

# EDITORIALS

## Points System Has Merits

The new point system at Brevard College has come under repeated fire by many critics. Reasons for the criticism are far-ranging. Many students feel that it is unfair. These judgements, as a rule, are based on the fact that quite a few points can be tallied up as a result of such minor violations as parking in the wrong spot or having a pet on campus.

A careful look at the point system reveals that it has quite a few merits. Before the system was inaugurated, there was no orderly way to keep up with the people who constantly broke the rules at B.C. Some people might ask why it was necessary to keep a tally of these people or even why it was necessary to have rules in the first place. The answer to that query is simple. Without the existence of certain guidelines which apply equally to all members of the Brevard College community, utter chaos would result. The resident tutors, campus security, faculty and administration were all functioning as separate entities. They did not know anything except what occurred in their own small world.

The points system is not without its faults. The main fault is that it involves people which entails a problem with personalities. No one is without bias. Unfortunately, that bias could be carried over to the awarding of points.

Fortunately, there is a safety valve in the point system. Any student who is awarded points for any violation has the right to appeal his case to the General Judicial Board. The Judicial Board is made up of the presidents of each dorm and the resident tutors. Obviously, this many people could not all be in cahoots with each other to hang the innocent student. In fact, Scott Singletary, president of the board says that the board has "reversed a substantial number of the decisions."

Possibly, some facets of the points system should be revised. These revisions will come about if the students understand the issue and let their voices be heard. If you feel that the point system has given you a raw deal, go before the Judicial Board and state your case.

## Insanity In Sheets

By Nancy Ennis

Why is it, every year, supposedly smart, intellectual college students toss over their books to parade through crowded dorms in their individually designed togas?

After years of high school prepping, long hours of study and college prep tests we finally hit the college doors. Then after we're there, we spend our weekends running through dorms, in mom's best linen, chanting the familiar and nostalgic, "Toga, toga, toga!"

"Why," I asked my friend, as we entered the dark crowded hallway, "do we go in for things like this every year?"

"Well," She replied, "it certainly can't be due to our intelligence. Certainly not, as we stood there donned in our own creations."

Maybe it's due to the Animal House spirit that movie producers try to shoot into our veins. Or, maybe it's because campuses need an occasional touch of insanity to keep things running smoothly.

So, this is what college life is all about.

Thank heavens for mentally imbalanced intellectuals.

## Denominations Equal Division

By Jenny Holladay

Who can interpret for God? Recently I have found myself especially concerned with the division of Christians on campus due to the emphasis placed on denominational worship. Within the past week I have personally experienced several encounters which have deeply disturbed me, including a denominational recruiting attempt by a friend. Once in a discussion I was even confronted with, "We don't have a doctrine, we go by the Bible." This is the declaration of every church division.

It appears that there is a denominational campaign for prominence on campus. Personally, I see no fault in fellowship with Christ among various groups but that intention must be upon a fellowship with Christ, not a brainstorm session on "how to win friends and influence people" to believe in the way that "we" might. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). "In my name," in the name of Jesus. In the name of Methodist? Baptist? Other? No. The pure example, Christ, said "In my name."

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). He was carried throughout centuries in spirit. Then man became confused, questioning God's priorities. He needed an example that he could understand, so our behavior by theirs, we also accept other's ideas too readily at times. Still there is but one perfect example, Christ. How often do we ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do, what would Jesus say in this situation?" Denominations may offer satisfaction in sharing comparable ideas but they still exist as only a stem to the root. The root must take hold in firm foundation, not man's doctrine of denominational division, but God's offer of a common rejoicing in salvation through Christ.

## Fountain Soaping Proves Harmful

The recent addition of soap into the fountains in front of the Administration Building provided us all with a bit of humor.

Unfortunately, something else was accomplished. Those fountains drain into a storm sewer which, in turn, drains into King's Creek. As any biology teacher will tell you, soap and a creek's ecosystem do not mix.

No doubt, the perpetrators of this act had no idea what the results would be. In the future, however, ignorance will not constitute an excuse.

### Letters

Dear Editor,

As a member of Mrs. Munro's Business Communications class I would like to cordially invite you and the members of the Brevard College community to come visit the bulletin board on display on the second floor of the McLarty Goodson classroom building. The purpose of this invitation deals with my concerns for society's lack of communication techniques as a whole. The bulletin board has meaningful messages and helpful hints to convey in making the observer a much more effective communicator.

Please encourage everyone to stop by and see the bulletin board at their own convenience. Any publicity you could generate would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours!  
Bill Austin

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