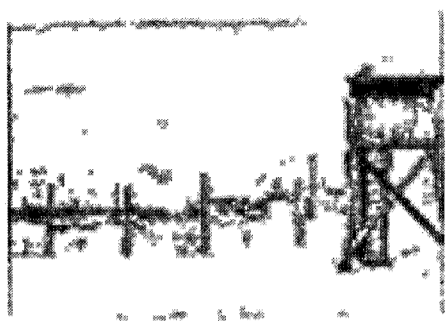


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1956 are heard throughout the Middle East today.

She quoted a Tunisian friend who said that "America is not identified with freedom but the worst Muslim regimes, like Saudi



GULAG

ANNE APPLEBAUM

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Applebaum's latest book, "Gulag."

Arabia."

In serving national interests for oil, she said, America supports totalitarian regimes and becomes associated with these regimes in the hearts and minds of the people.

Yet she tempered her liberal views of foreign policy with the assurance that she believes that America is truly trying to do good in the world by introducing democracy and that this attempt to make the world safer in order to protect America is an important and necessary issue.

"I love this American enthusiasm," she

said, "and I don't really want it to change."

Finally, Applebaum warned against declaring recently-toppled regimes democracies since conditions are usually worse following the change in government, often sending a negative message to observers.

The people of modern Iraq, she said, associate "democracy" with worse conditions than the previous government, just as the people of Russia after the collapse of the

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Soviet Union.

Applebaum serves on the editorial board of the Washington Post after a colorful career in journalism that began when she was the Polish correspondent in Warsaw for The Economist just before the collapse of the Communist regime.

Her most recent book, "Gulag: A History," narrates the history of Soviet concentration camps. Applebaum won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for the work.

She also worked for The Spectator and has contributed articles and columns to The Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Telegraph and The Evening Standard.

Applebaum's first book, "Between East and West: Across the Borderlands of Europe," was a study on Lithuania, Ukraine and Belarus, and their search for independence.

Some students were surprised by Applebaum's talk.

"I was expecting her to be less conservative," Ayesha Omer '09 said. "Going in, I expected harsher criticism of Bush, the war in Iraq and all that."

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reach their fullest potential as the benefits such as the opportunity to network with a variety of women are strong."

It is unlikely AKA's arrival on campus will cause chapters of other sororities to come to campus as well.

However, according to McPherson, if students do want to bring another sorority to campus, they might have a chance to achieve

their goal.

"If you have your stuff together as these women did, I don't think anyone should be discouraged but I don't know that this organization coming on has opened the gates for others to come on," McPherson said.

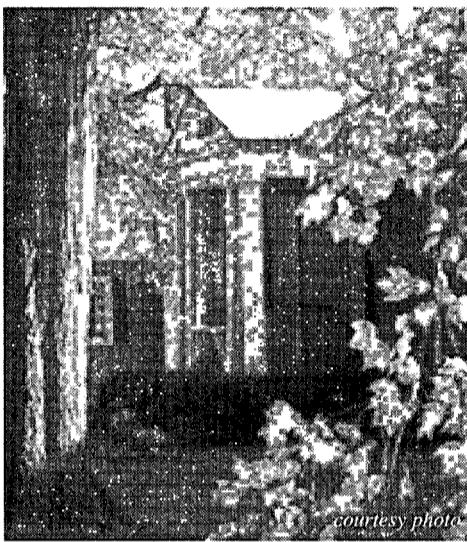
When can Davidson expect to see the new sorority?

"It's completely out of our court at this point," McPherson said. "It's up to AKA to make their move."

Rusk tops list of eating house and fraternity GPAs

By MONICA JAMOUNEAU
News Editor

On Jan. 15, in the first meeting of Patterson Court Council this semester, the grade point averages of each eating house and fraternity at Davidson were announced



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PCC GPAs were released on Jan. 15.

to PCC representatives.

The organization with the best overall GPA was Rusk House, with a 3.36.

The fraternity with the highest score was Phi Gamma Delta, with a 3.29.

Three eating houses, including Rusk, Turner House (3.35) and Warner House (3.32), placed higher than all of the fraternities and the remaining eating house.

Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.24), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (3.12), Connor House (3.11), Pi Kappa Alpha (3.09) and Phi Delta Theta (3.00) all also scored above the 3.0 mark.

Only two Patterson Court organizations, Kappa Sigma (2.93) and Alpha Phi Alpha (2.59) fell below that mark.

The eating houses overall scored an average of 3.29.

All female students enrolled at Davidson averaged a 3.23.

Together, the fraternities scored a 3.04, and all males overall scored a 3.07.

The average GPA at the College for both sexes and without regard to social affiliation was 3.15.

The overall Patterson Court average was higher, at 3.21.

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