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## SGA violates its own bylaws

*Procedure and timeline not followed in recent committee appointments*

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After weeks of requests from school administrators, the SGA has submitted a list of student appointments to faculty and trustee committees. The list, which the Davidsonian obtained from President Bobby Vagt, does not adhere to SGA bylaws.

While the committees are now complete and moving ahead, some appointments were made late and all appointments failed to comply with prescribed SGA procedure. Most notably, the general student body was not invited to apply for the positions.

SGA leadership says that a lack of communication with committees and one student's decision to go abroad derailed the process.

Committee appointments were supposed to have been made last spring by a process detailed in the most recently approved SGA bylaws. According to Article 4, Section D, a list of student positions to be filled should have been published by the Chancellor—at the time, Mabe Garcia—'05—and posted in each dorm. Students would then be able to sign up for available positions.

Within a week of signups, senate committees would have interviewed interested students, then presented their nominations for Senate approval. A majority vote of the Senate is required for appointment.

This process was not followed. "We came to the SGA with a list of comm-

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## ALL HAIL THE KING & QUEEN



Seniors Courtney Ward and Mbye Njie look royal during last Saturday's festivities.

## Homecoming 2003

*Njie and Ward win King and Queen; alums look back*

By RUCHI TURAKHIA  
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Amidst the excitement surrounding this year's Homecoming, the close football game and the crowing of Homecoming King Mbye Njie '04 and Queen Courtney Ward '04, one might have noticed a few older faces—the faces of alumni who are back at Davidson for their reunion, or simply returned to visit their alma mater.

With 309 alumni in attendance for Homecoming weekend, official reunions were held

for the fifth, 10th, 60th, and 65th, or those for the classes of 1998, 1993, 1943, and 1938.

Thirty-one men attended the class of 1943's 60th reunion Homecoming weekend.

According to Matthew Merrell, Director of Alumni Relations, this is the largest 60th reunion Davidson has seen. Among the class of '43 are names such as John Belk, the founder of Davidson's John Montgomery Belk Scholarship, and John McGee, who has given over a million dollars to the Dean Rusk Program for International Studies and from whom the

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## What does 17% mean?

*CORE survey reveals the other side of drug and alcohol use*

By BLEVIN SHELNUTT  
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Most students have noticed the "17%" signs prevalent throughout campus, now present on posters, pens, and mugs.

The "17%" signifies that 17 percent of Davidson students drink once a year or less, a figure based on the 2002 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey which many of us filled out last year.

Along with the "17% fact," the CORE Survey results reveal several other surprising statistics about drug and alcohol use on Davidson's campus.

According to CORE data, seventy-seven percent of all students and seventy-five percent of underage students (younger than twenty-one) reported that they have consumed alcohol in the previous thirty days.

Forty-four percent of all students reported binge drinking in the previous two weeks, where a binge is defined as consuming five or more drinks in one sitting, and 14.7 percent of students describe themselves as current marijuana users, "current" meaning with at least a "30-day prevalence."

Many Davidson students have also felt the consequences of drug and alcohol use; thirty-one percent of students reported some form of public misconduct, such as trouble with the police, fighting, receiving a DUI, or vandalism, at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drugs. Likewise, over thirty-two percent of students

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## KKK investigation continues

By MATT GARFIELD  
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Davidson students and employees donned purple ribbons on shirts and backpacks Tuesday in a school-wide Day of Unity held in response to the KKK vandalism found on campus on Sept. 28.

Meanwhile, the investigation continues into who is responsible for the crime.

Campus Police received a tip on Thursday from a Davidson student who reported seeing a white car

with North Carolina license plates, possibly a Lincoln or Cadillac, near the laundry building around 4 a.m., close to the time officials believe the vandalism occurred.

The letters KKK were spray painted on a sidewalk and a brick wall near the laundry building in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 28.

Director of Public Safety and Police Fountain Walker said the student was unable to tell who was

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## Newsweek's Zakaria to lecture in spring

*Popular political pundit will deliver this year's Wearn Lecture*

By LESLIE HEMPSON  
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Fareed Zakaria, editor of Newsweek International, will speak at Davidson on Tuesday, March 30 as part of the Wearn Lecture series.

In addition to his editorial responsibilities, Zakaria frequently writes columns for Newsweek, The Washington Post, and The New Yorker. He appears regularly on ABC's "This Week with George

Stephanopoulos" and recently wrote the New York Times bestseller "The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad."

Dr. Chris Alexander, director of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program, said of Zakaria, "I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that he is one of, if not the, single most important thinkers about international affairs and America's role in the world today."

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Zakaria is a frequent guest on ABC and prolific columnist

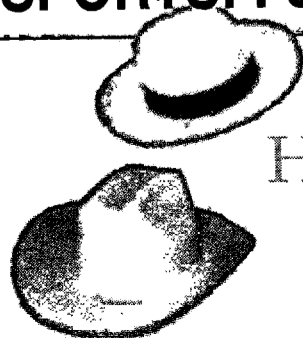
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