

BRIEFLY

President Vagt, Dean Shandley to host second forum on student social life

This Wednesday, January 23 at 9pm in Chambers Gallery, President Bobby Vagt and Dean of Students Tom Shandley will be hosting a follow-up to the November forum on social life at Davidson. All students are encouraged to attend with ideas on how to change or improve the college's social scene.

Taiwanese diplomat to speak

Taiwan's top-ranking diplomat in this country, Representative C.J. Chen, will speak at Davidson College on Thursday, January 24, about "Taiwan and its Relations with the US and Mainland China." The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room.

Local theatre group to present children's show, *Sleeping Beauty*

Davidson College students and the Davidson Community Players will jointly present *Sleeping Beauty*, a winter show for young children and their families. Theatre professor emeritus Rupert Barber will direct the production. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 27. General admission tickets are \$4 for adults, and \$3 for children. Call 704-894-2361 for more information.

Congressman from Guam to address international relations and strategy

Representative Robert Underwood, Congressman from Guam, will speak at Davidson College on Thursday, January 28. His talk on U.S. relations with freely associated states and U.S. military strategy in the Asia Pacific region will begin at 4 p.m. in the C. Shaw Smith 900 Room.

Brazilian Guitar Quartet to perform

The Brazilian Guitar Quartet will perform in the new Duke Family Performance Hall on Monday, Jan. 28. The Quartet is made up of four of Brazil's most brilliant guitarists. The Concert Series performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$10 for non-Davidson students. Call 704/894-2135 for ticket information.

Drug counselor will speak on dangers of abusing "club drugs"

Alcohol/drug counselor Bob Gordon will give a talk on Tuesday, Jan. 29, entitled "Club Drugs—The Truth About the Party Scene." Gordon will shed light on the increased use and abuse of so-called "club drugs" that have surfaced in recent years as acceptable and popular for college-aged students. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in Chambers Gallery.

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ship," he pays meal dues and is allowed to eat at the house and attend parties. A chapter's ritual functions, however, are reserved only for "those deemed worthy by the bid process," said Swansborough. Social members may not participate in ritual functions, but they are still allowed to participate in Greek life.

While the fraternity aspect of Court life is more exclusive than the eating house system, the social member option ensures that any male interested in the Court may participate.

College, local community join to celebrate Martin Luther King Day

By ROLAND F. FOSS
Staff Writer

With unquestionably the longest program of events and the largest and most diverse turnout, Davidson College celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mr. Ernest Jeffries, Assistant Dean of Students and chairman of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Committee, who organized the events, felt that the commemoration came together "exactly as we hope and prayed."

For the first time, all—faculty, students, and staff—were able to participate in a program that included movie presentations, prayer, food, Gospel music, and speeches. President Robert Vagt assured this writer that this year's celebration was different because it "made it possible for so many people to be here," and also—remarkable on the use of the Duke Family Performance Hall—because a new facility was utilized for the occasion.

The two-day remembrance and celebration of the life of Dr. King started on Sunday with a "Gospel Explosion" of music that included the Davidson College Gospel Choir. The following morning Rev. Chiffie Tumblin of Davidson's Gethsemane Baptist Church gave a talk at a Unity Prayer Breakfast in Vail Commons.

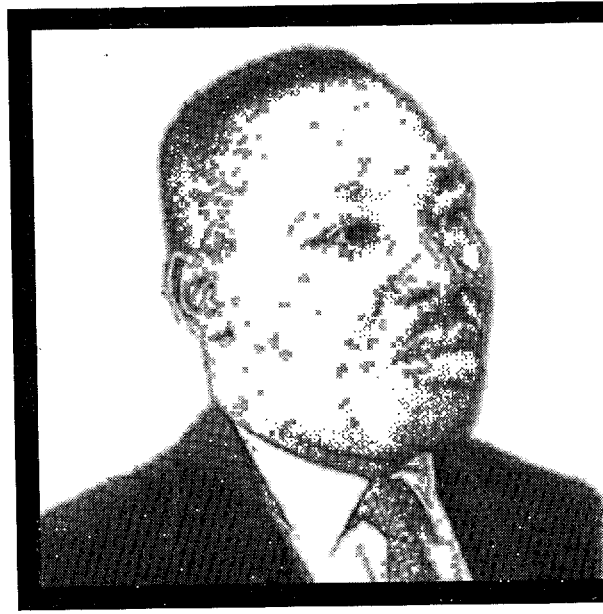
Later on Monday morning was the King Day for Kids, where talks were given amongst the children concerning multiculturalism and the civil rights movement.

Perhaps the highlight of the holiday came at midday, when at least a couple hundred packed the new Duke Family Performance Hall to pray, to listen, and to stomp their feet and clap their hands.

Rev. Charles White, Director of the seven-State Region 5 of the NAACP, gave a rousing talk, emphasizing that Dr. King was much more than simply a civil rights activist—at heart he was a "deep thinker" who was committed to such things as nuclear disarmament and global peace. He also implored the audience not to forget about the "third dimension," reminding us to revel in God's creation—not only man's.

Following Rev. White was the six-person

After a lunch in the Union, a civil rights-themed film was shown in Room 302 of the Union. At the same time, Mr. John Dover, Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, talked about "Applying the Dream: Dealing with Multiculturalism on College Campuses." The theme of this presentation was: "How would your life change if you were of a different race/culture?" Keeping this in mind, Mr. Dover presented several vignettes and a film, culminating in a group workshop



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ronica & The Mighty Blazing Stars, who thoroughly entertained the audience with their emotional and electric music. At one point, half the audience was standing and clapping along.

Mr. Thomas Shandley, Dean of Students, thought that the holiday ought to be one in which the "whole community celebrates, because the life and mission of Martin Luther King changed all of our lives for the better." Indeed, throughout the two days, and especially during the convocation in Duke Hall it seemed that community representation was very strong.

and discussion.

Meanwhile, Dr. Karl Plank, Chair of the Religion Department, spoke on "Praying with One's Feet: Abraham Joshua Heschel, Martin Luther King, and the Pursuit of Civil Rights."

A worship service in Love Auditorium marked the end of the celebration.

As became clear throughout the day: "On this great day we honor one, but we also celebrate the lives of many." Joey Harris '02, President of the SGA remarked.

Weeknight parties can go on to 2 a.m.

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standard referred to residence hall life specifically."

To correct the enforcement of the new policy, McKelvey notes that he has "pointed out the distinction of Patterson Court houses regarding quiet hours to my staff."

Officers now distinguish between Patterson Court and the rest of campus in their enforcement of quiet hours and have adopted new policy and procedure when responding to noise complaints. Now, after receiving a complaint, "an officer is dispatched to the area where the noise is reported to be originating from to determine the level and have it turned down. If the officer is dispatched on a second complaint and it is found that the volume had

been turned back up, the source of the noise is shut off," noted McKelvey.

"When they receive a noise complaint officers agree with the house on the noise level and will respond with another complaint. If the noise level has been noticeably turned up since last time the party will be shut down," said Patterson.

Now parties can last indefinitely if houses abide by policy by maintaining a decent noise level and turning down music when asked. The key is the avoidance of noise complaints.

Patterson noted three benefits from this new system. "People can now stay out as long as possible, a better relationship between officers and the Court is possible, and the court can demonstrate more responsibility in general."

Students are reminded that the new policy applies only to unregistered parties and that registered parties on the weekend still must end at 2 a.m.

The new system has now been in progress for a few weeks and worked well last semester. Now, police only get involved when asked by complaints and thus will no longer shut down weeknight, unregistered parties early and with no warning.

According to McKelvey, "the campus police are hoping for the cooperation of student organizations in assuring that, after notice is given that noise levels are excessive, the volume is turned down to an acceptable level and remains there." So far, "there have not been any further problems or misunderstandings since the initial incident was reviewed."

Patterson Court houses elect new presidents for 2002

The following is a list of newly-elected 2002 Patterson Court house Presidents

Elected Spring 2002

President, Connor - Shannon Bishop
President, Kappa Alpha - Graham Watson
President, Sigma Alpha Epsilon - Jason Howard

President, Phi Delta Theta - Jordan Case
President, Phi Gamma Delta - Ryan Kinney
President, Warner Hall - Maryanne Warner

Elected Fall 2001

Grand Master, Kappa Sigma - Geoff King
President, Rusk - Alyssa Sinclair
President, Pi Kappa Alpha - Umar Haider

President, Turner - Patten Priestley
President, CoHo - Ian Willoughby
President, Sigma Phi Epsilon - Jimmy Swansborough