

Teacher Feature

Steve Martin enjoys his job with students

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Steve Martin was born on Feb. 27, 1946, in Palm Beach, Fla. As Steve grew up, he lived in Newton, a suburb of Boston, until he was in ninth grade. After he moved to Dedham, Massachusetts for a year, he and his family moved back to Newton and Steve finished his high school there.

Steve went to college for a year and a half in upstate New York at Roberts Wesleyan College, for four semesters, before he stopped going because he did not like being in college. Once he stopped school, he worked for a year before being drafted in January of 1967 into the army and spent 5 years there.

During the time that he was in the army, he spent a year in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot in the 1st Air Calvary Division and met his wife Susan, an R.N.. After the army, he went to the University of Georgia and majored in television and radio. Once he finished up at the University of Georgia, he and his wife, Susan, moved to Banner Elk, N.C. For five years, he lived in Banner Elk and during this time he received his masters degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife have been married for 25 years and the two of them have moved around to approximately 17 or 18 different places.

Although Steve was not a student here at Brevard, he wanted to come and live here. Steve Martin has always wanted to live in Brevard. "To work somewhere else would have required us to live somewhere else and not in Brevard." Over the course of time that he spent here at the college, Steve Martin first taught an advanced psychology class. During the time that he was teaching the class, he applied for the position of College Counselor, which he did not expect to get but surprisingly did. Martin ended up getting the job as the college counselor which included two classes that were to be taught each semester.

Out of all of the positions that Steve Martin has held (factory worker, military personnel, social service agency in Virginia, and his current position), Steve considers Brevard College to be the best organization that he has worked for yet. He really enjoys the staff, but he particularly likes the students. Martin enjoys the times when the students come back from breaks due to the relationships that he has created with some of the students. The one thing that he likes the least about being the Dean for Campus Life is the time consuming meetings.

At one time or another, he has taught all of the psychology courses and sociology courses. Now he teaches only

the Peer Counseling class designed for the R.A.'s and anyone interested in becoming some kind of counselor.

Through Brevard College's interim president Cameron West, president-elect Thomas Bertrand wanted to see if Martin would work out on an interim basis for one year as the Dean for Campus life. Then future president Bertrand and West agreed that Steve Martin was the right person for the job. At the same time, a committee of students, staff, and faculty highly recommended Steve Martin and he was hired at this past fall trustees meeting. Martin also loves what he did as the college counselor and as a teacher.

"Yes, it (his job as Dean for Campus Life) has its bad days, but I generally like it. The staff is great, and I am really lucky to have such a good staff," said Steve. He stays very busy, and his job is very demanding.

This year, Martin is designing new programs. Over the course of this past summer, he and several students rewrote the student guidelines. He developed the Ross Hall Sophomore Fine Arts Residence with the women on the first floor and men on the second floor. He is also looking at developing some new ideas with housing: to be able to develop programs to create a better life on campus with students becoming more fully developed and to find this a safe place to develop and become the person who they are meant to be. Steve

Martin had this to say, "You can never finish what you started, start it and when it is time to move on, move on and review what was done at a later date to see if anything needs to be changed."

When asked about how he felt in regards to working closely with students, he said, "Very much; I would not like to not be working with students." This is one of the reasons why he gave up the Executive Director position of a children's home where he was on the road or in the office practically all of the time with hardly any contact with the children who lived at the home.

As I left Steve Martin, he gave me this piece of advice for me to pass on to the students: "The students who attend BC are at, and I say this in all of my classes, the students are at a point in their life where they're leaving the last part of their childhood behind, chronologically, and moving into adulthood, and they have a lot of discovering to do about who they are and who they are to become, and you never finish that 'becoming,' the process of becoming who you are. But I guess that the best advice to the students is to be honest to who you are and to live consciously, meaning make decisions and don't let things happen by mistake, but then be who you are and you'll be ok."

STDs a major health problem for college students

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STDs. "No, it couldn't be" you say. Well, yes, I'm talking about sexually transmitted diseases. Although STDs are an uncommon topic in people's everyday life, it sure affects or infects a large number of the American population.

In fact, more than 10 million Americans are infected a year and 85% of those cases involve people between the ages of 15 and 30. The inconceivable part of the situation is that with a little education and a lot of prevention, you don't have to become one of the statistics and can hopefully help change the rapid rate in which the diseases are spreading and eventually lower the statistics.

Everyone knows the best way to avoid getting syphilis, AIDS, gonorrhea, herpes simplex, genital warts, etc., is to abstain from sexual activity. When one says to abstain from sexual activity, that doesn't mean to abstain from sexual thoughts or sexual contact. Fantasy, massage, caress and mutual masturbation can be enjoyable substitutes without risking infection.

These and other safe methods should be used with new partners until both have been tested for possible

infection and stay in a monogamous relationship. It is evident that sexual activity in college students has steadily increased to the point that prevention no

longer means to abstain but translates to the use of condoms. Although condoms are the most effective form of protection

offered, they still are below 100% capability.

Some vaginal spermicides can also create additional barriers. It would benefit all to do research regarding the best products for prevention of the spreading of diseases first, then comfort and pleasure second.

Education is essential in avoiding becoming a victim in a deceiving pleasure trap of disease in this new year.

Because there are so many types of STDs, it is important to learn the signs of infection. Unfortunately, not all diseases can be detected unless obtained through professional diagnosis. For in-depth education on STDs or a specific disease, please go to the library or infirmary.

Remember the old cliché--Better safe than sorry.

Project Inside-Out to travel to Bolivia

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Brevard College students have a chance to earn PIO service hours in Bolivia.

A team of 15 students, faculty, staff, and friends of the college will help remodel a health care clinic in Montero, Bolivia. The trip will last two weeks, from May 27 to June 11. The group will also go with a medical team of North Carolina physicians.

The trip will cost \$1,800. The fee

includes round trip airfare, transportation in Bolivia, room, most of your food, and health insurance. While in Bolivia,

there will be tours of Montero, Santa Cruz, La Paz, Brazil, and various recreational sites in Bolivia.

The trip will fill the 30 hour requirement needed to graduate. The deadline to turn in an application is Feb. 10. See Fran Lynch in her office in Coltrane Commons for more information.

Convocation Invitation to Students

To All Brevard College Students:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Brevard College, I invite all Brevard College students to attend the 140th Anniversary Convocation and Installation of the President on Friday morning, February 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Clara C. Wood
Senior Vice President and Dean of the Faculty