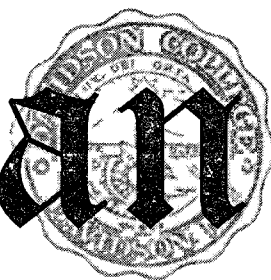


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Students celebrate Solidarity Week

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Celebrating diversity and showcasing community perspectives, Solidarity Week occurs annually through the sponsorship of the College Union. This year, the week began on February 14 and concluded on February 21. Tyler Aycock '00, chair of the Solidarity Committee and Co-Curricular Vice President of the Union, coordinated the events. He said, "Basically, my hope for the week was that it would celebrate how far we have come in building a community at Davidson and examine how far we need to go. It should be a joyous occasion but should also address our community's problems and where we need to go on those issues."

The week commenced on Valentine's evening with the keynote address of Mike Dyson, who spoke to a small crowd on "Race Rules." "People said it was really a quality program," Aycock said.

It was held in a large group discussion format, in the lounge behind Love Auditorium.

Last Tuesday, February 16, the International Students' Association and the Dean Rusk Program held a Chinese New Year celebration which included traditional Chinese lion dancing, free Lotus Chinese food and a Chinese New Year Discussion, led by religion professor Dr. Mark Csikszentmihalyi.

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Catholic Worker movement and the PlowShares movement, which strives to end the nuclear weapon component to the United States' role as a world power. He questioned the role of the US government as the world's last empire dependent upon its nuclear arsenal as the cornerstone of that empire. Bagerly and his wife run a Catholic Worker House

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On Wednesday evening, Davidson Alumnus Steve Bagerly spoke in the Morrison Room about "Striking Back at the Empire." Bagerly is associated with the

Is that really snow?



◆ Davidson students enjoy this past Friday's snowfall by building a snowman.

Kells Hetherington

Davidson rings in Year of the Rabbit

By AGUIL DENG
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On Tuesday, February 16, the International Students Association and the Dean Rusk Program celebrated the Chinese New Year with a speech, lion dancing, and Lotus dinner. Tuesday, Chinese

twelve months, each of which is in turn equally divided into thirty-nine and a half days. The year is also divided into twenty-four terms, which represent changes in nature. 1999 is the beginning of the five-year cycle of the rabbit's earth element, which represents a year of intellectual activity, justice, peace, and practicality. People born in the year of the Rabbit are thought to be sensitive, social, and peace loving. They also tend to value stability and place importance on their homes and family. Rabbits are believed to make good business people, politicians, and lawyers. Some famous Rabbits include:



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◆ Chinese dragon dance in front of Chambers

Year 4697, marked the start of the year of the Rabbit.

Each year, Chinese all over the world celebrate the Spring Festival, known to us as the Chinese New Year, with elaborate decorations, food, and many other festivities. The Chinese follow a lunar calendar, with a year divided into

Konguzi Confucius, Michelangelo Buonarroti, Walt Whitman, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Queen Victoria I, Fidel Castro, Joseph Stalin, Wesley Snipes, and Frank

Sinatra.

The Chinese New Year is called the Spring Festival because it marks the start of the spring harvest season. The origin of the Spring Festival, however, is not really known. Since China was largely an agricultural society, food has become an important part of the festivities. Chinese homes are generally decorated with flowers and various

fruits. Dumplings are served to family members, visiting neighbors, and relatives. To prevent bad luck from the previous year from carrying over, people usually clean houses and dress up in new clothes. The color red was originally used to ward off Nian, the beast whose name means "year."

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