

Recycling: Whose Responsibility?



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One of the wonderful things about Brevard College is its commitment to students, as evidenced by the Shared Governance system, which allows students input in the administration of the school through the SGA and committee representation. The system allows students to identify areas of concern and interest on campus, and facilitates communication between students, faculty, and staff.

But there is one need which has been strongly identified by students, faculty, and staff alike, which has been seemingly taken for granted by the administration—at least from a financial standpoint.

BC Recycles is a student-created and led club which operates under and is funded by the Student Government Association. Even after years of existence as a club, BC Recycles (which handles recycling for academic, residential, and administrative buildings on campus) is still funding its own program, and employs students to do all the pick-up, maintenance, and sorting.

This is a service which benefits the entire campus, and has been clearly identified as a physical plant need. It is one which the wider campus

community obviously utilizes. It's time for the administration to start picking up some of the tab.

Brevard asserts its environmental concern, and promotes environmental stewardship but has not (as of yet) backed up that claim with monetary support and necessary infrastructure. Meanwhile, BC Recycles saves the college money in dumpster costs every year by recycling tons of plastic, steel, aluminum, cardboard, paper, and glass.

The net increase of about 100 students this academic year has put a strain on many BC programs, and Recycling is no exception. Says President Josh Rosen, "If the college expects to continue to grow and increase its enrollment, it needs to make sure it has infrastructure up to the task." Plus, when students, who are expected to place priority on schoolwork, are not on campus (during Christmas break, summer vacation) it becomes exceedingly difficult to run a productive program.

So: Why doesn't the administration invest in integrating recycling into the maintenance system? Students wouldn't be solely responsible for the program, the SGA wouldn't be entirely funding this physical plant need, and BC would be taking a great stride towards environmental stewardship.

Words
with Aaron Palmer:

"My Mouth Words is bestest than youses'!"

by Aaron Palmer
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You know what really slobes my knob? The word "magical." It is not an appropriate description for anything unless it refers to a performance

from David Blain. Even then, the performer uses a series of tricks and deceptions to fool his audience. So, in fact he is not magical.

I suppose that Harry Potter would be an ideal reference or use for the word, but he is a fictional character and subject in which the word would not be typically used.

A sunset for example, is not magical. A movie is not magical. An eventful family trip to a gorgeous region of this Earth is not magical. It is a word that should in fact be wiped from our language.

It is used in place of a better word choice to describe events or sights. If you use this word frequently, you should carry a thesaurus with you or think about your choice of words before speaking. It is nothing more than a buzz word used to sell bad movies.

Please stop and think about what you are saying—not just in this instance, but in others as well. Your choice of words can portray an image of you that may or may not be true.

Dated language is also not acceptable in this day and age. Words from other time periods should be left in the past. "M' lady" is no way to greet a woman for she will probably think that you are crazy and spend too much time playing role playing games. I tell you this for your benefit.

The English language is vast, and you should make good use of it. This will make you a better person or at least make you sound more intelligent, expanding your opportunities in all fields.

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