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## Davidsonian Exclusive

### Vagt approves sorority, increases impromptu limit

President Bobby Vagt responded this week to two proposals passed by the Committee on Campus and Religious Life (CCRL) last semester.

Vagt affirmed CCRL's recommendation to bring a historically black sorority to Davidson and agreed to allow Patterson Court to hold up to four impromptu parties per week.

In December, CCRL voted to change the alcohol policy so that the Court could hold up to seven impromptus. Vagt said that his decision to allow four impromptus was not meant to undermine CCRL's proposal.

"Eating houses never request parties, so we're only talking about fraternities," Vagt said. "We'll double the number and then look."

Vagt approved the sorority proposal because he believes the sorority is "an important social construct in support of members of this campus community."

He said his decision was also influenced by the "virtually unanimous support" from campus organizations, alumni groups, and the Board of Trustees.

Because historically black sororities are primarily service organizations, Vagt does not believe the decision will set a precedent for future sorority initiatives.

The process for choosing a sorority will begin immediately and will be led by Patterson Court advisor Joy Hamm.

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### Bean Bag Series gets mixed reviews

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New members of Patterson Court organizations are concerned about the effectiveness of the Bean Bag Education Series, prompting senior members of Court organization to make inquiries into the program's purpose.

The 2006 Series began with a "1 in 4" rape awareness event for males and "Legally Blonde" for females on January 24.

Tyler Stone '09 and Bobby Mohr '09 felt a bit uncomfortable with the graphic nature of the "1 in 4"

program. Stone, however, recognized the value of the program.

"I'm glad it forced me out of my comfort zone," Stone said. "Rape is a serious issue, and to fully get the message, you need to be pushed a little. I respect those guys a lot for their work and their commitment."

Though not required to do so by his organization, Phi Delta Gamma member Anders Wells '08 attended the "1 in 4" lecture. Wells believes that "many men are uncertain about the definition of rape."

"This is an important issue for men and women," Wells said, "and

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### Royal Treatment

*The Royal Shakespeare Company ended the first week of its residency with a focus on performance and analytical approaches to selected Shakespearean works.*

Top left: David McClay '08, a member of the Shakespeare Practicum class, works with an elementary school student. Bottom left: a member of the RSC advises the student performers. Bottom right: McClay and Pete Shield '08 rehearse a scene from "1 Henry IV."



### Admissions releases ED I numbers

By Amelia Richmond  
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The Office of Admission and Financial Aid saw a drop in students applying Early Decision, a binding application option that requires students to attend Davidson if they are accepted.

This year, 357 students applied under Davidson's Early Decision I and Early Decision II plans compared to last year's 440. The number of international applicants is also down.

Of the 250 students who applied by the November 15 Early Decision I deadline, 143 were accepted.

According to President Bobby Vagt, the college is not seeking to admit fewer applicants but rather to recruit students who are likely to come to Davidson.

"We're paying more attention to folks who ought to be here instead

of the game of accepting fewer students this year than last," Vagt said.

This week, the Admissions Office will mail notification letters to students who applied Early Decision II.

One hundred and seven students submitted their applications by January 2 under this College's final early application option. The deadline for all regular admission applications also passed on that date.

The number of students accepted from Early Decision II will be available next week.

Senior Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Wookie Payne said the Office of Admission is currently finishing the applications.

"As always, we are shaping a class that we hope provides depth and breath of interest, experience, ideas, intellect, talent and passion," Payne said.

Because the admissions process

is not yet complete, the Office Admissions cannot provide a complete list of applicants' distinguishing qualities.

Vagt said fewer foreign students applied this year because the Admissions Office did not send out representatives on global recruiting trips.

Regular admission invitations will be sent out by the end of March. Accepted students must decide whether to attend Davidson by May 1.

The class of 2010 is expected to have between 450 to 460 students, the same number targeted for last year's incoming freshman class. The Admissions Office expects to fill the 450 spots by sending out 1,100 invitations.

The Admissions Office will sponsor Decision Davidson, which allows admitted students to visit Davidson before finalizing their college plans., on April 8.



Freshman girls watch "Legally Blonde" for the Bean Bag Series.

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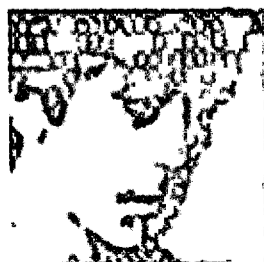
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