

# What's On Your Mind, Teach?

by Sandy Hulbert

Did you ever wonder what goes on in the mind of your teacher? If so, this article may enlighten you. I picked three well-known teachers on campus and asked them their opinions and suggestions on particular issues.

The first question I presented was: Do you see a decline in the performance of the students in your particular subject this year?

Dr. Wood, who has been teaching English at Brevard for 5 years, answered: "Yes, there is a definite decrease in both attitude and performance this year."

Mr. Lovely, Assistant Professor of History, who has been teaching at Brevard for 11 years, replied, "This year I am most pleased with both the performance and attitude of my students. They are doing just as well if not better than the students in a larger institution."

Another teacher, Mr. Woodruff, who has been at Brevard for 7 years, stated: "No, I don't see a decline in the performance of the students." He does, however, admit that during the first year he taught at Brevard, he was unduly hard on the students and expected a lot from them, but the "student body is much more receptive to doing academic work than before."

I also asked them what the deciding factor was in their choosing Brevard. "The fact that it's a small school and the teacher-student relationship is good," Doc Wood stated. Mr. Lovely replied, "Two factors helped me decide to choose Brevard. One, it's one of the best two-year schools in the country. Two, it's small and personalized." Mr. Woodruff exclaimed that he wanted to get out of graduate school, then after he left Brevard for a year and taught at UNC-A, he returned because he missed it so much.

At this point, I threw the big question at them: Do you think Brevard has a serious disciplinary problem this year?

Doc Wood: "No, not particularly."

Mr. Lovely: "No comment."

Mr. Woodruff: "There is one type of behavior which the college cannot tolerate - meanness and physical violence." He said there are definitely more problems this year than last. Several people were asked to leave school.

Question #4 - Is there any particular improvement which can be made in your department?

"The improvement has to come from the students by coming around for help," Doc Wood advised. Mr. Lovely replied, "We are already working on the improvements by adding classes for the advanced students to take."

"Yes, I feel very strongly that the Religion department needs some improvements." Mr. Woodruff went on to talk about improvements needed in the college community. "It lacks spiritual equality, and we need to advance the notion that we are a tightly knit community and interdependent upon each other, whether we like it or not."

What was your biggest frustration when you were a freshman in college?

Doc Wood: "Trying to find the time to fit everything in."

Mr. Lovely: "Making the transition from high school to college and having to learn how to study and structure my time."

Mr. Woodruff: "I was my biggest frustration. My own worst enemy."

Finally, I asked them what advice they could give to the students.

After giving the question great consideration and thought, Doc Wood answered: "Take advantage of educational opportunities here."

Mr. Lovely stated, "Constantly remind yourself of who you are; be the type of person you would be if you were still around most of your family and acquaintances. Don't try to be like someone else."

Finally, Mr. Woodruff commented; "Nobody can help you but yourself." He also said the answer lies in Matt. 9:1-7.

## Classifieds

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Mark - Thanks for just being the special person you are. Lisa

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### Transportation

Ride needed - Two girls need to

ride to Rochester, N.Y. or surrounding area November 21-25. Want to go home for Thanksgiving! Please call Cheryl or Stacey at 883-8379.

Anyone heading to or near Port Charlotte, Florida over Christmas holidays? I need a ride and will help pay for gas. Also, if anyone has found Card Key #B0000609, please contact me! Lisa Atkins, 323 Jones or Box 7.

I have two seats available to South Florida on Thanksgiving. Destination: Vero Beach, 100 miles north of Miami. Need help with gas. If interested contact Gene Stanton, Room 016 Green Dorm.

## "Off The Record"

by Scott Lafoy

As the house lights darkened in the Asheville Civic Center on November 2, ten thousand screaming voices bellowed in anticipation of one of the latest rock and roll bands on earth. Van Halen, a California based hard rock boogie band, was about to perform.

Van Halen exploded onto the stage in a blaze of white hot, mega decibel fury, prepared to instill their rock and roll assault on the Asheville public.

The band briefly warmed up, generally building up adrenalin, then blasted into "Romeo Delight."

Edward Van Halen, the band's lead guitarist, was hot as usual.

His unique ability to totally manipulate an electric guitar

was displayed in full. Dazzling riffs and deafening power chords highlighted the performance.

Halfway through the show, lead singer, David Lee Roth announced that Edward Van Halen had been voted "Guitarist of the year" by "Guitar Player Magazine." With that introduction Edward embarked on a ten minute solo, displaying truly unbelievable ability and technique.

Though possibly not as outstanding as the lead guitarist, Van Halen's rhythm section, however, is not to be overlooked. The grinding bass delivered by Michael Anthony, and Alex Van Halen's powerful drumming made for an unbeatable combination.

Last but not least, David Lee

Roth tied the whole show together with his proficient singing and his onstage antics when not singing. Roth proved to be a fantastic performer by singing well and displaying highly energetic acrobatical abilities by leaping over the arena.

As a whole, Van Halen gave the audience everything they could have asked for, excluding, of course, more playing time. Some of the songs performed included "Romeo Delight", "Bottoms Up", "Running With The Devil", and many others. The concert ended with Van Halen's powerful version of the Kinks "You Really Got Me."

Though I have seen Van Halen three times, he is constantly improving and certainly can put on an excellent show.

## Idealism

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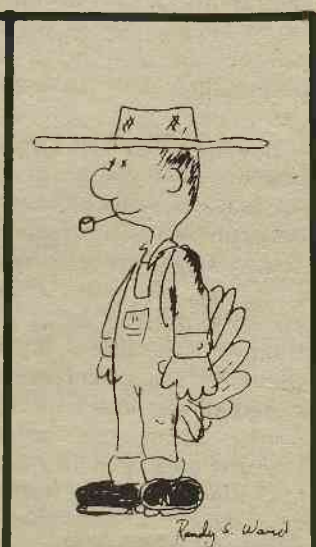
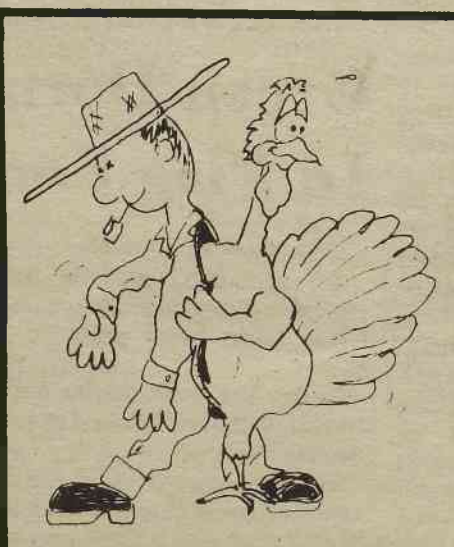
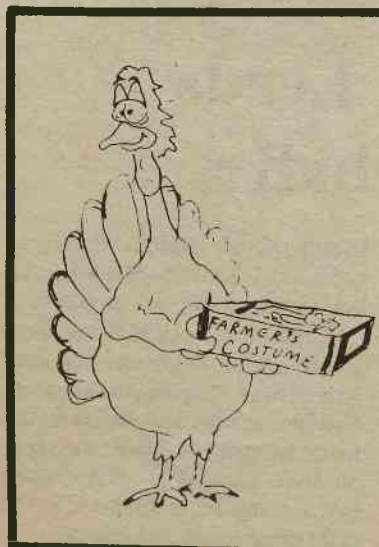
willing to tap their idealism, willing to leap from their goals of translating their education into something materially useful and nothing more. It would take students triggering the conscience of their instructors in demanding that the education that is neatly packaged and marketed now be somehow made more meaningful in terms of human universals such as truth, beauty, justice, love, honor, courage, and, of course, idealism.

It is indeed a tall order. The success of such a venture surely seems unlikely at best. But then who would have

thought one man and twelve friends could have changed the course of the world. Or how many had their doubts that a group of rabble rousing patriots could have successfully challenged the authority and power of the British Empire and won independence for thirteen outposts of civilization infused with a sense of mission in the wilderness of the North American continent. The fact that in those two cases and millions of others there were those who did not say "NO" or listen to the reason and logic of their contemporaries was exactly the secret of their success. It was nothing less than their idealism that sustained their hearts and

souls in achieving the impossible. Thomas Edison may have said it best when he commented that there were those who looked at the future and saw no hope. There were those who were soothsayers of doom and gloom and those who looked to the past as a golden age lost forever. "I, however, am optimistic about the future and pledge myself to making that future a better place to be. For, I, for one, intend to spend the rest of my life there."

To my readers who have pondered this piece, I wish you the vision to see a better future for us all, faith in that vision, and the courage to do something about it.



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