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mikeyLEBLANC

He's not the type who'd ever admit it, so we'll stake the claim for him: Mikey LeBlanc is one of the most influential figures in snowboarding. From his illustrious shred career to founding and personally overseeing his own company, Mikey has come a long way since his first taste of snowboarding back in 1982. Asked how he's changed from his early sponsorship days well over a decade ago, he says, "I don't think people change, they just learn how to deal with who they are better." As he puts it, "I'm comfortable with my asshole-ness." But anyone who actually knows Mikey knows this self-description couldn't be further from the truth. Mike is good as good gets, which is why we wanted to find out what's truly important in his life.—TA



Mike and his Zen teacher, Genpo Roshi.

1. LOBSTER BIB: This represents my Maine roots, my family and friends, and all the loves and lessons of my past. And shitty jobs I had working on fishing wharves. Picking lobster all day is what drives me to do more now. **2. GUITAR:** Music is one way I express my emotions. But lately I've just been listening to really bad "pop-hop" (radio hip-hop). Check out some of my tunes at myspace.com/thepurplegreenonion. **3. CAMERA:** This Nikon FE-2 was my first rig. I love walking around and shooting things that beg to be captured on film, which is great because my memory sucks. **4. FIELD NOTES:** I always carry a pen and notebook around in my back pocket to write down my neurotic thoughts, business ideas, life insights,

meditations, jokes, and phone numbers of people that I may or may not call. This notebook is courtesy of Aaron Draplin. **5. HOLDEN:** This company is my baby and, other than my self, the biggest ongoing project in my life. I own it, I live it, I work all the time on it. When I quit Volcom to do Holden six years ago, I could've only dreamed of learning this much about myself, people, business, the world. **6. BOOK:** This is my teacher's latest book, *Big Mind-Big Heart* by Genpo Roshi. In this little gem you will find a way to your freedom. I have been reaping rewards daily by my associations with it. I am happier, healthier on all levels, and able to take on more and more and love it.