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E.H. Little Library plans renovation

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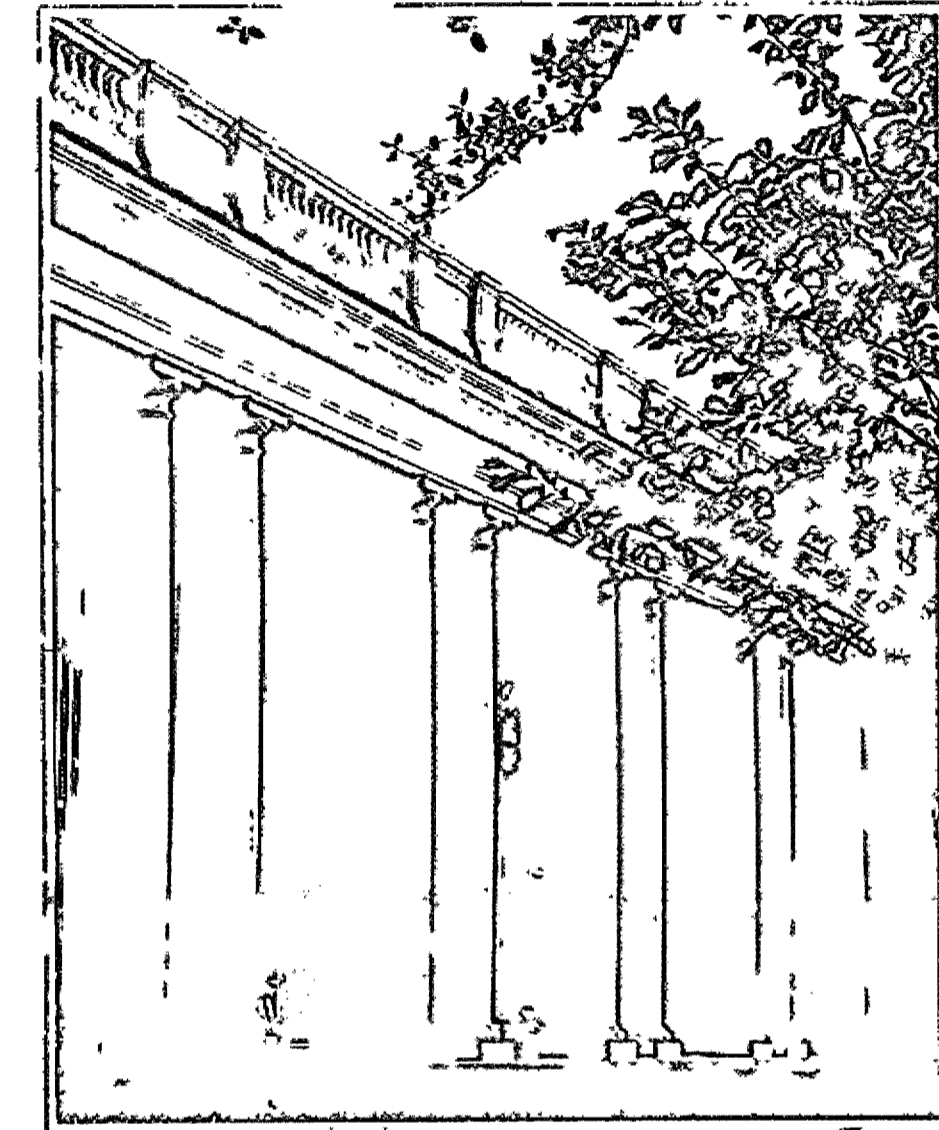
There was no shortage of suggestions for architect Henry Myerberg about improvements to Davidson's library—students mentioned everything from replacing the 70s-era furniture to adding a roof garden. Mr. Myerberg, founder of HMA2 architecture group based in New York, was all ears. He even recorded student responses on hand-held camera.

Indeed, the "architect meet-and-greet" held on Thursday night in E. H. Little library was less about informing students of coming changes than an effort to gauge the needs and desires of the student body. At present there is no definitive timeline for the renovations, and the changes will most likely involve internal rearrangement and redesign as opposed to structural reconstruction.

This is a great box, Myerberg said Thursday, stating that significant improvements can be effected without altering the building structure. The type of modernization Myerberg had in mind, however, left students questioning what a library needs to remain a library.

Library is both quiet, academic and social areas is a must. Students agreed Myerberg who worked on academic buildings at UVA, Wake Forest and Bryn Mawr College. Recent change to the purpose of the library is a reason to change its design.

It is to be the library was an error. Myerberg explained "now it's a union—a place for people to gather." A major concern of the Davidson administration is consolidating resources into a single destination a goal that might be achieved through the addition of a Teaching and Learning Center.



A Teaching and Learning Center would combine the existing math, science, writing, and speaking centers, and it would further the library's shift from a storeroom to an active, integrated center of learning.

In the face of such a functional change, books—the conceptual and aesthetic foundation of the library—might be outdated. "If kids are exposed to kindles in high school, they won't want books."

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Patterson Court welcomes new sorority

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will soon become Davidson's second sorority. Davidson's first sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was chartered last year.

The official rush process for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will begin with an information session, which will be required for those wishing to become charter members. "Davidson women who are already members of an Eating House may also become a member of either our current sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. or Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.," said Drew Chin, Patterson Court Advisor.

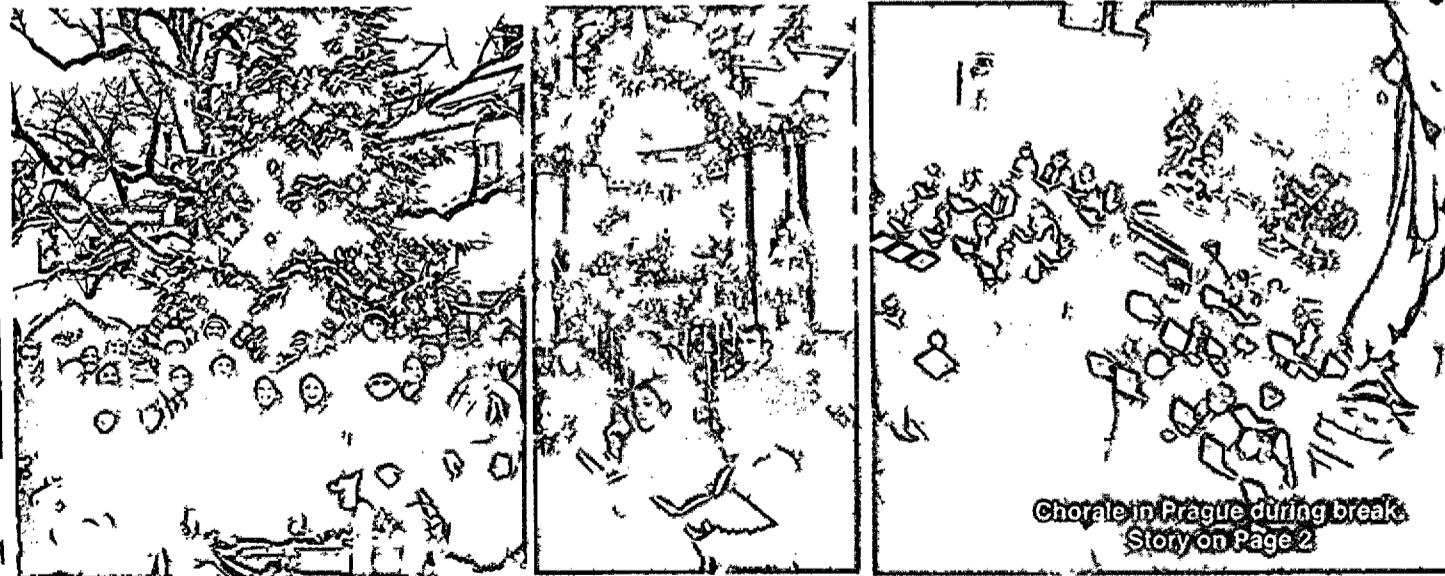
"I think this will have a positive effect on the students here at Davidson and specifically the Patterson Court community," he continued. "Patterson Court leaders have been supportive all throughout this process, dating back to the introduction of the NPHC [National Pan-Hellenic Council] expansion process to the Patterson Court Council meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 to approve of a new organization to charter and join the Patterson Court community. In that meeting, there was a unanimous vote of approval to allow a new sorority to charter and become a member of the Patterson Court Council."

Davidson's initiative to expand the NPHC began in March of last year. At that time, Davidson asked three sororities if they would be interested in starting a chapter at Davidson. Two responded: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Each sorority gave an on-campus presentation to share their organization's history, mission, membership processes, and service opportunities.

"Students were given feedback forms after each presentation and those students that were in attendance at both presentations were asked to fill out a checkbox survey to submit their vote for which sorority should come to Davidson," said Chin. "Using the results from the survey as well as other important discussions, the NPHC expansion committee submitted their recommendation to President Tom Ross in May 2010."

In October, former President Tom Ross invited Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to charter a chapter at Davidson beginning in Spring 2011.

The Patterson Court community now includes a total of 14 organizations: 4 NPHC Fraternities/Sororities, 6 NIC Fraternities, and 4 Eating Houses. Chin does not expect any more new sororities in the near future.



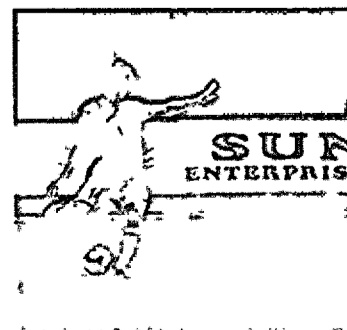
On Dec. 2nd, the Patterson Court Council hosted its annual awards banquet. The night was characterized by festive decorations, nostalgic speeches and lively music. The event celebrated distinguished PCC leadership.

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After losing three consecutive games to start the new year, the men's basketball team rebounded to beat Furman University last week 79-70. The win over Furman is Davidson's first conference win at home.

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At the Major League Soccer draft last Thursday, Alex Caskey '11 was selected 47th overall by the Seattle Sounders FC. Caskey is the highest-selected MLS draftee in Davidson history.

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