

Editorials

Editor Speaks

LOVE...What of it?

By Debi Crane

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One songwriter tells us that love is just a four letter word, while Hollywood would have us believe that we could not live without it. From those days long ago when the first sentimental said, "I love you" nothing has been the same.

Look at Broadway. Over the years hundreds of songs have come from there dealing with love. "What I Did For Love" (if she had to do something for it, was it sick?), "If this isn't love there's no Glocca Morra" (as we found out there was no Glocca Morra so logic would have us believe that there is no love), "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy" (would you expect the heroine of South Pacific to admit that she was in love with a real stinker?).

Just listen to the radio and you will get the following..."I Honestly Love You" (I would hate to think that she dishonestly loved him), "I Love to Love You Baby" (Do you think it would have been much of a hit if the words had gone I hate to love you or better yet, I love to hate you?), "Love is a Many Splendored thing" (is it really??), Or the aforementioned "Love is Just a Four Letter Word". (So is hate...do you hear of anyone writing a song about it?), "Love is a rose but you better not pick it" (Why not?), "All You Need is Love" (as anyone can tell you...you also need food and water...did the Beatles ever do a song about that?).

Of course Erich Segal did his bit for love...According to Erich love meant never having to say that you were sorry. Come off it Segal. If love means never having to say you are sorry then no one who is in love can be a real person. After all, how many people do you know that are never wrong? In other words — what worked for Ali and Ryan won't work for real people.

What about love as opposed to lust? One T.V. network advertises its soap opera lineup as "love in the afternoon"...wouldn't it be closer to lust in the afternoon? After all, something deep inside me tells me that there has to be something more to love than just sex.

We sign our letters with the word love and we describe our feeling for a particular brand of potatoe chips with the same word. Clerks tells us that they would love to help us...and little kids tell us that they love to go to school. Does this tell us something about love? Or is love such a word that it has many different meanings?

I could go on and on discoursing on this subject of love, but in a way I fear that I actually might uncover something on the subject which I don't want to know. That last line itself might explain how many of us feel about love — LOVE IS A BIG MYSTERY.



PTK PRESIDENT, Karen McCall and campaign manager, Donna Harriger relax after their big victory.

Good Job, PTK

The Clarion wishes to extend a hearty congratulatory handshake to PTK. This organization is one which has continually made its mark on BC.

We all know what PTK is (at least if we all read our last copy of The Clarion). We all know that it is a very honorable organization...and organization which admission into certainly entails great honor.

This time our chapter of PTK has outdone itself. Brevard College's fine chapter has been elected president of its district which includes many chapters in two states. A very fine showing indeed...we would have been proud of you no matter what. But this recognition definitely should instill a sense of pride not only in the members of PTK itself, but also in every member of the BC community.

Congratulations again and keep up the good work.

Boarding Students Vs. Day Students

THE WAR HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH. Who cares whether a student lives in a dorm or drives to school. Either way that student is an important part of the Brevard College Community.

How many times a day do we hear derogatory statements like the following...He doesn't know anything, he hasn't lived here all his life...He's just a townie, what do you expect?...They come from out of town and expect us to fall at their feet...They are all hicks from a hick town...The list could go on and on but The Clarion hasn't the time, space, or patience to spend printing trash like the above.

Neither group can say truthfully that the full blame lies with the other group. Although each might die trying. The day students would have you believe that the resident students are out to get them. While on the flip side the boarding students would feel that commuting students are out for their blood.

This writer can speak from experience on both sides of this issue. Because I have been both a boarding student and a day student. Both ways are fine, and I feel I met some neat people who belong to both groups. Then why, do I ask, does this problem exist?

Perhaps it all lies in attitudes. Webster's defines an attitude as a behavior representative of feeling or conviction. In other words an attitude is the way one acts in response to the way one feels. A student feels that he is being persecuted and he reacts with an attitude of hate and dislike. As small children we all learned this kind of response.

To say that this problem should disappear is to beat an old subject to death...We all know that it should. The attitudes of both sides involved are learned responses which can be unlearned. Maybe with a little understanding from everyone BC and all it's students can draw closer together like a real college community should be.

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor,

This school has got to be money crazy. It seems like every time I turn around, someone is getting fined for one thing or another. I just got fined for backing into a parking space. Can you believe that?

There has to be another answer, besides fining students. We aren't made of money, but apparently the school thinks we are. I'm surprised they don't fine us for walking on the grass. The fair thing to do would be to give us at least one warning, instead of slapping us in the face with a ticket. I'm sure a lot of students feel the same way I do. I hope the school decides to change some of the rules or I'll end up on welfare.

Thanks for the chance to voice my opinion.

James Zimmerman

ADVISOR'S NOTE:

Rhemma C. Miller, Assistant Professor of English at Brevard College for ten years, resigned at the end of the fall semester to take on new responsibilities in Texas. Those faculty and administrators who have been at Brevard for several years will remember all the different ways Rhemma served the college and community. A popular high school teacher before coming to BC, Rhue assumed duties as a drama teacher and director of all the school's productions, in addition to her teaching English. She also directed the Brevard Little Theater for several seasons. With the addition of new faculty, Rhue's duties shifted primarily to the English department where she handled composition, speech, and British literature. And certainly not least of all, she advised the CLARION for many years, helping to build it into sound paper.

Rhemma's absence will be felt by everyone here at Brevard; it's impossible to replace someone who has contributed so much of herself over the years. Those of us in the English Department will especially miss her quick humor and energy that were so much a part of our day.

Rhue accompanies her husband David to Carroleton, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, where he begins new duties with DuPont Corporation. THE CLARION wishes Rhue, David, and their daughter Christy, all the best in their new start, and hopes for their immediate success.

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