

Menkhaus philanthropy course one of many new offerings for spring semester

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Preparations for next year have already begun, as the Davidson faculty recently approved several new courses.

New courses include "Philanthropy and the Non-profit sector," offered by the political science department and taught by Dr. Ken Menkhaus. Two classes in the religion department include "Art of Biblical Narrative" and "Jewish Religious Life," and a generic

listing for W-courses has been added in the history department.

Menkhaus says his "Philanthropy and the Non-Profit Sector" course, offered for next semester, is especially relevant in today's world.

"There are currently 1.6 million registered non-profit (organizations) in the U.S. alone," he said. "They account for an increasing portion of national employment, 11% of total employment."

He added that "non-profits are accruing

powerful influence as advocacy groups, shaping public policy debates and pressuring businesses," and "non profits constitute the backbone of civil society and community development in neighborhoods across the country."

"Most Davidson students have personal experience in the non-profit sector as volunteers and members of various civic organizations, and many will assume positions of influence in the non-profit sector."

Since this class was available for the spring semester, it might be a possibility during the drop/add stage of scheduling.

College registrar Dr. Hansford Epes said courses are added based on suggestions from

the departments and the Education Policy Committee (EPC), which can either send the classes back for clarification or approve them immediately.

"When it approves the course, it sends the proposal to the full faculty for its vote," Epes said. "The process is ongoing and routine; most meetings of the EPC, roughly every couple of weeks, will look at one or more course proposals, as will most of the faculty's monthly meetings."

The EPC is a committee of six elected members chaired by the Dean of the Faculty. Two of the members are students selected by the SGA Senate.

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EAC

This coming Thursday, November 16, Summit Coffee will be sponsoring a presentation and slide show by Fred Barth, an accomplished mountaineer who has summited Everest, among many other achievements. His talk will begin at 7:30 pm in the 900 Room. The EAC Meeting at 9pm will follow in the Conference Room!

The EAC also held Recycling Day today, with a number of recycling events to promote awareness on campus. More on the events will come in next issue.

Anthropology Society

This week, the Anthropology Society will be sponsoring two major events highlighting the Native American culture. On Thursday, November 16th, starting at 8:00 PM in the 900 Room, there will be a presentation entitled "Modern Native American Survival." On Saturday, November 18th, there will be a Native American dance performance, starting at 4:00 PM in the 900 Room.

PCC

The PCC is sponsoring the "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" this Sunday, November 19th from 2-5pm at Roosevelt Wilson Park on Griffith Street in Davidson. This event is open to the entire college and town. There will be tons of food and games, so please come join us, and bring your friends, professors, students, kids, dog, WHOMEVER, to give thanks - together. Any questions can be directed to Mike Schaefer x6038 or Ida Wainschel x6219.

English Majors' Presentations

On Tuesday November 28th and Thursday the 30th, roughly 45 of the English majors will be presenting their final projects in panels during the course conference. Three panels will be in session at 1pm and again at 2:10 pm on both days in Chambers 316, 309 and 212. Creative projects will be presented Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Perkin's auditorium.

Since politics has taken center stage as of late, we decided to continue the trend. David Farnum will be presenting a critical look at the speeches from the major party candidates. Alicia Shelton will also examine the current political issues with a debate between Shakespeare's Richard III and Willie Stark (*All the King's Men*), played by Davidson seniors Brandt McMillan and Ed Ellington.

If you like music, Travis Martz will present four different versions of a Dylan song and explain how performance changes based on political setting. Even the popular film genre will be represented through Jamey Heit's analysis of a poem in *Braveheart* and Ambrose Tuscano's exploration of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.

THE STUDENT BODY



The Student Health Advisors are, from left to right: Stephanie Courchesne, Rebecca Moore, David Wheeler, and Julia Philpott

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On Thursday November 30 until midnight December 1, Davidson will remember those who have died or are suffering from AIDS/HIV with its recognition of World AIDS Day. That evening, luminaries will be placed throughout the campus in memory of friends, loved ones, students, and faculty who have in some way been affected by the disease. The memorial will be a very somber and beautiful one.

Georgia Ringle and Mary Thornberry began this "Night of Light" in memory of Classics professor Steven Lonsdale who died of AIDS. Along with Professor Lonsdale, at least twelve Davidson alumni have died of AIDS - our campus is not protected from this deadly disease. The SERO Positivity Test of other small schools similar to Davidson estimates this preventable disease inflicts one in 500 students. Perhaps the greatest danger facing today's populace is the growing belief that there is a cure for AIDS, contributing to growing complacency about the disease. Drugs are helping, but it must be remembered that there is still no cure.

The disease is still a great concern on our campus, though, exemplified by the fact that appointments on the free AIDS testing days are always full. This is not a disease to be complacent about.

The theme for this year's World AIDS Day is "All Men - Make a Difference!" The focus on men was chosen for five primary

reasons: (1) men represent the majority of people living with HIV/AIDS; (2) men's behavior often puts their sexual partners at risk for HIV; (3) unprotected sex endangers men's male and female partners; (4) men need to give greater consideration to AIDS as it affects their families; and (5) men often do not give adequate attention to their own health.

President Clinton writes the theme "calls on all men around the world to embrace a new leadership role not only in prevention, but also in the care of their children and other loved ones whose lives are affected by AIDS." With men accounting for 76% of AIDS cases diagnosed in 1999, cultural ideas of manhood and power along with isolated situations such as homelessness, migrant work, or living in the military prominent among men are growing concerns to confront. World AIDS Day is an attempt to combat and raise awareness of these issues.

You all have an opportunity to help raise awareness of this issue and remember people around the world who are affected in some way by the disease. If you are interested in helping put out luminaries on November 30, please come to the Union Patio at 4:30. Please donate five minutes or a few hours of your time to help recognize World AIDS Day on the Davidson campus.

In addition, we will also be selling luminary bags for \$1 with all proceeds going to help bring the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt to Davidson. Please contact any of the Health Advisors if you are interested or just look for the table around campus.

"The Student Body" is an informational column designed to address the concerns of Davidson College students. It is written by the Student Health Advisors, who always welcome comments, questions, and confidential personal stories. Please contact Julia Philpott (x5930), Stephanie Courchesne (x5255), Rebecca Moore (x5826), or David Wheeler (x6248). You may also contact Georgia Ringle (x2902) in the Student Counseling Center.

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