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ing would benefit the campus community at large.

Blake brought up the many divisions that currently exist within the Davidson community, including black/white, gay/straight and men/women.

According to Blake, gender divisions are reinforced through fraternities and eating houses and can often be seen in single-sex groups dining in Commons.

"Having a co-ed housing option would tremendously help the GLBTQ (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transsexual Questioning) community feel more comfortable on campus."

--Richmond Blake '09

"Having a co-ed living option would educate students and help to end misconceptions between the sexes," Blake said.

Blake brought up the idea of co-ed housing at the Trustee meeting last Friday.

"They were not bothered by the idea, though they did ask a lot of questions. I had the impression that they would like to hear a

formal proposal from RLO about the specifics, like bathrooms," Blake said.

The Trustees are particularly concerned about bathrooms because, when they agreed to co-ed dorms fifteen years ago, it was agreed that the sexes would not share bathrooms.

Marsicano anticipates that should co-ed housing become an option, it would be implemented in Tomlinson.

Bathrooms would be less of an issue in Tomlinson, as well as in Martin Court. The Tomlinson pods have two bathrooms for eight people and the bathrooms in Martin Court are split up so that residents could cohabitate in a less intrusive manner.

In addition, the layouts of these residences allow students to share living space while also having separate bedrooms.

"Co-ed living would not be for freshman and would not be in every building," Marsicano said.

Co-ed housing is an option at many of Davidson's peer institutions. Both Duke and UNC Chapel Hill have a co-ed living option, as do other schools to which Davidson is commonly compared.

Co-ed halls constitute the majority of housing at other liberal art schools such as Middlebury College. There are also housing rules that allow cohabitation in suites.



SGA members voiced concerns to the Board of Trustees at Thursday's meeting.

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dialogue between the SGA and the Trustees open and active throughout the academic year.

"There is next to no communication right now," he said.

Skelton proposed that a different committee of the Trustees attend the SGA meeting each of the three times it visits the campus per year.

"There are many issues that the Student Government Association deals with that simply are not very pertinent to the Trustees, so the goal during their visit is to represent the student perspective, but to focus in on issues the trustees can affect."

--Mac Skelton '07

Other plans to improve dialogue include re-establishing SGA's former commitment of having each senator correspond with a trustee.

Skelton also plans on creating a monthly electronic newsletter to update Trustees about SGA business and raise other issues.

The speech also addressed positive student reactions to the Trustees' efforts. He relayed student satisfaction with renovations and with the capping of student loans.

Skelton encouraged the Trustees to continue efforts to promote an ethnically diverse campus through hiring minority faculty

members and making the curriculum more ethnically sensitive.

Skelton also informed the Trustees about future SGA initiatives, including increasing student body understanding of college traditions. For example, Skelton hopes to collaborate with the Chaplain's office and other relevant entities to involve students in discussion about the college Statement of Purpose in the coming year.

"Last year during the debate over non-Christians on the board, the meaning of the Statement of Purpose was heavily discussed among the trustees. Unfortunately that discussion did not reach the students to a great extent. Some students have expressed confusion as to the statement's meaning and so I think it is vital that the college makes a concerted effort to answer those questions," Skelton said.

In addition to campus issues and goals, Skelton mentioned recent achievements.

Skelton discussed the Engage for Change program and its coordinated efforts for hunger and homelessness relief among different campus organizations.

"Engage for Change is proof that SGA and other campus organizations should focus on collaborative efforts if they desire substantive change," he said.

Skelton also discussed SGA's restructuring of the Diversity Coordinating Committee to bring about greater minority representation on SGA.

Skelton said he felt the Trustees were receptive to his presentation.

"Trustees want to hear the student voice," he said.

CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

4/7/06

Chambers Lawn

Illegal Possession

An officer observed a white male and a white female sitting on Chambers lawn smoking a hookah. The officer informed them that hookahs are not allowed on campus. The officer confiscated the hookah and informed the students that they could retrieve their property at the end of the school year.

4/7/06

Lake Campus

Vice Complaint

An officer conducting a foot patrol at the Lake Campus observed a group of students on the floating dock at the rear of the floating boathouse. Several of the students were fishing from the dock of a pontoon boat moored there. The officer saw two cardboard 24-can beer containers, numerous empty beer cans, and an empty beer bottle on the boathouse walkway. Several of the students were drinking from beer cans. The officer asked for identification and advised the group that the Lake Campus was alcohol-free. The students were polite, apologetic and cooperative and stated that they were unaware that the Lake Campus was alcohol-free. While collecting identification, the officer dropped a student's driver's license, and it bounded off the deck and sank out of sight before it could be retrieved. The officer will reimburse the student for the cost of another license.

4/9/06

Faculty Drive

Suspicious Vehicle

An officer received a call regarding a white Ford Crown Victory that had circled campus several times. The officer made contact with the driver, who said he was on campus to pick up a prospective student. The student was in the vehicle.

4/9/06

Ecological Preserve

Property Damage

Campus Police received an email from a professor stating that someone had been driving an automobile on the walking trail and had wrecked their vehicle in a sharp curve sometime between Mar. 25 and 26. The wreck occurred in the ecological preserve and completely destroyed an owl nest and a bluebird nest. The suspect had left the scene following the collision. An officer observed a dark 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer with extensive damage to the front and right side in the greenhouse parking lot on Mar. 26, but the damage to the ecological preserve was not reported until Mar. 30, so the officer only made notes about the vehicle. After the professor reported the damage, Campus Police informed him of the suspect, and the professor brought a piece of grill from a 2004 Trailblazer (a sticker inside the piece identified the vehicle) to the police department. Officers located the owner of the vehicle and left him a voicemail message asking him to contact Campus Police. The subject did not respond, so the officer sent him an email. The subject was out of tow, but arranged a meeting with Campus Police, at which the subject gave the officer a complete and accurate account of the events. The subject said he did not realize there was any damage to anything other than his vehicle and did not report it. The subject agreed to contact the professor to volunteer to repair any damage he had caused.

4/9/06

Phi Hall

Underage Drinking

During a zone check of Eu and Phi Halls, an officer heard voices and observed several females sitting on the second floor porch of Phi Hall. The officer observed one of the females take a drink from what appeared to be a large wine or liquor bottle. The officer walked up to the porch and observed three female students smoking pipes with a nearly-empty bottle of Gazela wine between them. A silver corkscrew was next to the bottle. The students said they were celebrating the 20th birthday of one of the group. The officer asked for identification and found that all three were under 21 years of age. All three were polite and cooperative.

Students with information about campus crimes can contact Campus Police anonymously by logging onto www.davidson.edu/publicsafety



Last Thursday's Pig Pickin' event raised \$2,500 for Loaves and Fishes.