

# Editorials

## “Dreams are difficult to follow...”

George Spitzer  
Editor

*“Hold fast to dreams, for if they die, life is a broken wing bird that cannot fly.”*

Langston Hughes

Lately I have wondered what exactly a dream means. I believe in Langston Hughes' words of wisdom.

Dreams are extremely difficult to follow, and sometimes people try everything they can to hinder someone's dream.

Lately, I found out someone close to me has cancer. It took a few days for the news to finally hit me, but when it did, it

hit hard.

I realize now that even though people try to discourage me, try to make me feel inferior to them, I just have to grin and bear and go on with life.

It is funny how words, simple letters put together, can cause so much anguish. Words can also make respect for people dwindle into nothing.

It is sad that there are people who I had the utmost respect for, and now I cannot even stand looking at them.

Still, even when people let me down, chasing my dream is worth all the consequences.

If I cannot have my dream of life, then my life is not worth living. Without dreams, what is life worth?

## Knocking on a different door

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As I reflect on my childhood memories of the house, once graced by my presence, awareness of a single, most dominant figure springs forth from the depths of my shallow mind. A door, not just any ol' door mind you, but a magnificent, sometimes intimidating, and always beckoning door. I truly believe that a divine power had something in mind as this door was set in its casing and became as one with the house.

The door, not unlike many others in

size, shape or looks, was my door and it took on many roles. In my early childhood it was my guardian from the storms created by the outside world. As I became a thrill seeking adolescent, it became an escape hatch that could be used in cases of desperate need. That would include a midnight swim in the ocean or a rendezvous with some girl that I may have been going steady with at the time.

After my adolescence and my eventual separation as a resident of the house, the door reverted back to being a guardian once again in times of

despondency or forlornness. I somehow knew that the door would always be there if I needed a safe haven to flee to, or just to knock on its solid strength, so I could feel that I was not so alone in my darkest, self-induced, misery. The door, no matter how weathered it is today, can still take a knock once in a while from me. It will never fade from my most sacred memories, and as long as it still stands, I am always welcome to give it a hard knock or two.

Because of the many miles that separate me and my door today, I was

forced to seek out and find a door to act as a substitute. Although not being of the same casing, the door of opportunity and self achievement was opened the day I was accepted to Brevard College. I have found this door to be of equal strength and protection. I have also found that I am not alone in my need for a door of this type, nor am I the only one who knocks. I wish to thank the staff and students of Brevard College for allowing me to first knock, then come in. I hope I will be knocking on these doors for a few semesters more.

## Letter to the Editor

Manabu Okawa

Dear Brevard College Faculty:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you at the last faculty meeting. I hope you took my words seriously.

Quality is defined by the students as anything that enhances satisfaction, not complaints. Quality is tough to measure because we do not even see it. Are the falling ceilings or broken heaters considered high-quality? Making students satisfied should be the main task of Brevard College.

In order for us to promote quality, extreme conservatism should be abolished from our campus. Conservatives are afraid of introducing change. What are you afraid of?

It seems that Brevard College accepts whoever knocks on the door. Other universities, even larger ones, interview applicants very cautiously in order to get high-quality students. High-quality students do not need to be smart, but they need to have certain morals, academic standards and common sense. Do we want anybody to say, "BC is the only college I can go to?" Are you seeking a large number of students or high-quality ones? Lower-quality students will hurt the reputation of the college by causing a lot of trouble. Thus, higher-quality students will be

leaving the lower-quality college.

I did need to tell you that improving the quality of our campus life will lead to an improved quantity of students. The formula is easy and simple. With a high-quality college, the students will feel pride in the campus and be more loyal to the college. These students will not only stay at the college but also recruit their friends.

Our campus life has been making unprecedented progress. We would like to say how much we appreciate the Senior Staff, especially Dean Steve Martin and his staff. I would also like to express my appreciation for the other faculty members and the Student Development Committee headed by Ms. Judy Pascale, for having listened to the

students' voice.

Students do not have the authority to realize high quality but the administration does. However, the administration must ask the students what their needs are in order to produce high quality. Only students know what needs to be done. Have you tried to make efforts to find out what the students really need?

You have your own first priority. So do we. Probably, your insurance matters are much greater than our domestic matters. We need to respect each other's priority. However, please keep in mind that the quality of our campus life and the students must come first because Brevard College cannot exist without students.

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