

LETTER to the EDITOR

Response to Clarion's 'biased' opinion section

In Zach Dickerson's article, "Response to feedback about the Clarion's 'biased' opinion section," in the April 29 edition of the Clarion, he states: "While opinion articles can, and at times should, have 'facts and data,' they are pretty much supposed to mostly rely on 'opinions and emotions.' That's what makes them opinion articles and not news articles. It is very important for one to not make this mistake."

I couldn't disagree more strongly. First, it seems circular that an opinion article should be based on opinions. More importantly, opinions based on emotions rather than information, principles, and reasoning are no more worthy

of consideration than the opinion of the two year-old kicking and screaming on the floor of Wal-Mart because his mother wouldn't buy him the toy he desires.

For a political example, an opinion piece published in the Clarion in 2016 called for the abolishment of the electoral college, with future presidents elected strictly on the basis of a majority vote. If the logic behind the article was strictly emotional – anger that the author's candidate hadn't won – it would serve no useful purpose. If, on the other hand, the author outlined why the framers had created the electoral college, listed the reasons many people still support it, countered those reasons

with well thought through arguments, and described how our country could go about getting this changed, this opinion piece would be of great value.

I would hope that all Brevard College students would demand an education where they get to explore the major issues of the day and gain the knowledge and wisdom to form intelligent opinions, and that all Brevard College professors would challenge them to do just that.

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SPORTS

First ever virtual NFL draft

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The National Football League's (NFL) first ever virtual draft aired on Thursday, April 23, 2020 with the first round, round two and three airing on April 24 and rounds four through seven airing on April 25. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the draft will be completely digital.

The NFL pushed for the draft to go on, even though there is speculation on when the football season will start this year. As soon as everything is safe and back to normal, the NFL will try to proceed with its regular season.

The draft is looking a little different this year, with no ability for on-stage celebrations and a hug from Commissioner Roger Goodell of the NFL. Instead, Goodell has been delivering draft picks from his basement and trying to make light of this strange situation the NFL is in. Many sports enthusiasts have been craving content since the "shut-down" and social-distancing rules were implemented, and this might be the cure to everyone's cabin fever.

First round of the draft brought lots of excitement to the online world with quarterback

Joe Burrow from Louisiana State University being the number-one overall pick for the Cincinnati Bengals. Burrow led the LSU Tigers to win the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship against the Clemson Tigers.

The local team of the Carolinas, the Carolina Panthers, chose defensive tackle Derrick Brown from Auburn University as their first-round draft pick. Brown was the number-seven overall pick in the first round.

The total draft picks for this season has come

to 255 players. Usually, there are 256 players but due to the Arizona Cardinals forfeiting a pick in the fifth-round, there was one less player chosen for the 2020 draft.

The NFL handled the unusual situation to the best of their ability, trying to keep the hype up as much as possible. The social-distancing orders have been challenging for everyone and giving the public something positive in sports to look forward to is an attempt to restore some kind of normalcy to the changing times.

