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"Many felt that section B of the February 3 memorandum was brought on by section A. They were separate concerns. We will put an end to the misuse of fire extinguishers and fire alarms. We will also no longer tolerate the actions of an individual to abuse the rights of a roommate, suitemate, etc. Students have the right to feel comfortable in their own room, suite, floor, or residence hall. Why should one student have to sleep on a neighbor's floor, in a study room, or lobby because someone is in their room? We have the responsibility to assure that this does not continue."

Q. What about these room searches. Are they just going to be called fire drills?

A. "Well, if you'll note on this (new guidelines information) it changes from "a room search" to "an inspection of the area", which could be anything from one of these room searches or a fire drill to having people placed at the doors."

Q. Still, is it not against the law?

A. "No, According to the regulation when they (fire drills) are done, they have to be done at different hours, different days, and using different fire boxes."

Q. Why then, in part B, doesn't it say anything about being called a fire drill? A lot of people are not taking this as a fire drill. It states specifically in the notice that the "searches" will only be conducted between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Wouldn't that be telling students when to expect their fire drills? Why not have a fire drill in the middle of the day?

A. "We may, in fact, have them during the day."

Q. Then why is "between 12:00 and 7:00" written on the memo?

A. "Because when we wrote this, our intentions were to help the students who have had to spend the night in study areas because they couldn't go into their rooms. Maybe we worded it wrong. Maybe we could have worded it a little more creatively. We did this with the intention of informing people so that they could make a decision ahead of time whether or not they wanted to get caught, with regards to spending the night. We were probably too honest with everybody, if you want to know the truth."

Q. In the memo, you're calling it a room search, saying that the fire bell will be rung and the occupants must move into the halls. If we're just moving into the halls then it's not considered a fire drill because in order for it to be a fire drill we must leave the building.

A. "Whatever we do will be a fire drill."

Q. So we will have to leave the building?

A. "You will have to leave the building even if it's 4:00 in the morning or 10:00 in the evening."

Q. We can say that this (Part B of memo) can be disregarded. Is that right?

A. "Well, you can, but if we have a fire drill and find somebody in the dorm they will have to go home."

Q. Why wasn't the memo signed by anyone, or rather why did no office take credit for it?

A. "It was an oversight. I take full responsibility for the memo. It came from this office."

Q. When you say students will be suspended, do you really mean it?

A. "We have entered into a contractual agreement with every student now attending Brevard College. It is our responsibility to the students at large to enforce our Uniform Guidelines. Therefore, if a student violates a regulation which calls for suspension, it is my duty to see that the college follows through on its commitment to the student body. Yes, when we say that we will suspend a student for violating a particular guideline or when s(he) accumulates a certain number of points, we will suspend that student."

Q. What are the effects of inhaling or coming in contact with dry nitrogen?

A. "According to OSHA, unless it is liquified gas or carbon dioxide, the effect should be minor skin irritation or respiratory irritation."

Q. How long has the recent visitation guidelines change been "in the works" and who had input into this change?

A. "Dean Wray and I have talked about the idea since the semester began, and the Student Government officers, Dean Wray, and I had a meeting on February 3 to discuss it. The officers had been discussing it earlier also."

Q. Was President Martinson or the trustees involved in the decision to change interhouse visitation?

A. "President Martinson had to approve of it; I don't know if the trustees had anything to do with it. The President has been involved and Dean Wray has and all the resident tutors have and the Student Government officers and indirectly, the Student Government has."

Q. A lot of people don't like the idea of feeling like they had to sign the new rule sheet. What are your views towards this?

A. "If you don't sign it, you're in worse condition than if you do. All the signature is really saying is that 'I understand what it says' and that 'I understand that this is a new rule at Brevard College'. You know, anytime we start something new everybody's going to say 'Oh, I didn't know.'"

Q. Why was it instituted now?

A. "We saw that basically the fire extinguisher situation had been solved. We thought we had a perfect time in lots of different respects to introduce this. It's a way of allowing the students or causing the students to take the responsibility. They can deal with this instead of us having to deal with it. We were planning to open the dorms up, and instead of going back to what we had, we thought this would be the perfect time to introduce this." (the new guidelines)

This interview was done in an effort to air a few of the common questions that have surfaced in recent weeks and to receive a few "on the record" replies from Dean of Student Affairs, Don Scarborough.

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