

Kim's Korner

Noise and lack of sleep are problems at BC

Commentary by
Kim Button

By now I am sure that everybody has realized one very important aspect of college life - no matter how hard you try or what you do, you will never, ever get enough sleep.

This is evidenced by all of the students who drag into class early every morning after waking up just 5 minutes before and throwing on some sweats and a hat. Then there are some people who

are lucky if they even make their morning classes because they turn the alarm off and fall back to sleep. And have you ever, in your life, seen so many people taking naps during the day?

I can think of many reasons for this. The biggest reason is that in college you have about ten times the amount of work to do as you did before. The classes require more time for studying and doing homework, you

might have a job or be a part of any one of several clubs, or you just might never find enough time to spend with your friends or camping in the woods or partying late at night.

But another reason you will never get enough sleep is that if you live in a dorm, it is almost impossible to fall asleep at night. There is always someone running up and down the hallways screaming at 3 o'clock in the morning or a group of girls who stay up

late at night talking in the hallway. If you live below the third floor, you also get the pleasant experience of hearing everybody above you jumping up and down or scraping their chairs across the floor.

I know that everybody is different and maybe some people are most awake at 3 or 4 in the morning. But at least be considerate to the people who are trying to sleep and realize that some people go to bed before the sun comes up.

Guest Commentary

Radford's arrest creates mixed feelings for everyone

Commentary by
Ben Voegele

It's funny the way life works at times. The way we view things and believe in them despite the fact that they are not always true. The way we hear things without really wanting to hear, or the way we think that we really know someone yet we really don't know them at all. Last Sunday night, I, along with the rest of you, learned of the arrest of men's basketball coach Tom Radford on the charges of indecent liberties with minors.

To put it bluntly, I was shocked. I still am, actually, and I know I am not alone. I guess the main reason is that I

simply do not want to believe the charges are true.

Plus, quite frankly, it is just a scary thing. This is Brevard College. This isn't supposed to happen here. This is the kind of story we read about in the papers involving a large college or university. It is the kind of thing we expect to see on an episode of "90210." It is NOT the kind of thing we expect to happen here at Brevard College.

Like a lot of students at Brevard College, I know Coach Radford well. I had him as a teacher last semester and worked with him a lot covering the basketball team for *The Clarion*. Coach Radford was a good teacher who had the ability to keep a boring class

interesting. He was the type of teacher that could and would make you laugh and always had a story to tell. Students could relax in his class and learn at the same time.

As a coach, Tom Radford was very much respected by his players. Although I never had him as a coach or set foot in one of his practices, it wasn't hard to see, come game time, how much the man knows his basketball and how his teams believed in him. It was in the way he would get so fired up when a play wasn't done right, or the coolness he had when it was. I'll always remember his "in your face" verbal disagreements he'd have with the referees. In a way, we had our own Bobby Knight right here at BC. For six years coach Radford made decent players great players. And he made average teams contenders; we should not forget that.

that few people know anything about. I'll remember Coach Radford for everything positive he gave to Brevard. I'll remember him for what he taught me and I'll remember the great teams that he alone produced.

I'll remember his stories. I'll remember his jokes. But sadly enough, like you, I'll remember the way his career at Brevard College has ended, and that is what hurts, mostly because you just keep asking yourself "why" and "who would have thought?"

Feel for the basketball team and let them know we still support them and expect a strong year. Feel for Coach Radford's family and friends. Feel for the other families involved. And last, feel for Coach Radford. If he is guilty and in the end everything ends up being true, then hope the man gets the help he deserves and desperately needs. But don't spread rumors about something none of us know much about.

The truth will prevail and when it does, we will have to accept it. Everyone is human and we all make mistakes.

A lot of us want answers. Answers that we will never get. We want the truth to something we know little about. We want the truth to something

Kelly Writes

Ignorance causes feelings of superiority

Commentary by
Kelly Wright

What gives a man or woman the ability to believe that he/she is better than another? Ignorance, that is exactly what it is! Of course, this is my opinion and I am sure there is someone on this campus that will disagree with me, but that is the joy of expressing an opinion.

Let me start by saying that the color of someone's skin DOES NOT make them superior over another race. Also, a person cannot blame someone for what someone else did. It is perfectly understandable that there are harsh feelings in the hearts and minds of both black and white people, but do not take your anger or frustration out on others.

Just because you are a white man or woman or a black man or woman doesn't mean that you are something special. You have to earn respect, and it has nothing to do with skin color or background.

Also, just because somewhere in time a black or white individual has offended you does not mean that the whole entire race is like that. It is understandable that there is a lot of anger but if we don't move on the hate is never going to end.

It is hard to trust someone of a different race when you have been raised to only trust your own and stay with your own race. I know this because a good friend of mine goes through this a lot. We can joke and have the best time,

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