

# Carver Students Get Lessons In Drunk Driving

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The first rule of thumb when taking the driver's seat in the simulator demonstration is to fasten your seat belt. Your computer voice guide takes you through three driving scenarios that show reaction times when the driver is normal, slightly intoxicated and heavily intoxicated.

There's a big difference between each. Reaction times decrease when a driver has alcohol in their body.

The differences definitely shook up Carver High School sophomore Jamika Trannon. During the third demonstration, her reaction time was so slow she almost hit the little boy who jumped out in the street from behind the car to get his ball.

The simulator from the N.C. Highway Safety Exposition proved the point about reaction times to students at Carver on Friday.

"It was scary," Trannon said. "I thought I would hit the boy."

The safety exposition is a one-of-a-kind display that is dedicated solely to highway safety. A 50-foot mobile trailer features a display that contains state-of-the-art animation, robotics, laser-video sound and music with a mission to drive home important information and education about safety belts, air bags, speed, drunk driving and safety features of roadside environment.

Integon Corp. brought the exposition to Winston-Salem because the company thought it would be a good program for the

company's business partner, Mt. Tabor High School. Nigel Alston, vice president of community relations, said the company wanted to expose the exposition to more students and Carver was chosen.

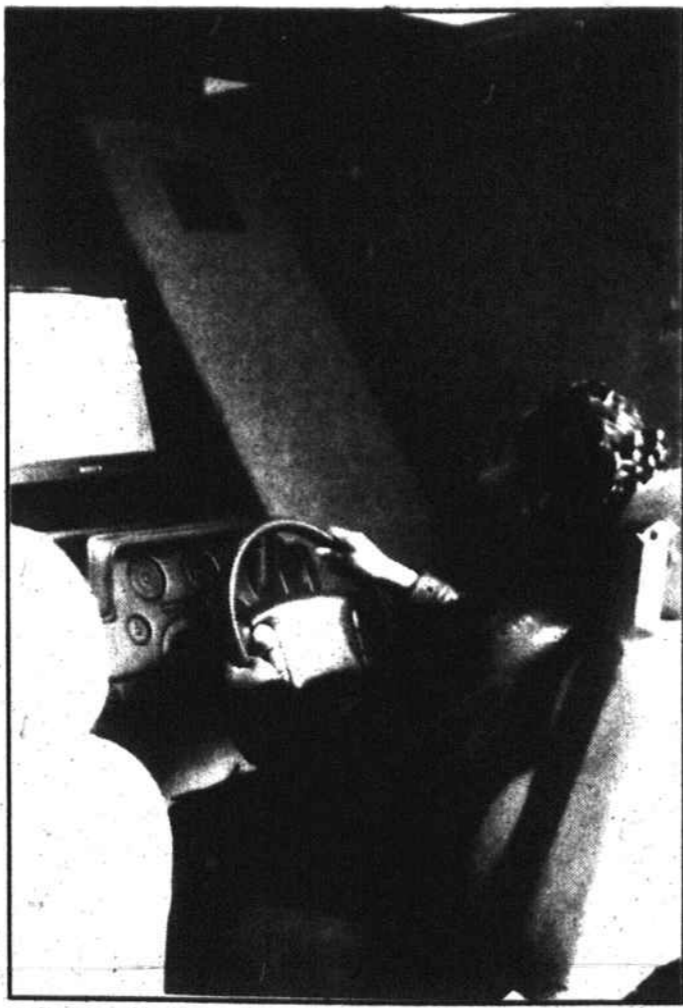
Ginger Amos, advisor to CADDY (Carver Against Drugs and Driving in Youth), said this was the perfect program for the organization. About 70 students participate in CADDY and its message is somewhat different from SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk). SADD's message says if you drink, get a designated driver. CADDY's message preaches complete abstinence.

Jamina Johnson, a junior at Carver, said she joined CADDY because she felt it was her duty.

"I felt it was my responsibility as a student to inform my classmates about drinking and driving.

One of the most recognized programs the group does is It's My Call. Students commit to being drug free and about 88 percent of the student body agree to random drug screening, Amos said.

The organization has won awards from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, MADD, SADD and the Win-



Carver students learn first hand hazards of drunk driving.

ston-Salem Alcohol and Drug Coalition.

Before the simulators, a life-like robot of race car driver Richard Petty begins the show with a talk on the importance of seat belts. He is accompanied by Suzie the seatbelt and Arney the airbag. During his talk, a video screen shows how Petty escaped car-crushing accidents on the race track with minor scrapes by wearing his seat belt. He also talks about safe driving and the hazards of driving while impaired.

# Journalism Student to Study on Capitol Hill

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Holly Stepp decided she wanted to be a journalist while working on the student newspaper at Paisley Middle School.

Her first assignment was to write a story on her English teacher who was retiring. That became her first "clip" and remains in her scrap book.

"Actually, it wasn't a very good story, but everyone kept telling me 'Good job, Holly' and I thought this was something I wanted to do," she said.

Committed to the profession at that point, Stepp continued to work on student publications. She was editor of her high school newspaper at Glenn High School and now is the special assignments editor at the Daily Tar Heel, the student publication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Now with a more focused interest in political reporting, Stepp has been chosen as one of the student to participate in the Politics in Journalism Internship sponsored by the Washington Center for Politics and Journalism. Interns spend a semester on Capitol Hill working with various news agencies and attending seminars to gain experience in political reporting.

Stepp said she decided she wanted to concentrate on political journalism because of the challenge. She added that many



Holly Stepp

journalists are not trained well enough in that particular area and this opportunity will give her experience to be able to dissect issues within government and present them to the readers.

"There's so much garbage and gobble de-gook coming from town hall that the average reader can't understand," she said.

Stepp has also served in other editor positions at the

award-winning Tar Heel. She has been the assistant university editor and was the first black university editor. She was also the first black to run for editor-in-chief for the 101-year-old publication. There are only about eight blacks on the staff of more than 300 and no more than 20 minorities.

On Jan. 30, Stepp will begin her internship with the other six students that were chosen from a pool of about 40. She will receive some academic credit and a stipend of about \$1,500 to be used for housing and other things. Stepp said that's not much, but her parents have really been helpful and she's looking forward to the experience.

As far as her journalism career, Stepp said she would like to work at a daily metropolitan paper, preferably on the east coast no further south than Atlanta.

She is the daughter of Henry Sr. and Vera Stepp of 1011 Treadway Court.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

• You are invited to join the Cub Scouts "Something To Get Into" Recruitment Night, at Kimberly Park Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:00 pm. Guests will be Alderman Nelson Malloy and Coach "Bighouse" Gaines. Refreshments will be served.

• The YWCA invites the public to attend a performance of A Christmas Carol on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 1201 Glade St. Since his first performance at the YWCA in 1989, this one-man performance by Bill Trotman has become a Winston-Salem tradition. Trotman has delighted local audiences by transforming himself into Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the other Dickens' characters.

The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the YWCA. Light refreshments will be served. Seating available on a first-come-first-served basis the night of the performance.

• The Cook Middle School PTA will meet on Thurs., Dec. 15, at 7:30, at Reynolds Auditorium. After a brief business meeting, there will be a Christmas Concert by the band.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

• The historic district is decorated for the Christmas season with the sights, sounds and smells of an old-fashioned holiday from December 1-31. Old Salem Christmas, a special-holiday event with surprises for all ages, is on December 17 from 1-7 pm. For more information and tickets, call (910) 721-7352.

• The Salem Academy Glee Club will present a Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 17 at 11:00 am in Salem Fine Arts Center. The concert will feature 13th-century chant, medieval Latin Christmas carols with harp accompaniment, and traditional carols accompanied by acoustic string instruments. It is directed by Carol Burnett, musical director of the Academy, who will also appear at the Grace United Methodist Church in Greensboro, Sunday, Dec. 4.

### ONGOING

• The High Point Central Family YMCA is in the final week of registering for the 1994-1995 Indoor Soccer League. There are two leagues; open league for 14-29 yrs. and co-ed league for 30 and older men and women 14 and up. All games are held on Saturday beginning Dec. 10. Call YMCA at 869-0151 for more details.

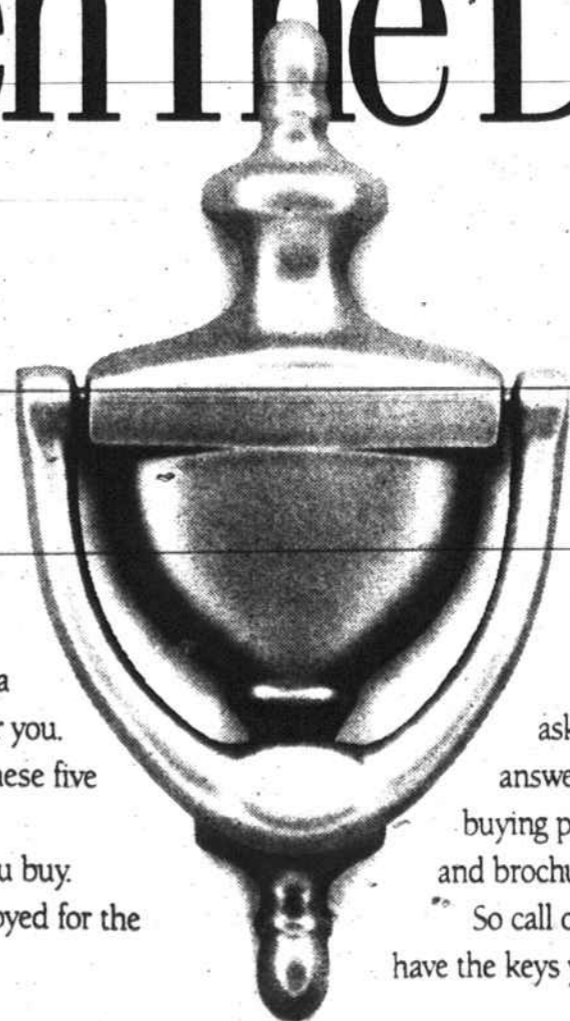
• Seniors of Forsyth County, is this you? "My bank statement and checkbook never seem to match." "I thought I paid that bill." "I paid the doctor so why hasn't my medical insurance paid me?" "I really do not know what my insurance will cover." "If I pay that bill now I will not have money to last until the end of the month."

Help is available through Senior Financial Care. Call 725-1972, for an appointment. We make house calls.

### UPCOMING

• The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will hold auditions for its 10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birth Celebration on Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. Actors, dancers, singer, poets, musicians and other literary artists, along with young talents, are encouraged to auditions. Contact Larry Leon Hamlin at (910) 723-2266.

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