

Alternative version of school spirit

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It has very recently been brought to my attention that people here at Brevard College allegedly don't have any school spirit.

Take me for example; I don't go to any of the athletic events on campus.

However, I am an active participant in Serenity, the women's a capella group here at Brevard. I am now a member of both concert chorus and chamber choir.

So maybe I don't show school spirit in the traditional way, but I still participate in things on campus.

One of the reasons that I don't go to sporting events, lectures, or other events on campus is because I don't have the time to do so.

I'm a full time college student with 18 hours of classes this semester. I also work at the AEC and the local movie theater. I don't get a lot of free time. So when I do happen to get a free

moment, I'm usually far too tired to go and spend it at a sporting event that I don't have a chance of being able to follow anyway.

Another thing that greatly limits my school spirit is rather simple. I don't live on campus. Nor do I even drive. Having to rely on my parents or others for a ride constantly isn't the greatest thing in the world, but for right now, it's not that big of a deal.

However, if I wanted to go to all kinds of other events on campus, it would require a lot more effort for others than I really want to put them through.

So while I might not be the most active participant of events on campus, I do still participate in them. And I show my school spirit by staying at this school and respecting my teachers for the work that they have to do on a daily basis.

Maybe it's not traditional, but it works for me. My critics need to realize that there is more than one way to have school spirit.

Dead man speaking

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It is extremely disappointing as a student at Brevard, with no finite political party adherence, to witness the college allowing the hijacking of the true spirit of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday by a minister intent on using the event as a platform to spew her own personal anti-war, anti-Bush political rhetoric.

The event was intended to celebrate the epic life of a historically iconic man who almost single-handedly shaped the history of America, Dr. Martin Luther King. However, this was frankly not the case Monday evening at the Porter Center.

More than the disappointment I had from the gross disrespect to Dr. King's legacy that the speaker showed, by assuming she knew what, "Dr. King would have thought" about current events of today, is the pain I had from the way I believe she twisted an absolute inaccuracy of the relationship between his pacifist and non-violent civil disobediences and the anti-war movement of today.

King's study and respect for the utility and effectiveness of Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent tactics in acquiring rights for Indian people and then their role in ending English colonial rule was an important part of King's guidance in shaping the nature of the ever vigilant but anti-violent civil rights movement of the 60's. The non-violent character of his leadership, as opposed to other civil rights advocate groups like the Black Panthers, certainly contributed exceedingly to the eventual successful events that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act and other governmental concessions granted to Blacks in the courts.

However, bastardizing his stated non-violent personal philosophy to conveniently attach to an "anti-war for any reason" type of pacifism, so that someone can use a national holiday to make a personal political attack is disingenuous at best and despicable at worst.

Dr. King advocated non-violent, civil disobedience in the face of internal American social injustice. Would he have advocated it in the face of an invasion and murder of 3000 of our people by a group of religious zealots, not bent on changing our foreign policy, not bent on converting us to another faith, **but determined to kill us?** I will not make the same mistake that the speaker did and guess what he would have said about the events of 9/11. Truly we cannot know what

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