

## Briefly

### Charlotte Symphony Performance

The Charlotte Symphony will perform in Duke Family Performance Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11. The performance will include Schubert's "Overture to Rosamunde," Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto," and Schubert's "Symphony No. 5." Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and children. For information or to order tickets, call 704-972-2000.

### Chinese Film Lecture

Ben Wang, an associate professor in Asian Studies and Comparative Literature at Rutgers University, will talk on "The Home Village in Chinese Film" on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sprinkle Room. Professor Wang will show that the village is a product of both modernization and nostalgic imagination. For information, call Professor Vivian Shen at 704-894-2026.

### Comedy Show

The improvisational comedy troupe "Oops..." presents "Lonely Show" on February 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the Alvarez College Union Smith 900 Room. Admission is \$1. A Kissing Booth will be set up outside the 900 Room from 5:00-10:00 p.m. that evening. Kisses are \$1 each.

### Book Lecture

Adam McKible, an associate professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, will discuss his rediscovery of Edward Christopher Williams's "lost" Harlem Renaissance novel, "When Washington Was in Vogue." Williams, the country's first professionally trained black librarian, portrays in the book the 1920s African-American high society of which he was a part. The talk is on February 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room. Call 704-894-2695 for more information.

### Staley Lectures: Miroslav Volf

Miroslav Volf, the Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School, will speak about "The Light Shines in the Darkness: A Christian Response to Religious Conflict." The talks will be on February 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room. The lectures are a part of the 2004 Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture series. For information, call 704-894-2423.

### Blood Drive

The Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), in conjunction with the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC), will be sponsoring a blood drive on February 16 in the atrium of the Student Union from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sign-up tables will be in the Union from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. until February 12. For information, contact Missy Gilbert at mgilbert@davidson.edu or Meggie Paterson at mgpaterson@davidson.edu.

### Vocal Concert

Claudia Hommel, a Paris-born actress and cabaret singer, will present a varied program of French chansons, American standards, and nineteenth and twentieth century art songs and theatre music. The concert is at 7:00 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room. Call 704-894-2440 for information.

## COMA holds first meeting, makes plans for semester

*Despite 'very good' turnout, more majority student participation wanted*

BY ADAM MARTIN  
Senior Staff Writer.

The revived Committee on Minority Affairs (COMA) lost no time in planning upcoming events at its inaugural meeting of the semester, two weeks ago. This SGA committee is meant to serve as an umbrella organization for the ten minority student groups on campus.

Chairperson Tiffany Hollis '04 hopes that COMA will reassume its role as a voice for minority concerns and a support for more minority activities. SGA reappointed Hollis last October to her second term as Chairperson. She is also the Vice President of the Black Student Coalition (BSC).

Despite a "very good" turnout at their meeting, Hollis wished to see more majority students interested in COMA and minority activities on campus.

"I want to open membership up to anyone who wants to help improve race relations, promote tolerance, and encourage diversity here on campus. We had a lot of people come, but I would have liked to have seen more than two white men," said Hollis.

One of those white men was Mark Agerton '06 who said, "I'm not really conscious of what 'white privilege' means on a day-to-day basis. I went to the meeting because I wanted to hear the concerns of minority students and I wanted to start actively seeking out opportunities to build relationships."

Amrote Abdella, President of Davidson International Association (DIA), one of the minority groups under COMA, spoke of COMA's contributions in years past.

"Our discussions have been very fruitful. Through COMA the concerns of some are spread to all the other minority groups. Through this, we are learning to understand our differences and creating a sense of unity. COMA also gives minorities one, stronger voice to admin-

istration," he said.

Hollis emphasized COMA's active involvement in student life. "We can get things done," she said. "You got problems with the curriculum, tell us. Student life concerns, tell us. We have some financial resources for events and the administration's ear for problems."

COMA's budget tripled this year to \$450 and has already co-sponsored three events this semester.

On MLK Day members helped lead discussions on race. Last Monday they helped bring a Psychology professor from Guilford College to give a lecture about the "Integration of America's Boarding Schools: Blacks in the White Elite" sponsored by the Public Lectures Committee and the Sociology Department as well as other organizations. The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) and COMA also recently held a film-fest in the Sprinkle Room.

On February 20, the Asian Cultural Awareness Association (ACAA) and COMA will bring the first Asian comedian to Davidson, Eliot Chang. Chang recently appeared on Comedy Central's stand-up comedy show, Premium Blend.

The litany of minority organizations COMA represents includes the Jewish Student Union (JSU), Muslim Student Association (MSA), Davidson African Students Association (DASA), Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), DIA, ACAA, BSC, GSA, Students for New Learning, and the Chronically Disabled Student Association (CDSA).

Historical note: Records show that one of the first student committees at Davidson created to provide social support for minorities began in 1984. This committee, Racial Attitudes Concerns Everyone (RACE), was chaired by a white student named Andrew Yon '86. At that time "minority organizations" meant the BSC, the American Guild of Organists, Catholics, NOW, and the Young Libertarians.

## Campus Police Blotter

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Patterson Court

Damage to Property

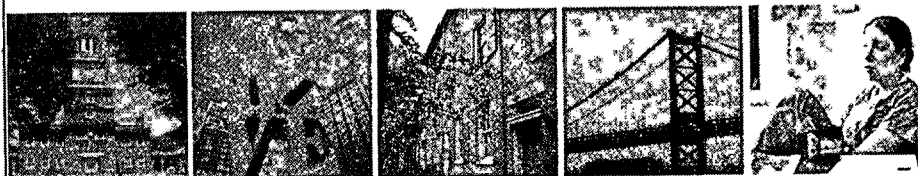
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