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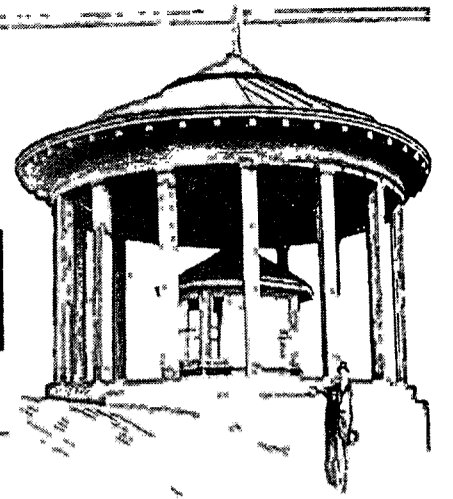
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Prospective wondering why there aren't as many minority students as on Website

'Oh, I'm sure they're sleeping' says tour guide

GREY HOUSE—Visiting high school senior Michelle Dylan thought Davidson was everything she'd always imagined as she crossed campus on the 1:30 tour this Monday: tall trees, red bricks, abundant SUVs. And yet, something was missing. There were so many minority students on the college website—where were they now?

Her query is not a new one. Through-

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out the past year, an increasing number of prospective students and their parents have been expressing sentiments of confusion over Davidson's outward portrayal of diversity.

Fortunately, admissions officials couldn't be less concerned. "Here at Davidson we have a remarkably diverse student body, with literally dozens of non-white students," said Howard Brooks, special director of diversity recruitment in the admissions office. "Now the whole world can finally see the true reality of Davidson's commitment to diversity. We don't just have heart—we've got soul."

The college homepage, located on-line at www.davidson.edu, was outfitted last semester with a new database of randomly-loading photos highlighting Davidson's diverse student-body. While previous photos featured only token minorities amidst a sea of white students, the current images feature a minority-to-Caucasian ratio grossly disproportionate to the actual racial distribution on cam-

pus, frequent inclusion in college brochures, and numerous appointments to panels for visiting high-schoolers.

In further appreciation, the admissions office hosted a diversity picnic this Saturday, which was filmed for use in a new video for prospective students. Among the students invited was Devon James '04, who was even permitted by admissions officials to bring a few guests. "Mr. Brooks

was really excited about meeting my roommates, so I felt sort of bad when I had to tell him they were away for the weekend," said James. "But he was really understanding, and said I could just bring some of my friends from the BSC. Although that's odd, because I'm not even in the BSC."

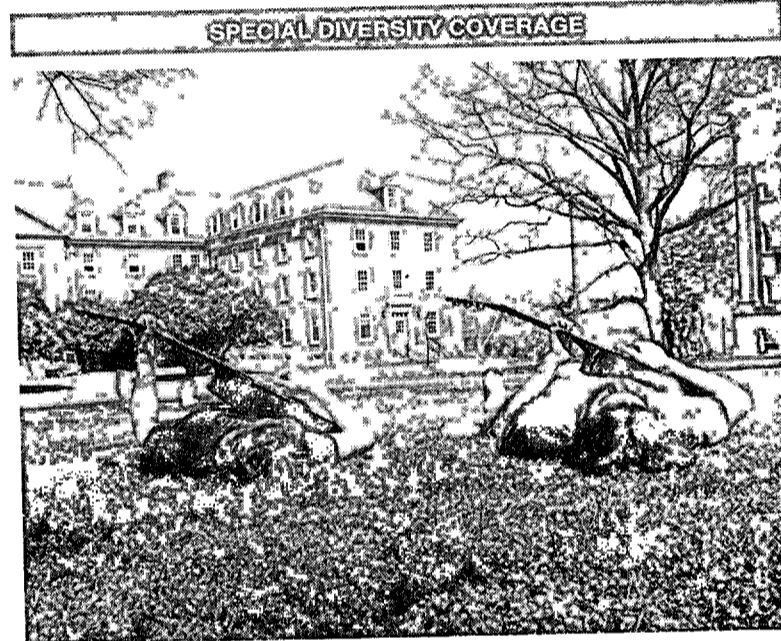
The picnic, described by the admissions department as a "dazzling multi-hued success," was a true showcase of diversity at Davidson. Brooks also took the opportunity to point out, however, that "diversity comes in forms other than skin color."

"I saw one guy who was at least 6'5" there tonight," Brooks exclaimed following the event. "You should have seen it, he was standing next to this girl who must have been under 5 feet tall. I just chuckled to myself and thought, 'If that isn't diversity personified, then I don't know what is.'"

Despite Davidson's strong commitment to diversity, admissions officials assure students that the campus still boasts plenty of non-minorities, also known as 'white guys.' In fact, white guys can be seen just about anywhere on campus grounds, where they engage in any number of white guy activities, be it throwing Frisbees, walking entirely too quickly to class, or playing mediocre Dave Matthews on acoustic guitars.

"Davidson certainly has the best of both worlds," commented Lauren Field-

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ABOVE: White guys contribute a whole lot to campus life

pus. "This is truly a step in the right direction," Brooks continued while hitting the homepage 'refresh' button a whole bunch of times on his computer screen. "We still have some room to improve in terms of minority enrollment, but these new photos confirm just how seriously we take diversity here at Davidson."

The photos were uploaded onto the site by Marty Bohner, a recently employed web designer in the College Communications office, who comes to Davidson with experience at Gettysburg College and the University of Vermont.

"It's great to work among such an incredibly diverse student body," Bohner commented. "When I was at UVM we had to digitally add minorities to our publication graphics with Adobe Photoshop. It's just so much more convenient when you have real, living non-white students to work with." Bohner went on to explain that, despite some rumor to the contrary, all non-white students on Davidson's webpage were in fact photographed on Davidson's campus at one time or another. "These were all real photos printed on actual paper and scanned with an actual scanner," he said.

In appreciation of the diversity they bring to campus, Brooks and his admissions staff have pledged their dedication to minority students here at Davidson. Minorities have enjoyed an array of special privileges, such as a specialized freshman orientation

BRIEFLY

Donor thinking he might have gotten jipped on atrium naming deal

HOUSTON—Robert Brown, President and CEO of Texas based Brown Foundation Inc., expressed some misgivings Monday about his most recent donation to the Davidson campus, the Brown Atrium in the Alvarez College Union.

"I've been giving this some thought lately and I think I might have gotten taken for a ride on this one," said Brown from his sixtieth story corporate office. "I mean, most of the things with names on them in the Union are pretty solid, like Duke Family Performance Hall, or the Sprinkle Room. But the atrium? What's that? It basically refers to the lack of existence of certain parts of the third and fourth floors. I guess I just never really thought that one through."

Added Brown: "Damn."

Despite his recent disappointment, Brown has taken some comfort in the fact that he's not the only donor to have been somewhat manipulated in the Union dedication process. "If you can tell me where the Alvarez College Union ends and the Knobloch Campus Center begins I'd really like to know," he continued. "But oh well. At least it's not called Belk."

Student wishes class didn't criticize religion so much

SENTELLE—For the fifth time since beginning the class this semester, Junior Daniel Jones complained to his hall mates today that, "All we do in our religion class is sit around and criticize religion!" Jones is currently enrolled in Dr. Maureen Cross' Modern Critics of Religion.

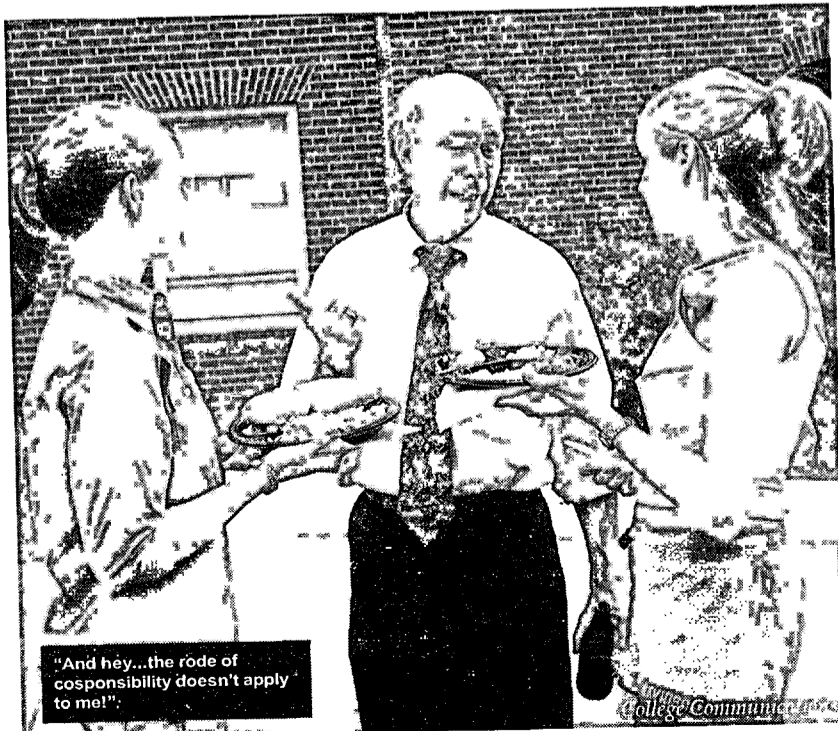
"It's ridiculous that at a religious school like this that they are teaching us about those without faith," Jones said. "I have no idea why these guys Marx and Nietzsche are even allowed to talk about religion. They don't believe in it, so clearly they have no reason to be talking about it."

"Just because all these liberal professors get tenure, they assume they can get away with teaching whatever junk they want to," Jones continued. "All I know is that my color-coded Rainbow Bible can teach me more about religion than that old Dr. Cross any day."

"God, she probably never even goes to church. I certainly haven't seen her at Warehouse." Enraged by the situation, Jones plans to raise the issue this week in Campus Outreach Weekly. "I've had enough," he said. "Thank God there are still some people at this place who understand that religion isn't up for 'interpretation.'"

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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"And hey...the role of cosponsibility doesn't apply to me!"

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