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Danger!

By Mark McGuire

"Brevard College is in danger!" Is this a true statement? Can the word "danger" really be applied to this institution's recent realignment? Are people concerned - these being the ones on both sides of the situation - and is anything being done to help ease this danger situation?

Let's be realistic; Brevard College is in danger. The school is, I believe, being lowered from its high ranking position by disturbing the foundation the school is built on.

Most people do not realize the main force in the recent power move. The Trustees make the statements, but are these statements really their thoughts? If not, whose are they?

The Administration is made up of people who only nod their heads at the ways in which the rules are made. Administrators should have questioning minds, able to debate all things relating to the college, and make their decisions the right ones for all concerned, not just for a few.

I always thought college was for the student. If the school's standards are being lowered to the norm of other colleges as I believe they are, then why can't the students be able to comply with social norms of life these days? Not everyone lives by Victorian standards, which seems to be contrary to someone's popular belief.

Convocation

By Mary Helen Huggins

Changes in an institution of higher learning are inevitable. Some of these changes are beneficial to a school; some are not. Like other institutions, Brevard College has experienced changes. Some of these help the school while some do not.

Last year, all convocations were held at night. Just as now, students were required to attend them. By moving the time of the services from evenings to mornings, Brevard has made a change which benefits many students.

Perhaps some of the greatest benefits gained from morning convocations deals with study time. Night convocations lasted approximately one hour, but many students spent from thirty to sixty minutes dressing for them. Then after the services concluded, students often did not get settled down to study for at least thirty minutes. All together, one could easily spend over two hours on a weeknight involved in a convocation. By having them in the mornings, students go directly from their classes to convocations and then return to classes.

Another advantage of morning services involves day students. They can simply attend them during the day with their classes and do not have to drive back to campus at night.

Brevard is a changing institution. Only time will tell how beneficial or harmful the changes are. But one change that does seem beneficial to students is morning convocations.

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Perezes Tell Of Journey To Spain

Professors Mario P. Perez and Viola C. Perez of the Spanish Department of Brevard College visited Spain last summer as members of the Augustana College Summer School at the University of Madrid. A sizeable number of High School students traveled and stayed along with the College group, taking courses and participating in activities especially designed for them.

The Perezes liked so much the spirit and accomplishments of this group that they have been appointed to represent EDUCATIONAL SUMMERS IN SPAIN, INC., in this area this being the official name sponsoring the High School groups. The group lived at the Uni-

versity of Madrid, where they attended classes and participated in many social activities. The living quarters consisted of one room per student. The dormitory had its own private swimming pool and tennis and basketball courts. The academic program was conducted by native Spanish teachers from Madrid and American Institutions.

As a part of the program, a trip was taken to southern Spain. As a group, they attended a flamenco dance, Moroccan night clubs, and visited famous cities like Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada and Malaga. They also spent two full days at the beautiful beach of Torremolinos. Along the road they saw

battle fortresses, castles and watchtowers that seemed to tell stories.

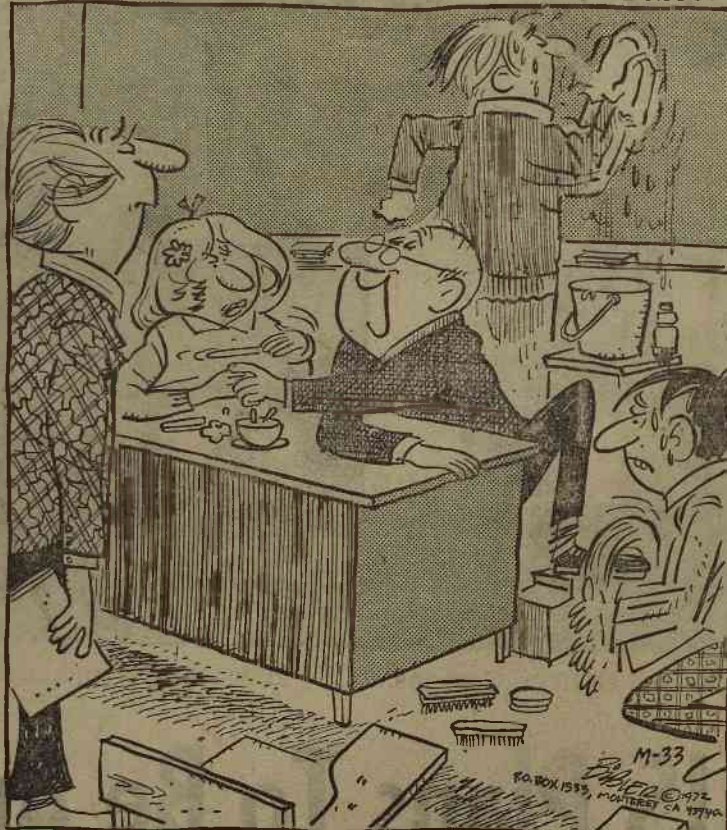
When the tour was over in the South the group returned to Madrid for two more days and parties of farewell were given.

Teachers, college students and other interested adults may participate in the College 9th Summer Session, and take courses in Spanish at any level, (elementary, intermediate or advanced) with full transferable credit given by Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

Plans are already in progress for the 9th Summer Program in Spain 1973. All persons interested should write to Professor Mario P. Perez or Professor Viola C. Perez, Spanish Department, Brevard College, Brevard, N. C. 28712 for complete information.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Bibler



"ORDINARILY I WON'T ACCEPT LATE PAPERS, HENDERSON— BUT PERHAPS WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT."

Cheerleaders Active At BC

On Thursday, November 9, the cheerleaders began their work in preparation for the soccer sectionals. The Brevard College Cheerleaders held a pep rally in front of Dunham Music Building last Thursday night. Then the cheerleaders' behind the scene work began. Thursday night and Friday morning were spent making a tornado, the Brevard College mascot. Posters and signs were made for the team and placed around campus as reminders of the games.

The cheerleaders also presented the cross country members with a cake and sign Sunday night in the cafeteria to show their appreciation to the members for an excellent season.

No One Flunks At Yale University

New Haven, Conn. (I.P.)— A new grading system for undergraduates in Yale College has been installed this year. Actually it is a return to an old system but with one new twist, which in itself testifies to a spirit of grumbling compromise.

Professors will grade their students A.B.C-or D . . . but there will be no public record kept of any F for Fail. A student who "fails" a course will obviously have to make up credit by taking another, but the failure will not appear in his transcript.

The new Yale system, in fact, was a compromise voted this past year to get rid of the old system that had been in effect since 1967 and had four grades: Honor, High Pass, Pass and Fail. The 1967 vote was the result of proposals by many students and some faculty for a simple Pass - Fail grading. But apparently the H-HP-P-F plan made fewer friends over the past five years than Yale's Course of Study Committee on Grading had hoped.

Clearly an answer to the issue would be to abandon grades of any kind and substitute long written comments or a simple pass or no-pass program. But even here there are problems.

John Greesman, '73, a student—Turn to Page Three

PROFILE

By — M. B. SHEPPARD

What does the future hold? The Brevard crystal ball, (with the help of mystical forces), foresees great social and economic change treading across the face of our nation. The reason being the lowering of adulthood in many states from 21 to 18.

Across the nation, bankers and businessmen alike, are opening the doors to the 18 year old adult. The credit business is on the boom, while car sales to the young adults have increased by as much as 22 percent.

In the world of law, 18 year olds are also making the scene. Many are acting as jurors in our courts. The results, in the opinion of many, have been very favorable.

Youth today are assuming great responsibilities. The world, amidst war, hatred, and confusion, is seeking out the young as a source of salvation, the value of which will unleash new ideas and vitality into a sagging and war torn land.

If youth today don't act, and neglect their newfound responsibilities, then all is lost. Don't fall along the waysides, lest you find yourself consumed by tyranny and degradation.

America needs its youth now, as it never has before. Brevard College needs its students.

As you know, a crystal ball is not the most effective means of prophesy. It is apparent that a crystal ball is not needed in our situation. Act now or forever hold your peace.