

Kim's Korner

Residence halls have much room for improvement

Commentary by
Kim Button

After living on campus for well over a year now, I have noticed some things which need to be changed in the dorms. I have a few suggestions which I hope Administration will see and think about.

One improvement that could be made across campus is to install in-house phones. Having phone connections in each room and free local service would save each student a considerable amount of money each year, but I realize that Brevard is a small school and probably wouldn't be able to afford it. However, each residence hall

lobby definitely needs one house phone that could call individual rooms and hall phones. If visitors were able to call up to a room and tell their escorts that they were there, maybe there wouldn't be so many unescorted guests running around the halls.

There are also some serious security problems that I have noticed at Jones Hall. First of all, I have not noticed any smoke detectors in the halls and I believe that there is a law that requires smoke detectors to be installed in a building where there are several people living. If smoke detectors are not installed in the building, I sure hope that someone notices the smoke if we

were to ever have a fire before the entire building goes up in flames.

Our campus also needs better lighting. It could be dangerous walking across campus at night because it is so dark. Not only does the campus itself need better lighting, but the residence hall doors could use more lights as well. The entrance to Jones Hall is not lit up at all after 12:30 a.m. The porch lights must be turned off after 12:30 a.m. because the lights shine into rooms and the front doors are locked. The least that Jones could have is a motion detector light or a small light above the door so there is some light when girls are fumbling for their key in

the dark.

On the other hand, too much security in one dorm just seems to be making things a hassle. The new coed housing in East and West Beam is a good idea but the people on each hall are isolated from friends on other halls. There needs to be a way to secure the girls floors from the guys and vice-versa, but Beam residents have to unlock so many different doors just to get to their room it must be an inconvenience to leave the hall.

Overall our campus is a great place to live. There just needs to be a few changes to ensure the happiness and security of each resident.

Kelly Writes

Smith story touches the entire nation

Commentary by
Kelly Wright

Susan Smith. Many of you know who this woman is. Those of you who don't, well you are not missing out on much except maybe a strong lesson in life. This woman is crazy, sick, demented, abusing and she is a cold blooded murderer. She deserves to be punished in the most painful way possible. You see this woman killed her own children last month.

On October 25, Susan Smith put

her car in a lake in Union County, SC. In the car were her two small children, Michael, 3 and Alex, 14 months old. For one week this woman took advantage of the kindness of people and authority all over this country. This story made news everywhere. She showed her face on national television. She pleaded to someone that she had made up in her mind to return her two small boys to her. She had told the police that a black man had stolen her car with her children. She used a

very sick imagination to make people feel sorry for her.

This story has affected many of my friends and others on campus. We followed this story, and it was not just another crime on the news to us. When we were told the news that the car and two small bodies were found in the bottom of the lake, it shocked us and it hurt, but when we heard that it was this same woman that we had felt so sorry for just hours before, it angered us. It is so hard to accept that there are sick people like this in the world, that could do something so awful to a child.

These children had done nothing. They were just beginning their lives, and their own mother took their young lives from them. What has this world come to? Most of us are grown. We know that life is not all fun and games. We know that pain and hurt exists, but when you are a child, you do not know this. Everything is good to children. They trust us older people with their safety. Children have innocence, trust

and love, and no one, not even a parent, has the right to take that away from them. It is sad, real sad.

Students need to learn how to deal with stress

Commentary by
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You're sitting in your room trying to study for the big test you have tomorrow. Upstairs, somebody is obviously holding professional wrestling matches, downstairs there is a rock concert going on. It is one o'clock in the morning and someone is riding a skateboard down the hall. A skateboard?? Is it just me, or are all my neighbors screaming, "Party, Party!!" How am I going to study with all this noise? All the letters are running together on the page, you feel like strangling someone, you fight back the urge to scream. Are you losing your mind? No, you are probably just getting stressed out.

With mid-terms just past and finals coming up soon you are probably going to feel the effects of stress. Stress can wear you down; it is much like being sick with the flu. By the time you realize that you are stressed out, it is usually too late. You may feel physically drained, tired, or even angry-but you do not know what you are

angry at, maybe just life in general. You may feel like crying, or you may feel like quitting school and going back home, to where things usually are not as stressful. This can be especially true for freshmen. Facing the stress of college life and being away from home can cause a tremendous level of stress.

Through experience I have found a few ways to cope with stress, and I can tell you killing someone is probably NOT the best solution. Say you are trying to study, and you feel yourself beginning to get tense and irritable-stop what you are doing and go for a walk, or go outside and get some air. Do anything to get your mind off of whatever is stressing you out. Do not keep your stress bottled up inside, it is not healthy, and it is just going to make you feel worse than you already do.

Everyone needs some kind of release for their stress. Go somewhere and blow off some steam, or talk to someone. If you feel like you cannot talk to any of your friends, go to Dee

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