

Editorials

Why Brevard?

By Melanie Mullins

"Why did you choose to come to Brevard College?" How often are each of us asked this question? Probably several times daily. Have you actually ever sat down and thought about this question though?

Not until recently have I actually answered this question myself. I have taken on many responsibilities this year at B.C. I am in charge of this newspaper as well as the hall that I live on in East Beam. Yet, more importantly, I am in charge of myself. At least I am supposed to be. With all the "changes" that have been made at B.C. this year I am apt to wonder.

Now, before anyone gets "huffy" at my last remark, I have a few other "points to ponder." I had my first Clarion meeting the other night in which the assignments were due for this first edition of The Clarion. Man, was I disappointed! Half of the so-called journalist did not even show up for the meeting or hand in their assigned articles. Is this acting like one is in charge of himself?

I am so tired of hearing students complain about what they can and cannot do. I am even more tired of hearing students say that "other colleges get to do 'so and so, and such and such.'" After continuously hearing remarks such as these, I have to ask the question, "Why did you choose to come to Brevard College?"

If we are to continue to make complaints about this campus, then we also need to search deep within ourselves and answer, to just ourself, "What really prompted me to come to Brevard?" More importantly, each of us needs to answer the question: "What can I contribute to Brevard to make it a better place, not just for myself, but for everyone else who is associated with the college community?"

In turn, if we are to contribute to the betterment of this college, then we, as students, should be treated with respect and as if we are in charge. Yet, how do we gain this respect? The answers to these questions seem to lead to one big circle.

As students, we say we should have more rights and privileges. Yet, we continue to destroy school property and continually back out on promises we have made to others - others who have faith in us and who are dependent upon us.

The administrative authorities place harder restrictions upon us and yet wonder why we are not using our full potential. They claim they are treating us like adults yet.....

Where are the answers to all of these questions? Better yet, are there answers?

To begin with, each of us can find an answer only within our own self. The answer will be different for each of us, of course. And, individually, there can be no wrong answer - it is nice to be right for a change.

Administration and faculty, as well as students, make up the Brevard College community - we all live here! Why don't we all stop complaining about what we don't have and start putting to good use what we do have at our very fingertips: OURSELVES. Perhaps then will everything else fall into place.

As editor of The Clarion I have one goal in particular in mind: that is to make this newspaper the "voice" of the college. This is your paper. I hope through the course of the year that everyone will come to feel this way. The newspaper can be a vital resource if used properly and if it is truly wanted to be. Let us all "take charge."

By the way, why did you choose to come to Brevard College?



YEH! BREVARD IS THE LAND OF THE WATERFALLS...

Gaddafi-Libya's Lunatic Leader

By Kari Howard

A violent wave of anti-Americanism appears to have erupted over the world lately. Riding high on that wave of hate is Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi (or if that Moammar Khadafi? No one seems to be able to agree on the correct spelling). Called a "mental case," a "lunatic," by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Gaddafi is considered an international outlaw by the U.S.

Libya's leader does not seem bothered in the least by these denouncements. In fact, he revels in them and the worldwide attention they draw to him. All eyes were riveted to him following the foolhardy attack by two Libyan SU-22's on two sophisticated American jets on August 19th. Gaddafi has changed his story on the details of that incident so many times that it grows increasingly hard to believe anyone in their right mind could accept his statements as truth. He even went on so far as to show on Libyan television the wreckage of an American F-14, he claims was shot down in the dog fight. Preposterous, yes, but the scary thing is that his people believe that propaganda. Atop his soapbox, he threatens to bomb the Mediterranean states and "cause an international catastrophe," and says of Ronald Reagan, "He was a failure as an actor, and now he is a failure as a president."

A word of warning: watch out for this man who calmly declares, "We will make the Gulf of Sidra into a new Red Sea with our blood."

A Dedication To Love

By Scruffy

Let this be a dedication to those of Brevard College who have romantic hearts. Many of us have very special friends; these may very well be ex-boyfriends or girlfriends that we will always hold very dear.

But, to be sure, some of us have asked that infamous question: Have we yet encountered that very special person? Well, perhaps we really never honestly answer this question until that person has already come and gone. There are few of us who have met someone briefly and realized later on that we wish to make a very important point out of spending more time with him or her. Just maybe, after getting to know this person a little bit better, we find ourselves suddenly answering those personal questions that we have never answered to anyone else before. A kind of security that we have never known becomes present in our hearts. The person we have become involved with starts to feel the same towards us a beautiful relationship develops.

Perhaps, after a while, something suddenly breaks us apart - the reasons are many.

Maybe after the seperation has occurred we begin to feel a few unique things. Instead of the usual temporary hurt and feeling of loss, these things become permanent and are accepted into the back of our minds. Dating is never the same and anyone we may come in contact with from this moment on can never be

more than a close second.

Perhaps to some of us, these feelings describe the so called "Endless Love!" If so, I am in sympathy with you. If not, I do hope and pray that when you do encounter this "Endless Love" you will recognize and cherish it and answer that infamous question before that person is gone!

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