

Fire Safety Awareness

# BC is Unprepared

A small fire that sprang up in West Jones eight days ago could have grown and caused considerable damage to both property and students.

Luckily, the fire was extinguished inside of a few minutes.

Yet it required two fire extinguishers and the resident tutor to contain it. The first extinguisher hadn't worked properly, and the girls who attempted to operate it later admitted they weren't completely familiar with the apparatus.

Only after more time did the second extinguisher arrive, and the fire essentially quenched. In that time interval, however, the fire could have grown much worse.

This incident raises an important question: just how prepared is Brevard College, studentwise and equipmentwise, in the event of a large fire? From some indications, not very.

It's a fact that Brevard College is in violation of a state law that requires fire drills in institutions like BC. Yet one college instructor stated the Brevard hasn't practiced drills, to the best of his knowledge, in more than ten years.

A majority of those students polled by a recent CLARION survey stated they felt the need for fire drill exercises, at least once a year. Others said it would be a waste of time.

The BC administration may think so also. It has hinted to the idea that in the event of a student fire drill there would be total chaos--perhaps not a good reflection on student maturity. Maybe the administration has reason to think so.

But in any event, the administration has lagged far behind in addressing this problem. Students should be made more aware of specific procedures to follow in the event of fire, because as it stands now, students have a dangerously poor awareness of what to do in the situation of a fire.

Perhaps it is easy to stroll out of a building when nothing is wrong, but a panic situation can lead to disaster.

Our administration needs to arrive at a plan which informs students where to go, what to do, the proper use of the extinguisher, and a check-list procedure, in the event of a fire.

The administration may (and some students) may look upon this as an unpopular move, but this is one move that is a necessary evil.

Students, too, have a responsibility, as well as resident tutors, to insure that all fire extinguishers are in their proper place and in working order. One who "messes" with this equipment may only be hurting himself, and his friends, as the case could have been early last week.

## Dr. Dunstan Offers England/Europe Tours

Spring break may be sooner than you think. If you haven't made plans you might want to consider a trip abroad.

Dr. Will Dunstan, instructor of history and art at Brevard College, will direct a tour of England between March 12 and March 20. According to Dr. Dunstan, this is a deluxe tour at a bargain price of \$996.

The price includes all transportation, most meals, daily tours with English guides, a room in a first-class London motel, and an Elizabethan banquet at the Old Palace in Hatfield House.

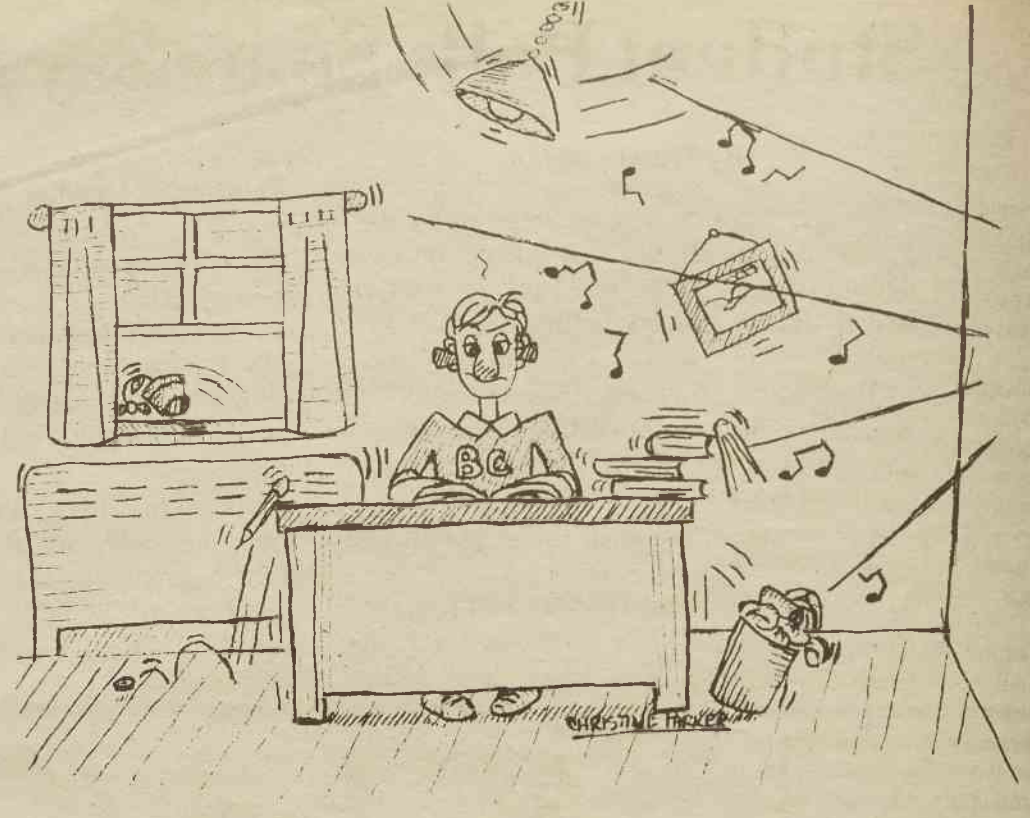
The daily tours include Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, a full day tour of London (Westminster Abbey, the Chang-

ing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London), Dover Castle, Canterbury, Windsor Castle, and Hampton Court Palace.

Reservations need to be made now. See Dr. Dunstan.

Dr. Dunstan is also planning a month-long Grand Tour of Europe this summer, beginning in June. The countries to be visited on this tour include Great Britain, France, West Germany, Austria, Italy, and Greece, with an unforgettable three-day cruise of the Greek Islands.

The Grand Tour includes all transportation, most meals, hotel rooms, and daily tours. The total cost will be approximately \$1900.



# Is Brevard College Becoming A Weekend Suitcase College?

Brevard College is becoming a "suitcase college." Every weekend students are leaving to go home or someplace else. Why? The main complaint is that there isn't anything to do.

That is really a cop out. The school can not cater to everyone's individual desires, but the social board does its best to provide entertainment for us. There is usually a dance every weekend or some kind of activity planned.

Some students leave because they are bored here. If you're bored, it's your own fault. If you're the type of person who has to be active, why not join the in-

tramural program?

I'm sure your dorm neighbors won't mind your support in athletic competition.

Brevard College belongs to all of us. It's our second home. Why not become more involved in what's happening here.

There's another side to college; it is not all studying. The only thing I am asking is that you become a part of the school. If you have any suggestions for activities, why not offer them to your resident assistant, your resident tutor, or the social board?

## Late Printing of FAF Forms May Create Student Financial Delays

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Dean McLendon.

For those students at Brevard College who are receiving financial aid (approximately 50%), the FAF is a familiar term. The FAF is typically available to students in November. It is the form used to demonstrate a financial need for Federal, State, and College assistance.

Bob McLendon, Dean of Admissions, and Ed Cunningham, Financial Aid Administrator, at Brevard are both concerned about the unfortunate delay in printing the form this year.

It is suggested that all students write to their representatives in Congress and express concern over the delay. Information regarding financial aid, received on a timely basis, is essential to college students and their families if they are to have adequate time in preparing to meet college expenses.

Colleges can not prepare to assist deserving students or plan effectively for each academic year, unless they possess timely information.

Congress and the Department of Education should be urged to be very concerned with the development and production of the Financial Needs Analysis System. They should act with utmost haste in making this system available at the earliest possible date in order to reduce anxiety and confusion among students

and parents about the amount of aid available.

In addition to writing to your elected representatives in Washington (addresses available in library), you might also write to Dr. Edward Elemendorf, Assistant Secretary of Post Secondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202.

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