

News Shorts

Davidson Habitat for Humanity issues annual report

In an annual report issued last week, Habitat board members claimed success so far in rallying community support for their cause.

The 1988 Habitat organized volunteers and raised money to build one single-family house and begin construction on another. Those two dwellings are being sold through no-interest loans to families who would otherwise not be able to afford homes in Davidson.

In 1988 board member Ed White led the Davidson Habitat effort to select three families from the 17 who submitted applications.

The first home will be occupied soon by Brenda, Orlando and Erica McCain.

Carlos and Jill Lasanta and their children will occupy the second home, which is under construction; and Jesse and Marilyn Williamson and their children will occupy the third house, which will be built this summer.

White-Smith Scholarship established

William Anthony White Jr.,

Davidson class of 1952, and his wife, Elizabeth Smith White, have established a scholarship for study and internships abroad for needy students at Davidson.

The White-Smith scholarship honors several generations of alumni descendants of Anthony White, class of 1847, and Samuel W. Smith, class of 1929.

Over the next few years the endowment for this scholarship will grow to approximately \$150,000. The scholarship will be administered by the Dean Rusk Program in International Studies.

Epilepsy support group

On Tuesday, February 28 the Epilepsy Association of North Carolina will offer monthly community meetings for adults with epilepsy. The meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Charlotte office, 4801 East Independence Blvd., Suite 1000, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Persons with epilepsy and their family members are encouraged to attend.



Sophomores Bob Hornsby and Jamie Slagle work on Habitat's second house.

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appearing on bathroom doors and in Patterson court houses.

In order to help the campus on the problem of AIDS, the committee itself needs to be better educated. The committee seeks to learn more about AIDS at an AIDS Prevention Workshop that four student representatives will attend later this month at Tennessee State University. This two day workshop will focus on swapping information between the various universities represented, and teaching the participants how to better educate others about AIDS. The Davidson representatives will hold a campus wide assembly when they return from the conference.

Kimmel also suggested sending a group of Davidson students and faculty to the University of Virginia this summer to attend a six week intensive course on how to talk and teach about AIDS.

Junior Cackie Walters, who is currently organizing a Rusk

House committee on AIDS, complains that the "campus is dangerously ignorant" about AIDS. Students need to take the problem into their own hands and do something about it.

One suggestion on how to protect Davidson against the AIDS virus is to install condom machines in the bathrooms of the dormitories. As Kimmel warned: "The more difficult it is to obtain condoms, the less frequently they will be used. Condoms ought to be freely available to all students, because besides education, they are the only way to stop the AIDS virus from spreading."

Davidson Service Coordinator Caroline Craig urges the students to take action on this issue. If it is left for the school to propose, Craig stated, the idea will have to travel through many time consuming channels before it gets approved, including the conservative Board of Trustees.

Action needs to be taken right away; we can't afford to wait for years for the school to become accustomed to this radical idea. Students interested in this prob-

lem should bring the issue to the attention of the SGA, and work on raising the awareness of their peers. Petition sheets will be posted around campus to gain extra support. Many other universities have already adopted this idea.

These extreme measures are necessary. Although students will probably not suffer the effects of the disease while attending Davidson, Fulton points out that soon "people won't be coming back to our alumni reunions because they have died of AIDS."

While at Davidson, however, the students will not alter their life styles because they don't have any symptoms of the disease, and the majority believe "it won't happen to me." The job of the AIDS Action Committee is to convince everyone at Davidson that Aids is a problem that all must confront.

Anyone who is interested in joining the AIDS committee or in learning more about AIDS can attend the weekly meeting, every Tuesday at 5 p.m. The location of the meeting will be posted.

Davidson College AIDS policy

This policy is adopted by the Trustees of Davidson College to outline the method by which the College will deal with students and personnel who are exposed to the antibodies of the HIV virus, who have AIDS or the AIDS Related Complex (ARC). Further, the policy establishes a mechanism for dealing with AIDS education and specific situations which may arise. A Task Force exists to develop and supervise an AIDS educational program, to define specific procedures and to monitor the AIDS policy.

1. Education

A primary duty of the College in dealing with AIDS is educational. An educational program will include information about the likelihood of risk under normal conditions and information about the ways in which AIDS is transmitted so that students, faculty and staff may refrain from practices which may make them vulnerable to AIDS. A general educational program is conducted for students, faculty and staff each year.

2. Status of Persons Exposed to AIDS

Because AIDS is not transmitted by casual contact, there is no necessity at this time for mandatory testing for entrance to the College or for exclusion of students or personnel from the College who may carry the virus or antibodies to the virus. It doesn't appear necessary to have persons exposed to the virus eating in different places, living in different places, or curtail their activities. In the event of an epidemic of influenza or infectious mononucleosis, etc., persons with the virus may need special protection. As in all other serious issues involving the health and safety of the community or individuals,

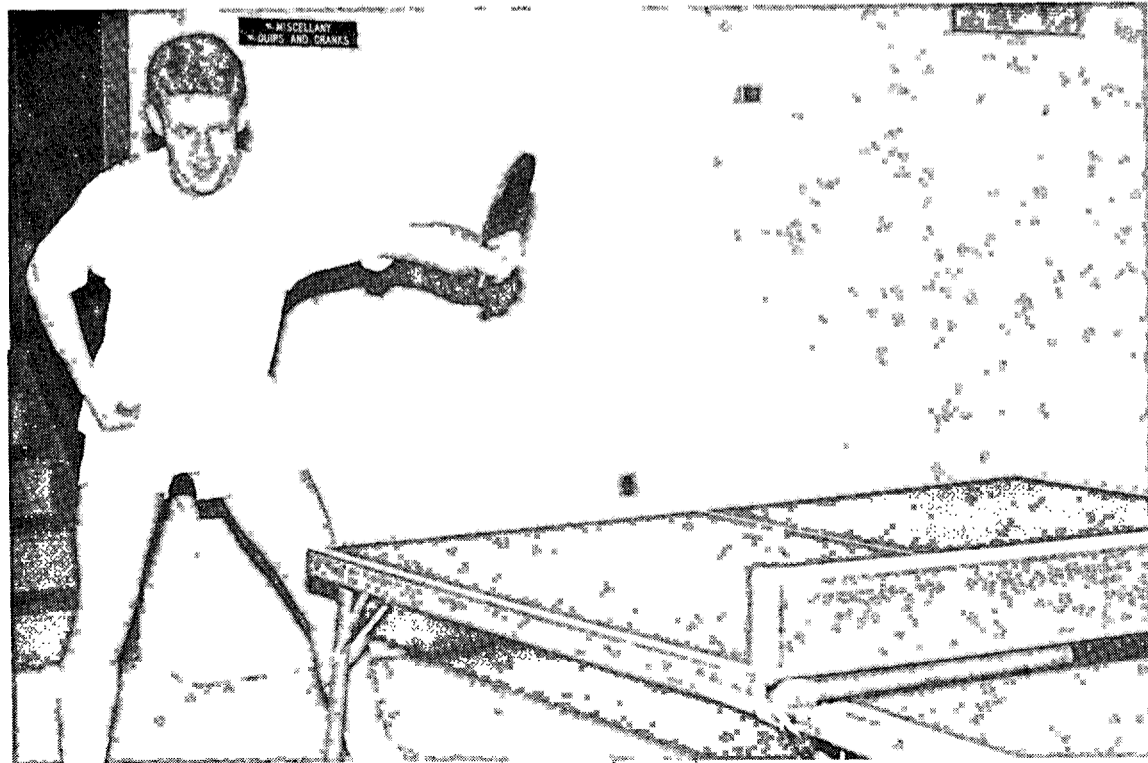
the College reserves the right to exclude any person who poses a threat to himself/herself or others.

3. Voluntary Testing for AIDS

Anonymity in testing for AIDS will be maintained. Any student or staff who wishes to be tested for AIDS should be referred to the AIDS Case Manager at the Davidson Medical Clinic. Voluntary testing will include both pre and post counseling. The patient will be given a code number and the results of the test will not be a part of his/her medical record. Billing for the test will not indicate an AIDS test.

Students and College personnel exposed to the virus will be encouraged to inform the Case Manager to insure their proper medical treatment. Such persons will also be encouraged to share this information with a dean or counselor on a confidential basis.

The College is not obligated to inform other students, including the roommate, of the presence of a student with an AIDS-related condition, but such disclosure may be dealt with on a case by case basis.



Senior Tim Poston, above, lost to Eric Lam Sunday in the finals of the annual Union ping-pong tournament. Both Lam and Poston will represent Davidson in the Tennessee regional tournament at the end of February.

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