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## **OPINION**

## **Our generation** has a major identity crisis

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Have you ever wondered what our generation will be labeled as in the history books? Can you recall anything amazing our generation has done? If not, then you're like the other millions of young adults struggling with an identity crisis named apathy.

I'm curious as to where exactly our generation is going. We have yet to even attempt to challenge the normality of our environment in any way. Our older relatives have made their mark in history through such things as: The Women's Rights Movement or Vietnam. While I do not dispute that great things are occurring in our own time, like improved rights for wildlife and advancement towards curing diseases, it is not "us" who are making these advancements.

How unfortunate it is that we have decided to take the back seat, and let others be the ones to claim what could be ours. Why are we so lazy? We should be the ones who make our homes a better place, alongside those who are already striving for such things. There is no excuse for our generation to become one that is stagnant and has no claim in history. Do we honestly want to be remembered as the people who did nothing and watched our world go by, and possibly up in smoke?

It is up to us, as the future leaders of our world, to find ways to save our planet, our lives, and our freedom. We need to be heard in whatever way is necessary. Do it through your writing or what ever medium you use to express your feelings.

It is imperative that we don't become a page that is taken out of history because we to have just as much claim to this earth as anyone else who has lived or lives upon it. Do not fall prey to the disease of apathy that is wiping out our creativity, genius, and self worth.

My advice to all of you, including myself, is get up and stop complaining. If something is bothering you, say something about it. More importantly do something about it before its too late and set in stone.

## Letter to the Editor: New student mascot committee formed

In response to Adam Beeson's article in the Sept. 23 edition of the Clarion, a number of students have agreed that it is about time to change the Brevard College mascot. To be honest the "tornados" is not the most appropriate mascot for our school. How does a tornado truly represent Brevard? We should consider an alternative mascot to represent Brevard College. Although the previous proposal suggested the "fighting white squirrels" I think we may need to further the discussion campus wide. What Brevard needs is a mascot that is unique to our community and our student body. We need a mascot that sets us apart from other schools.

In the next year or so Brevard will be making several adjustments as we enter a new division with the addition of a football team. Not only will this increase the population of our current student body but it will increase community interest in our college. Wouldn't it be fun to go to a school function and see an actual mascot running around getting everyone pumped up? I think so. A change in the mascot would not only involve the athletes, it would involve the entire student body. We need a mascot that will represent our unique campus population, one that everyone can take pride in? Our creative minds can come up with a name, our artistic people could propose visual ideas, and our athletes can wear a mascot on their chest they can be proud of.

In the weeks to come as our Mascot Reconsideration Committee takes the necessary steps in the proposal of changing the mascot, we will need evervone on campus to participate. Within the next week a survey will be distributed, we encourage everyone to help by providing us with suggestions. This will be our first step in making this change. We are taking this very seriously and we want as much input from the students as possible. An email from our committee will be sent out as well and we are looking forward to hearing from everyone.

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An artist's vision of a possible new mascot