Not so far away

Terrorist attacks in New York, Washington leave the Davidson community fearing for the welfare of family, friends and alumni

Davidson students respond to the tragedy

BY CAROLINE HAUSER
Sports Editor

Tuesday morning, Davidson students awoke to phone calls, e-mails, and CNN as terrorist attacks unfolded around the country. The diversity of the student body, so often cited in admissions publications, was evident as frantic students called around the country, checking on friends and family members. According to data from the Registrar’s office, more than 50 Davidson students are from the affected cities; all anxiously awaited news throughout the day.

Groups of students, staff, and faculty gathered around televisions in lounges, Chambers Building, and at the Alvarez College Union, some crying as they watched the World Trade Center towers fall. The rapid succession of news bulletins, reporting downed or hijacked planes in Washington, D.C. and New York were met with disbelief and anguish. Cell phone batteries ran low, and phone lines and computer networks clogged with efforts to disseminate information.

Henry Briffet ’02 of New York City managed to contact his parents. “My dad was standing across the (East Hudson) river, a quarter mile from the towers, when they fell. He said it was the scariest thing he ever saw.” Briffet relays his father’s account, “You couldn’t see or breathe for the vaporized

School enacts emergency management plan

BY MIKE ANDERSON
Editor Emeritus

Hundreds of miles from the nearest explosion, and seemingly worlds away from the New York epicenter of Tuesday’s horror, the Davidson community held its breath this week. With every trickle of relief—a reassuring e-mail from a student, friend, or loved one—lingered the ghastly likelihood that this community and campus family would be touched by the tragedy.

When the news hit on Tuesday morning, President Bobby Vagt set into motion an oft-rehearsed and carefully-orchestrated action plan to manage such a potential crisis. Campus leaders from the Dean of Students’ office, Residence Life Office, the chaplain’s office, and the counseling center prayed for the best while preparing for the worst.

President Vagt convened a meeting of the Principle Executive Staff (PES)—eight top-level staffers including Dean of Students Tom Shandley and Dean of Faculty Clark Ross—Tuesday morning at 11:30 PM to coordinate strategies for managing the crisis.

Alvarez Dedication Cancelled

In the wake of the Tuesday’s attacks, President Bobby Vagt postponed Thursday night’s celebratory dedication of the Alvarez College Union. Vagt reportedly consulted with Carlos E. Alvarez, benefactor of the Union who was planning to attend Thursday’s ceremony, who concurred with the decision. Given the potential that community members might be struck with news of a loved one’s death or injury over coming days, coupled with the attacks’ crippling effect on air travel (Alvarez, who lives in Texas, and others were planning to attend the event), Vagt postponed the celebration indefinitely. “This isn’t the time to be focusing on celebration,” said Dean Shandley. “We want to do that at a time when this entire community can truly feel comfortable engaging in such a celebration.”

Dean of Students’ & Student Life

As of press time, there were no reported deaths or injuries of Davidson students, alumni, or immediate family members. Still, given the thousands of potential victims in this case, many fear that the Davidson community seems unlikely to emerge unscathed.

“The Dean of Students’ office is going to serve as a processing center for that type of information,” said a somber but resilient Shandley. “The uncertainty involved in this type of thing is as difficult as anything. We’re in a period of wait-and-see—this is a terrible place to be.”

INSIDE THIS WEEK

News
1-5
Arts & Living
6
Perspectives
7-8
Sports
9-12

Students gather around the television in the Alvarez College Union throughout the day Tuesday, following the terrorism crisis as it unfolded in New York City and Washington, D.C.
**News**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2001**

**Noted Chinese author visits Davidson**

**BY EMILY DREW**

Staff Writer

Ha Jin, an award-winning author from the Chinese mainland, is scheduled to present Davidson College’s McGaw Lecture Series.

On Sept. 11, Jin spoke on “My Choice of Writing English” at 7:30 PM in Love Auditorium.

Tonight’s lecture, “The Writer as a Human Being,” will begin at 8:00 PM in the C. Shaw South Room of the Knoxblock Campus Center.

Originally from a rural town in China, Ha Jin served in the People’s Liberation Army during the Cultural Revolution before enrolling in Heilongjiang University in 1977. There, he earned his B.A. in English in 1981, and his M.A. in American literature two years later. In 1993, Ha Jin completed his Ph.D. in English at Brandeis University. After the Tiananmen Square Massacre, Jin settled in the U.S. as an exile.

Writing exclusively in English, Ha Jin has published three volumes of poetry, three books of short prose fiction, and two novels. His works include, *Waiting*, the winner of the 1999 National Book Award winner, and short stories included in *The Best American Short Stories*, Pushcart Prize anthologies, *The Norton Introduction to Fiction*, and *The Norton Introduction to Literature*.

Jin is also a recipient of The Flannery O’Connor Award for Short Fiction, and the PEN/Hemingway Award. He currently teaches creative writing and contemporary poetry at Emory University.

Ha Jin’s visit has been co-sponsored by the Public Lectures Committee and the Dean Rusk Program. Readings from his works accompanied last night’s talk and will also be presented with tonight’s lecture.

**Sutton moves to revitalize Dean Rusk Program**

**BY EMANUELLE AMER-ALASHTIE**

Special Contributor

Professor Homer Sutton is a man with the demeanor of a patron. Once, he was hardly known to students outside the French department. Today, he is a critical part of the Davidson community as the interim Director of the Dean Rusk Program in International Studies. His appointment comes as a replacement for Ambassador Kenneth Brown, who left last spring to become President of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training in Arlington, VA.

A 1971 Davidson graduate, Sutton joined the French department in 1980. He has spent 12 years of his life abroad, primarily living in France. Sutton has whole-heartedly embraced his career at Davidson. He was on the original committee that helped set up the Dean Rusk Program in 1983, was study abroad coordinator from 1984-1994 and an interim Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid in 1991-92.

Unlike Brown, a diplomat and a member of the political science department, Sutton is with the French department. He hopes his unique perspective will help revitalize the Dean Rusk Program. Sutton wants the program to address questions of culture, civilization and international politics. “I am excited about the speakers and the events that we can have,” he said. “But I especially feel that Contempory Slavery by Kevin Kales scheduled for Wednesday [September 5],” he said. Sutton does not want to overstep the work of his predecessors. Rather, he aspires to build on the foundation of the program as he stresses continuity with the past.

“Both Kenneth Brown and Jack Perry put the program on a solid foundation and that makes it much easier for me,” Sutton said. He also pointed out that his current staff members, Kathleen Faulkner and Irene Middleton, do a fantastic job.

Though Sutton believes in continuity, he is quick to admit that there will be slight modifications to the program, as emphasis this year will be placed on foreign language and the cultural aspects of international studies.

He has made provisions for faculty and staff to learn the Spanish language since Spanish is fast becoming an indispensable means of communication in America. His work is already evident with a new cable television in the international lounge that enables students to watch television programs of other countries and in different languages. Sutton looks forward to working closely with the Student Advisory Committee, the Davidson International Association and the Study Abroad Program for total internationalization of the campus. It is his dream to bring the program to the doorstep of every student.

Nevertheless, he thinks that there will be challenges considering the range of campus activities going on at the same time. Another obstacle that will limit Sutton’s dreams is the relative lack of funding for programming. “I’d like to do more but our budget is not large enough to bring in some speakers we’d like to have,” he said.

Despite these limitations, Sutton plans to address the needs of all students with quality programs.

**Mildew torments Little halls, Residence Life staff**

**BY AMANDA PENNICK**

Staff Writer

If you talk to any student living in Little dorm, you can probably uncover a few newer stories about... mildew. The icy growth first became a problem for students during early Freshman Move-In on August 15, but now mold breakthroughs in Little Hall have disrupted life for the residents and caused many headaches for the Resident Life Office (RLO) in recent weeks.

So how did the problem start? According to the Area Coordinator for Little, Dorin Morrow, once summer conferences ended all dorms were empty for a few weeks. The lack of body heat allowed the rooms to cool down to temperatures considerably below 70° F. As the summer’s heat seeped through the bricks of the building, moisture formed inside the building, creating a suitable environment for tenacious mold to grow on walls, ceilings, and window-blinds.

Upon arriving on campus, Kim Newton ’05 and her roommate Kate Dahl ’05 of 2nd Little quickly discovered something had already taken up residency in their room: the infamous mildew. “The whole room was covered,” Newton said. She attributed the problem to their air conditioner—it wasn’t dehumidifying the air and “it felt like a tropical rainforest.” Morrow and his crew reacted immediately by “strategically placing” dehumidifiers around the building in an attempt to remove excess moisture and thus one of the major causes of the mildew problem. Amazingly, Newton’s dehumidifier filled its bucket with water from the air “within the first six hours.”

Morrow explained that the drought that appeared on 1st Little within the next few days when the “Big Chiller” (the main air conditioning unit for Little) shut down for a few hours. In the most extreme case, Little students were forced to sleep outside their rooms, most often to stay with friends, so that the rooms’ surfaces could be cleaned with a chemical aptly named “Stronger than Bleach.”

Upperclassmen were offered rooms at the Hampton Inn, and one of Sentelle’s lounges was permanently converted to a residence room for a pair of Little ladies.

Luckily, “no one [in RLO’s] knowledge” reported any health problems due to the pesky lichens, Morrow said. But the entire situation has been a frustrating one for Little residents. “There are girls on my hall—when they hang their towels up, there’s mold growing behind the towels.” Newton explained.

“There’s just something not fun about climbing into your bed, and it’s damp.” Many of the girls in Little have begun replacing their shoes even when walking around their own rooms to keep their feet dry from the moisture that is amassing on their floors.

Besides the inconvenience of the mildew itself, many residents are increasingly upset at the time it has taken to resolve even small problems through RLO. In order to get a dehumidifier or any other type of mildew control, Newton explained, work orders and other paperwork must be filled out for the school. Newton went on to say that while “RLO has been really willing to help [them], it’s just the whole system” that has slowed the process of getting Little Hall fungi-free.

In response, RLO Director Leslie Marsico explained that there is “no quick fix” for the mildew problems, and that “when [RLO could], we acted quickly.” RLO, in combination with the Physical Plant, has been contacting different universities that have had similar mildew problems in their dormitories in an attempt to find assistance for the on-going problems here at Davidson. Similarly, RLO has been looking into different paints and chemical cleaners that will hopefully rid Little of the mildew.

Marsico expressed gratitude for the patience of both the Little Hall residents and their parents in the past weeks. “I really appreciate the cooperative spirit of the women” she said. “They know they are great, and we are too.” On September 12, RLO is hosting a party complete with door prizes for all Little residents to thank them for their cooperation and to “boost them a little more.” Morrow said.

As the weather cools, mildew problems should dissipate, but Marsico stated that RLO plans to continue researching mildew growth and ways to combat it in order to be prepared for next summer. For now, Morrow suggested that it would be best for students in all residence halls to keep their windows closed and their air conditioners on in order to keep rooms cool and dry, thus preventing further mildew outbreaks.

**'there's just something not fun about climbing into your bed that's damp'**

~ Kim Newton ’05
First, Second Nights Down bring music, fun

BY ROLAND F. FOLS
Staff Writer

Upperclassmen and first-year students alike flocked to Patterson Court Friday night to celebrate First Night Down. This annual event marked the first time the class of 2005 was allowed at Davidson’s fraternities and eating houses.

The inaugural celebration of Fall Frolics took place Saturday afternoon, and only hours later “Second Night Downs” commenced on Saturday night.

The weekend started with a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Project Life (see story, Page 31). Over 500 people attend the event. According to Victoria Statler, co-coordinator for Project Life, “In its seventh year at Davidson, the Spaghetti Dinner has had its most successful turnout... the dinner itself could not have gone better.” The dinner netted over $2300.

Later that night, Pi Kappa Alpha teamed up with Rush eating house, to host the band “To the Nines.” Sigma Phi Epsilon provided Georgia Avenue, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon showed off Junk in the Trunk.

Alternative entertainment events were provided by both the Black Student Coalition and the Office of the Chaplain. Pat Doherty ‘04 attended the chaplain’s party, held at DCPC, which showed two movies and provided food and drinks. “I was searching for something different from last year’s First Night Down experience,” he said. Doherty particularly enjoyed the “fellowship with friends and new acquaintances” the event offered.

Fall Frolics occurred Saturday afternoon, brought to the community by Georgia Avenue and Virginia Coalition. Games, free food, entertainment, and a beautiful day brought many out to relax and have fun. Brownyn McKnew ’03 liked the fact that Fall Frolics allowed the weekend to be a “non-stop party.”

Tyler Covington ’05 had a slightly different take on the event. “Fall Frolics was a nice break between parties and allowed me to just relax,” he said.

Fall Frolics, too, was officially pronounced a success. The hook was obvious: “free food, fun games and good music.” Will Parker ’02, President of the Union Board, commented: “The Union Board forged new ground this weekend with Fall Frolics. We’re hoping that Fall Frolics will be an event that sticks around for a while... people had fun.”

Saturday night saw food at Connor eating house (featuring Papà D’s famous quesadillas) and parties by the Davidson International Association, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, CoHo, and the Black Student Coalition.

The party thrown by the Davidson International Association at the Outpost was noted for its unique character. There was a wide variety of dance music—trance, techno, and Latin. Kiril Dimov ’05, a native of Bulgaria, observed that the other parties all had “similar music” and that their atmospheres were not conducive to talking. Yuri Korolev ’05, also from Bulgaria, attended the International Association’s dance as well. Korniliev thought that this party provided some “pretty good music,” then added that “parties are different” here in the U.S. from what he is used to back home.

Most students seemed to enjoy the Court parties. A majority of those asked thought that Second Night Down was more fun. Ty Plowsbush ’05 was “surprised by the openness of each house” and was “impressed by the options” between different events, whether it was music by Copper Sails at CoHo or movies at the DCPC.

Thursday’s SGA Meeting has been postponed until next week due to the Union Dedication celebration.

SGA will meet every other Thursday night at 9:00 in the Sprinkle Room (4th floor of the Campus Center). Please come to find out what’s going on and to be a part of the discussion!

Spaghetti dinner fund-raiser boosts Project Life

BY EMILY DREW
Staff Writer

Project Life hosted its annual spaghetti dinner on September 8, raising over $3,500 and serving over 500 students, staff, faculty, and community members. Proceeds from the dinner absorb the high cost of bone marrow typing, the main focus of Project Life.

Matt Whited ’04 and Mike Dusoch ’04 supplied guitar entertainment to the crowd that dined on Chamber’s lawn, and Project Life t-shirts were sold to benefit the organization.

“We really appreciate the great turnout and hope that everyone knows what an important cause they support when they participate in Project Life activities,” said Kate Giguer ’04.

Giguer and Victoria Statler ’03 act as co-chairs for Project Life, now in its 10th year at Davidson College. In 2001, the organization hopes to raise over $35,000 to cover the cost of typing: $80 per person.

When typed, donors are registered on the National Marrow Donor Registry and can potentially be matched to cancer patients who are waiting for marrow transplants. To date, Project Life has typed over 4000 people and has had 13 people complete the bone marrow donation process. The organization aspires to type at least 400 new people each year.

Their annual bone marrow typing drive will be held on November 13 and 14 in the Brown Atrium of the Alvinae College Union. Project Life t-shirts will be on sale in Chambers and the Union through Sept. 15, as well as at the Homecoming football game.

Vegetarian?

veggie melt - veggie burger - veggie hoagie
veggie cheese wrap - veggie ranch wrap
sweet potato fries - caesar salad
grilled cheese - vegetable soup

Plag: Fresh squeezed orange juice
Homemade orangeade, lemonade and limeade

bet you didn’t think of us for vegetarian fare!

The Soda Shop

896-7743
Sat-Thur 9-8, Fri 9-3
104 S. Main St. Davidson, NC

Send a Cake to College

Surprise your college kids or campus chums with an ice cream or frozen yogurt cake for birthday or graduation celebrations, study breaks, exam time or just for fun!

Ben & Jerry’s

Vermont’s finest • Ice Cream • Frozen Yogurt
Terrorism hits home for campus; service held Tuesday night

The Right Look. The Right Price.

GOOD ONLY AT: Tarnberry Place Shopping Center I-77, Exit 28, Cornelius -next to Sushi at the Lake (704) 987-0607

HAIRCUT & BLOWDRY $8.95 Offer expires 11/22/02

The Right Look. The Right Price.

The following is the text of a speech delivered by President Bobby Vagt at Tuesday night’s gathering in the Alvarez College Union following terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC.

The events of this day bring each of us here... each of us with his or her own reaction, fear, disgust, confusion, sympathy. Each of us brought here by events, the scope of which escapes our comprehension, the meaning of which - the who, the why - lie far beyond our understanding... events which will affect each of us in this room in terms of concern, even suspicion around those commonplace activities which for so long we have been allowed to take for granted... events which will affect each of us in this room, as names and relationships become known over the next number of days... events which will, if human history is any predictor, give rise to a series of responses which will themselves result in destruction and in this very pain which we feel now - and confess to you that there have been times over the course of this day that I responded favorably to the notion of swift and sure retaliation - but that is, of course a cycle to which there is no simple conclusion.

So where is the hope? The hope lies in the fact that each of us is here, but, more importantly, that all of us are here together. Our only hope - and it is not for understanding, but for the strength to get through this and the determination to change and move beyond what gave rise to it - this hope lies in the connection that we have with one another. Our family here... our family that has passed through this place and has scattered to the four winds, including New York, and Washington... our family that reaches to the zones you hold dear. So as you reach out and touch that person beside you - the person you know or the person you don’t know - perhaps more important is the one you don’t - you confirm that the only way through this immediate hurt and the only path to a world which behaves as both logic and human kindness dictate it should, is one taken together. Determined. Absolutely committed. Pollyanna? Rose-colored glasses? Perhaps... but it seems to me the only way out of this madness.

We are here tonight because of an emotional, moral, spiritual need to be together - no matter what your faith - or lack thereof - no matter what your background or heritage, we are joined in this. I ask one thing - a pledge we might make to one another, and this is: as events unfold in the coming days or weeks or months and responsibility for today’s horrors is assigned, we will not generalize with respect to religion, or geography or ethnicity. This is not a pledge that we have followed very faithfully as a nation; but, if we allow ourselves to permit individual responsibility for this tragedy to be spread across any single slice of humanity, then they, whoever they are, will have succeeded in reducing our humanity - yours and mine - to a pile of rubble. Such as lies at the south end of Manhattan Island this night. Please make this pledge.

Political science professor Ken Menchua took to the stage next to speak about the political context of the attack.

"If suspect for your generation, today is going to be that day where you always remember where you were standing," he said, comparing the magnitude of the event to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 or the moon landing in 1969.

"Your challenge is the challenge of terrorism and transnational threats," he said. "Terrorism is a mixture of violence and theater. It's designed to produce in you a feeling of vulnerability and unease."

Religious professor Bill Mahoney told students, "Return to your heart. This calls for a time of great integrity, honesty, dignity. This is where the heart lies."

Perhaps political science professor Susan Roberts summed up the evening best. "This building will not be formally dedicated this week," she said. "But tonight we come together and dedicate this union to peace."
Campus community responds to national crisis

Campus Response, from page 1

Though the campus has dealt with tragedy before—most recently the deaths of three Davidson students in a span of six months during 1999, as well as the loss of professor Sandy Kemp in early 2000—the sweeping nature of this week’s events has been unparalleled. “Any time we have a tragic event, we’re prepared to react. Usually, that’s the case of a death of a student or other campus community member,” described Shandley. “This is nothing like that. This affects all of us in one way or another.”

Given the tendency for accusatory speculation after tragedies such as this, another (though distant) concern of the student life division is the manner in which students might react to information about the identity of the terrorists responsible for this act. “Terrorist acts are aimed at destroying the fabric of a community,” Shandley said. “It is so important for all of us to recognize that and refuse to let it happen. If ever there was a time for us to come together, it is now.”

Chapel Rob Spach echoed those sentiments. “Regardless of who turns out to be responsible for this, or whatever their goals or political-religious motivations, the reality is that this tragedy will cut across all ethnic, religious, and national classifications. We must respond by coming together—every one of us can move together and affirm that life is precious.”

Spach, in conjunction with the PES, organized a Tuesday night community gathering. “It’s important for the community to have a chance to get together,” Spach said. The gathering—designed to be “inclusive toward all students” regardless of religious faith—will set to include addresses from professors Ken Menkhau and William Mahoney.

Similarly, the Residence Life Office is mobilizing its student and professional employees to address concerns and needs of students on campus. “We’re asking our staff to check in with as many students as possible, hoping to ascertain how many students may have been injured,” said Leslie Urban, Associate Director of Residence Life. “Thankfully, the reports we’ve been receiving so far have been positive—more and more students are getting word that loved ones have escaped harm.”

Another area of concern has been the nationwide shut-down of air travel. “We’re currently working in conjunction with the Dean of Students’ office to help arrange alternate modes of transportation for students who need to get home,” Urban explained. “There are students who need to get home for family issues or funerals unrelated to the events of Tuesday, so we need to find them cars, buses or trains that can help get them there.”

Academics

Class schedules carried on uninterrupted this week. “We plan to continue having classes as long as such classes would not interfere with the safety or well-being of this community,” described Dr. Clark Ross, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. “These terrorist acts are meant to disrupt life, so it’s important for us to get on with our usual events as best as possible, all the while being sensitive to individual situations facing students and other community members.”

Counselling Center

Dr. David Staton, director of the Student Counseling Center, spent much of Tuesday morning in the sitting area of the College Union. “We’ve all been trying to get out and be visible for the students,” said Staton. “We want them to know that we’re here if they need something.”

Typically, Staton described, students do not utilize the counseling center in the immediate aftermath of a tragedy or emergency—but rather in the months and years after such an event. “Immediately, students usually go to friends and family members in the wake of a tragedy. But sometimes it’s six months down the road that they come to us.”

Dr. Dewit Crosby, a counselor at the center, was initially drafted into service at Charlotte-Douglas Airport as part of an emergency task-force of counselors in the Charlotte area. But Crosby remained on campus, along with the rest of the counseling staff, to field student concerns.

Athletics

For both logistical and sensitivity reasons, certain athletic events were already cancelled and more stand to face postponement. Wofford University postponed Tuesday’s volleyball match against Davidson just minutes before the Southern Conference intervened, canceling all athletic competitions on Tuesday. According to Sports Information, the Southern Conference and NCAA were considering canceling further competitions later in the week.

“The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what has happened today,” said Cedric Dempsey, NCAA president. “Our focus is entirely on the safety of student-athletes, athletics personnel and fans. We urge schools to make sound decisions about proceeding with contests today and in the coming days.”

Even if schools and conferences decided against canceling match-ups for emotional reasons, the nationwide air travel shutdown threatened to interfere with other athletic events across the states. In the near future, the only Davidson competition involving air travel is Saturday’s homecoming game—Drake University’s football team was planning to travel by airplane from Indiana. The status of that game awaits disposition.

Study Abroad Office

Study Abroad Coordinator Carolyn Ortmayer reported that 128 Davidson students are currently studying abroad. The office was only directly in touch with students on Davidson programs—namely ten in Germany and ten more in France. But 108 other students remain scattered across the globe, including one, Andrew McKain, spending the year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

According to Ortmayer, McKain was the only one believed to be studying in a potential region of concern, but she expanded, “Still, we’re thinking of all of them. We’d advise students—and Americans anywhere abroad—to lie low and not bring undue attention to themselves.” As for McKain and other students traveling through the mid-East, “Security measures have already been at a peak in Israel,” described Ortmayer. “Still, they’ll certainly need to exercise great caution.”

Receive A 5% Discount With A Valid Davidson College ID

FULL LINE OF
GENERAL REPAIR
WORK ON FOREIGN & AMERICAN AUTOS
Quality Repair By People Who Care!!!
The Interview (yes, it’s back). Strap on 3D glasses and enjoy!

By MARTIN HENT

Art and Living Editor

Aahah. After a long and grueling summer, it’s time to hit the books again. What? You had a great, relaxing summer? How do I spoil your happy to hear it. You should have sent me a postcard. At least then I would have known that summer vacations DO exist.

As far as I’m concerned, working for an engineering company in a trailer is NOT what I want to do upon graduation. “A studio art major”? “Entry level writing job”? What’s the logic behind that?

Beyond the obvious (moolah), don’t ask. Long story. The point is that I’m still alive, still sane (at least I think so), and still selecting unsuspecting students for random interviews. Heck, compared to the past three months, even taking a bus downtown feels like a vacation. I must get desperate.

But enough of my summer saga. I was really looking forward to being back on campus, you know, as a sage sophisticate, not a party freshman (by the way, party is an assessment of myself, not others in my class). I did not have great visions of returning to campus, renewing friendships, knowing the ropes, not having to worry about anything, being unfiltered. Ha. Famous last words. Since my grand re-entry, I have discovered to my chagrin that I’m in a strange new world. Can you say “cult-like” community? “Nothing is the same!”

For all I know, my freshman year never happened! Take, for example, the tables in Commons. No longer is eating an individualistic opportunity. There is a place where you choose and with how many people you would like to munch. Eating becomes an official ritual, a somewhat awkward standoff as different clusters of students are thrown together against their will. Those tables are all messed up. Last year I was perfectly content, sitting alone, and now I have to trail all the way over to one end of the cafeteria just to find that last one round table upon which a group of socialites hasn’t swooped down. Quite disturbing.

Among other unsettling qualities, the dirt paths I used to walk every day from Belk to Chambers have been erased. Grass now grows where my feet once trod. All evidence of my faithful journey to morning classes has vanished. The Union, which I had just begun to call my own, is gutted. I rode by there last night, and ghostly darkness stared back at me from what used to be the 900 Room. Spooky. The Outpost is gone too! Only whisperers escape from that colorful building once bustling with noise. And last, but certainly not least, is the library. That new classroom - they just had to pick the spot where I always studied. I leave for summer and come back to find my favorite study spot annihilated. All those shiny new computers mock me: “Hahaha! Grifnna! There’s no room for you here! You just might have to climb the stairs!” So I did. Yes, I climbed the stairs, tip-toed to my second favorite study spot, and almost tripped in the dark. Someone has re-arranged my house! All the desks and chairs did a tango while I was gone and landed in different spots.

Where. I am left to flail in this huge sea of newness. Maybe I should re-enroll in the Class of 2003 just to make my greenhorn official! But as I would undoubtedly become the laughingstock of the Registrar’s Office, I decided to interview a real member of the incoming class. For these upcoming stars, this place really is new. You couldn’t ask for a more uninitiated perspective. Jessica Perkins, the subject of this week’s whacked-out questionnaire, graciously agreed to be interviewed.

MH: Jessica, thanks so much for coming. I hope I didn’t freak you out when I introduced myself at Commons.

Jessica Perkins: (smiling, laughs) No, no. Not at all. I was just really surprised that you knew who I was.

MH: Well, there are ways. I just looked you up in the facebook.

JP: I see.

MH: So let’s get right down to business. From where do you hail?


MH: Wow. Sounds like home. So what were some favorite games that you liked to play when you were little?

JP: Uh, let’s see, Duck Duck Goose, and Freeze Tag. I also loved water balloon fights and running through sprinklers.

MH: Hah!… My mom used to chase me with the hose on a hot day. So much fun! Do you have a favorite superhero?

JP: Not really. I don’t watch TV, so I couldn’t really tell you. I did watch Fraggle Rock when I was little, and the Trash Heap always terrified me.

MH: Are you serious? It scared me too.


MH: What is your favorite thing to wear?

JP: Sweatshirts! Definitely sweatshirts. It’s what I live in. And sweaters. And at the moment this belt (points to shiny red belt she’s wearing) is my favorite. I just got it and I wear it with everything.

MH: I know you’ve only been here for about two weeks, but what’s the best food you’ve had at Commons?

JP: Hmm… there was something I ate the other day that I loved. Maybe it was the macaroni and cheese. I also like mashed sweet potatoes, and those colored tortilla chips. But overall I really don’t like the food there.

MH: What’s the most ominous thing you’ve discovered about school so far?

JP: Ants live in my room. They’ve taken over. They are everywhere. They were all over my bed and I was up all night trying to just clear a space where they wouldn’t get in. Ugh. I had no idea about the ants.

MH: Ah yes, the ants. They decided to take up residence in my room as well last year. Well, when you’re not in your room, what kinds of activities have you been doing?

JP: I joined club field hockey. We just had our first practice and I really liked it. There’s also a youth group at the Methodist church that I’m involved with. I signed up for a ton of stuff at the Activities Fair and now I can’t remember half of it (laughs). I really want to do some community service as well. Oh, and I’m on F-Crew too.

MH: Sounds like you’re driving right in. Cool. If you’re not an early riser, but what is one thing that would get you out of bed before 8 AM?

JP: Whoa, (thinks for a bit). I’m, if some one said “You can have a puppy if you get up early”, I’d do it. I love puppies! Or if I had a chance to travel somewhere, I’d get up.

MH: Have you been many places already?

JP: Well, I’ve been to every country in Western Europe…

MH: WOW.

JP: And I’ve also been to Iceland and Hungary. I studied for three months in Scotland.

MH: That is so amazing. I have always wanted to see Iceland - what is it like?

JP: Actually, it’s unbelievable. I would stand and look on one side, and there were these huge mountains, and then on my other side there was nothing but volcanic rock. It was beautiful.

MH: Sounds breathtaking. So have you decided on a major or do you have something in particular you like to study?

JP: I have no idea. I know that I don’t want to be a doctor or journalist. I do love languages. That’s another thing that would get me up in the morning - the opportunity to just speak another language for a while.

MH: Hey, me too. After living in France for three years, I really miss speaking the language on a consistent basis - I mean, not in an academic setting, just in normal conversation. So, as you’re coming to college, what kinds of things are you holding on to that are important to you? Sort of like priorities or values you want to uphold?

JP: I’d say educating myself, traveling, making as many new and good friends as possible, experiencing everything, and being happy. Not necessarily in that order! (smiles)

MH: If you had to pick between a toothbrush and a hairbrush, which would you choose?

JP: Oh goh, a toothbrush! I never have to brush my hair. It’s so straight (laughs). Seriously, I don’t need a hairbrush, so it would definitely be a toothbrush.

MH: Do you have any siblings?

JP: One younger sister - she’s 16. People always thought we were twins… then I eat my hair (smiles).

MH: What’s the dumbest thing you’ve ever done?

JP: Hmmm. That’s hard because I know I’ve done really stupid stuff but I can never remember it. Oh, there’s one thing that probably won’t seem embarrassing to anyone else, but I felt really dumb. My family and I were at a hotel, and they got in an elevator. I had to run back to the room to get something, and the door to the elevator started closing. I thought they were the only people in there, so I yelled in this really awful voice for them to wait for me. When I got to the elevator, they were all standing and looking at the floor. I didn’t know until then that the elevator was actually packed with people and they had all heard me!

MH: Oups.

JP: (laughs) Yeah.

MH: Who is the most influential person in your life?

JP: Both of my parents, and my cousin. Also my really good friends. Because if you see something you like in a friend, you try to copy it.

MH: If you could do anything without failing, what would it be?

JP: I would definitely play lacrosse, speak Spanish, sing, and learn to fly. Oh and I would love to do glass blowing. It’s so beautiful. I would love to learn how to do that.

MH: Describe a contradiction about yourself.

JP: (thinks for a while). Hmmm. Well, here’s one. I love meeting new people, but I never the one to start a conversation. I’m usually the one sitting and listening. But I just like people, and I like to meet everyone.

MH: What makes you laugh?

JP: (smiles) People’s expressions. My favorite thing is people-watching. There are so many funny things to see.

MH: That is certainly true. My one complaint about Davidson is that there is no place to sit and watch without being seen. It ruins it because everyone knows who you are! Well, Jessica, I think those are all the questions I’ve got for you.

JP: Okay.

MH: Thanks again for doing the interview! It’s been fun getting to know you a little bit. I wish you all the best here at Davidson in your college and daily life. I’m sure I’ll see you at Commons sometime! (smiles). Thanks. See you around!
College rankings don’t tell whole tale

Last week, US News and World Report Magazine published its annual rankings of American colleges and universities. While there is great controversy surrounding the legitimacy of these rankings, the bottom line is that they sell magazines (40 percent more than US News’ standard weekly issues) and so are surely here to stay.

What I wish to address is not the rankings themselves, but Davidson’s success in moving up one spot (to no. 10 among national liberal arts colleges), but rather the methodology behind the rankings. It is a method that suggests colleges are in the business of simply conferring degrees so that graduates may obtain higher paying jobs, rather than being centers of education.

Let me explain.

None of the data US News uses in order to rank colleges is sufficient in measuring how students on the campus actually learn. Rather, the magazine uses data such as financial resources, alumni giving, student/faculty ratio and other such figures.

While a school that has more money might be able to attract a more prestigious faculty, it doesn’t always translate into better teaching. Even more importantly, none of the factors tell how engaged students are in their work. Are students in class just to get a grade or to actually learn? This question is never even asked.

Furthermore, the factor that weights most heavily in the rankings is "academic reputation." Not how good a school actually is, but rather, how good a school’s "reputation" is. What the system comes down to is: does more than a popularity contest based purely on perception.

US News explains its reasoning for giving such weight to reputation by saying, “A diploma from a distinguished college helps graduates get good jobs or gain admission to top graduate programs.”

I am certainly not under the illusion that going to a school with a good reputation will not guarantee a high-paying position. Of course it helps. The problem is that education should be more than just a means to an end. Education should be about the process of learning.

What the US News rankings really represent is a movement towards manufacturing reputations. When we care more about the name recognition of a school than we do about how well that school teaches its students, we lose touch with what college is about, and our educations suffer accordingly.

I only hope that this year’s high school seniors have more sense than the editors of US News and are able to recognize that schools cannot, and should not be quantified by such arbitrary guidelines.

First Night Down hasn’t lost it yet

The social expectations of freedom and entertainment had definitely come to a head among members of the freshman class by the time Friday came around. The long-awaited “First Night Down” had finally arrived.

Technically, “First Night Down” refers to the night when Davidson freshmen are allowed to participate in Patterson Court activities. However, I had the feeling that for many students, it basically translated into a school-sponsored binge-drinking event.

Freshmen at other institutions, the phrase may mean nothing more than a perverse joke, but here at Davidson, “First Night Down” is an idea steeped in tradition.

Although the frat parties were officially to start at 10 p.m., most eager freshmen joined their upperclassmen comrades for “pre-game” gatherings. To extend the delay, many fell for the rumor that it wasn’t cool to show up until after 11 p.m.

While the parties may not really get fired up until this time, I was still frustrated by what seemed like an endless wait.
Peace in the Middle East. A phrase constantly thrown about for years looks to be even less of a possibility than in the recent past. The political sensibilities of the antagonists have not changed, and the situation continues to be one of mistrust. The United States and Israel walked out of the United Nations conference on racism.

The United States and Israel walked out due to anti-Israeli language found in the summit’s resolutions. The question most people are asking is, “Who is to blame for the recent outbreak of violence?”

Obviously, a complete answer to such a loaded question cannot be found in a newspaper article. Nevertheless, here is my opinion.

As recently as 1967, a group of Arab forces allied in an effort to “drive the Jews into the sea.” It didn’t work. In fact, Israel managed to acquire more territory from its opponents and to drive the Arabs farther back into their own land. As for the Arab Peace Initiative, that states was not the answer (especially once Israel acquired nuclear weapons), the Arabs have adopted a much more effective tactic.

While still lacking out in suicide bombings and shootings (five Israelis died and dozens were wounded just this past Sunday), the Palestinians have tried to make Israel appear to be the aggressor. Despite being surrounded on three sides by nations that teach their children in schools that Jews are evil so should be driven from their land, the Arab nations have made Israel appear to be the aggressor by turning several foolish domestic policies formed by Israeli leaders into media copia.

On a local level, the Jewish people themselves are tireless of endless peace talks that barely produce any results.

For Sharon, war is the only remaining choice.

For almost a year, Israel has been under continuous siege as the Palestinian intifada continues on unabated. With hundreds dead on both sides as a result of daily terrorist attacks and with Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory, a political situation in this fragile region grows more drastic by the hour.

In the last few weeks the world has stood by, shocked, as Israeli tanks rolled into Palestinian towns on the West Bank and as Arab extremist suicide bombers attacked helpless civilians at pizza parlors and nightclubs. Policymakers in Israel are desperate and have turned to grabbing for unrealistic positions such as targeted assassinations, temporary occupations and unilateral separation (the dividing of Israeli and Palestinian territories by fence line).

Coupled with Yasser Arafat’s inflammatory rhetoric at the recent United Nations Conference on Racism, these developments show that neither side is actually interested in reviving the peace process— if it can be revived at all.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is left with three courses of action. He can continue the current, directionless, tit-for-tat policy that has produced nothing but increased violence; this reactionary policy to Palestinian or Arab extremism and, while justified, has only led to more fanatic attacks.

Since this policy’s aim has been to end such violence, it is an obvious failure. Indeed, if Sharon’s goal is to end the hostility and talk peace, then it must pursue a policy along the lines of Prime Minister Ehud Barak’s.

However, the stunning electoral defeat of Barak at the hands of Israel’s current leader and the intransigence of Yasser Arafat make this policy a non-starter. The fact that Barak’s gracious and praiseworthy offer of peace was refused by the Palestinian leadership makes a return to such a course of action, especially by Ariel Sharon, unlikely— and rightly so.

Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians do not deserve a second offer. The first was as good as it could have ever been.

With both of these policies destined for failure, Sharon is left with a final, controversial option, which is more a change in goals than in policy. He must declare war. Violence in the region is at such a level that it’s easier now to call it war, it is only not officially one. Intifadas and assassinations will occur again and again until either the Israelis or the Palestinians are removed from the scene. The remnants in control of a single sovereign state.

With their ancient and divine attachment to the land and their current global status, this enterprise must be Israel. Such a step is not difficult, for all Sharon needs to do is announce a shift in the goal of his actions.

It is difficult to call for and disgusting to condone, but a war is the only answer to the current situation. Peace has been created only by a victorious party after a conflict— and so must be for the Middle East as well.

I had a great time this past weekend, no doubt. That point is not in question whatsoever. The weather was beautiful, the games were won, the ladies were bought, the freshmen were getting their trousers from El’s and there was plenty of root beer and cream soda for all who wanted one or two.

But maybe I am a traditionalist. Maybe I’m a child of the season after winter and before summer. A season that contains a certain festival, at a certain time of the year at a certain school called Davidson. A season that begins with S, and ends with Spring. Maybe all of these assumptions that I am accusing myself of are true, but I know one thing and that’s that I am not just about the Fall Frolics idea.

Let me give you a couple reasons why, and then after I am done you can roll this newspaper up into a megaphone or telescope or baseball bat and entertain yourself for the rest of the afternoon. (Trust me, the world looks completely different when you close one eye and look through a tube with the other.)

I am a Sophomore. And like most other Sophomores at Davidson, next year’s Spring Frolics will be the fourth one I’ve attended. I have had a lot of fun memories during that weekend as it usually starts in April, like when that dude threw that... I mean when those girls broke... Or when I... okay, well, maybe I don’t have a lot of memories. But according to a good friend that met last week, I was involved in a few things that were on the border of cool.

It all started my junior year in high school when I was visiting my brother, Trip, who was only one year my senior. I was only a top supporter of the long stalk of Ki-Kappa Alpha and ready to make sure the end of my spring break was as good as the beginning.

Nice try, Trip. Still, was a fun weekend. Pretending to be a 22-year-old college dropout from Georgia Southern University to pick up senior women in a cool ragged餐馆, meeting some chicks. Well, I didn’t meet any chicks. But either way it perked my interest in Davidson. High-Five number one: Spring Frolics.

And then there was my senior year. That was the weekend when my world-renowned band DriveLine Sinker made its Davidson debut. My friend and band mates had a great weekend and even though it rained most of the time and two of them helped Pi Kappa Alpha get put on probation for six months, we rockied the house on Saturday night until the wee Sunday morning hours.

Is there any other weekend when you can play Twisted Sister? “We’re Not Gonna Take It!” as the cops are pulling the glass nearly incite a riot, and then party on through the wee hours of the night? I think not.

Isn’t it time we finally, my fellow Davidson students make this happen? Shooting water balloons toward the horses, animals throwing chairs through windows, and don’t let me forget Bob Dylan and the Black Keys on the last night? So, let’s compare, shall we? The music was ok, the rides were the same as always, but more importantly I wasn’t 22. My crazy friends from Kent State were back and the Black Keys, not Bob Dylan, was my band of the weekend.

Nice try Fall Frolics, but there is room room for our original champion, and the winner is Spring Frolics. The only true Frolics – ever.
Just doin’ it: Davidson brokers Nike deal

Eighteen months of negotiations culminate in verbal agreement between apparel supplier and Wildcats

By Brooke Kittinger and Liz Gross
Staff Writers

In June of this year, Davidson officials made an agreement with Nike, Inc., for a reduction in equipment purchase prices for the athletic department. Davidson had been corresponding with Nike for about eighteen months and the two parties made the verbal commitment after recognizing mutual benefits.

Athletic Director Jim Murphy describes the policy not as a contract, but rather as a “preferred price relationship.”

According to Murphy, only a handful of small and medium-sized companies have been able to negotiate with Nike, and the companies that are able to do so have made similar commitments with Nike, showing what he believes is a stronger assertion of Davidson’s presence in the NCAA. He recognizes that Nike clearly does not depend upon business from a small school such as Davidson, but the “cumulative effect” of its academic reputation as well as its growing athletic prowess caught Nike’s eye. Also, he relayed the fact that most Davidson athletes like the Nike brand and have chosen it repeatedly as their gear of choice.

Davidson’s agreement with Nike will yield budget relief for each team as well as expenses and travel costs. Over the course of the semester, the athletic department will refine its ordering procedure of Nike equipment.

When questioned about other companies’ sponsorship of teams, such as the men’s soccer team’s partnership with Adidas, Murphy stated that eventually, all teams will most likely “gravitate toward the Nike brand.”

Some students oppose Davidson’s dealings with Nike, expressing concerns about the working conditions of its foreign labor force. However, Murphy contends that Davidson has not signed any contract with the corporation and that it has the option of disavowing the verbal agreement at any time if the College so desires. Furthermore, he asserts that no athletic team is obligated to use Nike products, even if the company provides a rebate.

Murphy summed up his feelings on the verbal commitment, saying, “It’s a good situation for Davidson when we can get a top-flight product at a deeply-discounted price.”

Field hockey shuts out St. Francis, 7-0

By Sarah Nolan
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the Davidson field hockey team staged its own performance of “The Comeback Kids.” Despite a heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss to Appalachian State on Saturday, the Wildcats could not be held down. On Sunday, they took St. Francis by storm, defeating them 7-0 and posting their third shutout of the season.

Saturday’s game, Davidson’s first loss of the season, brings the Wildcats’ overall record to 3-1 and was their first conference game. ASU’s Nora Brooks scored with an assist from Christina Selle at 31:41 remaining in the half. The Wildcats spent the half on the defensive end with eight corners against them and seven offensive corners. The second half was a retaliation period for Davidson as the team posted 12 offensive corners and tried to knock in a goal. Finally, with only 3:13 left on the clock, Amanda Strickland ‘03 scored, bringing the game to a tied score of 1-1.

At the end of regulation time, the score remained 1-1 and the two teams were subjected to one of two 15-minute, seven-against-seven, sudden death overtimes. ASU clinched the game when Selle scored only 27 seconds into the overtime. The Wildcats finished with 15 shots on goal, and freshman goal-keeper Cate Schmeling posted six saves.

After suffering the defeat, the Wildcats turned around on Sunday and pulled off their fourth win of the season. The first goal of the game came from junior Jessica Barton, who scored off of a penalty stroke with 26:35 remaining in the half. Less than three minutes later, Barton again found the back of the cage, this time unassisted. The Wildcats dominated the field but did not score again until Christina Auer ‘04 crossed a ball into the box in front of St. Francis’ freshman goalkeeper Tiffany Homan to put in the third goal.

To finish off the first half, junior Agnes Bateman took the ball off of a corner and crossed it to Barton, waiting at the post. Barton took the opportunity to fire in her third goal of the game. With 24:44 remaining in the second half, junior Alex Rogers secured the Wildcats lead with the fifth goal of the game. Strickland finished off the game with two goals, the last goal coming off of an assist from Bateman. Davidson dominated the game with 32 shots. Freshman goal-keeper Sarah Nolan had one save.

Head Coach Christy Morgan was happy about the victory, saying, “Our performance today against St. Francis was a result of our disappointment yesterday and our commitment to change.”

The Wildcats head up north to play Radford College next Saturday and to Boone on Sunday for an ASU rematch.

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks...and write an article while you’re at it.

Email your sports editor cahouser@davidson.edu jlawansbrough@davidson.edu
Men’s soccer jumps to 3-1 with wins over Army, UNCG

Wildcats flex their muscle early in the season with shutout win over Army, now look to build on success in conference season

By Richard Connelly
Staff Writer

Davidson’s men’s soccer team has found the winning touch and is positioning itself to be a serious contender in the Southern Conference.

Coming off a tournament championship last weekend, the Wildcats recorded two more wins this week, knocking off conference foe UNCG-Greensboro and the Black Knights of Army.

The ‘Cats defeated UNCG on Thursday night by a score of 2-1, the first time Davidson has beaten the Spartans since the 1997 season.

“The win over Greensboro was big because they are a conference rival who was picked ahead of us in the preseason poll,” commented Head Coach Matt Spear. “It was important for the seniors especially because they haven’t beaten UNCG before.”

Senior Chris Norbet found the back of the net just three minutes into the second half as he capitalized on a misplayed ball by the UNCG goalkeeper. It was Norbet again, this time in the 64th minute off a pass from sophomore Justin Porter, who scored what proved to be the game winner after UNCG tied it up in the 52nd minute.

Playing in their regular season home opener in front of a loud, boisterous crowd, the Wildcats shut out Army 5-0. In a game that was characterized by fouls and one rather clever goal celebration, the Wildcats maintained possession throughout and Coach Spear was able to give most of his subs ample playing time.

Norbet and freshman Dan Ferriter led the scoring, each netting two, and freshman Matt Berman finished off the Black Knights in the 62nd minute. Shoved within the 18-yard box by a Navy defender, Hoskins, a sophomore, was awarded the penalty and placed the ball firmly in the net.

The goal yielded the team’s first of the season, but failed to suffice before the final whistle. The Cats took 12 shots on goal, and freshman keeper Sarah Hobart tallied six more saves for the season.

Hobart chalked up two more Sunday to set her at 23 for the season, and of the Cats’ defense fought hard to keep the Columbia Lions at bay. After a scoreless first half, however, the Lions offense pounced. Two Columbia goals from came in quick succession 10 minutes into the second half, during the Cats to strike back.

The Wildcats finally return home to play Elon on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Richardson Stadium. Last year’s match ended in a 1-0 victory over Elon.

Senior Justin Saunders threads the Army defense as he drives his way toward the goal.

79th minute, when he hammered home a Keith Nicholson rebound and then turned to the Army crowd to flash his best salute. Goalkeepers Soren Johnson and Shilah Sugeir combined for the shutout. Senior Jon Tetrick netted two assists and seniors Paul Watson and Erik Ozimek each tallied one assist apiece.

“We sorted some things out over the weekend. It’s important that we show improvement and we did.”

—Coach Kevin Hundley

Road losses at the hands of Navy, South Carolina make the early going tough for the Wildcats

By John Swanderbrough
Sports Editor

Road-weary and battle-frayed, the women’s soccer team returned from the Naval Academy Invitational Sunday with two tough losses. On Saturday, the Cats fell to Navy in a 4-1 loss, but came back the next day to challenge Columbia to a gripping 2-1 defeat.

After last Thursday’s 4-0 loss to South Carolina in Columbia, the Cats hoped to improve upon their 0-2 record, but the two tough breaks over the weekend dropped the team to 0-4 for the season.

In Saturday’s match against Navy, Davidson’s lone goal came from forward Leigh Anne Hoskins on a penalty kick in the 62nd minute. Shoved within the 18-yard box by a Navy defender, Hoskins, a sophomore, was awarded the penalty and placed the ball firmly in the net.

The goal yielded the team’s first of the season, but failed to suffice before the final whistle. The Cats took 12 shots on goal, and freshman keeper Sarah Hobart tallied six more saves for the season.

Hobart chalked up two more Sunday to set her at 23 for the season, and of the Cats’ defense fought hard to keep the Columbia Lions at bay. After a scoreless first half, however, the Lions offense pounced. Two Columbia goals from came in quick succession 10 minutes into the second half, during the Cats to strike back.

The goal yielded the team’s first of the season, but failed to suffice before the final whistle. The Cats took 12 shots on goal, and freshman keeper Sarah Hobart tallied six more saves for the season.

Hobart chalked up two more Sunday to set her at 23 for the season, and of the Cats’ defense fought hard to keep the Columbia Lions at bay. After a scoreless first half, however, the Lions offense pounced. Two Columbia goals from came in quick succession 10 minutes into the second half, during the Cats to strike back.

The Cats scored 23 minutes into the half from sophomore midfielder Catie Williams off an assist from Hoskins, but the goal merely foiled a shutout. The Cats were out-shot by the Lions 7-12, marking the end to a tough series of away games.

Women’s coach Kevin Hundley remained optimistic: “We sorted some things out over the weekend. It’s important that we show improvement, and we did.”

In four games, the Cats have traveled to three different cities: Durham, N.C., Columbia, S.C., and Annapolis, Md., but none of the four challenging matches fall within Southern Conference play.

The Cats play the Citadel for their first conference game of the season next Saturday in Charleston, S.C.

The team hopes to heal some of its injury-laden starters before that day. Junior forward Heather Maloney and senior midfielder Carolyn Stumpf both suffer from nagging injuries. Their loss is detrimental to the Cats’ successful offensive attack.

Hundley said, “Right now we’re getting an extended look at some of our players… I’d love somebody to step up for us.”

During this, the corporate ladder will be a piece of [cake].

In the course of facing challenges like this, you’ll learn how to think on your feet. Stay cool under pressure. Take charge. Talk to an Army ROTC rep. You’ll find there’s nothing like a little climbing to help prepare you for getting to the top.

ARMY ROTC Unlike any other college course you can take.

For scholarships and enrollment information visit Major Geiger at #7 Jackson Court or call 800-2185.
Wildcat volleyball prepared for Southern Conference

Team prepares for tough competition as it seeks to defend its conference crown

By Drew Prickett
Staff Writer

Davidson’s volleyball team (3-4) had a disappointing week that ended with a glimmer of hope.

On September 4, the Wildcats met the North Carolina Tar Heels in Belk Arena, dropping the match in three hard-fought games.

Davidson surprised Carolina (3-1) early, taking a quick 8-5 lead in the first game. After tying at 20, 22, and 24, the UNC offense proved too much.

The second and, unquestionably, most exciting game was also the highest scoring. Aggressive defense by Latisha Chapman ’04 and seniors Jacqueline and Jennifer Ortega kept Davidson within striking distance. As volleyball rules mandate a team must win by at least two points, the race to 30 ended in a 35-33 win for the Tar Heels.

Davidson lost a 12-6 lead in the third game, eventually dropping 30-16.

This past weekend, the volleyball team traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia to participate in William and Mary’s Hill-Q Classic. The Wildcats played three games in two days against Virginia, the host Tribe, and Columbia as they prepare to defend their back-to-back Southern Conference crowns.

The Wildcats lost a close four-game match to Virginia in Friday’s opener, 30-28, 25-30, 30-28, and 30-25. Despite the setback, sophomore Tami Dutwin must have been impressed with her team’s serving, as the ‘Cats notched an impressive 16 aces in the match.

Senior Jacqueline Ortega continued her dominating play, tallying her fifth consecutive double-double (12 kills, 11 digs) of the season in the UVA match.

In the second match of the tournament, William and Mary proved to be too much for the ‘Cats (30-18, 30-28, and 30-27). The Tribe registered 52 winners to 27. The Tribe registered 52 winners to Davidson’s 28, but freshman standout Meredith Lorenz displayed her defensive prowess with a team-high 14 digs.

Against Columbia, Davidson regained its winning form and quickly disposed of the Lions in three games, 30-25, 30-25, and 30-16.

Senior co-captain Erica Schwartz’s double-double (34 assists, 11 digs) and Jacqueline Ortega’s 13 kills led the Wildcats. Behind the baseline, the ‘Cats once again displayed their dominance, as seniors Kaitlynn Martin and Roberta Quis each served up four aces. The team had a total of 12 aces.

The Davidson squad hopes for continued success as they open SoCon competition this week on the road at Wofford before returning home to Belk Arena to take on Chattanooga and Western Carolina on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

With a dozen home matches left, students have ample opportunity support the team in its quest to become the first Southern Conference team in history to win three consecutive regular season and SoCon titles.

---

**Club Sport Spotlight**

Rugby team trounces state-school competition

By Andrew Levintal
Special Contributor

The Davidson club rugby team won its first matches of the season in a round-robin tournament at home last Saturday. Downsing both UNC-Greensboro 6-3 and UNC-Charlotte 14-8, the team starts the season 2-0.

Against UNC-G, sophomore Daniel Prickett scored all the points necessary with two well-placed kicks through the uprights. Pierce, a scrum-half on the team, later scored nine more points to help defeat UNCG.

Down 8-3 with less than ten minutes left in the 40-minute half, the ‘Cats gathered force behind Pierce’s foot and senior Skylar Hoffman’s boisterous rallying. After two kicks by Pierce and a 5-point try from Hoffman, the ‘Cats emerged victorious.

The ‘Cats continue on last fall’s undefeated season and an overall year record of 11-2. Coach Paul Kenney hopes to continue the success, as last year was indeed the best season ever for the ‘Cats.

The ‘Cats play at home again this Saturday against Wake Forest. The game is at 12:00 p.m. on the IMAC fields. For more information about the club rugby team, contact President Aravind Dileepan (x5324) or captain Luke Grote (x5356).

---

**The Optical Shop of Lake Norman**

**The Finest Quality Eyewear in the Industry**

BY THE MOST EXPERIENCED TEAM IN THE CAROLINAS

All Services and Prescription Eyewear
LICENSED OPTICIANS

ED STUKBAUER, F.A.O. • JACK ARMSTRONG, F.A.O. • MARY SALOPEK, A.B.O.
EYE EXAMINATIONS BY DR. KENNETH TURNER
987-2288

103 Peninsula Village • 19520 Attton Rd. At the Entrance of the Peninsula, Exit 29, W. Catawba Rte. Cornelius Near Dean & DeLuca, Authorized Optics - Warranty - Written Prescription Service - Open 7 Days

---

**ANNIE’S AT THE LAKE**

Restaurant + Spirits

Specializing in:
Crabcakes, Steaks, Pasta and Seafood

**Lunch**
T-F
11 am - 2 pm

**Dinner**
T-Sat
Starting @ 5 pm

20700 North Main St.
(Located in the Chair Factory)

Ask about Catering and Box Lunches
10% Discount to all Davidson Faculty, Staff, and Students
Wildcats fall after 18 straight
Jacksonville ends Davidson win streak, 45-3

By Jackie Davidson
Staff Writer

The third-ranked Davidson Wildcats saw their nation-leading 18-game win streak come to an end in sweltering heat on Saturday, when the No. 8 Jacksonville Dolphins trounced them 45-3.

Junior quarterback Paul Nichols had his worst game as a Davidson starter on Saturday, completing just 12 of 32 passes for 86 yards and throwing a career-high five interceptions. The Wildcats’ last loss came on September 5, 1999 to Emory & Henry.

An impressive group of Davidson supporters, including many parents and college president Bobby Vagt, made the trip to Florida as Davidson hoped to tie the fifth-longest winning streak in Division 1-AA history.

The game, hyped in the Jacksonville papers because of Davidson’s record, began on an ominous note when Dolphin defensive man Jeremy Kearson intercepted a Nichols pass midway through the first quarter and returned the pick for an 81-yard touchdown.

After Dolphin Linj Shell took Nichols’ second interception in six, Nichols was intercepted yet again, this time by Dolphin Matt Marshall, who also returned the pick for a touchdown.

Marshall’s interception put the Dolphins up 21-0, equaling the total number of points allowed by the Cats in the first quarter all last season. The three interceptions along with two rushing touchdowns accounted for the Dolphins’ 35 unanswered points in the first half—all but sealing a Jacksonville victory.

The Wildcats’ lone score came in the opening drive of the second half as kicker Daniel Hanks capped off a 57-yard drive with 35-yard field goal. The 35-point half posted by the Dolphins proved too much to overcome as the ‘Cats suffered their worst defeat in three years.

A 73-yard touchdown drive and kicker Chris Brown’s 31-yard field goal cemented Jacksonville’s win before the scoreless fourth quarter. Jacksonville has handed Davidson three of its six losses since 1998. Despite Saturday’s resounding defeat, the ‘Cats remain optimistic. Freshman running back John Leverett said, “We simply have to start over. We can’t act like the season is over. We just have to start at the beginning and regroup.”

The Wildcats will indeed look to regroup this weekend as they host Drake in Saturday’s Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. in Richardson Stadium.

Game Faces: Captains Around Campus

Women’s Varsity Soccer

Pen Gravens
Washington, D.C.
Senior
English Major
Years Experience in Sport: 12
Position: Stopper
Favorite Pump-up Song: “Hit ‘Em High”

Carolyn “Cazza” Stumpf
Pensacola, Florida
Senior
Economics Major
Years Experience in Sport: 13
Position: Center Mid-Fielder
Favorite Pump-up Song: “Take on Me” by Fat Boy Slim

In your opinion, who is the best role model for youth today?
“Our teachers and parents—no single Hollywood gossip.”

Amy Johnston
Columbus, Ohio
Junior
Biology Major
Years Experience in Sport: 16
Position: Sweeper
Favorite Pump-up Song: “Top Gun theme

In your opinion, who is the best role model for youth today?
“Tiff [Tisdale], our assistant coach.”

Inspirational Quote of the Week

“For glory gives herself only to those who have always dreamed of her.”

Charles de Gaulle

The Week Ahead

Football

Sept. 15 @ Miami 1:00

Sept. 14 Chattanooga 7:00

Sept. 15 Western Carolina 5:00

Sept. 16 @ Furman 7:00

Sept. 15 @ Citadel 4:00

Sept. 18 @ UAB 7:00

Volleyball

Sept. 15 Chattanooga 7:00

Sept. 15 Western Carolina 5:00

Sept. 16 @ Furman 7:00

Sept. 16 @ UAB 7:00

Field Hockey

Sept. 15 @ Furman 1:00

Sept. 16 @ UAB 1:00

Victory in defeat

I walked into my hall lounge Saturday night to check the score of the Tennessee/Arkansas game, and it was there I first found out that Jacksonville ended our football streak. I heard the bad tidings from a girl watching a tennis game and doing Spanish homework. She hadn’t heard the news from a player; she’d bothered to listen to the game live via the internet.

I was naturally shocked to hear the news of the football team’s first loss in 19 games. My surprise soon fell, however, to an amused awe of our school’s devotion. At 10 p.m. on a Saturday night I saw a girl doing Spanish homework because she spent part of her day listening to our football game taking place in Jacksonville, Fla. Enthusiasm for something on this campus beyond books or beer? I’ll be kerschnickered.

School spirit manifests itself in a myriad of ways at Davidson, and more often than not the fun support is felt and not seen. Saturday night I wondered how great it must feel to walk on a football field two states away and know that perfect strangers at my school support me at that very minute. Naturally the physical presence of fans lights the proverbial fire under the ass, but win or lose Davidson athletes boast support.

We’re a competitive breed here in our little bubble; about one-fourth of our student body participates on the varsity level, and 90 percent of the leftovers club or intramural sports. Somewhere between academia and athletics we find time to live and support friends in their endeavors.

I am entreating the students at this school to remain stoic and supportive in the face of adversity. At few other times in your life will you need support from friends and fans. I urge you all to carry this sense of camaraderie to the field and the stands—even if Spanish homework needs to be done.