

Dr. Dunstan—"What a Guy!"

by Michelle Martin

One of the most popular teachers at Brevard College is Dr. Will Dunstan. Although he has been teaching for only five years, he has a wealth of experience behind him. He received his bachelors' degree in religion from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; a masters' degree in religion from the University of Tulsa; a masters' degree in history from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a doctorate in history from Carnegie-Mellon University. In addition, he has been engaged recently in postdoctoral study and research at such universities as Harvard and Chapel Hill.

Before studying for his doctorate, Dr. Dunstan was the editor of Virginia Cavalcade, a historical magazine published by the Virginia State Library in Richmond. After completing his graduate education, Dr. Dunstan became an editor for the National Archives in Washington D.C. During this time he published several scholarly articles, and he edited a number of books for the National Archives. While living in Washington D.C., Dr. Dunstan received a citation from the U.S. Treasury Department for a money-saving plan that, according to the certificate of award, made a "noteworthy contribution to the effective and efficient operation of the Treasury."

Dr. Dunstan met Dr. Jacob C. Martinson, who was then the president of Brevard College, at a St. Andrew Society Banquet where Dr. Martinson was the featured speaker. Later, Dr. Martinson offered Dr. Dunstan a position on the teaching staff at Brevard College. Dr. Dunstan enjoys teaching immensely. He

now teaches several courses of western civilization, British history, U.S. history, and art appreciation.

He was an undergraduate at UNC-Chapel Hill when Dr. Dunstan decided that he would like to teach. He was impressed by his religion professors who taught religion in a scholarly and an objective manner; just as one would expect any other academic subject to be taught.

When asked about his philosophy of education, Dr. Dunstan replied that he was very impressed by a statement that one of his history professors made last summer on the first day of class at Harvard. The professor told the class, "You will be rewarded in this class more for diligence than for brilliance." Dr. Dunstan enjoys working with students to help them achieve their academic potential. He is much more pleased by a student who struggles to master a course than by a student who has an excellent memory and makes a good grade without much effort.

Dr. Dunstan was born in Elizabeth City on the coast of North Carolina. He collects antique radios, phonographs, and records and even owns a 1913 Edison phonograph and a 1924 Sparton radio. In addition, he makes Santa Claus cassette tapes for children in which he portrays Santa guiding listeners on a tour of the North Pole.

Dr. Dunstan is a teacher who knows how to be a true friend. His subtle sense of humor, his concern for students, and his stimulating lectures make his classes one of the most rewarding experiences that a student can have at Brevard College.



Dr. Will Dunstan

Alcohol—Friend or Foe?

by Anne-Marie Pressler

Believe me, drinking and driving don't mix!! On June 1st, of this year, I became aware of how drinking and driving can end a friendship, tear apart families, and ruin lives. This is my story.

Tanya Dunnican and Lewis Hobby were looking forward to graduating Friday from Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, Florida. Tanya and Lewis had been dating about 6 months and were looking forward to attending college together in the fall. They were both anxious to begin their lives. Yet, 6 days before graduation, instead of planning graduation parties, their parents would be planning their funerals. Tanya and Lewis were killed early Saturday morning when their car was struck from behind by another vehicle. The collision caused Tanya's 1983 Chevette to flip and burst into flames. Tanya and Lewis were pronounced dead at the scene. The occupants of the other car, Michael Timbs and Twyla Lawson, both of Orlando, had minor injuries. Later, Tanya and Lewis' parents would find out that the driver of the other car was driving on a suspended license and was intoxicated. This would be his 2nd offense. Unfortunately, after all the pain this man has inflicted on both families and friends, he will not be justly punished for the deaths of my 2 friends. Today, Michael Timbs faces a sentence of 3 to 6 years in prison. To justify that, he

would serve 3 years for Tanya's life and 3 for Lewis's; maybe even less. This confuses me, hurts me, and builds an undescrivable rage in me to think that this man can take the lives of 2 people and the state of Florida feels that taking 3 to 6 years of this man's life is a just punishment. IS THIS JUSTICE???? I don't feel that it is.

Fortunately, DWI laws all over the nation are being changed. Harsher laws have been established and are being strictly enforced. Although it's too late for Tanya and Lewis, these new laws could save the lives of many other people.

In the state of North Carolina, punishment for a DWI conviction ranges from 24 hours in jail or a 30-day loss of driving privileges and a \$100.00 fine to a mandatory minimum of 14 days and up to two years in jail and a fine of \$2,000.00. This bill has been passed to try and reduce the growing number of traffic fatalities caused by drunken drivers. Former Buncombe County District Attorney Donald C. Brown thinks that society's attitude will have to change. Attitudes are already changing through groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Students Against Driving Drunk.

Did you know that if you are a minor caught purchasing alcoholic beverages that you are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to five hundred dollars and/or imprisonment of up to 6 months? If you are a person over the lawful age helping a minor to purchase alcohol you can be fined up to 2 thousand dollars and/or imprisoned up to 2 years? In each case of a DWI conviction there are different punishment levels. Level 1 being the harshest down to level 5 which is the most lenient. A list of the levels and their description is as follows:

- Level one-fined up to 2 thousand dollars and sentenced to prison up to 2 years.
- Level two-fined up to 1 thousand dollars and sentenced to prison up to 1 year.
- Level three-fined up to 5 hundred dollars and sentenced to prison up to six months.
- Level four-fined up to 250 dollars and sentenced to prison up to 120 days.

Level five-fined up to 1 hundred dollars and sentenced to prison up to 60 days. Each of these levels coincide with the circumstances in each DWI case. These are just the basic uniform guidelines.

What makes a police officer think that you have been drinking? According to Detective Chuck Hutcheson of the Brevard Police Department, there are many factors which contribute to a policeman's decision to pull a car over on the suspicion of drunk driving. These are just a few: 1) Driving too slow. 2) A car weaving in and out of lanes. 3) Stopping a car 1 or even 2 car lengths before a red light. 4) Driving too fast. 5) Using poor judgment while turning corners.

If a person is stopped for any reasons and the officer feels that this person has been drinking, he will ask the person to take a breathalyzer test. If the person refuses, his license will be revoked for a period of 12 months. If the person agrees to take the test, the officer escorts the person to the police station where the test is administered. Before proceeding with the test, papers must be signed and a series of coordination tests are given. After this has been completed, he can be given a chemical analysis. If the apparatus registers below 10, the person may be kept up to four hours until the alcohol content in his blood has lowered. If it registers higher than 10, a person can be kept up to 24 hours. In the state of North Carolina, 10 percent alcohol in the body is too much. It is estimated that the alcohol content drops an ounce every hour. Everyone's metabolism is different, therefore it takes some people longer than others to rid their systems of the alcohol. Detective Hutcheson says, "If we crack down from the start, we can save lives and property. The law is in the best interest of the people."

Drinking and driving is a serious problem in which the outcomes affect us all. Don't make the same mistake Michael Timbs made. He may be getting off with a slap of the wrist, but he is the one that must live with the fact that he ended 2 teenagers' lives. A life is a precious thing to waste. For everyone's sake, don't drink and drive.

Peer pressure cont.

Another justification is the old argument about being called an outcast or a chicken-no one wants that. The real fear for many is losing friends or having to say goodbye to that special someone. Drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine, alcohol, and many more can create a real problem. For example, all of one's friends are using drugs and they encourage me to try it. What should one do? Or maybe one's new flame is creating a hotter fire than what one is ready for, and they give the red line, "if you love me you'll do it." What should be done? First, decide if it's worth it. Everyone has a different set of standards and opinions of what is right and wrong. Second, one should decide if it is really what one wants to do. Can the effects be handled? Can one deal with the possible outcome? Lastly, one should consider one's relationship with the person(s) who is encouraging one's self to do something one isn't sure of.

These are typical problems that all teens must face at one time or another. Teenagers must be ready to make the decisions when they feel they have the right ones for themselves. Friends' advice is not always wrong, but friends should accept a friend for what he is and not just because he conforms with them. The most important thing to remember is that everyone should be his own person.

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The issue isn't whether drugs, alcohol, pre-marital sex, or whatever is right or wrong.