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Dean of Students Proposes Campus-Wide Alcohol Policy

By Tom Koonce

After several years under two separate alcohol policies -one for Patterson Court and one for the rest of the college, Davidson is about to adopt a campus-wide alcohol policy that will drastically change the nature of alcohol use at the school.

After receiving a mandate from the Trustees last month to develop such a policy, Dean Will Terry drafted a working paper for Davidson's alcohol policy. He

presented this 16 page report to the presidents of Patterson Court and the Council on Campus and Religious Life last week.

The paper states that this policy is for "discussion, review, amendment, and suggestions." It is therefore not the final word on the alcohol policy. During the next few weeks Dean Terry will be seeking suggestions and input from student-faculty groups such as the CCRL, the Student Conduct Council, the SGA, and the PCC.

The reasons behind this new alcohol policy are that the Trustees and Dean Terry believe that the current design is not working and alcohol abuse is a very serious and prevalent problem at Davidson. Dean Terry said, "I sense we are sitting on a powder keg and something could happen down there any night and we would all be in duck soup, including the houses..."

Terry wrote eight policy objectives in the report. They are:

1. To provide campus-wide information concerning state law regarding the use of alcohol;

2. To encourage student responsibility for their behavior regarding the consumption of alcohol as prescribed by college regulations, set forth in this policy;

3. To encourage a campus climate which does not tolerate alcohol abuse;

4. To change the social expectations of the campus and develop a more creative, healthy and social

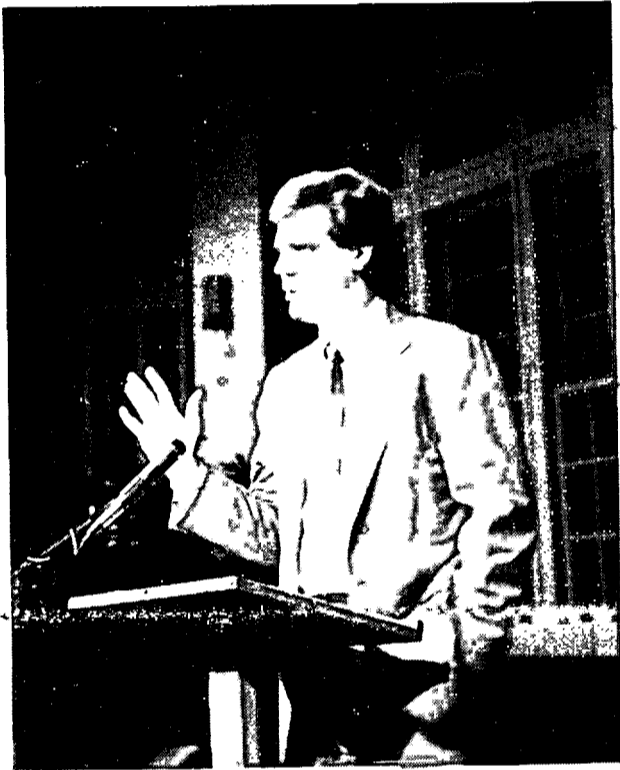
environment;

5. To provide an educational program which informs students concerning the use and abuse of alcohol from the freshman to the senior year;

6. To provide a program of intervention treatment and support for these students who are at risk from the abuse of alcohol;

7. To establish appropriate disciplinary mechanisms and pen-

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Davidson Graduate Articulates His Art Of Articulation

By Jeff Oller

On Tuesday, as a part of the year-long Alumni Lecture Series, Class of '77 member Tony Snow, Chief Speech writer for President Bush, shared his views on the intense rigors of Washington D. C., the state of the United States and some of the experiences he has had as the "fly on the wall" amongst our nation's politics.

Snow, hired to his present position by John Sununu, began with an extensive commentary on Washington. He maintained that our nation's capitol offered the best and worst of American culture while, simultaneously, living like an island from the rest of the United States. Washington and Congress, he asserted, indeed hold the last refuges of scoundrels. "Washington," he joked, "is said to provide the best in Northern hospitality and Southern efficiency."

He outlined three tips for surviving D.C. First, he said, was to not take friendship personally because the city is status essential, class conscience and self-segregated. For example, he said, on the President's private jet, Air Force One, the President rides up front in

his spacious and luxurious compartment. His chief executives ride in a compartment behind him that is only slightly less comfortable. Behind the executives are two compartments for staff. The first is significantly less luxurious than the executives, and the second, the furthest back of all the compartments, is worse than the first staff compartment. In summation to his first tip, Snow maintained, "It's not who you know in Washington, but what you are."

His second tip was the fact that, in D.C., the urgent overwhelms the important. The Capitol, Snow maintained, survives on what he calls "crisis oxygen." This means that the energy and adrenaline that people need to get through an average day in Washington comes from the presence of constant crisis, whether real or imagined.

Every day in Washington, he said, starts with the morning editions. The most feared and respected of all journalists are those that are ruthlessly accurate. According to Snow, "In politics, sur-

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Davidson Student Organizes Russian Aid Program

By Tom Price

Oleg Ordinartsev, an exchange student from Pyatigorsk, Russia, has collaborated with Davidson College Presbyterian Church in creating an aid program which will provide food for need Russians. The program hopes to send 5-8 tons of food to Pyatigorsk by the first week in April.

The program is an historic first because it involves direct aid from one small American church to a small Russian church. "As far as can be determined, no other effort of this type has ever been attempted.

In the past, all relief efforts have been centered in the large cities of Russia such as Moscow and Leningrad. Ordinartsev said that direct aid to his community is important in order to avoid the extensive black market which often prevents the proper distribution of aid efforts.

Ordinartsev first conceived the idea during the Christmas worship services at DCPC. He then contacted Rosemary Raynal, who was his English professor this past fall, and she enlisted the help of her husband, the preacher at DCPC.

Working out the logistics for the program was a long frustrating process for Rosemary Raynal. She first tried calling various relief agencies. These organizations, she said, either wanted money or would distribute the food to Moscow. Next she tried to gain assistance from the U.S. military. The Raynals were unable to get past the intricacies of military protocol until they asked Col. Moncure, a professor of military science, for

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Wells Named New Dean of Admissions

By Laura Cunningham

On January 27, Nancy Cable-Wells, presently dean of students at Guilford College in Greensboro, accepted the offer to become Davidson's new Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. A committee composed of student, faculty, administrative, alumni, and trustee representatives chose her after conducting a national search.

Excited to have the opportu-

nity to work at Davidson, she wants to become familiar with all campus constituencies. "I want to take time to learn Davidson, and then make recommendations if there need to be any," Cable-Wells said in response to questions of priorities in the admissions office.

Since late 1987, Cable-Wells has worked in all areas of student life at Guilford, including student recruitment and admissions, ath-

letics, and programs for student development. Recently she has been part of a planning team focused on forecasting for higher education, tracing the trends and outside forces which impact colleges.

At Denison University for ten years prior to her present position, the new dean directed the career

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Medical Humanities Speaker Offers Understanding of AIDS Physician Dilemma

By Chris Wells

On Tuesday, as part of the Medical Humanities Lecture Series, Dr. Abigail Zuger spoke on the ethical dilemma of whether physicians have a moral obligation to treat AIDS patients.

Zuger said that in the last ten years, research has established two facts. One is that HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, can be transmitted from patients to physicians. The other is that many doctors are reluctant to care for patients with AIDS.

In light of these certainties, Zuger asked, "...are health care professionals who avoid these patients exercising their professional right, or are they committing a moral outrage?"

Zuger began her assessment by looking at the situation "objec-

tively." She listed several surveys where a majority of doctors consistently stated that they would not treat AIDS patients if given a choice. Zuger concluded that there is "a pattern of disinclinations" which includes a risk to the physician's health and family, a risk to

the physician's livelihood, and a feeling that the patients will not recover.

She continued by citing historical evidence which is analogous to the modern moral dilemma concerning AIDS patients. She

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