

Editorials

Just Dull Ambitions

by Randy Jackson

Thoreau once said (to an effect), "There are no dull subjects, just dull writers." If we alter that expression some, we can say, "There are no dull teachers, just dull students."

Of course, the problem with any maxim is this: we can challenge it, or we can admit the truth in both sides.

One of the good things about Brevard College is the good student-to-teacher ratio; one of the bad things about our college is that too many students do not take advantage of a teacher's willingness to help the student. A

student can't help but admit that, truly, some subjects are boring (as well as some teachers); then again, a teacher can but admit the contrary.

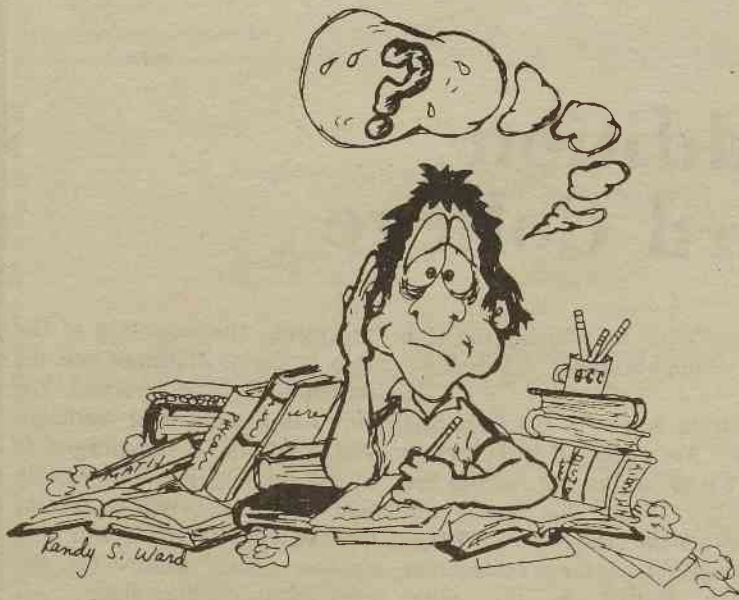
It seems to me that we more frequently than not "do the wrong things" in a worthwhile situation. That is, some teachers may, indeed, leave the office too early, making difficult the student's task to get extra help. But some students leave the classroom too early, also.

I have found, not surprisingly, that my best students not only do the most work but are also most willing to do

the extra work. After all, we are all here to learn and teach, two things we cannot accomplish if we decide our subjects are boring or difficult.

A college designs to give a student knowledge in a variety of areas; it does not design to be a frivolous interlude between high school and the rest of the world. Brevard offers the student a chance to be less than dull. Why then need we be bored? The rest of the world should offer so much.

After all, there may indeed be no dull teachers or students, just dull ambitions.



How Was Your MTG Experience?

My symptoms usually arrive about a week before I do.

Cold sweat, loss of sleep, and severe aggravation is what I do to you.

You cram in as much last minute homework as possible in order to raise me up.

Some of you get off lightly from my effects.

Others suffer all the more after ole Mom and Dad find out.

My initials are MTG and that's quite a clue.

Even those of you that are quite intelligent suffer some anxiety that I bring with me.

Haven't you guessed who I am?

I'm your midterm grade and I just love to torment you.

Ha ha ha!

Mike Callahan

The Brevard College Student Government Association exists to further the goals of general student responsibility and effective student control of student activities and disciplinary matters; as an official and representative student organization with powers to receive and investigate student grievances; as an official voice through which student opinion may be communicated to the officials of the college; and as a means whereby students may gain experience and training in responsible political participation and community leadership. The Student Government Association realizes that it operates within the framework of general college policy and that as an organization it is responsible to the student body and to the college administration, faculty, and trustees.

Friend,

Already on our fourth issue, wow, has time passed! I am more and more satisfied with our paper and even more pleased with the staff who has produced it. I'm disappointed in the response towards classified ads. Classified ads are a service to the students. You have free advertising and free space so take advantage.

A reminder: Pre-registration ends November 12th, try to find your advisor before it's too late.

Letters to the Editor

concerning any topic are welcome. It is refreshing to hear a different point of view.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Kathi

Announcement

The 1981 Pertelote is seeking photographic contributions. We are interested in pictures made of students and student activities. All prints should be 5 x 7's and must be black and white. Contributions should have the photographer's name and room number on the back of each print. Pictures will be returned after the 1981 Pertelote is distributed. Bring contributions to Mrs. Chamlee in the library.

Many Repairs Necessary

by Lisa Atkins

OUT OF ORDER. Although few (if any) signs to this effect may be seen on the Brevard College campus, this seems to be the working state of just about EVERYTHING here! Showers, doors, lights, locks, vending machines, washers and dryers, toilets, phones — you name it, and chances are that it is CONSTANTLY out of order. The sad part of all this is that these necessities which never seem to be in a usable state are often reported five or six times before any action is ever taken to get them repaired. This isn't to say that the blame lies entirely with maintenance, the resident tutors, or other

members of the administration; the case, in fact, is quite often the opposite. I know of one particular phone which had been reported to the telephone company several times before anyone showed up to repair it. Several days later, the same phone was again out of order. Needless to say, a rather long and frustrating wait followed.

What can be done about this situation? I feel that a great deal of the responsibility lies with the student body. As adults, we should be mature enough to know how to take care of certain possessions. One should NEVER carelessly leave a shower halfway running or a light on, much less throw any object in

sight into a toilet. I have seen these things (and more) happen many a time, and the results were always rather unpleasant for everyone involved, not just the negligent party.

Of course, this isn't to say that the blame rests entirely with the students. Rather, keeping campus properties in a fairly decent working condition should be (and, in fact, is) the shared responsibility of the ENTIRE Brevard College Community, not just one or two people. It is up to each of us to accept these responsibilities as being SHARED, not individual. It appears that not until we begin working on this problem as a "team" that things will begin shaping up.