

## Briefly

### 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.

### Reynolds Lecture Series: Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni, an English and Black Studies professor at Virginia Tech University, will speak on February 19 in the Duke Family Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. Giovanni has received the NAACP Image Award for Literature and the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished to Arts and Letters. For information, call 704-894-2140.

### Asian Studies Lecture: Andrew Morris

Andrew Morris, Assistant Professor of Chinese History at California Polytechnic State University, will speak about "Modernity and Nationalism in Kicks and Dribbles, from Scientific Martial Arts to Chinese Basketball." The talk will focus on the historical and nationalistic problems concerning recent Asian forays into sports, such as Yao Ming's employment by the NBA. The talk is on February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery Room of Chambers. Call 704-894-2907 for information.

### Philosophy Lecture

Peter van Inwagen from the University of Notre Dame will give a lecture on "God and Modality" on February 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Alvarez 302 of the Knobloch Campus Center. Call Professor Bob Maydole at 704-894-2216 for information.

### Comedy Show

Eliot Chang from Comedy Central will present "Live and Direct" February 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room of the Union. Open bar (21 and up). The show is sponsored by the Asian Cultural Awareness Association (ACAA).

### Chemistry Colloquium

Vicente Samano of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals will give a two-part lecture on "Synthesis and Biological Properties of Ultra-Short-Acting Neuromuscular Blocker GW 0430," and "The Design and Synthesis of Potent HIV Protease Inhibitors." The talk is on February 20. A reception will be held at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Martin Chemical Laboratory, and the talk will begin at 2:30 p.m. in room G-10 of that building. Call 704-894-2307 for information.

### Flute Recital

Erin Rafferty '04 will play improvisational praise and worship music, pieces from the Baroque and twentieth century, and work written in collaboration with her teacher, Elizabeth Ransom. The recital is on February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in Tyler-Tallman Hall of the Sloan Music Center. Call 704-894-2357 for information.

### Death Penalty Lecture

Charlotte lawyer Julian H. Wright reviews the N.C. Senate's passage of a death penalty moratorium last May, and prospects for the legislation in the N.C. House this spring. Wright will review arguments for and against the death penalty, and efforts to make it more equitable. The lecture is on February 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room of the Union. Call 704-894-2423 for information.

### Dean Rusk Lecture

Dr. Bernard Kouchner, a founder of the Nobel Peace Prize-Winning organization "Doctors Without Borders," will speak February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Duke Family Performance Hall. In addition to his humanitarian work around the world, Dr. Kouchner has played a vital role in French politics for more than twenty years and is the author of several books and founder of the news magazines L'Evenement and Actuel. For information, call 704-894-2440.

## 68 students 'love responsibly,' participate in HIV testing

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This past Thursday, Davidson's Adopt-A-Country AIDS Campaign sponsored "Love Responsibly," an HIV testing drive at the Student Health Center. Students, faculty, and staff were given the opportunity to be tested anonymously and without charge.

Sixty-eight people participated in the drive, a dramatic increase from last semester's free HIV testing day in which only 23 people were tested. There are plans to hold an additional testing day after spring break.

To demonstrate their support of the drive, several administrators agreed to be tested.

Dean of Students Tom Shandley, commented on his decision to be tested.

"I agreed to do this because I am willing to do all I can to both raise awareness about the real health issues regarding HIV/AIDS among college student populations, and to highlight the importance and simplicity of testing for HIV," said Shandley.

Director of Residence Life Leslie Marsicano, also voiced support for the project.

"People at risk for HIV infection should be getting tested as routinely as they have physicals and get their teeth cleaned. It should be an ordinary precaution taken by ordinary people rather than something that only exotic people with exciting or unusual lifestyles do," said Marsicano.

ACAC began in 2000 with objectives to fundraise for an adopted AIDS organization in Africa, raise awareness of international HIV/AIDS crisis on campus, and educate students about HIV/AIDS issues.

Other projects of the ACAC include setting up a display of 3,000 luminaries around cam-

pus in support of World AIDS Day and delivering valentines with condoms attached in recognition of National Condom Day on February 14.

In addition, ACAC will be hosting a "Red and Black Ball" on March 13 to benefit people affected by the AIDS epidemic. The ball will feature a brief speaker and include desserts, a cash bar, a live band, and a silent art auction.

All Davidson College students, faculty, and administration as well as top Metrolina AIDS Project donors and several local community members will receive invitations to the ball.

Tickets will cost \$10 for students and \$30 for regular admission. Students can RSVP with payment through mail or buy a ticket in the college union during the week before spring break or the beginning of the week following break.

All of the ticket price for the ball will go to AIDS charities. Half of the proceeds will go towards ACAC's adopted organization, the KiHo HIV Hope Group in Kikuyu, Kenya, and half will go towards Charlotte's Metrolina AIDS Project.

ACAC president Judie Kaplan '04 encourages students to support the ball.

"I actually traveled to Kenya this summer and worked with the KiHo HIV Hope Group. These people do not have health insurance, government assistance programs, or even the support of their families. They need more desperately than any group of people I have ever met.

"A student ticket to the Red and Black Ball costs ten dollars, the cost of a pizza from Papa John's, as well as the cost of feeding a family of three for more than a week in Kenya: this money goes further than many students at Davidson can imagine."

## Outbreak of sore throats, respiratory infections keep Health Center busy

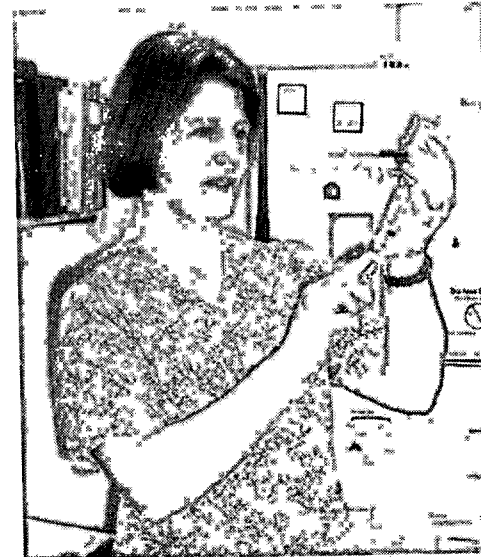
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It's that time of year again.

Everywhere on campus the cacophony of sneezing, wheezing, and hacking synonymous with January and February can be heard.

Union cafe tables, computer stations, and library desks boast students with runny noses, glassy eyes, and scratchy throats, reminding us once again that the cold and flu season is upon us.

According to Jan Poole, R.N., at the College Health Center, "Sore throats and upper respi-



Nurse Jan Poole prepares to give a student a shot. An outbreak of sore throats and respiratory infections has kept the health center busy for the last two months.

ratory infections account for approximately 40-50 percent of visits right now."

Cases of conjunctivitis (pink eye) and gastrointestinal viruses are also abundant during this stretch of the year, as opposed to the flu, which usually strikes right before Christmas break. Cases of the flu have decreased over the past couple of weeks.

Because of the close quarters, viruses spread easily in dorm rooms, apartments, and classrooms. According to the health center, the best ways to prevent getting sick are what many know to be common sense practices such as frequent hand washing, staying well-rested, and eating properly.

According to Poole, symptomatic treatments are a popular way of dealing with viral infections. While symptomatic medicines might lower a fever or decongest your nasal cavities, they have no impact on the virus itself and only offer temporary relief. Still, there is no shortage of Davidson students flocking to CVS for aspirin, decongestants, and cold medicines.

The common cold, which can be caused by over two hundred different viruses, is also very prevalent right now. Although most people would believe that the common cold is spread mostly by coughing and sneezing, it is actually transferred by hand-to-hand contact.

Colds are easily spread after coming into contact with someone who has the virus and then touching your hand to your nose or eyes. Viruses can also be caught by contact with hard surfaces like telephones and doorknobs.

Because viruses account for the majority of current illnesses around campus, getting extra rest and drinking lots of fluids make for the fastest road to recovery.

## Campus Police Blotter

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Patterson Court

Damage to Property

It was reported that some unknown person(s) broke a window pane in the Kitchen door at the Connor House. Nothing was found outside or inside to indicate that the pane was broken by a thrown object. Damage is estimated at \$25.00.