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Trustees uphold religious ties with vote

Non Christians can now be members of religion department, but not board of trustees

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After three years of talks, meetings, surveys, and debates the trustees have finally voted on all three religion issues. The require-

ments for the president and the trustees will remain intact, but non-Christians may now on serve in the department of religion.

It is noted, though, that "special effort shall be made to secure as teachers in the Department of

Religion persons who, in addition to competence in their fields, demonstrate vital Christian faith and unusual teaching gifts."

In making these decisions, the trustees are reaffirming their commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA), as they stated was their goal in their February meeting.

The President of the college must still be, according to the by-

laws, "a loyal church member, giving evidence of strong Christian faith and commitment through affiliation with the Davidson College Presbyterian Church (USA) and active participation in the life of the college church."

Also remaining is the clause that trustees "shall be active members of a Christian Church." Thus, non-Christian alumnae cannot be

eligible to become trustees.

The change in by-laws required a 2/3 vote of those present at the meeting.

President John Kukyendall says the debate came down to "governance on one hand and equity on the other."

Chairman of the Board Craig

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SGA charters and by-laws committee recommends not to renew IVCF charter

BY KIRSTEN RECKNAGEL
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The fate of IVCF's charter was the subject of serious debate at Tuesday's meeting and has not yet been decided. In an announcement that surprised many, it's renewal was not recommended by the Charters and By-laws Committee, although IVCF has existed as a chartered body for the past three years.

Senior Alison Sabel, chair of the committee, explains that the Charters and By-laws Committee declined to recommend renewal of IVCF's charter because in a recent amendment to its constitution, "IVCF states that a practicing homosexual cannot be a leader in that organization." For this reason, she says, the committee felt it possible that IVCF policy violates SGA by-laws and the Davidson College non-discrimination policy.

Within minutes of the meeting, word of the controversy surrounding the SGA's debate about the renewal of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's (IVCF) charter had spread across campus.

Both inside and outside the classroom, students pondered the situation's legal ramifications and

debated the issue in terms of morality. However, throughout the past week, many individuals formed opinions based more on hear-say than on actual circumstance. As is often the case, the true facts of this emotionally charged issue lie beneath an ever-increasing heap of rumors and misinformation.

The agenda for the April 16 SGA meeting included the annual Senate vote on the renewal of charters of those student organizations who had submitted applications for renewal.

According to SGA by-laws, a charter grants three major privileges to a student organization, including official recognition as a Davidson organization and the right to represent Davidson College outside of the college community, the right to apply for funding by the Activities Tax Council, and priority in reserving campus facilities.

Any organization registered through the Office of Student Activities may apply for a charter through the SGA Charters and By-laws Committee by submitting basic information such as the organization's name, current of-

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FINALLY, WE FROLIC!



John Copenhaver

SGA Day was only the beginning to a fun-filled weekend of frolics, free food, formals, and fresh air. Student senators cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers for the campus, the majority of whom flung their large stacks of crunch-week books aside and came to enjoy the sunny day on the Union Patio.

Trustees ban kegs, table hours issue

Purchase of alcohol not discussed, BYOB not necessary

BY BETH BACON
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees voted Friday to support the recommendation of the CCRL and President Kukyendall to ban common containers of alcohol at Davidson College. The new policy will go into effect next fall.

Prior to the vote, the Trustee Council on Campus and Religious Life Committee received two recommendations from the campus based Council on Campus and Religious Life (headed by Dean of Students Tom Shandley). The first recommendation was to ban common containers. The second was

to extend the hours of weekday parties from the current midnight beer shut off and 12:30 a.m. close to 1:30 a.m. shut off and 2 a.m. close.

The Trustee CCRL decided to send the keg issue to the rest of the board, who voted in agreement that they should be banned. However, they decided to table the hours issue until the alcohol policy is more extensively reviewed at the next trustee's meeting in October.

The new alcohol policy is still under construction. As of now, the guidelines that each house can purchase alcohol are still in effect — eliminating the immediate need for BYOB. This means that fraterni-

ties and eating houses will be able to purchase cans.

However, Dean of Students Tom Shandley says, "There's an expectation that we will certainly come back to [the trustees] with a recommendation on quantities allowed for groups who intend to purchase."

There is still much work to be done. Shandley says, "The students who are on the CCRL will do all they can to keep students informed."

SGA President Warren Buford says, "The challenge now is to continue that and come up with a policy that's not going to endanger the success of our current system."



John Copenhaver

Junior Deaver Traywick prepares to give blood in honor of Jack McCarthy, son of Political Science Professor Susan Roberts and Director of Development Kevin McCarthy. A well-attended prayer service was held Friday at DCPC while the two year-old received chemotherapy for his leukemia in Charlotte.

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From PhD. to professor: how faculty are hired

BY NARESH NAGELLA AND
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Becoming a professor is no easy feat.

As Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Williams notes "The applicants are clearly entering a buyer's market." He says, "It is not uncommon to have more than a hundred applicants for each position."

After this step, resumes and applications are evaluated and the group is reduced to about 20 qualified applicants.

Dean Williams says, "We hire a new professor on the assumption they are tenurable and that they have or will receive the terminable degree in their field. But, the emphasis is on excellence in teaching." Still, Dean Williams admits, "It is hard to identify that great spark of teaching."

For that reason Davidson ensures students are involved in the process. With Dean Williams, a committee reduces the applicant to a handful. Generally three applicants are invited to campus to talk with students and actually teach a class. Dean Williams states, "It is critical for students to be involved in a hiring choice."

All majors in the department meet with a prospective professor. The candidates usually come

from Top 15 schools in their field and are often liberal arts college graduates.

Most of the offers in the past 10 years have been accepted. Professors are originally hired for a two year contract and their performance is reviewed at that time.

They are eligible for tenure after six years of employment.

Dean Williams says, "We do a lot of orientation with new professors. Department chairs are a key

point of contact with all new faculty." That system may explain the relative uniformity in standards and expectations of Davidson faculty.

Faculty also receive help in moving and relocation expenses before coming to the college.

They are provided with some fringe benefits in terms of housing, insurance, and tuition breaks for their children to attend Davidson for free or up to \$12,912 per year for another college.

Six seniors will JET to Japan next year

BY LAURA ALLEN
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Six adventurous Davidson students have recently been selected to participate in the JET program, through which they will spend a year in Japan teaching English to Japanese students.

Seniors Samantha Hodges, Mark McGuire, Katie McKelvie, Lillian Rowe, Heddy Moolenaar, and Bobby Ramsay, along with Scott Lenhart '95 will all be working as assistant language teachers in Japanese schools, teaching students whose ages range anywhere from elementary to high school.

Mark McGuire says that although they have not received their specific assignments yet, he looks forward to helping the students learn not only the English language, but also the American culture.

Samantha Hodges has long been interested in participating in this program. "My brother and his friends went on this program," she says, "and so I had spoken to them about it before I even came to Davidson." Even though Hodges

does not know any Japanese, she says she is "pretty excited about studying Japanese very intensely."

Katie McKelvie says, "I want to go somewhere rural and warm. I'd like to teach younger kids English, basically by playing games with them like Hangman."

"I really want to learn Japanese and travel a lot, like to the Great Wall of China at Christmas," says Heddy Moolenaar. She wants to teach older kids and says that she "would still play games with them, and judge language contests."

"I applied on a whim and during the interview process I became more and more excited at this kind of an opportunity. I didn't know if I wanted to spend a year of my life that far away from home but then I thought, it's only a year," says Robert Ramsay. "They were very mean in the interview."

Some members of the group will leave in late July, and some will leave in August. Once they arrive they will go through orientation in Tokyo.

HABITAT UPDATE



Students who haven't been out to the Habitat site recently might be surprised at the progress that has been made. The complete frame is now up, and construction is still in full gear. Dedicated students, faculty, staff, and community members have been working hard in the Spring heat to build the house for the Jettons, which is scheduled to be finished next September. Weather has prevented Habitat from completing the house this year, but the extension will give the class of 2000 a chance to work on the house as well. For information, call Catherine Turner at -2460.

SAE



Josh Glazer

Sigma Alpha Epsilon poses for their annual book drive picture. They give five shelves of books to the library a year.

"Burly Bear Network" on DCTV

BRAD D. CHASE
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Davidson College Television, cable channel 14, launched a new program this week.

Known as the "Burly Bear Network", the show airs weekdays at noon and 10 p.m. It can also be viewed on Saturday and Sunday at noon.

The Burly Bear Network is a national network that covers ap-

proximately 300 colleges and universities. Including the show "Half Baked" which covers cooking, and "Larry's Lounge", a music show similar to MTV's Documentaries.

John Blake, Manager of DC-TV is optimistic about the addition of Burly Bear Network. "This is the only programming that I know of that is strictly aimed at college students."

Blake also explained that DC-TV currently receives two hours of

programming a week from CMV, College Music Videos, which is also similar to MTV programming, with specific emphasis on college students.

DC-TV plans to add up to an hour and half of its own programming for many years.

"We realize that the average student doesn't have a lot of time to watch TV, that's why we are trying to get quality programming for them." Blake added.

Ties

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Wall, Jr. insists the debate was not one sided. "There were strong arguments on both sides of the coin," he says.

He emphasizes the importance that "Davidson college be a church related institution, and the chief officer be affiliated with the Presbyterian church in order to establish the foundation and the core of the message we wish to extend. The board establishes policy and elects this chief executive officer."

Ben Barker of Chapel Hill, chairman of the trustee Ad-Hoc Committee on Church Relations, says the decision is in line with the commitment to Presbyterian Church (USA) that the trustees made in February.

"From the outset, the board not only wanted to reaffirm the ties but strengthen them," he says, "so how do you express that symbolically? I believe that these votes reflect that. We really believe that the trustees need to be Christians at this point in our history."

When asked how a non-Christian student should react to the decision, Trustee Secretary Larry Dagenhart notes that their frustration would be "understandable," but he would hope that they would understand that "this is the way that it is in the system of gover-

nance." He emphasizes that the decisions of the trustees do not "put down" other religious beliefs.

In *The Charlotte Observer* Saturday, an article by Ken Garfield on the trustee's decision claims that "Davidson dug in its heels Friday against secularization."

However, Wall, Barker, and Dagenhart say that this is not the reasoning behind the decision. Dagenhart claims that the trustees recognize gradual secularization of society and believe that Davidson should retain its character.

All three, though, say that this "is not why" the decision was made.

Members of the Davidson community have mixed viewpoints on the decision.

Some see it as a reflection of the purpose of the college, while others see it as contradictory to the diversity that it seeks.

While studying for a test, Juniors Jay Hinton, Mary Morehead, and Arun Thomas discuss the issue.

Hinton feels the school "should be able to determine it's administration."

Morehead looks for a compromise. "If you want to maintain diversity," she says, "it would make sense to have maybe a certain percentage be able to be non-Christian."

However, Thomas sees logic in the decision. "If the school wants to keep a Christian reputation, it

would make sense that the trustees and the president uphold that."

Study-breakers in the Union seem to have more definite views. Senior Rick Onkey, SGA Senior Senator, says he thinks "it is important that the president is supportive of a relationship [to the church], but I don't think [he or she] has to be Presbyterian to do that. For the same reason I think [the trustee decision] is bad. There are plenty of qualified alumnae who are qualified to be trustees."

Junior Katie Wells agrees. "It would disturb me if they turned someone away for his or her religious beliefs."

Junior Greg Garrison, who works with the Christian affiliated organization Young Life and describes himself as a "self-proclaimed born again Christian" believes that the trustee decision was not based on the right principles.

"Since many of Davidson's decisions seem to be based more on educational trends than Scripture or Biblical Christianity, it seems problematic to me that we require our trustees to be Christians," he says. "However, as long as Davidson is affiliated with the church I do believe that the President should be a Christian since he or she is a figurehead."

Chaplain Rob Spach supports the decision regarding the religion department. "I felt like there was a need for the change," he says.