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Forum will let students share views on social life

Vagt, Shandley ask for input on how to improve Union, Court opportunities

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A campus-wide forum will be held Nov. 14 to help administrators improve social life at Davidson.

College President Bobby Vagt and Dean of Students Tom Shandley will host the forum to hear complaints, criticisms and suggestions from students on a wide range of issues, especially those pertaining to the Knobloch Campus Center and Patterson Court.

"We're not going down there with an agenda," said Vagt. "We're going down with a pen and pad. This is intended to be a conversation."

Added Shandley: "We're there largely to listen rather than to talk."

Vagt said he hopes the forum will help to answer one fundamental question: "What is the student body looking for when we talk about social life?"

He said no single event prompted the idea, but it came to mind after he heard that brothers from the Kappa Sigma fraternity had planned an Oktoberfest party at an off-campus house occupied by Davidson students. He wondered why the brothers felt the need to go off-campus for such an event.

The forum is intended to give students a chance to answer these types of questions, voice concerns and share ideas, he said.

The \$31 million dollar Knobloch Campus Center, in the works for over a decade, finally opened its doors in August. Vagt hopes students will share ideas on how its potential can be maximized.

What: "Social Life at Davidson" forum
Why: To hear students' views on social life, specifically the new Union and Patterson Court
Who: All students are invited to the event, hosted by President Bobby Vagt and Dean of Students Tom Shandley
When: Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Smith 900 Room

With renovations beginning soon on the school's 12 fraternity and eating houses and the BSC, Vagt hopes to also learn ways to improve life on Patterson Court.

Part of the problem, he said, is that the houses are in "awful" condition, and are only used for meals and parties. He hopes students will provide suggestions on how the houses can be better utilized.

The school's alcohol and disciplinary policies will also be open for discussion. Such issues have come under scrutiny in recent weeks, after one fraternity was punished for playing drinking games and serving an illegal substance, and another was investigated following allegations of discrimination during a late-night party.

Shandley said the forum wasn't called because of such incidents, but they are not off-limits during the forum.

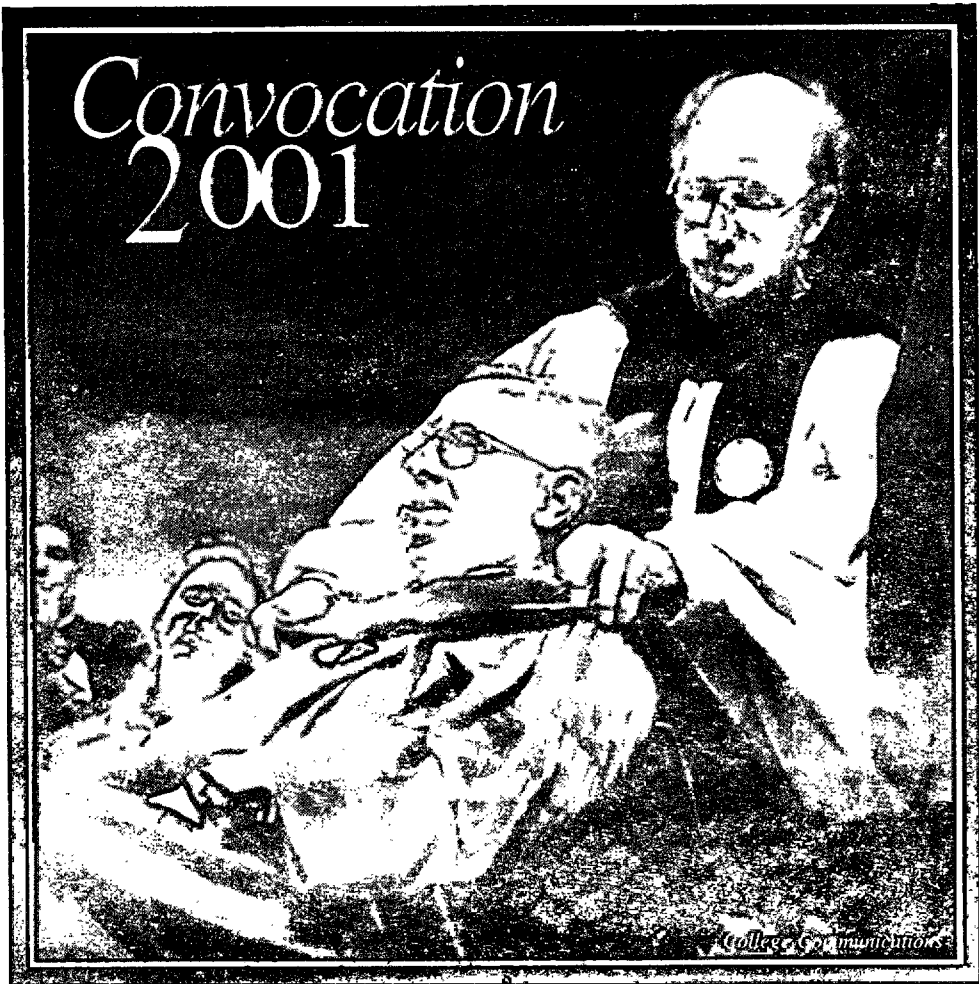
"If students bring (alcohol) up as an issue, that's fine," he said.

SGA President Joey Harris said he hopes the forum will help to clear up students' misconceptions about school policies, especially those pertaining to Patterson Court.

"It's important not to let (Patterson Court) overshadow all the other things that are going on, but it is a big part," he said.

"Dialogue is important to stop the rumor mill and the misconceptions, so that we get down to what's really going on.

This is one-on-one with the students. They can get it right from the horses' mouth. That more than anything else is what will get students to come out."



President Bobby Vagt bestows an honorary degree on Joe Martin '62 at Saturday's Fall Convocation. See story, page 4 for details.

SAE to go before J-Board for incident at Oct. 6 party

Fraternity will appear before PCC judiciary council for three Red Book violations

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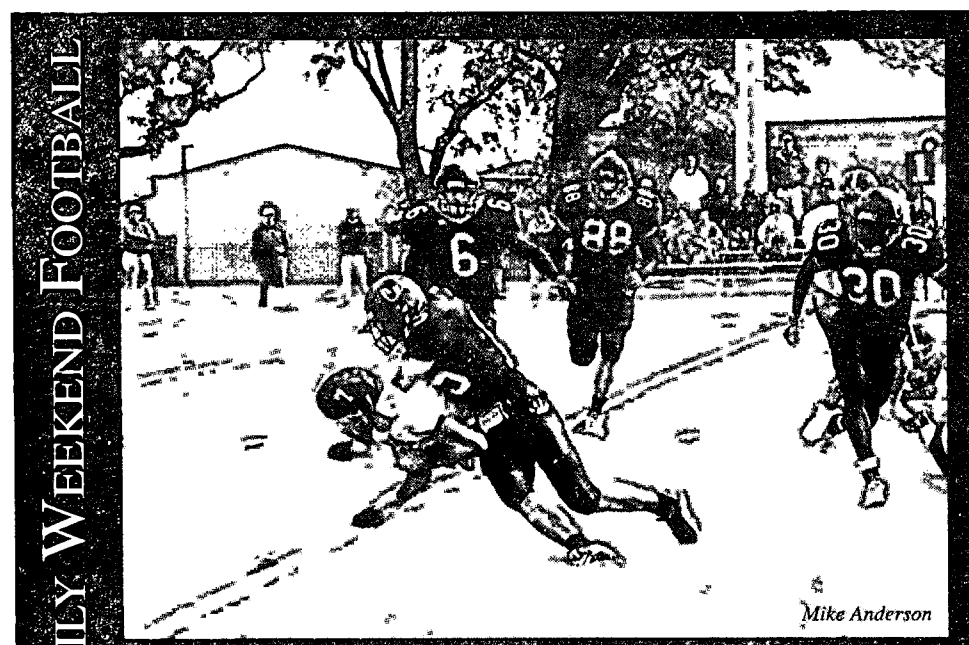
The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will go before the Patterson Court Judiciary Board to face charges of violating sections three, four and five of the Red Book Code of Responsibility.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred the night of Oct. 6 during

SAE's "Tacky Party." According to PCC Sergeant-at-Arms Mary Kat White '02, the hearing will be held early next week.

The specific charges, according to an Oct. 11 memo from Patterson Court Advisor Grahaeme Hesp to SAE President Schuyler Hoffman '02, include: violating the obligations of a host of a party by "allowing (or not preventing) members and/or guests to throw cans and yell anti-gay epithets at two individuals;" misconduct that "affects the rights of persons and resulted in actual physical harm to at least one of the individuals;" and "discriminatory harassment as a result of the sexual orien-

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The Wildcats won their second straight game Saturday, defeating Hampden-Sydney, 37-19. Ward Gibson scored two touchdowns. See Sports, page 16 for details.

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