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SGA kicks off 'April at the Lake'

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The Student Government Association (SGA) has decided to contribute money and effort for "April at the Lake," a series of events that will take place at the Lake Campus next month.

Although still tentative, the plans call for activities on two Friday afternoons starting April 2 and concluding on the Thursday night before Spring Frolics.

The Union Board and PCC are helping sponsor "April at the lake" which was inspired by members of SGA who feel that the Lake Campus is very under-utilized.

Walker Saik '06 originally presented the idea to the SGA at its meeting two weeks ago.

Saik and Wilson McCrory '07 are co-chairs of the SGA's Lake Campus Committee.

"We want to attract people out to the lake and make it a center of community," said Saik. "We really want to make this the place kids want to be."

McCrory agrees that the Lake Campus is under-utilized. "April at the Lake" will have "activities to bring different demographics out there," said McCrory.

The first week kicks off on April 2 with a band and food.

"Live music will be fun for people, and there will be a festive atmosphere," said McCrory.

There will also be some types of inflatable games as a part of a resignation party for Ms. Lula Houston, a longtime laundry worker.

"We want the first week to be huge to get momentum for the event," McCrory added.

On Week 2, the focus shifts toward the water as the spring weather continues to arrive.

"I think people will just have a blast being outside," Saik said.

There will be a beach volleyball tournament, as well as water skiing and tubing on the lake.

A WALT DJ and an a cappella group are also among the possibilities for the second week.

"April at the Lake" will conclude its third and final week on the Thurs-

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Will a pill a day get you an 'A'?

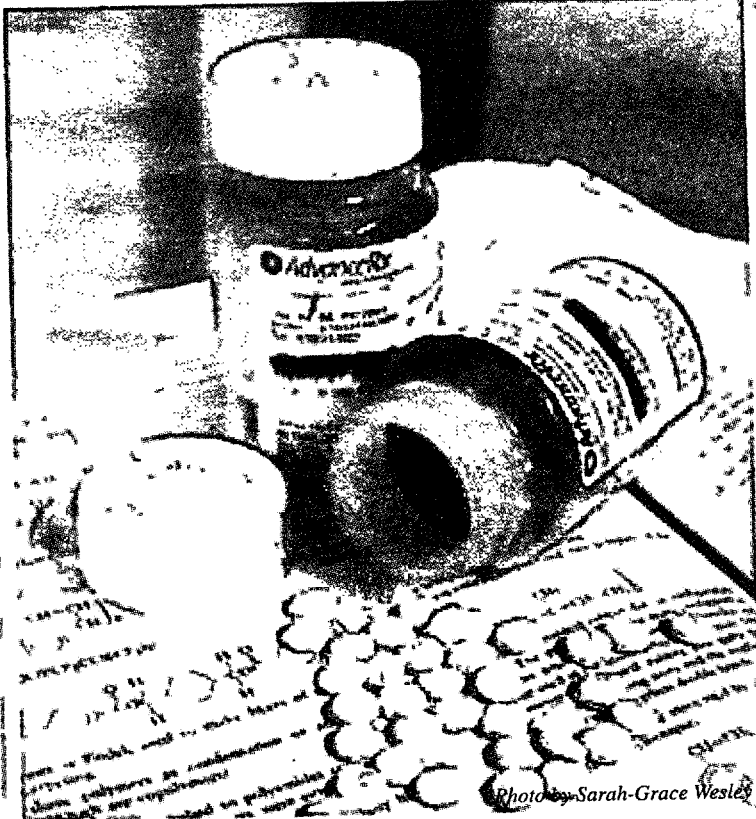


Photo by Sarah-Grace Wesley

Adderall abuse is becoming a growing issue across the nation, as more and more students turn to the prescription drug to help them concentrate. See story, page 2.

Graffiti 'artists' strike again in Belk Dorm

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Throughout the semester, several graffiti drawings have appeared in buildings on campus, including Richardson, Duke, and Tomlinson, and now Belk.

The graffiti that appeared in Belk last weekend included obscene illustrations and derogatory comments concerning homosexuals and was found on bedroom doors, in a lounge, and on the stairwells of the residence hall.

Because no one has taken responsibility for the graffiti, the charges for clean-up and repainting will be passed onto residents of the halls in which the damage occurred in accordance with college policy.

The damage caused by graffiti this year has amounted to \$382.80, not including repair for the latest incident. This figure accounts for 40 percent of the unclaimed damages so far this semester, which total \$942.96.

In an attempt to find the person

responsible for the vandalism, Residence Life Office has launched an investigation that includes talking with residents where graffiti has been written and running reports of catcard use to identify people entering the building the night of the incidents.

In addition, RLO has approached a fraternity that was implicated by some residents.

Since the latest graffiti messages harassed and threatened homosexuals, Residence Life Office has also chosen to involve Public Safety in the investigation. They have thus far been unable to find the person(s) responsible.

"Although we have some theories, we have not been able to identify the perpetrators," said Director of RLO, Dean Marsicano.

President of the Gay Student Association, Matt Talbert '05, said the incident demonstrates the need for more progress to be made in accepting homosexuals at Davidson.

"It is deplorable that things like this

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Trustee subcommittee to examine religion req.

Extra focus placed on trustees nominated by Alumni Association

By AMEE PATEL
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The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees voted unanimously for the appointment of a subcommittee the weekend before last to consider recommendations for the full Board regarding the trustee religion requirement. The new committee will report its findings to the entire body as early as the annual Board meeting in October.

According to President Vagt, Chairman John McCartney will finish appointing trustees to the subcommittee by the end of this week.

This most recent step in the ongoing conversation on the trustee religion requirement reflects a shift from broad-based discussion on their meaning to a more concrete examination of its various aspects, specifi-

cally the role of requirements for trustees elected through the Alumni Association.

President Vagt said, "The committee will look at the broad issue with particular focus on alumni trustees."

According to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association can nominate eight people to serve as trustees. The alumni themselves vote on these candidates.

The eight chosen alumni trustees are held to the same religion requirements as trustees elected at-large, however. Critics feel this requirement should be lifted, allowing the eight trustees to better reflect the makeup of the Davidson alumni and current student bodies.

Discussion of this aspect of the College's religion requirements has come up several times in the past. Most recently, in 1993, the SGA proposed that the Board of Trustees remove the Christian requirement for alumni trustees. This proposal lacked support, however, and disappeared

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Photo by Ryan Thompson

Frank Laforgia cleans graffiti from a stairwell in Belk, one of several dormitories to be vandalized this year.

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