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## WHO'S WHO

### John Benfield

Mt. Holly's gift to Brevard came in a tall slim package labled John Marsh Benfield, Jr. John came to Brevard in the summer of 1945, after having served three years in the Army Air Force, coming out as a corporal.

His major in college is history and his minor is English. It is these two subjects he wants to teach when he finishes school. And where does he want to teach? — the University of Alaska. Pretty cool weather up there I hear, but that's his ambition. As for rubbing noses with Eskimo's, he made no mention.

What he considers the essence of good teaching and that which he will always strive to do is to "return my papers within 3 class periods after they are handed in".

As for my romantic angle, it doesn't enter into the picture until his education is complete.

John has been very active at Brevard as president of the freshman class, president of the sophomore class, vice-president of the Vet's club, and a member of the Student Council.

### Vera Pearson

Vera Pearson, or "V.P." as she is better known, was born in Saluda, North Carolina, on January 13, 1929. She attended Saluda schools, and entered the college division of Brevard in September, 1946.

When interviewed, V.P., unlike her usual self, practically "shut up like a clam", but perhaps when you learn that her main like is in "Atlanta," you can understand why.

Here at Brevard, V.P. has taken an active interest in all sports. She is a member of the Monogram Club, President of the G.A.A. and in addition she is on the Pertelope staff, a member of the Euterpean Literary Society, and the Christian Worker's Club.

As for ambitions, V. P. has plenty of ideas. She likes to travel and thinks it would be just wonderful to spend this summer in Florida. She also dreams of being an airline hostess, because in that way she could get plenty of excitement and travel. And then again she might go to U.N.C. to study Journalism. So you can see nothing is definite about V. P.

### Be Fair

There's going to be a dance in the college gym Saturday night, a dance that might possibly be the last one this college will allow as a part of its social calendar for a long time. Even this one came very close to getting "thumbs down". Why? There is a very good reason—drinking.

There are students here—though few—who evidently see nothing wrong with coming to college social events under the influence of alcohol. To be sure there has been little drinking going on at our dances, but there has been enough to attract the attention of faculty members and that's too much. This editorial will attempt no moralizing, but does intend to gripe about these thoughtless students. As far as the majority of us are concerned, if these people want to drink that's their business and where they want to drink is their business, although the college governing board has definite rules about this matter. But when they begin to endanger our privilege of having more dances, it's time to say and do something. A person can have his freedom—all he wants—until he begins stepping on too many toes and that's exactly what's happening. If that small minority paid any attention to what the majority wanted, there is no doubt that drinking would be completely stopped.

Be fair and, above all, be just plain sensible, if you intend to drink at any of the college, or student-sponsored activities, you're not welcome, and it would save embarrassment to all concerned if you would stay away.

### Letter To Editor

Maybe you smoke—maybe you don't but whether you do or not, this may prove interesting.

I just enrolled in Brevard this semester and as I understand it, smoking is not allowed in the dining hall. Why? In larger schools and universities, smoking is sanctioned in such places, and as far as I know, there have never been any serious results.

Smoking might be a bad habit, but those who have the habit enjoy it. And the time when a person usually wants to smoke most is right after a meal, without having to get up from the table and leave the dining hall to do it. I feel certain that the majority of students want this privilege and would not mind sitting in a special section reserved for those who wish to smoke. A poll would show whether or not non-smokers oppose the idea, but I hardly think they would.

Being new here, I have no idea how the faculty might react to this proposal, but if the majority of them are positively against it for some reason, then the plan will probably be dropped. But couldn't we have some more ideas on the subject and see if such an arrangement can't be made.

Ed Chappell

### Roommates

Do you have a roommate who—

1. Never disagrees when you want to turn the radio on or off?
2. Never borrows your soap, towel, stationary or other personals?
3. Never wants to talk when you want to sleep?
4. Never minds your mooching his cigarettes?
5. Says not a word about your throwing your clothes on his bed?

If you do have a roommate like this, you'd better shake him—he's probably dead.

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue, to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.—Socrates.

### Wanderings

There is nothing comparable to the beginning of a new semester, particularly at a place like Brevard College.

Not only are there the new classes, new friends and new interests, but also there are the old, familiar activities and interests. These are what I would like to talk over with you.

Undoubtedly all of you new students have tasted the friendly atmosphere on the campus. As you have perhaps already judged, this atmosphere is not limited to the student body, for it is found also between faculty and students. If you are the least bit worried about this being just a temporary "front" put on by the old students and teachers, have no

more fears. Our college, though small, is just about tops when it comes to campus spirit, and we intend to keep it there.

A kind word, a small act of courtesy, a helping hand are always welcome, as well as remembered. Keep the campus clean; remember the purpose of the "Thank You" signs and keep off the grass; support all the campus activities you possibly can. Above all, if you have a complaint, voice it rather than trying to keep it pinned up within yourself until it explodes. Put your idea in an organized form; gain sufficient support; and present your proposal to the proper people who will not be too hard to find. Whether it wins approval or not you will have the satisfaction of sounding your own opinion, and you will have helped to make Brevard College a happier, more profitable institution for all to attend.

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