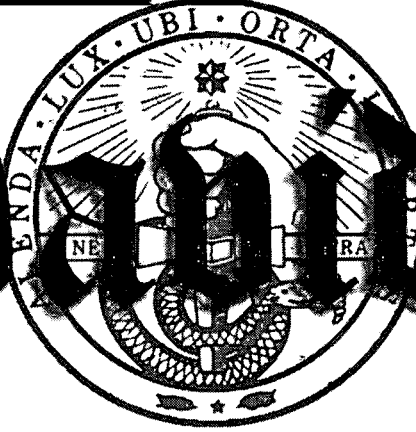


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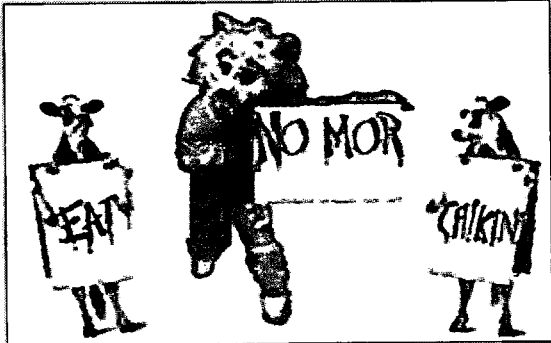


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Chick-fil-A issue decided

After months of debate surrounding whether to serve Chick-fil-A at After Midnight, an event hosted by the College Union Board, a decision was reached during Monday's Union Board meeting to discontinue serving the contentious chicken.

Union Board President Adriana Nassar '13 and Vice President Cam Joe '14 released this statement on Tuesday regarding the decision:

"Based on feedback gathered through an open forum, an electronic poll, informal conversation and hours of Union Board discussions, the Union Board believes Davidson student community interests are best served by not patronizing Chick-fil-A for this school year."

Trustees host student forum

Committee on Church Relatedness receives feedback on controversial bylaw

Laura Chuckray

News Editor

It constitutes but a few sentences of the College's bylaws, but the stipulation that Davidson's president must be of the Christian faith is now receiving large amounts of both criticism and support from the Davidson community. Following several months of collecting input and conducting research, the Committee on Church Relatedness, a group of nine trustees delegated to examine this issue, visited campus on Thursday, Sept. 13 to gather input from staff, faculty, the board of visitors and students at various events and forums throughout the day.

The bylaw was first brought to light during the presidential search process that concluded with the hiring of President Carol Quillen last year. In December of 2010, Mackey McDonald '68, chair of the board of trustees, released a statement pledging that a careful examination of the bylaw would be undertaken within a year of naming a new president. True to word, the current Committee on Church Relatedness was assembled in January of 2012. Since then, Article IV, Section 1 of the College's bylaws has

received their full attention:

The Trustees shall elect a President of the College who shall serve as the chief executive officer of the College. They shall elect only a person who is a loyal and active church member, whose life provides evidence of strong Christian faith and commitment. Such faith and commitment will be appropriately expressed by affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and active participation in the life of Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

The committee is currently in the research and collecting input stage of their process, thus their recent visit to campus. Hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) last Thursday, the student forum was held in Hance Auditorium, where the student body was invited to share their personal opinions on the bylaw before the committee.

William Rikard '67, chair of the committee, began the forum by offering an explanation of the often-misinterpreted bylaw, elaborating that the president is not necessarily required to be Presbyterian, but only required to be Christian. Once chosen, the president is expected to maintain an affiliation and involvement with Davidson College Presbyterian Church (DCPC), regardless of denomination.

"Your opinions matter, and they will be taken into account," Rikard concluded to the

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PNG, Davidson reach settlement regarding pipeline route

Pipeline to follow corridor of previous utilities, sparing research and trails from damage

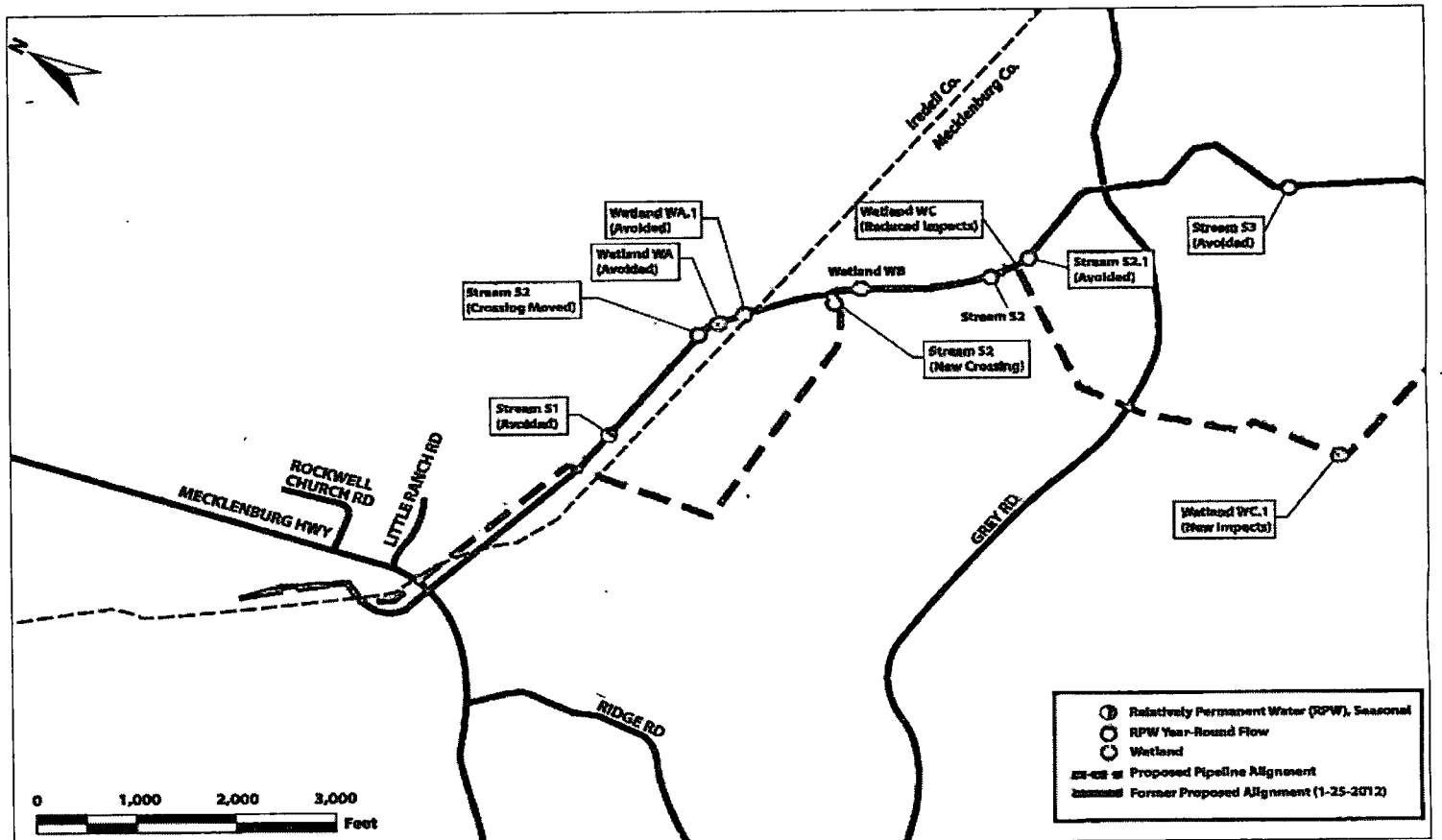
Lyla Halsted

News Editor

Davidson College's Ecological Preserve, once thought to be threatened by the construction of a natural gas pipeline, has been spared from the possibility of extensive damage. Last spring, Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG), a local utilities company, announced that it was going to build a pipeline through the 200-acre preserve. These plans were released to the College two years after their conception, and raised controversy due to their proposed destruction of a protected nature site, which is host to current and continuing research from students and faculty as well as a network of running trails.

While the wooded area is protected from developers, utilities pipelines have been permitted to cross the preserve in some instances.

Issues arose after PNG presented college officials with the proposal for the pipeline, detailed on a map of the preserve with survey points, which suggested that surveyors had visited the area without permission. Upon inspection, trees were found to be cut down within the preserve. Previous to this, PNG acquired permission to park on Davidson College



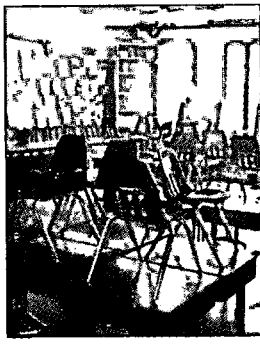
The originally proposed pipeline would have cut through the Davidson College Ecological Preserve. The new agreement reached this summer has the pipeline running along a pre-existing utilities corridor. Photo courtesy of Davidson College

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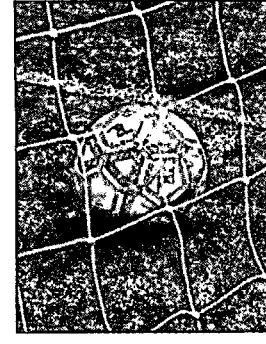
Turner House dedicated their afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 15, to a charitable cause. The eating house hosted its first annual Cornhole Tournament in order to raise awareness of and funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The tournament had 57 teams of two participate in the competition, each paying a \$20 buy-in fee.

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A new initiative will devote the academic year to interrogating obstacles to higher education. The Emerging Issues Academy, headed by Stacey Riemer, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Civic Engagement, and Verna Case, Associate Dean for Teaching, Learning, and Research, will focus on the theme "access to higher education."

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Senior co-captain Peter Paras '13 scored the game winning goal in the second overtime Saturday night to extend the men's soccer team's winning streak to three games. The team's highly anticipated game against number three-ranked team, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, has been postponed until October 9th.

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