

Study in China

Dr. Gill Holland will lead the first Davidson study trip in China.

By Mary Laura Moretz

China is the ideal place to study Chinese culture, argues English professor Dr. Gill Holland. Holland urges Davidson students interested in studying Chinese culture to do so firsthand next fall with Wake Forest's semester program in China.

Wake Forest offers this fall-semester program annually in cooperation with South Atlantic States Association for Asian and African Studies (SASASAAS) and China Educational Tours (CET). Because Davidson is a member of SASASAAS, Davidson students are welcome to apply. In fact, Holland says, "They're wild to get Davidson students to go."

Dr. Holland has spent time in Taiwan and Beijing, studied Chinese at Stanford, translated a book of Chinese poems, and taught courses in Chinese literature.

He discovered the Wake Forest program at a promotional pre-

sentation at Winthrop last year. He has since accepted an invitation to lead the trip in the fall of 1995. Dr. Dorothy Borei of Guilford College will serve as the faculty director of the fall '94 trip.

Holland encourages students to apply because he feels the western approach to teaching western students at the Beijing Foreign Languages Normal College proves most productive. "There are some Chinese programs that aren't going to be as good. We've really checked into this one — it's tried and true. You don't want to waste your time."

Participants live in college dorms and, unlike students at many larger schools, have the option of requesting a Chinese roommate.

Course load includes work in both Chinese language and culture, but previous experience with either is not necessary. Holland says, "You can jump into any level of Chinese." The program offers

language classes from beginning to advanced. Next fall's culture class with director Borei is *Issues in Contemporary China*.

The trip, at just over seven thousand dollars, is a great bargain, according to Holland. Costs include airfare, room and board, weekend cultural excursions, and even tickets to Chinese opera.

Other advantages to this trip include the weather and the group. Holland says, "Fall is the loveliest time in Beijing." The program offers exposure to an international crowd as the forty-five Westerners who attend include students from the U.S., France, and Germany.

Holland says students will find their studies useful upon returning to Davidson. Students can continue in self-instructional language studies or take classes in Chinese history, art, philosophy, politics or literature.

Applicants should be upper-classmen and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Interested students must apply through the study abroad office before the second week of March, when decisions will be made.

May confident in new Union board

By Jay Jennings

The Union Board officers appointed new committee heads last week after a week of interviewing possible candidates. Union Board President Nat May is "confident that the new committee heads are going to inject new exciting ideas into the Board."

The 19 Union committees and their chairs are: Concerts- Katie Schwab; Davidson Outdoors- Rob Clemens; Intimate Performances- Whit Higgins; 900 Room- Jenny Rose (Spring) and Morgan Perry (Fall); Films- Carrie Blackburn; Publicity- Allison Milligan; Video- Martin Young; Campus Forum- Stacey Carter; Gallery- Jenn Tracy; Literary Arts- George Weld; Speakers- Dan Nechemias;

Women's Issues- Sarah Orsbon; Artists Series- Lylen Ferris (Spring) and Brad Best (Fall); Outpost- Sherry Abdelaaty; Cultural Events- Casey Hawthorne (Spring) and Jenny Everett (Fall); Secretary/Historian- Kristen Richardson; Publicity Artist- Geoff Love; and Members-at-Large- Eleanor Hatcher, Anne Dunaway, and Katherine Ross.

May and vice-presidents Phoebe Dean and Rosie Molinary conducted the interviews between February 13 and February 20. Applicants noted on the application which committee they wanted to head.

According to May, after all of the interviews, the three officers spent "longer than they meant to"

selecting because all of the applicants were qualified. The officers are pleased with their decisions even though they were disappointed that they had to turn down some qualified people.

New board members will take control Wednesday at a joint board meeting. The old committee heads have already scheduled the Union activities for March which will provide the new members time to learn how to plan and run events.

The new Union Board has been elected at a very important time because of the discussion about a new Union. Some people are reluctant to support a new Union until a definite need is shown. The new board hopes to display this need in the coming year.

CoMA holds talks about diversity

By Wendy Lee

In an attempt to facilitate open dialogue about racial issues at Davidson, members of the Council on Minority Affairs are meeting with freshman halls for the third consecutive year.

The meetings, which began last week and continue this week, stress the importance of diversity and encourage acceptance, tolerance, and outreach to minorities.

DeVane Tidwell, chairman of the ten-member council, said the visits aim at encouraging students to "branch out and meet people they may not normally be inclined to meet."

Issues addressed in the meetings include the definition of a minority, racial and cultural relations at Davidson, and racial problems at Davidson.

First Little hall counselor John Murchison said the meeting provided an opportunity for "open discussion to get the freshmen talking about race issues. . . It gets them

thinking about things they hadn't thought about before." CoMA members Alden Smith, Amia Canada, and Allison Sabel visited first Little hall last Thursday.

First Little resident Matt Rich found the meeting helpful. He noted the importance of learning by expressing ideas. "Plus," he said, "it helps you to get to know the guys on your hall. . . The four main areas we talked about were minorities, homosexuals, women,

and different religions."

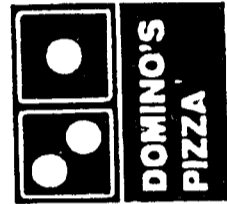
Wendy McHugh, hall counselor on fourth Cannon, said the women on her hall discussed "trying to incorporate everybody into life at Davidson." The meeting "brought a lot of awareness because the students didn't know about all the opportunities at Davidson." She noted that the women acknowledged that it is easy to "get into specific groups and become apathetic."

Eskimo eating habits



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Linda Reed, a nutritional anthropologist from Oregon, spoke about her study on the influences of western dietary habits on the indigenous peoples of Alaska on Thursday afternoon in the 900 Room of the Union.



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