

# Student Begins New Life in the U.S.

by Bonnie Davis



Mojdeh Bahkit

of like a pudding made with wheat flour and it is hot and sweet. Mojdeh claims that she likes the American people, though she feels they live in quite "another world" than her life in Iran. The only negative thing she had to say was that some of the people she has met have been really rude. "Some people act like I'm from another planet," she commented.

When asked what she enjoyed most about America, Mojdeh again stressed that she liked the people. She also enjoys American music but doesn't really have a favorite type or group. As far as American food is concerned, well, all she had to say was that she only liked some of it.

When asked what has had the most impact on her since being here, Mojdeh stated, "I've found that some people are dishonest and they lie." It's a shame that someone so new to this country has been subjected to something like that. Hopefully Mojdeh realizes that not all Americans are like that. All in all, except for some of the food and some of the rude people, it looks as if Mojdeh is off to a good start here at Brevard College and the United States.

Obvious enough, there are quite a few international students attending Brevard College. Some come from Japan, Germany, and Venezuela to name just a few of the countries represented here. One of these students is Mojdeh Bahkit, and she comes from Tehran, the capital city of Iran. Mojdeh came to the United States to continue and to better her education. Come December, she will have been here in the U.S. for a full year. She has a mother and a sister who also live here in North Carolina. Both of her parents and two other sisters will live in Iran, and it has been the year since she last saw them. However, her father has recently come to the States to visit, and Mojdeh is looking forward to her visit with him.

After Mojdeh finishes two years here at Brevard College, she plans to go on to finish school, and then perhaps return to her homeland. She also wants to become a dentist and to learn at least two or three other languages. Someday she has hopes of traveling to France or Germany and studying there also.

Mojdeh commented that the things she missed most about home are her parents and their home. She also misses a favorite dessert called halva that she can't get here in the U.S. It's kind

# Captain Crunch Is Alive and Well at Brevard

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Ask just about anybody what their favorite breakfast cereal served at Brevard College is and they'll answer with, "Captain Crunch!" Mind you though, if you're not a CC fan then don't read on. The Captain will deal with all mutineers later!

On any given morning, one can walk into the dining hall while breakfast is being served and find a multitude of people eating Captain Crunch. A quick survey of the various bins of cereal will show that CC is usually the more favored cereal over Life, Puffed Rice, and Raisin Bran to name a few of the so called "nutritious" cereals. Maybe they are good for us, but are they fun? No!!!

Why is Captain Crunch so popular among college students? Well, for one, it stays crunchy in the milk longer and doesn't get as soggy as the other cereals. It is fun to eat! It crunches and makes noise, and for some students, it makes them more alert in the wee hours before classes start.

Perhaps the most common reason for Captain Crunch's popularity is that it brings back memories of childhood—at least for those of us who have left the first one. Remember those Saturday mornings spent in front of the t.v. watching cartoons while eating handfuls of CC straight out of the box? Oh, those were the days!

Captain Crunch is associated with the warm thoughts of childhood. Eating it was and still is a favorite pastime. It is no wonder it is still so popular. Old habits are hard to break and for some, the Captain will live on forever!!!!

### Attention!!

Circle K will be sponsoring a bloodmobile on Monday, November 25 in the Student Union. All volunteer donors are urged to come. Blood is badly needed.

What if R.T.'s were always good people? I think some of them are sometimes, anyway. But it's like the cafeteria food...look at all the jokes and fun gripes that would be lost if the food was Mom's home cooking. Probably we'd joke some anyway. Who would ever spread good stuff about R.T.'s? I wonder if it would be "square" to bounce into class and cheerfully remark; "You know 'ole Rover is really a swell guy" or "Rover just lent me \$10 to get home" or "I was having a really tough time last week, and Rover spent two hours with me just listening."

Remember: Let me not criticize my brother until I've walked a mile in his shoes— or something like that.

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...ve points to students I'd become especially close to in and out of class. Those times also proved to be learning experiences for both the students and me.

A student or two in each dorm probably doesn't get along with any R.T. This isn't always the R.T.'s fault. A closer look at these individuals may show that these are people that haven't ever had good relationships with authority figures.

All of this is not to say that the R.T.'s don't make mistakes. We know that we do. You know that we do. Although our intentions may be the best, inevitably we make mistakes. The flexibility of the guidelines is the beauty of them as well as the nightmare. A lot of times we have to feel our way through situations and try to figure out the best way to handle them. Consequently, we may not make the best choices. That's why the students have channels for appeal and complaint open to them.

I know from experience that students are listened to. However, I doubt that the administration thinks in terms of siding against me or against the student. Because the school supports me, that doesn't mean every decision I make is personally supported by every administrator. I think in the case

of a student-R.T. conflict, the administrators would try to support both involved and solve the problem rather than "taking sides."

It's true too, that each R.T. handles situations differently. I think we all try to incorporate what we understand the goals and philosophies of the school to be into our own styles. We work consciously on trying to be as consistent as possible, but we don't always call all the same shots the same way. Not only do we operate differently because of our own styles, but each dorm requires different approaches and each dorm has its own problems.

# The American Hardcore Scene

by Renee Deininger

The American hardcore scene has its roots in British punk. Bands like the Sex Pistols sparked interest in a new type of rebellion, a rebellion voiced through music and dress. However, the American hardcore scene is not just a way of music and dress. Hardcore is an attitude.

The music of the hardcore scene has been described as heavy metal music that has been run through a meat-grinder. Hardcore, unlike most heavy metal, has a message. That message is, "There's something wrong here." When bands like Black Flag, The Circle Jerks, P.I.L., and D.O.A. play songs they have something to say. Sid Vicious, guitarist for the British punk band the Sex Pistols, lived and subsequently died for a life of alcohol, drugs, and unreal violence. Hardcores had something to say. In the early 80's they made a statement against things of this nature. This caused many problems. Night clubs were hesitant to book bands that attracted a hardcore audience.

Since the birth of straight edge punk, (anti-drugs, alcohol, and promiscuity) the times again have changed. The major point

of hardcore punk today is non-conformity. This does not mean everyone is different. So often people observe Hardcores and see a group of mostly white high school and college teens with bizarre haircuts, sloppy and strange dress, and terrible, loud music. Many conclude that hardcore punks are just conforming to hardcore. The non-conformity of today's hardcore punks is "Do Your Own Thing." Granted, many decide that they want to do the same thing and be alike, but they are still doing what they want to do.

Hardcores don't want anyone to tell them how to dress, or what kind of music, poetry, or literature is "good", or how to dance. This often causes problems. When someone doesn't conform to the norm, people tend to get upset. Because they don't conform, Hardcores are often ridiculed and harrassed. Why? The answer is simply because they are different. Sometimes punks do cause trouble just like anyone else. They don't walk around with halos always being victims of circumstance. No one does. But the point is many hardcore punks are ostracized with no more reason except for the fact that they are different, often looking tough or even scary.

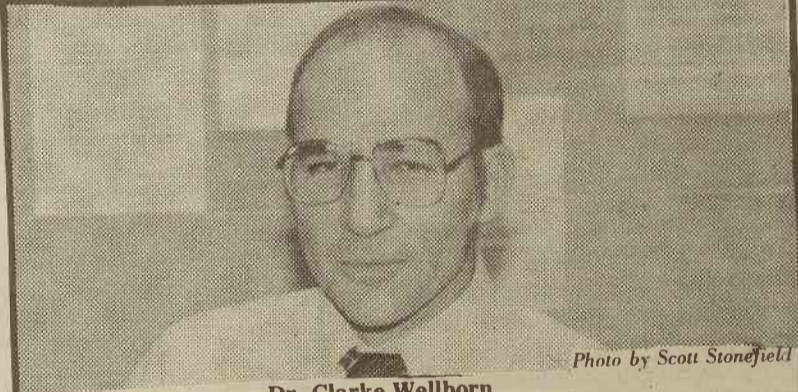


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Dr. Clarke Wellborn

# A Man and His Dreamworld

A man of many interests and ideas is being overlooked here at Brevard College, and the chance to be entertained and taught at the same time is being passed over by B.C. students. The man capable of all of this is Dr. C. Clarke Wellborn.

Dr. Wellborn is a professor of physics and mathematics at Brevard College. He began teaching here in 1976 and with the exception of one year's absence, has been teaching here a total of 8 1/2 years. His total teaching career spans 15 years. Dr. Wellborn attended college at Dillard University in New Orleans where he is originally from. When asked what he likes most about his work, he commented that he likes seeing a difference in the outcome of students, and to see students have a wide range of knowledge to enjoy subjects years later.

Though born and bred in New Orleans, Dr. Wellborn now enjoys an active life in Brevard. He presently resides in town, but owns property near Rosman

where he has hopes of moving to someday. The land consists of many different types of terrains, and Dr. Wellborn has worked several years developing it. He enjoys the outdoors and outdoor interests that include building and carpentry. Other interests include playing handball, listening to music, and reading. Dr. Wellborn lives here in Brevard with his wife and their son Sam, affectionately called "Ruckus." He also has a daughter named Bess.

When asked what his best advice to students who have nightmares about physics would be, Dr. Wellborn made these statements: "Those who have to take physics simply need to be prepared, and to those who don't, well try it, you might like it." He also commented that "physics is sort of a dreamworld." Perhaps for some this is definitely true, but for Dr. Wellborn it doesn't seem to be a dream world at all. By the way Dr. Wellborn, what is it exactly that we need to be prepared for?