

## Cheerleaders Call For School Support

At recent basketball games the Brevard college cheerleaders have shown their ability to arouse school spirit in the student cheering section. Although the students have shown their interest by appearing at the games and joining in cheering the teams, the cheerleaders have asked for more cooperation. In the words of Peggy Waller, who is serving as head cheerleader, the students "definitely need school spirit and should attend games to show the teams that we care whether we win or lose."

In addition to the chief cheerleader, Peggy Waller, other members of the cheerleading squad are Frances Davidson, Carolyn B. Freeman, Rachel Franklin, Virginia Osborne, Stowe Hull and Bill Whitesides. Because the resignation of Larry Poteat has caused the need for a new member, the cheerleaders have selected Carolyn Thrower as a substitute.

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ing but honest and sincere, because their only motive is service for others. But be that as it may, the question of human greatness comes to me profoundly and with enormous impact at this time. I have had a vision of greatness. I have come face to face with one of Aristotle's "magnanimous" men, and I have gained an inkling, a bare impression, of what bitter agonies such human beings can suffer without losing their strength of character and their faith in the ultimate manifestation of good in the workings of human destiny.

We have had one great man among us, one great man with true vision and with the ability to transform that vision into reality. We have watched him move among us, and, on occasions, we have not understood him, but in the end we have seen his capabilities, and we have stood in awe at the results of his actions. He was not a man bound by petty prejudice or superstition. His mind was many-channeled, and his thoughts were not narrow. He was sympathetic with lesser man and, at times, impatient but never intolerant, for the driving force behind his life was a burning desire to learn and a corresponding tolerance for others who were in the same process of finding their own answers to the great questions confronting man. There was nothing vicious or self-centered in his psychological makeup. He lived by the principles he preached, and he believed firmly in the basic equality of men before God. He believed this so thoroughly that he would never have thought of forcing his own ideas, opinions, and beliefs on others. To him education (and I speak of education as a life-time process) and tolerance were not abstract ideas



Elected by the student body as cheerleaders for the current season are Rachel Franklin, Frances Davidson, Stowe Hull, Peggy Waller, Bill Whitesides, Virginia Osborne and Carolyn B. Freeman.

to be discussed on cold evenings; they were living and usable principles which he applied every day of his life.

A close look at such a man has a tendency to rub us wrong today, as it has in the past. Was not Christ crucified because of His universal views, His tolerance, and His sympathy for those who did not believe in the accepted patterns of action and thought? Was not Socrates sent to jail and sentenced to death because of his basic honesty in teaching the young to open their minds to all knowledge?

Such a close look points out the basic paradox in American life today — how we give profuse lip-service to the ideals of democracy and Christianity and, in our very actions, contradict every one of them. It merely proves again that we are a nation of hypocrites and bigots, self-centered little pseudo-gods professing to have the interest of all at heart, but caring only for self-propagation, political, social and economic advantage, and personal gain.

Therefore, we dislike great men. We misunderstand them. We project our own incentives and motives into their actions, and by a well known psychological trick make their motives ours and ours theirs. And, unless there are enough people who understand and explain and overcome prejudice with good arguments, we destroy great men

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before their genius can be proven.

Such was not the case with George Brinkmann Ehlhardt. He was able to stay at Brevard long enough for all of us with open minds and hearts to realize his greatness. We have seen the changes on the campus; we know of the good-will that has been created in the community, we know of the gifts which are forthcoming, we have had a glimpse of his great vision for a greater Brevard college, and we are awe-stricken and grateful. And when we think that his health has been destroyed in this struggle for the development of our college, we are sad at heart.

Our deepest regrets go out to him say to him that all of him is not on his departure from us, and we departing, for we have learned from him and we have caught the vision of greatness. We will not be dumb, driven, cattle; we will strive to be like him—truly great.

(signed) ERNEST EPPLEY

## Clubs Sing Carols For Local Citizens

The Christian Fellowship and Music clubs of Brevard college will sponsor an evening of carolling next Thursday according to Norma June Merritt and Wayne Umphlett, presidents of the two organizations. Responsibility for route planning has been assigned to Ben Steele. Following the singing of carols throughout Brevard, the groups will meet at the college for hot chocolate.

In advance of this event President Umphlett stated, "Our plans are to serenade the friends of the college — including Mr. Ehlhardt and Mrs. Pangle who have been ill. A recreation session of refreshments and dancing will follow the group singing."

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