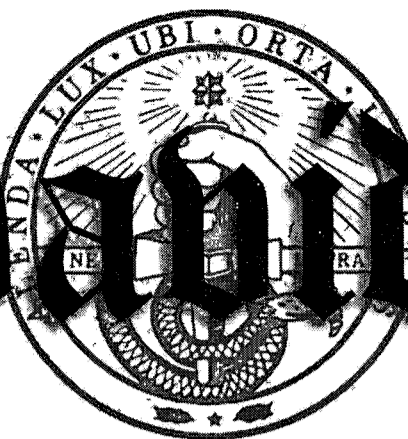


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Students protest lack of diversity among faculty

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"D-I-V-E-R-S-I-T-Y. What does that spell? Not Davidson!" This was just one of many chants intoned by student protesters at a combination student protest/race-based bake sale last Thursday.

As members of the college community exited the Spring Convocation into the Union amphitheater, they were greeted by a hand-painted sign asking, simply, "Diversity?" and passionate students chanting, "What do we want? Diversity! When do we want it? Yesterday!" The students also sold baked goods meant to visually signify the underrepresentation of minorities among Davidson faculty: sugar (white) cookies cost \$1.50, vanilla (Asian) cookies cost \$.25, etc.

Mel Mendez '13, one of the organizers of the event, said that the demonstration was ironically based on an anti-affirmative action bake sale at UC Berkeley which utilized a similar cookie/minority comparison.

"They implemented an anti-affirmative action bake sale, in which they sold cookies or baked goods and the prices of the baked goods were changed based on the race of the person buying it. We're...marketing different cookies based on the racial make-up of the faculty on campus."

"What we hope to do is really emphasize one, the representation, make kind of a visual



Students protest the lack of diversity among Davidson faculty at a bake sale held right after Convocation. Photo by Mark Sehnert

representation of the racial background of the faculty of color on campus," Mendez said. "And two, we want to spark offense at this. We want to show that... faculty of color

[are] not valued at Davidson, on a campus which promotes and tries to encourage in our strategic plan this open and inclusive moralist society. I think when you look at the number

of faculty of color you're not getting that." Although the event was motivated by the

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Tenure deferral prompts debate over tenure process

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This month, the college administration chose to delay a decision on Dr. Hun Lye's tenure status until October. That "non-decision," as some have called it, sparked much debate and speculation among faculty and students, culminating in a student protest/race-based bake sale last Thursday. The college then released information on Tuesday that Lye had chosen to withdraw from the tenure process.

In a statement, the college said, "On Friday, April 27, 2012 Dr. Lye requested to the Dean of Faculty that he be allowed to withdraw his candidacy for continuous tenure at Davidson College. Following consultation with the President, the Dean of Faculty indicated to Dr. Lye that we would accept and respect his request. We do anticipate that Dr. Lye will be teaching at Davidson College through the fall semester of 2012."

Lye, Assistant Professor of Religion, is,

by the accounts of many of his colleagues, well qualified for tenure. "Hun is a vital part of our Asian Studies," said Dr. Fuji Lozada, acting chair of the Anthropology Department. "From an East Asian Studies perspective, he's gone above and beyond the call of duty."

Dr. Shelley Rigger, chair of the Political Science Department, said of Lye, "I know that Dr. Lye is a great scholar... Hun Lye, in my opinion is as a teacher, as a colleague, as a participant in Asian Studies, fantastic."

What precisely motivated the college's initial deferral is a matter for speculation as the proceedings surrounding tenure are confidential. The information that is available, however, has caused waves of unrest among faculty and students.

Public tenure records show that five of the last seven professors who received negative tenure decisions have been faculty members of color, and that this is the first instance in the college's available, public history that the administration has deferred

a tenure decision.

"This is a shock for me as a faculty member of color, this is a shock for me as an East Asian specialist," Lozada said.

Qualifications for tenure as outlined by the Davidson Faculty Handbook are: "(A) excellence in teaching, (B) demonstration of superior professional attainments in research, scholarship, and curriculum design, and (C) substantive service to students, to the College, and to the community."

In the debate following the deferral, faculty members have addressed the difficulty of demonstrating "superior professional attainments in research" at Davidson, where a premium is placed on teaching, but not necessarily on faculty members' personal academic scholarship.

"I think Davidson's process is very difficult for the kind of institution we are," said Scott Denham, Professor of German and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary

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Crimes sap Frolics fun

Staff Article

When the dust cleared on the annual Frolics Weekend on Sunday, there had been several (not literal) casualties. Incidents in and around various Patterson Court organizations, including fights and theft, had rumors flying across campus.

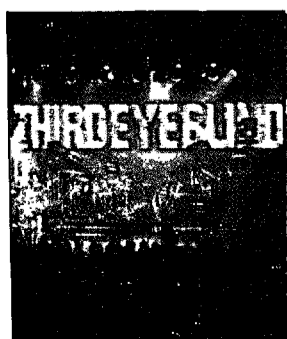
President Quillen issued the following statement in response to the events and resulting rumors:

"Students and Colleagues,

Dean Shandley sent out an email to our students last night sharing information with respect to events on campus on Saturday night. I wanted to follow up on his message and also share this information with our faculty and staff.

On Saturday night, Police officers from

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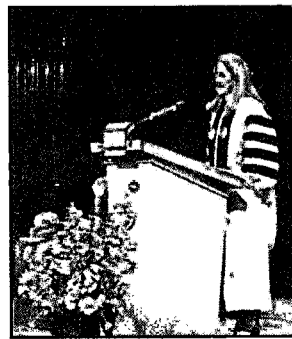
Last Thursday night, Third Eye Blind helped Davidson kick off the Spring 2012 Frolics weekend. Students came out in flocks to listen to the popular 90s band they grew up with.

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In Sports news, Baseball, Lacrosse and Club Sports all played this week to much fanfare. The lacrosse team will host the National Lacrosse Conference tournament, and will enter that tournament as the fourth-seeded team.

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Editors-in-Chief Logan Lew-iss and Kelly Wilson sat down with President Quillen for an exclusive take from the President on her first year at Davidson. Quillen discusses the year's greatest accomplishments as well as her evolving vision for the college.

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