

Improved Social Life A Big Future Need

As the academic year at Brevard College draws to a close, one of the most important problems for the future seems to be the development of a better social life on campus. While Brevard has benefited greatly from the availability of the Sims Student Union, it has lapsed in other areas.

The scarcity of cultural programs this year has left a gap in many students' lives. While having little to do on weekends, particularly for students without cars, does allow more time for study, it is doubtful that the time is used in this way. Only so much studying can be done before students get to the point of depression, boredom, and restlessness. A need for various nonacademic activities to complement academic work is obvious.

However, Brevard College has not offered enough variety this year in extracurricular activities to fill the gap. The problem, however, is not simply caused by a lack of concern of the administration or faculty. A lack of interest by students is perhaps the major reason.

Although it is understandable that not all types of activities will interest all types of students, it seems that many students prefer to seek off campus activities or events on other campuses instead of working to support a variety of activities on this campus.

Although Brevard, as a small school, can not offer as many top name performers, it would be able to do much more if given more support for the events it does schedule. The rock concert earlier this semester featuring two obscure but talented groups, "Wildfire" and "Cowboy", is a prime example. Had it been supported in a better manner, it could have easily led to even better programs. Instead, it almost nullified this possibility.

Students around for the 69 - 70 academic year can attest to the fact that although not all the programs presented that year were of interest to all, at least there were many from which to choose, and some were of exceptional quality.

Trustees Deserve Recognition

This week we welcome the college trustees who are on campus for their annual spring meeting and for the official dedication of the Sims Student Union.

The Trustees are the policy making body of Brevard College and are composed of some 57 business, professional, and church leaders from throughout the state. They are greatly responsible for guiding the development of Brevard College, and building a sound institution, both in academic and in physical facilities.

They deserve recognition for their tireless effort in making Brevard one of the finest two year colleges in America. This is our opportunity to communicate with them and establish a better understanding of each other's ideas and goals.

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You Can Try To Hide But There Is No Escape

By David Arledge

Mention the month of May and right away many people think of warm spring days, flowers, and birds returning from the South. But to some people May means something else.

May is national tavern month, the advertisements tell us, but what are they trying to say? Are the infamous distilleries and breweries of our country advocating that all people visit their local taverns during this month? If they are, then why?

Why should people patronize taverns, and what do they gain by going there? The supporters of public drinking highly praise these establishments, saying how wonderful it is for people to get together and socialize there.

But why do people choose taverns as their gathering places for fellowship? What do these places have to offer? Taverns come in all styles.

They vary from road side "honky-tonks" to elite "night spots" in the heart of the cities.

First look at the "honky-tonks." They do their big business on Saturday night when "Joe Laborer" comes in with his weekly pay check. These taverns are all similar. Most of them have rough wooden floors, some kind of bar, a juke box, and the smell of stale beer and liquor (either from what's been split or from the customers' breath).

Now go up the scale and examine the "night spot." Here again the big rush is Saturday night but this time it's "Mr. Executive" who has come to unwind. These places are found in all cities and the variations are slight. Most have carpeting, a lavishly padded bar, stereo music, and the smell of stale beer and liquor.

When you look at it all there is really not that much difference between the two.

People have come together to drink and talk. But for what reason?

There are probably many reasons; perhaps the main one is that these people need to hide. The reasons for their wanting to hide are countless, but the way is usually the same. Behind the closed tavern door, away from their troubles, and the places that remind them of their troubles, these people can let the mystic power of alcohol take over their senses. Here in a cloak of drunkenness, they can find a temporary escape from their problems, responsibilities, and life in general. And here too they can find failure.

It makes no difference how thick the tavern doors are or how strong the drink is, sooner or later one has to come out. And regardless of what he found inside, the same old world will be waiting.

Crowd Of 100 Students Attends Grievance Rally

Thursday, April 22, a meeting was held under the cross between Jones and Beam Dorms to announce a list of 13 grievances to be presented to the administration. Over 100 students attended the impromptu meeting. Conducting the session were the president of the SGA, Lyndon Ashworth, and Vice President, Frank Owen. These leaders demanded, with student support, satisfactory answers to their grievances by Wednesday, April 27, at the Student Legislative meeting.

The list follows:

As students at Brevard College we are given the expressed right, as stated in the Philosophy of Social Behavior, to

1. Conduct ourselves in a manner as mature men and women and supposedly have the right to participate in the formulation of rules and to assume major responsibility in judicial decisions.

2. We recognize that the ultimate responsibility of Brevard College lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees.

Therefore, as sincere and concerned students, we feel that it is our right as well as our duty to present this list of grievances to you, the Administration.

1. The entire convocation system should be examined, reappraised, and revamped.

2. Voluntary counseling services should be instituted with the stipulation that the counselee be allowed to remain on campus in a safe environment.

3. Closing hours on Friday and Saturday should be extended until 2:00 a. m. for women students.

4. Open visitation in the dormitories.

5. Coed sunbathing is not an immoral act and the regulations prohibiting it are archaic and

puritannical.

6. Room priority must be granted to all rising sophomores.

7. A new grading system is needed in Physical Education to replace the idea of skill tests.

8. All military veterans should be exempt from the required Physical Education Curriculum.

9. Men directors in men's dorms.

10. Better dormitory maintenance and more of it.

11. A student-faculty committee should be established to appraise the rules and fines of Brevard College.

12. A broader trust and re-

spect is needed between the students and the administration.

13. A more personal and concerned attitude of the Dean of Student Affairs is needed in relation to the students of Brevard College because we feel that this is mainly responsible for the obvious lack of trust and respect between the students and administration.

We request legitimate answers to each and everyone of these grievances by Wednesday, April 27, at the regularly scheduled Student Legislature meeting.

The Students of Brevard are waiting and have faith that you will hear us now!

OUTLOOK

By Mark Todd
EDITOR

Today marks the end of the last full week of classes for the semester. At the close of classes on Wednesday next week, student and faculty will turn their full attention to final exams. Starting with the first exams on Thursday night, another grueling exam week is ahead.

Some students will have finished and gone only a few days afterward, while those sophomores who are graduating will be around slightly longer. Anyway you look at it, this semester is almost over, and it seems that once we get into the latter part of April, exams arrive before one can imagine.

So with exams coming up, one inclination is to go all out and do as well as possible on them in the short time remaining. However, with springtime in the air, it seems this is not always easy to do. But most important, perhaps the biggest conflict arises out of the knowledge for many of us that we will shortly say goodbye to many of our friends for the final time. These and other emotions combine to add just that much more complexity into the final week of the semester. And for graduating sophomores this is magnified many times over.

So this coming week will mean many things, not just exams, for many of us.