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Special Edition . .

Welcome Freshmen And Coeds!

The Rotunda

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LONGWOOD OFFERS . . .



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Dear Longwood . . .

Let me add to the numerous words of welcome — to the freshmen and transfers as they begin the experience of Longwood College, and to upperclassmen as they return to continue that experience.

Open yourself — to be excited, to be depressed, to be made to wonder why, and to be made aware that answers must be sought after rather than waited for. There are a lot of good things at Longwood, and people are generally willing to discuss. Don't let apathetic students and faculty influence you. If you want something — ask for it and be willing to defend yourself. Keep yourself open and always be ready to ask why — there won't always be straightforward answers, but you will have made an impression by persisting. Changes will never come unless and until students work for them. Be open, for one-sided discussions accomplish nothing. Don't take "we're looking into it" for a final answer, and don't assume that something obvious to you is obvious to other students and the administration.

With the introduction of journalism to Longwood College, the **Rotunda** can practice what it preaches. It is a newspaper for the students and is controlled by the students. There are few barriers to confront those who have something to say: slander and anonymity are basically the only untolerated concepts. Last semester a special issue was presented concerning student legal rights, and special features will be continued this year. A student newspaper should of course report school sponsored events. It must, however, realize that the world is a much larger place than Farmville, and it must also present information pertaining to the lives of its readers. It is in this context that special research will be presented concerning birth control, abortion, venereal disease, suicide, and anything else that Longwood is interested in. The **Rotunda's** concern is not a moral one — the only objective is to present symptoms, preventative measures and perhaps addresses of free clinics so that should an issue be of particular concern to an individual, she or he will have some idea of what to expect and what to do about it. Too many have closed their eyes and ears for too long to matters that a decade ago were not openly discussed. College students are faced with situations that require adult decisions, and without some guidelines these situations can get out of hand. They are not uncommon — just not openly discussed. It is my hope that students, faculty, and administration will let the **Rotunda** serve as a sounding board. Suggest. Complain. Wonder. Let's open Longwood to the world.

Ellen Cassada, Editor



Have We Got A Month For You!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Aug. 31	Film — "Robin Hood"	Free	8 p.m. and 10 p.m.	Gold Room
Sept. 3	Mixer — The Andrew Lewis Band bring ID	L.C. Student free Guests \$1	8 p.m. — 12 p.m.	Iler Field (Lankford)
Sept. 4	Wheels	75c	10 a.m. — 4 p.m.	Goodwin Lake
Sept. 9	Coffeehouse featuring Steve Hudson	Free	8 p.m. — 10 p.m.	Snack Bar
Sept. 10	Coffeehouse featuring Steve Hudson	Free	3-5 p.m.	Snack Bar
Sept. 11	Coffeehouse featuring Steve Hudson	Free	8-10 p.m.	Snack Bar
Sept. 16	Mini Concert — Tom Chapin	Free	8-10 p.m.	Lankford Mall (Gold Room)

A Letter From CHI

Dear Class of 1980:

CHI of 1977 welcomes you to Longwood in hopes that your first year and every year will be an

enjoyable one. Many of you have heard the name CHI or rumors about the organization but still do not know what it is or why it

exists. The Handbook defines CHI's purpose as an organization which strives "to promote and maintain a spirit of cooperation among students in every phase of college life", but it is also an ideal, reached through Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Honor.

Each year the members of CHI attempt to improve the spirit of cooperation within the student body. In past years this has been done through letters, candles, commendations and gifts to the college. CHI of 1976 expanded the tradition by sponsoring a symposium on a subject which they felt was beneficial to the student body.

CHI of 1977 hopes to continue many of these traditions and perhaps start a few new ones. But remember, it is impossible for these few to achieve an ideal so high. The heart of CHI and its ideal is seen in those who seek its real purpose.

Have a Good Year

The first ROTUNDA staff meeting will be held Monday September 6 at 5:00 pm in the ROTUNDA office (Basement Lankford).

We need reporters, typists, photographers, etc...!

Come and make your opinion known!

