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Students watching last Thursday's NCAA game between Davidson and Maryland in Commons react to a Davidson play.

Outpost will open on Thursday night

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The Outpost, the new version of Davidson's late-night café, will open this Thursday after a one-week delay due to complications with its water heater.

The Outpost's original opening was scheduled for last Wednesday.

However, Mecklenburg County health officials denied the café's permit application due to the faulty water heater.

Auxiliary Services has since replaced the heater, and the Health Department approved the permit yesterday.

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Several students attended the "soft opening" of the Outpost.

Future students will graduate from Davidson debt-free

BY SUMMERLEE WALTER
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In an effort to make a Davidson education available to all qualified students regardless of their financial backgrounds, the College announced Monday that it will eliminate loans from its financial aid packages; theoretically all students will now be able to graduate from Davidson debt-free.

The change is designed to allow all accepted students to decide whether or not they want to attend

Davidson without concern for their families' finances.

"You might say I don't want to go to Davidson, I want to go to Oberlin, but not because it's going to put a burden on your family or on you," President Bobby Vagt explained.

The College has met each student's demonstrated financial need through a combination of loans, grants and work-study employment since the 1950s, but, under the new system, financial aid packages will

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Bosom Buddies raises \$20,500 for breast cancer awareness

BY KATE GILLESPIE
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Connor House's eighth annual Bosom Buddies dinner and auction last Friday raised over \$20,500 for Friends for an Earlier Breast Cancer Test, a Greensboro-based organization dedicated to the early detection of breast cancer.

Connor's service chairs Merab Faulkner '07 and Emily Moser '07 planned the event with the help of house members.

The event, which was held in the Lilly Family Gallery, featured food from area restaurants including the Prickly Pear, Tim Schafer's at Lake Norman and Joel's Asian Grille.

A silent auction featured items such as tickets to Charlotte Bobcats and Knights games and a 10-pound chocolate bar.

The live auction portion of the event offered bidders vacation homes in Colorado; the Florida Keys; Montreat and Navarre, Florida.

Martha Kaley, the founder of Friends for an Earlier Breast Cancer Test, and Tammy Greyshock, the founder of Laugh for the Cure, spoke at the event.

Both women were recognized as Yoplait Champions in 2006 for their "extraordinary efforts in the fight against breast cancer in and around their communities."

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Laura Fontaine '09 and Steve Kaliski '07 rehearse in the Lilly Family Gallery for their Performing Shakespeare course.

GSA hosts transgender reverend

BY WILLIAM CANFIELD HUDSON
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Elise Elrod, a transgendered Baptist reverend, delivered a well-attended lecture on gender identity and discrimination last Wednesday in Duke Performance Hall. The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) hosted the event.

Elrod, the author "IYQYQR," is a transgendered woman, who began life as a man.

Elrod traced her story through family pictures, medical reports, police statements and hate letters.

Diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder (GID), Elrod describes herself as "a woman born in a man's body" and cites reconstructive surgery as the only permanent solution.

Elrod spoke highly of her wife Joni; to whom she has been married since "just 30 days after high school."

Elrod, who married while still in a man's body, finally related her inner torment to her wife after more than 30 years of marriage.

Elrod described her intense relief when Joni responded warmly, "Well do we need to go shopping?"

The two have three children and three grandchildren and plan to stay married.

Elrod explained that she has always been essentially asexual, insofar as others' bodies do not directly stimulate sexual attraction, but that the "the equipment works," making children possible.

Elrod concluded with an audio clip from her sermon titled "I'm Not Passing Now" delivered on July 11, 2006, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta—Dr. Martin Luther King's former church.

In the sermon, Elrod compares transgender discrimination to racial discrimination and calls for greater awareness and activism.

She also provided audience members with examples of hate letters she has received over the years.

"Institutionally, Davidson College still has far to go before total acceptance is the norm," President of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) Sami Jarrah '07 said. "Davidson

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