

Donor numbers creep up

By JOSHUA EARP and STEPHANIE HERRING

On Thursday, November 5, 2003, WCC held its quarterly Blood Drive. Fifty-four people presented to donate. However, only 47 productive units were collected, 4 of which were first-time donors.

This record exceeded this past summer's record, which consisted of 47 presenting donors, 8 first-timers, and 41 productive units collected.

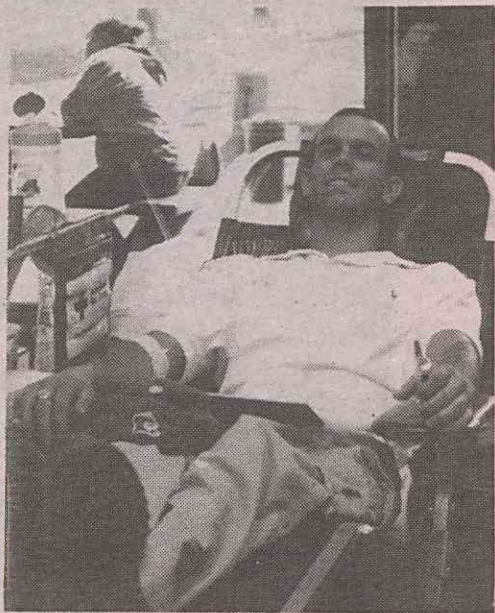
James Bynum, Director of Student Activities and advisor to the Student Government Association, said, "The turn out was excellent; we reached our goal for the amount of units donated. We continue to urge students to support our blood drives, in the spring and in future years."

Students, faculty, and staff who presented to give blood underwent a mini-physical examination, in that nurses checked their well being on donation day, their blood pressure, their body temperature, and hemoglobin level.

Potential donors also filled out a questionnaire about various medications, sexual behaviors, drug use and history, geographical locations of residence or visitation, and other questions.

Additional questions addressed hepatitis and the West Nile virus.

Don Best of the American Red Cross said, "We are always interested in getting individuals to donate all types of blood, but there is a special need for the blood types of O and B, so people with these blood types are strongly encouraged to participate in donating blood."



A smiling Matt Jones shows how easy blood donation can be.

PHOTO: JOSH EARP

Best said only 5% of potential blood donors actually donate.



Baddour set up a display in the Atrium of artifacts from Moldova including traditional dolls and decorated eggs as well as typical foods from the country.

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Instructor shares experiences in Moldova

By JIM HANUS and SHEENA JACOBS

On September 5, 2003, WCC humanities instructor Margaret Baddour traveled to the country of Moldova as a member of NATO's Partners for Peace program.

The Goldsboro group consisted of people representing military, political, medical, and agricultural specialists from North Carolina.

Their purpose was to encourage the move of the Moldovan government to a democracy and to assist it in becoming a market-based economy.

Moldova is one of the newest independent European states and a member of the former USSR, the second smallest of the Soviet states.

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