

# Editorials

Editor Speaks

## No Complaints, Except...

by Debi Crane

O.K. folks, this is the last time in 1978 that you will have to face a smart aleck editorial written by yours truly. I am sure that the above statement will not be met with a great deal of mourning by our readers. Although, for my ego's well being I would like to think that the aforementioned is the case.

I have no complaints right now.

Except the fact that I have no earthly idea how I am going to face fifteen (count them — fifteen) hours of what the school with a great sense of impending doom calls final exams.

I must admit that the very words final exams sends a cold shiver through my entire body. At the risk of sounding somewhat like a fool I would like to make the profound statement that final is such a final word! I feel as if I must know how a condemned woman feels facing the death sentence.

All my waking hours are spent with the desperate hope that some great calamity might befall B.C. before the 16th of December. Is that asking too much? At night my dreams are filled with genetic problems and misplaced modifiers. The other night I experienced the most horrible dream about a short tailed bald cat with one blue eye who had a speech impediment. Needless to say this kind of dream does nothing what-so-ever for my well being either physically or mentally. I fully expect to be an absolute nervous wreck by the time December 16th rolls around.

I find it impossible to look forward to Christmas with any joy at all when I realize that I first have to overcome the obstacle of final exams before I can ever reach the 25th. Ask me if that is not your basic pits?

## 71 More Shopping Days

by Jane Williams

Before I even thought about Thanksgiving dinner or Thanksgiving vacation, I walked into a department store and was greeted by green and red sparkling streamers that hung from the ceilings, miniature Christmas trees were everywhere and an electronic Santa Claus waved at the customers.

My first thought was that I had over-slept about two months. But then my eyes caught a bold print sign that read, "only 71 more shopping days till Christmas."

If time and the department store mentality are so eager to push Christmas upon us — why don't we just start selling Santa Claus, angel, and elf costumes for Halloweens. In fact, why don't we just have a Labor Day Christmas Parade and kick the season off to a really early start!

Christmas is a wonderful, joyous time but it is only a 24 hour day that gets built up for months. We have forgotten the principles behind the day. These principles have been replaced by a commercialized season that begins for all purposes the 26th of December.

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### Letters

## I Asked For It!...I Got It!

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

As newly appointed sponsor of the Cheerleaders (which will probably become former, after this letter), I take exception to and resent the obvious ignoring of "my girls" in the cheerleader-basketball picture cut lines in the Nov. 21 issue of the Clarion.

Unless half of the basketball team and two managers have recently taken "shrink and become beautiful" treatments, then you have obviously goofed in the identification of the front row.

It has always been an uphill battle to convince some people that a cheerleading squad is as much a part of an athletic program as a participating ball club. I'm sure that all of the basketball and soccer players will agree that without the cheerleaders there to boost the support of the game, there would surely be something lacking.

The airing of my complaint should in no way be misunderstood as a reflection on the basketball team. On the contrary, we (the cheerleaders and I) think they are, in a word, fantastic, and are going all the way this year. Nor should this complaint reflect on the journalistic talent of the Clarion staff, who we feel is second to none in college newspapers.

Unfortunately, it seems to be another example of a conditioned society's thinking that cheerleaders are not athletes but window dressing to an athletic program, when in fact they are an essential part of the program.

Our Cheerleaders, girls and guys, give long hours of practice, dedication, personal expense and sacrifice to be a member of the squad. For this reason I would appreciate some recognition of the Cheerleaders, if not for their support and being part of the athletic program, at least for being the front row of a photograph of CHEER LEADERS and basketball players.

Respectfully submitted  
Martha Nolen  
Cheerleader Sponsor

(The Clarion regrets omitting the cheerleaders' names from the picture on November 21, and extends its congratulations to our squad.)

Dear Editor,

Jones' Dormitory's maid, Florence Floyd, was dismissed from her duties in November 1978. This act of impeachment attracted much attention and aroused much concern among the dorm's residents. Many ruled that the act was unfair and too abrupt. Thus, a petition was administered in the dorm as a means for Ms. Floyd's employer to resolve the matter in a more just manner.

The issue was brought to the administration and discussed openly among a chosen number of the dorm's residents and Ms. Floyd's employer. We, the dorm's residents voiced that we felt the act was unfair to Ms. Floyd and to us also. We argued that Ms. Floyd tolerated much bizarre disorderliness and worked strenuously. We also opposed the fact that we had no knowledge of Ms. Floyd's dismissal before it went into effect. We residents were not allowed to give our opinion on the quality of Florence's work, which was given as the reason for her dismissals. We believed that her work was indeed up to par.

Ms. Floyd's employer argued to resolve the matter and soon came to the conclusion that his reasons for firing Ms. Floyd were just. The matter was then taken to a higher authority with the hope that he would draw up a committee to determine the rehiring of Ms. Floyd. But very little, if any, progress was made.

The residents were told by the higher authorities that Ms. Floyd's employer may have reasons for her firing that he believes might be derogatory to her reputation. Since this might have been the case it was wise to keep silent.

So the fight for justice ended because Ms. Floyd's employer refused to talk. It will never be known why he refused to talk. It might be that he failed to talk because he was truly concerned about Ms. Floyd's reputation, or maybe he didn't want to admit that the action he had taken was unfair.

Signed,

Renee Wiggins, Michelle Williams, Muriel Noone, Evie Hall, Toya Frye, Diane Taylor, Jan Sullivan, Carol Delia Stephens, Karen Burton, Cecilia Sutton, Robin Brown, Dallis St. Mary, Angela Blackman, Erin Gregory, Becky Thomas, Joanne Bondy, Linda Gross and Dorothy D. Goble

Dear Editor:

I am a peace loving person, not given to causing strife or contention unless there is good cause. To date, I have had a rewarding year and a half at Brevard College. I have accumulated a vast amount of knowledge and I am indebted to her for the education she has imparted to me. In a different light, however, for the sake of constructive criticism, I would like to raise several points in the following statements that concern themselves with some of the present policies of this institution I feel need re-evaluating:

1. I am aware that there is a possible change pending concerning the parking problem. The day student body, quite frankly, has a very difficult time trying to find an available space without having to walk a mile or get a ticket for being parked in the wrong place. There is a proposal for a new parking lot, but we need some spaces now, and I believe that there is a possible solution that would suffice until that lot is available. I am fully aware of the empty parking spaces in front of the gymnasium. Now, I am asking for an empathetic response on the parts of the dorm students who park their vehicles in front of Taylor and Green and in front of McClarty Goodson building. Dorm students, we day students use our cars as our lockers. If we have to park clear down at the gym, it means carrying a stack of books to four or five classes or making a trip to our vehicle every time the bell rings. Please consider this inconvenience especially in bad weather. I don't see why you students who don't need your cars during the week could not park in the gym parking lot. Being well acquainted with the fact that "open parking" is the policy at present, I may be asking something that is out of the question. I hope not.

In addition to the parking problem I would like to add that, if one of us happens to park in the wrong place (even if that space stays open all day) a very unreasonable fine of five dollars is imposed. Now fines I am not opposed to, but five dollars!? I think this problem should be everyone's concern.

2. Along the same lines, but with a different subject, I would like to mention the present cafeteria policy. Quite honestly, I do not care if a food service, Brevard College, or anyone else programs the eating policies. But when a person cannot take his packed lunch in to eat with his friends, or buy a mere cup of coffee or glass of tea without having to pay \$1.50 or \$1.80, whatever the case may be, because he is a day student or faculty member, something needs to be changed. If I am going to eat there I am more than willing to pay for my meal, but to be refused entry into the cafeteria when I do not intend to buy the meal...someone please enlighten me.

I think I can safely state that my feelings represent those of the day student body and are not my opinions alone. Feelings are beginning to run high. I believe it is time to act on these situations.

Jay Kaiser

