

## Dr. Teague

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*In which sport did you want to be a professional? Name one.*

*You wanted to play all of them?*

Sure, who didn't? My undergraduate degree was in physical education...football, wrestling, softball.

*So how did you start teaching mathematics?*

I was teaching at Broughton HS in Raleigh where I coached wrestling with Rufus Owens. I also coached football and baseball and was the athletic trainer for the school. There, all the classes I taught were mathematics classes. During the 1982-83 school year I left Broughton. I planned to change careers and pursue a degree in physical therapy and biomechanics in order to try my hand as a professional athletic trainer. I left teaching and was a student at Chapel Hill.

I ran into Rufus during Christmas shopping (Rufus was the first chemistry teacher at NCSSM). He told me

NCSSM was looking for a mathematics teacher who wasn't presently working (they didn't want to hire someone away from another school) to finish out the school year. So, I applied for the position. If I hadn't decided to stop teaching mathematics, I would have never been hired to teach mathematics at NCSSM. Life, it seems, throws mostly curve balls.

*Do you have a favorite class here?*

To 4th Bryan:

Hey 4B, I love all of you girls! Stay wonderful, and don't get into too much trouble...with-out me of course!  
Love, Ashley Antony

To Whitney Norris:  
You're awesome! Thank you for taking the time out of your "busy" schedule to talk to me. I value the friendship we have developed over the years.  
Toyin O.

To Brandon Carroll  
Responsible Guy,  
You are the apple of my eye.  
I love our coffeshop chats.  
You do not wear silly hats.  
Love, Allison

I don't have a favorite class. Students are different in each class, and as long as the students teach me some math each year, I'm satisfied.

*Why have you continued to teach math when you know people like John Conway and you could be doing other interesting things in the math world?*

I enjoy it. I think my parents' biggest influence was that we never focused on money. The idea is to find something that you really enjoyed doing and I liked a lot of the things about math and teaching math.

*What kind of new things do you learn from students?*

Students teach me new ways to think about things. They always give you a different perspective on things. You know how the old adage goes

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that 'you only really learn a thing when you teach it'. You can't answer a question you don't have. I don't know to ask it. Sometimes a student will ask a question and I think, 'that's not a satisfactory answer I gave.' Each year you know the subject a little better, and this is particularly true of students here.

*Could you explain what the significance of "the chalk" is?*

The person with the chalk is the person who decides what to do next. All teachers have to work with the understand-

To Andrew Chen:  
Xe se wuh duh bao bay  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Please be my Valentine,  
Andrew  
Dhruti P.

To Kati Welch:  
It was a cold dark evening such a long time ago when by the mighty hand of Jove. It was a sad story how we became lonely two-legged creatures.

To Vignesh Rajan:  
To the coolest Vignesh I know, you're a very wonderful verson. Stay veet, you very vexy van!  
Vove, your secret admirer

ing that their students are better than they are; there can be no progress if the students aren't better. So it's a given that the best way to learn is to let the students have the chalk, but not for too long.

*What kind of interests do you have outside of teaching?*

I like to play tennis and I used to like to play softball and football until about 20 years ago when I got a knee injury. My wife and I go snorkel-

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*Do you have a favorite book or author?*

Grossman is good. He's written a number of nicely put together texts <pointing to a Calculus book>. Ernie Haycox is good, have you read anything by him?

*I'm not sure; does he also write math texts?*

No, he writes westerns. You should read him.

*Do you enjoy listening to any kind of music?*

Probably the blues...folk music. 60's style folk music.

*Can you tell us something interesting that most people don't know?*

I can tell you many things about me that people don't know, but they wouldn't necessarily be interesting...possibly that I have developed a pretty close relationship with Japanese teachers, and I've gone over to Japan a couple of times.

*One last question, could you tell us what "k" was equal to for you from the "How to Find a Spouse" Theorem?*

Oh...umm, let's see... 4.

To: Tim  
Roses on a summers morn  
make my toes sweat! And  
by the way, you're pretty  
swell. Ok I luv ya.  
Bye bye Lizzzz

To: Eric Knight  
Dear Kermit  
Thanks for always being my constant! And my confidant! You are my bestest friend! Thanks babe! I love you always.  
-Ms. Piggie-

To: Viggypoo  
You is so tight,  
It was love at first sight,  
Thanks for last night,  
But next time don't bite!  
We love you! ~Z & G

## War on Terrorism

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Yassir Arafat had hoped this cease-fire would help him continue negotiations but Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has dismissed the lull as another "ploy."

Sharon stated that he considers Arafat directly responsible for the recent escalation in violence. He demands increased stringency in the capture and punishment of Palestinian terrorists.

Conversely, there are reports that the political opinions of Palestinians have polarized. There now seems to be a larger and more cohesive collection of Islamic radicals. Recently there have been warnings of unprecedented violence. These premonitions are validated by daily accounts of bombings and shootings associated with Muslim extremists.

Many times these violent actions are in response to Israeli execution of Hamas leaders, the expansion of Israeli occupation into additional Palestinian territories, and air strikes of various Palestinian headquarters.

Hamas, what many consider the largest Palestinian terrorist organization, has spoken of "all out war." Meanwhile, the Economist reports that Israel is unofficially determined to remove Arafat from power. These developments have made the

world community nervous but there has been little action. The US has expressed its support for our traditional ally, Israel. The European Union has given Palestinians tepid sympathies. Most view this as just another saga in the continuing Middle East struggle.

There is a comparable situation between India and Pakistan. In this case the two nations are at odds about the territory of Kashmir, which lies between their borders.

Animosity was first sparked by a Pakistani attack on the Indian Parliament that killed 9 people. This led to a weapons buildup and a nuclear crisis that alerted the global community.

As a result, both Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Chief Kofi

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Annan have paid visits to the two heads of state. Since then Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has dropped support of extremists and arrested almost 2,000 activists.

Peace, however, remains elusive. There was a recent attack by gunmen that killed 4 Indian police officers outside a US cultural center. Pakistan has denied responsibility and India has been urged not to retaliate. The peace is tenuous at best, and the US role in the region is uncertain.

*My love, Dr. Kolená-  
Although we are parted by  
concrete and time, I cherish  
the memory of failing life  
every day.  
Your secret admirer*

Dear Karishma,  
I don't know how to tell you how much I like you. You mean everything to me. You are so amazing!  
Krishn Sharma

To: Lisa Turner  
May we complete the  
eight fold path  
together and bask in  
prosperity afterward.  
Love, Dis

*To Nick Wahnefried,  
Incredible the lodgings,  
but limited the guests.  
Guest list: you.  
Love, Ashley*

To: Tonya Gaines  
You make me feel special. You are a truly exceptional girl. You fill me with happiness. You are so beautiful with your perfect smile.  
Mahal Kita, Wo ai ni  
-Emery

To Dissimo Watts:  
Dissimo, you are the coolest chick on my hall. Your good sense and craziness keep us all going.  
Love, LT