bond of togetherness and love at "Pause" which meets every Thursday evening in the Chapel of the Methodist Church at 8:30. To learn what "Pause" is about, you have to experience it. Everyone is welcome.

Correction

An error was made in the last edition of the Clarion, in which Dr. Wray was mistakenly said to be the Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. Wray's correct title is the Dean of the College.

We would like to apologize for inadvertently leaving the name of Jane Vocelle out of the masterhead in our first edition.

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