

# NEWS BRIEFS

## SGA selects student marshalls to participate in convocation

Last Wednesday members of the Student Government Association selected three sophomores and three juniors to serve as Student Marshalls during convocation next Friday morning. The Student Marshalls include:

### Sophomore Student Marshalls:

Fahd Gul  
Clara Mark  
Grace Robinson

### Junior Student Marshalls:

Anne Ford  
Dan Guill  
Rhonda Rowell

The above individuals were selected from among a list of students nominated by SGA senators.

According to SGA Minutes from the October 8 meeting, "The position of Student Marshalls will be used to recognize students who excel in many areas but who are not generally publicly commended for their achievements."

## Religion and Politics Forum features variety of panelists

The Campus Forum Committee and the Office of the Chaplain will sponsor a Religion and Politics forum on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the 900 Room. The forum will feature panelists representing the Christian Coalition, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Bread for the World, and African-American Muslim Nasif Majeed. Davidson College President John Kuykendall will speak as well. Davidson Political Science Professor Tom Kazee will moderate the event.

## Ada Jenkins Center will host "Safe Night Halloween"

The Davidson Elementary PTA and Davidson Parks and Recreation will sponsor Safe Night Halloween on October 31 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Ada Jenkins Center and features free dinner, games and prizes, music, and a haunted house.

## Does Thanksgiving Break seem too far away?

Get in the holiday spirit (and support a great cause) with a home cooked

**PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER  
to benefit the  
DAVIDSON-CORNELIUS DAYCARE CENTER**

Pick up your traditional turkey dinner with ALL the fixings (dressing, vegetables, pie, etc.)

**Sunday, November 3rd  
11:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m.  
at the Davidson-Cornelius Daycare Center  
242 Gamble Street**

**Tickets \$7.00  
available in advance from Dr. Vivien Dietz,  
Chambers 134  
or at the door (while supplies last)**

## In focus ... NEW PROFESSORS

### Mark Byrnes: knowing students as people too

By ELIZABETH BLACKBURN  
Staff Writer

"The students in my classes are more than just a name on a blue



book. I know who they are as people as well as students," says Davidson's new History Professor Mark Byrnes.

The atmosphere of Davidson came as no surprise to Byrnes after attending an undergraduate school very similar in size.

After college, Byrnes departed

from the comforts of a small school setting and attended University of Texas at Austin, where he found himself in a lecture hall with 500 other students.

Byrnes taught at a local community college in 1989 while he attended graduate school and has been teaching continuously since the spring of 1993.

Last year, Byrnes taught at Dickenson College in Pennsylvania. He will be teaching at Davidson for the Fall and Spring Semesters while Professor Ralph Levering is on sabbatical.

Byrnes is currently teaching *U.S. History since 1877* and *U.S. Foreign Policy since WWII*.

Byrnes has harbored a strong interest in history since he was young.

His parents instilled in him a deep sense of history through activities such as trips to the historical sights of his country.

"I have loved history through grade school, high school and college — teaching seemed to be the natural progression of love," Byrnes says.

After Davidson, Byrnes hopes to continue teaching at a place similar in size and atmosphere.

He says, "Davidson has a collegial atmosphere, where faculty and students are friendly. Davidson is ideal."

## Students visit AIDS quilt in D.C.

By JONATHON WILLIAMS  
Guest Writer

During Fall Break, 26 Davidson students traveled to Washington, D.C., to volunteer at the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Led by Sherry Malushizky, Georgia Ringle, and Catherine Turner, Davidson's students added to the force of 10,000 volunteers from around the country.

Our duties as volunteers varied greatly. While some of us guided visitors to specific quilts of loved ones, others kept watch over assigned areas to insure that those grieving could do so undisturbed. Other volunteers worked the public information tents or souvenir sales areas. Each morning during our stay, we assisted 1,200 volunteers in ceremonially unfolding the Quilt, made of 1,920 panels. Each night, the entire 45 tons of fabric were refolded and stored.

The Davidson student volunteers also participated in the candlelight march that began at the Capitol Building and ended at the Lincoln Memorial. At the end of this march, supporters of the Quilt gath-

ered to hear many note-worthy speakers, including Elizabeth Taylor, discuss the future of AIDS in America.

In October of 1987, a group of 90 volunteers unveiled the first showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Although 40 of the original 90 Names Project volunteers have since died of AIDS, hundreds have risen in their places to educate the uninformed, comfort the sick, and demand an effective, compassionate response from people and government.

Presently, the Quilt represents only about one in ten AIDS deaths in the country, as it did that day in 1987. The quilt we saw on Fall Break — all 40,000 panels — covered the entire National Mall. Quilts, sewn together to create 24' x 24' squares of fabric, created a grid that stretched from the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building to the base of the Washington Monument.

Parts of the Quilt visit Davidson in 1994 and were displayed in Johnston Gym.



Visitors to the AIDS quilt on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

## Bakers give gift for Life Sciences Building

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continue to place a severe strain on existing facilities that barely meet contemporary safety standards. To continue to attract students of the highest caliber, the College must offer facilities that match the quality of teaching and research already on campus.

The Watson Life Sciences Building, named for Carolyn Watson and her husband, the late Wayne M. Watson of Atlanta, Georgia, will be constructed directly in front of the Dana building; an esplanade will join the two structures. The new 32,000-square foot building will house the departments of biology and psychology in a configuration conducive to laboratory-based instruction and interdepartmental cooperation. The Bakers' gift brings the total fund-raising for the \$12 million project to

\$8.5 million in gifts and pledges. With nearly \$6 million already in hand, there is a total of \$3.5 million remaining.

Although not a Davidson alum, Dr. Lenox Baker, Sr., served the Wildcats football program as team physician for several seasons while his older son, Robert, attended Davidson in the late 1950s.

Before his death last year, Dr. James Watt, '31, Frances Baker's father, had served Davidson's Medical Humanities concentration for several years by participating in the Healthcare Professionals-In-Residence Program as a featured lecturer and mentor.

The Baker and Watt families have a long association with Davidson College, stretching back to 1897 when Frances Baker's grandfather was a freshman in the Class of 1901.

Since then, the two families have produced 20 Davidson gradu-

ates and 15 doctors, representing nearly four generations of Watson physicians in each family.

The Drs. Baker have continued the family tradition and are parents of Margaret Watt Baker, a graduate in the Class of 1993, the most recent member of Baker-Watt families to graduate from Davidson.

In addition to Margaret, Bakers have three other daughters: Sarah Flowers, Carol Lenox, and Katherine Dial Baker.

In announcing their gift, Kuykendall described the Bakers' generosity as "overwhelming." The entire Davidson College family rejoicing over this wonderful gift. Their well-respected standing in the medical community and their leadership in this Life Sciences Campaign will provide the impetus we need just now to complete the fund-raising for this most timely—and necessary—project.



Senior Lora Maxwell award. She is a woman — a Davidson student.

## Campus communication

By STEPHEN C. ...  
Staff Writer

Campus police ...  
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Calls received by agency call boxes now automatic cellular phone campus police police request p handled by

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## Forum Tuesday

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## NATIVE

Poetry Reading Native American Night at Johnston Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. In the Outdoors Sponsored by

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