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Dr. Teague-“Keeping The Ship Steady”

by Kim Ormand

How does one go from a professor of religion to Acting Dean with no apparent pain or frustration? Just ask Dr. Charles Teague, Brevard College's newly appointed Acting Dean. Yet despite his calm exterior, Dr. Teague says that the position was much harder than he realized and could actually be viewed as a “position of conflict.”

Before Dr. Teague was appointed this “position” (replacing Dr. Morris Wray who is now the president of Andrew College,) he was busily teaching BC students the various aspects of religion. He has been at Brevard for a year and a half now, coming to the mountains from High Point College. There he was the Assistant Professor of Religion and the college chaplain.

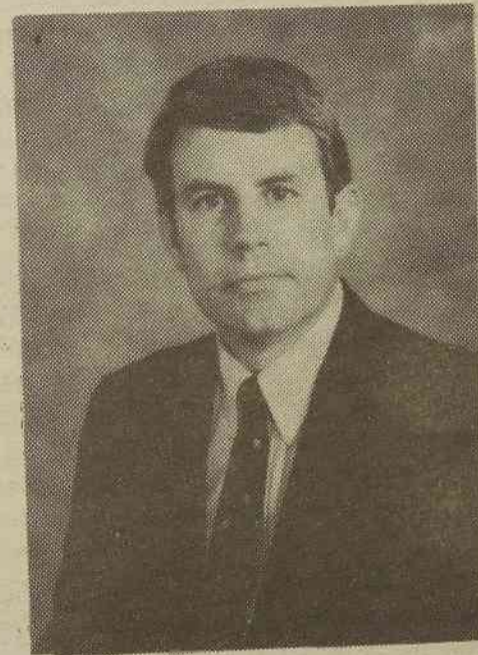
At BC, he spent the first year as a professor of religion and the campus chaplain and the second year as a professor of religion until he assumed the position of Acting Dean. Yet Dr. Teague has distinct ad-

Religion until he assumed the position of Acting Dean. Yet, Dr. Teague has distinct advantage in that he is also an ordained minister—a fact he finds adds greatly to his position as both professor and administrator. He sees many similarities between ministers and professors in that both require a person to have good communication and counseling skills. The minister and professor also have a limited amount of time to get a message across to their audience—not an easy task. So why did Dr. Teague decide to channel his energy into teaching? He says that the allure of the structured framework of the classroom was too great—it suited his “short-term goal” personality a little better. He also sees a similarity between the administrator and minister, for both are in charge of running an institution and many people rely on them.

Now if the truth were told, not many people could really say what it is the Dean or

Acting Dean does for the school. The Dean is the middle man. He is the person people go to when they are in trouble. A student will go to him to talk about problems with other students or faculty will go and talk about troubles with students or other faculty members and let's not forget about administration, well...you can see how the pressure could build up. So, what about the Acting Dean? Basically, Dr. Teague says, his job is to “keep the ship steady” until the search committee and Dr. Greer find someone to assume the role of Dean.

Dr. Teague is a candidate for the position of Dean of the College. Yet even if he does not receive or chooses not to accept the position, he says that he has enjoyed the change of pace. Although change can be a dangerous thing, Dr. Teague insists that change is only what “you make of it” no matter what kind of change it is.



Dr. Charles Teague

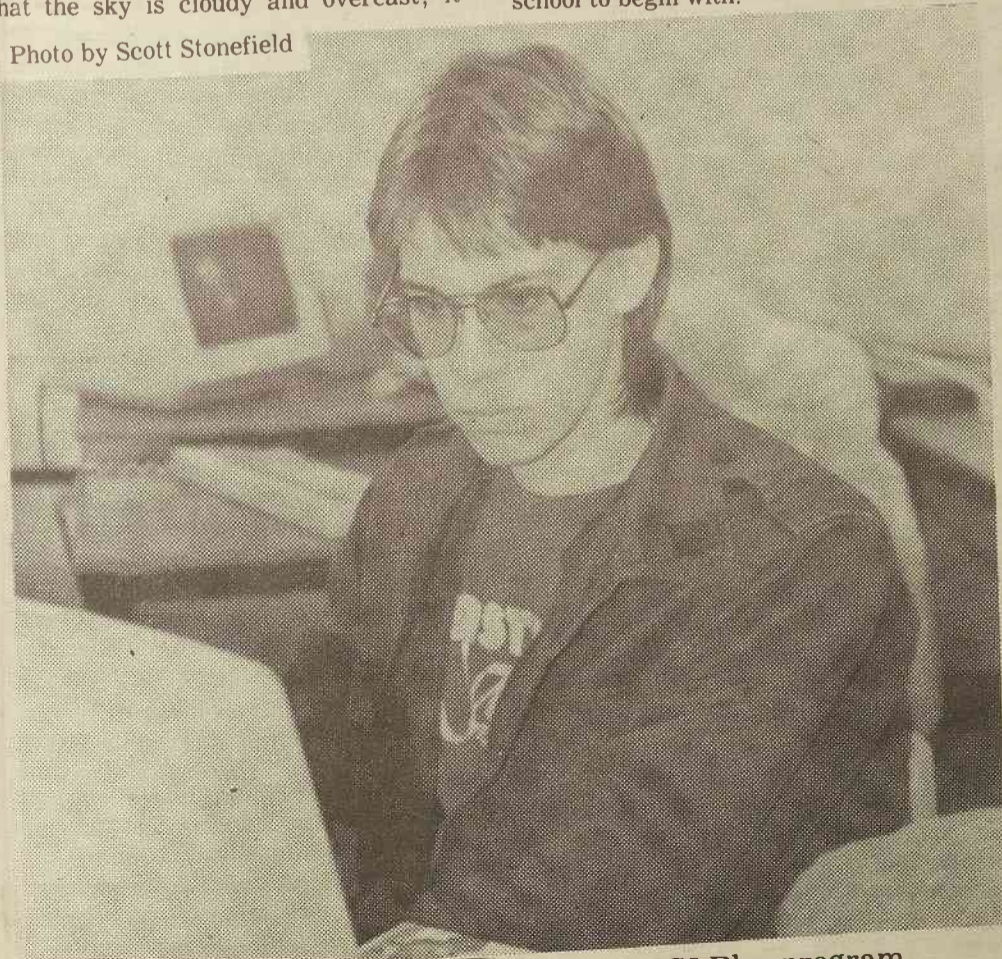
SIGI Helps Make Career Decisions

by Bonnie Davis

Classes started at 8 a.m. It is now 2:30 p.m. and you've finally finished with your classes and are able to take a break. It's been a rough day. You're staring out the window back in the dorm, and you notice that the sky is cloudy and overcast; it

looks like rain. Suddenly you feel as gloomy as the weather about life in general. Why? Because you've suddenly realized that you have no idea what you want to do with the rest of your life. You're beginning to wonder why you're even in school to begin with.

Photo by Scott Stonefield



Tom Parker demonstrates the new SIGI Plus program.

But wait! Relax. Now there is help for your problem. If you're not sure what to do with your life, just ask SIGI Plus, a System of Interactive Guidance and Information — or more affectionately, Siggy. What is Siggy? Well, Siggy is a state-of-the-art computer system, and its function is to help students make career decisions.

Many students on campuses across the country, Brevard included, are ignorant of the help available to them through their schools' guidance/counseling departments. A school's guidance program isn't there to just help a student keep track of accumulated semester hours or to help transfer credits to another school. The guidance departments are available to “guide” students in one of the life's most important questions: What do I want to be in life? Now, with the help of Siggy, counselors can aid students in this decision, so that ultimately, the best career choice can be made according to the student's likes/dislikes, values, expectations, and talents.

The SIGI program incorporates nine major sections that aid in career decision making by giving information and data concerning each section, such as skills, self-assessment, and coping, to name just three. The SIGI Plus program is written in simple English and doesn't require any prior knowledge of computers. It also helps students by giving insight into the values, interests, and skills most important to them. Siggy is an expensive computer system and Brevard College ranks along with top universities like Duke and Chapel Hill in having it.

If you have any questions about Siggy or would like to set up a time to go through

the program for career information, then you should contact Nancy Williams and schedule an appointment. Students are encouraged to take advantage of Siggy and the information it can give you. A few hours of a student's time today, can save him a lot of time in the future. Thanks to Siggy.

Pertelote Wins Award

Last year's yearbook, the 1985 Pertelote, recently received a First Place Award from the American Scholastic Press Association. This organization rates yearbooks in the areas of Content Presentation, General Page Design, General Photography, Publication Structure, and Creativity in order of importance. High School and college yearbooks are judged separately, and schools are also categorized according to size.

There are still several copies of this yearbook left, and anyone who was a full-time student for both semesters of 1984-85 can get a copy at no charge. Anyone else who would like a copy can get one for the reduced cost of \$5.00. Interested persons should see Mrs. Jackson in rm. 130 MG. Meanwhile, the 1986 Pertelote will be completed in March and is set for distribution on Honors Day, April 30th.

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