

# Editorial Page

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## Beam panty raid thwarted

On Thursday night, March 23, the residents of East and West Beam again showed that they can raise it as well as any dorm on campus.

The events all started with the discovery, by an innocent bystander that the parlor door on the East side had been inadvertently left open. Two men, seeing a chance to use the phone for free, seized the opportunity and made their way down to the deserted parlor. In a very short time, the news had traveled throughout the East side of the dorm and 25 or 30 more men soon made their way to the parlor.

After a few minutes of talking, one brave girl was persuaded to come open the side door on the West side. A few guys tried to organize a panty raid, but before the leaders could round up some more help, they were discovered and all the doors and windows of the parlor were soon locked.

As we were all to find out, activities for the night weren't through yet. After everyone had settled down and gone to bed, some of the girls decided to retaliate and one of them pulled the fire alarm, thereby causing the men great distress, as well as dorm directors.

After this it seemed that everything was going to settle down and peace would reign again. This unfortunately was not to be. At about 2:00 a.m. the occupants of first floor on the East side were awakened by a string of firecrackers that was set off in front of Mrs. Brackett's door. After things settled down everyone turned in for their 5 hours of sleep.

This display of horseplay could be described by many as immature activities on the part of the participants, but it can also be said that it came as a result of the faulty scheduling of this year's spring break that caused great restlessness among many of the students. D.B.

## Our voting responsibility

Since the struggle for the 18-year-old vote has ended with a victory, how many of us will take advantage of this new privilege? A third of the eligible 18 to 21 year-old voters had registered by the end of 1971. Civic groups have hopes set for a 60 per cent registration by November.

If you have already registered you may be able to register other voters in some areas. If you haven't registered, now is the time to do it. In order to be excepted as equals in an adult society, the youth have to be willing to except, and except maturely, responsibility. Though many of us are unaware of it, the established generation is waiting patiently in silence for us to prove ourselves. November's Presidential election is our chance. Register — and vote.

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I feel an obligation to the Administration, faculty, and especially to the students of Brevard College to explain the rea-

Dear Editor:

I have a complaint to make. Although it's rather a small and insignificant one, I think there are a substantial number of fellow - suffers to justify this letter. We have a great percentage of people on campus who derive pleasure from smoking, and some who have an absolute drive to pursue this habit at all times of the day. Regarding one area of the campus, the cafeteria, no matter how much pleasure a smoker may get from his habit, his neighbors may not always find it so pleasant. I can testify that there's nothing more nauseating than trying to eat while your eyes, nose, and mouth are constantly barraged with a cloud of smoke coming from the people sitting around you. That's enough to upset your whole respiratory and digestive system while eating, even if you smoke on occasion yourself. The only solution to the conflict between eaters and smokers is a simple matter of consideration for the next person. While enjoying your after - dinner cigarette, smokers, how about refraining from having another one, or better, moving to the next table if you notice the person next to you waving smoke from his face with an expression of repulsion or gagging from smoke inhalation.

While I'm complaining about habits in the cafeteria, what about the people who leave their trays on the tables for the cafeteria workers to carry back? I've often wondered if this is just absent - mindedness, a protest against the food, or (more likely) an act of laziness and absolute inconsideration. If the latter is true, what kind of lazy loaf can not take it upon himself to walk twenty feet or less to carry his own messed - up food and waste to the place provided for it? Certainly the cafeteria workers (although they're paid for their job) will not enjoy picking up their slop if they don't have the human decency to do it themselves. Surely a mature, intelligent person would be considerate and responsible enough to dispose of his own waste material, since he expects rights and privileges in return for his responsibility as a student at Brevard College.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Taylor

## Bridge boosts bus fund

The Campus Ladies and Social Board will sponsor a benefit bridge on April 10th at 8:00 P. M. The money raised will be applied toward the bus fund.

Prizes will be donated by various persons on campus. The prizes will consist of arts and crafts, flowers, and someone will go home with a beautiful quilt made by the Campus Ladies.

The admission for this event will be \$1.25 per person. Sixteen tables will be set up in the ping-pong room of the Student Union, and will be filled by those who arrive first.

## Letters To The Editor

sons for my resignation as editor-in-chief of **The Clarion**.

If I were forced to name one single reason for my resignation, I would have to say, "unfounded (in my opinion) censorship." However, this one reason can be subdivided into several incidents which led to my resignation on March 14. There exists little need to enumerate these because they are widely known by many.

As editor of **The Clarion**, my main concern has been to present unbiased news coverage (good or bad news) to the students. But I feel that an essential part of any newspaper is the editorial page, where opinions may be aired. A very important part of this page is the public forum, better known as the Letters to the Editor column. This column provides for students to express their own opinions so that the editor's opinions do not dominate the editorial page. This is good, and I feel that any censorship of this column, except, of course, in the case of libelous materials, is a blow against the student body, severely impairing their

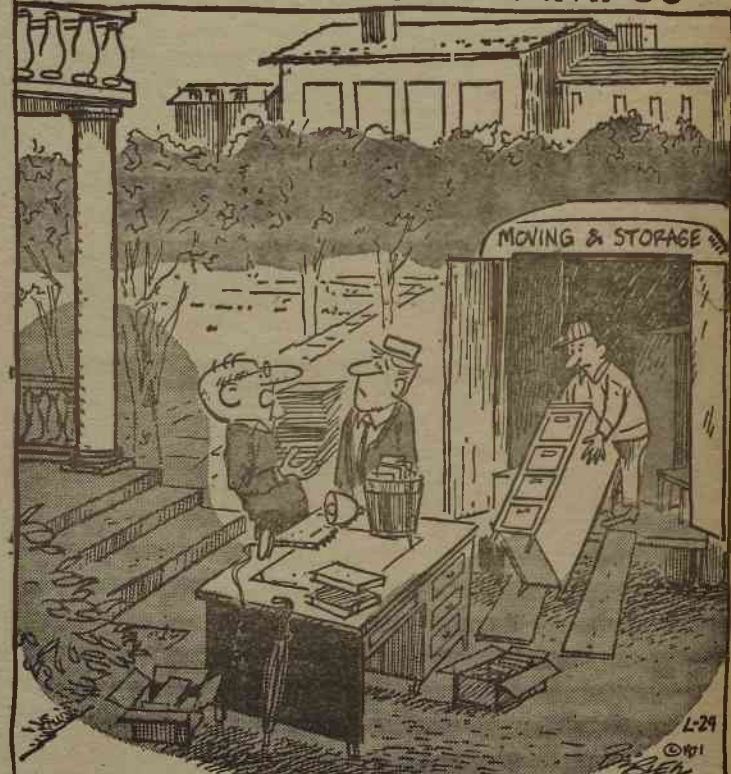
rights of expression of opinion.

Considering myself a sort of crusader for the student body (and now, perhaps a semi-martyr,) I could no longer acquiesce this practice, which I felt to be detrimental to the students, as well as to **The Clarion** itself. The choice between maintaining my job as editor or maintaining the ethics of good journalism emerged, and I held the latter as the more important. I always will.

Suppression of the truth, even if it hurts, is a crime against any society — even a student body. "Obviously, a man's judgment cannot be better than the information on which he has based it. Give him the truth and he may still go wrong when he has the chance to be right, but give him no news or present him only with distorted and incomplete data, with ignorant, sloppy or biased reporting, with propaganda and deliberate falsehoods, and you destroy his whole reasoning processes, and make him something less than a man."

Sincerely,  
Mike Jones

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



SO I SAID: LOOK YOU DIRTY STRINGY-HAIRED, LOUDMOUTH, CHRONIC MALCONTENT-OF-A-STUDENT! JUST COME ALONG TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WE'LL SEE WHO IS RUNNING THIS CLASS — YOU OR ME!!

## VIEWPOINT

By — JOHN WARLICK

Once upon a time a group of snails lived together in their little Utopian society. One day a very strange event occurred in their community, an ant joined them. The snails accepted this ant from the first, but one day the ant brought up a suggestion that would or could improve the society. The snails immediately threw the ant out for his off - center views. The moral of this story is: Something that will not be changed cannot be changed.

Now that spring seems to be here for at least a couple of days, anyone interested in soccer should make their appearance on the soccer field at 4:30 on weekdays. The practice is not very organized but it will let everyone know exactly what to expect next year.

My expert in his field was wrong about the snow. Instead of 15 inches before Easter, Brevard had only 5. Stick to coaching!