



**ADVICE TO
New Students At
BREVARD COLLEGE**
By Walter F. Rogers

[Editor's Note: The following article will be of much interest not only to all new students at the college, but to all readers of The Clarion. Written by Walter F. Rogers, graduate of 1949 and editor of the Clarion last year, the column is purely personal and very informative. Mr. Rogers was voted the graduate most likely to succeed by the seniors of '49, and this fall he will be a junior at the University of North Carolina.]

Perhaps the most important period of anyone entering college is the first two or three weeks at school when everything is new and different and confusion at a peak. It is during this period that new friends are made and new students are made to feel at home by the upper-classmen.

As a freshman at Brevard college two years ago, I met with the exact circumstances which still confront newcomers of today. Maybe during the first days at Brevard some students will get the opinion that the college is a terrible place; unfriendly, cold and not in the least bit comforting to someone who has just left home.

I guess I felt just about the same way in September of 1947, and if it had not been for a challenge by Dr. Coltrane at the orientation program, I may never have

been a graduate of Brevard. At that meeting Dr. Coltrane, felt the feeling of uneasiness and emptiness of the new students and he guaranteed that if they would just stick it out for two weeks there would then be no doubt in their minds that Brevard was the school for them. From the small number of students who withdrew early in that year, I gathered that Dr. Coltrane was right and that most of the new students realized from the first week or two that Brevard was not the place it seemed from some first impressions.

So give it a chance and you will find that college life can be the best years of your life. The atmosphere is friendly and pleasant, more so, I think than at other schools of this type. There are more varied activities here than can be imagined and they are open to all.

Club participation and the desire to work and become a part of all that goes on around the campus is probably the most important phase of college life, next to scholastic standing. Getting into the thick of things broadens one's personality, wins friends and provides a medium of recreation not enjoyed by everyone. There is a storehouse of fun and activity awaiting you and I suggest that it not be overlooked.

For those who like to keep up with the events of the day there is the International Relations club, directed by Dr. Bramlett and open to all students. Participation in the semi-weekly programs is optional although it is through that more can be obtained from the club by everyone taking an active part in the programs. Last year several members attended the national convention of IRC at Nashville, Tenn., and a similar trip is planned for this year.

The Christian Workers club offers to the students a weekly program of devotion and group recreation. Picnics and other outdoor

trips are a regular part of the activities of the club and this is one club that every student should join even if he or she doesn't belong to another single one.

Student participation in student government is of the utmost importance.

What is student government if the student body leaves it up to just a few? This is your college and therefore you owe it to yourself and the school to have the desire to take a part in all that goes on. This year's student president, Bob Moore, of Statesville, is an outstanding student and one of the best-liked men on the campus. If he gets the support of the students, he will make a fine president and friend of every student. Other clubs which offer interest are the Commercial club for those who take business education subjects; the Bailar Club, a dance club organized last year which endeavors to get everyone in school out for each dance (if you can't dance now, join the Bailar club and you'll learn so quickly that you can enjoy every formal this year.)

Let's take a minute here to stress the importance of getting good crowds to these student-planned dances. Every one of them is put on by some club and there is no harder job connected with college life than putting on a dance, unless it's making an "A" in English. In previous years at Brevard, it has been the unfortunate custom of a large number of the men students to go to these dances stag. This not only leaves a bunch of unhappy girls in the dormitories but also makes the number of boys and girls at the dance far out of proportion. To remedy this situation, it has been a practice in the past to charge stags the same admission as couples. Why not all you guys down there this year take dates to the hops? It won't cost any more and you'll never know how happy some girl will be. That's the main point of college organizations — to teach students to think of the good of everyone.

For the girls there is the home economics club. The vets have their club and students from Charlotte and vicinity have an organization. The ministerial students have a club and so do the music enthusiasts. There are three clubs for the brains of the school. They are all local chapters of national honor fraternities — Phi Theta Kappa, scholastic fraternity; Sigma Pi Alpha, language fraternity, and Alpha Pi Epsilon, commercial honorary society.

And even for those who enjoy nothing more than a good friendly fellowship there is a club. These are the four literary societies; two for girls and two for boys. They are the Cliosophics, the Delphians, the Euterpeans and the Mnemosyneans. Although they go by the name of "literary," don't let that fool you. Maybe in years past there was a touch of the literary in these clubs, but not now. And that is a shame too; it's not a joke. They are good clubs and have the makings of real literary societies and in the department there is room for improvement. Maybe some students will come along this year and reorganize them into constructive and interesting clubs. With all their shortcomings, however, they should have large memberships and every student should

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Poet's Corner

By DOREEN PEARSON

(For Wilnetta)

FOLLOW YOUR STAR

Chart your course while still in your youth;
Make your objective the star of truth.
Follow it forever as it leads you beyond;
Whenever it beckons, do not fail to respond.
If your footsteps falter on the worn and treacherous road,
Straighten your shoulders and bear the load.
Heed not the many failures you meet along the way;
Avoid all those who would lead you astray.
Follow the pathway wherever it may lead;
Know in your heart that you're going to succeed.
Keep your eyes on your star and never despair,
And someday you will waken to find you are there.

BECAUSE

Because you have such high ideals and never criticize,
Because you always are so kind and quick to sympathize,
Because you're so uplifting and never seem depressed,
Because no matter what you do, you always do your best,
Because you are clear-minded and avoid argument,
Because you're so broad-minded and so intelligent,
Because you are so quiet, because you are so sweet,
Because you are so friendly and never show conceit,
Because you are so honest with no thought to deceive,
Because you always stand up for the things that you believe,
Because you always are a friend, and your heart is always true,
I think you are so wonderful— because you're you.

YOU UNDERSTOOD

All my life I had been quite alone
With no one whose feelings and thoughts were my own.
Then you came along, and you understood me;
You were the best friend that ever there could be.
You understood when I smiled, when I sighed;
You knew why I laughed, and you knew why I cried.
We shared our lives as only true friends could
Because we loved each other, and because you understood.

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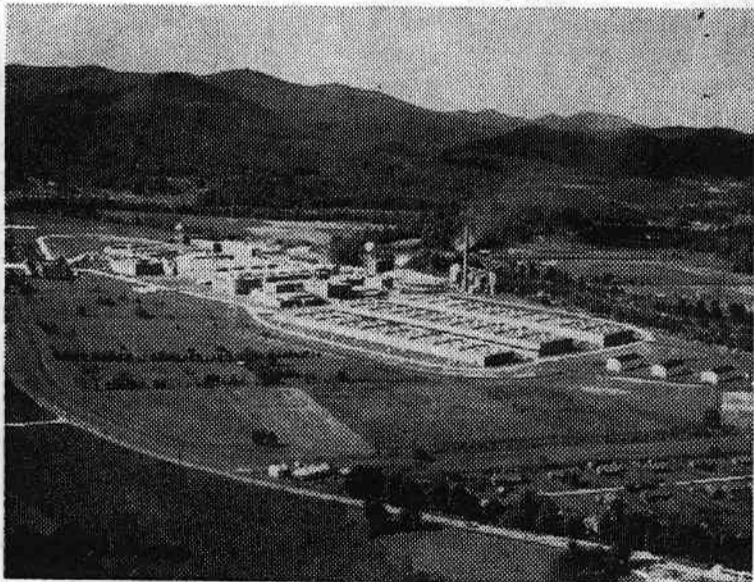
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