

EDITORIALS

GSWA Comes With Mixed Blessings

By Debbie Willenborg

"Now what I want is Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts," This philosophy expressed in **HARD TIMES** by Charles Dickens, seems to be becoming more of a reality for some Brevard students. This possibly could be a slight exaggeration; however, there does lie some truth in it.

The Grammar Standards for Writing Assignments sheet sets a standard that we must follow when writing a paper. We are limited to the mechanics of writing. It gets quite frustrating when writing a paper to accept that one's thoughts are limited to a certain formula and cannot be expressed as freely as one might feel the need to. A practicing journalist, Mark Walters, of the English Department, feels he sees things on practical terms and not so much academic. "I totally support the "Grammar Standards For Writing Assignments" as a means of establishing an acceptable level of literacy among our students. But if it's presented as a deaf and absolute standard of right and wrong, then we run the risk of mistaking dogma for knowledge, and in the end substitute one form of ignorance for another. It could easily become a weapon of intellectual totalitarianism. It will make us act out of fear rather than understanding. This is poison to the whole notion of education. In approach and intent I totally support the GSWA, but these are the dangers I foresee."

In asking many students about their opinion on the grammar sheet, I found they had various opinions. Some feel that they cannot express their best work when following a certain format; however, others feel that they put more work into it and are more careful when following the standards.

These students, along with the faculty, believe that their work has improved tremendously. Ms. Barnhill, also from the English Department, says, "Looking from the wider perspective of a teacher ... the improvement ... grammatically and in content ... becomes very apparent." It is quite obvious. When following this sheet, we become much more careful, most importantly, with grammar.

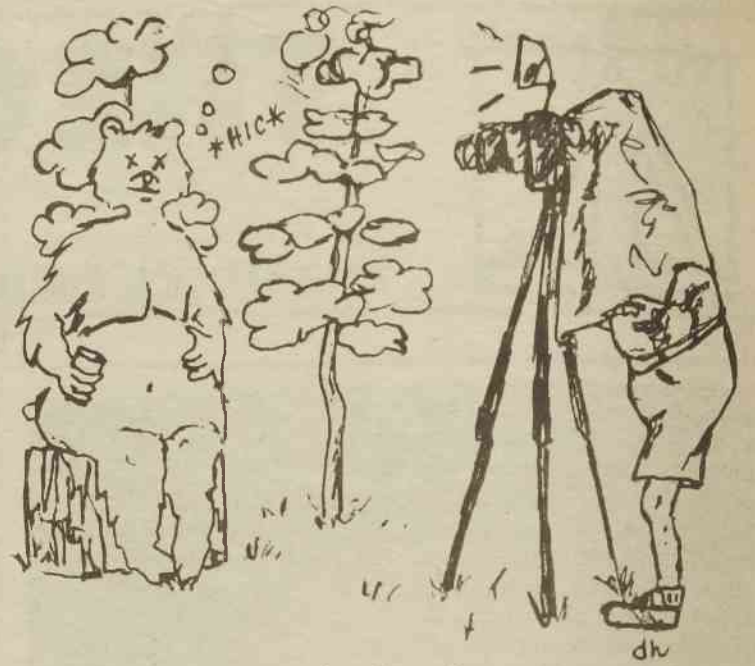
An idea has been suggested to have a paper receive two grades, one for grammar and the other content. This way the student's ability to express himself is appreciated as well as how he can mechanically put his paper together.

Cross Country Team Is Overlooked By Fans

By Ray Duckworth

All college teams should be recognized and supported by their student body, but Brevard has a team that gets little recognition. This team's participants practice as hard as a basketball team or a soccer team, yet it does not have the following of Brevard's other teams. This team, which finished fourth in the nation and was undefeated during regular season in 1978, is the Cross-Country Team. These athletes run a grueling 100 miles a week. They deserve our cheers.

When a team finishes fourth in the nation it hurts not to have support from the school. So come on down to the Cross Country track today at 3:30 for the team's first meet of the year.



I can't wait to show the guys at the office!

Forest Parties: Don't Trash On Our Land

On the front page of this issue we carried a story about the "forest party" problem.

This is a problem which merits quite a bit of discussion. The core of the matter is that the parties cause an unneeded problem for all concerned.

If the partiers would only organize the parties a little bit better and plan ahead a lot of these problems could be solved. The simple idea of bringing a few garbage bags along would help tremendously. After all, would it be that much trouble to throw your trash away rather than throwing it to the winds? Aluminum cans and plastic wrappers have no place in a natural forest environment.

The person who uses the forest should also remember that he is not the only one to do so. Signs telling the locations of certain parts of the forest do absolutely no good in a dorm room. These signs are for everyone's benefit ... not just yours.

All the blame for forest misuse should not be placed on partiers alone. It is a sad fact to note that much of our public land is subject to abuse from every angle imaginable.

Pisgah Forest offers a great chance for escape to Brevard College students. The students should remember that the chance does not come without responsibility and they should plan accordingly.

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