

# What is your status update today?

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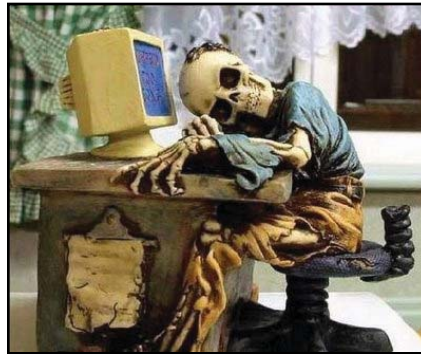
Status updates on the social networking site Facebook are more prevalent than ever, and some students at Brevard College refuse to openly discuss their reasons for updates.

They are all over everyone's Facebook page. As soon as a person logs on, there is a list of people via friends that have updated their status whether it's about going to class or how much they love roast beef sandwiches.

There are those that take status updates seriously and put up personal information such as a woman featured on the site salon.com in an article called The Facebook Divorce, who continued to update those on

her friends list about her daily struggles of dealing with a divorce.

Then there are those that take the status update obligation as a complete joke by putting funny phrases or song lyrics up just



to entertain others. Either way, that little box on your homepage that reads "What's

on your mind?" is used hourly by some Facebookers all around the world.

After numerous attempts to find people on campus that would openly talk about why they use the status update that they do, only 2 people came and openly conversed about their experience with facebook.

Junior Mavis Figueroa said "I check Facebook 2 or 3 times a day, especially when I'm bored in class." When asked about her status updates, she said "I usually put up a song or a phrase, but I think it's stupid to keep everyone updated on my emotions. It's just a cry for attention."

Senior Charles Jordan said "I check my facebook about 3 times a week just to keep in touch with people that I don't see often." When asked about his status updates, he said "I don't put up a status update, because I know that no one really cares what others

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Temple of Doom, Monty Python's Holy Grail, and Miami Vice.

Refrigerators were not in a dorm room unless you rented one for the year for \$100 and the only phones available were the pay phones at the end of each dorm hall. No one owned a cell phone.

All campus dorm rooms had write-on tablets attached to their doors so people could write messages that they had stopped by or that someone had called for you on the pay phone. Portable cassette players with headphones were the "in" thing as well as boom boxes blaring tunes from Phil Collins, Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson, Prince, and more from dorm windows.

Everyone owned a rubics cube, a hacky-sack, and at least 5 pairs of shades because of a song called "I Gotta Wear Shades." Dorm walls were covered in posters and anything else that we could get to stick to the cinder block walls.

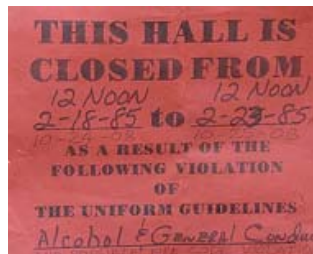
The beds were raised to lofts. People

would write on the beams of the lofts and attach a beer label or two as well. If there were no lofts in the room, the beer labels were plastered to the walls. Flicking beer caps was an art form and knowing how to play quarters, essential.

Trivial Pursuit was the hottest game. Competitions were heated and furious in the lobbies of the dorms. The only game console system around was Atari. Ultimate Frisbee was played almost daily in the quad. Soccer seemed to be

played by everyone and everywhere on campus. And when it snowed, a campus-wide snowball fight ensued. Everybody was fair game, even the Deans and professors who lived on campus at the time.

We were creative in keeping almost everything on the "down-low" and looked out for each other immensely. We took turns being the designated driver and held onto everyone's keys until everyone was returned safely to their dorm rooms. We were a very tight knit family then and still are to this day. Our memories may be fading but they are forever captured in our cherished yearbooks and photographs that never fail to bring a smile upon our lips.



Hall closed sign from 1980s

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## A STORM IS COMING.

## GET TO THE BUNKER.

