

# THE CLARION

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Farewell and good luck to Biár from the Clarion Staff: it will NEVER be the same without you. Remember the time you freaked when you couldn't get the film loaded?

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 "right" of passage

by Biár Orrell  
 Special to the Clarion

Whoa — can someone stop this ride? The semester's coming to a close, and if you want to get in on it, you must practically run a marathon to avoid getting your "tail caught in the door."

Exams, Christmas break, exams, Christmas presents, exams, Christmas trees, exams, Christmas parties dancing through our merry little minds. Someone stop this carousel, and let me off. I feel the need to process more than just the hour.

Dashing through the halls in a one-tracked, open mind may leave us sitting down to Christmas dinner wondering, "Oh no, did I forget to take my history exam? Did I unplug my dormroom refridge? What am I going to do with my life?"

For some of us, the answer to that question is easy. We've chosen our majors, we love them, and we're doing well. For others of us, the path is not quite so map-

ped out, but Brevard College is providing an excellent liberal arts education.

And wherever our futures, careers, and lives may take us, we'll always have BC memories and a BC family. Most of us have made life-long friends here, and because Brevard is a site for reunion, we'll be coming back for years.

So, as most of you hurry through the semester and holidays, packing, shopping, trimming the tree; I'm looking forward on the calendar to May 7, commencement day.

A day of passage, a stepping into the next phase of our lives, a reminiscing of the past two year with loved friends, a uniting with parents-proud, our commencement day should be as grand as we can make it.

This brings us to May 7 and to my issue. We've deleted a wonderful tradition in our commencement ceremony, and that's the baccalaureate service. Now with tradition on your minds: trimming the tree, wrapping presents, hanging the stockings by the chimney with care; try to set your mind to spring. The sun is hot, the sky bright, everything toasty-green. You're sitting in your dorm room in cap and gown attire. This is your day, your passage to the next phase; you'll always remember.

In the Brevard College baccalaureate service, the graduating class, in caps and gowns, follows Dr. Greer and faculty in a march across campus, through the arch of the stone wall, located behind Taylor dorm, and to the Methodist church across the street, for a good-bye, good luck, God bless you, passage sermon.

I talked with Dr. Greer about baccalaureate the other day. He's all for restarting the tradition with the class of '89, if that's what the students want. He said he feels, this being a Methodist College, it is appropriate that we end our time here in a religious ceremony as one big family—the Brevard College family.

I feel we deserve the acknowledgement and special attention as graduating sophomores. We've worked so hard, changed so much, come so far.

So, if you're into it, if you agree that we deserve to reignite the baccalaureate tradition for the graduation ceremony of the class of 1989, then, "Boys, make some noise." Let Dr. Greer know how you feel.

O.k., o.k., it's 30 degrees out, the trees are bare, you've got on your longjohns—back to Christmas. Bingle jells, everyone!

## Letters to the Editor...

To the Editor:

I am puzzled by Matthew French's November 22 episode of "Joe College." I hope he did not intend to personally ridicule Dr. Alexander. Perhaps the name Alexander was simply first on an alphabetical list of BC faculty or maybe he was chosen because his beard makes him easily identifiable. Certainly, Mr. French isn't implying callous insensitivity on the part of Dr. Alexander. I don't believe they know each other well enough to make that judgment. I do know Bill Alexander well enough to assert that this is not the case. Never-the-less, it must bother him that readers might get the wrong impression. Perhaps, the artist/author could show a

little sensitivity himself and use a generic label, like "Joe Faculty," next time; I don't think the use of real names enhanced the humor in this case.

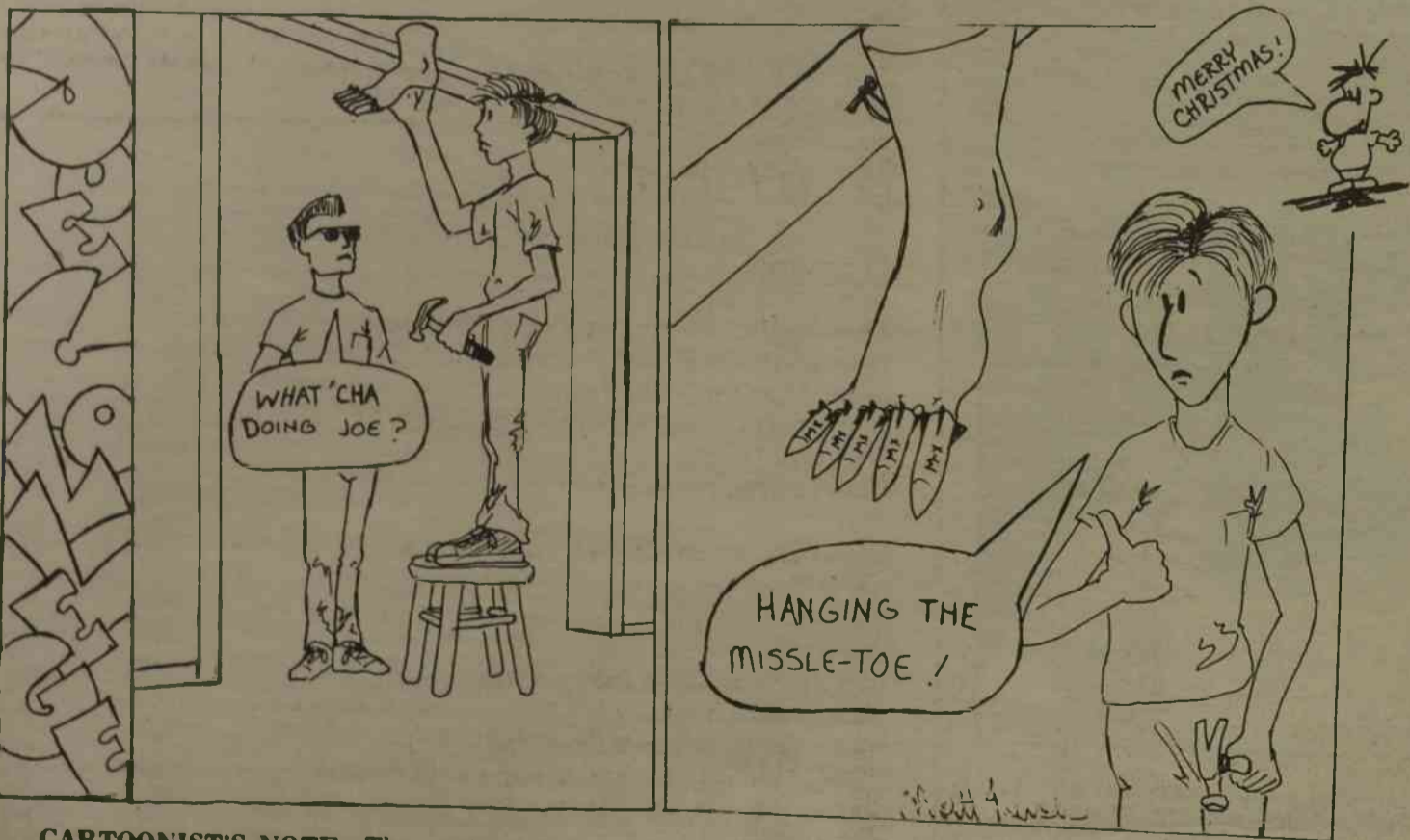
Sincerely,

Bob Glesener  
 Associate Professor of Biology

#### Letter of Thanks

I just would like to say I appreciate the thoughts and the flowers from the people on campus during the time of my illness. It's good to be back.

— V.C. Stiles.  
 Maintenance Dept.



**CARTOONIST'S NOTE:** The cartoon in the last edition of the Clarion was not intended as a malicious comment toward any faculty member or department at BC. The intent was to bring a local angle to a line of humor. — M.F.