

Briefly

Zogby Returns to Davidson

On Thursday, Dr. James Zogby will return to Davidson to present an update on developments in the Middle East. Zogby was the Batten Visiting Professor last spring, and many remember the five Baghdad-Davidson satellite conferences he hosted. Since leaving Davidson, Zogby has returned to his post as the President of the Arab-American Institute based in Washington, D.C. The talk begins at 4 p.m. in the 900 Room.

The Dorm Formerly Known as 'West' to be Dedicated

Tomlinson Dormitory will be formally dedicated this Thursday at 6 p.m. The event will take place in front of the dorm. Students are invited.

Want to Go Kayaking or Canoeing on Your Fall Break?

Davidson Outdoors is sponsoring an Intermediate Kayaking class on four rivers in four days as well as a canoeing expedition to Bull and Capers Islands in South Carolina. Both trips are Oct. 10-14 (Fall Break) and cost \$75. Visit the Davidson Outdoors Web site for more info.

CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

10/1	Union	Damage to Property
Unknown person(s) willfully damaged a steel roll-up door located at the loading dock of the Union. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.		
10/5	Knox Bike Rack	Larceny of a Bicycle
Unknown person(s) willfully removed student's unlocked and unregistered red, white and black Fuji bicycle from the bike rack in front of Knox. Estimated loss is \$800.		
10/5	Warner Hall	Damage to Property
Unknown person(s) willfully threw a projectile or otherwise broke out a rear window of the house. Damage is estimated at \$50 and investigation is ongoing.		
10/4	Turner House	Burglary/Larceny
Unknown person(s) willfully entered into the Turner house and entered into a locked refrigerator to remove the beer inside. Estimated damage to the lock and the larceny of beer is approximately \$90. Still under investigation.		
10/5	Martin Court	Aid to the Ill
Identified student was seen stumbling and falling numerous times before being approached by officers. He was found in an unconscious state, lying on his back in the grass. Student was transported to Lake Norman Medical Center, where he was treated.		
10/4	Patterson Court	Damage to Property
Known students and alumni called attention to themselves by dancing on a table while drinking beer from a can. While doing so, they damaged the ceiling tiles. Damage is estimated to be \$180.		
10/4	Turner House	Damage to Property
Unknown person(s) willfully damaged Turner house by throwing food items all over the kitchen area and pouring beer all over the floor. The intruders also left behind vomit. Damage is estimated at \$200.		

Students with information about campus crimes can contact Campus Police anonymously by logging onto www.davidson.edu/publicsafety.

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inside the car, but that it did not appear to be Davidson students.

"There's nothing concrete to it at all," Walker said. "It's a lead."

Walker entered the description of the car into a computer database shared by other North Mecklenburg police departments.

"I've asked them if they see it again, to let me know," he said.

That's the only tip police have so far received, and Walker said it's possible the car could be unconnected to the incident.

"There is no residual evidence and we don't have any witnesses," he said. "I can't tell you for certain if we'll ever find a suspect. (But) I'm optimistic."

Walker, former Cornelius Police Chief before coming to Davidson in July, said cases like these often take several weeks to unfold.

"Most cases are solved over time. A case may go dead for a while and then something may pop up a month from now that is connected," he said.

Correction

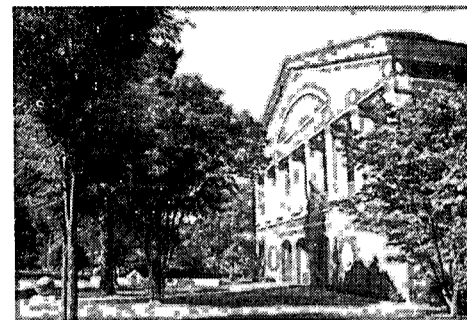
Last week's story "Honor Council struggles with position on file sharing" (News, page 3) should have explained that file sharing constituted one of many items on the Honor Council's annual fall retreat agenda.

The Council is not doing away with mock hearings as the story suggested. A hearing hasn't been held since last year, but the Council still may choose to hold hearings in future years, said chairman Jamie McNab '04. Also, six randomly chosen Honor Council members participate in honor hearings with no involvement from the Executive Committee.

Art department looks to future on golden birthday

50-year old department decides against offering photography classes

By RACHEL EGAN
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As the art department faces its 50th anniversary, there is excitement and curiosity about what the future holds for the faculty and students.

Herb Jackson '67, the recent recipient of the new Houchens professorship, has been a professor at Davidson since 1969. It is largely because of Jackson's "untiring efforts" and dedication that the Visual Arts Center is a reality, said Nina Serebrennikov, Chair of the Department and Professor of Art History.

Both professors are excited about the considerable progress the department has made over the past 50 years. "The arts have really come of age here; they used to be a footnote to the 'liberal arts' title. We have the VAC now... It's extremely satisfying to see the department assume its rightful place," said Jackson.

When Jackson first came to Davidson, there were only two art professors; now there are seven. The demand for classes has never been as strong as it is now, and not because of the core requirement, Jackson said. "If we didn't limit the number of students, we could fill classes to twice their capacity."

He anticipates that when he retires in seven years a lot of change will occur, and there is the potential that new disciplines will be taught. The principles the department now teaches through its drawing, painting, and sculpture classes "are the basis of all others," Jackson said. "They endure no matter what new technology emerges."

Why photography won't be added

The issue of timelessness was a major deciding factor for Jackson when he settled against adding new classes like photography and ceramics to the curriculum. With the digital revolution, photography now has the potential to become obsolete.

"Photography was definitely on our minds when the VAC was built ten years ago, though," Jackson said. In fact, a large space on the lowest level was left unfinished for the purpose of

creating a darkroom.

The chief problem Jackson sees with instituting photography is that there is no professor to teach it - all the current professors have responsibilities to their disciplines.

"It would require a donor to come forth and establish a photography professorship, and finish the darkroom, to the tune of probably \$1.5 or \$2 million dollars," Jackson said. If students want to pursue photography classes and don't mind the commute and extra tuition, they can take classes at other nearby institutions, like UNC Charlotte and Queens.

"I want to stress that we are not a university [and] there is only so much we can offer. We aren't prejudiced against photography, but the judgment and discipline of the eye that it requires are taught by our drawing and painting classes," Jackson said.

Erin Rosintoski '04, president of the Photography Club, has a different opinion. "Everyone would love to see photography classes here, but the Art Department's focus is the 'fine arts'. They think photography is a hobby, like arts and crafts."

Rosintoski claims that the addition of photography classes would be a lot less difficult than the department claims.

"If we combined the Photography Club and College Communications' equipment, the department wouldn't have to buy anything," she said.

Rosintoski said, "Some people may do it recreationally, but the artistic skill and creativity involved in making the shot, and then even in the darkroom, is huge. There's a lot you can teach about it."

Of course, the future of the department and its classes is in the hands of the future faculty. "The future of art departments all over the U.S. is becoming increasingly strong," said Jackson. "People are realizing how much more important art is to them now."

Abanyie and Ian Spurlock, are both seniors.

Additionally, only one student, Megan Baskin '04, was appointed to the Library committee, which SGA bylaws stipulate has two student representative spots.

SGA officials explain that the delay and confusion in appointments was the result of a travel decision. "We elected students to the committees in the spring of last year, so that they would be ready to jump right in this semester," said SGA Vice President Katharine Hubbard '05. "Unfortunately," she said, "our chancellor went abroad... As a result, we were unable to find our records indicating who we had elected to these positions. We did not hold elections because we were hoping that we would be able to locate the names of the people elected."

SGA President Charles Washington '04 elaborated on how this year's appointments were made, "We filled the majority of the faculty committees last spring. A little over a week ago I found some of the appointments in some notes that I kept from last year, and I appointed the others."

Washington indicated that appointments to seven of the 11 committees in question were

made or re-made this fall. "We did a lot of them [last spring]," he said. "The ones I didn't find I don't know if we did or not."

The Davidsonian contacted Garcia, who confirmed via email, "The SGA made the appointments last semester. I have the record book with all of last year's appointments. I decided to take the records with me in order to archive them correctly. However, I would like to make a statement and that is, SGA has acted responsibly in accordance to deadlines and responsibilities."

Appointments to seven committees—International Education, Academic Computing, Educational Policy, Library, Media Board, Pre-Management and Public Lectures—were not made according to deadline, and none of the appointments followed the procedure outlined in the SGA bylaws.

When asked about the deviation from bylaw procedure, Washington said, "Since I've been here, that's never been done. I'm not saying it shouldn't be done... I think a lot of things get done the way they've always been done instead of by the letter of the law."

Nevertheless, appointments have been made. "The problem since then," said Washington, "has been one of communication between the various committees and myself. I take complete responsibility for the break down in communication with the various faculty committees."

—Staff writer Alicia Janos contributed to this article.