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Representative, Jesse Lyons, said, "[my] purpose at Davidson was to show KA how to operate as a good fraternity and not a good social club."

Lyons helped implement new standards for members, community service events, academic policies and rules regarding the education of new members.

In addition, a new Alumni Advisory Committee including local alumni will come to meetings every other week and advise the chapter on various issues.

"KA enacted new objectives on the basis of brotherhood rather than social considerations," Sigma chapter President Walker Badham '08 said.

Additionally, KA has placed major emphasis on community service and philanthropic events for its reemergence in the Davidson community.

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--Walker Badham '08, President of KA

The fraternity created multiple committees to plan events to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Jay Chitty Foundation in honor of its departed brother Jay Chitty '07.

The fraternity has also set aside weekly

time slots to do community service with the Ada Jenkins program and other organizations in the community.

"House membership is not really recognized, and they [members of KA] want people to know KA is full of great leaders around campus," KA Vice President Anders Gustafson said.

KA contains varsity athletes, members of SGA and Honor Council, volunteer firefighters and members of the ROTC program.

Because of the laws pertaining to the current period of recruitment by fraternities at Davidson, KA's revised new member education plans seem to be crucial to its return.

The revised new member education plan includes a detailed calendar of recruitment and pledging events with explanations and goals for each of these events.

Additionally, the members of KA have brought clarity to the recruitment and pledging process, allowing potential brothers to know exactly what will occur.

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"The changes were not made to make KA elitist," Lyons said, "but designed to bring back the idea of fraternity to the Sigma chapter at Davidson."

Patterson Court Advisor Cheyenne Schultz has high hopes for the brothers of KA.

"Having them back adds new leadership to strengthen the overall mission and vision of the community: to make men better men, and to make women better women," she said.

Race, from page 1

Davidson desegregated when it admitted two African students in 1963 and two African-American students in 1964. However, chapel was still mandatory and the College only counted attendance at white churches.

In response, George Nzongola-Ntalaja from Zaire lobbied the administration to count his attendance at a local African-American church and succeeded in changing the policy.

The College has not always been so aware of injustices in the community, however. During the 1940s, an overcrowded, impoverished African-American housing development lacking indoor plumbing and running water sat on a dirt road less than 100 yards north of Main Street.

It took the fire that raged through the development on Feb. 19, 1950, to alert Davidson students to the development's presence.

The Dec. 8, 1950 issue of The Davidsonian quotes then-President Walter Lingle as saying, "Many of us had walked by that alley every day, but we had never realized the conditions. You know, some of us go through the world looking at everything and seeing nothing."

After the fire, Davidson students responded compassionately by raising over \$5,300 to support the YMCA Christmas Gift Fund.

The College continued to face problems based on ignorance, though. In 1991, the renovation of the College laundry revealed that the employee restrooms were still segregated.

Instead of assuming that the two unlabelled restrooms were for men and women, respectively, white employees used one restroom, and African-American employees used the other.

According to Timberlake, some of the employees were unaware that the bathrooms were not segregated per official College policy.

Addressing student ignorance regarding how one's actions might affect one's peers is at the root of much of the discussion that surrounds race on campus today.

The presence of a Confederate flag in Patterson Court, for example, led to productive discussions between Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. According to Dean of Students Tom Shandley, these discussions are the key to solving ignorance.

"People have to be in dialogue about differences," he said. "Too often the response is we have a campus forum about this issue. But that's not the best venue for these conversations."

"They're a good venue for questions and answers, but they don't necessarily draw the people you need to [attend]."

Discussions have not stopped some anonymous members of the community from writing a racial slur in marker across the rear door of Little Dormitory a few weeks ago or from drawing cartoons featuring swastikas in a bathroom stall in Cannon Dormitory over the past few weeks.

After the slur appeared on Little, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life Patty Perillo organized a series of hall meetings to talk about what happened and to brainstorm ways to address instances of hate.

The Residence Life Office (RLO) and the Dean of Students office are also collaborating to train staff to facilitate discussions like these.

Reports of insensitivity have not been limited to the dormitories, however.

At a party a few weekends ago, one student accused another student of belonging to a fraternity composed of "a bunch of n****r haters."

An African-American student who overheard this remark confronted the student at another party the next weekend, explaining that the first student's use of a racial slur was offensive and that several of the brothers in the fraternity were his friends.

A report of the incident reached the Dean of Students office, but the student who had been offended wanted nothing official done because the students who had used the racial slur apologized both to the individual and to the fraternity.

Shandley explained that, because the remark was not aimed toward a specific person, it fell outside of the Code of Responsibility's harassment clause.

He also cautioned that, in a situation in which the offended party does not want the administration to address the offending party, the Dean of Students office still has the option to pursue charges against the student but responds on a case-by-case basis.

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"It's a judgment call," Shandley said.

If a student does want to pursue charges if the Dean of Students office deems it necessary, the offending student will be held accountable under the Code of Responsibility's harassment policy, which reads in part: "Harassment is unwanted behavior that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's or group of persons' educational, work, social or living activities....Types of harassment include: Peer harassment involves persistent intentional degradation, intimidation or abuse of another person...."

"Discriminatory harassment involves conduct of an offensive, demeaning, intimidating or hostile nature based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, orientation, age or disability."

Shandley cautions students to remember that Davidson is not the only community in which racially-motivated harassment occurs. "Friends of color I have tell me that it happens to them all their lives," he said.

At Davidson, however, students who personally encounter racism, sexism or other harassment are protected by the Code of Responsibility.

"It will not be tolerated. That is not the community that we say we're about and that we all agree to live by when we sign on to come here," Shandley said

CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

09/27/07 Intoxicated student Patterson Court

Officer received a call from the Outpost manager that a student was driving the Outpost golf cart in the direction of Kappa Sig. When the manager began to chase to the cart, the driver stopped and said that he needed the golf cart to help a friend. The manager advised the student that she was calling Campus Police. On arrival, the reporting officer was informed that the driver, a male student, had gone inside a fraternity house. The officer observed the subject sitting at a table. The student admitted taking the golf cart to help his friend. He advised that his friend was in the men's bathroom. The officer investigated the bathroom and found the subject to be extremely intoxicated and in need of medical attention. The officer called for support, and the student was sent to the hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning.

09/27/07 Intoxicated student Richardson Dorm

Campus Police received a call saying that a female student was intoxicated and unconscious in Richardson Dorm. Medics attended to and transported her to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

09/29/07 Harassment Akers Dorm

An officer was dispatched to a disturbance outside of Akers Dorm after students advised that a green full-size Chevy truck with two white males had pulled up and were harassing them and two females. The officer checked the area and was unable to locate the subjects or the truck.

09/29/07 Cart/Car collision Baker Parking Lot

An officer was dispatched to Baker Sports Parking Lot to respond to an accident involving a Davidson College-owned golf cart and a personally-owned vehicle. Upon arrival at the scene, the officer met with a Davidson College employee, who stated that she was in control of the golf cart when she put the vehicle in neutral and left the vehicle. The golf cart then proceeded to roll approximately 120 ft. in an easterly direction and hit a silver Honda Civic, owned by another Davidson College employee. Damage to the Honda was contained to the driver's side bumper area and the driver's side quarter panel. The owner of the car was not on campus when the incident occurred but was contacted by the officer. Estimated damage to vehicle is 750 dollars.

09/30/07 Fire alarm Martin Court—Flowe

An officer was dispatched to a fire alarm call at Martin Court—Flowe senior apartments. The Davidson Fire Department responded and checked the interior of the building. The firemen located a bad smoke detector head in one apartment and a smoke detector missing in another apartment. An officer sent the defective smoke detector to Physical Plant for repairs.

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