Yang and Zevallos in run-off for SGA presidency

SGA presidential run-off election results will be released early Thursday morning

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Tuesday morning, the Student Government Association (SGA) released the election results for the 2014-2015 President. Since no candidate received more than 50 percent of the votes, the top two, Zi Yang ’16 and Pablo Zevallos ’16, will participate in a run-off election Wednesday.

For the first time in recent history, two sophomores received the most votes, pushing out the two junior contestants, Parker Murphy and Richard Hendrix, and fellow sophomore Wade Leach.

A debate, held Sunday afternoon in the Union atrium, placed the five diverse contenders in the proverbial spotlight to solidify their candidacies for SGA president. The candidates engaged in an energetic, animated discussion of their political agendas, the role of the SGA on campus and the most contentious issues on the Davidson campus, including LGBTQIA visibility and ASAP Ferg’s recent performance at Winterfest.

Each of the candidates answered five questions from the moderator, Laura Chuckray ’14, Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Davidsonian, and then proceeded to field queries from the audience.

Chuckray first prompted candidates to name three social or academic issues on campus that they would prioritize during their administration. Zevallos introduced his four-point platform. He mentioned reducing the incidence of sexual assault, working to establish an internship fund, bridging the social divide between sub-free and non-sub-free housing communities and prioritizing LGBTQIA issues.

Yang pledged to foster a safer, more inclusive community, to provide the necessary resources to goal-driven students and to extend library hours.

Hendrix similarly promoted improving diversity and inclusivity on campus, and along with Leach, aimed to expand the national visibility of the college. Leach additionally endorsed a green agenda, supporting the expansion of renewable energy through methods such as solar cells, as well as theorizing that more events like Spring Frolics would lessen the divide between neighboring UNC-Chapel Hill.

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College renames basketball court in honor of McKillop’s 25th year

Discussion revolves around the College’s budget and expenses in forum for Ten Days of Trust

Addie Balenger  Co-News Editor

What is the true cost of a Davidson education? Where do your tuition dollars actually go, and how does the College spend that money? Why does tuition continue to increase?

Ed Kania, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Richard Terry, Director of Auxiliary Services, and Carol Quillen, President of the college, discussed these questions during the Budget and Financial Forum on Monday night, one of the Ten Days of Trust events leading up to Dinner at Davidson on Friday evening.

Kania began the discussion by breaking down the college’s sources of revenue and expenses. Every year, the college spends about $130 million, and 57 percent of that is funded through tuition, a relatively small percentage compared to other peer institutions. After tuition, the next largest source of money comes from the endowment, which accounts for roughly 18 percent of the annual budget.

A topic Kania wished to clarify was the endowment — the college has approximately $600 million in endowment, but this money is reserved for long-term investments. The principal of the endowment gifts cannot be used, but each year, the college can spend a percentage of the endowment.

Kania and Terry talk tuition and Trust fund

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Adrian Muoio ’14 launches DC Sight Unseen, a beat blog about the arts on campus. Muoio is currently running a photo contest through the blog.

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Pupa John’s uses heart-broken Peyton Manning to sell pizzas to the purposeless. If you’re confused, turn to The Yowl for clarification.

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Staff writer Tait Jenson ’16 offers a perspective on the illiteracy scandals within the athletics program at neighboring UNC-Chapel Hill. He provides the three options to resolve this issue.

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Task force presents LGBTQ climate survey results

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Task force will use results to improve campus environment for LGBTQ community

Only 3.5 percent of student respondents who identify as non-heterosexual strongly agreed that their sexual identity is welcomed on campus, according to the results of a survey sent to students, staff and faculty.

Non-heterosexual student respondents include those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, questioning, pansexual and asexual.

The Student Government Association’s Task Force on LGBTQ Affairs conducted the survey on LGBTQ campus climate in December. Crista Catafago ’14, Director of Multicultural Affairs for the SGA, presented the survey results at Thursday evening’s SGA senate meeting.

Four hundred and thirty-six students responded to the survey. Nineteen percent of those students identified as non-straight. Of the 360 respondents from staff and faculty members, nine percent of staff and eight percent of faculty identified as non-straight.

The sample size was large enough to allow the task force to draw conclusions about the atmosphere surrounding LGBTQ issues on campus. “We got a lot of respondents, arguably more than I thought we would,” Catafago said at Thursday’s SGA meeting. “Obviously it’s hard because there are more straight or heterosexual respondents than there are non-heterosexual, but I still think we have large enough numbers to draw our conclusions.”

Only 4.5 percent of faculty and staff respondents strongly agreed that their sexual identity is welcomed. Over 25 percent of non-straight students responded that they disagreed or strongly disagreed. “This is one of our most pressing questions,” Catafago said. “The ‘non-straight’ number is really concerning to me. Part of your identity is your sexual identity and that fact that so few people are feeling welcomed is definitely a problem.”

The task force was also interested in the number of incidences of discrimination toward people based on sexual orientation. Over 40 percent of all students responded that they occasionally or often observed “discriminatory words, behaviors or gestures directed at people on campus based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.” In written responses, students indicated that the words “gay” and “fag” are commonly used derogatory slurs. Respondents specifically mentioned “weekends down the hill” as a social setting where such slurs are heard more often. “A lot of the responses said that this was a problem that [students] felt at Patterson Court, and that there were some social contexts that this wouldn’t be happening in, and others where it was a lot heavier,” Catafago said.

Fewer faculty and staff observed discriminatory behaviors, but written responses indicated a wider range in opinion on incidences of discrimination. Some heard derogatory gay slurs often; others did not believe such remarks were used with malicious intent. “We have professors saying that they have heard ‘gay’ in the classroom […] or in the hallways, but that it was being used in a colloquial way, so that’s fine,” Catafago said. “I think that’s a problem that we have to attack.”

Another problem for the task force to address is awareness of the college’s bias intent and hate crime reporting procedure. About 70 percent of all respondents did not believe or were unsure that the college has a “clear and visible procedure for reporting LGBTQ-related incidents and hate crimes.”

“There’s no point in having this system in place if no one knows about it,” Catafago said. “The procedure exists, but if only 20 percent of people even know it exists, that’s really weird and something that would be really easy to fix.”

The form for reporting bias incidents and hate crime can be found at http://webapps.davidson.edu/bias.

Following review of their survey results, the LGBTQ Task Force will present the data to various groups of campus personnel, including deans and directors, Residence Life Office staff, Human Resources and Student Life staff.

Moving forward, the task force has several proposed initiatives to improve campus culture around LGBTQ issues. Larger initiatives include a campus center for LGBTQ resources. “Every other school of Davidson’s caliber has a center,” Catafago said. “Whether that needs to be called ‘LGBTQ’ or not, because some people think that name could be limiting, we just need a space.”

Infographic courtesy of SGA Task Force on LGBTQ Affairs
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up,” and “down-the-hill” social cultures.

The campus is comprised of four large academic clusters. Academic stress and students’ mental health, turning ideas from Talkback forums into policy change and restructuring the SGA to more accurately reflect the needs of the student body.

Other topics of the debate centered on current events at Davidson. The first of these focused on the debate concerning the flag issue and LGBTQIA visibility. Murphy and Zevallos independently offered a Likened answer, proposing the official creation of a LGBTQIA resource center as a way to express Davidson’s identity and advancement.

Yang pointed to the numerous homogenous groups on campus, emphasizing the need to bring these groups together to improve inter-group collaboration to push forward the policies Davidson desires. “If we divide the student body strictly into different organizations, into GSA, into ACAA, into BSC, that becomes a bunch of homogenous groups on campus that further creates segregation on campus,” Yang said. “It is important for these organizations to work together and to

fully understand each other to push for this real sense of diversity on campus.”

Leach commended the Gay-Straight Alliance and You Are Not A Stranger Here for their good work in improving inclusivity, and hoped the student body would embrace acceptance and strive to reduce homophobia.

ASAP Ferg’s Winterfest performance was also a point of debate. Murphy, as Co-chair of Winterfest, was aware on an外面 Union Board chose the artist. ASAP Ferg won the BET Hip Hop Awards “Rookie of the Year” and was seen as an up-and-coming artist. Murphy acknowledged that given campus reactions to ASAP’s lyrics, the artist was absent beforehand for the speakers to prepare.

Murphy emphasized that it is a hard line to balance between artistic integrity and what the campus wants, but that efforts will be made in the future to be more selective.

Yang spoke on how the lyrics did not reflect our collective values, claiming that we need to look over future artists’ lyrics before they are approved for Winterfest. Zevallos also disapproved of the apparent misogyny in ASAP Ferg’s lyrics.

In response to a question concerning accessibility to fellow students, Zevallos asserted that there are “two Davidsons,” and that the SGA president must be mindful of this divide.

“If you keep your pulse on what people are doing and the experiences people have on this campus, you’ll find that there are two Davidsions in many respects, demarcated by lines of socioeconomic status, gender, up-the-hill versus down-the-hill housing,” Zevallos said. “The SGA president must be mindful of these issues [...] I will continue to keep my ear to the ground, but I will also make sure I implement my four point agenda and the strategies to make sure we are an efficient SGA.”

Audience member Alex Gittin ‘14 requested candidates to be genuine and candid in their responses to his question: what is a mistake you’ve made at Davidson that you grew from?

Hendrix referred to his freshman year, when he took a leadership position in his fraternity. Hendrix was overloaded and could not perform optimally. Leach cited in-

tervention early in his Davidson career and how he has improved his networking with time.

Yang regretted the initial decision to put the new coffeehouse in the Multicultural House building. The committee responsi-"
Artificial intelligence expert predicts end of humanity

Once artificial super-intelligence emerges, humans will become extinct, says author Chris Mayes

“On a supercomputer operating at a speed of 3.68 petaflops, or about twice the speed of a human brain, an AI is improving its intelligence,” James Barrat writes in his new book, “Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era.”

Barrat came to the college on Thursday to put this scenario in a more ominous light. “Soon, to scientists’ delight, the terminal displaying the AI’s progress shows that artificial intelligence has surpassed the intelligence level of a human. Before long, it becomes smarter by a factor of ten, then a hundred…”

This scenario, popularly called a “hard take-off” into artificial super-intelligence, or ASI, fascinates researchers. From the notoriously free-spirited development team at Google X to the more secretive, military-oriented developers at U.S. Department of Defense’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, experts are working to realize ASI — and what they hope will be a new, perhaps even utopian era in human history.

Imagine a world where ASI drives technological advancement equivalent to 280,000 years of human development in our lifetime alone. The end of war, poverty and — possibly — even aging and death would be only the first fruits reaped from this pivotal invention.

Barrat is a powerful thinker, who has spent years learning about the science and future of artificial intelligence. Since his interest in the subject began in 2000, he has invested himself in researching the field and has interviewed some of its most renowned leaders, including “inventor Ray Kurzweil, roboticist Rodney Brooks and sci-fi legend Arthur C. Clarke.”

After 13 years of work, Barrat has become convinced: it is very likely that when humanity creates ASI, it will thereby bring about its own extinction.

“If the ASI doesn’t care about us, and there’s little reason to think it should, it will experience no compunction about treating us unethically — even taking our lives after promising to help us,” Barrat said.

With that as a given, even a friendly ASI would represent a pressing existential threat to humanity. To show how this is the case, he uses the example of a carelessly programmed ASI designed to produce paperclips. From this, four drives would follow. It would want to preserve itself, since it would be unable to ensure paperclip production if it were “dead”; it would want to acquire resources; it would want to use those resources as efficiently as possible to produce paperclips; and it would be as creative as an artificial intelligence one thousand times that of any human would allow in achieving those aims.

At this point, the ASI would not have to hate humanity to want to destroy it. It would simply have to decide, for example, that the matter making up human bodies would be more efficiently employed if they were used in paperclip factories.

In Barrat’s words, it would suffer from “a galling lack of proprietary respect as to your atoms.”

We would then be facing an unimagnifiably intelligent entity, perhaps spread out across the internet, alive in however many cores and clusters of nano-bots, that has become hostile to our continued existence. To paraphrase Barrat, this would probably result in the greatest disaster in human history — and one we would be unlikely to survive.

So how hard would it be to program against this, to create a “friendly” ASI? In a word, Barrat thinks, very hard.

Throughout his book, he proves to be deeply pessimistic about such a possibility. More than that, however, Barrat simply worries that those actually invested in the development of AI technology are either ignorant or willfully blind to the risks.

“It might surprise you, that my chief issue with AI research isn’t even [the likelihood of an apocalypse],” he writes.

“It’s that so few people understand that there are any risks at all involved along AI’s developmental path. People who may soon suffer from bad AI outcomes deserve to know what a relatively few scientists are getting us into.”

As for those few scientists themselves, Barrat worries about the almost religious overtones the possibility of immortality takes in their discussions. It’s hard to approach risks with eyes wide-open, he argues, once eternal life becomes your goal.

For those interested in knowing more, Barrat’s book goes into depth about not only the risks involved with AI, but also with what path specifically he thinks technology will take over the next 30 to 50 years. The book is available on Amazon.com.

In addition, Barrat has given several interviews with technology pundits, including the online “Secrets,” which can be accessed at http://www.singularityweblog.com.

Completed applications are due by March 15, 2014 to Dr. Vikram Kumar, Chair of the Department of Economics.

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More information and application forms can be found at Davidson’s Economics Homepage at: http://www3.davidson.edu/cms/x3632.xml
Defiance and heroism in the pursuit of survival: “Dallas Buyers Club”

Matthew McConaughey and Leto give amazing performances in Oscar-nominated film

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McConaughey appeared in a string of sub-par rom-coms in the 2000s, which drew critical heat from those who posited that he was not capitalizing on his enormous talent. That is why the last few years of McConaughey’s career have been so refreshing. From “The Lincoln Lawyer” to “Bernie” to “Magic Mike,” McConaughey has reestablished himself as a first-rate actor. And if the aforementioned movies failed to convince critics of his acumen as an actor, McConaughey’s remarkable run in 2013 should do the trick. He gave three amazing performances in 2013, all of which came in terrific films.

In “Mud,” McConaughey dazzled as a misunderstood wanderer who yearns to rekindle his romance with his long-lost love (Reese Witherspoon). In “The Wolf of Wall Street,” McConaughey gave a wildly entertaining, scene-stealing performance. A scene highlighted by a hilarious chest-bumping routine, is the most integral scene of the film. Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio), a sleazy Wall Street honcho. His entertaining, scene-stealing performance in “The Wolf of Wall Street,” McConaughey gave a wildly entertaining, scene-stealing performance. A scene highlighted by a hilarious chest-bumping routine, is the most integral scene of the film.

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In “Dallas Buyers Club,” McConaughey’s emotional transformation from a charlatan to an activist was well-crafted, and his acting, though, makes the movie truly transcendent.

Ron’s emotional growth, which was paired with his increasing physical deterioration as he struggles to cope with the effects of the disease, is spurred in part by a burgeoning medical education. As the disease progresses, Ron matures. He never fully abandons his prejudices or fully overcomes his weaknesses, but he does become an activist and a savior for thousands of people who are afflicted with HIV/AIDS. “Dallas Buyers Club” devotes the majority of its attention to Ron's transformation.

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The film is worth checking out.

Ads excite fans more than game

While the Super Bowl did not prove close, its commercials provided laughs and smiles

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The 2014 Super Bowl, an exhibition of athleticism, wings, testosterone, over-the-top pride and team spirit, oh how you bore me. I mean, the game was not even close. So on to more people’s other interest: the Super Bowl ads. Here is a review of what especially caught my attention.

Stephen Colbert for Wonderful Pistachios: Why is the Super Bowl advertising a nut? Those are expensive ads. How can a nut afford that kind of publicity? I suppose health nuts are Super Bowl fans now.

Coca-Cola #America the beautiful: Touching, patriotic, a beautiful tapestry of the American Melting Pot. Somehow who knows what they were advertising. It was great to see Jerry and George dishing out their timeless humor.

Microsoft’s Empowering Us All: An inspiring message of how far technology has taken us in the past 30 years. Microsoft delivers an enduring and important message of “Giving voice to the voiceless” and spreading hope for many people with special needs.

Cheerios: If this ad stirs up “How could they make this?” sort of talk, then our country sure has a long way to go.

Oikos: Yogurt dream-boy John Stamos should really try to be more careful. Perhaps a bbb might help?

Jaguar: Why must so many villains have accents? Oh, that’s right, because British accents are almost always enchanting and mysterious.

Doritos: You go girl! Lasso those Doritos from your brother’s evil clutches. You made this Texas girl proud.

Anna Kendrick’s Non-Commercial

With a spot on a Super Bowl ad? Let’s see what the twenty-first century has in store for you.

Radioshack: A little self-deprecation can be funny too. Way to go RadioShack. Let’s see what the twenty-first century has in store for you.

Beats Music: Ellen DeGeneres danced, of course. Who didn’t see that one coming? At the same time though, who didn’t enjoy it? She just looks so happy and like she’s having such great fun. The animal heads were strange however. Did Antihallals score a spot on a Super Bowl ad?

Audi’s Animal Shelter: It’s about some mutant dog took Sarah McLaughlin’s guitar, covered it in drool, and gnawed it to pieces. ASPCA, I’m tired of feeling like a bad person for not taking in the tired, poor, huddled masses of canines, cats, and parakeets.

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Adrian Muoio ’14 showcases his blog, DC Sight Unseen, about the arts

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Living Davidson Editor

Adrian Muoio, a senior art history major from New York City, is the founder of DC Sight Unseen, a versatile and exciting blog that covers the arts.

In the following interview, Adrian Muoio discusses his motivations for starting DC Sight Unseen, why he thinks the arts are such an important part of society and his favorite destinations for arts-based activities:

What inspired you to start DC Sight Unseen?

Well, I think it had been building up for a while, subconsciously maybe. But the idea really surfaced around the time of the Plensa installation (and the somewhat heated dialogue that surrounded it). Though I wouldn’t call that the “inspiration,” exactly. It was more like the spark. I think the inspiration came from a lack, more than anything, of an accessible forum capable of facilitating conversations about and mindful interaction with the arts.

What categories of art does DC Sight Unseen cover?

Right now, we cover visual art and film, but that’s really just because of the size of the staff. Ideally, we would cover theater and dance, as well. I’m pretty open, too, so if someone approached me about wanting to review music or literature or fashion, we could make it work.

How would you respond to critics who downplay the importance of arts in our society?

You mean like President Obama last week? (Just kidding) Right now, the arts are in a tough spot in certain places, but I think unjustifiably so. One of the irreplaceable things about art is its ability to be universal and private, at once. It holds our cultural heritage...I mean, it is our cultural heritage. But it’s also acultural in a way too—extremely private in that no person interacts with it in the same way. It can be meditative, like that, and self-revelatory.

What are some of your favorite off-campus destinations for arts-based activities?

To be honest, I don’t get into Charlotte as much as I should, but when I do, I’m always sure to go to the Bechtler and the Mint Museum Uptown. The McColl Center is great, too. And I haven’t explored the galleries in NoDa, but I hear good things. (This is really making me want to bike into Charlotte soon.) But honestly, there’s so much to see here on campus. The Van Every/Smith Galeries in the VAC is a great space, and Director Lia Newman always curates beautiful exhibitions.

Who are your favorite artists?

It changes. But right now, I’m really into this Irish photographer and filmmaker Richard Mosse. But my “go-to’s” are Alfred Stieglitz, Alberto Giacometti (the just had an exhibition at the Bechtler last year, by the way), Anselm Kiefer, and Paul Strand.

You are looking for new writers to contribute to DC Sight Unseen?

Yes, definitely! Especially for dance and theater. It doesn’t just have to be writing, either. I would love for DC Sight Unseen to be a way for students to reach a larger audience. And we want to organize film screenings, pop-up exhibitions, happenings and talks, too. If anyone’s interested, they should just email me either at admuoio@dal-dvidson.edu or designsightunseen@gmail.com.

The blog recently launched a photo contest for Davidson students. Those who are interested in entering the contest should send an email to designsightunseen@gmail.com. The email should contain your name, your email address and Davidson College P.O. Box number, and up to three photographs (converted to JPEG files). Participants should enter photographs that represent the theme of the contest, which is “Sight(s) Unseen.”

The application deadline for the photo contest is Friday, February 14. The first-place winner will win a $10 Summit gift card and will have their photographs featured on the DC Sight Unseen homepage. The second-place winner will win a $5 Summit gift card and will also have their photographs featured on the blog’s homepage. The contest provides a great opportunity for aspiring photographers to showcase their work.

Adrian Muoio ’14 hopes to cultivate a thoughtful discussion about the arts with his blog. Check out his blog at designsightunseen.com. Photo courtesy of Adrian Muoio.

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 Awkward Silence During Lecture Q&A Lasts 48 Hours and Counting

After concluding his lecture on the hand-woven watercraft of Myanmar, Pavin Boarets invited those who had attended his talk to consider asking a question, and then think better of it. By all accounts, the lecture was interesting, if “a little Myanmar-y,” but when the floor was opened to questions there was only the awkward silence of 60 people deciding whether speaking up was worth the cost in anxiety. Many in the audience had half-concocted questions they developed during the lecture, but worried that they would come off as foolish and uninformed. However, counterbalancing the fear of public speaking was the exponentially increasing discomfort of 60 people sitting in a room waiting for literally anyone to ask literally anything. “One of us has got to say something,” a lecture attendee reportedly thought. “This is just getting brutal. I could ask about the mud-sculpted bari bari canoe, but...uhh, what if I’d covered that while I was in the bathroom? Sh*t! Hey, that guy in the second row looks pretty competent, he’ll probably ask something. Yeah, you got it, competent guy in the second row!”

Even the cool-headed Boarets, who had survived torture had the experience of All human endeavor.

Tear Soaked Peyton Manning Endorses Papa John’s Pizza as Cure for Crippling Sadness

In a bold marketing maneuver, Papa John’s has begun targeting “the utterly despondent demographic” with a new line of ads featuring a visibly distraught Peyton Manning. “Are you completely disgusted with yourself after a historically abysmal performance in an event watched by millions?” asks a red-eyed Peyton wearing sweatpants in the new commercial, marinara sauce smeared across his lips. “Well then boy do I have a deal for you ‘cause nothing helps you forget like 12 extra-large meat lover’s pizzas delivered to your home for the low, low price of $9.99 each.”

The ad proceeds to show Peyton stuff several slices into his mouth between sobs before burying his head in Papa John’s chest. Papa John then awkwardly pats his back and asks if he wants to watch the Budweiser puppy commercial again.

Explaining the change in marketing strategy, a P. Johns advertising executive says, “quite frankly, only a few hundred people in the US have won a world championship, and perhaps a couple thousand have ever whipped any kind of athletic victory. Let’s be honest, the vast majority of Americans are sad slobs who just feel bad off as foolish and uninformed.

“Once lost a high-stakes game of charades at a family reunion, so yeah, I can appreciate what Peyton was going through out there when he threw two interceptions on the biggest stage in American sports,” said Greg Marting, one of many across the states who used coupon code “DESPAIR 2ZA” to get their fair share of tasty consolation.

“But then I watched this new commercial, called up P. John’s, told ’em to add an extra order of super-cheesy cheese sticks and let the wallowing begin. You can’t take that away from me, Cousin Mike! Not you, or your strange gift for charading ‘Good Will Hunting’!”

The ad ends with Peyton hiding his face as a red-shirt clad, desperately smiling Papa John fumbles around for a new box of dient's, regretful pizzas, Papa Johns.
Politeness Culture

Staff Editorial

At the Davidsonian’s most recent Talkback about LGBTQIA visibility on campus, a few students mentioned “politeness culture” at Davidson. They pointed out how the fear of causing conflict or of mentioning certain controversial issues keeps us from having meaningful discussions on campus. Others spoke about how some issues, like LGBTQIA visibility, are not discussed in small gatherings with certain likened students in attendance. The discussions never reach the entire campus, and we never try to spread the discussion for fear of offending others or creating feelings of discomfort. Instead, we politely skirt around certain issues, protecting ourselves and those who disagree with us from having to deal with significant difference of opinion. These “dangerous” topics are not limited to discussion of sexuality, but can include any subject, from politics to religion.

Is our “politeness culture” limiting our freedom of speech? Is it preventing us from having truly open, meaningful discussions? Perhaps. Davidson is a microcosm; it is difficult to have any kind of anonymity. Bringing up a difficult issue and expressing an unpopular opinion might not be worth the repercussions we would face in such a small, controlled environment. On the other hand, if we do speak up, if we do express our beliefs, no matter how unconventional or foreign, we might be surprised by the number of people who would agree or at the very least respect us more for being brave enough to go into uncharted territory.

Rejecting politeness culture would not mean turning to disrespectful discourse. Most of us can agree that maintaining a community of respect is in all of our best interests. But, perhaps instead of nodding at things we don’t necessarily agree with, we shake our heads and say, “While I respect...”

Perspectives

In support of divestment

Santiago Navia and Grace Li

Grace:
Last semester, I was fortunate enough to attend Power Shift, a youth conference concentrated on environmental issues. I attended various panels on subjects such as Community Based Energy Efficiency and Energy Justice, which taught us a lot more about environmental issues and their impacts on our society. What’s more, through the state breakout, I learned what other schools in North Carolina have achieved so far, and this makes me feel more determined to be a part of the divestment campaign at Davidson.

When I went home to China for Christmas, air quality in Shanghái was in a devastating state. The PM 2.5, which is a measurement of particles smaller than 2.5 microns in air, had reached 702.5, considerably higher than the average range between 0 and 100. Thick fog and haze have become a serious environmental risk at home. I had to wear two layers of facemasks before I went outside and schoolchildren were ordered indoors because of heavy smog. Some of the pollutants include automobile traffic and coal-fired boilers used for electricity. Understanding the immediate consequences of fossil fuels and the seriousness of the issue has pushed me to make an impact, even if it is minor.

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Demanding the truth

Shane Gilbert

I detest politicians’ pep-rally speeches, and you should too. As an avid follower of politics, I annually tune into the State of the Union. This time, more so than any other before it, I grew increasingly frustrated while listening to President Obama present his agenda. He disguised his statements as policy initiatives and made short points about what could maybe morph into good ideas down the road. However, I cannot blame President Obama for making such an empty speech.

It seems that all politicians now strive for what will sound good as a newspaper headline, sound bite or tweet. They lack the incentive to convey realistic and in-depth plans. Unfortunately, this predicament is entirely the citizenry’s fault. Jon Stewart said it best when he appeared on CNN’s Crossfire. When asked by an audience member why he decreased his media bias, including those that advocate against our political views. If you already feel adequately informed, encourage your friends and family to follow your lead. We must combine our efforts to demand higher quality news. As Will McAvoy (portrayed by Jeff Daniels) remarked in the series premiere of The Newsroom, the key to America’s past successes was that “we were informed.” Perhaps we still do not pay enough attention to CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and the like. All publishers have an agenda—though some more so than others—that we should keep in mind. We need to read more independent publications, including those that advocate against our political views.

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For the love of just food

Julia Singley and Renae Cairns

This year marked the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association’s (CFSA) 28th annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference held in Durham. Each year, the conference hosts upwards of a thousand people including farmers both young and old, food scholars, policymakers, students and other food-concerned individuals and advocates. This year’s theme was “Grow Local and Organic! Let’s take back that ideal!” Workshop and lecture topics ranged from urban farming to beneficial insects, food accessibility, GMOs and more.

We had the opportunity to attend this year’s conference and gain important knowledge about the current discourses surrounding food and agriculture. Unfortunately, of the workshops we attended, we ended up leaving many feeling disappointed—like there was something missing. The conference as a whole lacked critical discussion, seemed to marginalize non-dominant social groups and did not present many solutions for a truly just AND sustainable food system.

We had high hopes that the conference would take a critical stance on the race, power and privilege present in our food system. Three concerns that we believe, are central to truly “sustainable” agriculture. Three concerns that seem commonplace in our social science classes here at Davidson, but were imprisoned at the margins of this conference and remain peripheral to the local food movement at large.

Of the 11 workshops we attended, only two dealt directly with racism, power and privilege. These two workshops were led by people of color—although both male—and centered on farmers and youth of color. One workshop that briefly mentioned the exploitation of minority and immigrant farmworkers.

To exacerbate the “something” missing, the conference itself was predominately white bodies—people of color were missing! Even the lectures that claimed to focus on minority issues, led by minority people of color were missing! Even the lectures that relied on a discourse of “the obesity epidemic”—dangerously turning our scrutiny and public gaze from structural oppression, from agribusiness giants with multi-billion dollar corporations to the bodies of people, of consumer-actors in a profit-hungry system. Another workshop on farm to table restaurants claimed that ignorance is the primary reason why more people don’t eat at such an inclusive establishment. Enthusiastic, well-dressed, blonde-haired, mother claimed that, “if these people only knew better,” they might eat at her restaurant. This discourse in particular demonstrates the colorblindness inherent in the Conference and the local food movement writ large. Colorblindness, or the refusal to see color, equates to a refusal to see the reality of race and legacy of racism in this country.

So what does all of this have to do with us? What does our critique of the Sustainable Agriculture Conference have to do with Davidson College?

First of all, HUMAN BEINGS, we cannot continue to ignore the experiences of social minorities and their discriminatory exclusion from the food system. If, as many claim at Davidson, we are truly advocates for equity, then we must critically examine the enlarging distance between so-called sustainability and justice.

Second, if Davidson College wants to be a leader in the farm-to-school movement, we need to be aware of how we interact within a larger context and have to plug into issues of food justice. Beyond demonstrating that locally-produced food can be a viable option for college institutions, what role could the Davidson Farm play in this discussion? What might it mean to think about the Davidson Farm in conversation with food justice?

Third, if we continue sponsoring and frequenting Food Club events like “Power, People, Pork” to raise awareness of the local food movement, we must necessarily raise questions of racism, power and privilege in this conversation.

We must approach food systems issues and events on campus through a lens of both justice and sustainability. If not, we—like the conference—will blindly continue to support an arrangement disadvantageous and devaluing non-white faces and experiences.

Fourth, we must examine our local food efforts in the larger Davidson community with attention to color. We cannot continue to ignore the disproportionate presence of white bodies at the Davidson Farmers Market. We must ask ourselves, why, for example, is the Davidson Community Garden predominated by white volunteers yet their primary beneficiaries are those African-American and Latino families who have historically frequented Loaves and Fishes? We cannot justify dislodge ourselves from a town in which 10% of the population is black but account for 54% of those living in poverty.

At the end of the day, if we do choose to focus on these questions of racism, privilege and power, then how do we act in the world? What might it look like to engage with food justice in Davidson? What might it look like for the Davidson Farm to establish a sliding scale CSA for low-income residents in Davidson? What might it look like for Dining Services to purchase local or cooked food from farmers of color? What might it look like to stand in solidarity with the Chicago fast food workers fighting for a living wage of $15 an hour?

Thankfully, we feel prepared and empowered to tackle these questions together, bearing in mind that structural racism and oppression is present in our food system as it is in the rest of society.

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SGA bylaws clarification

Sam Littlejohn

I’d like to correct and clarify a few aspects of the recent Davidsonian article “Approved revisions to SGA bylaws reduce Senate numbers” from the January 29th issue. The article does correctly list the version of the SGA bylaws that was, at the time, current. For clarity’s sake, the entire clause regarding PCC representation on the new Senate is as follows:

1. Four senators elected by and from the body of students affiliated with Patterson Court Organizations. Patterson Court Organizations are those that are members of the Patterson Court Council at the time of Category V Elections. Patterson Court Council senators are elected according to the following outline:
   a. One senator elected from all current members of eating houses.
   b. One senator elected from all current members of sororities.
   c. One senator elected from all current members of International Fraternity Council fraternities.
   d. One senator elected from all current members of National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities.

The point raised in the article that “International Fraternity Council fraternities” have one seat. There are not (currently Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Phi Alpha Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi) and 2) those that have one seat, as Senator Zevallos said, “all kinds of diversity.”

Another inaccuracy in this article was the author’s choice to focus on these goals in mind. This new composition balances the numbers of independent and Patterson Court representatives at a time when the percentage of students in each category is also fairly balanced. The increased diversity Coordinating Board representation also promotes, as Senator Zevallos said, “all kinds of diversity.” It is a more fair system to all Davidson students than the previous one, which had 14 Patterson Court senators to four independent senators.

If any readers have questions or concerns, or simply want accurate information, I would encourage those students to email me on the SGA account at sa@john.davidson.edu or on my personal account at sa.littlejohn@davidson.edu. For any students who want to get involved, the Charters & Bylaws Committee is always open to any student who cares to attend or join. I thank each of you for your efforts to get a completed and accurate information that relates to our campus life.

To read the original News article to which Sam is responding, visit www.davidsonian.com

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"Increased diversity and fair representation are, in fact, the driving forces behind these bylaw revisions."
Failure by passing: Take notes

Tait Jensen
Staff Writer

It's a well-known Davidson mantra that, while we may be a Division I school, our athletes are students first. They excel both on the field and in the classroom.

Just two hours northeast in Chapel Hill, however, a different story. Mary Willingham, a learning specialist employed by the University of North Carolina to help student-athletes get prepared for college academically, told CNN that the school charged her with the task of helping a failing football player get back on track. She couldn’t even read the word “Wisconsin.”

In fact, according to a subsequent CNN investigation, of 183 surveyed football and basketball players that played at UNC between 2004 and 2012, 60% read between a fourth and eighth grade level.

But while those statistics might shock some of you because of UNC's academic prestige, they’d be even more shocking if you knew that, last week, the CNN investigation reported that 18% of the nation’s Division I football and basketball players had only elementary-grade literacy. That’s not as bad as it gets, but there’s still a long way to go.

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Therefore, the coaches and universities actually care about fostering an athlete’s intellect as much as his jump shot, send them to camp early. Many big-revenue programs have begun bringing athletes who wouldn’t normally meet admission standards to school early in the summer to try to catch them up before classes begin.

One final solution is to take a page from Davidson’s book and treat all athletes just like normal college students. House them in the same dorms and place them on the same academic track as everybody else. I admit the difficulty of balancing the rigor of a Division I sports schedule with the schedule of a full time student. However, if a school really wants its athletes to be students first, it needs to treat them like students. Even if athletes come in as unqualified students and lose their intellectual desire, exposure to more motivated students in residence halls and other everyday interactions might prove the spark or guidance they so desperately need to desire academic success.

Back in Chapel Hill, UNC Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham seems to deny that his programs are doing anything wrong. “I think our students have an exceptional experience in the classroom as well as on the fields of competition,” he told CNN. The school’s chancellor, Dr. Carol Folt, seems to think otherwise. After the scandal broke, she admitted to her trustees that their oversight had “failed” students for years. No, Chancellor Folt, you passed those students so they could make money for your school. You chose filling coffers over minds with knowledge and that’s the problem.

Women’s Basketball splits homestand

Wildcats fall to Chattanooga before beating Samford

Peter Saunders
Staff Writer

With one month remaining on the regular season calendar, the Davidson women’s basketball team split a home stand in a Saturday-Monday homestand, falling 76-62 to Chattanooga before launching into a 76-58 romp over Samford.

Saturday’s contest featured the SoCon’s top two squads, 9.0 Chattanooga and 7.2 Davidson, both sides striving for a top seed in the final-approaching conference tournament. Both teams entered the contest as one of the better four teams in the nation, with Chattanooga boasting a 16-4 record and Samford a 14-6 mark. Chattanooga guard Alex Black ’14, averaging over 5.9 points per game, keyed the Mocs’ hot start with eight points on three quick baskets. Black finished the game with 16 points, her highest output of the year.

Chattanooga built its lead with streaky shooting, but a late run sent the Mocs into halftime with a 44-34 lead.

In the second half, the Wildcats fought back with a 17-7 run to start the half, narrowing the Mocs lead to 12. Chattanooga responded with a 14-4 run of their own to start the third quarter, increasing their lead to 19 with 7:33 remaining in the third quarter.

Written by Denton Baird

Laura Murphy ’14 drives past a Chattanooga defender in her season-high 26 point performance. Photo by Denton Baird.

The Wildcats responded with a 7-0 run to begin the second half putting the Wildcats down by just 11, 58-47.

Laura Murphy ’14, the Wildcats’ leading scorer at 18.9 points per game, finished with a season-high 26 points in the loss. Shneca Center ’14 added 10 points for Davidson.

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Point performance

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Women in Greensville, North Carolina. The men’s team (4-0) left in search of their first win of the season in one of their two away games, but it was not to be.

Senior guard Branner took the Wildcats to No. 28 Auburn (5-1) – their third nationally ranked opponent this season – but the Tigers proved to be too much for the Wildcats to handle throughout the matches. The ‘Cats’ two points came from singles wins from Alex Howard ’16, who won his first singles match of the season, and Jordan Lightbourn ’17. Howard lost the first set 6-3, but regrouped and returned strong by blanking their No. 6 player 6-0 in the second set. He finished off sets two and three.

Hart picked up his second singles win with two winning sets of 6-2 and 6-3 in the No. 5 spot. Evan Watkins ’16, Conor Evans ’14, and Robert Lightbourn ’14 each held their own against tough opponents, taking sets to the end before eventually falling.

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In the second set of matches in Alabama, Davidson faced Mercer (3-7) from Georgia in a neutral-site match. In a tough loss full of highly contested sets, the Wildcats ended with a 7-5, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 victory. The pair of Lightbourn and Evans captured the two wins, each with their second singles wins of the season. Lightbourn, in the No. 1 spot, fought hard with a 6-4 win in the first but fell 6-3 in the second set. Lightbourn crushed his opponent with a strong 6-2 win in the third set to earn the point. Watkins and Howard, who picked up wins the day before, came close to singles wins but both fell in three sets.

The women’s team (2-3) traveled to Greensville to face off against East Carolina University Saturday afternoon. In the third similar score for the tennis teams this weekend, the Wildcats fell 5-2 to the Pirates.

The ‘Cats defeated ECU last year, but came up short in Saturday’s match. Jenna Brunner 17 and bikini Crouser 17 both won their third straight singles matches of the season, but it was not enough to earn the victory. Brunner pulled through in a tough match, forcing a tiebreaker in the first set before dropping it 7-5. Brunner started her comeback with a win in the second set 6-3 and completed her come-from-behind victory with a super-tie breaker win in the third set with a 10-6 win. Crouser dominated with two straight sets wins in the No.3 spot.

Even after these tough losses, the Davidson Wildcats will continue to fight in next weekend’s games. The men return home to play Newberry and Richmond on the 8th. The women will stay on the road to play No.33 South Carolina on the 9th.
McKillop Court unveiled in Belk Arena

Davidson’s basketball court is named for legendary coach Bob McKillop

Ethan Faust
Sports Editor

In honor of Men’s Basketball coach Bob McKillop, the basketball court inside Belk Arena was officially named McKillop Court in a pregame ceremony at Saturday’s basketball game against The Citadel.

Led by an effort from Cheryle and Joey Williamson ’67, Lorinna Lowrance and Ayesha and Stephen Curry ’10, the naming of the court serves to recognize the extraordinary commitment to his players and to Davidson as a whole exhibited by Coach McKillop.

“Appropriately recognizing the trust, care, commitment and leadership that Bob McKillop has brought to Davidson over the past 25 years seemed like a monumental task, and the naming of the game court is the perfect tribute,” said President Carol Quillen.

“Each time our players, fans and alumni step into the arena, they will feel the impact that one extraordinary person can have on the aspirations of an institution,” Quillen continued. “We congratulate Bob on an amazing 25 years, we thank him for guiding incredible student athletes to discover their full potential, and we look forward to many more years of Davidson basketball under his leadership.”

In his 25 years at Davidson, McKillop has made 7 trips to the NCAA tournament, including a memorable run to the Elite 8 in 2008, won SoCon Coach of the Year nine times, and six of his teams have won 25 or more games in a season.

Perhaps most impressively though, McKillop’s teams have never had lower than a perfect 1,000 on the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rating, and all 82 of his seniors have graduated.

McKillop has spent his entire coaching career at Davidson and ranks 8th among active Division 1 coaches in longest tenure at his school. He is in the zone of late, losing only one match in his last ten dating back to Dec. 7.

Davidson could not sustain the momentum, losing the next two bouts before Powers won at the 174-match by a score of 3-2. He also had been hot recently, snagging his fourth straight victory.

The ‘Cats lost the last three matches for a final score of 39-9, wrapping up a tough day on the mats and leaving a disappointing feeling for the wrestlers. Michael Moore ’17 said of the day, “Campbell came out and wrestled hard and we just came out flat. We definitely have some stuff to build later, losing only one match in his last ten dating back to Dec. 7.”

This weekend, the Wildcats travel to a hostile environment, facing the West Virginia Mountaineers in Morgantown, W.Va. this Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. The crowd will be rowdy and the ‘Cats will have to wrestle well against a very solid WVU team. The Wildcats have stared a little bit of late, but there is not a group who will overlook the wrestlers through this tough patch.

Bob McKillop reacts to a call in the Virginia game. Davidson celebrated his 25 seasons as head coach this past weekend. wPhoto by Denton Baird.

Wildcat Roundup

Swimming & Diving

Men’s: (3-4); Women’s: (7-5)

Women’s Results:
2/1 Howard W 295-38
2/1 Liberty L 127-222
2/1 Guilford 175-180

Men’s Results:
2/1 vs Howard W 138-102

Next Up:
Men: bye
Women: bye

Notes:
The swimming squads will take two weeks off to prepare for the CCSA Championships.

Tennis

Men’s: (0-5); Women’s: (2-3)

Women’s Results:
2/1 @ ECU L 2-5
Men’s Results:
2/1 @ Auburn L 2-5
2/2 Mercer L 2-5

Next Up:
Women: 2/6 @ UNC
Men: 2/8 Richmond
2/8 Presbyterian

Notes:
The women continue their road trip through the Carolinas with a trip to South Carolina while the men return home with the hope of getting a win.

Track and Field

Results:
bye
Next Up:
26 High Point Team Challenge

Notes:
The track and field teams will dust off their running shoes after a long layoff when they travel to Winston-Salem for the High Point Team Challenge.

Men’s Basketball

Results:
1/30 Chattanooga W 94-51
2/1 The Citadel W 62-43

Next Up:
2/6 @ Samford
2/8 Furman
2/12 @ The Citadel

Notes:
De’Mon Brooks ’14 helped Davidson sweep the SoCon Player of the Week awards with two typically dominant outings. Since losing to Elon, the Wildcats have rebounded off five straight wins.

Wrestling

Results:
2/1 @ Campbell L 8-39

Next Up:
2/7 @ West Virginia
2/9 Chattanooga
2/16 @ App State

Notes:
Losers of seven straight, Davidson heads up to West Virginia with the intent to inflict punishment and get their season back on track with a victory.

Grant McClure
Staff Writer

The Davidson Wrestling team endured a tough weekend wrestling the Campbell Camels, as continued SoCon success for Kevin Birmingham ’15 and Nathaniel Powers ’16 was not enough for the ‘Cats, who fell 39-9 on the road at Gore Arena Saturday evening.

The Cats fell behind early after forfeiting the 125-pound weight class due to multiple nagging injuries to junior Philip Elias ’15. Davidson then fell in the next two matches, sending the Camels up 15-0.

Kevin Birmingham stopped the bleeding by pinning Colin Munson at 141 for the second time this season. It only took 1:37, but the ‘Cats cut into the lead, the score now sitting at 15-6. This made it 13 pins on the season for Birmingham, among the national leaders. He is in the zone of late, losing only one match in his last ten dating back to Dec. 7.

The Davidson Wrestling team endured tough performances from Birmingham dating back to Dec. 7.

Outside the Den

Hockey

Boston vs St. Louis Scottrade Center Thursday @ 8 p.m.

Two contenders for the Stanley Cup face off in a danglefest. The Bruins will be without their captain, Zdeno Chara, who will be carrying the Slovakian flag as acting captain of the Slovakian national team for the Opening Ceremony in the 2014 Sochi Olympics. The B’s will need to keep tabs on Alexander Steen, a key cog in the Blues’ goal-scoring machine.

Curry Watch

Last Thursday, Curry scored 22 points and dished out 7 assists in a drubbing of the Clippers. He followed that up with a season-high 44 points against the Jazz on Friday, including 8 3-pointers. While at Davidson, he posted 36 points in a victory over Elon on February 6th, 2008.

Steve Curry

Ethan Faust

Tony McClure

Picks of the Week

Around Campus

Wrestling

Chattanooga vs. Davidson
Belk Arena
Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Davidson comes back home to face the Mocs in a crucial SoCon match. The ’Cats have yet to win an SoCon match and there is no better time to get one than on Sunday. Kevin Birmingham ’15, among the nation’s leaders in pins, will need another standout performance. Let’s go ‘Cats!

Davidson's basketball court is unveiled in Belk Arena
Wildcats rout league-leading Chattanooga and topple The Citadel in emotional tribute

Jip Richards

David Richardson

Davidson College and its men’s basketball program enjoyed a very special week, starting with a 94-51 drubbing of the streaking Chattanooga Mocs on Thursday night. On Saturday, the 'Cats beat the Citadel 62-43, but the two wins were not the highlight of the week. For Hall of Fame Weekend, Davidson celebrated 25 years of Bob McKillop. Before the game on Saturday, the athletic department announced that the basketball court in Baker Sports Complex will be called “McKillop Court” after the legendary coach.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga entered Belk Arena on Thursday riding a ten-game winning streak and 12-11 overall and 8-1 in the Southern Conference. Davidson returned to the hardwood on Thursday in Birmingham, Alabama when they take on The Citadel.

“Without doubt our best performance of the year,” Davidson coach Bob McKillop said. “It was almost a perfect game.”

On Saturday, Davidson College honored the man who has been a perfect match with the basketball program for a quarter century. McKillop’s time has been characterized by three principles; trust, care and commitment, which has led the program to graduate all 82 seniors during his 25 years. McKillop has 462 career victories, the most in school and Southern Conference history.

After the emotional pregame ceremony with McKillop, his wife Kathy, Carol Quillin and Jim Murphy, the 'Cats went on to defeat The Citadel 62-43. The Bulldogs played a very slow tempo and kept the game close for the first thirty minutes before Davidson erupted on a 24-6 run. Brooks once again led the 'Cats with 23 points and eight rebounds and Jake Belford ’16 played a huge second half, finishing with 11 points on 3-4 shooting from three-point range.

The two wins this week move the 'Cats to 12-11 overall and 8-1 in the Southern Conference. Davidson returns to the hardwood on Thursday in Birmingham, Alabama when they take on the Samford Bulldogs.

Davidson shot 59.2% from the field and 42.9% from three-point land and outscored Chattanooga 70-24 in the paint. Jordan Barham ’16 scored 18 points on 8-9 shooting and Tyler Kalinoski ’15 added 11. Tom Droney ’14 scored 11 points, posted five rebounds and dished out a career-high eight assists.

Men and women beat Howard, women fall to Georgia Southern

Ben Arkin

On Saturday, the Davidson men’s swimming team took on Howard University at the final CCSA Duals at Cannon Natatorium. The men defeated Howard by a score of 138-102. The men earned first place finishes in the 200 yard medley relay, the 200 yard freestyle, the 50 yard freestyle, the 200 yard IM, the 100 yard breaststroke, the 100 yard backstroke, the 200 yard backstroke, the 400 yard medley relay, the 400 yard freestyle relay plus multiple other second place finishes. Freshman Elise Lankiewicz earned the lone victory for the 'Cats, winning the 1000 yard freestyle with a time of 10:18.37. Kaliya Burton-Akright ’14 earned both victories in diving for the ‘Cats, winning the 1000 yard freestyle with a score of 138-102. The men earned first place finishes in the 200 yard medley relay, the 200 yard freestyle, the 50 yard freestyle, the 200 yard IM, the 100 yard breaststroke, the 100 yard backstroke, the 200 yard backstroke, the 400 yard medley relay, the 400 yard freestyle relay plus multiple other second place finishes. Freshman Elise Lankiewicz earned the lone victory for the 'Cats, winning the 1000 yard freestyle with a time of 10:18.37. Kaliya Burton-Akright ’14 earned both victories in diving for the ‘Cats, winning the 1000 yard freestyle with a score of 138-102.

The men’s (3-4) and the women’s (7-5) teams will take a week off to prepare for biggest meet of the year for both teams: the CCSA Championships. The Championships take place in Knoxville, TN on February 19 and will give the men’s squad the chance to win a fourth title in five years.

Just D.O. it!

Get outside with Davidson Outdoors this spring! Check out the trips you can take in the upcoming weeks.

Contact Katie Mathieson (kamathieson) or Bri Lazevnick (brlazevnick) for more information!

Feb. 8 Day Hike

(this weekend! Spots still available!)

Don’t have time for a full weekend? Join us to discover the wonders of one of our local state parks. The NC scenery is calling your name! Price: $10

Mar. 21-23 Road Cycling

Bicycling in the spring offers a refreshing repose. Join us as we cycle along some quiet NC back roads, camp under starry skies, and eat delicious Dutch oven meals. Price: $25

Mar. 28-30 Beginner WW Kayaking

Learn basic maneuvers and principles of rolling a kayak in the pool and at the lake campus, then test your new skills on some great whitewater. A fun weekend for all skill levels! Price: $50

Look for more info next week!