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Court may impose cover charge Independents to suffer consequences of PCC decision

By MATTHEW EIRICH
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Just like fraternity and eating house members, independents next year will have to pay what amounts to a social fee to attend Court parties. The plan to charge independents was introduced at a Patterson Court Council (PCC) meeting before break and is far from finalized.

Patterson Court Advisor Kurt Holmes and PCC President Steven Shames both acknowledge three pressing issues for the change in policy.

"Court Membership"

At a Court party, not all the funds are liquidated. Risk management also is a very important and necessary component of any gig. In the past the Dean of Students Office paid for the police

officers and risk managers, but this endeavor has become too costly for a single office to bear. According to Holmes, paying for the risk management has caused the Dean's office to run a large debt.

For the 1992-93 school year, risk management payments cost the Dean's office approximately \$24,000. Because of improvements in efficiency and policy, last year's and this year's totals were

both \$22,000. Starting next year, says Holmes, the Dean's office will contribute \$5,000 toward risk management, leaving approximately \$15,000 to be raised elsewhere. Another \$5,000 will come from the houses themselves.

This new plan still lacks another \$10,000. And this is where independents come in. Independents will not have to make up the difference, but according to

Shames, they will have to pay a "reasonable fee." He says the PCC will keep the charge for independents "as little as possible."

Holmes estimates that approximately 200 independents will seek "Court membership," which means that they will be able to attend all Court parties, but, according to Shames, people who do

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U.S. team sets date for April game at Davidson

By MATT PITZER
Sports Editor

Once again, the eyes of the soccer world will turn toward Davidson.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday afternoon, Davidson announced the defending world champion U.S. women's national soccer team will play Finland here Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

The game is the second in a five-game series dubbed "The Road to Sweden" that the U.S. team is embarking on to prepare for its June defense of its world title in Sweden.

The squad will play in Atlanta and Davidson before traveling to California for two games and then to Alberta, Canada for one game.

For Davidson, the game marks another in what is becoming a long line of high-profile soccer games: And it is believed to be the first time world champions have played at Davidson.

"We're excited that the U.S. Soccer Federation chose Atlanta and Davidson for their final East Coast appearances [before the World Championships]," says Game Management Director Lee Sargent, who spearheaded the effort to have Davidson host the

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Freshman Jeremy Rusin rehydrates during the Wake game. See story on page 13.

Rob Kosicki

FLAG's Sexuality Forum triumphs in its fifth year

By ASHLYN DANNELLY
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When Meg Jones, current Night Manager of the College Union, was a Davidson sophomore in 1990, she organized a sparsely attended sexuality forum through the auspices of the Campus Forum. Three women alumnae spoke about their homosexuality, but the tone of the forum, according to Jones, was "real serious ... the au-

dience was not very supportive. They almost pushed the panel into a corner of being defensive."

How times have changed. When four current Davidson students and two 1994 graduates walked onto the 900 Room stage Monday night to discuss their sexuality, the standing-room-only audience roared their approval with loud hoots, hollers, and whistles.

Jones says, "For the first forum, I had trouble finding people

to help put on a forum, and now there are six students willing to speak. Now, you can stand in the middle of the Union and say 'I'm gay.' That is nothing but a positive direction. It is still not completely safe, but there are outlets now."

The forum was mediated by former FLAG Co-chair Cat Grimmel. Grimmel, a founding member of the organization, rec-

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Students speak and act against rape and domestic violence.

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Co-ed dorms not to be forgotten

By JAY JENNINGS
Staff writer

Although little has been said about co-ed dorms since the SGA passed their resolution in support of them, the issue has not been forgotten.

However, they will not be in place next year because dorms have already been designated for the 1995-96 school year.

Kurt Holmes, acting Director of Residence Life, feels that the SGA resolution is important. He says that it has spurred RLO to investigate the issue and will help the new director of Residence Life come to a better understanding of what students want.

RLO conducted some research by comparing Davidson's policy on co-ed dorms to those of other similar colleges. According to Holmes, a "vast majority [of these schools] have co-ed dorms."

The controversy centers around co-ed dorms for freshmen. The idea of co-ed freshmen halls comes into conflict with the great monolith of single sex living, Belk dorm. If Belk was made co-ed, it would make the process of switching to this new policy easier.

The selection process for a new director of Residence Life has begun. This new director will address the SGA's resolution. Holmes believes it is essential that students keep the pressure on and not simply forget about it. He said in the director's first year, the students "must prove that there is overwhelming support for the issue."