

In The Long Run

# Bill and Hillary are getting railroaded

Commentary by  
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**alleged** *adj.* 1. declared, but without proof 2. not actual; so-called  
**slander** *n.* 1. the utterance of a falsehood that damages another's reputation.  
(from Webster's New World Dictionary)

Take a minute and list all the alleged crimes by Bill and Hillary Clinton with the Whitewater case. Now list all the crimes that Bob Dole and the rest of the minority party have accused the Clintons of.

Your list of course leaves you with a blank piece of paper. Why? Because of previously given definitions of the words "alleged" and "slander." We have this incredible capability to get

swarming in the surface matters of this nation and constantly overlook the true conflict of the matter. So let us take a look at what we do know.

This is an election year for every member of the House of Representatives and a stack of Senators. And we are one short year away from every leading Republican and their mother declaring candidacy for the Oval Office. This fact leads to the candidates doing anything they can to shift the attention from their own record to the closest possible distraction, a.k.a. Whitewater.

We do know that Buddy Inman withdrew from the confirmation hearings for Secretary of Defense due to a deal worked out between Bob Dole and William Safire. Safire was to use his syndicated column to keep controversy

in the air about Inman in hopes of keeping up doubts on Clinton.

We do know that Bob Dole has yet to make one allegation of Clinton's wrong doing, but has twice the effect of such on the nation since he has not. If Dole accuses Clinton of anything without proof then he risks slander, and the chance that it will be thrown back in his face when he runs for office in 1996. All Dole and the Republicans have to do is keep the story circulating and let the "know-nothing" public run wild with rumors of illegal Clinton activity.

I want to know from the public why it is that we can read about the injustices of the Salem Witch Trials, the Holocaust, the Dryfuss case, and slavery, and become emotional when we see how horrible the state of man was

when innocent people were slaughtering cows for other's political and social gain. And then convince ourselves that it cannot happen here. We always think that that is history, and we cannot comprehend that it could be taking place as we speak, and our lives are the toy puppets of politics.

Maybe it's due to the fact that our education for grades system is simply cheap memorization renamed for posterity? Could it be that we have not learned from what we have been taught? Instead just cramming it for the next test? Maybe we have valedictorians running the show and getting into the prestigious schools when they should be the example of what not to do. I don't have to make that claim, the state of the nation has done it for me.

## Letters To The Editor

### Break the rules, pay the price

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter in response to Dave Carr's letter to *The Clarion* concerning the "unfair" way Bill and Ian were treated. We think that the college handled the situation fairly. It's not right that the college be blamed for the number of violations that anybody commits, including Bill and Ian. We can only blame ourselves for when we get caught.

There's one thing we feel that needs to be understood. First, Brevard College, as well as all other colleges, has a set of rules and regulations that we must follow while we attend this college. We all know that when we break a rule, we run the risk of being caught. Bill and Ian were aware of this, but kept on breaking these rules and getting caught. Some of these things they got caught for were very dangerous. They were also involved in incidents that campus life was unaware of and that they never got sanctions for.

The school finally had no choice but to offer them two options, withdrawal from school or J-Board. Ian and Bill must have realized that they wouldn't have much of a chance with J-Board since they chose to withdraw.

Finally, we'd like to point out that there's been a general overall improvement in the way people treat each other around campus. There's also been less stress and less pressure to be "cool". Another change is that there is less negative behavior.

We're not saying that Bill and Ian

were the sole causes of trouble, they weren't. What is being said is that we can make this campus easier to live on, if we can just quit making trouble with everyone else. Maybe now is the time to take that opportunity.

Sincerely,  
John Aubrey  
and  
Hans Bone

### Student questions *Clarion's* integrity

Dear Editor:

I must congratulate your newspaper staff on yet another stupefying job. I don't know how you do it, but it is as if the trash bin swells more and more with each issue.

Yes, you can tell we're in America...even our media complains of irrelevant social discontentments, but, as usual, we do absolutely nothing about them. You must be weary of writing about that badgering visitation policy by now; I know I'm tired of reading it.

Perhaps you can clarify something for a few of us who are consistently perplexed by the social irrelevancies that continue to be published in *The Clarion*. I'm quite sure everyone on campus is aware of the fact that all our instructors and campus supervisors enjoy their jobs bunches, and sometimes even all-male military schools must make way for male-wanna-be's (what a life ambition!); but the point is, is there so much as a speck of intellectually digestible material

being published in *The Clarion*? Maybe I should leave that for the next campus gossip survey. You must have run out of ideas by now, or so it seems.

Alas, I knew there wasn't so much as a word by Chris Ford even before I opened my box. And how was it I was able to predict such an unfortunate event? Actually, it's all quite rudimentary my dear...the recycling bin was carrying yet another unmerciful load.

Sincerely,  
Michael Knox  
PTK President

### Questions raised about bookstore

Dear Editor:

As a residential student and a Residential Assistant of this campus, I am writing this letter to the newspaper staff requesting some information on the student bookstore. Being a writer for the school paper last semester, I know how hard *The Clarion* staff works to fulfill the students requests. Being a full-time student, I see the other students' questions being answered through your hard work. I am almost positive the students questions will be answered if an article were written about this issue.

I have heard many complaints about the students' bookstore raising their prices on the books we need. I have heard many students say they have paid for books twenty to thirty dollars over what the book is actually worth. The main question that still remains in others and myself is, why is the store selling these books for such a high price? Do they really need the money?

Aiso, I have heard that the store is owned by someone outside of the campus. Is this true? If so, couldn't the school buy the store out and lower the prices? This would help the student body out educationally and financially.

Sincerely,  
Lance Love

### Homosexuals face unique persecution

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Chris Brevard and Phillip Cunningham for signing their names to their letter in the March edition of the *Clarion*. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe. However, I strongly feel that they have forgotten Christ's teachings on love.

The persecution that homosexuals face is unique, based on assumptions and uneducated fears. How many times has anyone heard in a public place the word "FAGGOT" directed at an individual not because they are a known homosexual, but because of prejudicial assumption. Homosexuals do not wear signs announcing their orientation and deserve to be treated equally. However, if someone judges our orientation, we face reactionary and/or emotional responses.

When my family discontinued support, I was forced to leave school, find a job, and create a new life that supported me. What I found was hate, misunderstanding, lack of communication, and close-mindedness. I was forced to learn self-appreciation and

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