

It's A Jr. College 'First' —Yearbook Is Replaced

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Putting out a yearbook at a junior college is difficult.

It's difficult because of the nature of a junior college — a school where there are part-time students, students who attend one semester and work the next and no dormitories.

By the time the yearbook is published, half the students in it aren't there anymore and

half the students on campus aren't in the yearbook.

At least this was what students at Broward Junior College found.

So, they used their imaginations and came up with a first for junior colleges in the nation. It has been so successful that junior colleges throughout Florida have been copying it.

It's the "Silver Sands," a unique magazine-yearbook

which is published at least three times annually and includes college activities and opinions for the term in which it is published.

IT'S DIFFERENT

"It's current and it's different," said Pam Edwards, the attractive blonde, blue-eyed editor.

Pam was named assistant editor at the initiation of the magazine-yearbook idea last year and moved up to editor of the last book last year.

"It started out as an experiment," Pam said, "but it is not an experiment anymore. It has been accepted."

The Silver Sands has no class pictures or formal club pictures, but it does have many informal pictures taken during school dances and activities.

"When I look at my mother's yearbook," Pam pointed out, "all I see is pictures. You can't find out what the students thought."

Students, who 20 years from now, turn to the Silver Sands being given them today, will know how they felt about organized religion, who their favorite people were, that they called this the "year of the pachyderm" in politics and that the first three astronauts died while they were in school.

FILLS GAP

Pam explains the magazine as "filling the gap for students who attend the junior college — something unique between a high school yearbook and the more elaborate college annual.

The idea has become so popular that Silver Sands was one of the hottest items at a recent state junior college journalism meeting.

"Students asked us if we minded if they copied our format," Pam said.

Because of its growing acceptance a special category for the magazine-yearbook will be opened in state-competition next year.

IT'S FREE

Broward college students receive copies of Silver Sands free of charge, although they do pay for it through their activity fee.

Pam, practical as well as pretty, said the actual cost to the student is about \$1 per copy — cheaper than the usual \$5 annual fee.

While Pam is delighted with the experience she's received in journalism at the junior college she plans to continue her studies after graduation next month at a four-year university in psychology.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards, Lauderdale Lakes.