

When All Is Said And Done



The Clarion: A Newspaper For The Students

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The Clarion has continually solicited in our issues for students to write to the paper on topics they feel strongly about. Yet, it is only when The Clarion steps on some people's toes that we receive letters.

We received several letters concerning our last issue, namely the editorial cartoon and the back page

comic, from faculty members. The Student Government Association also wrote, but there were only two letters from individual students, one of which did not concern the artwork in question.

I walk around campus and hear students talk about these cartoons. Yet, no one will write and tell how they feel, except for a couple of concerned students who stood up for their own opinions. The SGA proposes to be a voice for the students, but I think it is a cop out for

students not to write just because SGA has written.

Brevard College means a lot to me, and The Clarion means a lot to me. I would never do anything to hurt this paper or the College. In our last issue, the two cartoons caused a big stir among the BC faculty and students. One of the cartoons appeared on the editorial page of the paper; therefore, it was the opinion of our cartoonist, just as the commentaries and letters to the editor

are. This is what an Editorial page is: a page of opinions. No, you do not have to agree with what is being said, but that is also your opinion.

The other cause for controversy was the comic strip "Toggle Switch." This comic, as presented, was not meant to be issue-oriented; it was meant to be humorous. I think people sometimes read things into the paper that are not there just to find something to gripe (See *Goodbye, BC* on page 8)

A Different Perspective



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Isn't it amazing that such a small school tucked away in the mountains of North Carolina can be a stepping stone to so many different lives and careers? People leave here to further their

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educations in the sciences, liberal and fine arts.

We are very lucky to have such a small group of people and yet be so diverse. It is these differences that teach us how to deal with the diversity of the real world. We need to take advantage of our opportunities to learn at BC, not

only in the classroom, but in social settings as well.

We gain knowledge while here that can be taken with us after a transfer or graduation. I am learning new things every day, not just in my classes, but through my involvement in extra-curricular activities as well. Becoming

editor-in-chief of *The Clarion* gives me an opportunity to make ethical decisions and improve my writing. This experience will help me in my future law career. BC has given me a great opportunity during my second semester of college, which would have been (See *Advantages* on page 8)

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Think About It



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Love One Another To Become A Harmonious Society

I don't mean to ruin your happy day, but hatred is on the rise in the United States and even in our own happy little community of Brevard College.

The last issue of *The Clarion* stirred a lot of emotion in people on campus. The main topic of concern was racism. Racism has not gone away, and will continue to plague our nation if we don't learn to love one another and live together in harmony.

Many people decide to take harmful physical action towards people and ideals that they do not agree with. Racism is hatred, and to take such action towards a person with racist beliefs is no more correct than the racist himself. This is not to say that it is wrong to stand up for what is right, but hatred and violence is inexcusable and cannot be condoned.

Jesus speaks to us in Mathew 5:9-10 when he says, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." We should live our lives as peacemakers, not warmongers.

When I was younger, my father told me, "Son, when others tease you, threaten you, and hurt you, don't fight back, but yield. The man who walks away is much stronger than he who jeers with ignorance and runs." My father is a wise man.

We will never be one in peace until we learn to love each other and

ourselves for who we truly are. We must learn to change our thoughts about ourselves. We must not see black, white, Asian, homosexual, heterosexual or any other origin, nationality, race, or sexual preference. Instead we must see ourselves as equals in the greatest sense. We must understand that we are all children of God, and to God we are one.

I have pity on those who pride themselves solely on the basis of their skin color. Is the color of one's skin an importance to pride one's self on? Or should we recognize our morals and values instead?

How can we accuse one of racism when we ourselves are guilty of the same? If the cure to racism is to be equal, is it not racist to separate the two worlds when studying "history" and "black history?" Is it not also racist when we label people of the same race as "we" and people of a different race "they?" This is the type of behavior that we need to eliminate in order to end the hateful thinking behind racism.

My father once told me, "Love will always conquer over evil, and evil will destroy itself."

In the highest sense, we are all brothers and sisters, the children of God, and we must see each other and cherish each other as siblings.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:20.

God bless us all, that we may all learn to love and not hate.