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Committee evaluates Honor Code

Students question the code's effectiveness and prevalence on campus

By SARAH TEACHWORTH
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In recent months, members of the Davidson College community have voiced concern about the effectiveness of the Honor Code. The ad hoc committee that was formed last fall to evaluate the system as a whole reported its findings to the SGA last Tuesday.

The Mission

Former SGA President Eric Rosenbach orchestrated the formation of the committee last October. He planned for the group to consist of both SGA and Honor Council members.

With this in mind, he appointed Sophomore Class President Warren Buford and Honor Council Chairman Arthur Gaston

to co-chair the committee. Additional members of the SGA and Honor Council were appointed to the committee, as well as two members of the student body at large. Together, they set out not only to evaluate the effectiveness of the Honor System but to identify and recommend solutions for its weaknesses.

According to the committee's

report, the "investigation makes no claim to being a scientific study, nor did we intend it to be." Instead, they chose to gather individual opinions informally from students, faculty, and staff.

Over a five month period, the committee met approximately every two or three weeks to share and compare their findings with each other. They then compiled their

information into a six page report and distributed it at the March 21 SGA meeting.

Gaston says, "I'm very pleased with our results. I think we did what we set out to do. We wanted in-depth responses, and that's what we got."

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Patterson Court Series

What do the faculty really think?

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
News Editor

Some students say that many professors would like to see Patterson Court eliminated. Is this true? Each professor has a different opinion.

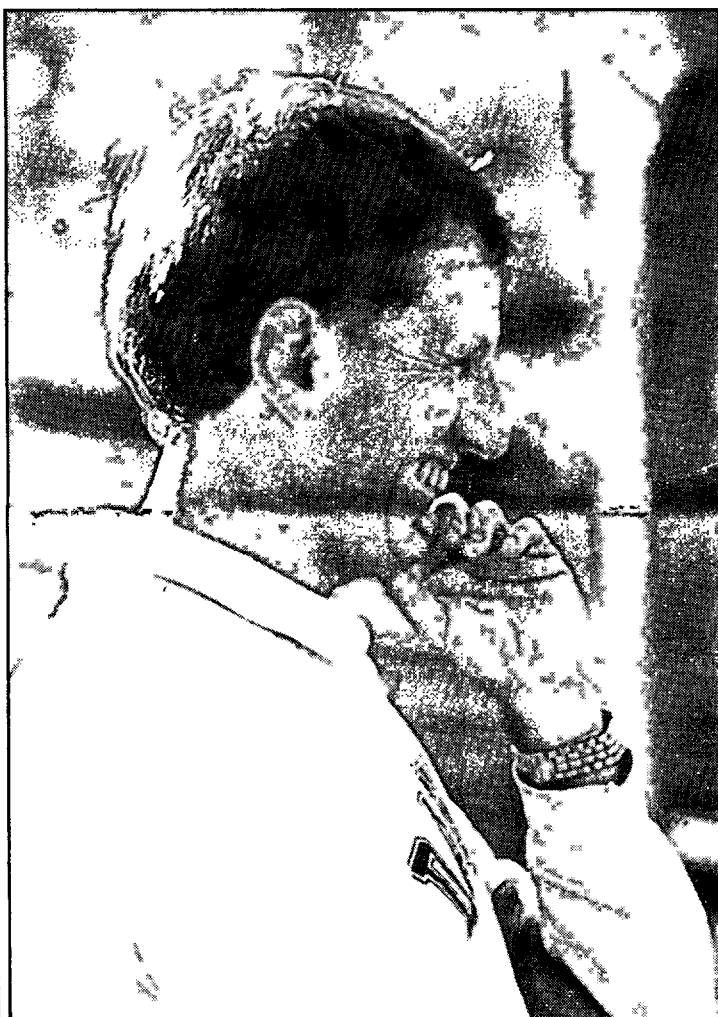
"There are wonderful people in and out of the houses," says History Professor Ralph Levering. "I tend to judge people individually."

"The extent to which Patterson Court is a dominant force on campus seems to be a matter of some concern," says History Professor John Wertheimer. "I hear about service and that seems good, and I hear about abuses and that does not seem good. In the classroom I treat people individually. I would not shed one tear if the whole thing fell apart, but I don't shed many tears now. It doesn't really matter to me."

"The dominance of Patterson

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SMILING JEFF



Rob Kosicki

Men's tennis coach Jeff Frank was all smiles after earning his 400th career win. The milestone came Saturday in a match against Charleston Southern. Frank's 401st victory came the same day over Belmont Abbey. For more, see page 14.

Cops cause racial debate

"This incident is just one more case of harrassment of African-Americans on this campus."

By JENNIFER KERNS
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Nearly a month ago on a Saturday night, Davidson College police approached a suspicious vehicle driving around five miles per hour. The car was parking at the gate of the Physical Plant, a no parking area. The incident occurred at 2 a.m. after the police had been called to handle a dispute at KA.

According to Campus Police, the driver got out, and the officer ran a check on the car. The officer then told the driver to park at Baker and accompanied him and his passenger to the Baker parking lot.

Normally, according to police procedure, the driver will be told why he or she has been stopped. Officer David Harding says he planned to tell the driver why as he drove him to his destination, but the man decided to walk to the

dorm, where a Davidson student friend waited for him.

Because the driver was African-American, some students believe that the incident was race-related. "This incident is just one more case of harassment of African-Americans on this campus," one student says.

To discuss this issue, campus police met Sunday, March 19 with the Black Student Coalition. One member, who asked not to be named, says "[The police] are just doing their job to protect the student body."

Policeman Rick Moore says, "At the beginning, there was a lot of frustration on both sides. But after we talked awhile, I think basically everyone agreed with us. We talked about their concerns and explained why we stop cars. I think it ended well. We have met

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NOW activist arrested

By AMY WHITMIRE
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President of the National Organization for Women Patricia Ireland, who will speak at Davidson on Tuesday, was arrested in Washington Thursday while protesting the welfare reform proposals set forth by Republicans.

According to the *Charlotte Observer* and the *New York Times*, the police handcuffed Ireland and led her away from the protest she

staged with about 40 other women, shouting, "Stop the war on women!" The welfare reform plan passed on Friday.

Ireland will speak at Davidson on "Violence Against Women" in an effort to rally support for the National Organization of Women's upcoming conference in April in Washington, D.C.

Ireland plans to emphasize recent events that exemplify types of violence against women, and her speech includes topics such as violence against women seeking

abortions and the O.J. Simpson case in a rally for victims of domestic violence.

NOW is one of the most influential feminist groups in the country. The Speakers Committee and the Women's Issues Committee bring Ireland to Davidson as a part of the Women's Month activities. She will speak in Love Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

"As far as we know, she is still coming to Davidson," says Letitia Campbell, Chair of Women's Month.



Sybil Tate

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