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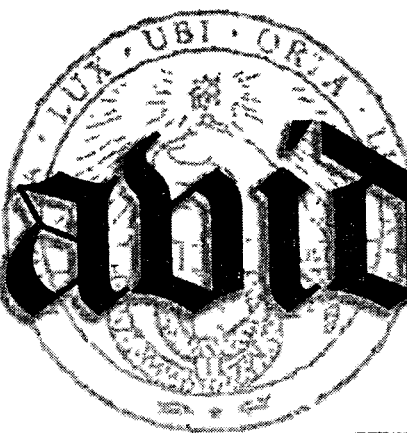
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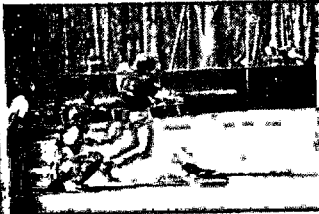
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Davidson to welcome new sorority

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Students can soon expect a new sorority to join Patterson Court. The sorority will be part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), an umbrella organization to the nine historically black fraternities and sororities across the country. Depending on student feedback from presentations that will occur in the next several weeks, the sorority will either be Delta Sigma Theta or Zeta Phi Beta.

Currently, Patterson Court hosts three organizations under the NPHC status: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as well as Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities. The new sorority is intended to expand options for students wishing to join a Greek letter organization.

"In the past there has been student interest to bring on another historically black sorority to help provide students of color and the general community with another option in the form of a Greek sorority," said Patterson Court Advisor Drew Chin.

The expansion will enhance the Patterson Court experience, as a broad range of options will be available for many different types of students. "From the students of color perspective, I think it will allow them to feel like Davidson provides them more opportunities to be in communities that they feel more welcomed in," noted Expansion

Committee Chair Lamonte Stamps. "I think that it will definitely recruit more students of color to come to Davidson."

Chin also added, "It's important to know that anyone regardless of race can join this sorority. Although it's a historically black sorority, it doesn't mean only students of color can join it."

This expansion of the NPHC began in 2008, but a more recent focus developed in December of last year. "This was a student-led initiative," Stamps said. "There was a group of women that was interested in providing another option for the students at Davidson. That shows the spirit of Davidson and why Davidson is such a great place. We allow our students to give feedback and stand up for what they want and what they believe in. As a result, this is why this process is happening now."

Additionally, the support of President Ross in this initiative has helped facilitate the process. "Since he's been here, President Ross has made diversity a pretty clear initiative, and this supports that," Chin said. "He asked the Patterson Court Office to invite the three remaining NPHC sororities to see if they would be interested in chartering a chapter here."

Of the three NPHC sororities that Davidson invited to campus, two responded: Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta. They will each be giving a presentation in the next

several weeks that will be open to the entire campus.

"It's important for the Davidson community to come out and support those presentations so that they can ultimately help decide on which sorority to bring to campus," Stamps said. "We will provide opportunities for students to give us

feedback on what they think of the sorority presentations, and as a result the expansion committee will take student recommendations into consideration."

As of now, there is not any con-

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2010 Batten Lecture



photo by Bill Giduz

Monday at 7:30 in the Semans Lecture Hall of the Belk Visual Arts Center, Ed Williams, James K. Batten Professor of Public Policy, presented the 2010 Batten Lecture. He spoke on "Losing the News: How the Communications Revolution is Good—and Bad—for America."

Leadership Conference unites Davidson women

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Just one year ago, the ladies of Davidson College decided to band together with those of the wider community for a weekend of cross-generational edification: so began the annual Women's Leadership Conference (WLC).

As WLC co-chair Nikki Gutierrez '10 expressed, "I have the feeling that people take for granted just how complex the concept of 'women's leadership' is." She suggested that those who entered the conference with an open mind would likely be surprised by "the ways [it] challenges or reinforces their own conceptions of leadership and womanhood."

This year, the planning committee—Christie Mason, Sara Bates and Grace Fletcher—organized the weekend with illustrious guest speakers, a lunch panel and diverse breakout sessions, all connected by the theme of empowerment in professional and personal life.

The conference opened Friday night with a reception held in the

Lilly Family Gallery. Basking in the glow of candlelight, the participants quickly warmed to each other as they enjoyed a performance from the Delilahs and savored the gourmet French cuisine catered by P.S.

After dinner came the keynote speaker Anne Tompkins. Tompkins has worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Organized Crime Drug Task Force, the Department of Justice, and was named one of the best attorneys in America. Drawing upon her rich experience, she offered a message both sympathetic and invigorating.

The next morning, the conference reconvened with a few icebreakers leading to breakout sessions. WLC co-chair Amanda Whitton '10 explained that the subject matter explored during breakout sessions was designed to be "interesting and apply to what women today are facing." Each topic was examined and challenged afresh, with dialogue guided by ladies selected from the community based upon their insight and expertise. These leaders were lauded by Whitton as a "collection of fantas-

tic women who really know what they're talking about."

The breakout sessions were split into three categories: Empowering Within, Empowering Around, and Empowering Beyond. "Empowering Within" focused upon developing confidence and self-awareness and included discussions on leadership styles and stereotypes. "Empowering Around" encouraged ladies to exert positive influence on others in their daily interactions. They specifically examined the dynamics of empowering women across class boundaries, women leading women and women co-leading with men.

"Empowering Beyond" illuminated the potential for women to shape the world using their passions. Specific topics included "How to Change the World and Still Pay Bills" and "Mentoring: How to Develop and Guide Future Leaders."

Midday, the groups rejoined for a lunchtime discussion, in which they explored the relationship between personal identity and empowerment, reexamining what it

means to be a woman. Following the afternoon breakout sessions, the conference closed with a call to action from Mitzi Short '83.

Short is a two-time winner of the Outstanding Women in America Award, recipient of Pepsi's "Right Side Up" Leadership Award, and recipient of the Alumni Service Award in 2000. Her comments inspired absorption and application of the invaluable principles gleaned over the course of the weekend.

Participation in the WLC drew together the ladies of the Davidson College and local community. Many reflected that the relationships formed and deepened over the weekend were just as precious as the organized events. Altogether, the conference was a stunning success.

As Gutierrez expressed, "This conference is so much more than an opportunity to wave pom-poms and cry 'girl power!' It's an opportunity for us women to ask the 'big questions' about who we are and about how we can empower ourselves and others through our day-to-day leadership."