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An Honor System at Brevard College

For the past two years Brevard has been growing rapidly and developing in many ways. We feel that we are fortunate in having an unusually well-qualified faculty and a cooperative student body. The ambition of every student and faculty member is to create a college of high ideals and high scholastic rating, which is the greatest achievement that any college can contribute to society.

One of the best ways that we know to achieve this is to establish and perpetuate here a much needed honor system, by which we shall absolutely disqualify and ostracize a dishonest person.

We feel that every one of us is inherently honest. Perhaps it has not occurred to us that there are other forms of dishonesty besides cheating on examinations. Let us realize that anything which we do or say that represents our knowledge as being greater than it really is can be nothing but ignoble! None of us wants to be that way! If we were not fundamentally scrupulous we would be elsewhere than here at a Christian institution.

Let us then, each of us, set about at once to establish for our college the one thing it needs above all else—an honor system. Now is the time to act.

What Can We Do for Brevard College?

By Tom Graham

(Retiring President of the Student Council.)

We who are about to leave salute you, Brevard College. A part of us has gone into laying the foundation of a College which shall grow, with the help of each succeeding class, until someday it shall achieve wide renown. Is it possible that some of us do not realize the pressure that this brings to bear on every one of us? Success for ourselves and the College can be gained only by the best efforts of each of us throughout our only too short stay. Is it not true that we gain only as much as we venture in any enterprise; then is it practical for us to loaf on the job, only receiving a small interest from our investment and at the same time injuring others in many and devious ways?

We succeed as the College does. Unless we use our influence to shape correctly the many characteristics of college life, we too shall suffer with sluggards. Those who plan to enter universities will be allowed entrance only if the reputation of our College is good. If our College has a reputation for laxity in its rules, curriculum, and morality, a student has a poor chance of being accepted at any reputable college or university. Brevard College is judged by those students who leave here and enter other colleges or business concerns. If some students make bad records because of unpreparedness, immorality, or incompetence, many innocent competent students will be made to suffer. Is it not then to our advantage to strive always to do our best in molding the fundamental characteristics of a growing college so that in later years we shall reap a harvest of good will and honor?

We are a part of everything that we touch; we, therefore, gain because of the hard work we do in bringing honor to our College. If we could look into the future, I am sure we would be able to see many students whose characters will in many ways be shaped by rules, regulations, and traditions that we have fostered, governed, and left as our early college landmarks (our "footprints on the sands of time.") Let us, of necessity then, will to, and impart in, the corner-stone of Brevard College the best that is in us.

Inadequate Lighting System

Perhaps the most noticeable of the inadequate facilities here is the poor lighting system in the class rooms and the library.

In the course of this school year there have been numerous students to have their eyes fail, and have had to begin wearing glasses. It can be expected that a few students will meet this handicap, but there appears to be more than the usual number. Experts in the electrical business tell us that insufficient light causes the eyes to weaken to the extent that assistance is needed.

It is difficult to study in the library at night under present wattage. Our reading is slowed considerably, and often the eyes are affected by the strain. The library is used by every student in school, and much of the work must be done at night.

The class rooms are not used nearly so much at night as the library, but on cloudy days lights should be on.

We do not propose that a new lighting system be installed, but we do think that the wattage could be increased to a great extent with much resultant benefit.

Let's Go Hikeing

The members of the student body who went on the hike to Glen Canon Falls recently came back feeling that they had been greatly benefited. Why can't we go on hikes more often?

A trip on foot to the lofty heights of these mountains makes a person feel that he has accomplished something. While trudging the weary way upward, the students become better acquainted with each other. They find out who can take hard knocks and still get up smiling. They discover new friends and make new friendships. They also become better acquainted with nature. The mountains at this time of the year reveal wonders in the teeming new life and the great variety of wild flowers. On the hike a few Sundays ago the trailing arbutus, trillium, lady slipper, dogwood, Jack-in-the-pulpit, violets, blue-ets, blood-root, and other flowers were in bloom. The mountain laurel and rhododendron were budding.

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