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And Now, Everyone's Treading Lightly Till The Year's Over

There has been something subtly wrong here, something abnormally out of balance, which can only be described as a "bad feeling" on the campus of Brevard College. The most visible proof of this has been the over-all attitude of the student body: we have been sullen, destructive, rebellious, and generally angry — at nothing perceptible, at everything, at rules, all rules . . . The feeling emerged finally as an unreasoning hatred of the college and all it is trying to do, as shown by the radically - increasing number of derogatory signs, "Brevard Reeks" and worse, which are seen scrawled on desks, on walls, on bulletin boards . . . and other places. Some of them were there last year, true, but most of them are comments made by this year's student body. And they made vocal comments, too, usually a disgusted "It figures," when news arrived of some administrative action. It would be easy to pass off this resentment of Brevard, this creeping hatred, as merely a by-product of spring restlessness. It would be easy, but not accurate, for this attitude has been present since the first of year, and probably before that. No one can pinpoint the exact cause, perhaps the administration has been at fault, perhaps the students. Perhaps it began with several controversial college-student clashes which occurred last year and were carried over through this year's Sophomore Class to infect the entire student body. But the feeling, no matter what the cause, has been definitely present. Violent hatred of a social system may be used two ways. First, it may be expended in negativism and useless defiance, in the destroying of college property and the breaking of petty rules. Or, second, it can provide the will, the powerful motivation needed, to bring about changes in a system which is hateful to those who exist under it. The students of Brevard College have a choice: either to work to alter the system which they find so unendurable or to destroy the system—and themselves.

Think About What?

Just in case someone read the editorial, "Think Before You Vote", in last week's CLARION, this is to say that before you can think about the candidates, you must have a few.

It is simply outrageous that for several of the school offices only one person is running. The candidates, we grant you, are capable students, yet there are many more who are also capable.

When things don't suit us next year, we'll probably blame our officers, as is usual. But who is really to blame? Not the officers, who are doing their best. It is our fault entirely. Anyone can start a petition for a candidate — all that is necessary is the fifty names. We must either be willing to back our school by getting candidates for the offices, several candidates, or silently accept all "our" officers do next year because we are too lazy to work just a little bit.

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Make Grades, Not War

Pass-Fail System To Offset Grade Drawbacks
(ACP) — At the University of California, Berkeley, an undergraduate with a grade point average higher than B is eligible to take one course per semester, outside his major field, for which he receives credit but no grade.

The idea behind this kind of pass-fail course is that students who ordinarily would not take an extremely challenging course for fear of sacrificing grade points would be allowed to do so without risk of lowering their averages.

New draft procedures are making grades increasingly important, magnifying all the drawbacks of the grading system, the **Western Herald**, Western Michigan University, said in an editorial. Students will soon take only courses in which they know they can do well, thereby narrowing and limiting their educational experiences.

The **Herald** continued: In order to encourage the broadening of education, we feel that a system such as Berkeley's should be considered. We would suggest, however, removing the grade point requirement, because students with B averages are relatively safe in taking hard courses. The system in that case would only protect those who don't need the protection.

The Selective Service system should not be allowed to force students into narrow valleys of education by putting a premium on the taking of easy courses and limiting students to their fields of specialization. But since the draft system cannot be changed, to help the universities attain their goals, the universities should help themselves by initiating some form of non-graded classes.

SGA Reports

The SGA has moved that in the future, SGA members will not be required to attend House Council in their individual dorms, but may attend the meetings of the Councils at their own discretion. SGA members, however, will still be empowered to give demerits and act as proctors.

SGA, along with the Christian Council, hopes to sponsor a breakfast in Pisgah Forest for graduating Sophomores on the Saturday before graduation.

The number of demerits awarded for breaking in line has been raised to 2 for girls and 10 for boys, effective from now till the end of school. The procedure of "saving places in line" is no longer to be allowed.

Bob Pickens announces with pride that the rest of the candy has finally been returned to Chicago.

Dr. McLarty and the newly-elected SGA members are invited to the SGA meeting to be held May 4.

The Student Government Association has donated one hundred dollars to the Brevard Save-A-Child Campaign.

Student Government will shortly begin appropriating funds left over in the various club treasuries to go into the Activity Fund. Clubs are advised to tag all funds which they do not wish to go into the general fund.

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(Continued from Page One) who acted as ladies in waiting and crownbearer."

Lynn completed her statement with, "There were more people than we expected. Everything went off smoothly as planned, due to all the people who helped and especially due to the work of all of the various Committees."

Brevard Choir Goes On Tour

The Brevard College Choir went on their Spring tour Sunday, April 24. The choir sang several selections in a morning service at Biltmore Methodist Church in Asheville. The church provided dinner after which the choir members were taken along the Blue Ridge Parkway toward Mt. Mitchell. The bus stopped at Craggy Gardens, and the hardier members (those who weren't wearing heels) climbed to the peak.

Sunday evening the choir and Madrigal Singers performed at Grace Methodist Church, also in Asheville. The church MYF provided supper, and the choir was privileged to hear Dr. Mark Depp (last year's religious emphasis speaker and this year's baccalaureate preacher), who was beginning a revival at Grace Church. Nelson Adams is director of the choir, and Jackie Howie is organist.

School Children To Visit College

On Saturday afternoon the Y.E.S. tutoring program will culminate with a picnic here on the campus for the tutors and tutees.

The purpose of the get-together is to bring the children that the students in the Y.E.S. program have been tutoring to the campus to see how a college student lives and the environment in which he survives day by day.

The children will be able to see a home baseball game and will have the use of the swimming pool. They may also watch the students in the programs of Activity Day, slated for tomorrow.

One ShriII, Small Voice

BY: PAUL ALLEN

Meanwhile, back in the dorms . . . The ants were planning their spring-time attack on Taylor students . . . The plumbers had fixed the hot water heaters; to keep the water at 32 degrees . . . and all the doors got broken.

Students hung towels on their door, to see what other students would write on them. Some sold their souls for enough money to exist the rest of the semester . . . No one made noise . . . The radiators ran fullblast in 80 degree weather. Privacy took a holiday.

During campusment the students washed the floors . . . sex was not discussed . . . "Double Shot" became the official freshman class song . . . "The Ballad of the Green Beret" was banned as too gross . . . Midnight cil was burned to no avail.

A student was buried when he opened his closet door . . . Massive prostration paralyzed the campus with the coming of warm weather . . . Draft deferment was the main topic of conversation in boy's dorms . . . Girls as usual, discussed boys.

Mosquitoes, gnats, and chiggers—they came, they saw, they conquered . . . FEAR; some even started studying for semesters.

4-F was the hero of the day. Cleanliness is next to godliness; rooms became the devil's lair . . . Spring-time rains looked no different than winter rains . . . Book-burnings were planned . . . Students planned the end of scholastic drudgery, and the start of summer-job drudgery. Object — earn enough money to start scholastic drudgery again in the fall . . .

Screams of the homework-plagued echoed the halls late at night . . . Charlie's finally collected what was owed him in food debts; this is what is known as starvation wages . . .

With weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, with the specter of creeping poverty staring in the windows, with work piled high, tests up-coming, clothes lost, and sanity fleeing, the students wait.

Two more weeks!

New Courses

(Continued from Page One) added to the list of courses available. This will be an elective, which may be required at a senior college. This course has been added at the request of both students and faculty and will include basic work added at the request of both students and faculty and will include basic work in business subjects.

The addition of German 31 and 32 to the language division will enable students to continue their study of German for two years if entering at the intermediate level. The courses will be a survey of German literature from early writers to the very modern.

These changes better adapt Brevard subjects to transfer to a senior college, which is the goal of the majority of the students on campus.