

## RLO firings upset student staff, residents

Members asked to resign at gathering involving alcohol prior to semester's start

Jan. 11, hall counselors arrived on campus to prepare for the return of residents after winter break. Chris Blanchard, hall counselor on the basement floor of Richardson dormitory, wanted to throw a party for a hall counselor friend of his who had recently turned 21. Blanchard brought three six-packs of beer and a bottle of wine to the party, where he and other people ate pizza and drank some of the alcohol. According to Blanchard, he "stood up at the end of the party, taking place in the lounge area of Cannon dormitory (a sub-basement free hall), proceeded uneventfully to the end of the night, around midnight, where seven beers left over and some wine. All of the open containers had been thrown away by the time Emily Julian, Area Coordinator for Richardson, and Watts appeared and told them to clean up.

The next day, two student attendees of the previous night's party were pulled aside by Julian and asked for the names of those present. Those students obliged, and the nine who were present received an email requesting that they meet with RLO. Staff members willingly provided all information requested of them.

According to an anonymous source present, "Emily Julian said 'It doesn't matter to me whether you were or were not drinking, whether you're 21 or not, you were all there, you were all in Cannon, you all saw it happen, and you all let it pass by.'" Afterward, Julian held back the student-staff members who were under 21. Blanchard then recognized that two of



those staff members had been drinking and, as he says, "that was the moment that I realized that I had provided alcohol to underage people, and that things were about to get a lot more serious." Those staff members were Nytn Yashiro '14, the hall counselor from first Cannon, and another Cannon hall counselor who asked to remain anonymous.

All those hall counselors who had attended the party wrote letters to Emily Julian, explaining the situation and expressing their regret. Assistant Dean of Students

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## KA addresses controversial incident from rush

Fraternity begins to make plans and move forward from incident that sparked conflict

After receiving President Quillen's initial report on Feb. 14 informing the Davidson community of "incidents that occurred at Kappa Alpha (KA) House during the week of rush," few details have emerged of the circumstances surrounding the "racist and homophobic/anti-gay epithets" directed at students.

While rumors have abounded about incidents that occurred at KA's court party on the day of self-selection weekend, Tom Morrish, Dean of Students, stressed that investigation was not limited to events that spanned across a few nights of the

preceding week of rush. A member of KA stated that "most of the rumors about that [court party] were patently false. We in no way taught chants to our new members, saying any homophobic or racist things. There were some arguments on the porch between KAs and SAEs that had nothing to do with homophobia or racism, just conversations being had after a competitive rush season. I think a lot of people saw angry conversations happening, voices being raised, and conflated that with other accusations being

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made at different nights." An anonymous student, present at the court party that night, did not hear any explicative remarks, yet described the scene as a "hostile environment. I saw KAs kicking out SAE freshmen and asking SAE upperclassmen to leave. There was lots of yelling and pushing." In a lengthy e-mail to the Davidson community on Feb. 19, Matt Morrish '14, President of KA, outlined how they plan

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## A letter to our editors

On a warm, late-August afternoon, we pulled into Lake Campus, parked and trudged down the gravel path towards the lake, not entirely sure what to expect of this staff retreat. Standing in a misshapen circle around a picnic table, we cracked open boxes of pizza, navigated awkward self-introductions and began the earnest process of goal-setting for the upcoming year. This would be the first time the 2012-2013 editorial board officially convened.

Leading the charge into the fray of new multimedia endeavours, a redesigned business plan and generally high expectations were our Co-Editors-in-Chief: Scott Matthews and Sarah Welty.

From the beginning, we were well aware that Scott and Sarah had big plans for the paper. And by "beginning," we mean weeks before the semester actually began, which is when they contacted us to let us know that our first issue would be printed before Freshman Orientation.

The two shared a model symbiotic working relationship, with Scott spearheading the business and media end and Sarah handling the week-to-week content of each print issue. Make no mistake, neither job was easy nor entirely gratifying. Perseverance and a sense of humor is required to survive each Tuesday night deadline in our poorly-ventilated office, while managing the ordered chaos that is the assembling process of each issue.

Under the leadership of Scott and Sarah, we saw the introduction of editorial board salaries, which were sustained by another endeavour, expanded subscription sales. Under their tenure, the Davidsonian evolved beyond the traditional newspaper into a host for productive conversation. Our talkbacks gathered students to discuss campus issues critically, sharing a vast range of perspectives and formulating solutions. Our growing social media platforms brought the conversation online, where students can share and comment on campus life everyday.

As we conclude the final issue with these two at the helm as Edi-

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Davidsonian Co-Editors-in-Chief say farewell to the newspaper and to the student body in their final staff editorial as editors-in-chief, as they hand over the reins to incoming editors Laura Chuckray, Lyla Halsted and Caroline Queen.



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Craving meatballs? Read Hillary Sayre's review of Meatballs on Main, a local restaurant that serves the ultimate comfort food. If you're a vegetarian, don't worry! You can order the vegetarian meatballs option.

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The 'Cats took down the Montana Grizzlies on Saturday in an ESPN Bracketbuster game in Belk Arena. The team won in overtime 93-87.

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