Good Friday Rally
April 9th
Noon-1pm Diag

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Diag rally held to honor Good Friday
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Jarring to the beat of "Triple C" and Dougie D, approximately 350 people praised God on the Diag Friday as part of a rally sponsored by a coalition of campus Christian groups called Christians United.

The rally was held to honor Good Friday and Easter.

Rappers Craig Wollack and Doug Hintzman used their own sound effects to draw the crowd into their performance.

"Dougie D is the human beat box," Wollack said, referring to the rap noises Hintzman created with his voice.

He called rap "a cool way to show that Christians can have fun."

The rally opened with prayer from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and continued from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with songs and individual performances.

Activities included singing performances and testimonies of individuals' experiences with God.

After the rally, several students performed a mime symbolizing the crucifixion of Christ. "We're there to spread the message of Jesus Christ through the art of mime," said LSA senior Brent Breining.

The University Christian liyng freedom of religion," Rayus Outreach group erected a 14-foot tall wooden cross on the Diag Thursday at midnight — the time the Bible says the disciples fell asleep while keeping watch during the time Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before his crucifixion.

The organization then held a vigil by the cross to honor "the night of Christ's passion," said LSA senior Jay Rayus.

"(We tried) to put ourselves in the shoes of the people at the crucifixion and the resurrection," said music education student Raphael Rittenhouse.

University senior Jim Kushner, an organizer of the rally and a member of Christians in Action, termed the rally successful.

"The whole purpose of this is to take time out to give honor and praise to Jesus Christ," Kushner said. "I thought it was a really uplifting experience," said LSA first-year student Greg Morrison. "It was good to have all these groups express their love for Jesus together."

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