

Trustees Convene Tomorrow For Annual Business Meeting

Trustees: The Arbiters Of Davidson's Destiny

The Board of Trustees of Davidson College is a legal corporate body, established in 1838 by an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, granting all rights to control and supervise the college and to be the legal owner of college property. Originally limited to forty-eight in number, the board can now expand its membership to a maximum size of one hundred.

All but twelve are elected from the Presbyteries of Albemarle, Asheville, Bethel, Concord, Fayetteville, Greenville, Kings Mountain, Mecklenburg, Orange, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Florida, St. Johns, Seawater, Westminster, Everglades, and others that may become associated with Davidson College. The remaining twelve are elected by the Alumni Association.

In his book, *Memories of Davidson College*, the late Dr. Walter L. Lingle asks, "What are the functions of the trustees? They should first of all elect the president of the college. . . the professors and other administrative officers . . . determine the general policies and objectives of the college. . . This responsibility includes the constitution and laws of the college. . . The trustees are elected for four year periods, staggered so that one fourth go out of office each year. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday in February and on the third Thursday in May, and any other time a meeting is called. . . The essential officers of the board are the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer. There are five standing committees: finance; buildings and grounds; education; student health service; and physical education; and religious and social life, church and alumni relationships. . . The officers and committee chairmen are elected to their positions annually, although committee members are elected for three years. Before final action in any matter, a committee confers with the president of the college, and faculty members are given opportunity to present various matters at the meetings. . . The treasurer of the board has custody of all the funds and legal papers of the college, including collecting student fees and paying salaries. The Executive Committee controls the majority of the official power of the board, and acts as its nominating committee. . . Dr. Lingle stated: "The ideal for any institution is that the trustees, administration, faculty, students, alumni, and patrons should all work together in the perfect harmony for the well-being of their institution and for the accomplishment of its objectives."

The Board of Trustees will convene tomorrow morning in the Baxter Davidson Room across from the auditorium on the second floor of Chambers. The meeting will open at ten o'clock.

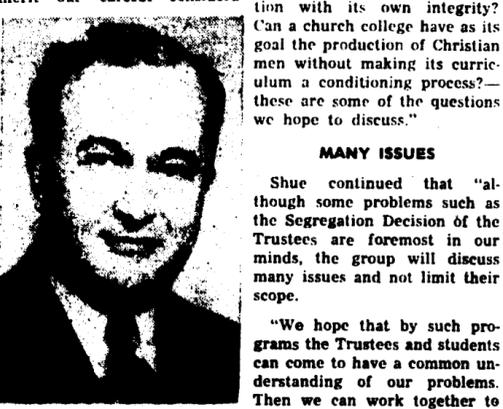
McDowell Richards Meets WF Tomorrow

Dr. J. McDowell Richards, President of the Board of Trustees, will discuss the philosophy of education at Davidson in an open meeting of the Westminster Fellowship tomorrow night at seven o'clock. The meeting, to be held in the Student Lounge of the College Church, will open with brief, informal remarks by Richards who will then entertain questions and comments from the floor.

Students will be able to discuss the race issue and the matter of curriculum with the Trustee's President. The treatment of the topic, however, is slated to cover many broad aspects of the "Davidson Education" including the Faculty Oath, the relationship of academic freedom and Christian education, and the relationship of Davidson to the Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
"We feel that as President of the Board of Trustees, the question of the philosophy of education here should be one of Dr. Richards' greatest concerns," Henry Shue, Program Chairman of the Westminster Fellowship commented. "We hope to arrive at a better understanding of what distinguishes a Christian Education from a secular one. Is a church college simply an instrument of the church or is it an institution with its own integrity? Can a church college have as its goal the production of Christian men without making its curriculum a conditioning process?—these are some of the questions we hope to discuss."

MANY ISSUES
Shue continued that "although some problems such as the Segregation Decision of the Trustees are foremost in our minds, the group will discuss many issues and not limit their scope. . . We hope that by such programs the Trustees and students can come to have a common understanding of our problems. Then we can work together to bring about positive solutions."



J. McDowell Richards is currently President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is an Alumni Trustee (Class of 1922) and was elected President of the Board of Trustees in 1940. After graduation from Davidson, he attended Princeton (M.A.), and Oxford (B.A., M.A.). He also holds a degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Columbia Seminary and

Deputy Secretary Will Address IRC

Mr. Latif Ahmed Sherwani, Deputy Secretary of the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs, will address an open meeting of the International Relations Club on the subject "Pakistan in the World Today" on Wednesday night. The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Union ballroom.

Mr. Sherwani, who previously served as First Secretary-general of the United Nations Association of Pakistan, is in this country to study and observe the organization and functioning of non-governmental organizations conducting research and adult education in national affairs and to see the teaching of international affairs in American Colleges.

Mr. Sherwani, a fluent speaker of English, has been educated in many parts of the world. He holds a M.A. degree from Delhi University; he was a Hufield Foundation Fellow attached to the School of Oriental and African studies; and he studied at the University of London in 1954-55.

various parts of the world, Mr. Sherwani has traveled extensively. He was born in India, and he has visited Lebanon, Turkey, Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany, United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.

Dan McAllister of the IRC said that the IRC was very grateful to Dr. Abernathy, who arranged for Mr. Sherwani to speak at Davidson. He also expressed the hope that "everyone who is interested will come to hear this very excellent speaker."

Future IRC programs include studies on Africa and, possibly, Red China.



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Pall Of Silence Enshrouds Faculty, Administration

Caution gripped the heart and prudence bound the tongue. Such was the mood with the majority of members on the faculty and administration as they read the DAVIDSONIAN comment on the recent statement by the trustees that it is not advisable at this time to admit Negroes to Davidson College.

Their replies took varied forms. "I do not feel it is appropriate at this time. . . " "No statement. . . " "I do not wish to make a statement at this time. . . " "No comment. . . "

But the consensus was that with the Trustees' meeting on Wednesday on the campus, it was not an appropriate time to make a statement on this matter. Those declining to speak at present included President Martin, Dean Johnston, Dean Bailey, Dr. Patterson, Dr. Puckett, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Abernathy, and Dr. Workman.

Workman, who presented the integration/segregation poll to the faculty, gave his reasons for not voicing an opinion at this time. "I do not think that the members of the faculty should make any further statement until the Trustees are informed of the faculty decision in the faculty poll," said the psychology professor. "I think any action prior to this would be discourteous to the Trustees."

Several members of the faculty and administration limited their comments to brief statements. Mrs. J. B. Moore, director of dormitories, ventured where many of her masculine contemporaries were reluctant to tread. "Since this is a private college," she said, "it is up to the Trustees to decide whether to integrate or not. Considering all aspects of college life, including dormitory life and social relations, I do not think that integration would be a happy thing at present."

Colonel Adams agreed with Mrs. Moore that "a private institution can exclude anyone that it wants." Dr. McCutchan was more terse. "It is a problem that the Trustees are responsible for," he said, "and I for one am very glad that it is their problem and not mine."

Dr. Maloney had this to say: "I am not in agreement with the Trustees' statement. I feel that integration will take place in society. I believe that the Church should take the lead in solving the problems of integration. . . The Christian is responsible for expressing agape love by accepting people as they are. Christians should manifest in society the same acceptance of people that God has shown. . . The situation is such that justice cannot be done to either

racial group, but as Christians we ought to be more willing to give up our rights and manifest a selflessness that others might be benefited."

Said Dr. J. B. Evans, "As a 'lame-duck' member of the Faculty my word means even less than it formerly did. However, I cannot help but express my hope that the Trustees will give additional, serious thought and study to the problem. It is my judgment that for the long-term good of the College their stand should be reversed."

Dr. M. E. Polley remarked that "I personally believe Davidson, as a church-related college, ought to admit qualified students regardless of color or race. There are, however, many social problems connected with such a decision. It is my hope that these problems might be frankly discussed by all those connected with the college."

Some Will Participate In Discussion Groups

Approximately forty or more members of the Davidson Board of Trustees will assemble on campus tomorrow for the annual February business meeting. The board will be in session from ten o'clock tomorrow morning until late afternoon.

Robert J. Sailer, Assistant Treasurer, said that the Board has a full agenda of business. "The bulk of the budget schedule, which may be used for certain presentations before the board."

President D. Grier Martin will make his regular report to the Board of Trustees during the morning and afternoon sessions. Dr. Martin has been preparing this report during the past week, while recovering from illness. . . They will convene in the E. J. Baxter Davidson Room on the second floor of Chambers Building. Dr. J. McDowell Richards, President of the Board, will preside over all meetings. . . The campus guest will have lunch to other tomorrow in the Union ballroom beginning at 12:30. Following the meal they will receive in the afternoon program of discussion and legal business. . . "There are always so many legal and routine matters to come before the Board at the February meeting," Mr. Sailer commented. "They try to take care of all business matters at that time."

The Board's second yearly meeting always comes in May and is designed more as a "spring session." After last year's program which brought the faculty, student and trustee

together in discussion groups, the Board voted to continue that practice for all May meetings. . . Sometime during the day, the trustees will receive a special tour of the Dana Science Building, which has been in use since the first of the semester, and the new dormitory which is presently under construction. They will also view the progress on the demolition of Shearer Hall and plans for the John R. Cunningham Music and Fine Arts Building. . . The scheduled activities of the day will conclude with an informal coffee hour at President Martin's home about 3:30. . . The trustees as a group have not seen the President's Home since it was ransacked and returned last summer. . . While on the campus, many of the trustees will participate in other activities. Dr. Richards is speaking to the Westminster Fellowship tomorrow night. Also, a group of trustees has consented to meet with student groups to discuss the Board's decision last February that it was not to the best interests of Davidson to admit Negroes as students at this time. (See other stories on this page.)

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Students, Trustees Discuss Racial Stand

Ten Davidson students have arranged for a number of small private meetings with members of the Board of Trustees to discuss the admissions policy of the college in regard to race. These meetings are being held tonight and at various times tomorrow.

"We sent out letters last week to every member of the Board, inviting them to meet personally with us and discuss the issue," explained Henry Shue, acting secretary for the group. "We have definitely scheduled meetings with seven men, after receiving nineteen replies."

The other students who are participating in these programs are Knox Abernathy, David Edwards, Allen Gravely, Bert Keller, Pete Kellogg, Dave Mullen, David Robinson, Joe Verreault and Larry Wells. . . "Our purpose is to work toward an admissions policy that will witness more effectively to the relevance of the Christian ethic than does last February's decision of the Board," Shue said. "We respect the Board of Trustees, but we hope that the last word has not been said for the present time."

"If Davidson is a Christian college in any meaningful sense, we think its handling of this issue should unequivocally reflect this fact." . . In addition to discussions set definitely in trustee responses, the group is confident of talking with considerably more men, who either did not have time to reply, could not arrange a time, or wanted to check with other Board members first.

TRUSTEE PARTICIPANTS
The scheduled meetings are with the following trustees: R. K. Gregory, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Walter L. Lingle, Jr., Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. Albert B. McClure, Rev. Roscoe L. Prince and Dr. W. T. Thompson. . . Others were interested but said they did not have time for the meetings, while another group expressed agreement with the ultimate objectives but did not feel that the suggested

type of discussion would be effective. . . A third group declined to meet because they felt strongly that the issue should not be reopened at all. . . **TRUSTEE RESPONSES**
"The responses represented a wide range of opinions," Shue commented. "The most enthusiastic reply called our meetings 'a great idea.' The other extreme was that no further action or investigation should be made into the matter. . . One man responded that our proposed action would be positively detrimental and would ruin what is now a great institution. Another said that our opinion represented the feeling of a very small minority and that only views of groups large enough to express themselves through more 'normal channels' need to be considered."

Shue pointed out that the majority of letters showed an interest in hearing student opinions. His group is hopeful that other students will also carry this matter to members of the Board. . . "The President's Office was very helpful in supplying addresses and other information, but we want to emphasize that this program is solely our responsibility," Shue said. . . **RECONSIDER RESOLUTION**
"We hope very much that the trustees will see fit to reconsider their resolution, but at the present time we have no definite plans as a group of what to do if they do not reopen the matter. . . However, we were heartened by the number of responses from trustees who said that though they had supported the resolution, they were not convinced in their own minds and hoped to study the issue further."

Student Poll Reveals Views On Segregation

(Editor's Note: We hesitate to print the results of this poll because of numerous reports of extensive ballot stuffing. However, while we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this poll, we do feel that it gives some indication of student opinion.)

One week ago THE DAVIDSONIAN took a poll to determine student body opinion on the question of admission of Negroes to Davidson College. During chapel last Tuesday morning the students completed the polls, which had been placed in the hymn racks. This poll was identical to the one taken of the faculty in early December.

There were 647 replies to the poll. Of these, 297 checked the statement, "I believe that Davidson College should not in any way consider the matter of admission of Negroes."

On the other hand, 121 felt that Davidson should integrate "at the earliest possible date," and that "the Trustees (should) form a joint Trustee-Administration-Faculty - Student committee to discuss the full implications of this position. . . All told, 303 students felt that the way for integration should be clear, either at the present or in the future. Two hundred and nine of these requested that a Trustee-Administration - Faculty - Student committee be formed immediately to discuss the full implications of integration at Davidson. . . Thirty-seven students replying to the poll did not find any of the statements on the poll satisfactory. (see page two for several of the substitute statements).

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(All Unsigned Editorials by the Editor)

Education Too Valuable To Ignore

Almost a year ago, the Board of Trustees accepted the report of a special committee appointed to study the problem of admitting qualified Negro applicants to Davidson. Such an application had been made.

prejudice is almost unavoidable to a person who was reared in the South. But try as we have to find one, a significant justification of a segregated Davidson is almost non-existent.

If we try to discuss it with leaders of the college, we are shushed. If we try to discuss it with certain students, we are met with vengeant oaths and emotion. If we try to communicate directly with the Trustees, every word must go through the administration.

To be sure, this is a private institution that can admit or reject any student it likes. But does this absolve the college of her obligation to society and Christian principles? We think not.

Davidson College, when she denies entrance to any qualified applicant, regardless of color, is not only discriminating against that applicant, but is denying a point of view and valuable interchange of ideas to her students. We fail to see the reasoning and wisdom behind the decision to blindfold a student to situations and denying him opportunity to cope with them. Are these means to a well-rounded intellectual experience?

We do not deny that there are practical aspects to be considered. But these aspects should be the only deterrent to Negro admission. Different points of view are necessary to solve the problem, and it is for this reason that we urge the Trustees to appoint a committee, including students and faculty members, for the purpose of discussing it.

The Supreme Court had stated its position. So had the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. It was Davidson's turn. She professed to be a Christian, liberal arts, educational institution, supposedly dedicated to "the search for truth." Many thought her to be a leader in Southern education.

The result of the committee's report was the terse announcement by the Board that "it is not in the best interests of Davidson College to admit Negroes at this time." That was all. No explanation, no reasons.

No mention of the mysterious way that the Trustees had squared this stand with every moral, ethical and intellectual consideration. As the teaching arm of the Presbyterian Church, Davidson seemed blissfully unaware that the Church had taken the diametrically opposite stand.

There is a lot missing in the cryptic statement. Having stated a position, does the Board intend to sweep the whole mess under a convenient carpet? What does "at this time" refer to? This year? The next five years? The next hundred years?

It is disappointing to see prejudice sneak into the meetings of the policy-making body of the college. This

Where Is The Bugbear?

When DAVIDSONIAN editors asked various members of the faculty and administration for comments on the racial question (see page one,) we were astonished at the reaction. It seems that the racial bugbear has caused many individuals to turn face to wall. If it is ignored, maybe it will go away. We doubt it.

"The Board has enough to do without having to go off on a tangent on this thing." If this is the attitude prevalent among faculty and administration officials, it looks as if no problem has a chance of emerging from the administrative blanket.

And we further say that no time is "inappropriate" for discussion of such a pertinent issue, no matter what camp the speaker is in. Anyone can be wrong, but if he is, he will certainly not discover his error if the question is repeatedly hushed up.

In short, we feel that only if one opens his eyes, ears, and mouth can a problem be solved. We hope to see a better interchange of ideas in the future.

It is their privilege to make no comment if they feel they can't. But to explain this reaction by saying that the question is not on the agenda of the Trustees, or that a statement would be "inappropriate" at this time leaves something to be desired.

True, it isn't on the agenda. We feel, however, that it should be at the very top. One official said that

A Giant Step

Westminster Fellowship's meeting with Dr. Richards tomorrow night is another giant step in the right direction.

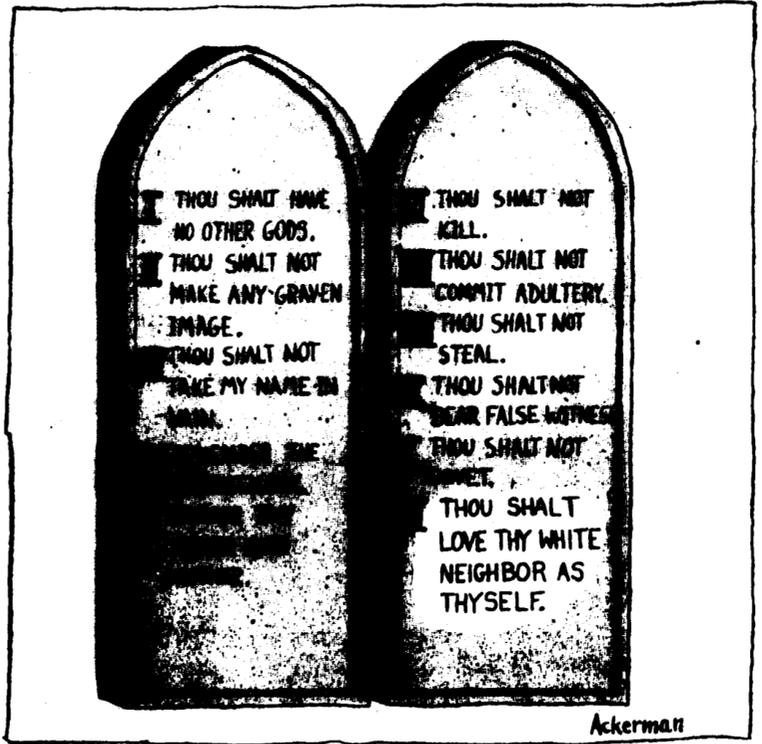
Along the same line is David Robinson's seminar on the Philosophy of Education. This informal group takes up valuable time, but it repays it with an even more valuable experience.

We are glad to see that students are interested enough in these basic questions at Davidson to actually do something about them. It shows, we think, a thirst for answers—ones that cannot be found in an answer book.

The meeting tomorrow night, however, won't do the good it can if only a few students appear. We urge our readers to make the most of this opportunity.

One of the questions we hear most discussed is the Philosophy of Education, with emphasis on the Faculty Oath, the curriculum, and aspects of a Christian education. WF is taking the lead in establishing means whereby students can get first hand information on these topics. Mr. Gorrell's appearance was a tremendous success, and we expect the meeting tomorrow night to be equally successful.

Policy Decision by Ackerman



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Student Discredits Race Poll; Independent Raps IMAC Ruling

Larry Wells

Dear Editor:

If serious issues are to be considered at all, they must be considered in a serious manner: an issue of such import as the admission of Negroes to the Davidson Student Body, involving both the well-being of Davidson College and the peace of Christian consciences, warrants slightly more responsible handling than was demonstrated in the casual and somewhat frivolous "poll" which was made in Tuesday's chapel.

It was obvious to any intelligent person that the procedure followed was worthless, and could not possibly obtain anything approaching a true and exact revelation of student opinion.

The slipshod affair was not even dignified with announcement or explanation from the stage, and those who bothered to answer the questionnaire were left to their own devices in interpreting its contents.

This is enough to disqualify its results from any serious consideration or attention.

This is not written to be peyayunish; it is written with an awareness of both the gravity of the issue involved and also of the necessity for dealing with it in a responsible manner.

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No one would imagine that college policy will be radically changed or finally determined according to its results, yet these results will certainly be noted, especially by those who agree with them. But the principal danger of this poll does not consist in the unscientific nature of its findings; the harm it will do is to confuse even further what the real issue is: whether Davidson College is to determine policy on a moral issue according to majority vote, or in conformity with the Law of God.

Allan Gravelly

Dear Editor:

At the end of last semester approximately fourteen fraternity men decided to quit their fraternities and asked several of us who are Independents about playing on Independent athletic teams.

Since the Independents have no system of bidding, any man who de-pledges or goes inactive is automatically eligible to play for us (since once he goes inactive he will not play for his fraternity). Coach Whittle, for some reason or other, suddenly became a fiery champion of the fraternity system, fearing perhaps that everyone would suddenly desert those shabby, ill-planned huts the administration was so kind to build and become radical, Bohemian Independents.

WE NEED . . . 'TALL NIGGERS'

Comments On Poll Indicate Flippant Student Attitude

"I just don't give a damn what Davidson does after this year." Thus read a comment written by a senior on the recent Davidsonian poll on the race question.

Thirty-seven students out of the 647 returning the poll preferred to make their own statements rather than check one of the statements on the poll. Most of the comments were in favor of integration.

The freshman class provided the most comments. One student wrote: "I believe that it would be quite foolish for Davidson College to jeopardize the standing it has attained in over 100 years of educating young men by yielding to the cry of 'Un-Christian.' I feel that the question is very touchy, but I'm sure that the Presbyterian Church has Negro Colleges as does my denomination. I am not a confirmed segregationist. I think that integration will come, but I hope not to Davidson College."

Another commented, "I want the Christian thing to be done, but I don't know what the 'Christian thing' is in this situation."

"We could use a few 'tall niggers' on the basketball team," was one student's suggestion.

Another student wrote: "I don't believe that any boy, regardless of race or color, is entitled to receive a college education, and, if his academic record is satisfactory, to receive that education at Davidson College."

One student observed: "Has not Davidson College already broken down the 'race and color' barriers referred to? For example, Sung Kyu Kim, Mario Acuna, etc. It is, I believe, a matter of adherence to strict standards regarding scholarship and general character when considering a student for admission. These are the only bases necessary."

Another student made the following suggestion: "It appears to me the way the recent editor seeks to make a 'hit' here is to twist the knife a little harder. If you seek to have things changed so, sir, why don't you leave?"

The sophomore class also managed to hand in a number of comments. The most interesting one: "We keep this school as a rule free from 'integration' of women as well as negroes. Why are we accused of being prejudiced against negroes who are constitutionally qualified when by our own standards we also keep women out? See our prejudiced against women?"

He passionately opposed such a shocking move because it would be absurd if the Independents were perhaps to win one or more of the intramural championships. Everyone knows that they are generally spastics, and it would not make the fraternity boys feel very good to lose to such a group.

Of course what the IMAC has done is absurd and will have to be revoked at least by the beginning of next year. Theoretically a man may be in a fraternity, but practically (and this is the only way in which the IMAC is concerned) he is an Independent.

I don't see how anyone can justifiably stop a man from quitting his fraternity and playing for the Independents. I certainly shouldn't think Coach Whittle has to worry about losing too many of the good old fraternity boys to the Independents.

Another student wrote: "I don't know whether or not color and race lines should be removed. I only wish the Trustees would do what they feel is morally and ethically right regardless of what is best for the good of Davidson."

Junior and senior comments were scarce. Many of these were very short comments. "Never!" "Keep 'em out!"

Other comments were "I believe that Davidson College should take the leadership in white supremacy in the New South."

"I didn't come to the South to go to school with Negroes. I could have done that at home."

One student had this to say: "I would not be interested in sending my sons to Davidson College if Negroes were ever admitted."

Another student submitted the following: "Society would prevent any sort of integration at a social and scholastic institution that has a background of many years' backed with Presbyterian tradition. The trustees, alumni, and students would tear this college into unrecognizable pieces—and Davidson College as we know it now would cease to exist except in memory. Such is society."

STERLING COMMENTS:

Segregation Here Has World Impact

By PETER STERLING



Two of the greatest paradoxes in modern history are in evidence at the present time. The first is that the liberal democratic tradition of the U. S., manifest in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, has been superseded by a crass materialism, symbolized by the divinity of Gross National Product, the adoration of creature comforts, and the desire for security, while the socialistic materialism of Marxism has been transformed into theocratic infallibility by Communist Russia.

The second paradox is that even with the emulation of materialism, the US has fallen behind Russia in many areas of national strength in the past fifteen years. Russia has developed into the leading nation in space exploration, and has made remarkable strides in medicine, education, agronomy, chemistry, and transportation.

In the past twenty years world responsibility has been foisted upon an immature US. Our foreign policy has become a monomaniacal drive against communist aggression on order "to give the rest of the world a chance to live under democratic system."

In this drive for world alliance it has been difficult for Americans to comprehend that most nations in the world do not care about democracy. The new nations want independence, a stable economy and world recognition.

The lack of international understanding, the decline of western idealism, the fanatic desire for the "good deal"—all have weakened the US's position.

Eventually the world will no longer be divided into two armed camps. The Afro-Asian Bloc will serve as the balance of power, or perhaps The Power.

It would be in the US's best interest to alter its policy and its national attitude from one of fantastic countering of every Russian movement by developing a concrete standard of morality to offer new nations. The time is approaching, aided by rapid industrialization, immediate nationalization and the "population explosion", when the US will no longer be able to coerce and cajole.

Such a policy, therefore, is more than a philosophical tenet concerning racial equality or individual enlightenment or self determination; it is simply sound politics to consider the nations of the world as more than potential enemies of Russia.

These people need initial aid, both monetary and technical. (We must realize nevertheless, that this aid will not necessarily ally these people with us; it will only serve to help them develop their society to a degree to support independence.) At the moment, there are few places in the world where thorough technical training can be attained.

The US must make its vast educational and technical resources available to these people. Governmental grants, corporation, church, and private scholarships will be necessary to train men and women in medicine, education, agronomy, economics, finance, and myriad other areas. At the present time, the US is woefully weak in this area.

We can not afford to live in the myth that newly developing nations will automatically gravitate to the US pole. Either we learn to rub shoulders with blacks, yellows and whites now or they will rub our noses into the ground in the future. We are not so superior or chosen that we can afford world segregation.

Davidson College should consider wisely its role as a national educational institution and as an instrument for world development. The concept that "the race problem" exists only in the southern part of the US is fallacious, myopic and, I believe, detrimental to the US.

Perhaps the present policy of Davidson is in its ostrich tradition, the wisest; however, when those men of authority at Davidson determine the college's position they should not only determine its effects upon white Protestant Presbyterians now, but also upon future whites.

Faculty Poll Reaches Trustees Tomorrow

Results of a recent faculty poll on the Trustee Segregation Policy will be presented to the Board tomorrow.

The poll's outcome has been kept secret pending arrival of the Trustees, but a faculty source this week said there is "little doubt" that a majority of the faculty disapprove of the Trustees' racial ban.

One rough-estimate of the voting set the majority at 31, with a minority vote of 19.

Present indications are that conservative faculty members are dissatisfied with the poll outcome. A petition has been circulated affirming the policy-making power of the Trustees; this petition was defeated as a substitute resolution to the fa-

ulty poll at the faculty meeting.

The DAVIDSONIAN was this week unable to find any indications that Trustee policy-making power is in serious jeopardy.

This would indicate that the conservative petition is not a proposal or a gauge of opinion, but a subtle reminder to the Trustees that the faculty poll does not obligate the Board to act.

As one faculty segregationist put it: "We have the assurance even now that the Trustees, not the faculty, are the ultimate policy-making body."

Will the Trustees act to re-assert their power of the Trustees; or will they explain their stand? On the eve of the meeting, no one has an answer.

Poll of Silence

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race rule removed. I do not see how a Christian college can justify such a rule.

"We have the unique opportunity to lead in a wonderful thing. I am convinced that integration will come about and I don't think that we ought to postpone it indefinitely.

"I would like to stress that this is my personal opinion. I do not see why anybody shouldn't express a personal opinion for one can certainly take a stand and still realize that the Trustees have the final say in the matter."

"This does not rule out the individual's freedom in expressing himself. If you didn't have

this right then there would not be any progress. The status quo would never change unless someone was dissatisfied with it and spoke out against it."

Dr. Trakas, who will assume duties as professor of Spanish at Florida Presbyterian next year, commented that he didn't believe that the new school would have any restriction that excluded students because of race, creed, or color.

Dr. Satterfield of the Music department, who will also transfer to Florida Presbyterian next year, commented that, "An educational institution loses its definition to the extent that it accepts students on any other grounds than their qualifications for learning. There is no consistency in a church's hiring ministers to serve colored people and seeking eternal segregation."

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