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## Attention Alumni: Save Our Country

*Davidson must always seek students of character, of general as well as academic ability, of loyalty to the ideals of the College, and of promise for future usefulness. . . . Davidson's primary purpose is to develop persons of humane instincts, of disciplined and creative minds, and of Christian character for full lives of leadership, of service, and of self-fulfillment.*

Hoping these excerpts from Davidson's Statement of Purpose still hold true, the editors of *The Davidsonian* respectfully ask our alumni to do the country a favor: run for public office. We believe that the United States is in desperate need of men and women with integrity and a commitment to service to lead the nation into the next century. How long our country will last while power is held by the likes of that lecher Kennedy, that plagiarist Biden, that self-celebrating sophist Bush (et alia ad nauseam), is anybody's guess. America can do better. An examination of our current economic situation suggests that we must do better.

The editors are not asking Davidson's graduates to run in the hopes that more conservatives or liberals will hold office across the country. Our request is non-partisan. We believe that Davidson graduates have been taught to reason well enough to hold considered political opinions. Davidson's alumni, we trust, do not accept the knee-jerk sideshow crap employed by Republicans and Democrats to swing votes on non-issues. Instead, their liberalism or conservatism is based in clear and deliberate analysis of the problems facing our nation.

We also know that Davidson graduates can be trusted not to fall prey to the trappings of office that have so terrible ensnared the majority of our nations political figures. Our faith in our alumni stems from Davidson's commitment to service. Political activity, Davidson graduates know, is just that, another form of public service.

Unfortunately, most of those who currently hold office believe that their main objective is to stay there. Re-election becomes more important than actual accomplishment, and our elected officials too often take the easy route of becoming the pawn of wealthy special interest groups who will finance their incessant campaigning, as long as they are willing to play ball. We believe that Davidson effectively teaches its students that true power lies in accomplishment rather than elective appeal. Our alumni, we trust, have the strength of character to know when to play politics, and when to make the unpopular decisions they *know* to be right.

We hope some of you will consider a temporary leave of absence from your current careers to serve in your local, state, or national government, where you might apply those lessons of character you learned while at Davidson.

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### Letters

#### Pace Responds to F.L.A.G. Critics

To the Editor:

In response to the letters by Lucy Herriott and Kelly Perry and "A Davidson Parent," I must dispute their notion that Davidson should not support the increased awareness of homosexuals and homosexuality on campus through the establish-

ment of a F.L.A.G. chapter because Davidson was "founded on Christian values."

Christ teaches love, not judgement; He asks that we accept each other for whatever we may be just as He unconditionally accepts us.

Individuals who would

claim that it is Christian to condemn and persecute any one person, not to mention an entire section of the population, are simply using the Bible to justify their own fears and narrow-minded prejudices.

Sincerely,  
Chris Pace, 93'

#### Hines Rebukes F.L.A.G. Opponents

To the Editor:

I am writing to all of the parents who may be opposed to F.L.A.G. because of a religious belief.

I understand that your religion views homosexuality as a sin. That is your choice to believe in such a manner. Mine does not.

It seems you would like

to censor (yes, I used that dreaded word) my opportunities at Davidson because of your conservative beliefs.

Before being so quick to judge the organization, why don't you take a look at its purposes: 1) to protect the rights of lesbians and gays 2) to further the understanding of family and friends

about homosexuality 3) to provide a center of support for the gay community 4) to educate the public about A.I.D.S. 5) to promote equal rights for all, and 6) to combat homophobia.

Your children are old enough to decide if they want

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#### Thanks From Project Life

To the Editor:

The 1991 Bone Marrow Committee would like to extend its warmest thanks to those who have contributed their time and efforts to our cause.

Included are Rusk and Pika with their service auc-

tion, SAE with their Bike-A-Thon, and Warner Hall with their study break.

We would also like to thank all the individuals who have bought our T-shirts and/or sponsored themselves with the suggested \$60.

The Bone Marrow Com-

mittee has worked very hard this semester and we are very excited to see your support on the day of the drive - Wednesday, November 20!

Sincerely,  
The Bone Marrow Committee

#### We Can Help the Homeless

To The Editor:

My mother brought me a stack of *Davidsonians* when she came to visit me. The article on the homeless angered me as much as it seemed to have angered the Davidson campus.

I am spending a semester abroad in Paris, and I pass at least 20 homeless people a day. I have never given a homeless person

money, nor had I ever defended them until I read the comments made by Clarke and McGuffin. I had always held the opinion that the homeless didn't want jobs.

I almost think the audacity of Clarke and McGuffin was good in that it drew attention and angered people enough to do something. I know in the future when I walk down the street

that I am not going to look down at the homeless as "losers."

While I still do not think giving them money is a solution, I do not believe they will get anywhere with "the classified ads."

I do not believe all homeless are like Len Doucette who seems to have

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#### Just Take Off The Hat

To the Editor:

Philip Atchison, in his article on the "no hats" rule at Baker's Weight Room, did not confront the issue of why he insists on wearing his hat. Instead he unfairly blasted Terry Holland by saying that he is "bitter about the blandness of his new job" and is "consumed with boredom."

Atchison did not tell us

why he is opposed to removing his hat in the weight room. Does the wearing of a hat while lifting weights help increase muscle mass? Or is it simply vanity?

If a student visited a professor's office and the professor asked the student to remove his hat, in all likelihood the student would do so. Why should it be any

different when Mr. Holland makes a similar request. His requests of Davidson students should be taken as seriously as those made by Davidson professors. It is a simple request Mr. Holland is making of the students. It requires little effort-just take the hat off. Certainly

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