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College Experiences Years Of Growth

It is during this week end that we, the present generation of Brevard College, join hands with past generations of Brevard College and take a look at the past, enjoy the present, and step firmly out into the future.

This is Homecoming, 1969.

Brevard College has been a steadily growing institution during the past 35 years of its history. Since that fall day in 1934, Brevard College has grown in both mind and physical structure to one of the finest junior colleges in the nation. It is a college that is well respected throughout the United States and the graduates of this institution have the reputation of doing well in the continuing of their college education.

What has made Brevard College so well known and admired?

The secret of the College is not one at all. It is the formula of steady, undying devotion to the institution by the teachers and students alike. Even after leaving Brevard College, these former citizens of the educational community help the College financially as well as verbal praise.

Look at the Brevard College campus of today. Indeed it has changed since 1934, for it is steadily making changes. Buildings have sprung up at the rate of one a year for the past five years, and more are still in the making. The enrollment of the College today has more than doubled since that first year and the emphasis today is not in recruiting students to fill the College but instead it is in recruiting students who will best fit into college life.

Having a wider range of students in which to choose has in turn caused the academic requirements of the college to rise. Thus, the 1970 graduates of Brevard will be better equipped to continue in the universities than were students of ten, fifteen, or twenty years ago.

It is well known that Brevard College graduates transfer to such well known universities as Duke, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina State. They usually do well at these larger schools.

In retrospect, we see that from Dr. Coltrane, the first president, to today's President Davis, the College has been on a steady upward surge. We think that it will continue in this direction.

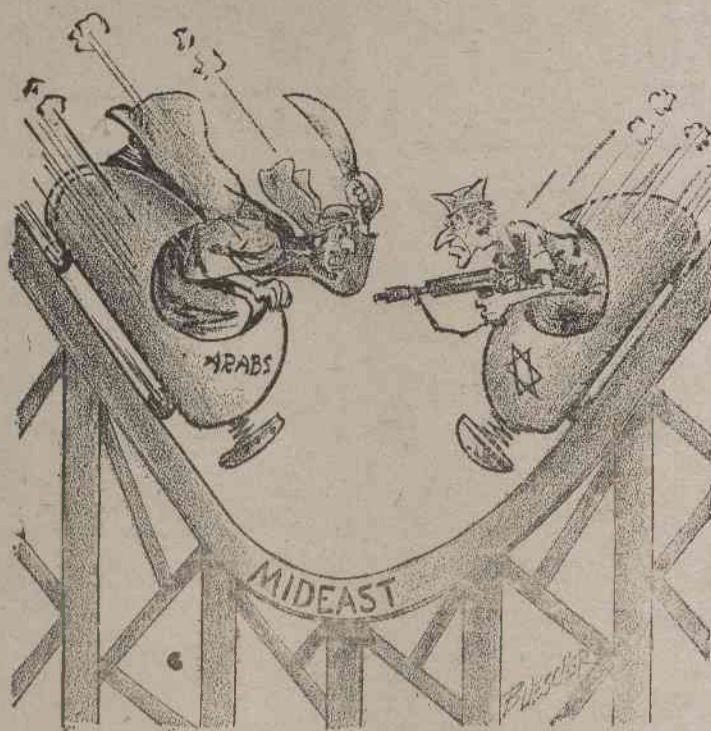
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COLLISION COURSE



College Trustees To Meet Next Week

The Brevard College Board of Trustees will gather on the campus of the local junior college Thursday and Friday, October 16th and 17th, for their annual fall meeting.

According to President Robert A. Davis, the trustees and their wives will be guests of the college for dinner on October 16th, with a meeting of the executive committee slated for later that evening.

Committees will meet on the morning of October 17th, with the full trustees' meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The fall meeting will conclude with a 12:30 p.m. luncheon.

Letters To The Editor

An Open Letter to
Students from the Dean

The semester is almost half over. The time for reporting grades is near at hand. Reports come to me that we are approaching the zero hour. It looks as if there are many students who will not be with us next semester. What is the answer?

Professors continue to relate their concern over the performance, or lack of performance, of many of our students. Many have spent hour after hour in extra sessions. Some report that as many as half of their students are failing. We are searching for answers as to why this condition exists.

Learning is a two-way street. There are no signs that read "One-Way." We can provide the way; you must provide the how. What happens in any experience is determined by how much energy is expended. Whether you allow your college experience to be a fruitful one will be determined, in the final analysis, by how much you put into the experience.

It will not be easy to say good-bye at the end of the semester. Only you can decide whether or not this will be necessary. Please get to work.

Most sincerely,
Grady H. Whicker
Dean of the College

Dear Editor:

Have you considered that: L for "little noise", I for "in solitude", B for "bookland", R for "reading", A for "all-alone-ness", F for "retreat: and Y for "you - alone" spells LIBRARY, a perfect "Quiet Study Place."

Sincerely,
Name withheld

Dear Editor,

Well, it seems as if the time has come for the students on this campus to have their bottles warmed again. Apparently, all the trouble that the students and faculty went to last year is sadly in vain. Those petty and ridiculous rules that overcame the students last year seem to be sprouting from their roots — the administration — again this year.

The first twig on the tree of student death is the new ruling stating that students may

not have beer cans, whiskey bottles, etc. in their rooms.

Many problems are inherent in this type of ruling.

For instance, is a whiskey bottle with the label removed still a whiskey bottle or just a plain, run-of-the-mill type bottle? Does a regular run-of-the-mill type bottle that has had whiskey in it take on the characteristics of a whiskey bottle, and therefore is banned from one's room? How can you tell one from the other? I've heard through fairly reliable sources that some people have been known to drink alcoholic beverages from bathtubs and even slippers! After these liquor containers are restricted from students' rooms, dating will certainly reach an all-time low, and on top of that no one will be allowed in the

parlor!

Now it may not seem like a very big deal that no one can have liquor bottles in their rooms any more, and it probably isn't, except for the fact that the ruling flagrantly violates the stated "Philosophy of Social Behavior," infringes upon a student's right to room privacy, his rights to freely express himself and mature at his own rate, his rights as a human individual and is just one small inch, that if given to the administration, may result in the taking of a mile.

Maybe I shouldn't complain, through; after all, doesn't the administration always have the students' best interests at heart?!

Sincerely,
(Name withheld upon request)

Perspective

BY RONNIE SMITH
EDITOR

Seeing the sun light up the different red, yellow, brown and green hues of the forests on the distant mountain sides, feeling the little nip in the night air, and strolling through the leaves on front campus, it is easy for anyone to see that fall has come to the College.

Fall is often viewed by the great writers and poets as the time in nature when all is dying, when the bright life of nature flares, and then slowly dies. It is a depressing season to many but to many it is a time of decision.

I see fall as a time of decision. Take a look around you. The animals of the forest are preparing for the coming hardships of winter and are growing their winter coats to keep them warm.

We, as college students, are in our fall. We are readying ourselves for the winter that is to follow in life. The spring and summer are behind us, and we must now prepare ourselves for winter's onslaught. A lot of the hardships that will follow in life, or our winter, will depend on the amount of preparation that we have given ourselves. But we have to choose when is the best time to face the cold, cold winter.

We long to travel both roads, the one leading to further education and the one which allows a person to live his own life. Like the famous poet Robert Frost said, "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both . . . I took the one less traveled by."

Which road will you take?
I'll see you next week.