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Uninvited guests swarm campus during Frolics

Police enlist help of Cornelius and Huntersville police officers to monitor campus

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This weekend, estimates of several hundred uninvited guests arrived on campus for this year's Spring Frolics. Many of these students flocked toward the Black Student Coalition (BSC) and FIJI, both of which were not expecting the large crowds at their registered events on Saturday night.

Todd Sigler, Chief of Campus Police, estimated that about 400-500 additional guests arrived on campus Saturday evening, as he "was cognizant of the number of vehicles that were on campus and the number of people in each vehicle." While he stressed that this estimate could be a little low or high, he was confident that the number of visitors surpassed the one guest per student policy.

Will Vaughn '15, President of BSC, asserted that the BSC did not reach out to those guests, and only those accompanied by a Davidson student gained admittance to BSC's registered party.

"We didn't invite a single soul as an organization; that's not our job," Vaughn said.

FIJI hosted a pancakes event on Saturday night. As Marston Morte '15, president of FIJI, explained, there were "mostly Davidson students to start." As the night progressed, however, "there were a lot of people in the house we didn't know," he said.

According to Sigler, the police did not encounter any major incidents the entire weekend.

"I think it's what I would envision as a good Frolics to be," Sigler said.

Vaughn pointed to the prevalence of police cars and officers surrounding the BSC's house on Patterson Court that made students think that an incident had occurred.

"A lot of the misunderstanding is coming from the overrepresentation of the police at the event and after the event," Vaughn said.

"The fact that there were blue lights all over the place after the event, and there were probably five or six cop cars, and even more police officers themselves outside, made a lot of people think that something crazy had

happened, or some type of altercation had occurred, when in fact that is not true, at least on the BSC's premise."

Sigler noted that the increased police presence was a precautionary measure. While enlisting the help of Town of Davidson police is typical, this year police officers

from Cornelius and Huntersville also arrived on Saturday "in an effort to avoid potential for problems based on crowd size," Sigler said.

While Sigler acknowledged that some students might think bringing in these extra officers was an overreaction, Sigler disagreed. "I don't think it's an

overreaction, I think it's precautionary planning," he said. "And that's the kind of nature of our business. We plan for the worst and hope for the best."

When asked why the police did not do more to enforce the one guest per Davidson student policy, Sigler responded, "We want to be as fair and as impartial about the enforcement of anything that we're a part of, and it was my position that if it could not be

done fairly and impartially, then we're not going to try to be overly aggressive about it."

The police restricted access to campus late Saturday night as an additional precautionary measure.

"I know it was apparently an unusual step to take but my experience has been that I rather try and keep things on a manageable level before it happens," Sigler said.

Both Sigler and Vaughn believe many people found out about Frolics' events through social media. "It not something that we can necessarily control," Vaughn said.

Sigler, on the other hand, posed that social media is not so different from "picking up the phone and calling friends."

"That is part of the conversation that needs to occur on how are we going to manage this ourselves. It really falls on the shoulders of the people that are hosting the event, which I think in large part is the students."

Both the BSC and FIJI had measures to place to manage attendance at their parties, but were surprised by the large numbers of students and guests who arrived.

The BSC had registered parties for both Friday and Saturday night. The event staff

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LGBTQ students take stage in 'Ask a Queer' panel



Students respond to questions during the Ask a Queer Panel Photo by Shea Parikh

Eight students field questions about the LGBTQ community at Davidson

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Last Wednesday, one of the most significant events on campus passed us by. The event was nowhere as pious as Easter and not nearly as well attended as Frolics, yet, it is one that will continue to impact campus culture.

The event in question was the Annual Ask a Queer Panel, in which a collection of eight different students (ranging from Freshman to Seniors) got up on stage in the C. Shaw Smith 900 Room of the Alvarez Student Union and answered any and all questions the audience had about LG-

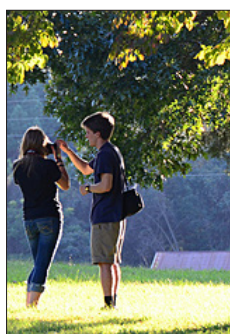
BQ issues. According to Timmy Basista '15, one of the coordinators of the event and president of Queers and Allies, said the event had, "a fairly good turnout."

According to Batista, the purpose of setting up an event like this was to help people gain a better understanding of LGBTQ culture.

"There are still so many opinions people have about the LGBTQ world [and LG-BTQ] individuals that are based solely on poor information. Ignorance leads to discrimination like nothing else; after all, how can anyone treat someone like an equal if they don't even understand what that person is?"

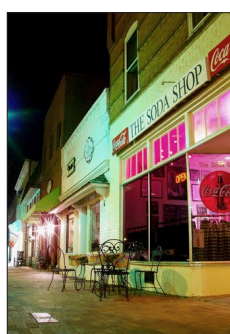
"The purpose of our organization is to eventually make ourselves obsolete," Batista continued. "Eventually, we hope that information regarding our differences and similarities will be so correctly ingrained in the public mind that we won't have to have

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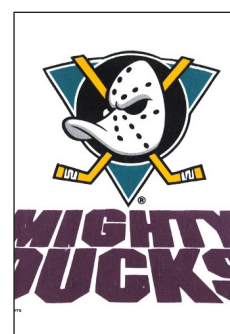
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