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Lessons From The Dean

By SHELDON WARD

"It's a shame that students have to know him as Dean Eller instead of Craig Eller," stated drama teacher Charley John Smith, "He's a very interesting and humorous person."

J. Craig Eller to most students is 'that man you go to see when you have done something wrong.' They don't know him for anything but the Dean of Students here at Louisburg. They don't know why he chose to be what he is, where he is from, or what he does for pleasure.

Craig Eller, a native of Swannanoa, N.C., was born on November 14th, 1938. He was the youngest boy out of Samuel and Ila Eller's five daughters and two sons. After working for thirty years in the cotton mill, his father passed away during Craig's sophomore year at Charles D. Owens High School. Following his High School graduation in 1957, Craig worked his way through one year of Berea College in Kentucky before deciding that he was not yet ready for more school. At this time Craig

turned to the military in order to broaden his horizons. In 1960, upon the end of his two year enlistment, Craig re-entered Berea College and graduated in 1964 with his wife Sylvia, whom he married in 1962. After obtaining his Masters in English from Appalachian State Teachers College, he moved to Cleveland, Georgia, with his wife and new daughter, Jamie.

In Georgia, Craig became a teacher and the Dean of Students for Truett McConnell Baptist College. For three years Dean Eller enjoyed the feelings of accomplishment that came from leading an institution of higher education in a consistent direction. Mr. Eller then transferred his attention to Louisburg. Five years later, in 1975, Craig was once again dubbed Dean of Students. Since his divorce in 1977, he has resided in Louisburg with his daughter. Now that Jamie has gone off to attend U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, Dean Eller likes to spend his spare time bettering himself mentally, physically, and socially.

Dean Eller can often be seen about campus in sweat suit and sneakers walking or jogging away the pounds (that is when he is not out hiking or white water rafting). And sometimes, when it's real quiet, the full notes of a bass may be heard floating from his home. He used to play guitar as a teenager but says, "in college my roommate played guitar better than I did...so I switched to bass." It is quite obvious that he enjoys music; because, he plays for two bands and also sings for his church choir. One of the bands is the 440th Army/National Guard State Band (in which he is under the direct control of both the Army and Gov. Jim Martin). The other is The 'Troubadors', a small ensemble which plays country, beach music, and 50's rock-n-roll. "We do weddings, receptions, and bar-mitzphas," he states with a smile. Then there is the 'pit-band' that Dean Eller will be conducting for *Brigadoon*; which is, the first attempt at student orchestration of a play at Louisburg College.

Some of our students might



DEAN ELLER

be interested to know that Craig Eller is also a car buff. He is a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). Being the proud owner of a 1951 Chevy coupe, the first car he ever bought.

Yet, above all else, he is a teacher and our Dean of Students. Spurred by his youthful admiration of his teachers and a feeling that,

"there is no greater honor a person can obtain than to be chosen to pass on the knowledge of society," Craig Eller has become the stern enforcer of our school laws.

However, somewhere behind that calm exterior there beats the heart of a child. If you don't believe it, stop by his office some day and check out his collection of toy cars.

Blood Mobile A Success

By STAFF WRITER

The Red Cross invaded Louisburg, February 6, 1984 on a crusade for blood and did not leave empty handed. From noon till 6:00 p.m. the Red Cross set up camp in the Multi-Purpose Room with a goal to collect 110 pints of blood. The dedicated crew of nurses; and volunteers left with an unprecedented 147 pints of much needed blood.

The Christian Life Council and the Louisburg High School Student Government Association sponsored the event and enabled the goal to be surpassed. The two dedicated factions enabled the goal to be surpassed through a collection of posters, solicitation cards and plain hard work. The

people involved were working on the event a full two weeks before it occurred. Sidney Stafford, who is the College Chaplain, was a driving force behind the successful blood mobile. Along with Mr. Stafford were Whit Cotney, who is president of the CLC,

and his dedicated band of followers from CLC. The Louisburg community should appreciate the many hours that went into the successful blood mobile, for their hard work allows the community to have the blood it needs. Much thanks to the donors!



LOWELL GIVING BLOOD

Photo by Larry Smith

A Spring Pilgrimage Begins

By SHELDON WARD

"If I don't come back", states chaparone Ray Mize, "I've left orders to have my sailboat sent to me."

Picture this. You are in a TWA jumbo jet, the states are at your back and you are rushing toward your eight day engagement with Europe. Come March first of this year, this illusion will become reality for 19 Louisburg residence. Teacher, Ray Mize shall be accompanying: Pat Palmer and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams, and 14 Louisburg College students on this excursion entitled *London Theatre* (lookout Europe).

For eight days they will be treated to the sights and sounds

of London and its surrounding areas. Having plenty of time to explore at their own pace as well as some guided 'staples' for any tourist.

The ancient Stonehenge will be visited so that these lucky people might observe the power and mystery first hand. From Stonehenge, at Windsor, they will move on to that "mere pup of a town", Salisbury; after which, they will make their way off the rolling plains back to the bright lights of London.

The evening of the 4th will be the first of two nights of plays scheduled for the near score of folks. As of yet, though, the titles of these plays are still a mystery.

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