

FEATURES

# BC Advocates Give Back To Nature



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With the formation of the Brevard College Environmental Coalition (BCEC) last semester, our campus is well on its way to becoming an outstandingly healthy and a rather pleasant place. Of course, we all love Brevard, yet there are matters that need attention, thought and work. The BCEC has taken a huge hand in support of environmental ethics and practices alongside the Environmental Advocates. This semester we will see growing action. Much to the liking of Linda Helms, more and more students are becoming involved in community service. The BCEC and the advocates

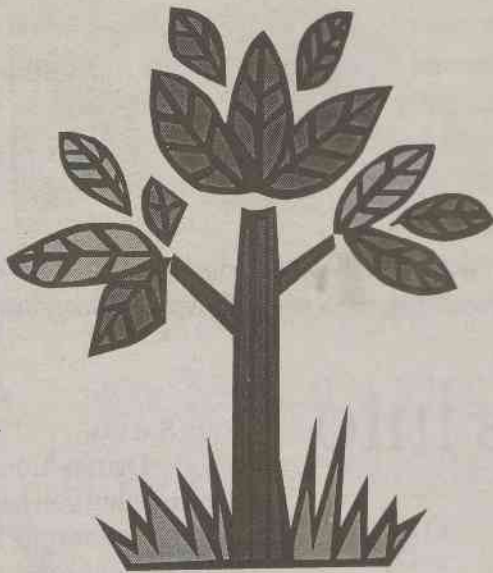
have kept busy so far, but the battle for a clean and healthy environment is far from over.

The BCEC and the Environmental Advocates have undertaken a slew of causes. Here are some of the issues on, off and all around the table: recycled paper for campus, presentations to First Year Forum groups, discontinuing use of styrofoam (it takes an *unreal* number of years for it to breakdown), composting for the cafeteria food, creation of non-smoking

areas, getting more bike racks (so you don't have to chain them to the toliet), making the flower beds organic (stopping the use of seriously unfriendly chemicals), Adopt-a-Trail in the forest (maintenance on Slick rock Trail that runs to the South Wall of Looking Glass), undertaking an environmental audit, encouraging the repair of the pool (good to see the college fixing things that really need it), construction of the worm boxes (special praise to

Chris Maxwell), creating an efficient system of recycling for all of the campus, recycling of packaging materials (some think the bins need a bit of mustard and ketchup to fix them up, but really, all they need is styrofoam peanuts and plastic bubbles), Borrow Our Bikes program (the beautiful bikes with the yellow band of paint), the posting of an awareness bulletin, improvement of cafeteria and food (anyone disagree?), and the involvement of Earth Day planning.

That's a general overview of what's up with the tree-hugging, peace-loving, air-breathing, life-living environmental activists that seek to improve this lovely place. All we have is one big wish for one big environmental wash.



## Phonathon Update

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The student callers put in most of the hard work that goes into the Phonathon. Please congratulate them and thank them if you see them on campus. They are: Jackie Speers, Jarvis Broom, Kristy Mayfield, Lenzy Slater, Mamie Larson, Meghan MacDonald, Melanie Dunn, Sean Murphy, Stephanie Connolly, Carlisle Bean, Eric Saliba, Julie Robbins, Jamar Bryson, Jesse Janicula, Katie Ahrens, Kiwi Chinaka, Kristen Weaver, Letitia Bromell, Tasha Bell, Bobby Fish, Colin Watkins, Davida Rector, Harry Fields, Kelly Caulfield, Linda Stanfield, Lindsay Shields, Stacey Hrdlicka, Tara Brazeale, & Taylor Suggs. This is truly the most talented and enthusiastic group of students I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Thank you all!!!



(Photo by Jarvis Broom)

Our overall totals are staggering. We raised \$30,976 from 688 people in 3 weeks. The way we can best compare our success is to compare it to spring semester's 3 week phonathon of last year. We are up over \$5,000 (20%) and had an additional 200 pledges (70%). We also added over 300 first-time donors to our pool, (over 200 alumni and 100 parents.)

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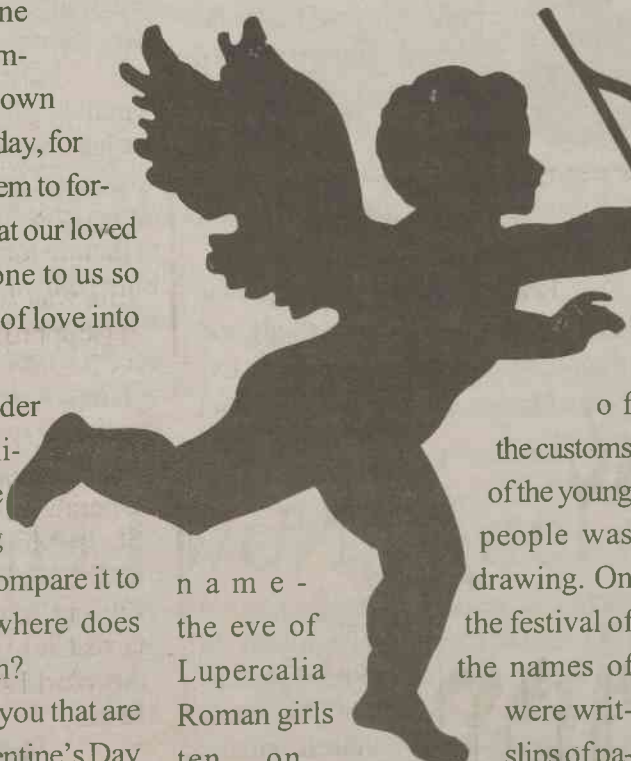
Every year, millions of people around the world spend hundreds of dollars on cards, chocolates in the shapes of hearts, and red roses to impress that special someone that they have devoted themselves to. This ritual is known as Valentines Day. On this day, for one shining moment we seem to forget every negative thing that our loved ones have ever said or done to us so cupid can shoot his arrow of love into our hearts.

Do you ever wonder why we celebrate this holiday? It doesn't have the authority of Thanksgiving or Christmas. You can't compare it to Independence Day, so where does Valentines Day derive from?

Well, for some of you that are just as curious as I am, Valentine's Day probably originated from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia. The holiday of Valentine's Day probably derives its origins from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia. In the early days of Rome, fierce wolves roamed the woods nearby. The Romans called upon one of their gods, Lupercus, to

keep the wolves away. A festival held in honor of Lupercus was celebrated February 15th as a spring festival. Their calendar was different at that time, with February falling in early springtime. One

## Cupid Strikes Again



of the customs of the young people was drawing. On the festival of the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man drew a slip. The girl whose name was chosen was to be his sweetheart for the year. Legend has it that the holiday became Valentine's Day after a priest named Valentine. Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time Christianity was a new religion. The Em-

peror at that time, Claudius II, ordered the Roman soldiers NOT to marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that as married men, his soldiers would want to stay home with their families rather than fight his wars. Valentine defied the Emperor's decree and secretly married the young couples. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and put to death. Valentine was beheaded on February 14th, the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia. After his death, Valentine was named a saint. As Rome became more Christian, the priests moved the spring holiday from the 15th of February to the 14th - Valentine's Day. Today, the holiday honors Saint Valentine instead of Lupercus.

So, the next time that you are about to give a rose or box of chocolates to that special someone, remember Saint Valentine and what he did to bring the millions of people around the world one day of warmth and passion.

*We at The Clarion hope all of you had a Happy Valentine's Day!!*