

# EDITORIALS

## Title IX

# Is B.C. Meeting the Standards?

by Kathi Levine

"Discrimination by Tradition"; that's what it could be called, at least up until July 21, 1975.

On that date, Title IX became effective for all schools receiving financial aid from the government. Title IX states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participating in, be denied, the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal assistance ..." Now you may ask, where is this leading? Most of the time, when we see the words sex and discrimination in the same paragraph, it is always assumed that there is a Woman's Libber looking at us between the lines. I, for the record, am not a Woman's Libber, nor am I a "Jockette," however, through a recent article, I became aware that women are being shortchanged in the Athletic Department on the Brevard Campus. I am not comparing what male athletes get that female athletes don't, nor am I saying that students are obligated to support women's sports. What I am saying is Brevard College offers women a poor quality athletic program which does not fulfill the requirements of Title IX.

Let us start at the beginning and work up to now. Not until 1976, because of Title IX, were athletic scholarships offered to women. During the three year period after the effective date of Title IX, provisions had to be made for equipment, practice and competitive facilities, publicity, and travel and Per Diem allowances. In 1977, there was a room designated for the women to use as a dressing room. Before, women had to dress in dorms before coming to the gym. When Corky Maynor arrived in 1978 as Athletic Director, the women received their first "locker room" and were allowed for the first time to use the main gymnasium for competition. The girls did have qualified women coaches for their sports until 1979.

It is easy to understand, why in 1976 the Women's Athletic Program received approximately 10% of the monies budgeted to the Athletic Department and why it has increased only to 26% in 1980. There is little interest in the Women's Athletic Program. It is apparent to me, if not to the school, that the objective of education is to grow and expand. So, then, why has Brevard not taken any steps to increase interest in women's athletics since "athletics constitutes an integral part of the educational processes of schools and colleges." Why has there been no effort to recruit for women athletes, especially when Title IX clearly states "generally, comparable efforts must be made by recipients to recruit members of each sex. Where discrimination previously existed, additional recruitment efforts directed primarily toward members of one sex must be undertaken to remedy the effects of the past discrimination."

One area of major concern is coaching. The Women's Athletic Program has one female coach. Gail Anderson coaches the women's tennis team, which began receiving scholarships just last year. However, for basketball, the sport which pays the highest scholarship to women, we have a male coach. It was said of Don Scarborough "that he took on a feat," which is true. Anyone with the ability to organize all of his responsibilities, Resident Tutor, Director of Student Affairs, P.E. Instructor, men's Soccer Coach and Women's Basketball Coach, must be very tired at night. I'm sure his qualifications are good, but how can we expect him to truly promote women's athletics as needed with all of his many and equally demanding responsibilities? I do not see that Brevard offers its students equal coaching.

Publicity is another factor. An effort can be made to schedule women's games, especially basketball, at times which would promote support. An effort is needed to promote women's athletics before they "regress in the making." It is frustrating when an athlete, male or female, cannot reach his potential merely because of the environment he is given to work in, and also, have to withstand the laughing and jeering of fellow students.

Efforts to correct these problems are being made. The women's tennis team is receiving scholarships, and the cheerleaders now come to the Women's Basketball games. Plans are in the making to expand the Women's Athletic Program, such as scholarships for volleyball and introducing another women's sport. These alone are not enough when there is no student interest and the school itself does not promote any interest or provide the support needed for the success of Women's Athletics.

Finally, a school founded on Christian concepts and ideals should not need the prodding of the government to correct deficiencies within the program offered to its students.

## ERA

# Necessity For Draft

by Debi Crane

In the 1960's thousands of young American men died in Vietnam. Many of them were not even twenty-one which was until 1971 the legal voting age. Therefore, many perished who had not had the chance to elect their commander-in-chief ... Gross unfairness??? YES.

Equally unfair is the fact that our present government now wishes to register 4 million young women who are not, at this time, given equal treatment under the law.

No one can deny the fact that patriotism should extend to all members of a country, and that there should be no discrimination between sexes. Unfortunately, our present government is asking women to stand up for a country which has not yet stood up for them.

Until the ERA is passed, I feel that our present government has no right to register women. If we must die for our country, then we, too, must be equal.

## Letter

### "Coming Events" Are Important

Dear Editor:

When I first thought of writing this letter I was angry. After a "cooling off" period I find I am more disappointed than anything else. It disturbs me that a student I know and like can write an editorial like the one in the Feb. 5th issue of the CLARION entitled Coming Events Equal B.C. Trash Can Fodder. I believe that students should always have the right to express their opinions about campus, but I find it extremely distasteful to read those opinions expressed in such a sarcastic and in my opinion, rude manner.

"Coming Events" serves a useful purpose on this campus whether we (the B.C. community) choose to use it properly or not. It informs people of what is happening on campus for the current week. There is no other effective mode of communication. I do not find "Coming Events" "worthless junk mail" any more than I consider the daily, weekly or bi-weekly newspaper "junk." Both are intended to inform the readers. If the readers choose not to be informed then only the readers are to blame.

It is not an easy task to schedule events on this campus. Activities vary, places and times change, but at least with a list before us we (the B.C. community) do not have to depend on our own memories to keep us on schedule for meetings, special events, etc. At least with "Coming Events" I can check the time, the place and the date of any scheduled campus event.

In the long run I believe that both "Coming Events" and the CLARION are trying to achieve the same objective - to inform the Brevard College community of the events taking place.

Finally, let me suggest one thing which I feel might put this in perspective. Criticism is a necessary and important part of life that we must all learn to deal with, but negative criticism only serves to create hostility. This is the real problem I have with the editorial. From the headline to the last sentence there was not one suggestion about a different method of publishing campus news, not one concession to the idea that some form of campus communication is necessary. If "Coming Events" bothers you then why not come up with a new and perhaps better way of letting students know what is happening on campus. As only one of your readers I would be happy to see your opinions expressed in a constructive manner.

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