

THE CLARION

Our turn is coming

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The good 'ol U.S. of A. has been built on the idea of The American Dream—"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." This famous line from the Declaration of Independence is often heard and epitomizes what America and its people are all about. But that was 200 years ago when life was much more basic, simple, and uncluttered with the problems we face today.

If Thomas Jefferson could be brought forward to the twentieth-century, could he have written that famous line above and really believed in it?

When are Americans going to STOP being so disillusioned with the world? Sure, we've got things a lot better than other countries, but we're still not so great as we like to think. We're so darned busy concerning ourselves with everyone else's problems that we're overlooking problems within our own border lines.

We have our own poor and hungry on the streets, yet we seem more concerned with those of other countries like Ethiopia. America's farmers are losing their lands, not to mention their heritages. And who helped build this country with The American Dream in mind? Yes, farmers! Our crime rate is one of the highest and more people die from gun-related deaths than in any other country.

We're probably the only nation around that has its own unique form of "terrorists"—civilian Rambos carrying legal fire arms in self-defense. We may not be fighting an enemy on the forefronts, but "wars" are fought daily in the streets.

And people die.

What is there to look forward to in these last years of the '80s? We, and that's you and I, live in what seems to be a "Jaded Age." Nuclear war hangs over our heads like a dark, ominous cloud giving cause for speculation over the future—if we have one to speculate on at all. Well life is no bowl of cherries, especially if you stop to take off the rose-colored glasses for a good look.

But back to the original question. What is there to look forward to? First of all, we're alive, we're free, and we have within us the ability to change this world and make it a better place to live in. No other nation can claim that same power. And what's more? We have the desire to change our world to keep The American Dream alive. Let's just hope we remember how to do that when its our turn.

Circle K Club learning and teaching

by Mark Weekley

This year, Brevard College members of Circle K will be teaching as well as learning.

During September, the Brevard College Circle K Club began a tutoring program at Brevard Elementary School. About 15 Circle K members volunteer each week to assist with instruction in math or reading, PE, music or theater, and computers. This tutoring program will run until the end of spring semester.

Other projects sponsored by Circle K on the BC campus include helping with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, the Jaycees' haunted house, the Brevard Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade, and distributing food gifts from the Brevard College Christmas program.

This November, Circle K will sponsor a

turkey walk. People participating will be asked to find sponsors for each mile they walk. The proceeds from this walk will go to the American Heart Association.

Circle K is the world's largest collegiate organization including almost 800 clubs. On the national level, Circle K is sponsored by Kiwanis International. The Brevard College Circle K Club is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, which pays Circle K's annual sponsorship fee. Circle K also gets funds from the SGA and from fund raising projects.

Walt Kuentzel, the Circle K advisor, welcomes anyone who would like to join. The next Circle K meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the private dining room of the cafeteria. "Circle K gives students a break from the college routine," says Kuentzel, "and provides them with a good way to become involved with the community."

Sports Hall of Fame coming

by Mitsy Phillips

The North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame exhibit will be on display in the Jones library on Friday, Oct. 17, as part of its three-year trip around the state.

The exhibit features a selection of items from the Sports Hall of Fame. Some of the items to be shown include "Choo Choo" Justice's UNC football jersey, Jim Beatty's track shoes and Richard Petty's racing boots. The exhibit also includes history of North Carolina sports and outlines the criteria for admission to the Sports Hall of Fame.

The exhibit also includes a three-minute audio portion of real broadcast tapes of events such as a Petty victory, Beatty's record breaking four-minute mile, and N.C. State University's 1974 national basketball championship win. According to Mike McCabe, library director, the audio portion of the exhibit may not be shown because of possible interference with the library's normal routine.

After its three-year trip around the state, the Sports Hall of Fame will have exhibit space in the new North Carolina Museum of History building.

The exhibit will be set up on Thursday, Oct. 16 and will be on display that evening and all day Friday. Admission is free.



Costanza's World

by Chris Costanza