

Two-Year Colleges

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students with special needs. People really care here."

Martin does about twenty hours of counseling per week, and in a comment about his job said, "I love it! I like the students, faculty, environment and the commitment to healthy human growth."

Athletic Director Dave Rinker, coach of the cross-country and track teams, agreed that two-year school fill an important educational niche. When he was asked about the advantages for athletes who come to a two-year school he replied, "For some it's one of the few options they have left. Since the NCAA passed it's Proposition 48 in the mid-1980's, any student who has under a 700 on the SAT and between 11 and 20 core classes are not eligible for scholarships at Division I schools. This means that a student must go to a Division II or NAIA, or sit out their freshman year. A lot of students, therefore, come to a junior school which is an advantage and a very positive experience. They must graduate to go on and compete elsewhere. Also, they get to compete as a freshman and against Division I schools.

Rinker went on to say, "They can use it as a spring board as well. For instance if they weren't as good in high school it can build them up to a four-year level. They get more individual attention. We want to win, but we don't cut or penalize an athlete who messes up. There's no cut-throat attitude here."

A thought on every students' mind at a two-year school is the prospect of transfer to a four-year school. In a press release to *The Clarion*, Adelaide Hart listed the advantages that a two-year school has over a four-year school. For instance, at a four-year school, especially the larger universities, the student may get lost in the crowd, with no identity; often, students are known only by their social security numbers. The freshman-level classes are often taught by graduate students, especially the first two years, and are somewhat larger, sometimes up to 400 students in a class. In class there is no time for discussion, and often the advisors do not have time for the students, so the students have to choose the courses without any help from an advisor. The focus at four-year schools is on the juniors and seniors and the courses they need; it may take five years or more to get all the classes you need.

On the flip side, at a two-year school the classes are smaller and they are not as hard to get; often, the student can get the classes they need during the two years. At junior colleges, students are often known by their names, and the advisors are available and willing to work with the student. Help is everywhere, and the student is not alone in decision making. Instructors are more willing to help both in and outside of class. Time is allowed for class

discussion, and personal attention often results in high grades. The freshmen and sophomores are the focus at two-year school, and there are many leadership opportunities through student organizations. In these groups there are more opportunities to get leadership roles; therefore the student becomes more self-assured, stronger and skilled.

In addition to these advantages, there are numerous advantages of getting a degree before you transfer. For instance, high school records and SAT scores may be less important, according to Hart, and minimum high school

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about; after all, it was just a comic, and no one at *The Clarion* intended to offend anyone.

We can not refuse to run an article or drawing just because it might offend some people. If we did that it would just

be filled with good, cheerful, happy news, but not real news. We try to present the good and the bad, the controversial and the not-so-controversial, with one major criteria: that it is important to the students of Brevard College. *The Clarion* opens its pages to both the good news as well as the bad news and sticky issues. We want this paper to be a student paper. If you care so much for issues, why not let it be known.

The Clarion has strived to make this a student paper, and we are all learning in the process.

Advantages

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impossible at a four-year university.

This college also assists people with it's requirement of Project Inside-Out hours. So many students have discovered what they want to do with their lives while volunteering for community and school programs. I volunteer my time at the Healing Place as a court advocate. As part of the victim assistance program, I learn about laws and the trial system. Other students volunteer at places that will teach them about their careers.

Since Brevard is helping me in so many ways, I want to give back to the school what it has given to me. One way that I can do this is by my involvement with the student newspaper. *The Clarion* should mirror the views of the students on campus while informing them about topics and events they are unaware of. As editor of *The Clarion*, I hope to reflect the student's views on a number of problems and take a stand on controversial issues. It is my hope that

requirements may be waived. There is also a better chance of having all courses transfer. A degree looks impressive in the next school and shows that you are successful in doing college-level work.

A degree will also look good on your record later, when you go to

graduate school or apply for a job. Students will also receive more respect for their ability from their instructors, fellow students, and administrators at the next school.

According to Hart, there is a standard operating procedure for having a

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Due to medical reasons, I will be withdrawing from Brevard College. I would first of all like to thank Brad for giving me the opportunity to serve as Editor of *The Clarion*. Brad, you have taught me a lot and I greatly appreciate it. Thank you for trusting me enough to give me such a great responsibility.

Lorin, sorry to leave you high and dry, but I believe that you will do a great job serving as editor. Good luck!

James, hang in there! Your time will come (you know what I mean).

Brandi, I appreciate all that you have done for *The Clarion*. Without you, we would be in a lot of trouble. Thanks also for being a good friend and sticking by all of us in our decisions.

To *The Clarion* staff- you guys have done a great job this year! Keep up the good work.

Tami Geiger, thank you for putting

up with me in Phone-a-Thon this past year. I had a great time (You know how much I love to talk on the phone).

I want to thank the BC music faculty, Mr. Nabholz, Mr. Miller, Ms. Tillotson, Ms. Batcher, Doc Brunelli, and Dr. McDowell.

Goodbye to all of the music majors; good luck in the production. It has been a great two years.

Wendy and Clyde Carter- thank you for being mom and dad away from home! Thank you for opening up your home to all of us for Bible Study. This is one of the things that I will miss most.

I want to say goodbye to the girls on third floor West Beam. Thank you for all your comfort and support!

To everyone I have come in contact with and made friends with- I hope you have a great semester. I will miss everyone! Keep in touch! Bye guys!!!

my peers will learn something new each time they read *The Clarion*, because everyone needs to learn as much as they can before they move on to the next stage of their life.

Brevard College truly is a stepping stone to real life. As students of a small, two-year school such as this, it

Trees

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According to Plemmons, the bell tower was a gift from the Weaver Bell Tower Society to symbolically tie together Brevard College and two of its

founding institutions, Weaver College, and Rutherford College. Consequently, the bell tower was built from various

materials taken from the Weaver administration belfry. The bell system was cast in France, is solid brass and runs electronically. There is actually a keyboard that can be played and heard on

may be hard for us to see into the future and realize that we will become politicians, artists, doctors, engineers, and lawyers. I hope that everyone takes advantage of the opportunities that BC presents before they leave here. Never again will they find an environment that is so flexible and easy to become a working part of.

the bells.

Plemmons chose to replace the trees with holly shrubs, which after a couple of years of growth, will be gorgeous, he said.

To further enhance the beauty of the bell tower, Plemmons said an assortment of flowers will be planted sometime this spring.

Plemmons also felt that the choice of shrubs over trees was favorable, because the upkeep will be minimal.