

Hostages are people, not statistics

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people again. I saw faces, smiles, and heard laughs from the past, and I wondered if that's all those people would be to me, memories.

Someone is hurting people I care about, and there is not much I can do. One thing I can do though, is make people aware of their plight. Wherever you are, just stop and think about this for a minute. Imagine your life- your life - being in the hands of someone like Saddam Hussein.

And every minute whether you live or die is up to him. Imagine the fear of not knowing what's going to happen, or the hopelessness that must be going through the minds of these hostages.

When hostages are taken, it is common for people to have the attitude that they are just far away, not people, but just hostages. The hardest thing to do is to remember that the hostages in Kuwait are human beings, just like you and me. When that fact is realized, a need to care presents itself. And some people feel that this situation has nothing to do with them, they are wrong. The simple fact that these people's lives are in jeopardy should evoke an emotion in everyone, even if only a small interest.

These people in Kuwait are not just figures to me. They are people with whom I shared two years of my life, people who came to be like brothers and sisters to me.

When there is a newscast on CNN about the hostages in Kuwait, I usually know about five or six of the names mentioned or can pick out a few of the faces I know from photographs shown. I wake up every morning with a fear that

someone I care about is dead.

It's scary because I try and look at it realistically. And when I do, I know that more than likely some of those hostages are going to die because Saddam Hussein doesn't care about human life. In his mind God has appointed him to be ruler of this world and everything he does is justified by God. And this man holds the very life of my friends in his hands.

So to those of you reading this I say that there is a need for you to care for those trapped in Kuwait. They are scared, alone, and may never see their families again. It is to these people that I dedicate this commentary and ask that if you believe in prayer, please pray for them. And if you don't, at least take a few minutes to think about the hostages, maybe even shed a tear. I know I will.

Literacy Convocation planned

The Co-Chairman and Co-CEO of Time Warner, Inc., will address the first ever Community Convocation on Literacy at Brevard College, Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The address, to be held at a special 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting in the Myers Dining Hall on the campus of Brevard College, will be the highlight of the week-long Literacy Awareness Week, Sept. 30 - Oct. 7.

A college and community literacy committee has invited over 600 Western North Carolina educational, governmental, business, civic, and church leaders to hear the address by R. Richard Munro of Time Warner, Inc.

SGA planning for new year

Anita Wright
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The 1990-91 Student Government Association of Brevard College, an organization representing all BC students, is prepared for the coming year.

Meetings of all SGA dorm presidents, vice presidents, and hall representatives are held every other Wednesday night at 8 in the student union. The meetings are precise and a time for discussion -- not gripe sessions. Both positive and negative subjects can be brought up for discussion. The leading students at these meetings are: Loke Kue, president; Virginia Peavey, social vice president; Dale Wicker, social vice president; and Joyea Warren, judicial vice president.

SGA is made up of an Executive Board and a Judicial Board. The president

and social vice presidents are on the Executive Board. Joyea Warren, the judicial vice president, represents the students in a fair trial and makes sure that the uniform guidelines are interpreted correctly. The Social Board provides activities for the students to keep them on campus on the weekends.

The hall representatives of each dorm set up meetings with their halls and discuss problems and campus happenings. This input is then discussed as a whole with the dorm president. Hence, these issues are brought up at the SGA meetings.

SGA Faculty Sponsor, Dean Witek, works together and shares information with the members. "Loke is the main overseer," says Witek. "I just sit at the meetings and comment on subjects when asked. SGA is here for the students."

New BC Student Marshals named

by William Greer
Clarion Reporter

Brevard College Student Marshals have been chosen for 1990-91.

The new marshals are Kellie Tagtmeyer, Eric Chason, Lisamarie Brooks, Richard Beck, Jennifer Revis and Elizabeth Wood.

Student Marshals must have the highest grade point averages at the end of their freshman year. They must also be enrolled for their sophomore year and be full-time students at BC.

Warren sparks recycling efforts

by James MacArthur
Clarion Reporter

In recent months, recycling has become an even more growing concern with today's youth. It seems that more and more of us are sitting up and taking notice of how easy it is to recycle.

BC student Joyea Warren has taken the initiative and done something about it. Joyea noticed that some of the students in Beam were recycling independently in their rooms.

By going through the proper channels she managed to get permission to use the housekeeping closets on the halls to house recycling bins.

Joyea said, "Right now we are just recycling aluminum, but if it works out, we plan to expand it for most materials that can be recycled."

Residents of Beam are opening a special account to keep all the money

they earn from recycling. They plan to have a party at the end of the year.

Also, Joyea is willing to help anyone interested in getting a recycling bin for their hall. She also needs people to help her with the actual recycling and it does count as Project Inside-Out service hours.

The Environmental Awareness Group will also be helping out in their own way. They will be making several trips out to the forest to pick up the trash. Residents of Duplex 3 have already gone out and picked up cans and bottles from "forest parties" and recycled them for money. Russ Washburn, a Duplex resident, said, "Hey it's an easy six bucks, plus it's the right thing to do!" Other residents of the Duplex are currently recycling now as well.

"The College has undertaken this ambitious project," says BC Director of Public Information Jock Lauterer, "out of our concern over the illiteracy problem. By increasing the awareness of and understanding about this problem, we believe we can have an impact in this area."

The City of Brevard has proclaimed Sept. 30 - Oct. 7 as "Literacy Awareness Week."

Baccalaureate in question

by Libby Enloe
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Baccalaureate may be absent from this coming year's graduation ceremonies, according to Brevard College administrators.

President William T. Greer Jr. says, "I can argue both sides. We ought to have Baccalaureate.... I also know it has created scheduling problems for faculty..." He continues, "I'm in the mood to have it every year."

In the years BC hasn't had the Sunday morning pre-Commencement service, the College has tried to have a representative of the United Methodist Church speak at graduation ceremonies. "This year we will have Methodist Bishop Lawi Imathiu of Kenya speak at Commencement," says Greer.

So far, there has been no organized vocal opposition to administrators not scheduling a baccalaureate service. Dr. Greer stresses that, "If there is a strong groundswell of folks who want to have it, we'll work it out. I will welcome any direction."

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