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Freedom Of Speech

The largest single effort of the American people in the last decade in voicing their opinion concerning a national issue was performed Wednesday. It was the observing of what will go down in American history books as Moratorium Day, 1969.

The object of the vast demonstration was that of protesting or supporting the war in Viet Nam. The majority of the gatherings concerning the war were peaceful although most of the demonstrations were against the war effort.

The object of the Moratorium was to use the large number of college students in one vast demonstration against the war. But it got out of hand.

Joining the college students, who were out in force, were people of all ages, all races, and all religious denominations. There were housewives, bankers, ex-soldiers, and governmental leaders.

Many of the demonstrations consisted of the reading of names of Americans who had died in Southeast Asia for the war cause. At many points across the nation, candles were burned in a silent vigil against the war.

At Brevard College, as was done at other colleges and universities, there was a discussion on the United States' involvement in Viet Nam.

We are glad to see that the people of the United States are still mindful of their rights of free speech, and we are glad that we live in a society that permits this to happen. We are not sure of the results of Moratorium Day 1969, only time will tell, but history will record that we voiced opinions on a controversial subject without fear.

Trustees Work Hard

Starting yesterday, the Brevard College campus has been the scene of a vast number of new visitors. These men and women, many of whom have traveled many miles, are the members of the Brevard College Board of Trustees.

Many students are unaware of the vast and important role that is played by the Board of Trustees. Some are under the impression that the members of the Board just participate in name only and feel that to be named to the Board of Trustees of a college is an honor and not a job.

These students are right about a few maybe, but we are proud to say that the Board of Trustees of Brevard College consider their job an important one, and they dedicate a large amount of time to the fulfilling of their duties as Board members.

We are lucky to have such a hard working organization and we welcome them.

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This Is Ridiculous

Library Receives Two New, Interesting Books

Two very interesting and unusual books have been received in the library. If you already know about them you will add your praises. If these books are unknown to you, you will want to read them.

The author is Danish. His name is Karl Bjarhof. He is about seventy years old, began to grow blind in childhood and has been totally blind since he was in his teens. He is a famous cellist, having learned his musicianship at the Royal Blind Institute in Copenhagen.

The two books are memoirs, set as fiction, about his life of poverty in a small Danish town, his oncoming blindness which no one — his parents, doctors or teachers — diagnosed or understood and, finally, about his life at the "Tute", learning to become blind and his

friends, in, and out of, the sighted world.

The subject matter is intensely interesting. In addition the literary style is exceptional. Danish or the translation by Naomi Walford it is impossible to say. Possibly it is a combination on both.

Even the titles which have been saved until last are just right for these two beautiful books. The first (*The Stars Crow Pale*) published in Denmark in 1958 and just published in the U. S. by Knopf tells of his early childhood on the threshold of blindness as the stars, literally, grow paler.

The second (*The Good Light, -960*) continues his story at the Royal Institute for the Blind as the "good light" grew dimmer and dimmer and finally ceased.

Dear Editor . . .

To whom it may concern:

Do you realize how much work and effort went into changing the rules of Brevard College? Do you realize that you as students are ruining all of our past efforts? It took a year of fighting to acquire these rules that we recognize as lenient. We would like to keep these rules and get others changed, such as "closing hours." Unless the behavior of students improves, we will lose all our hard earned privileges, and no more will be obtained. So wake up and sober up, students, before we find ourselves in last year's sad situation.

Sincerely,
Five Concerned
Sophomore Girls

NOTICE

If you wish to attend the General Cultural Program No. 7, you will need to come by the Fine Arts office sometime next week to pick up your ticket. Bring your GCP white ticket with you, it will be punched and a ticket handed you which you sign and give to the usher on the night of the concert. This is for CONCERT 70 - a program presented by four talented Black artists - soprano, tenor, baritone and pianist. There will be only 350 tickets available for students - first come, first served.

Bids Advertised For Student Center

Mr. Hardin, the Brevard College Business Manager, has announced that bids for the projected Student Center will be advertised today. Also, bids will be opened November 20, with the awarding of the contract scheduled for December 20.

The final phase of the Brevard building expansion program will be completed during the second semester of the next school year. Consisting of two floors, the building will officially be named Sims Student and will be located behind the present Green Dormitory.

The building will include student lounges, dancing room, laundry and dry cleaning room, office space, storage rooms, a Tornado room, post office (accessible at all hours), and a college book store and grill.

The second floor will contain a recreation room for indoor sports, lockers, and an additional lounge. Also included will be a T.V. room, conference room, and two offices, as well as a Student Government Association Room. Rounding out the top floor will be a chapel and study room. The total cost is estimated at \$500,000.

Perez Attend Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Mario P. Perez from the Spanish Department attended the Nineteenth Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference held recently. The conference was held Friday and Saturday at UNC-A.

Perspective

BY RONNIE SMITH
EDITOR

I was a participant in a discussion recently concerning my political standing and the political standing of the various leaders within the United States. It was a run-of-the-mill discussion, and we were using such terminology as conservative, liberal, leftist, rightist, dove, hawk, and radical.

Since that time I have started to think a little bit, and the more I thought, the madder I got. Out of all the talk that went on that day, none of us confessed, or boasted, to be a radical. I was a mixture of many things, none of which said that I was a radical. At the time, I was pleased to say that I was not radical, but now I am ashamed.

I, like so many people today, had confused the meaning of radical. I did not have extremely long hair. I had not burned my draft card. I had not led demonstrations against administration buildings, nor had I occupied other buildings and refused to leave. Therefore, I did not consider myself radical.

But to be radical is to support change. This is what I really want, as I am sure do the vast majority of Americans. I want to stop useless and senseless wars. I want to stop the slaughter on highways. I want to stop the starving in the streets in the United States and in the barren lands of nations throughout the world. I want to stop the rise of inflation that makes every day a little harder to live than the preceding one. I want not only a loving America, but also a loving and peaceful world.

I want change and I want it as soon as possible. Therefore, I am a radical and I am proud of it. I'll see you next week.