



Dr. Greer Addresses Six School Issues

by Kim Ormand

What are your views on visitation regulations — do you feel that they are really necessary? Is there any chance in an extension of weekly visitation hours?

Kim, this is a difficult question to answer because quite frankly, I can't give an answer that will please the student body. I am convinced that we have a number of students on our campus who could live a responsible life-style with a complete open dormitory situation. However, I am equally convinced that we have a larger number of students who could not live in the Brevard College community without visitation guidelines and regulations. I believe I could speak for Dean Scarborough when I say that we are always open for a proposal for the extension of weekly visitation hours. On the other hand, it is my gut feeling that the present visitation hours are being abused rather extensively.

How did you respond to the last issue of *The Clarion*, an issue that raised some interesting topics?

Kim, I really applaud the last issue of *The Clarion*. It raised the kind of issues that a college newspaper should be raising. I thought the issue possessed a balance and responsible journalism. I, for one, do not mind seeing controversy in the newspaper as long as those being criticized have an opportunity in the same issue to respond to the criticisms or questions being raised. Keep up the good work.

Just how far can a teacher go in establishing his own discipline within the classroom? Are there limitations?

This question puzzles me a bit for I would think that there would be no problem at all concerning discipline in a Brevard College classroom. When the professor is in the classroom, he or she is in charge of what goes on in that room. This administration expects to stand with a professor who should have any kind of disciplinary problem. This may sound a bit harsh but we simply do not have a place at Brevard College for the student who creates a disciplinary problem for a faculty member. Our faculty members are highly professional people and in my wildest imagination I cannot conceive of them abusing a student either emotionally or physically. Should that happen, I can assure you we would not sit idly by.

It is a fact that music majors here at Brevard are required to take extra electives while other majors do not have to take any music. Do you feel that this is fair?

Kim, there are some major areas of study that historically have been thought of as being terribly tough to master. Music happens to be one of those areas. Demands on music majors are great and certainly the music department at Brevard College has a reputation of being one of the most rigorous in the Southeast. If the curriculum in the music department is unfair, then I am confident that my colleagues in the music department will address that issue.

Do you feel that college students, on the whole, tend to be rather apathetic? What about BC students?

I don't believe that college students are any more apathetic than society in general. It has been my observation that life-styles, opinions and attitudes on a college campus generally mirror the life-styles, opinions and attitudes in society. Yes, college students are apathetic and so is the general public. I have been concerned that Brevard College students have not become more involved in the big issues of society such as world hunger, nuclear war, peace and Nicaragua.

And finally, do you feel that BC is becoming a "suitcase college" — in other words, a college that loses its students on the weekends?

I am around the College all weekend and surely there are weekends when a great number of our students are gone from the campus but that is to be expected. I do not believe that Brevard College is becoming a "suitcase" College. I certainly hope not and if there is that feeling among the students then they need to send a strong signal to the Student Government Association in order that the Student Government Association might address the issue of weekend activities. Part of the excitement of going to college is the fun that takes place after class hours and on weekends.

Honor Housing: Is BC Ready?

by Kim Ormand

On many campuses across the United States there exists a something called honors housing. This is housing or dorms specifically set up for students that have obtained (and sustained) a certain grade point average (GPA). Brevard College has the honor roll and Dean's list to acknowledge their students with a high GPA, yet no honors housing. Has there ever been any kind of special housing at BC? And what kind of problems would this cause?

There has never been any honors housing at BC, according to Dean Scarborough, although they tried "quiet floors." These were floors that were specifically set aside for students who wanted to live in a quieter atmosphere. This didn't work, however, for the rest of the floors were just as noisy and people weren't always quiet while traveling through the "quieter" floors. So this idea was soon dissolved. Dean Scarborough sees no problem with special housing except for the literal problem of where to put the students. Ideally, the students would need a relatively small dorm where the visitation rules could still be enforced. At BC the new complex or Ross Hall would be the perfect place. Yet Dean Scarborough doesn't know if there would be enough response to the idea but feels "it would work if we could have the right place and response." Dr. Greer also would like to see it happen sometime in the future and says it is being considered. The only problem he foresees is "having all academically as well as socially mature students centralized together, instead of dispersed among the campus." Would resentment of these students arise? Should sophomores get any special treatment for their grades? It is something to consider. Having honors housing could acknowledge students with the grades and encourage others yet at the same time could cause severe resentment and isolate those "special" students. As mentioned earlier, it's something to think about — carefully.

Resident Tutors: Are They Really Necessary?

by Kim Ormand

The Resident Tutor — what a strange concept. Take a person of supposedly sound mind and tell them that they are in charge of a dorm full of young people having the "college experience." This position is one of responsibility and esteem — how does one go about becoming a Resident Tutor — and, more importantly perhaps — why?

The usual route one goes to becoming a Resident Tutor is a laborious one. According to Betty Hauk, the RT for Jones, one usually applies then comes the resume and finally a series of interviews which sometimes includes a visit to the campus. Yet this is not always the case. For Julie Johnson (also a Jones RT), the existence

of BC and their need for a new Resident Tutor came through a want ad in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. And there must be other ways that RT's have found their way to BC also. But each RT is carefully selected for their position — for after all, they do have a great deal of responsibility and authority. Why would one want to be a RT? Well, most of the RT's have had some training in the guidance area so naturally the position of RT would help them in this area. But mostly RT's simply enjoy the feeling of helping people and "being there" for those that do need them.

Yet, dear readers, as you realize the RT is in a position of great "power" (if you'll excuse the vulgar expression). What of

this power? Are there limitations to what the RT can do? Betty Hauk insists that there are limitations to what they can do saying "everything is made up of checks and balances." There are guidelines that the RT must follow, procedures if you will, just as the students have guidelines. Julie Johnson adds that there is an "unspoken rule" about guarding students right. And all the RT's try to follow it. The RT's, then, do realize their limitations and try their best not to invade anyone's rights.

So the RT's do serve a purpose all in all. They are here to help us, not hinder us. And even though different RT's seem to have a different outlook about the rules, we must try and remember that RT's are people, too.

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