

New initiatives greet new freshmen at Davidson

Davidson College this week welcomed 450 new students — the Class of 2005 — to a campus that features new endeavors in the areas of curriculum, facilities and community life.

Fittingly, the newest members of the Davidson family checked in last Thursday at the brand-new Alvarez College Union. The 66,000-square-foot building, which will be formally dedicated on Sept. 13, is modeled on a "village piazza" concept, designed as an inviting five-level space that will accommodate accidental daily encounters as well as formal presentations.

The building encompasses a wide variety of campus services and amenities clustered in and around a three-story central atrium. Program spaces include meeting rooms, multipurpose rooms, lounges, bookstore, fitness center, outdoors center, post office/copy center, information desk, cafe, the C. Shaw Smith intimate performance room, and offices for several campus services and student organizations.

Construction is continuing on the Alvarez Union's associated facility, the 600-seat Duke Family Performance Hall, which will open next January. The two buildings together comprise the Knobloch Campus Center, a \$36-million endeavor that will enliven Davidson's campus with a new sense of community and vitality.

Dean of Students Tom Shandley said the building should have a tremendous impact on campus life. "We've seen already this summer from just faculty and staff how much people love being in this building. Once our 1,600 students arrive, and programming starts, I think we'll find that this place will be a 24-hour center of interchange and activity unlike anything we've ever known here."

Incoming students spent their first two days on cam-

pus in meetings with academic advisors to finalize their course load, with administrators to learn about campus life and resources, and in social activities designed to help them get to know their hallmates and hall counselors. Friday night featured the lighthearted "Class of 2005 Olympics," where halls of students competed in contests such as crab soccer, shoe-removal relays, and volleyball with an oversized "earth ball."

On Saturday, students met the human faces of community service. The college maintains its long-standing interest in this area with an enriched experience for members of the incoming class at seven nearby sites such as Joshua's Farm, Hind Feet Farm, county parks, and a Cornelius community center. Groups of up to 100 students spent the day at the sites working to benefit those in need.

Orientation in recent years has included just three hours of community service. This year's extended time period, personal testimonials, and an hour-long reflection on their work gave students a much richer view of this institutional imperative.

"We want students to

think about how to find their career, and how to make it a service," said Ruth Pittard, community service director at the college. "We hope it helps them understand that Davidson thinks of service not as a thing you do, but as a way you think."

While first-year students are getting to know each other and the college, a group of 45 sophomores will be at a retreat near Asheville considering how to apply their heart-felt beliefs to their lifetime vocation. It's the first activity in a four-year theological exploration of vocation funded by a \$2-million grant from the Lilly Foundation. Davidson is one of 20 colleges and universities nationwide receiving the grant.

Tim Beach-Verhey, director of the program, explained that it is involving sophomores first because, "Those students have moved past the adjustment of their first college year, and have to start selecting their academic major. That's a good time to examine their beliefs to form the big choices they'll soon be making."

During the coming semester, the Lilly program will expand its reach from the student body to alumni.

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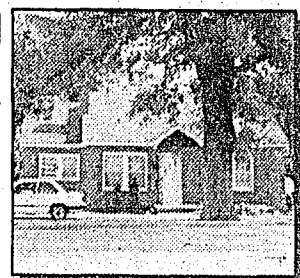
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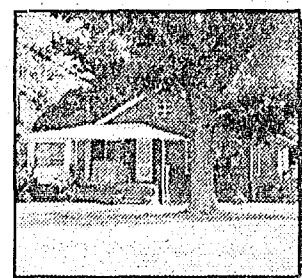
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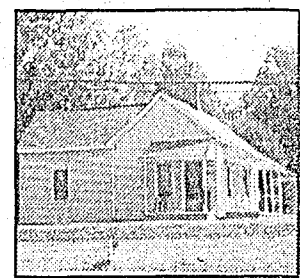
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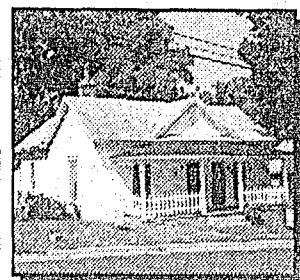
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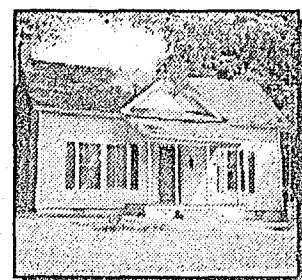
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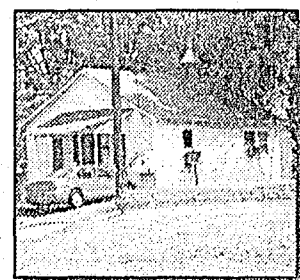
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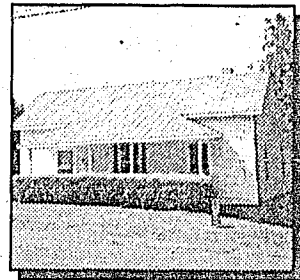
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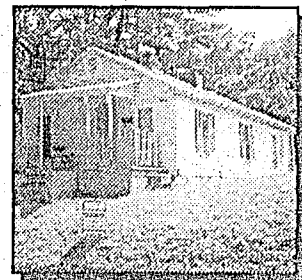
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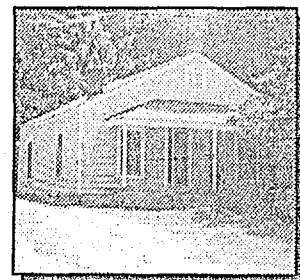
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Local law enforcement agencies reported the following recent charges and incidents:

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A 1999 Ford van belonging to Brannon's Dry Cleaners was stolen from the business on West Mills Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. on Aug. 17 and 8 a.m. on Aug. 18.

A 1967 Thundercraft boat, belonging to a Buffalo, N.Y., man, was stolen from the boat dock at Morrison Cove sometime between 8 p.m. on Aug. 15 and 9 p.m. on Aug. 17.

A water meter was stolen from a house under construction on Winborne Drive sometime between 5 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 17.

Several tools were stolen from an outbuilding at a Dangler Avenue residence sometime between 9 p.m. on July 18 and 1 p.m. on Aug. 19. Items taken included biscuit joiners, a planer, a router and orbital sander and a chop saw.

A tool box containing various tools and a socket set were taken from a truck parked outside a Muirfield Drive residence sometime between 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 9 a.m. on Aug. 17.

A Statesville man called police to report his truck had been broken into while he was eating at the Cracker Barrel restaurant between 9 and 9:54 a.m. on Aug. 16. A black nylon bag containing a debit card and a set of keys was stolen from the truck.

Mooreville police filed the following recent charges:

James Joshua Preston, 24, 263 West Ave., Troutman, DWI (.09), exceeding posted speed; Richard Vincent Campo, 18, 123 Thoroughbred Drive, Troutman, possession of a malt beverage by a person less than 19 years of age; Charles Keith Baylor, 37, 632-B Boger St., disorderly conduct, second-degree trespass; David Charles Glen, 18, 120 May Jean Drive, Statesville, possession of a malt beverage by a person less than 19 years of age; Vera Cynthia Pugh, 24, 637 School St., simple assault; Peggy Lynn Hayes, 20, 326 W. McNeely Ave., assault with a deadly weapon; Mark Sedren Young, 28, 137 Misty Springs Road, Troutman, possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license revoked; Steven Dale Elliott, 19, of Charlotte, resisting, obstructing and delaying a law enforcement officer, driving while license revoked, expired registration; Mark Albert Klapetzky, 30, 110 Cobblestone Lane, DWI; James Thomas Hopkins Jr., 37, 144-J Scenic Drive, DWI (.27); Michael Keith Rutledge, 21, of Tupelo, Miss., DWI, possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of a motor vehicle after consuming; James Phillip McDunnah, 21, 316 Dangler Ave., obstructing and delaying a law enforcement officer; Michael Shane Bailey, 27, 361 Bailey Road, possession of drug paraphernalia, obstructing and delaying a law enforcement officer, damage to property.

Statesville police nab 3 suspects in connection with robberies

Statesville police rounded up robbery suspects Monday. Three Statesville men were charged.

Authorities identified and arrested a second suspect from a Friday armed robbery at the Burger King on East Broad Street. Courtney Neil Scott, 17, of 120 E. Raleigh Ave., was arrested Monday.

Police say Scott and Marcus Antonio Ferguson, who was arrested Friday, entered the fast food restaurant with bandannas over their faces. One jumped over the counter with a gun and demanded money from the cashier.

As the suspects ran from the scene, police say one fired a shot at a customer in the parking lot, hitting a nearby car.

Ferguson is in Iredell County Jail under a \$50,000 secured bond. After further investigation, police also served warrants on Ferguson for a July 21 armed robbery at the Pizza Hut at 940 Davie Ave. A magistrate gave him an additional \$20,000 secured bond. There is at least one more possible arrest from the Burger King robbery, said Investigator Crystal Scott.

Police also arrested Charles Lamont Stevenson, 20, of Statesville Monday for two early-August robberies that occurred within 30 minutes of each other.

On Aug. 6, both the Prime Sirloin Restaurant

on Taylorsville Highway and the Galaxy Supermarket on North Center Street were robbed by a man holding a white cloth over his face. No weapon was seen during either robbery. Cash was taken only from the supermarket.

Police identified Stevenson Thursday and got warrants for his arrest. He was found Monday morning, said Investigator Sharon Newton.

Stevenson was charged with one count of common law robbery, one count of attempted common law robbery and five counts of probation violation. He is in Iredell County Jail under a \$37,500 bond.

Also, police are looking for a suspect in a robbery of another Galaxy Foods store in Statesville.

At 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, a black male entered the Galaxy Food store at 805 N. Center St. As a cashier opened a register for another transaction, the suspect reached into the drawer, grabbed money and ran out of the store. Police believe the suspect got into a car at the rear of the store.

The suspect is described as a black male. He is approximately six-foot tall and weighs 190 pounds. He is in his late 20s to early 30s. During the robbery, the suspect wore a white tank top, blue jean shorts and work boots.

Anyone with information can contact the Statesville Police Department at (704) 878-

Police put out call for information

Mooreville Police are still looking for old pictures and tales of past exploits to be included in a history of the Mooreville Police Department, which will soon be moving to its new facility on West Iredell Avenue.

To keep the department's origins alive, Detective Sgt. Carl Robbins is working to compile a history from the department's beginnings in the basement of the Town Hall Building to the present.

Robbins has put out a call for any and all bits and pieces of the department's history — from tales of former officers to a history in pictures. Anyone with a story to share or some old photos, contact Robbins at the police department, 704-664-8045.

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