

BC SWAT team needed

It seems this year has had more than an average amount of incidents involving violence and vandalism involving students.

In the last couple of months, there has been hazing, harassment, verbal threats, assault, numerous weapons violations, assault and battery, a DUI, vandalism, motor vehicle break-ins and vehicular vandalism just to name a few. Have the culture and attitude of Brevard College changed so much that these incidents are occurring more often?

Has Brevard College been recruiting, signing, and enrolling students who have a blatant disregard for campus expectations, the student code of conduct, and local laws?

It seems that the college might be more interested in the number of student than the quality of students enrolled.

Recruiting a beer drinking testosterone driven rowdy football fanbase and team will only serve to intensify this problem.

Perhaps the school should stop worrying about hiring a football coach and start looking into finding members for a BC SWAT team.

In other news, Jing Zhao, the student that injured her back in a fall in a window-well, is back on campus, but the most that the school has done so far has been to put up a plastic fence and a removable cheap spotlight over

the area. We're glad that Jing is back on campus, we'd just like to warn everyone to be on the lookout while on campus, since a plastic fence wouldn't do much to cushion a fall. And please, nobody take the clip on light for personal use.

Some of the college's sports teams have been doing well. The volleyball team made it to the regional tournament and a number of the players received conference awards. The golf team is currently 25th in the nation and first in conference and region. Cross country runner Emily Hulse has qualified for the NAIA National Cross Country Championship in Louisville, KY. Congratulations to the student athletes and coaches.

Your parents received a postcard from the school lately, notifying them that midterm grades have been issued. While some students might be ok with this, according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students 18 years or older have to give permission for the school to send grades out to their parents. The college might not have sent your grades home but they might have sent your parents a note saying grades are out.

It seems like almost a loophole to the federal law that protects our student privacy.

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On the Record ...

"In light of the persistent street protests, which are causing panic among citizens ... resulting in intermittent closures of schools and business houses, government can no longer allow this situation to continue. Government will not under any circumstances accept a situation where some citizens decide to hold the rest of the country hostage because they do not agree with a particular issue or course of action."

—Gyude Bryant, head of Liberia's interim government, banning protests after an election that has been called "rigged" by Bryant's opposition, soccer star George Weah.

"What the president has been saying for the last few weeks is unacceptable: 'You have to be quiet and you have to be loyal and otherwise you undercut our troops.' The best thing we can do for our troops is get a strategy for success, so they can come home with a victory."

—Illinois Democratic Senator and assistant Senate minority leader, Dick Durbin.

"I think 50 ultimately tells a really inspiring story of making it. I think all of his books, even though there might be violence, are all about optimism and getting there."

—50 Cent's agent, Marc Gerald, on the rapper's new line of books.

"The emperor told me to continue to polish the virtues I have gained in my life so far. There are many things I still do not know about my life ahead, so I'm not sure how exactly to follow these instructions. But I feel very happy that the emperor regards my new life as a continuation, not as a complete break."

—Former princess Sayako, the only daughter of Japanese Emperor Akihito, after giving up her royal status by marrying Tokyo urban planner Yoshiaki Kuroda.

CORRECTIONS

•Michael Collins was incorrectly listed as arrested in the Mercy Seat article. He was not arrested, and is now running the Mercy Seat.

•In the article "BC student suffers spine injury near Dunham Music Center," the student's last name, Zhao, was misspelled as "Zhoa."

•The squirrel on page 5 was drawn by Taylor Cottingham, not Thomas Adams.

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