Campbell offers college courses at Morrisville National Guard Armory

By Mary Beth Phillips
By day, the soldiers drill at the
National Guard Armory in
Morrisville, practicing weapons
handling, and other military skills.
By night, the drilling is by teachers
who are helping about 150 adults
earn their college degrees under a
program by Campbell University.
Campbell has been a leader in
offering college classes at military
bases, including Camp Lejeune at
Jacksonville and Pope Air Force
Base at Fort Bragg. When they set
up a satellite at the National Guard
Armory—first in Raleigh in the
mid-1980s, and later moved to the
armory at Raleigh-Durham
Airport—most of the students
turned out to be civilians.
"They are young, middle-aged,
senior adults who have not finished
their degrees." said Pat Todd, director of the program. "They are conscientious, ambitious, and very
eager to learn," he added.
The program offers a flexible
schedule of classes with two backto-back two-month terms each
semester, overlapped by a threemonth term. The Spring Semester
schedule will begin Jan. 12. A short
term will be held from Jan. 13 to
March 13, and another short term
between March 24 and May 22.
Meanwhile, a full term will be held
from Jan. 12 through April 27.
Classes are from two to four hours
long, depending on the redit.
Advance registration will be held
Dec. 16-19 at the National Guard
Armory, General walk-in registration will be held from 4 p.m. to 7:30



COLLEGE CADET—Steve Lappe (left), Sgt. First-Class and college student, talks to Pat Todd, the director of Campbell's college classes at Morrisville National Guard Armory. school, if a student takes 12 semester hours or more, he will receive a legislative tuition break of \$725 per semester. That cuts tuition cost in more than half at Campbell's evening program, which charges \$110 per semester hour.

"Some people have a family and a full-time day time job, and are doing it [a full load of classes]," Todd said. "Then they take a break and come back and do it again."

Because of the flexible schedule, a student could take two three-hour courses for the first two-month session and two more courses during the next session and be considered full time. Or they could take one course in each of those sessions and two courses during the longer, overlapping session.

at Morrisville National Guard Armo
p.m. Jan. 7.

Eight students are required to
make a class, but many classes have
as many as 20. Teachers will work
with a student who needs only one
course to graduate, for example, if
the class has not filled up, Todd
added.

Choosing faculty for the courses is
a joy, with all of the universities in
the area, and even many corporate
executives who enjoy teaching,
"Everybody's first love is teaching,"
Todd said. "I have a great pool of
teachers." He also draws permanent
faculty from the main campus in
Bues Creek, south of Raleigh.
Todd is a retired career army man
himself, and taught high school in
Durham for a short time.

Because Campbell is a private

best the requirements for who was business administration at the same time.

"One problem I have is the students want to rush things," Todd said. "I advise them, it takes a full-time student four to five years to complete a degree, and you are going part-time. I try to diminish their concern about time."

The success rate is great. Students may take a break for a year or two but they always come back, Todd said. The completion rate is very high. So far, from the campus at the Armory, about 250 students have received their degrees.

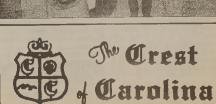
"I get the most pleasure visiting with prospective students who want to finish their college degrees," Todd said. "I can offer them two or three viable options to get their degree, on a varying schedule. It's good to see them jump on it, and you can see them grow, academical-it and intellectually throughout the good to see them jump on a, you can see them grow, academically and intellectually throughout the three to five years here."



Merry Morrisville Christmas

The Town of Morrisville had its community tree lighting on a brisk Dec. 7 evening at the town hall. More than 40 residents and children came out to celebrate the holiday season. Town officials geve some brief remarks before Santa Claus arrived riding a Morrisville Fire Department truck. (Below, left to right) Commissioner Leavy Barbee speaks as former mayor Margaret Broadwell, mayor Gordan Cromwell and commissioner C.T. Moore look on.









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Management or one of our oldest ten-ants," he said. The Health Management Organization has leased about 30,000 square feet in the first Southport building since it

opened in the early 1990s.

The company will lease about 50,000 of the 60,000 square feet available in the new building, and keep about 15,000 square feet of laboratory space in the other building, Adams said.

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The company is moving its administrative offices from Highwoods
Office Park in North Raleigh to
Morrisville, Adams said.



SPECIAL SHOPPERS—Diane and Laura Gove of Preston receive some free ice cream and a balloon from Hilda Graves at the grand opening of the new Harris Teeter supermarket Wednesday, Dec. 10. The store is located in High House Crossing shopping plaza on the corner of High House Road and NC 55.

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