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## Civil War Historian William Freehling to Speak at Fall Friends Event

The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library are pleased to announce that Civil War historian William Freehling will be the speaker at the Friends' Fall Event on Friday, November 7 at 7 pm. Freehling's speech is entitled "Can Coincidences Change History? The Coming of the Civil War as a Test Case." The talk will take place in the atrium of the Greenwood Library. The night will begin with a reception at 6 pm. Freehling will sign copies of his books after the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

Freehling is the author of five books on the Civil War, including the acclaimed two-

volume series *The Road to Disunion*. He was awarded both the Nevins and the Bancroft Prize for *Prelude to Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina*, published in 1966.

A native of Chicago, Professor Freehling received his AB degree Magna Cum Laude and his Phi Beta Kappa key from Harvard College. At Harvard, he wrote his honors thesis under the Pulitzer Prize winning historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. Freehling received his MA and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. He wrote his PhD dissertation under noted Civil War historian Kenneth Stampp. Freehling has taught at Berkeley and Harvard, held full professorships at the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins, and held endowed chairs at SUNY Buffalo and at the University of Kentucky.

Professor Freehling is retired from a university career that brought

him as many honors for teaching as for books. He currently writes full time at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities as a permanent Senior Fellow. His current projects include a book of essays on the writing of *The Road to Disunion*, to be published in 2010, a documentary distillation of the Virginia Secession Convention's debates, also to be published in 2010, and a reinterpretation of Abraham Lincoln's early presidency, to be published in 2011.

He and his wife Alison, also an American history author, live in Charlottesville with their five Norwich Terriers and close to their two adult children, who are both journalists.

### David Baldacci to Speak at Spring Friends Event

I am pleased to announce that bestselling novelist David Baldacci will be speaking at the Friends' Spring Event on Friday, April 3, 2009. Baldacci will be appearing at Longwood as part of the book tour promoting his forthcoming novel to be published in April 2009. We will have more information about this exciting speaking engagement in our Spring newsletter and on our Friends' website!

Wendell Barbour  
Dean of the Library



Noted Professor of History William Freehling will speak at the Friends' Fall Event on November 7.

## Take a Trip Back in Time with Greenwood Library's Yearbook Collection

Greenwood Library invites you to travel down memory lane by browsing the library's collection of student yearbooks dating from 1898 to the present. The first two yearbooks, published in 1898 and 1899, were titled *The Normal Light*; but since 1900, the yearbook has been known as *The Virginian*.

Library users have access to a set of yearbooks housed on the main floor of the library behind the Circulation/Reserve Desk. The yearbooks are available to anyone interested in viewing them, but they must be used in the library. Several preservation copies of each yearbook are

included in the University's archival collection and are housed in the Archive/Special Collections Room on the ground level of the library.

From 1984 to 1986, the yearbook was not published. The yearbook was published again from 1987 to 1996. Since that time, yearbooks have been published in 2004 and 2008.

The yearbook is a great resource for those interested in Longwood's history. A picture is worth a thousand words, and the photos in the yearbooks feature clubs, sororities, faculty members, facilities, student

involvement in special events such as graduation, and class photos. Some yearbooks have brief histories of the school and the various organizations on campus; some have tributes to presidents, faculty, and administrators.

You are invited to step back in time through the pages of Longwood's yearbooks. When you visit the Greenwood Library, stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk and ask about viewing the yearbooks. In the meantime, please enjoy some of our favorite yearbook photos!



The Board of Editors for the premiere issue of the student yearbook that was originally titled *The Normal Light*.



CHI, which is still in existence today, was founded in 1900. This photo from the 1903 yearbook features the members of this "Sorority of Sororities."



In 1927, the Joan Circle of Alpha Delta Rho organized the first Circus. In 1966, the fall event evolved into what is now known as Oktoberfest. These 1959 yearbook pictures feature some of the major players in the event.

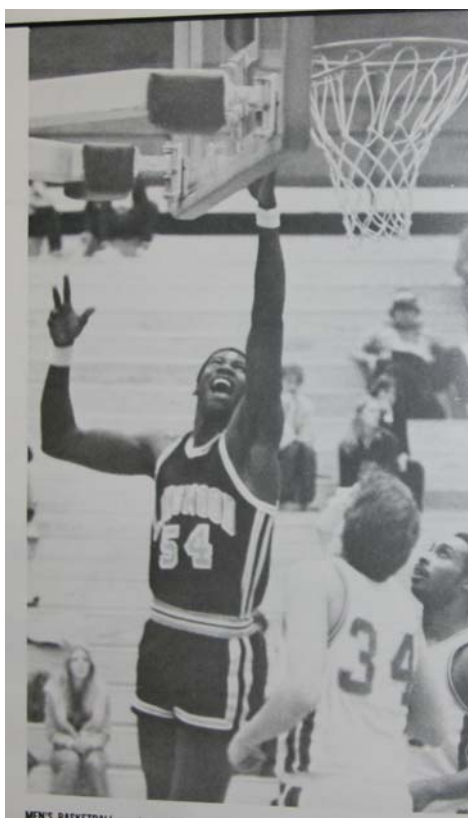
## Photos from the Greenwood Library's Yearbook Collection



A new chapter in the history of Longwood began in the fall of 1976 when, for the first time, men were housed in the dorms. Men's basketball quickly appeared on the scene with the first team being featured in the 1977 yearbook.



It was the 1970s and times were changing! Yearbook photos took on a different look, as you can see from this photo of the Student Union members featured in the 1974 yearbook.



Yearbooks always made room for Longwood's sports teams, and the yearbooks of the 1980s were no exception. During this decade, Longwood boasted two major sports stars. Basketball great Jerome Kersey is featured on the court in this 1982 yearbook photo, and pro golfer Tina Barrett is pictured with the Longwood team in this 1988 yearbook photo.

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