

THE CLARION

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An invitation...

The Clarion invites students, faculty and the administration staff to write articles, letters to the editor, and commentaries. We consider them on the premise of interest, significance, timeliness and space.

All articles on the editorial page represent the author's opinion and not that of the Clarion staff, administration or faculty of Brevard College.

All letters must be typed or printed legibly, and must be signed, along with your year in school or relationship to Brevard College. All submissions are subject to editing and must be turned in on Mondays by 11 a.m. to the Clarion box located in McLarty-Goodson lobby.

Student opinion...

A little less green

by Brian Howell

The deed is done, I guess. We now have a parking lot where grass used to be. The green earth that students not only used, but often favored as a field for an impromptu game of football or frisbee. Of course, students will find other places to play games. So, too, could other spots have been found for additional parking for day students and patrons of events at Dunham Auditorium. No place would have been more convenient, but almost anyplace would have been less unsightly. I would walk to preserve the natural beauty of the center of the campus.

What upsets me the most, however, is that this administration - the one famous for close interaction with the student body - didn't even bother to ask nearly 700 students, all of whom pay money to live on this campus, what they thought about the issue of an extra parking lot. And the faculty, as far as I could tell, knew nothing more about the subject than the students. Is this instance exemplary of the respect that this administration has for the SGA?

I don't think so. I'll be the first person to recognize the wonderful changes over the last three years that President Billy Greer and his team have made - changes ranging from faculty morale to student activities to community support for our institution - but choosing this location for a parking lot was a bad move, and an inconsiderate one for those who have to look at it and those who once enjoyed the grass that grew in that spot.

In short, I added that there is another black spot on campus, and for me, and many others who love this place, Brevard College is just a little less green.

Letters to the Editor...

Who cares?

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Apathy appears to have reached epidemic proportions. So? Who cares? If this is your reaction, read on.

In a world full of poverty, hunger, corruption, and crime, it can be easy to become pessimistic. Cynicism is our protective armor. While an armored suit may protect us, it makes it difficult to participate in an active life. Caring is being an active part of life.

Many people think it is easier not to care. Yet active participation can give a person a feeling of influence. Influence is the easier and the better alternative compared to passively watching life go by.

There are other rewards to those who

care. Think of the volunteers in the Alaskan whale rescue attempt. Their rewards will come as the whales swim to freedom. If the volunteers do not succeed, they know the whales were given the best possible chance. What a feeling it must be to know you made a difference! If you apathetically stand by, you CAN'T make a difference.

Let's start a caring promotion. No one can tell you what to care about. Your personal morals and values can help you decide. But become involved. Care about something. The next time someone shrugs his shoulders and says, "Who cares?", answer him, "I DO."

Trudy Taylor
Sophomore

Are you ready for the country?

Faculty/Administration Forum...

Dear Students,

After only a few weeks on campus, I am excited about the possibilities for an outdoor program and an expanded intramural program.

In order to plan the best possible programs, student input is invaluable.

Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to respond to the intramural/outdoor recreation questionnaire that was distributed last week. From the information gathered, we will focus the programs on those with brightest student interest.

My goals for the outdoor program include the offering of outdoor activities on weekends as well as providing resources for those wanting to plan their own trips. The possibilities for outdoor activities are excellent, considering the location of Brevard College.

This area provides access to outstanding hiking trails, rockclimbing areas, whitewater rivers and ski areas. In addition to special trips, we will have instructional clinics and the availability of camping equipment for weekend use.

The intramural program seems to have strong support among the students and I look for the program to continue to grow with more sport offering and increased participation. Co-ed volleyball is coming up and entry rosters have been sent out through the RA's. Be sure and sign-up before Nov. 9. I am working on having an intramural representative on each residence hall floor. This will help students be better informed of the activities and facilitate the sport sign-ups.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and hope you will be watching for trip announcements and intramural sign-ups. Stop by my office in 105 McLarty Goodson.

Jan Gillean

