

# EDITORIALS

## Are Academics Being Sacrificed At Brevard?

Just what does a college education entail in a school which bills itself as a "university pallel"? Since coming to Brevard two years ago we've observed a trend toward increasing lowered academic standards, and an increase in remedial programs.

We have always thought of college education as a challenge; through our years in high school, we were constantly told that college would be different. Unfortunately, we have often found this not to be the case. Frequently, it seems that many students are forced to have a mediocre education simply because they are placed in a general class with people who have extreme difficulties with basic skills — reading, writing, listening, note-taking, etc.

It is a sad thing, indeed, to see a gleam in a teacher's eye when he realizes that a few people are getting his idea only to see that gleam die as he realizes that he must teach to the whole not to just the students who want to learn. This whole includes students who do not care about classes.

Brevard is becoming increasingly well known for its remedial programs. Remedial programs are certainly a good idea for students who are lacking background in some facet of education. But should a student be admitted to Brevard College who needs to make up background all across the board? Is the college doing this student a favor or hurting him to stay in the black. Remedial programs are fine, but does Brevard College want to be noted only for its remedial programs?

What can be done to stem this tide? B.C. Should put the brake on the number of basic studies students who are admitted. Admissions should return to the "C" average advertised admissions standards. Teachers should demand better quality students; they should not be forced to babysit. Students should not be allowed to retake failed classes without penalty.

We love Brevard College in spite of herself. You see, we feel that we've learned a lot while we have been here. Thankfully, there are some bright lights amidst all of the mediocrity. It is our utmost hope that in fifteen or twenty years we will not have to make excuse for Brevard College. We all need to wake up to what is going on. Higher education should not be sacrificed for higher enrollment.

Signed,  
Debi Crane, Eileen Murphy  
and Teresa Waynick

## Letter

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

Because of our caring and sharing, we, the Brevard College Community, contributed \$430 to our recent Heart Fund Drive on campus. That plus other contributions made in Transylvania County will do much toward fighting America's No. 1 killer, heart disease.

Thank you for your whole-hearted support, both for helping with the drive and for contributing to it. It is privilege to work with people who care.

Sincerely,

Grace Munro, Campus Chairman  
North Carolina Heart Association

## Letter

I'd like to share with you my thoughts and sentiments as expressed by a new friend and fellow Phi Theta Kappain concerning the anti-draft rally which we witnesses recently in Washington, D.C. This editorial is written by Kevin Williams, Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

While in Washington, D.C. this past weekend, I had the good fortune or bad fortune, which ever your viewpoint, of viewing the 30,000 strong anti-draft rally. The rally, which began at the Whitehouse and traveled down Pennsylvania Avenue ending at the Capitol was an extreme example of the idea of the freedom of speech and the freedom to assemble under the democratic philosophy. While standing on the corner next to the National Archives, where America's three top documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bills of Rights are housed, I realized that indeed America is the only country in the world where these demonstrators would be allowed to demonstrate in such numbers against a government policy, a policy which would protect these rights. In the wordds of General William Westmoreland, who spoke that same night, "This country thrives because of the certain rights which we as American citizens enjoy, but along with these rights are certain duties, duties and responsibilities to protect these rights from the forces which would tend to undermine our institutions of freedom." I can see the headlines which will come from this rally, "Students speak against Carter," "Young people revolt against draft policy," and other similar titles. But let me say this one thing, do not judge all of the youth of America by what a few radical students who do not deserve the privileges that America offers, say. There are still some of us who believe in what America stands for, and if it comes right down to it, would fight for what we believe in — the freedoms of America — including the rights of free speech, freedom of the press, and the freedom of assemble.

You may be tired of hearing the issues concerning the draft or draft registration, but once one witnesses such as a demonstration as described above, one begins to seriously take a stance. What do you stand for?

Clara Allen

### Spring Break Profitable

Three members of the Brevard College track team won All American honor at the Indoor Nationals sponsored by the NJCAA in Columbia, Missouri. John George won the 2 mile; Jeff Wentworth placed 3rd in the 3 mile, and Wilbert Carter took fourth position in the shotput.

A few days later Brevard's PTK Chapter, Delta Pi, scored a big victory by placing their candidate for southern vice-president, Debbie Moseman, in office. It was a victory well-earned for the chapter and their candidate. Special credit should go to Donna Harringer, president of Delta Pi and Moseman's campaign manager. While at Brevard College, Donna has devoted a great deal of her time to Phi Theta Kappa and its ideals. Good luck to her and to the new officers of P.T.K. They are: Debbie Moseman, southern vice-president, Mrs. Sally Beard, National Sponsor's president, Joyce Keenum, Delta Pi president and her 1980-81 team, Tim Watson, Amy Garrou, and "Boo" Blolock.

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