

Will You Have Enough Money To Attend School Next Year?

A college education should not be denied to a person because of his financial situation, but the Reagan Administration doesn't seem to believe this. The Administration is on the verge of abandoning the Federal Government's long-standing guarantee of student (financial) assistance, possibly forcing millions of students nation-wide to drop out of college or to go part-time.

Jack Peterson, president of the American Council of Education, said in a recent issue of TIME, The Administration is advocating the abandonment of a 25-year commitment that college will not be denied to any person because of financial condition." Such financial and programs as the Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), and the College Work-Study Program lie on the Reaganomics cutting block, ready to be sliced down to the bone.

Reagan has already begun to phase out Social Security educational benefits, affecting more than 150,000 students nation-wide, including

some in the Brevard area. One local high school student whose family relies on Social Security and who wishes to attend Brevard College next fall stated, "It really scared me. I don't know if I will be able to afford it. I don't even know whether I'm going to get a education or not."

Reductions have just begun, but their impact has already been felt both locally and nationally. And it's going to get worse as the Reagan Administration plans to dismantle the Department of Education itself in the near future.

The Clarion maintains that this is bad news, both for the students and for the nation's welfare. America cannot benefit from a reduction in the educated. The federal deficit may be decreased somewhat by these cuts in educational assistance, but they may only hurt the nation in the long run. The Clarion believes the Reagan Administration should increase educational funds that's where the true wealth of a nation rests in its mind power.

Brevard College students should band together



and take action by writing letters to Congressmen. Concerns should be voiced, because without opposition, scheduled cuts will surely ensue.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Yet many prospective and talented students face some closed doors in the near future. This is wrong. The Reagan Administration has taken a poor step backwards.

We All Learn to Accept Criticism

by Melanie Mullins

"Not everyone is going to agree with you," my mother has constantly told me. "There's always going to be someone who will criticize what you do or how you do things," she adds. Well, now I know what you meant Mom!

Sometime during the day, we all are bound to be criticized by someone in some form or another. Perhaps your roommate thinks your hair is too short, or maybe he does not like the way you express your feelings. No matter, we all are criticized in one fashion or another during the course of the day.

In turn, none of us can deny the fact that we step into the critic's shoes from time to time too! Unfortunately, finding fault with others is a part of human nature.

For the most part, criticism hits us like a ton of bricks. It is not easy to keep smiling when someone makes fun of or condemns your best efforts. For instance, what do you say when someone tells you that you are incompetent?

More than likely, your reaction would be a negative one. However, criticism can be positive. Criticism can actually strengthen us if only we will let it.

When someone criticizes you, obviously you must be doing something right or he would not be finding fault with you. In other words, he must have a void in his life which he attempts to fill by cutting you down.

For the most part, people find fault with what we feel are the stronger aspects in our lives. In turn, don't we often criticize others' qualities which we ourselves do not possess?

We are all guilty of judging our peers. (Sit at any table in the cafeteria and you are bound to hear someone talking about somebody else). Criticizing others is a hard habit to break, you open your own self up for judgement once you start judging others. If you "dish it out," as the old saying goes, then you should also be able to take it! We all should take a good inventory of ourselves before we open our mouths about what is wrong with the rest of the world.

In turn, the next time someone criticizes you, don't withdraw from the rest of the world and feel like an outcast. Be positive! You possess some quality which he does not! Ironically, as you start to feel better about yourself, you are less likely to find fault with others.

Why am I suddenly concerned about criticism? As a Journalism major, I realize I will forever be faced with criticism, and I am sure I will not be guiltless in criticizing others myself. I have recently realized the importance of learning to accept criticism. I can honestly say that the experiences I have encountered at B.C. have helped me to handle this better. I hope you can too!

Letter to the Editor

Clarion Readers Respond To OBVIOUS, Evolution

Dear Editor,

In their letter to Readers, the editor of OBVIOUS solicit glowing compliments and nasty rebuttals. I have neither, but I submit some reactions, and I prefer to submit them to The Clarion.

I suspect that all but a very few members of the college community do applaud the notion of putting out the truth in print, as well as having as much journalistic and literary "meat" in our college publication(s) as possible. There is a difference, though, between the apparent and the obvious. What is truly obvious needs no expression and journalists are expected to print nothing other than what appears; to them as the truth.

I was not overwhelmed with the meat which these pages served. "God is dead" may elicit some response for the religion faculty, but I wouldn't stay up waiting for it (that's what their courses are for). There's a personal attack on Melanie Mullins, whose writing ability is described as "sordid" (a sordid ability is kind of like a purple smell). There's polemic against American institutions, mental stagnation, society in general, but where was any substance to rebut? In fact, at the end of the piece, the writer confesses that not only did he not say what it was he considered obvious, he's not gonna, either, 'cause he don't care what his readers (all vegetables) think.

In both of these latter pieces there is seen a contrivance of a striking effect, achieved by rummaging through a thesaurus without reference to a dictionary and by the college equivalent of a third grader yelling "under-

pants!" on the playground. I classify putting this under my door in a category with stuffing my mailbox with "You may have already won a million dollars" announcements.

The characteristic of this publication which bothers me is expressed in their paragraph soliciting responses: "...we thrive on animosity." Although perhaps just as unfortunate choice, this word does indeed characterize the tone of OBVIOUS. Controversy is often a good thing. Animosity is a bad one (among the synonyms: ill-will, unfriendliness, hostility, hatred).

The idea of an independent publication could be a good one if more substantive writing were included and not the products of just anyone harboring delusions of literary adequacy and having animosity to vent. The concern that products of the Brevard College community represent high standards is a valid one.

Sincerely,
Dr. Clarke Wellborn

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Dear Editor
As a Sophomore who came to Brevard to get a "Christian

education," I would like to state that I am appalled at the Science department's teaching of evolutionism and blasphemy of creationism. Granted, the constitution enforces the separation of church and state, but does this necessarily mean that anything biblical should have no place in public schools? If this is to be taken literally, why are there church-affiliated schools to begin with, and why is religion required at Brevard College? In a non-church-affiliated college, perhaps the teaching of evolution would be less controversial, but I do not lend my support to anything at a Christian college which is against Christian principles.

If the alcohol guidelines, parietal regulations, etc., are strict in order to uphold certain positions of the Methodist doctrine, why aren't the guidelines for the Science courses (and in fact, all courses) just as rigid? If teachers hold an anti-Christian standpoint on certain issues, they have every right to hold and express their views; however, they should not do so in such a way as to make their students uncomfortable.

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