

# Bathroom procedures posted

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How we treat others is often indicative of how we feel about ourselves. The same can be said for our environment. By our 'environment' in this context, I mean the college campus. To narrow it down further, I am talking about the men's bathrooms.

I often wonder if I am a hypochondriac when I use paper towels to turn the faucet on and again to open the door. After some reflection, and casually observing my peers behavior in the men's room, I have decided that I am not.

Someone who is as disgusted as I am about student hygiene has taken to putting up signs in some of the bathrooms around campus. They read elementary things such as:

*"FLUSH."*

*"Wash your hands."*

*"Did you wash your hands? Then turn around and do it."*

There is even step-by-step instruction in the men's room upstairs in MG, indicating that when you urinate, to raise the seat, and when you are done, to lower it back down. Then, to "FLUSH." Why do adult men need to be told

to wash their hands after fondling themselves? No one cares if you think you are clean. No one else does.

Why are these things necessary to point out on a college campus? What does this say about the kinds of people Brevard College is attracting? Is it even something to blame on the current wave of apathetic sweat pant wearing students? Is there a hygiene epidemic occurring across the nation that no one is noticing?

I am sure the custodial staff notices. I sure notice when my shoe soles stick to half dried urine on the bathroom floor, because Ricky and Jimmy can't squeeze the last bit out in the toilet bowl. I would expect these things in an elementary school.

I hope every girl on campus reads this, and thinks twice about touching a man's hand. Chances are, they haven't washed them. I hope they check your shoes for drips, and secretly check you off their list of potentials.

Man up boys, make someone proud. At the very least, make your parents feel like they are not complete failures.



Thea Dunn

**The men's bathroom in upstairs MG.**

# Gingerbread house mania

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Thursday Dec. 8 was BC's first ever gingerbread house competition! Some builders started as early at 8:00am and everyone worked vigorously throughout the day to finish their graham cracker, candy covered, dream houses. There was an 8 and 1/2 hour time limit to work within before the competitors had to turn them in for the judging at dinner. There were 39 houses built and entered into the competition out of which about 80 people participated in the building process and 91 people voted for their favorite masterpiece. The results were announced at the semi-annual pancake break allotting prizes to the top 3 contestants. In third place there was a tie between Kendra Okeefe who made a wonderfully architected "Grinch Vacation House in China" and Janet Basinger/Michelle Prata who miraculously built an extravagant ship. In second place Jordan Box rocked the competition with her original and highly decorated house. And in

first place with a very classic style looking gingerbread house Rhiana Barrero. She won the \$50 prize money and the bragging rights of becoming the 1st annual Gingerbread House Building Champion.

All the houses were wonderful and contestants put ample amounts of time into the constructing and decorating of their original pieces. This contest was a great way to escape from the stress of studying for exams, and it was a fun activity to do with friends before we all head home for break (even if students spent more than a few hours working on our houses when we perhaps should have been studying). There were many different styles which ranged from log cabins to a southwestern adobe house, classic gingerbread style houses to the Brevard College Bell Tower and a ship to a historic castle. Thea Dunn and Josie Rodriguez, both students who are from Germany, built a great impression of King Ludwig II's castle "Neuschwanstein". The atmosphere was great listening to Christmas music and shoving toothpicks into graham crackers while gluing them down with frosting. Decorating the

buildings with all assortments of candies and chocolates was an extremely fun way to spend the first day of finals.

This CAB event was a great success and will hopefully be a new tradition. Thank you to the Alumni Board who made the builders and voters Exam Survival Goodie Bags! Good Times!



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**Rhiana Barrero's first place house.**