

Interim President introduced to the BC family

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A “Lame Duck” is an elected official who has already had a successor chosen. Despite Brevard College’s Interim President, Charles Teague describing himself this way, he puts effort into his work. His days are filled with meetings with the school board, Dean Holland, the Vice President, the Athletic Department, as well as multiple speeches, and phone calls that can last anywhere from 15 minutes to 2 1/2 hours.

On Wednesday, Teague found the time in his schedule to pencil in an interview with The Clarion, simply to tell the community a bit about himself. Dr. Teague will only be with us as our President until Dec. 31, when he will end his seven-month interim with Brevard College.

Teague explained that the primary difference between an interim and an actual president is that there is a defined term of time involved, whereas an actual president of a college will be the president for an undefined amount of time.

Teague graduated with an associate’s degree in the class of 1966 when Brevard was a two-year college. From Brevard he went to High Point, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree

in Religion and Philosophy. He then went to Emory University to gain both his master’s of divinity doctorate of ministry degrees.

He eventually returned to Brevard College for 13 years to be both the chaplain of the school as well as a professor of religion, after which he spent eight years at High Point University working as a chaplain.

Recently, Teague was president of Spartanburg Methodist College in South Carolina, where he retired in 2009. Since then he has been working with a board that helps schools find new presidents, but never served as an interim himself.

It wasn’t until he received a call from Brevard College that he decided to go back to work as an interim. Teague said, “I feel like I owe the college... I owe a lot of who I am today.”

Teague says that he loves getting to meet the new students as well as build relationships with both new and old members of the school board. His goal during this time at Brevard is to try and keep the College’s budget balanced as well as increase the enrollment in the school and raise the morale within the faculty and staff members.

President Teague believes that the “value of



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anything should be measured in the amount of time you’re willing to invest in it,” and evidence shows, he is certainly investing a lot of time and energy into Brevard College, trying to leave it in a better place than when he first arrived.

Outside of his Presidential duties, Charles Teague loves to spend time with his family. He is married with one daughter, a granddaughter, and a second granddaughter due on December 24th. He enjoys a good golf game as well as working on his lawn and fishing with his wife.

Students vote for their favorites in Brevard

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With a new school year come many changes, but for many Brevard College students, returning to Brevard offers a chance to enjoy some of their favorite old places to eat, drink, and have fun.

Last Friday, the Clarion sent an E-mail survey to Brevard College students, asking what were some of their favorite places in the area to eat, drink, shop, and spend their free time. About 75 students responded to the survey, so the results are by no means a scientific survey of the entire student body, but we did receive a representative sampling from each academic class and major.

Favorite Italian food/pizza

On the subject of pizza, Jet’s edged out Pizza Hut as the favorite place to get pizza or Italian food in town, with 35 percent of those responding choosing Jet’s. Close behind were Domino’s (despite its currently being closed) and Big Mike’s, receiving favorite marks by 23 and 21 percent, respectively. Marco Trattoria, an upscale Italian restaurant on West Main, got a respectable 17 percent mark as well.

Several students commented on the overall lack of diversity in local pizza. “I wish there

were more good, affordable pizza/Italian places in Brevard,” one person wrote. In contrast to “basic ‘fast food’” places like Domino’s, this person continued, “Then there’s Marco Trattoria. While Marco’s is expensive, it’s worth the price you pay. There should be more reasonably priced, yet good quality pizza/Italian places.”

For really good quality pizza, one person suggested Poppie’s Market. Another person who described him- or herself as “extremely picky with pizza” even recommends driving an hour or more to Greenville, S.C., to go to Barley’s Pizza. “It’s even better than the Barley’s in Asheville,” he or she wrote.

Favorite Mexican restaurant

A few students commented on a lack of really good, authentic Mexican cuisine in Brevard—one student even called the local offerings “blasphemous.” However, Cielito Lindo was the clear winner among Mexican restaurants in Brevard, garnering favorite marks from nearly half the respondents. The next closest, El Ranchero, was listed by only 38 percent, followed by Pescado’s with 29 percent.

Several students commented on the “fun” atmosphere at Cielito Lindo, and the fact that it gets high marks on the “drink” category below as well may have something to do with that ranking. Most comments focused on food quality and price, but at least one person alluded

to the fun of their food as well: “Their fried ice cream rocked!”

El Chapala and Crazy Donkey Mexican Grill have their fans as well. “El Chapala has better food, but Cielito Lindo has a fun atmosphere,” one person wrote. Another person suggested Gatekeeper’s Table as a good place to get Mexican food.

Favorite Asian cuisine

Students in Brevard were mixed in their attitude toward Asian cuisine. Receiving top marks were Fuji Yama, Sora, and Twin Dragons, with 40, 37, and 34 percent marks, respectively. Pad Thai received favorite marks from one-fourth of respondents, and 15 percent listed New China as a favorite.

Favorite deli/sandwich shop

Poppie’s Market (despite it’s being in one student’s words “practically closed”—more on that in a moment) and the Sunrise Café got top favorite marks among delicatessens and sandwich shops, with 45 and 38 percent response rates. One out of four respondents named Julie’s Subs as a favorite spot, and Mayberry’s and Ingles each got 22 and 19 percent, respectively.

One student put in a special plug for Mayberry’s. “I think the prices scare people away from Mayberry’s, but it’s basically the same price as Panera, but way better quality,” that person