

A visit with a Burger-like guy

by Jay Schulthess

There are many questions we ask ourselves every day, questions of importance and value, such as what is the biggest problem in our country, what teacher at Brevard College doubles as a forest guide, and what on earth are a burger-like guy and a doc wood-like character?

I went to find the answers to these questions from the source himself— Peter Burger.

Mr. Burger, as many of you glancing over this article may know, is a very well respected member of our history department at BC. Through many of his unusual teaching methods and large collection of turtles, he has become very popular with the student population.

One of the first questions I asked the turtleman, (as he is affectionately known by the students,) was this: what really bugs you with the world we live in? "I really have a problem with people being too single-minded," he said. Mr. Burger feels that a good part of the country's too issue-oriented, especially in politics.

Mr. Burger, a native of many parts of the country, was born in Jackson, Mississippi. Since his birth, his residences have ranged from Alabama to New York.

While teaching at Brevard for over the past decade, he has become well acquainted with the forest's various trails. He

volunteers during the weekend at the ranger station and gives helpful advice to all interested visitors. Mr. Burger said he really loves people, and with his job he has met many people from foreign lands, such as Poland, South Africa and Germany.

While Mr. Burger has a great love for the forest, he also has a great love for animals, most of all— turtles.

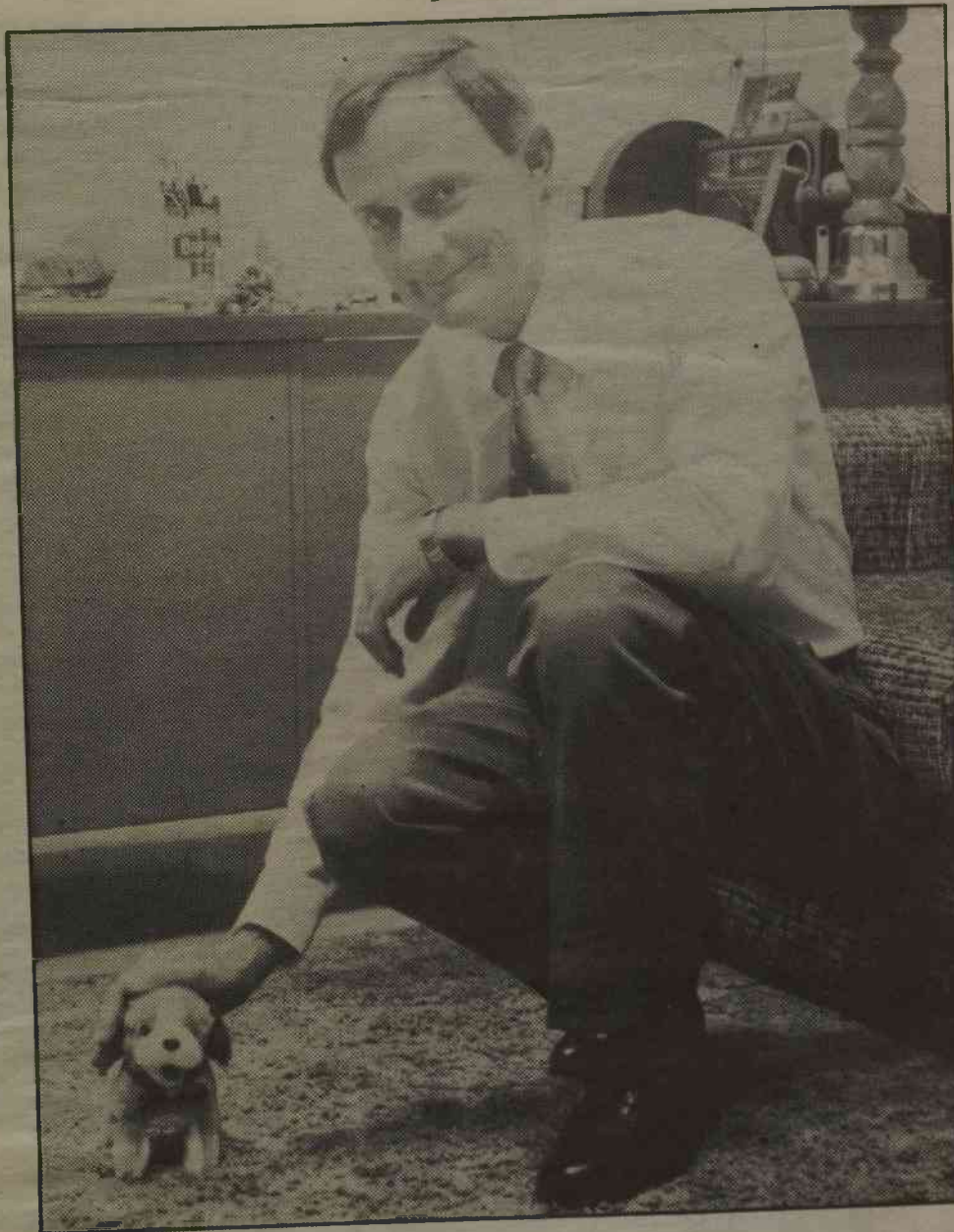
Mr. Burger is the proud owner of dozens of turtles, ranging from glass turtles to stuffed turtles, and at one time he even owned a live box turtle. He displays a few of his bean bag turtles for his classes every day.

The consensus of the students really enjoy Mr. Burger's classroom environment. Burger uses creative phrases and catchy puns to get his point across, for instance, comparing great men such as Roosevelt or Napoleon to the classic Burger-like guy. What is the Burger-like guy, you ask? "Basically, stupendous, kind, brave and heroic," said Mr. Burger.

On the other hand he uses the Doc Wood-like character in reference to "someone who is ferocious, vicious and tyrannical," he said, laughing. Actually, Doc Wood is a reference to one of his good friends Dr. Clara Wood, the head of the English department.

Mr. Burger and his daughter, a

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Character comedy 'The Foreigner' opens this week

by Julia love

"The Foreigner," by Larry Shue, is Brevard's first drama presentation of the year.

The play is set in a northern Georgia hunting lodge and involves seven characters: the lodge owner, Betty; Rev. Dave, a minister with a tainted past; his fiancée, Catherine; Catherine's brother, Ellard; Owen, a southern redneck; Charlie, a British officer; and Froggy, Charlie's faithful friend.

The cast includes Pat Fuleihan, a Brevard resident and theatre veteran who plays Betty, Mike Holcombe, a sophomore from Brevard as Froggy; Paul Dilberger, who plays Rev. Dave and Olin Hatch as Charlie.

Also, Pfafftown sophomore, Scarlet Morgan plays Catherine; a freshman from Gastonia, Lee Smith, plays Owen, and Hendersonville sophomore Rob Dixon, is Ellard.

Cast member Paul "Ducky" Dilberger says, "I think 'The Foreigner' will be a memorable, exhilarating, evening of theatre for all. I've never worked with such an exciting cast." Ducky credits most of this to director Sam Cope, and says, "I have learned more from him than any other director." This is Professor Cope's 33rd show and the first entirely new cast he's had since 1969.

'The Foreigner' opens in the Barn Theater Nov. 5 for Parent's Weekend and has performances on Nov. 13 and 14. Tickets are \$3 at the Beam Administration Building on weekdays between 9a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for students and attendance counts as a Life and Culture credit.



Cast members for "The Foreigner" rehearse for the production which opens at the Barn Theater Thursday Oct. 5. The cast includes, left to right, Lee Smith, Paul Dilberger, Scarlet Morgan, Rob Dixon, Olin Hatch (seated), Pat Fuleihan, and Michael Holcombe. (BC photo by Biár Orrell)