

## Saintsing's resolution met by stiff opposition

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In addition, Thrower said that there have been no formal complaints made in regard to the escort service this year.

"In past years there have been rumors of poor service, and we pulled tapes from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg supervisor of communication," he said. "There was no evidence that there was a problem."

Regardless, "I introduced these two resolutions tonight to start a trend," Saintsing said.

"Resolutions drive committees, and the SGA has a system of committees and councils waiting for something to do."

The SGA's committees and councils numbered 18 as of SGA Day and the ad-hoc committee on minors has been added since.

"I think that any time a constituent has concerns, the SGA is a great place to do it," SGA vice president Ann Harriot Fisher said. "SGA has an encompassing committee system that embraces many areas on campus."

"Heather and Lucian are the council chairpersons, and this could have been resolved through them, but I think the way Tim handled it was entirely appropriate. His constituent had a problem, and this is the way he sought to solve it best. The way a senator wishes to vent his constituents' concerns is up to him."

"I agree that it's important to bring resolutions,

but ones that are accurate and accomplish a goal," Dervan said.

Brown said she felt Saintsing could have gone about accomplishing his goal in a better way: "I thought it would be best to bring a resolution to the body to redirect or restructure the way SGA is run. SGA could have debated the merit of working through resolutions as a rule."

SGA President Buster Burke broke the tie to pass the resolution on campus safety.

"I'm glad Tim's got the initiative, but I think he should have looked into it more," Burke said.

"I don't want to have resolutions where we haven't done investigation before making

formal proclamations which represent 1,600 kids. Maybe this will make the SGA a better organization, but I don't want resolutions to be accusatory or to damage the rapport of SGA committees."

"There were many routes that I could have chosen to present my resolutions," Saintsing said. "The one I chose is the one that best suited the current situation. The committee structure has a lot of potential, but I cannot work within a flawed system to correct that very system."

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◆ A crowd of 3,178 attended the football game and Homecoming activities Saturday at Richardson Field. Bill Giduz

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25 Years Ago  
This Week

## BSC lobbies for equality on campus

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In October 1972, the Davidsonian filled its pages with commentaries on and accounts of the heated, ominous presidential election between Democratic hopeful George McGovern and the hard-nosed Republican champion Richard Nixon.

Students praised Nixon in editorials, while others offered support for McGovern. The Davidsonian reported that the College Democrats were waging their own personal campaign for the challenger, just as the College Republicans mustered support for the incumbent.

Although this election left a substantial mark on American political history, the election of Nixon in 1972 is 25 years old in textbooks.

However, the Davidsonian chose a different story for the front page, one that continues to affect the student population at Davidson. The week of Oct. 20, the Black Student Coalition made 10 proposals to the Faculty Executive Committee.

The BSC, led by president Ron Gibson, punctuated their petition with threats of refusing to help recruit black students in the future and their own likely withdrawal from the College if positive action was not taken to alleviate the problems.

Among the 10 proposals were as follows: an increase in black student enrollment to "at least 150 within two years," an African Studies Program, "several black faculty members within two years," a better social life for black students, and the appointment of two black administrators within the year.

Also, the BSC wanted 10 percent of the coed students to be black. At the time of the complaints in 1972, there were none.

Gibson claimed little was done over the summer to implement these proposals, some of which had been proposed in earlier years.

As a result, the BSC decided on deadlines to draw attention to their concerns.

"If Davidson cannot make a real commitment to black students, then there is no need for us to be here," Gibson said.

"Some of these proposals include things that were promised to us my freshman year, but they have not been acted on. We are tired of empty promises. We want action."

Students and faculty members sympathized with the arguments. But John M. Bevan, the vice-president for

academic affairs, disputed Gibson's assertion that nothing had been done to improve the "situation."

He cited the hiring of a black admissions officer and another black secretary, and a comprehensive review of the library's holdings about the "black experience."

Furthermore, Gibson and others petitioned for an exchange program with traditionally black colleges. At the time, Howard University and Morehouse College had exchange programs with predominately white Northern colleges.

Today minority students benefit from such Davidson-sponsored programs as A.C.E.S., COSEN, and BSC.

Also, Davidson succeeded in establishing exchange programs with Morehouse College and Howard University.

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