

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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A Seasonal Thought

All kinds of people, short, tall, smart, dumb, dirty, clean, black, white, fat, skinny, you and me, need love.

But the problem is how to get it. Is it done by grasping at it, or hiding away from all forms of pain? I think not. We need to be willing to take the blows head-on in a search for the truth and love, not afraid of what people will think, what will happen to our good name, etc.

Can we do this on our moral strength alone? I think not. With the help of a skinny carpenter named Jesus, then we can stand up for love and truth. You see, he went around blowing the minds of the "religious" people in his day by loving just anybody, whether it be a prostitute, hated tax collector, or the poorest beggar on the streets. And then he was hanged on a cross, for you, for me, and he still hangs there today unless we let him come down to help us. If that happens, then even hell can't stop us.

Jesus is a man, "the real" man, a word, a truth, a bridge, a hint, a street sign, the entrance and the exit. Jesus is our napkin, wipe your grubby face and hands on him.

GOOD NEWS, He loves you.

A BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT

Now that the reports from the Attendance Committee and the Social Behavior Committee are out and the vote set for Tuesday, it is hard for one not to reflect on the brilliant achievement Brevard College has made.

Ultimately the real problem at Brevard College and all schools in the area of social and academic areas, has not been so much with the rules as it has been with the lack of understanding and communications between faculty, administration and students. With these reports, regardless of whether they are passed or not (hopefully they will pass), something great has happened to Brevard College which we hope will continue and get even better in the future.

When one surveys the problems, great and small, in our present day world the real problem is communication. When a problem exists or someone has been hurt, instead of sitting down and discussing the problem, the offended party jumps to conclusions and fits of anger and often will foolishly start a war, a riot or some other type of unwarranted revolt.

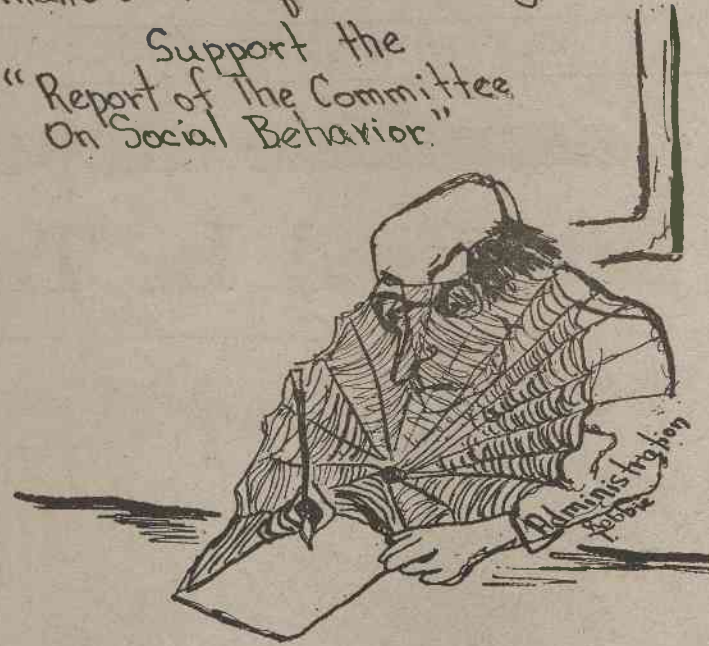
Probably the best illustration of this point is the planned student demonstration last October. Only through the guidance of some concerned faculty members was the demonstration prevented and student - Presidential Council communication begun. We doubt very much if these reports and the proposed changes would have been possible if that demonstration had been held. What solved the problem was a simple half - hour talk with the Presidential Council — COMMUNICATION!!

Communication is not only important for big problems but also in person to person relationships. How many times have people been hurt and instead of discussing the problem, resorted to an unChristian act of hate or violence. How much personal dislike could have been avoided through communication.

There is no doubt how important communication is in solving problems. Brevard College's Presidential Council, some of the faculty, and some students have in a very mature way showed the value of good communication this year. To all of us, this experience should prove to be one of the most valuable educational experiences learned at Brevard College.

Let's remove the cobweb and make some requisite changes.

Support the
"Report of The Committee
On Social Behavior."



Opinions Are Given Concerning Reports

Now that the Attendance and Penalties Committee's report has been presented, here are many points which need clarification. First of all, it was evident at both the faculty and student meeting that the real significance and value of the report was not grasped.

From the beginning to the end of the report the Committee was guided by a basic philosophy greatly needed at Brevard College — this is responsibility. This is college and one main purpose of a college education is the development of the person into a mature and responsible member of society.

This report strives to develop this point by setting up guidelines and a few rules. One of the main gripes of both faculty and students is over the statement on successful completion of the cultural programs being necessary for graduation. This argument seems to indicate that some people on this campus do not desire maturity. To these sheltered people who feel that life is one big rule, I suggest you vote not for the entire program. To those who desire to accept some responsibility and desire to control the course of their lives — this program was made for you.

One of the biggest points that students disagree on in the program is not over the program itself but over the fear of the teacher. To attempt to erase the image of the teachers in a newspaper article would be impossible. All that can be said to this is that I doubt if there is a single teacher on this campus who does not consider the best interest of each student with each decision he makes.

The reason for developing a policy that is controlled by the division is more involved than meets the eye. First of all, the reason that a cut system was not developed in which each teacher handled his own course was due to the negative vote by the faculty to such plan at the beginning of this year and on the questionnaire given to the students and faculty. Secondly, there is quite a significant difference in each of the five divisions. Third

it is a compromise to give both student and faculty responsibility.

Another point to remember is that the three minimum guaranteed cuts in classes meeting three times a week for three hours credit was established to protect the student. These three guaranteed cuts do not mean that there can be no more than three, a division could give up to ten cuts in a three hour course, but that they cannot establish a system of less than three; which they probably would not have done anyway.

The proposed academic and cultural policy has its weaknesses but what policy doesn't. So, if you're looking for the ideal policy, forget it! Before voting add up all of the positive points (such as no quality point reductions) and see if they don't outweigh the negative ones. If you desire a realistic policy for this campus, desire to make decisions on your own and desire a better morale atmosphere on campus—VOTE YES! Anyone having questions is invited to get in contact with any one of the eight committee members.

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Committee Rules

Having served on various committees, I have drawn up a list of rules: never arrive on time. this stamps you as a beginner. Don't say anything until the meeting is half over; this stamps you as being wise. Be as vague as possible; this avoids irritating the others. When in doubt, suggest that a sub-committee be appointed. Be the first to move for adjournment; this will make you popular; it's what everyone is waiting for.

Harry Chapman, Greater Kansas City Medical Bulletin, 1963

One feathered biped in the terminal area of the receptacle appendage is equal to the value of two feathered bipeds in intensely branched shrubbery.

Dear Editor . . .

Dear Editor:

In reference to Monte Sharpe's letter last week, there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the social life of Brevard College is grossly lacking. The whole concept of the newly initiated Social Activities Committee has been a near catastrophe. The reasons for this development are several:

- 1 — The administrative director of social activities is in her first year.
- 2 — Due to uncontrollable circumstances, the leadership in the past has apparently been inadequate and the entire job has fallen on her.
- 3 — The apathetic view of the various clubs in respect to social activities does not help.

This last point concerns Mr. Sharpe. The Methodist Student Fellowship, of which he is president, has done almost nothing this year in the way of social activities with the exception of having their weekly meetings. The blame does not rest with Monte alone, however. There are twenty-eight clubs on campus and about five are active. Some clubs exist in name alone, having no president.

The purpose of the Social Activities Committee is to present ideas to the various clubs, to instill incentive in the clubs and to coordinate social activities. The reason for the establishment of this committee lies in the fact that it would be impossible for a small group of people to provide the quantity, quality, and variety of social activities this college needs. This point has already proven itself. The combined efforts of each club is theoretically supposed to do its part to create a broad scope of activities for Brevard students. It seems interesting to me that the concerned Student Activist Movement (CSAM), which is not even affiliated with Brevard College except that the members are students of Brevard, has probably done more on its own with respect to student activities than any other organization on campus.

All is not lost, however. The Social Activities Committee is presently undergoing reconstruction as are many other aspects of campus life. Hopefully, the committee will become organized, eliminating the "do-nothing" clubs and provide room and drive for the remaining clubs.

By the way, I'd like to invite Monte and everyone else to the dance Saturday night.

Sincerely,
Wayne Lottinville

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Dear Editor,

Who is a hypocrite?

In two chapels this year, the speakers mentioned that the youth of today are sick of hypocrisy in the older generation. We want them to "Tell it like it is." Both of the speakers praised the youth for that stand against hypocrisy.

After observing Lyceum attendance, I contend that we have been falsely praised, not once but twice. Students that are basically honest" and fight to have society tell it like it is, hand in a ticket at one door and walk out the other. Or sometimes they say, "Is the balcony open?" Then they go to the "balcony." It's amazing

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