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College reexamines writing courses

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Davidson College is currently examining the nature of its writing course (W-course) requirement as a part of a self-study that draws on ways to develop undergraduate study with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The W-courses have come under scrutiny in recent years due to concerns over their ability to provide students with the writing tools they need to approach courses in other departments.

Dean of Faculty Clark Ross

believes that the universality of skills taught by the W-courses makes them essential to the Davidson academic experience.

"The W-course underscores the importance of writing regardless of a student's major," Ross said. "It satisfies the composition requirement, ensures that the student is in a small class, encourages discussion, and is supposed to teach the Honor Code with respect to writing."

The W-course program began in 1998 when Davidson adopted the idea of the first-year seminar and

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Better than Ezra (above), Lil' Malcolm and Zydeco House Rockers performed at Baker Area on Monday.

Group working to bring black sorority to campus

BY LEXI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Several young women at Davidson College are currently launching an initiative to bring a historically black Greek-letter organization for females to Patterson Court.

The group met with representatives from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., earlier today.

The students anticipate that such an organization will encourage young women of color to become more active in the Patterson Court community.

The current small percentage of

female minority membership in Patterson court eating houses concerns some members of the Davidson community.

"A rough statistic of participation among young women of color," said Ashley Moore '07, "is about one one-eighth of a percentage point."

Patterson Court Advisor Joy Hamm said she would "like see the involvement of minority women increase in Patterson Court life."

Whitney White '08, a supporter of the proposed organization, said the administration, Patterson Court eating houses, and the student body have given the group and their pro-

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'A Night for New Orleans'

Benefit concert raises over \$4,000 for the Salvation Army

BY KATE GILLESPIE
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Monday's "A Night for New Orleans" concert held in the Baker Sports Arena raised \$4,140 for the Salvation Army to aid with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The Union Board Concert Committee, which planned the event, sold 642 tickets to Davidson students and the general public.

The concert, which featured the New Orleans-based groups Better

Than Ezra and Lil' Malcolm Walker and the Zydeco House Rockers, was free to students, but the Union Board asked for a \$10 donation from concertgoers.

According to Concert Committee chair Erin Doyle '08, the concert was a success.

"We always want more students to attend, but the most important thing was that everyone who came to the show had a great time,"

Doyle said. "The bands were great, and the audience participated and

cheered. We're pleased with how it turned out, and we're pleased with the donation to the Salvation Army. Almost everyone who came donated money."

The Concert Committee, which coordinates two performances per year for Davidson students, had originally planned to invite either Guster or 311 to play at Baker in the fall. A survey went out to the student body in August, but the

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Sophomores compensated for problems in apartments

BY COLLEEN MCKOWN
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The Residence Life Office (RLO) is giving residents of the sophomore apartments \$100 of additional CatCard Bonus Bucks in an effort to compensate these students for their cooperation during recent problems with heating and air conditioning.

"We very much regret the inconvenience and disappointment experienced by Knox, Irwin, and Akers students," Director of Residence Life Leslie Marsicano said in a letter to Knox, Irwin, and Akers resi-

dents. "We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to provide a reliably comfortable heating and air conditioning system."

The problems were caused by the computerized control system for heating and air, which was programmed incorrectly over the summer. At the beginning of September, the computer was reading room temperatures in Akers as if they were in Irwin. As thermostats in Akers read that these rooms were hot, cold air was pumped into the corresponding Irwin rooms instead.

Before the Physical Plant figured out the cause of the problem, Irwin students were freezing while Akers students were too hot.

"It was a pain to have a cold room to come back to and not to be able to fix it," said Irwin resident Nathan Bradshaw '08.

Akers residents had the opposite problem.

"It was disgusting to have to sleep in an 85 degree room. It's been better this week; it's good to finally be cold," said Patrick Polenz '08.

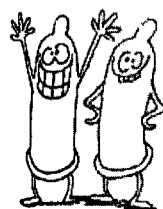
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