

Geraldine Ferraro- An Effective Choice

By Jill Avett

On July 19, Walter Mondale announced his choice for a running mate. Several factors were involved. The economy was turning around and Reagan was moving ahead in the popularity polls. The Democrats needed someone to help unite the party and to bring a sparkle back into the campaign. Geraldine Ferraro, Mondale's choice, has seemed to do just that. In speaking at the Democratic National Convention, Ferraro said, "There's an electricity in the air, an excitement, a sense of new possibilities, and of pride." She has brought new light into the campaign. High-level politics are no longer a man's game. No longer will decisions be made from a man's view only.

Politically, choosing Ferraro was a risk. In 1980, there were six million more female voters than male voters, and Ferraro stands to gain the support of many of these women voters. However, a woman as vice-president is hard to accept for many Americans, and Ferraro may drive many voters away.

It will be very interesting to see how Americans react to Ferraro at the polls this November. However, win or lose, Geraldine Ferraro is the beginning of a new era, and she has opened doors for others. In a speech at the convention, Mondale said, "Our founders said in the Constitution, 'We the people'--not just the rich, or men, or white, but all of us. Our message is that America is for everyone who works hard and contributes to our blessed country. That's what my choice is about, and that's what Gerry's about."

For many, Ferraro's running for vice-president is fantastic, and for others it is simply ludicrous. As for those double-standard dummies who are still laughing--Go get 'em Geraldine!

Letters

To The Editor,

Should the United States and the U.S.S.R. be involved in SALT (Strategic Arms Limitations Talks)? Do the South Africans or the Israelis possess nuclear weapons? Can we risk nuclear disarmament?

Questions like these, though seemingly far removed from our day-to-day life at Brevard College, are a part of the world we live in.

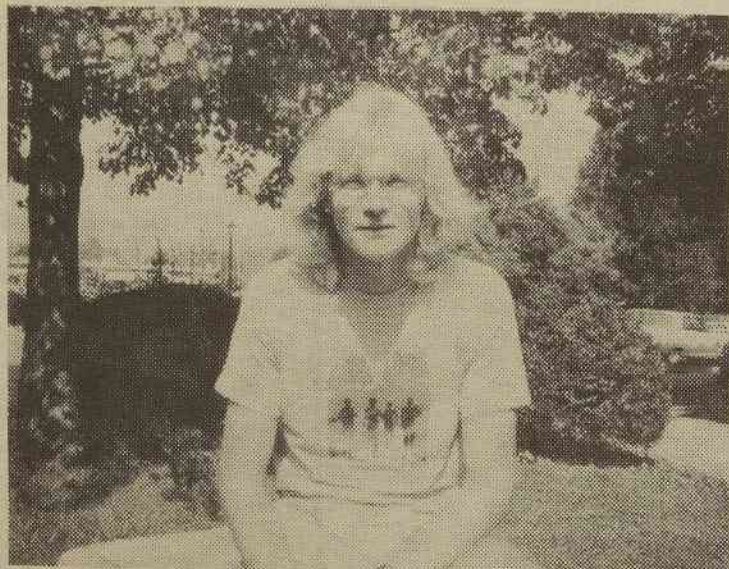
Brevard College students are invited to join other citizens of Brevard who meet once a month to study and discuss issues relating to the arms race, and to

engage in more active peace-related projects if they wish.

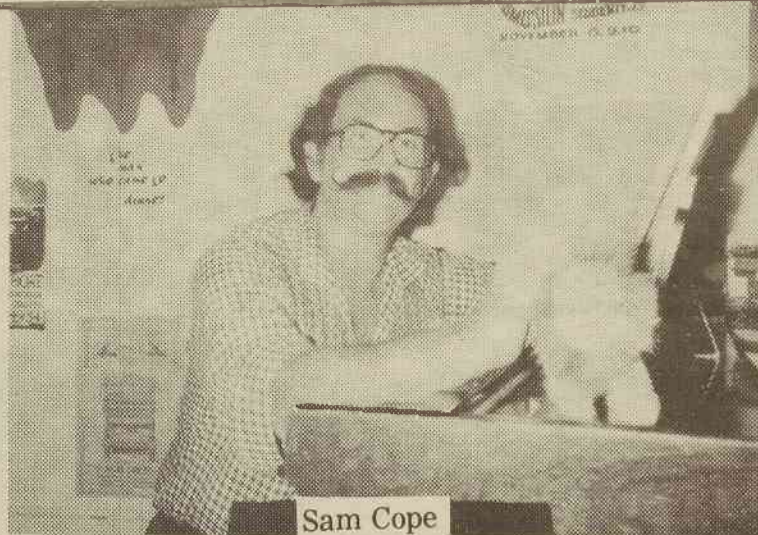
Recent speakers have included Nobel Peace Prize winner Betty Williams of Northern Ireland, and U.S. Navy Capt. (ret.) William Withrow.

Meetings are held from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church (across the street from the College). For more information talk to Professor Klein, Professor Dittmer, or myself.

Many thanks,
Preston Woodruff



Danish runner Henning Brandt promises to be an important addition to Brevard's track team.



Sam Cope

Teacher Feature

Never Say "I Can't"

By Jill Avett

"Sometime or another, everyone fails. Not trying is much worse than failing." This is the philosophy of Mr. Sam Cope, and it seems to have worked for him and his students. As professor of Music and Theater Arts

for the past sixteen years, Cope has had many successful theater

productions. He is presently conducting rehearsals for the fall presentation of "Oklahoma." Cope says he has a great cast and expects the show to be "bright, colorful, and exciting."

Instructor Always Wanted to Teach

By Troy Hughes

"I've always wanted to teach," first-year instructor Joyce Jackson said with a smile, "But I didn't know it'd be this hard."

Jackson, who teaches English 100 and 102 here, just finished her Master's degree in English at Clemson University this summer and is teaching her first semester ever.

"I thought I'd be able to get out of high school and know how to teach," she said, "but you've got to do it to learn how."

Even though this is Jackson's first year teaching at Brevard, she is no stranger to the campus. She earned her Associate of Arts degree here four years ago and was involved as a Big Sister and as the president of Phi Theta Kappa as well.

"Since I was a student here, I knew this was where I wanted to come back to teach. I've always thought the campus was a really nice place. It's so peaceful and pretty," Jackson said. "I like



Joyce Jackson

teaching at a small school where you can see students other than in class, and where you can get to know the administration. At Clemson, with 10,000 students, you never saw the dean or the president--unless you were in trouble."

Besides her teaching duties, Jackson is the yearbook sponsor--another first for her. "I've never worked on a yearbook before, and here I am the advisor! I've been running over to ask Mrs.

Cope came to Brevard because he likes the mountains and the town itself. He believes that he has "found what I'm supposed to do" and wants to "be able to lead students into discoveries about themselves."

Originally from Davie County, N.C., Cope received a Bachelor's Degree in music from Catawba

College. He earned his Master's Degree in music at UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master's Degree in speech and Theater from the University of Tennessee at Knox-

ville. In addition, he did some doctoral work in music at Indiana University and studied piano at the University of Georgia.

Mr. Cope has many hobbies. He enjoys pottery, copper enameling, designing and making costumes, raising flowers, and refinishing furniture.

Cope lives with his wife Claire on Becky Mountain, about eleven miles outside of Brevard. The Copes have four grown children.

Chamlee questions a lot," said Jackson. "She was the advisor for the past few years, and has really been a big help. We have really good editors and a large photography staff. It looks like it's going to be good."

Jackson was born in South Dakota but has lived most of her life in North Carolina. She now resides in Brevard with her husband Randolph Jackson, an associate professor of English here.

Danish Student Runs Cross-Country

By David Mays

There's a new kid in town. Actually, that may not be the most accurate description, since he is twenty-four years old. The 'kid' in question is Henning Brandt, one of many foreign exchange students attending Brevard College this year. Henning is from Copenhagen (Copenhagen), Denmark, a city of more than one million people.

"I was on my vacation because I wanted to see the United States," he recalls. Henning toured New York, Washington, D.C., Colorado, Virginia, and North and South Carolina. It was in South Carolina at Clemson University where he talked to a

track coach who suggested Brevard College. "I thought I had a chance to get a scholarship," says Brandt.

Henning is one of Brevard's leading cross-country runners and runs more than 90 miles a

week in preparation for the upcoming season. He admits, however, that he will be glad when the track season arrives in the spring so he can concentrate

on his specialty, the 1500 meters, as opposed to the 8000 meter run during cross-country races. He has, in fact, won two national track championships in his home country. In 1981 he won the 1500

meter outdoor title, and in 1982, the 3000 meter indoor title.

When asked about his opinion of Brevard, Henning said, "It's a nice place. You feel comfortable. It's nice that it is small. I'm very happy here."

"I love the food here, too," he adds. "It is important to remain friends with the food service."

Henning attended the Endrupborg Seminarium, a teacher's college in Copenhagen. Here, he is taking courses not offered in Denmark. He has no idea how long he will stay in the United States, but says he will eventually return to Denmark to teach.