

Admissions officer asked students to remove Clarion issues from public view

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On the morning of Saturday, Nov. 19, Brevard College was hosting an Open Campus Day when Presidential Circle (PC) members were asked by an admissions official to get rid of copies of the Nov. 18 Clarion issue, according to a PC member who wishes to remain unnamed.

The PC member said the officials felt "it probably wasn't a good idea to have [The Clarion] sitting out" because the covers, which contained a mug shot of an arrested student, "weren't portraying the school very well."

"We thought this was inap-

propriate for visiting families to see," said PC Advisor Betty Kay Brookshire. "So [admissions officials] asked them to put The Clarion out of sight for our Open Campus Day."

According to another student account, admissions started the effort to remove The Clarion from sight the afternoon before.

Sophomore Catherine Turner was working in Office Services between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18 when, according to Turner, two "high ranking admissions officers" entered the room and asked the Director of Office Services, Ann Etters, if the latest issue of The Clarion had gone



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out.

When the admissions officials learned that someone from The Clarion staff had already re-

ceived the order, they asked the workers in the office to "pick them up" if they saw any issues on campus. "They were going out right then to pick them up around campus," Turner said.

"[The Clarion cover] doesn't portray the majority of the students here at Brevard College so to us it was inappropriate to be showing," Brookshire said.

When asked about the situation, President Van Horn said it was not an institutional decision to pull copies of The Clarion.

"It is not an institutional policy to ever pull copies of student publications," Van Horn said.

BC senior receives research grant

by Zack Harding
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Heather Hinkle, a Brevard College senior who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health science, was recently awarded a research grant from the National Tri-beta Research Foundation.

The grant was awarded to Hinkle for her research proposal, "Variation in the Development of Drug Resistance in Propionibacterium Acnes to Different Antibiotics." The research proposal details looking at the evolution of the Acne bacteria, and if it would develop drug resistance to antibiotics over time.

Hinkle's research proposal had to include specifics on what she would be doing, what she was hoping to find through the research, and a budget detailing the expenses. This proposal was then submitted to a committee at the Tri-Beta National Biological Honorary Society. For the project, Dr. Janie Sue Brooks, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Ecology at Brevard College, worked closely as an advisor to Hinkle.

Hinkle became interested in the subject after doing research on her senior project topic, the drug resistance of the Staphylococcus Aureus bacteria.

"In my research with staph, I have found that the research for new drugs and medicines has dwindled over the past 30 years,"

said Hinkle. Coupled with this is another serious issue, the growing concern of drug resistance. "We are finding this day and age that more and more bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics."

Hinkle said that the fact that bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics, and that less research is being done, could prove to be detrimental to the ability to deal with bacteria in the future. "It's there, it's scary, and it's a real life situation," Hinkle said.

Hinkle said that there are two main types of antibiotics: those that boost the immune system, and the more common, those that attack the bacteria through lysis, the rupturing of cell membranes. Specifically, Hinkle's research will focus on acne bacterial resistance to topical (applied to the skin) prescription antibiotics.

The funds from the grant will primarily be used to provide for equipment necessary for the research, including Petri dishes, augers, and antibiotic discs. The equipment will be gathered over the winter break and she plans on starting the research at the beginning of the spring semester and finishing in early March. She will present her the results of her research at either the regional or national Tri-Beta Convention in the spring.

"I would definitely like to thank Dr. Janie Sue Brooks because without her expertise, knowledge, and help, I wouldn't have had this opportunity," Hinkle said. "And I hope this inspires others at the college to work toward something they want to achieve."

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served as the Alumni Chair of the college's comprehensive capital campaign, and has been an Alumni Member of the College's Board since 2003.

Jones, who graduated in 1964, then pursued a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from N.C. State University and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Jones retired in 2001 as a business consultant for Polaris and has since served as board member for Whitewater Cove Children's Home; elder and ministry team member at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church; and acting assistant Scoutmaster and a charter organization representative for Boy Scout Troop 703.

Jones served as a member of the Brevard College Alumni Board of Directors, before being elected as a Trustee.