

Teacher Feature

# Van Zant has a lot to offer Brevard College students

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You may have her for Public Speaking. Or maybe for English. You may have been in her film class last semester, or you may be waiting for the chance to take that particular subject. However you know her, she's Rita Van Zant, and she's been with Brevard College for four years and BC students hope she will be here for a lot longer.

She lives in Hendersonville and drives here every day. She gets to her office at around nine thirty and leaves almost everyday around five. She's hosted two talk shows (Decatur Focus



Rita Van Zant

and Variety) and met a good number of celebrities including Bob Cain, Mickey Rooney, Ginger Rogers, and even Jimmy Carter before he was elected.

She went to college at East Illinois University where she received a Master's Degree in Speech. She now attends UNC-Chapel Hill in the summer.

In Van Zant's Public Speaking class the students study speeches by great people such as Martin Luther King Jr., Ronald Reagan, Barbara Bush, and even Adolf Hitler. The students have to give three speeches throughout the course, one being informative, one argumentative and the final being either of the first two.

The students get to be very good at

speaking, for everyone has to go up to the podium and do their best. The best speeches are when you have visuals, so the audience is included in the speech.

The film classes met once a week for three hours, so the students could watch a movie and then analyze the contents. There is more to a movie than one would think. Students come in having seen many movies, and then see things about them that they never saw before.

Van Zant often gets calls from students she has taught over last few semesters. She says she's happy with Brevard College because she likes the faculty, the students and the fact that Brevard is a private Christian school.

# Life after Brevard College: what's out there?

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The function of Brevard College, to many, is comparable to that of an academic boot camp. Brevard's primary purpose is to prepare students for four-year universities and provide them with the opportunity of fulfilling basic course requirements. For many, Brevard is just a stepping stone from which life-long goals might be more easily

attained. But what are students to do in making the transition from small college life to the harshness of society's work force?

Most Brevard graduates pursue a higher degree of education from four-year institutions. Once transferred, however, graduates find that they are in a vastly different realm of living; while there may be parties open nearly every night, course loads seem to increase exponentially. Students can no longer

take for granted the ease of a 16-hour load of "fun" classes. In actuality, students must be prepared to put in considerably more hours of study for a considerably lighter load just to hold their place.

While the transition from two to four-year institutions may be rather abrupt for some, it can be, for those joining the work force, shocking to say the least. Enough money must be earned in order to maintain a decent standard of

living while preparing for the financial burden of successive education or for the burden of life-long investments. There are an inordinate number of jobs available to those who are willing to strive in order to achieve their dreams. Employment within the U.S. is only one of the countless locations available to the more adventurous. For these individuals, there lies innumerable opportunities all over the world for employment, adventure, and education. From cultures as exotic as Hong Kong to that of France, there are employment and learning possibilities ranging anywhere from art and design to environmental studies. Additionally, these opportunities allow for the benefit of learning a second language, which is becoming more crucial with each passing day. For those who are in hopes of pursuing an infallible career, the opportunities open to those with significant experience in either Spanish or Japanese are literally endless.

One of the most sought-after occupations for summer employment is camp counseling. There are nearly a dozen camps within an hour or so of campus. And for those who are in need of an "extra hand," the ROTC program provides money and basic living for any individual with the intention of continuing his education. Further information on foreign exchange programs or regional employment opportunities may be obtained from the Transfer Office or the Alumni House.

If any individual is to succeed in his or aspirations, however, he must be willing to reach out and grab onto any opportunities that may present themselves. "Never let an opportunity slide" is a phrase I have had iterated to me time and time again. Perseverance and determination are the keys to success, no matter what the field or interest.

Student Spotlight

# Baldwin is a leader at the Complex

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There are so many way to describe Stephen "Douglass" Baldwin. Walter Kuhn went to high school with Baldwin and stated that, "I have known him for six years, he has always been there for me and has become a father figure to me."

Baldwin was born on July 27, 1974, in Franklin, North Carolina. He is the son of Johnny Baldwin and Pam

Hanak. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1992. He is now in his second year at Brevard College. Baldwin's favorite thing about BC is his friends.

During his time at BC, Baldwin has been involved in many activities including Cross Country, Track, Indoor Track, Judicial Board and he is the Resident Assistant at the complex where the men's Cross Country and Track teams live. James Clanton, Baldwin's roommate stated, "He cares about everyone's problems and he takes care of everyone at the complex."

Baldwin has many plans for the future. He has decided to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro next year. His major is Sports Science.

Chuck Miller is a resident of the complex and friend of Baldwin's. He stated, "I appreciate the times that Stephen has taken me back to the complex after Spanish class so I would not have to walk. I treat him just like Ike treated Tina."

Baldwin is definitely unforgettable around the BC campus. He is a bright person who will do well in the future.

# RHAs named for next school year

The new Resident Hall Assistants for the 1994-1995 school year have been named.

Tenatively, the new RHAs are:

West Beam:  
Bryan Bradner Carl Gaines  
Randy Brown Chris Ford

Green:  
Daniel Bowman Greg Lambert  
Chris Hall John Ostendorff

Taylor:

Taylor Luthern  
Thomas Weber

Alternates:

Thomas Pittard  
Dustin Calhoun  
Josh Poindexter

East Jones:

Lara Sweet  
Jo Woodruff

Kevin Weiss  
Ben Voegel

John Smith  
Gary Lambert  
Mark J. Casson

Megan Remick  
Kimberly Button

West Jones:

Elizabeth Lynn  
Jennifer Cook

East Beam:  
Twana Mazyck  
Tanya Costa

Alternates:

Nicole Gilbert  
LaGair Pendleton

Heather Waitman

Nancy Genes

Beth Cordell