### <u>An open</u> <u>letter to</u> <u>the student</u> <u>body:</u>

#### Hello,

Ever gotten in trouble with Brevard College or the Brevard Police Department? At next weeks SGA meeting, on March 25 in MG, Casey Asbill-Beck, Jackson Dowd, Zachary Porch, Tony Brendal, Andrew Davis, and Josh Carter will discuss our experiences with the Center of Dialogue and their struggle to resolve an issue. At the meeting, we will be apologizing to the student body as well as presenting new ideas for future work with the Center of Dialogue and Brevard College. If you answered yes to the above question or could be answering yes in the near future come by SGA next week.

Thank you, Casey Asbill-Beck

## Opinion

# The Clarion's guide to (legally) picking the NCAA tournament

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As everybody knows, engaging in money pools hinging on the results of sporting events is an offense more serious to the NCAA than cheating on the SAT. And given that about half of this school participates in some form of NCAA sanctioned athletics, it is safe to say that there won't be much March Madness pool action going on this week (wink).

However, if you are brave enough to venture into the dangerous world of goodnatured recreational gambling, The Clarion would like to make sure that you don't blow it and totally waste your five dollar tournament entry fee. In order to give yourself the best possible shot at bracket bad-assitude, please follow the following tips:

One- Always pick the team with the coach's son playing point guard. It's been a while since Bryce Drew and Valporaiso broke Mississippi's heart, but the lesson they taught us lives on: Cinderella is spawned from the loins of coaches.

Two- pick a 16-seed. So what if no 16seed has ever one a tournament game. That just means they're due. It's basic probability and statistics- you should ahve learned that freshman year.

Three- don't pick your cinderella team to go past the Sweet 16. Sure, Steph Curry carried Davidson on his slim feminine shoulders to the Elite Eight last year, but that only happens every other year. Think about it- George Mason in 2006, Davidson in 2008, Texas A&M Corpus-Christi Tech State in 2010. And nobody in 2009.

Four- if you do happen to be an athlete, don't join pools on Facebook or any other public site. It may not seem like a big deal, but when Washington football coach Rick Niuheisel got fired for entering a pool it took his career a decade to rebound.

Other than that, just have fun and pick away. And remember- it makes more sense to leave the bracket blank than pick Duke as your champ.

### Cartoon by Karam Boeshaar

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