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# The Rotunda



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## Students Saddened By Loss

*Press Release*

Longwood sophomore, Andrew James O'Brien, recently passed away in a fatal car accident.

O'Brien, who was returning to his home in Dumfries, was driving by himself along US 360 east.

At approximately 1:40 a.m., near the Amelia/Chesterfield county lines, O'Brien was killed in an automobile collision.

The cause of the single car accident is still unknown.

O'Brien was a nineteen year old sophomore, majoring in business administration.

He was described as being "a good student. Very upbeat, always surrounded by friends, and had a dynamic personality."

Shelly Cosher, O'Brien's Resident Assistant (RA) last year, said "he was kind of shy when he first arrived at school.

It didn't take long for him to



branch out. He made a lot of friends on the hall, and met other people from different floors (in Curry) as well."

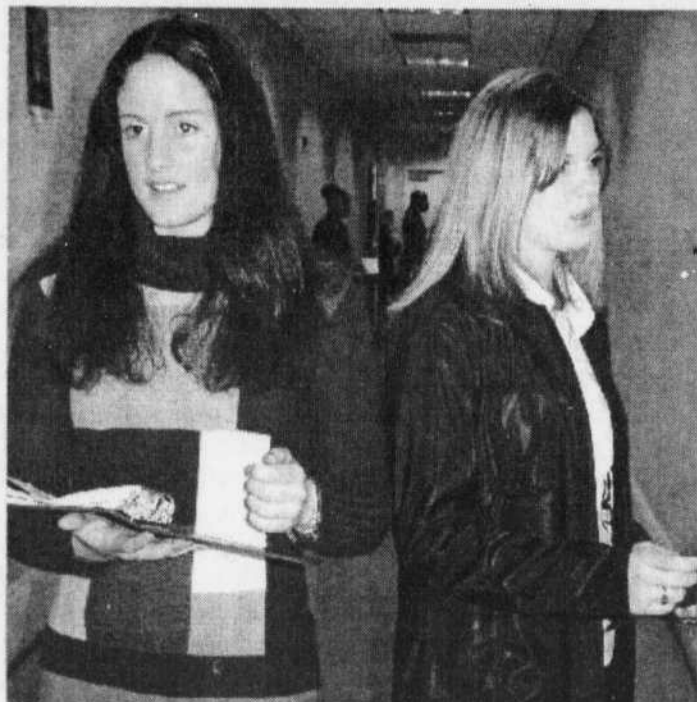
Students with concerns or questions should contact Dr. Laura Bayless, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in Lancaster at x2487



Nick Meade places fourth at the Dan Comber's 2002 Winter Training Series on Sunday, February 10.

## Longwood College Hosts Largest High School Forensics Tournament in the State

*High School students took part in the state's largest forensics tournament last Saturday*



High school students practice their speeches before competing in the tournament



Bill Fiege, tournament director, welcomes students to the competition



Tournament Staff and Forensics Alumni including Breanoh Lafayette, student director and Nancy A. Haga, forensic alumnus and tournament founder.

## From the Editor



Welcome to our Valentine's Day issue of the Rotunda. For those of you swimming in love, congratulations.

For those of you who would prefer to never again see red, pink and white together in any incarnation, I'm sorry. From the perspective of someone who embraces any holiday, Hallmark created or otherwise I wish to offer a brief word of encouragement.

I firmly believe that even if you're alone on Valentine's Day there is still a great deal to celebrate. The point of the holiday is love, and not necessarily the romantic kind. I'm constantly blessed by the love of family and friends, and I think Valentine's Day was designed to point out all

the ways we are loved by those around us, not just the kind that send chocolates.

Rather than wasting time on the 14th, call your parents, gather your single friends together or even just appreciate the existence of true love in the world. Look at the people you know who are truly happy, and be grateful that that may be waiting out there for you.

I'd like to throw in a pitch here for a new favorite book of mine, called *Gracie*. It's the biography of George Burn's wife, written by George Burns. It is the most loving memoir and tribute to a marriage I have ever read.

It raised the standard for what I was looking for and would accept in a relationship. What they had may have been rare indeed, but it's worth striving for. Look in the entertainment

section for a review of it.

Finally I'd like to celebrate all the people in my life who are close to me. This past weekend I participated in a "scholarship pageant" (read "beauty pageant" since we've yet to have an ugly Miss America) and a couple of things struck me.

First, they really do count more than beauty. If nothing else, courage has to be pretty damn high on the list, because walking out on stage in front of a hundred or so people in your bathing suit for the sole purpose of being judged on how much time they think you might have spent at the gym is really incred-

ibly nerve racking.

The girls I met this weekend were not only bright, brave and beautiful, they were very kind. Every single person I met made an effort to be encouraging and supportive to one another.

Second, I am really lucky to have wonderful friends and family. I think I may have said this all before, but it really bears repeating. Thank you all for your kind words, letter waving, smiling and refusing to be honest about how I looked in my swimsuit.

Courtney, you are my pageant angel. Thank you to my parents, my grandma, Matt, Dawn (for

keeping some semblance of order) Amy (for the back-up vocals on "I will always love you") Tommy, Bobo, Dr. Bill (for the very cool E-card), Brea, Maria and of course Greg (who really wasn't supposed to be there but who I'm really glad was). I love you all, Happy Valentine's Day.

*Dani Pezold*

Dani Pezold,  
Editor-In-Chief

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

We would like to thank you for your dedication to the Spirit of Longwood. Your great respect to the Spirit, especially during walks, has truly proven that Chi lives within all who seek to serve its purpose.

Chi is an ideal, always reached for, never obtained. It is not to be personified by the members who carry out its duties, but rather kept as the Spirit that lies within all who hold within them a piece of Longwood College.

Chi has been going strong for 101 years now. Let us all set our expectations on seeing the Spirit grow in the next 101 years to

come.

The purpose of Chi is to promote and maintain a spirit of cooperation among students in every phase of college life. It is our goal to foster respect for Longwood and loyalty to its academic program and extracurricular activities.

In fulfilling this goal, Chi hopes to be an organization that commits itself to recognizing the efforts of students, faculty, staff, and organizations. It began these duties on October 15, 1900. Chi encourages students to take full advantage of what Longwood has to offer and reminds students that the Longwood Honor Code is an

ideal we should live by in our everyday lives.

Students, faculty, and staff, we need your continued support in helping to promote respect in Longwood. With your support, we can serve our college and community and spread the Spirit throughout our Nation.

Chi wishes everyone a wonderful New Year. Good luck in your studies and, to those leaving campus for student teaching or internships, please remember that a piece of you will always remain on our campus. Always remain true to the Alma Mater we sing. The Spirit lives on!

-CHI

Dear Editor,

I am personally frustrated about the praise given only to the ladies and gentlemen involved in Greek life that made Deans List for the Fall 2001.

Why couldn't The Rotunda have made a list of all the students who made Dean's List and President's List? Why make an issue of something that seems like the Greeks don't want to be an issue. What are you trying to prove?

It is wonderful that the Greek students have been "working hard to maintain their grades." But what about the rest of the

student body who have been working just as hard and been involved just as much with other extracurricular activities, not including the "occasional party?"

Those students who are RA's have a 24-hour commitment to their halls. Why not spotlight the RA's who made Dean's List? Those students on Honor and Judicial Board have a weekly commitment to hear cases from their peers until all hours of the night. Why not spotlight the members of Honor and Judicial Board who made Dean's List?

I'm just confused why the paper spotlighted just the Greek

students. And also, why didn't the paper say something about all the volunteer activities that the Greeks do on the weekends?

You're right, the Greek life is more than weekly meetings and parties; it's volunteering, too. We all have lots to do, and that gives ALL the students who made Dean's List all the more recognition. Give the rest of the students a little credit, too.

-Non-Greek Dean's List Student

**Editor's Note:** The complete list of students who made Dean's and President's Lists can be found in the Registrar Office.

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## Long Distance Love Makes for Lonely Feb. 14

Maria Bacon  
Guest Writer

Ain't love grand? The rush, the feeling, knowing that you won't be alone this Valentine's Day. So you think. I met the love of my life last year and am now happily engaged.

Nothing to fear...I know that the presents, flowers, and gifts will be delivered by my one and only. Right? Wrong! My love lives three hours away and unfortunately Valentine's Day falls on a Thursday this year.

With his 9 to 5, Monday thru Friday job he just can't make the trip to come see me, and I am in the same position with classes and my job.

I know that I am not the only person in the world going through this dilemma; it is a common ailment among college students. Those of us involved in

long distance relationships know the strain of being far away from those we love.

There are various complications to having a relationship with someone from another city. The first is time constraints, there is never enough time to spend with your one and only. You finally get comfortable and relax and then you have to make the trip back home.

The second is money. Everyone says that money doesn't matter, but it does. My wallet took a hard hit when Mike and I started dating.

Six hours of driving roundtrip can certainly add up, especially when gas prices sky-rocketed. I suddenly became dependant on my parents for money. These obstacles can have certain wear and tear on a relationship.

But none of these stresses is so great as the knowledge that

although you aren't single on Valentine's Day, you are still alone for the nation's most romantic day of the year. Single people complain of not having anyone for Valentine's Day and that it is very stressful on them to know that they are alone, spending another holiday without anyone to share it with.

My response to that is to QUIT YOUR WHINING!!! I've been single on holidays before, and yes...it hurts. However, I've found a worse feeling than that; knowing that you have someone and cannot see him or her whenever you want to. I know that I'll be spending Valentine's Day alone because of the distance is much worse.

I'll be sitting in my room by myself thinking about all the joy I could be having if only I lived in the same zip code as the person I love.

## Couple Gets Unwanted Attention

ANONYMOUS

Many of our parents disagree with interracial relationships. Many of our grandparents tell us that it is flat out detestable.

Not us, though. We're part of a more open-minded, accepting generation. Right?

Well, strangely enough, I was wrong in expecting that. After all, we're smack in the middle of Virginia, the state who's biggest money-maker before the Civil War was producing slaves, not tobacco as is thought.

This is my first semester at Longwood College. I was used to catching glares and shocked expressions where I lived previously. I thought that perhaps it

would be different in a college atmosphere.

I thought that perhaps the people out here would be mature, not be as judgmental and hard-headed as those I am accustomed to being around.

My boyfriend came to visit me here on campus two weekends ago, and I couldn't believe how some of the students here acted. I wasn't too shocked at the expressions of the staff and other adults; they were of course raised in a "different" time.

But it was worse from the students. My boyfriend and I were made to feel that we weren't allowed to be here, as if we belonged in a cage for everyone to stare at and gawk over.

I completely respect people's

opinions. I have many friends that don't agree with me being in an interracial relationship, and they're nice people to hang out with. They don't push their beliefs in my face.

If you think it's wrong, or gross, or an abomination that's fine. Just please, learn to keep your personal feelings to yourself.

You don't have to stare, or shoot dirty looks, or be bold enough to actually say something.

Let us be. We're not all over each other in public; we respect that some people may not want to see that and wouldn't even if we were the same ethnicity.

We don't bother you. So don't bother us.

-Speak Out-

## What do you think of Brock Commons?



Jeb Brady, freshman

"I think it will help make the campus look nicer as long as they compensate for the needed parking that will be lost."



Rachel Moore, sophomore

"I think it's a good idea because it'll make the campus prettier, but I think it's going to cause a problem with the parking."



Evita Jones, junior

"I think it's a good idea because it will help our campus look more like other college campuses, i.e. William & Mary and UVA, but I don't think it's practical."



Dave Hilfrich, senior

"I think that Brock Commons will be a nice addition as long as the parking situation is taken care of."



Dr. Jim Jordan

"I think it's remarkable the change that it is going to make. It's going to be pretty; it's going to rid the air of exhaust, and it's going to be safer. I think it's more important that students have a pretty place to sit, walk, think and reflect during their four years at this place than it is to have another damn parking place."

## The Laramie Project

Meg Wooldridge  
Entertainment/Opinion Editor

The Longwood College Theater Department will be performing "The Laramie Project" February 20th at 8p.m.

Based on the 1998 killing of homosexual college student Matthew Shepard, "The Laramie Project" chronicles the interviews and depictions of those involved with Shepard and his death in the small town of Laramie, WY.

It was originally written by a New York play company, based on over 200 interviews of members of the town of Laramie.

Some of those interviewed include Shepard's best friend, his academic advisor, his fellow students, ranchers and citizens of the town and the police officer

and the EMT who were there the night Shepard was killed.

"The Laramie Project" follows the interviews of those who knew him or were involved with him to interviews of those who saw him the night he was killed and finally, to the reaction of the townspeople to the discovery of Shepard's body and the funeral.

HBO is scheduled to show their version of "The Laramie Project" during April, while 45 students will be playing over 200 characters in the play put on by the Longwood College Theater Department.

The numerous narration parts have been combined into two and the majority of the play will be shown on video, more like a documentary than a play.

**\*The play is intended for mature audiences only.**

## Campus Becomes Smoke Free

Matt Seniw  
Distribution Manager

Starting in the fall of 2002 the office of Residence Education and Housing, with the help of the Smoke-Free Campus Task Force, will be implementing a smoke free program for most residence halls.

Their goal is to achieve a smoke free campus. Next semester 93% of first year students will be living in smoke free housing.

Along with these freshmen, 44% of the upper-class students will also be in smoke free halls.

These residence halls include the Colonnades (Tabb, South Tabb, French and South Ruffner), North and South Cunningham, Curry, Cox and ARC.

This equals out to 62% of the campus population living in non-smoking halls.

By 2003, Mike Clements, the director of Resident Education and Housing (REH), hopes to have all of the residence halls smoke free including Stanley Park.

These changes came from a lot of work done by surveys and

fellow students.

The Smoke-Free Campus Task Force, led by Jeff Scofield, has in the past, and is now undertaking policies about smoking in non-smoking areas.

This committee is also covering issues like how to dispose of cigarette butts, and where smoking areas can be placed.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the student government association (SGA) also played a role in pushing the issue of smoking in residence halls throughout campus.

RHA submitted a survey asking Longwood students whether they thought residence halls should be smoke free or not and the survey resulted in the students being split.

Right now there are two halls that are smoke free, and they are the Satisfaction Hall in Cox and South Ruffner.

SGA on the other hand had negative feedback on this topic from their survey so they dropped the subject.

Many of the chapter rooms in South Cunningham, Cox and Curry that are a gathering place for many Greek organizations, will remain smoking rooms for next year.

Mike Clements assured that smoking would still be a critical issue in assigning rooms.

He also stated, "The office of Residence Education and Housing promotes healthy lifestyles."

"We believe the decision to provide smoke-free living options supports this goal."

The lifestyles of the students here at Longwood are critical to its staff and they are being held to the utmost high in this decision.

## Risks Of Overseas Travel

Press Release

Each February the Department of State distributes information to over 1,500 college and university newspapers to alert American students traveling abroad during their spring and summer breaks about conditions that may affect their safety and welfare.

Students, who can be caught off-guard by differences in local practices and unfamiliar surroundings, sometimes face the risk of arrest in connection with drug and alcohol abuse and can become the victims of crime while traveling in foreign countries.

## Possible Plans For Carpeting Dorms

Liz Richards  
News Editor

The number one complaint from students living in Residence Halls is the level of noise coming from the hallway.

The talk around the water cooler in the office of Residence Education and Housing (REH) is that there is a plan in the works to carpet the common areas in all campus dormitories, which would significantly reduce the degree of racket.

Before any ideas are set in motion, administration would like to hear the opinion of the students.

"We are involving RHA, who will be administering a survey to all students in the dorms."

The survey will be asking the student's opinion of what is needed in the common areas.

Depending on the results of

The information is provided as part of the Department's effort to inform as many Americans as possible of hazards they may encounter outside the U.S. We endeavor to achieve as wide a distribution as possible to some of our most vulnerable travelers -- young people going abroad, some of them for the first time.

The State Department urges college and university newspapers to use the information in the attached "Fact Sheet" on Travel Safety Information for Students.

We encourage students and to consult the Bureau of Consular Affairs' web site, <http://travel.state.gov>, for the latest travel safety information.

these surveys, some dorms could get new furniture, or new kitchen appliances.

"The carpeting is just another option for the dorms," said Mike Clements, Director of REH.

Currently there is a total of 2.5 million dollars worth of furniture in all dormitory common areas.

This time around, housing has a much smaller budget to work with. Once the surveys have been turned in, housing will have the tough job of deciding which issues take precedence in each common area.

For example, Wheeler may need new furniture in their study lounges, but ARC may need all new refrigerators in their kitchens.

For now, REH is still weighing their options, and a final decision about the carpeting of residence halls will be made in April.



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to wish everyone a happy  
Valentine's Day...

Or Happy Single Awareness Day for all of the  
Single Students on Campus

## Newly Inducted SGA Plan to Get Gears in Motion

### Wide Eyed Executive Council Aims to Give Longwood a Face Lift

Liz Richards  
News Editor

The Student Government Association, otherwise known as SGA, isn't your run of the mill group of students.

They allocate over half a million dollars to various organizations on campus, serve as the voice of the student body to the administration, all while fighting to promote civility and community on this campus.

This semester brings in a fresh crop of newly elected SGA officers, each with their own ideas, and plans of action to make Longwood that much better.

With all that's piled on William "Billy" Magyar's plate, SGA's new president is sure to be full by the end of this semester.

"This year SGA is making a strategic agenda of what we will be doing.

We're laying everything out for the next year, which has never

been done before.

We also plan to change the constitution, so we've (executive board) got a lot going on right now," said Magyar.

Vice-President, Brooke Powell, will serve as Magyar's liaison throughout the semester.

"Billy has a lot of great ideas, I am mainly there to support him, and back him up on everything," said Powell.

Previously serving as a senator, Powell said the transition into the new executive office hasn't been all that scary.

"The first few meetings have run really smoothly, and there is a lot of communication between all of us (executive board).

I've spend a lot of time in the SGA office since being elected, just helping out with anything I can."

Currently, Powell and Magyar are teaming up to renovate the Pizza Hut in the café.

Bringing in a new pizza com-

pany, and giving the students a voice as to who will move in, is the task of the moment.

A taste test will be conducted in the near future, and a decision will be made shortly after.

The new restaurant style eatery will bear closer resem-

blance to Pino's, rather than a fast food pizza parlor.

members of executive council, will be set in motion this semester.

"Right now the senate mainly deals with money, they are the ones that budget everything.

We have a committee called Student Activity Fees, and it's

their job to give out the money.

I would like to shift the financial responsibilities back to the Student Activity Fees, and let the senate deal with the bigger

issues, ones that concern the students," said Parrish.

Looking even further into the future, Parrish has ideas of how to spruce up the, already promising, Brock Commons.

"We are working in compliance with the office of Alumni Relations to try and get donations put towards a campus centerpiece.

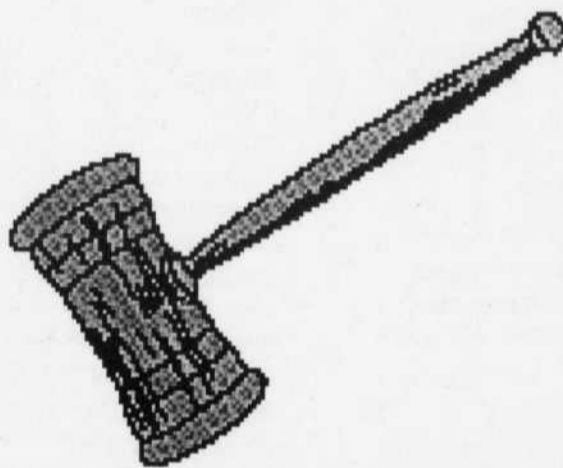
We would like to construct another statue of Joan of Arc riding on her horse, and place it in the middle of campus.

Each class would be asked to design a flag, and the flags would be placed around the base statue, along with the American flag, University flag, and Virginia flag as well."

Longwood's new SGA secretary, Jeanette Amoroso, has a more community-based goal,

"I would like to see SGA be more involved with the students on a personal level. Maybe gain more of a presence on campus, and get our name out there."

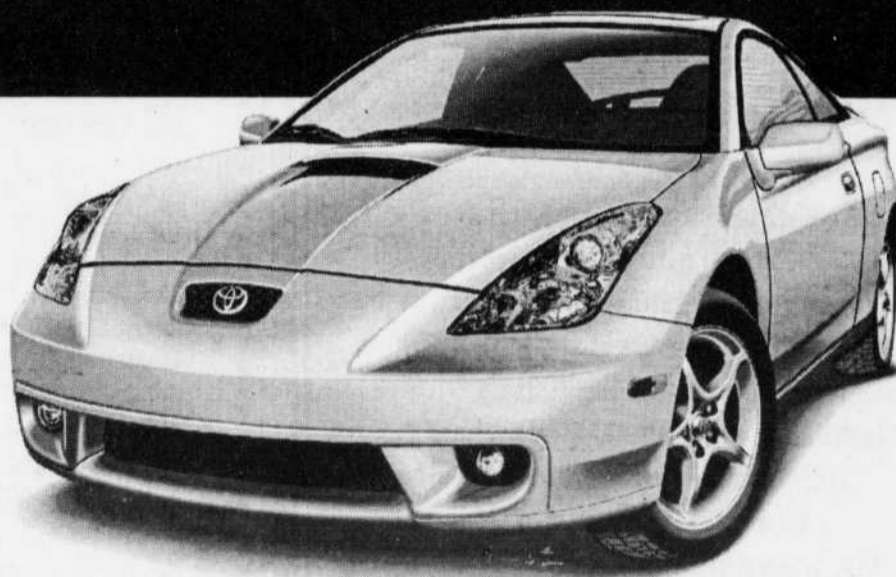
This powerhouse of delegates promises, not only to enhance the current condition of campus, but to also bring in a slew of big plans and even bigger actions.



 **TOYOTA**

## Celica— The Inside Story

On the outside, it's easy to see that Celica is race-track inspired. But the real excitement is on the inside...under the hood. Take the Celica GT-S...Toyota worked with Yamaha to build a 180 HP engine redlined at 7800 RPM...equipped it with Variable Valve Timing with intelligence...a computer that constantly monitors and retunes your engine for maximum performance...a cam with two sets of lobes to provide two ranges of valve lift and duration for more usable horsepower. There's direct ignition for greater reliability...iridium-tipped spark plugs for reduced maintenance...a stainless steel exhaust manifold...a water-cooled oil cooler. And mated with Toyota's 4-speed electronically-controlled automatic "Sportshift", you get transmission shift switches on the steering wheel...just like Formula 1 race cars. Sweet.



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## Honor/Judicial Statistics - Fall 2001

## HONOR

## Gender

Male	21
Female	21

## Class Standing

Freshman	9
Sophomore	16
Junior	11
Senior	6

## Residence Hall

Arc	4
French	1
Tabb/Ruffner	5
Cox	2
Wheeler	4
Cunninghams	9
Curry	0
Frazer	2
Stubbs	2
Off-Campus	10
Stanley Park	2

## Complainant

RA	23
Student	1
Police	3
Staff	8
Faculty	3
Turned Self In	4

## Day of Incident

Sunday	11
Monday	2
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	3

Thursday	9
Friday	8
Saturday	2

## Month of Incident

Spring '01	1
Summer '01	1
September	15
October	18
November	6
December	pending

## Incident Location

On Campus Residence Hall	20
Classroom	8
Miscellaneous	9
Off Campus	5
Stanley Park	0

## Prior Record

Yes	15
No	27

## Alcohol Related

Yes	11
No	31

## Total # Charges

66	
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## Pleas

Responsible	36
Not Responsible	21
No Plea	9

Decisions	
Responsible	54

Not Responsible 12

## Nature of Incident

Cheating	4
Plagiarism	6
Non-Acad.Cheat	9
Stealing	12
Lying	13
False Identification	6
Under 21 Poss.	8
DIP	1
Failing to Identify	1
Noise	3
Phys. Well Being	1
Guests	3
Visitation	3

## Sanctions

PASAP	2
OCTAA	7
Apology Letter	1
Admonition	10
Suspension	3
Probation	14
Fine	2
Pamphlet	2
Paper	14
Banner	2
Presentation	1

## JUDICIAL

## Gender

Male	96
Female	105

## Class Standing

Freshman	44
Sophomore	53
Junior	49
Senior	56

## Residence Hall

Arc	11
Colonnades	18
Cox	10
Wheeler	1
Cunninghams	35
Curry	18
Frazer	29
Stubbs	17
Off-Campus	25
Stanley Park	30

## Complainant

RA	125
Student	2
Police	23
Staff	43
Faculty	8

## Day of Incident

Sunday	4
Monday	23
Tuesday	23
Wednesday	17
Thursday	46
Friday	41
Saturday	38

## Month of Incident

Spring '01	46
Summer '01	23
September	40
October	84
November	7
December	2

## Incident Location

On Campus Residence Hall	134
Classroom	24
Miscellaneous	9
Off Campus	24
Stanley Park	24

## Prior Record

Yes	57
No	144

## Alcohol Related

Yes	91
No	110

## Total # Charges

341

## Pleas

Responsible	129
Not Responsible	138
No Plea	74

## Decisions

Responsible	224
Not Responsible	117

## Nature of Incident

Sexual Assault	1
Drugs	5
Starting Fire (grill)	4
Windows/Roof	5
Violence	2
Under 21 Poss.	74
DIP	23
Other Alch.	39
DUI	2
Vandalizing	7
Tampering w/prop	1
Harassing	4
Candles	48
Dug Para.	5
Interference	6
RH Security	1
Obscene/Indec.	6
Phy. Well-Being	16
Guests	14
Pets	13
Incomplete Sanction	4
Failing Request	14
Littering	6
Electrical Cord	2
Student Rights	2
Visitation	3
Noise	4
False Records	1
False ID	1
Lying	1

Stolen Prop.	1
Removing Prop.	1

## Sanctions

Admonition	15
Disciplinary Prob	121
Suspension	7
Fine	40
Restitution	5
Service	18
OCTAA	49
PASAP	15
Risk Assessment	5
Sent to Honor Bd	1
Letter of Apology	1
Paper	47
Bulletin Board	20
Program	5
Interview	1
Journal	3
Flyer	8
AA Meeting	1
Rotunda Article	1

## Executive Summary

## Honor/Judicial Highlights

-A total of 243 (7%) students were charged with 407 conduct standard violations. Judicial = 20 students; 341 charges. Honor = 42 students; 66 charges

-Honor code violations increased, particularly in the areas of stealing and lying. Several cases of plagiarism (10) and cheating (3) occurred during the final weeks of the semester and are pending hearings

-In the sanctioning process, Honor Board assigned a total of 405 community service hours while Judicial Board assigned 245 community service hours

-Admonition was assigned 25 times and Disciplinary Probation was assigned 137 to students as a sanction. (Admonition if a formal warning against the behavior and kept in the student's file. Disciplinary Probation also becomes a part of the student record and affords more severe sanctions if further violations occur.

-Resident Assistants (RA's) report the majority of violations (148). Students who turn themselves in increased to 4 (for honor infractions)

-Two-thirds of students who went through the honor and judicial system had no prior record

-Violations occur most frequently on Thursday (55), followed by Friday and Saturday (49 and 40, respectively). With only 20 Violations, Tuesday is the quietest day

National Pan-Hellenic Council is the governing body for nine nationally black fraternities and sororities.

Of those nine organizations six are represented on the Longwood College Campus.

In celebration of Black History Month we the National Pan-Hellenic Council are hosting a step exhibition to educate Longwood College on the history of step.

The Step exhibition will be held in Lancer Gym on February 19, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5.00 or \$2.00 for students

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Zeta Phi Beta

Sigma Gamma Rho

# Surprise... Will You Marry Me?

Patrick Howard  
Staff Writer

On the night of January 25, around 10:00 p.m., the crowd in Lancer Café was buzzing. It was karaoke night, and Frankie Simmons had just finished his famous rendition of Clarence Carter's "Strokin'." A small group of friends were gathered near the front of the performance stage, eagerly anticipating what was to come next.

With the opening chords of Frank Sinatra's "I've Got You Under My Skin" in the air, Elliot

Anderson came through the back curtain, resplendent in a snappy tuxedo and fedora hat pulled low over his eyes.

Within the small group, Sheryl Church sat chatting, and her eyes grew huge as she realized that her boyfriend of more than four years was onstage performing for her.

More than four years ago, Anderson was a pimp by all accounts (Church disagrees), always hanging out and having women over with his roommate.

A senior when Church entered Longwood as a freshman, he first noticed her at a self-defense seminar that he (as an avid and accomplished martial artist) was conducting. "You could see the frustration in her eyes when she couldn't get something," said Anderson. "But she always had this determined look to get it right."

From that point, Church became a regular at Anderson's

social gatherings, and according to Anderson "was sending signs that my friends had to tell me she was sending."

"I didn't believe them," said Anderson. "I told them she was just being friendly." However,



Photo by: Patrick Howard

*Sheryl Church gasps in surprise and delight as long-time boyfriend Elliot Anderson surprises her with an engagement ring at karaoke.*

fate would not be denied, and over the next months, the pair went with others on a camping trip (in which a mutual friend's shoe caught on fire) and Church assisted Anderson as he performed in a contest where men competed to be the most beautiful and talented woman (Longwood sponsored.) Finally,



Photo by: Patrick Howard

*The newly engaged couple is all smiles after Elliot's Sinatra performance and his "popping of the question." (She said yes).*

after Spring Break of that year, they decided to date.

Like any normal couple, they disagree on practically every major point, including when they started dating, whether or not Anderson was in fact the pimp he claims, or just how they came

to share the sleeping bag during that camping trip (nothing happened.)

However, it was unimportant on the night of January 25, 2002.

The plan had started in December. Anderson had phoned former roommate Simmons, and Church's roommate at the time, both to start the wheels in motion and to find out when the first karaoke of the Spring semester was occurring.

J.J. Manley and Lancer Productions had an integral role, as well as the company responsible for running karaoke.

Lonnie Calhoun of International Affairs provided Anderson with a place to stay until the big moment. And finally, the writer of this story had a small part as well.

All efforts were combined to get Church and a good sized group into karaoke, where she then saw Anderson singing to her.

The plan had unfolded perfectly, right down to the decorating of Church's door after she had left her room.

Anderson finished his Sinatra impression, called Church up onto the stage and, in front of about 150 witnesses, proposed to her, showing off a magnificent ring. Church, through tears, accepted, and a loud cheer accompanied the couple back to their seats.

The writer at this point wishes to send out his fondest wishes, along with Frankie Simmons and everyone else who had a role, to the newly engaged couple. In the spirit of this Valentine's Day, and many others, may they last forever.

## Blowing Kisses.....

Brianne,

Thanks for being such an amazing sister! I love you and Good Luck next year!  
Sigma Love and Mine,  
Chrissy

Patrick Howard & Bobby Murphy

We'll always want your balls!

Love,

Your Bowling Beauties

Jason~

I love you more and more each day. "I have everything I'll ever need... Carrying your love with me" Happy Valentine's Day darling!!

Love always,

Christina

To my girls, Sarah, Ashley and April~~

You guys are the greatest! I'm thankful for everyday I have known you! I love you guys!!

Love,

Christina

My Dearest Lillie,

It has been only a short time since we have been together, yet I have watched you blossom and grow in front of my eyes like the fairest flower. I can only dream about what the future holds for us.

In simple words, I can say that I am as happy as I have ever been when I am around you. We have shared so much in our short time, and I look forward to so much more. Here's to our first Valentine's Day together, may it be just the start of many more to come. You are so smart and so beautiful to me.

~Patrick

B. Fleisher,

I have really enjoyed our previous weekends together.

I hope there will be more in the future.

Love, Your Secret Admirer

Darling Matthew,

Your love and support means so much to me, I can never thank you enough for all that you do. I look forward to our many years together of continued growth and love.

Love, Dawn

Dancing Queens,

You have made for many fun deadlines. Thanks for everything you have done.

Love, Amy

My silly one,

You make me laugh, you've brightened my life in a myriad of ways. Thank you for a beautiful month, I hope we'll share many more.

Love, Dani

## Calendar

February 15-21, 2002

Friday  
15

**LP Movie**  
Serendipity  
Ballroom 7:30 p.m.

**Comedian**  
Eric O'Shea  
Ballroom 10 p.m.

**The Last Standing**  
High Street Bar  
\$4 cover, 21+  
10 p.m.

Saturday  
16

**Baseball**  
E. Stroudsburg  
Noon

**Whale Watching Trip**  
Free to the first 30 students  
Virginia Beach

**Guitarist**  
Domnic Gaudious  
8 p.m. Ballroom

**Rugby**  
VCU  
President's Field  
1 p.m.

Sunday  
17

**Baseball**  
E. Stroudsburg  
Noon

**First Baseball  
of the Season  
this weekend!**

Monday  
18

**Rotunda Meeting**  
Come see what we're all  
about!  
Rotunda Office  
5 p.m.

**Poetry Alive**  
Performance 7-8 p.m.  
Workshop 8-9 p.m.  
Ballroom

Tuesday  
19

**Challenge Job Fair**  
Wyndham Hotel  
Roanoke  
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**Road  
Trip!**

Wednesday  
20

**Longwood Theatre**  
*The Laramie Project*  
Jarman Auditorium  
8 p.m.

**Think Fast 2  
Gameshow**  
Ballroom 10 p.m.

Thursday  
21

**Longwood Theatre**  
*The Laramie Project*  
Jarman Auditorium  
8 p.m.

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Series**  
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8 p.m.

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10 p.m.



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HOROSCOPES

## Vitriolic

by Zachary Wilhide

**Pisces** (February 20 to March 20)

If you've been keeping to yourself a bit lately or have been doing everything for other people over the past few days, you'll probably be a little more inclined to want to express your own needs and concerns to others today. You should be feeling a little more energized and ready to engage with other people right now.

**Aries** (March 21 to April 20)

Various responsibilities might be requiring a lot of your attention today and it might not be all that easy to spend much time with your friends right now. Just try to do some little things for them that'll let them know that you really do care about them. It's also possible that there could be someone around you whom you might be resenting a bit right now.

**Taurus** (April 21 to May 21)

If you feel like just having a little fun and enjoying yourself today, there could be some responsibilities that might stop you from doing exactly what you'd like to do. You might also be a little inclined to do things your own way right now, and this could rub some people the wrong way.

**Gemini** (May 22 to June 21)

There may be some issues around the house that'll be keeping your feet firmly planted on the ground right now. But even if there are a few things that require your attention in your home or private life today, you shouldn't feel too bad about it. You might not really have the energy to go out and get into too much trouble right now anyway.

**Cancer** (June 22 to July 22)

If you and your partner have been having any kind of disagreements over money matters over the past few days, you'll probably be feeling much less emotional about things right now. And even if you're still not totally seeing eye to eye, it should be much easier to discuss any issues in a more calm and intelligent manner today.

**Leo** (July 23 to August 22)

If you've been having any problems in your most important relationships over the past few days, the focus today is likely to shift to money. And if someone expects you to spend a little money on them, you could be somewhat reluctant today. You and others might not be seeing eye to eye where financial matters are concerned right now.

**Virgo** (August 23 to September 23)

If you've been keeping to yourself a bit lately, you'll probably be a little more inclined to want to express your own needs and concerns today. But there are bound to be some duties or responsibilities to tend to right now. Don't spend your time resenting them. Just try to deal with any obligations that you might have.

**Libra** (September 24 to October 23)

If you've been enjoying yourself a little too much lately, today might be a good time to take a step back. No matter how much you might feel like doing your own thing and having a good time right now, other matters are likely to require your attention. And there's bound to be some things that you'll just have to deal with at this time.

**Scorpio** (October 24 to November 22)

Your connection with your friends is liable to be quite strong today. But if you've got any sort of social plans on your agenda, it might not be a bad idea to try to keep them centered around the house. If you're feeling a little self-indulgent and just want to go out and have a little fun right now, your family might not entirely approve.

**Sagittarius** (November 23 to December 21)

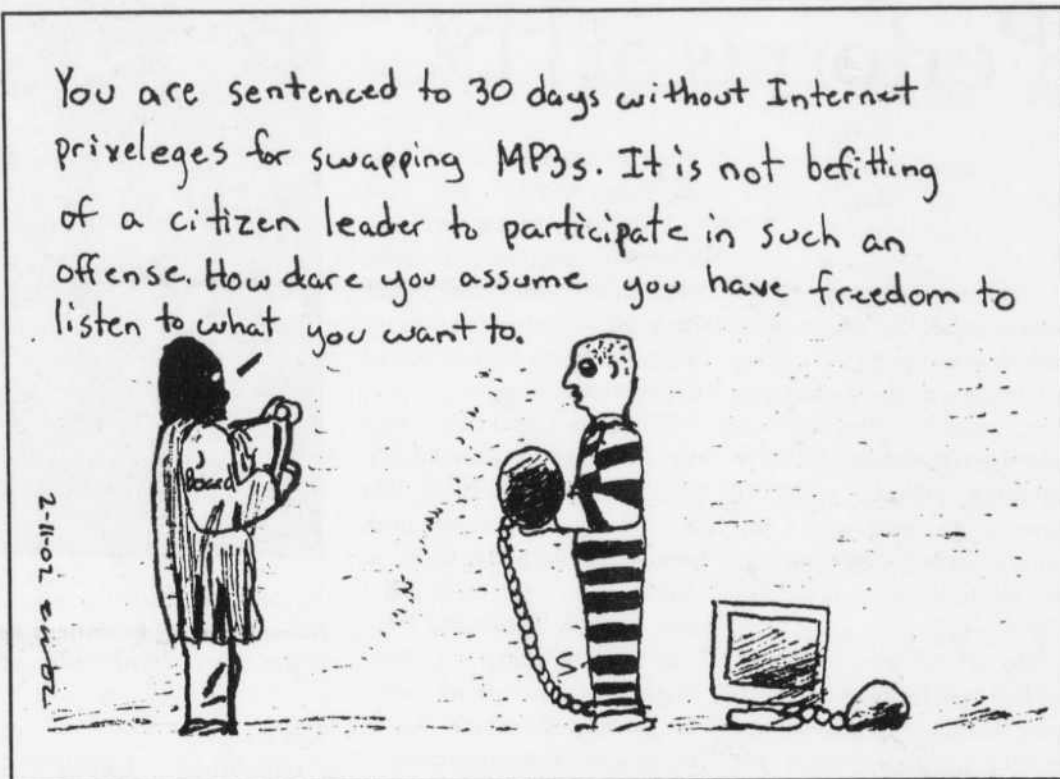
There could be a few issues that need to be dealt with right now. But just be careful how you handle your interactions with others. Good communication will be very important, so be sure to think about how you say what you have to say today. If you're not careful, you could end up saying something that stirs up some trouble right now.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 20)

You could be giving some thought to expanding your financial picture today. You might be thinking about how you can start putting into place some of the things that you know you need to be doing regarding your finances. And now is a good time to reflect on how you might be able to go about improving your financial situation.

**Aquarius** (January 21 to February 19)

Today's a good time for you to try to figure out what you might need in order to accomplish your goals. Don't get demoralized if you feel that you don't have everything you need right now. Try to use this time to figure out how you can go about acquiring the resources that you'll need to do the things that you really want to do.



# John Mayer Performs at HSC

George Lanum  
Staff Advisor

If everything was good, then the inverse would be equally true: nothing would be good.

John Mayer, the Yankee guitarist, turned southern folk baladeer, performed last Friday at Hampden Sydney's midwinter concert in Gammon Gym. Mayer's performance, while less than stellar, had its good and bad points.

You can call me a fool, but I still feel sound is important when going to see a show. Contrary to seeming popular opinion: the outrageous outfits, choreographed dance moves, and personal attractiveness of the artist do absolutely nothing for me.

For God's sake, I'm there to hear the music. For those that don't know much about acoustics, when you take loud sound waves and project them out in an enclosed masonry-bricked building, a reverberation is produced that muddles the sound and in the case of Mayer's

show, to the point that nothing was clearly audible.

There should be a law forbidding the performance of music in Gammon Gym. I relied on the three girls standing in front of me for the lyrics, as they seemed to know every song.

While the sound (the reason why I was there) was horrible, the performance wasn't. Mayer, who in the last year has moved from performing in coffee shops in Atlanta to a major label debut with *Room for Squares* and a US tour which is selling out everywhere, demonstrated an energy and worked the crowd into a frenzy as his show progressed.

Even backed by a band, Mayer's music and lyrics share a simplicity and upbeat honesty that is both rare and attractive in modern music. The light rasp to his voice and lyrics are reminiscent of Dave Matthews, Jakob Dylan of the Wallflowers, and Vertical Horizon.

After only a year at the famed Berkley College of Music, John Mayer came to the conclusion that he would rather play music



Photo by George Lanum

Mayer's music proved worthy, but his performance, did not. Mayer, who performed Feb. 8 at Hampden-Sydney College's Gammon Gym, released his debut album *Room for Squares* under the same producer as Dave Matthews.

than study it.

Establishing himself in Atlanta, Mayer gained notoriety in the local club circuit and released a debut solo acoustic album, *Inside Wants Out*, in 1999.

A performance at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas landed him a recording contract with Aware Records, a subsidiary of Columbia.

Mayer recorded and released his major label debut, *Room for*

*Squares*, with producer John Alagia, of Dave Matthews and the Ben Folds Five fame, in the fall of 2000.

For a man only 24 years old, Mayer has accomplished a lot. Drawing one sharp criticism: John Mayer sounds like everyone else. If that is true, then Mayer sounds like no one else. While this man's reputation preceded him, his sound and show simply didn't fill the shoes that the hype

had created.

I was told on Thursday prior to the show on Friday that he was playing. "Go see him. Rearrange your day, if you have to."

Well I did and to say it was a waste is far from the truth. I would like to see him in a better venue under better circumstances.

John Mayer is worth seeing and his CD is worth a listen, but I wouldn't rearrange your day.

# George Burns's *Gracie*

Dani Pezold  
Editor in Chief

*Disclaimer: This is my favorite book. There will be no literary criticism of its technical merits. I am simply writing to inform you of how great this book is and why you should read it.*

No one loves a wife like her husband, and no one tells the story of Gracie Allen's life better than George Burns. In a witty but endearing portrayal of their lives together, he brings the essence of *Gracie* to every reader who peers under the cover.

The story moves from their early

days in vaudeville when performers were thrilled to be asked back a second night, to one of the longest running radio shows in history. They made the transition to television and drew advertisers to their unusual mix



of comedy and slapstick. I write this introduction to the story of Gracie and George because I think it sends the per-

fect message for Valentine's Day. I think they enjoyed a model marriage and a love that was perfect in its humanity and its humility. It is my favorite book. I read voraciously, especially books of a romantic persuasion, and I have never found so perfect a tribute from a man to his wife. I recommend the book because I think it sets a standard. In my own life, I don't want to settle for anyone unless I think we could enjoy the kind of happiness those two did. That may seem a little silly, but I think they offer an insightful view into how incredible marriage can be, as well as setting a goal to reach for.

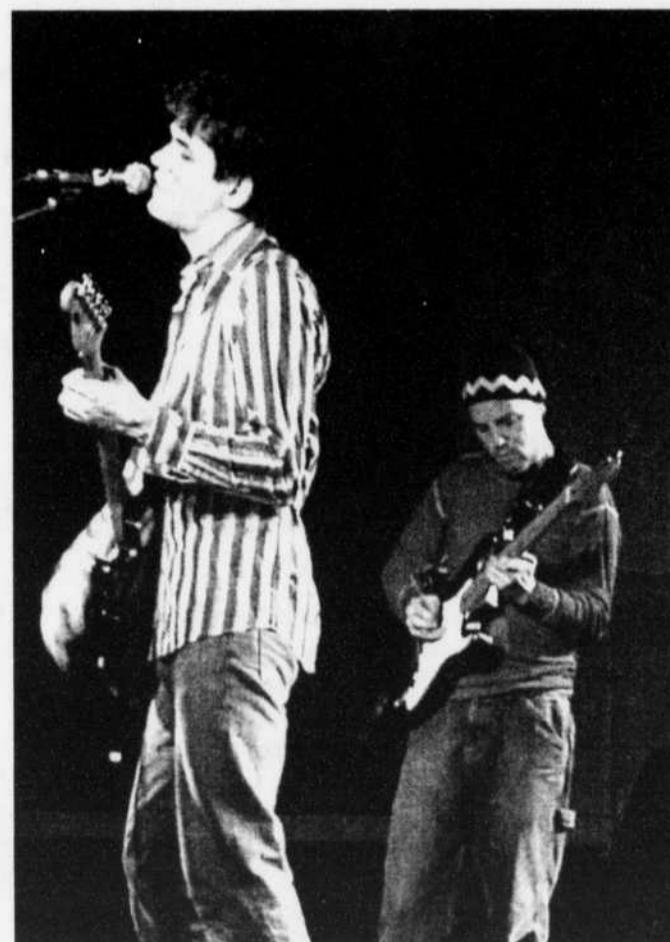


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# Dr. Gordon Van Ness—The Man Behind the Myth

Dawn Kanehl  
Asst. Editor

His reputation, as they say, precedes him. Some say he's Thomas Pynchon, sending random postcards to students when he lectures on *The Crying of Lot 49*.

Everyone says, "Don't EVER say anything bad about James Dickey. He just loves James Dickey."

Freshmen rue the day they took English 100 with him. Juniors and seniors camp outside his office, asking him to view and then review papers before the due date.

He keeps a jar on a bookshelf in his office, which reads, "Ashes of Problem Students" and a large box of Kleenex, reserved especially for the freshmen.

But in the end, one thing is clear: Dr. Gordon Van Ness has a lot to teach Longwood students, and those who realize it are the first to sign up for his English classes.

"I want students to be independent thinkers, and that's why I'll argue black is white, just to make you nervous," he says. He's not the ogre one expects: a small

build, slight Southern accent, and an unmistakable twinkle in his eye betrays his true personality.

Dr. Van Ness started teaching at Longwood in 1987, after receiving a bachelor's degree from Hampden Sydney, two master's degrees, and his doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

He was originally a physics major at Hampden Sydney, but after a losing battle with calculus changed his major to English.

After graduation, he was accepted to graduate school at Chapel Hill, but instead decided to fly to Europe and hitchhike for the summer.

After he received his first master's in Administration and Education, he realized he did not really want to venture into administration, so he worked in business and advertising.

Bored with the work, he pursued his second master's in literature at the University of Richmond.

Upon completion of that degree, with the support of his wife, he moved to South Carolina where he finished his doctorate.

During his undergrad years he

met his wife Janet, with whom he had three children. They met on a blind date, and Dr. Van Ness was a self-described "cocky" young man.

He knew Janet was something special when he dared her to find a word of which he did not know the meaning. "Pusillanimous," was her reply, and Dr. Van Ness knew he'd met his match.

The couple was married in 1974, and she worked as an elementary teacher until her death in 1996.

Dr. Van Ness wrote both his thesis and his dissertation on the work of James Dickey, a man with whom he developed a close friendship. It seems much of his work on the famous writer and poet stemmed from curious inquiry and old-fashioned good luck.

While searching for a thesis, Dr. Van Ness was intrigued by Dickey's poem, "The Zodiac," and wrote him a letter asking for an interview. Not only did he get a reply, he received a signed, limited edition of one of his books.

James Dickey gave Dr. Van Ness a better than a once in a lifetime opportunity: access to his

personal war letters and personal notebooks.

These documents have allowed Dr. Van Ness to publish two works on Dickey: *Outbelieving Existence: The Measured Motion of James Dickey* and another edited version of Dickey's notebooks entitled *Striking In: The Early Notebooks of James Dickey*.

He is currently working on another two-volume book, the first of which is already at the publishers.

Production was slowed by last spring's fire and damage to Dr. Van Ness's papers.

Apart from literature, Dr. Van Ness enjoys physical activities such as gardening, swimming, and wants to venture into carpentry and photography.

Not only is Dr. Van Ness passionate about literature, he is passionate about life, and hopes that students will realize that in life, time is their biggest enemy and they are their biggest competitor.

His pet peeve is seeing people who waste their time and talent.

"I was first enrolled in Dr. Van Ness's American literature class during my sophomore year, but dropped it because I knew I

could not keep up with all my classes and had heard rumors that his was especially difficult," says junior Christen Colecchi.

"Looking back now after completing a class of his, I know that was a wise decision because Dr. Van Ness does expect a lot from his students. I'm happy that I waited until a time that I could give my full effort. Although his classes are not easy, I believe his attention to detail has made me a better writer and student," she continued.

Now, to clear up one more rumor: is there any truth to the story that he used to staple straws to students' papers, implying, "This work sucks?"

"Oh, my God, I haven't done that in fifteen years!" he replies, laughing.

Students can now breathe a little easier, Dr. Van Ness has never inflicted such editorial commentary on students at Longwood; the straws were implemented solely at the University of South Carolina. His son, Gordon Van Ness IV, finally convinced him to stop. So if you see him on campus, you might want to give him a big smile and a "thank you!"

## Free Food, Fun Facts for College Eating

Dawn Kanehl  
Asst. Editor

The Wellness Advocates definitely know a thing or two about marketing-free food always draws a crowd. A large group of students showed up for lessons on how to prepare healthy food in the ballroom Tuesday, February 12 at 8 p.m. The Wellness Advocates are a campus group that strives to educate people on healthy lifestyles.

Patsy Pelland, a nutritionist based in Farmville who actually works for Virginia Tech, demonstrated for students the importance of incorporating foods from all aspects of the food pyramid, especially fruits and vegetables. Studies show these foods can fight cancer and heart disease.

Some of the facts were surprising. For instance, a bottle of juice, usually considered healthy, actually contains more sugar than a can of Coke or even a Snicker's Bar. And a small can of Pringles (the kind found in the vending machines) has 290 calories-

that's almost equivalent to a small meal!

After presenting nutrition facts, Ms. Pelland and her assistant, Sarah Lankford, cooked various recipes that any college student can make in their residence hall. Many of the recipes consisted of healthier ingredients than what most students choose: salsa, yogurt, granola, and fresh fruit.

Cheryl Mullooly, Longwood's Wellness Coordinator, thinks that "one of the hardest part of eating well is that college students try to maintain their weight by not eating, which is obviously not the right way or a healthy thing to do."

She suggests that for college students to eat well, they should focus on eating a well-balanced meal that contains the necessary nutrients and vitamins. If any student has questions about eating healthy, or implementing a new eating program, they can call the Student Health and Wellness Center at 2102.



Patsy Pelland explains the food pyramid to the audience.

### Italian Pasta Salad

1 1/2 cups (4 ounces) uncooked tri-colored rotini, cooked and drained  
1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated Parmesan Cheese  
1/2 8 ounce bottle Italian dressing  
1/4 cup each chopped red pepper and onion slices  
1 cup broccoli florets

Mix together ingredients in large bowl until well blended. Chill.

### Chili Dip

1 small can chili w/ beans

1/4-1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, grated

Mix together in glass bowl. Heat in microwave for 3-4 minutes. Stir until cheese is well blended. Top with more mozzarella. Return to microwave for 1 minute. Serve with tortilla chips.

Photo by Eura Kazanoglu

## 2002 Women's Leadership Symposium Promotes Gender Awareness on Campus

Office of Leadership Programs

Formerly known as the Women's Leadership Conference, this annual event has a new look for 2002.

Not only has the name changed, but what was once a one-day event has expanded into two days.

This year's symposium will be held February 24-25, 2002.

The theme for the 2002 Symposium is: How We Are Defined, How We Define Ourselves. Participation in this event has also changed.

As usual, the symposium invites all students, faculty, and staff to participate. However, participation will be defined differently this year.

To complete your participation in the program, and earn a certificate of gender awareness, the following items must be completed:

-attend and participate in three interest sessions

-attend either the dessert or dinner

If you decide that participating



in the Women's Leadership Symposium is for you, please complete the form and return it to the Office of Leadership Programs, 216 Lankford.

Please note: There is a \$10 registration fee.

Once your registration form is received, you will also be sent a symposium participant card, as well as a symposium program.

It will be your responsibility to get your card signed and returned to the Office of Leadership Programs.

Upon receipt of a completed card, the Office of Leadership Programs will award you a certificate of recognition.

Of course, you are always welcome to participate in the symposium without earning the certificate of recognition, however, we encourage you to earn the certificate.

Please note: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 is the registration deadline.

If you have any questions about this year's symposium please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Leadership Programs at x2685, sschoper@longwood.lwc.edu, or 216 Lankford.

We look forward to having you participate in this year's symposium!

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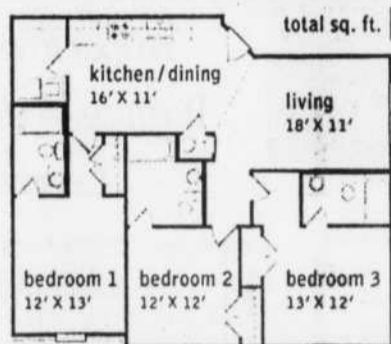


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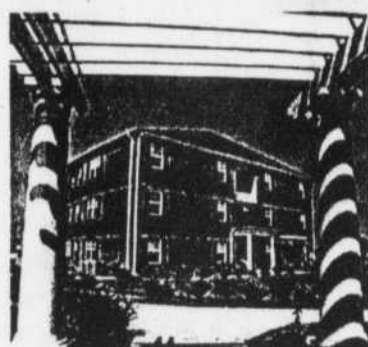


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# CD Review: Keller Williams *Laugh*

George Lanum  
Staff Advisor

More than just the way his music makes you feel, *Laugh*, the sixth album from Fredricksburg native and guitar hero Keller Williams, reflects his virtuosity of the instrument while delivering playful lyrics and ear-catching melodies.

*Laugh* is an album with the ability to move people from reclining in the lazy boy to dancing circles in the dining room.

Known as a blistering one-man act, Keller Williams has joined forces with Bassist Tye North (formerly of Leftover Salmon) and drummer Dave Watts (The Motet) for this studio project.

Keller's band mates made unique contributions and some

of the highlights of the albums come from those offerings.

With his lighthearted lyrics and unusual subject matter, Keller proves that a good song



Keller Williams, a Virginia native, is a one-man success in his sixth album, *Laugh*.

can be about anything. "It baffles me where my lyrics come from. I suppose it's a blend of my imag-

ination and life experience," Keller explains.

Song like "Freeker by the Speaker," "Bob Rules," and "Kidney in Cooler" conjure images typical for rock n' roll. Keller's latest effort is a collection of 15 head spinning, toe tapping tunes.

The release of the live *Loop*, his previous album and his fourth album, *Breath*, which featured the String Cheese Incident as the backing band, has propelled Keller Williams from local notoriety to the limelight.

"It's all about doing what you love and not stopping and not giving up," Keller says of his rising success.

Judging by the vibe from *Laugh*

and the sheer power and passion of his live show, clearly Keller enjoys what he does.

While studio albums are a great

way it is."

Regardless of who he is trying to please, his performances are as much music mastery and whole-some rock n' roll as they are performance art.

Having just come off a successful fall tour which included a stop at Richmond's Landmark Theatre and an opening slot on the String Cheese Incident's New Years run, Keller is gearing up for a tour that will take him around the country including a stop at the State Theatre in Falls Church, VA on April 24.

Williams began performing at the age of 16 in his native Fredericksburg and recounts a fondness for the guitar as one of his earliest memories.

Keller Williams' much anticipated release *Laugh* hits the stores on February 19th.



KELLER WILLIAMS LAUGH

snapshot and provide a music framework, Keller Williams excels on the stage.

Keller admits that he plays as much for himself as for his audience. "Keeping myself happy is the first priority. That's just the

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1 banana

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# Men's Basketball Picks Up Win Against St. Andrews After Suffering a Tough Defeat to Queens

Greg Prouty

Sports Information Director

Longwood split two CVAC road games last week, defeating St. Andrews (N.C.) 73-65 Feb. 9 after dropping a heartbreaking 67-66 decision at conference tri-leader and regionally-ranked Queens (N.C.) Feb. 5. The Lancers are now 10-9 overall, 7-7 in the CVAC (6th-place), and scheduled to host conference member Limestone (S.C.) (9-11, 5-10) Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.. The Lancers will then return to the road to play at league tri-leader Anderson (S.C.) (13-7, 12-3) Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.. The Limestone game will be broadcast in Farmville on WLCX, 91.3 FM, while the Anderson game will be broadcast in Farmville on WFLO, 95.7 FM -- and both games are available on TEAMLINE as well.

Longwood continues to be hampered by injuries this season as the established starting five players have only played together in two games this year (1-1). The five players have missed a combined 24 games, including senior All-American Jason Pryor/Hampton, who is averaging 27.7 points and has missed seven (2-5) of the past eight (3-5) contests with an ankle injury. Junior transfer John Parker/Pasadena, Calif., who suffered a broken thumb on his right (shooting) hand Jan. 14 and is most-likely out another week or so, has missed the last nine (4-5) games with his double-double average of 12.5 points and 11.0 rebounds in 10 overall games. Other starters who have missed games include junior Zech Boyd/Chesapeake (four, foot), senior All-America candidate Marques Cunningham/Danville (three, hamstring), and senior transfer Claude Davis, Buhl, Ala. (one, back).

At St. Andrews (2-19, 1-14), Longwood rallied in the second-half for the come-from-behind road victory. The Lancers trailed 37-34 at the intermission before outscoring the host Knights 39-28 over the final 20 minutes to earn the important road victory.

LC played the contest with just eight players in uniform, including three walk-on team members, two of whom were in the starting line-up.

The Knights jumped out to a 14-4 advantage at 14:27 of the first half, and extended the lead to 13 points at 28-15 with 7:05 left before the intermission. Longwood battled back with a 19-7 run to close to within 35-34 in the final minute of the half before the hosts scored ahead of the buzzer for the three-point halftime lead. Cunningham (7) and Davis (5) combined for 12 of the 19 points. Boyd made two free throws to open the second half as the Lancers pulled back within 37-36 with 19:28 to play. St. Andrews, however, went back in front by seven points at 45-38 with 16:47 to play before

Longwood was able to narrow the deficit back to one point on several different occasions, the last coming with 6:48 remaining (54-55). Longwood made it all the way back at the 4:46 mark to take its first lead of the game on a dunk by junior Moustapha Toure/Dakar, Senegal (59-58), and Davis followed with a dunk of his own to give the Lancers a 61-58 lead that they would not relinquish with 4:25 to play. LC secured the triumph with 8-10 free throws over the final 2:52, including 3-4 by Boyd who led the visitors with a game- and season-high 18 points.

Davis finished with 16 points, including 10-14 free throws, Cunningham had 15 points and a game-high eight rebounds, and freshman walk-on Ryan Marable/Chesterfield finished with a career-high 12 points and six rebounds. Junior Chris Isaacs/Fairfax added a game- and career-high eight assists along with six rebounds for the Lancers. Longwood shot 40% (21-52) from the field, including 3-10 on three-point field goals, and 80% (28-35) at the line. St. Andrews shot 41% (23-56) from the field, including 4-17 three-pointers, and 71% (15-21) at the line.

At Queens (14-7, 12-3),

Longwood dropped the disappointing road decision at CVAC rival and the regionally-ranked #7 Royals. The Lancers had four opportunities to score in the final 11.3-seconds, but missed on a three-point field goal and three subsequent put-back chances in the paint before the hosts grabbed the last rebound just ahead of the final buzzer. LC had battled back gamely from a 45-31 halftime deficit, and even a 10-point margin (63-53) over the final 7:30 to position themselves for the victory.

Longwood led early in the contest at 4-3 before Queens ran off 11 unanswered points for a 14-4 advantage at 14:23 of the first half. The Royals extended the margin to 33-16 for their largest lead of the game with just under 8:00 left in the first half. A 15-5 run by LC narrowed it to 38-31 with 3:18 left in the half before QC pulled away again into its 14-point halftime cushion (45-31). The Lancers outscored Queens 18-8 to start the second half and climbed to within 53-49 with 10:17 remaining on a three-point play from Toure. The hosts pulled back in front by 10 points (63-53, 7:30) before the visitors scored 11 unanswered points to lead 64-63 at the 4:46 mark on a three-pointer from Cunningham. Queens scored the next two baskets to lead 67-64 at the 3:00 mark. The Lancers pulled back within 67-66 on a pair of 1-2 efforts at the free throw line by Isaacs (2:45) and Toure (1:35), respectively. The Royals could not capitalize at the offensive end to set-up the final missed opportunities for the Lancers. Davis led the Lancers with his 16 points and five rebounds, including a late dunk to narrow the margin to two points (63-61, 5:51).

Toure finished with 14 points, seven rebounds, and two steals, while Cunningham had 11

points, five rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Isaacs added nine points, seven rebounds, and three blocks, Boyd had eight points, and junior transfer Timos Papadimitriou/Athens, Greece added six points, six rebounds, and three blocks off the bench before leaving the game with an ankle injury. LC shot 44% (25-57) from the field, including 5-15 on three-pointers, and just 61% (11-18) at the line. QC shot 39% (24-62), including 5-11 three-pointers, and 82% (14-17) at the line.

Through 19 games overall, Pryor is averaging 27.7 points in

shooting 44% (113-259) from the field, including 48% (29-61) on three-pointers, and 73% (66-90) at the line. Davis (18 games) is averaging 14.9 points and 6.6 rebounds while shooting 47% (93-199) from the field, and 62% (69-112) at the line. Boyd (15 games) is averaging 8.0 points and 4.7 rebounds while shooting 51% from the field and 58% at the line. Toure is averaging 7.6 points and 7.7 rebounds while shooting 50% from the field and 78% at the line. Isaacs is averaging 6.5 points and 4.2 rebounds while shooting 45% from the field and 62% at the line.

Papadimitriou (11 games) is averaging 4.0 points and 3.8 rebounds while shooting 53% from the field and 59% at the line. Marable (16 games) and senior walk-on Matt Donohue/Warrenton add 2.4 and 1.1 points, respectively, and Marable adds 1.9 assists in limited time (15.3 minutes) as well. Longwood has added another walk-on team member to the roster -- senior David Bridges/Charlottesville -- a 6-3 forward who played at T.C. Williams High School in northern Virginia has joined the injury-depleted program for

some added depth over the remainder of the season (six regular-season games and the CVAC Tournament). Following the games with Limestone and at Anderson, Longwood will return home to host CVAC opponent Pfeiffer (N.C.) (12-8, 9-5) Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. in Lancer Hall. The Pfeiffer contest will be the last regular-season home game in Lancer Hall and will also serve as Senior Day. The game will be broadcast in Farmville on WLCX, 91.3 FM, and is available on TEAMLINE as well.



High flying Claude Davis with the dunk

photo by Lee Ann Thornton

his 12 games played -- unofficially still tops in Division II, including 35 three-point field goals, adding 4.4 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 2.6 steals. Pryor, who does not meet the NCAA-minimum (for statistical rankings) of playing in 75% of a team's games, is shooting 48% (107-221) from the field, including 41% (35-86) on three-pointers, and 87% (83-95) at the line. Cunningham (16 games) is averaging 20.1 points, including 29 three-point field goals, adding 4.6 rebounds, 4.5 assists, and 2.4 steals. He is

# Women's Basketball Takes 2 of 3 Over the Week And Now A Word...

Melissa Kristofak  
Sports Information Intern

Longwood went 2-1 last week in conference action. The Lancers defeated St. Andrews (N.C.) 73-60 Feb. 9 and outlasted Queens (N.C.) 77-74 Feb. 5 on the road. LC dropped a close road decision at CVAC leader Pfeiffer (N.C.) 59-65 Feb. 7. Longwood is now 11-10 overall, 10-5 in CVAC and was scheduled to host league member Limestone (S.C.) Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Lancer Hall, before traveling to Anderson (S.C.) for more CVAC action Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m..

At St. Andrews, Longwood freshman Marita Meldere/Rujiena, Latvia posted her eighth double-double of the season with a game-high 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lancers past the Knights. Longwood trailed 33-30 at the intermission as St. Andrews shot 50% (14-28) from the field during the first 20-minutes of

the conference contest. The Lancers, however, took control of the game early in second half off a jumper from Meldere to give LC a 34-33 advantage. Longwood led throughout the second half, but St. Andrews made things interesting, as the Knights closed within three points (63-60) with 1:49 remaining on the clock. Sophomore Toni Matkovich/Wheeling, W.Va. drained a three-pointer with 1:23 left to play and Longwood sank 7-8 free throws over the final 58.0 seconds of the game to secure the road win for the Lancers. In addition to Meldere's game-high effort, freshman Tokisha Burton/Danville also posted a double-double - her second of the season - of 12 points and 14 rebounds. Matkovich finished with 12 points, including three treys, two assists, and two steals, while classmate Ebony Smith/Kents Store had 10 points and four rebounds. Longwood shot

39% (27-69) from the floor and 72% (13-18) at the line.

At Queens, Longwood took the largest margin of the game - 16 points (22-6) - in the first half and entered the intermission with a 34-27 lead. The Royals late second-half surge came up short, as the visiting Lancers captured the road win. The two teams were tied at 48 before Smith drained a trey with 9:57 left on the clock to give Longwood a three-point advantage (51-48). LC was unable to secure a commanding lead and allowed the Royals to tie the game, 72-72, on back-to-back buckets with :54.3 seconds remaining in the game. However, the sophomore duo of Smith (1-2) and Kanee' Booth/Woodbridge (4-4) sealed the Lancer victory on 5-6 free throws in the final seconds of the game. Smith led Longwood with a double-double of a team-high 17 points and 10 rebounds, including the huge three-pointer. Booth finished with 15 points and 5 rebounds - shooting a perfect 10-10 at the free-throw line. Burton also posted a double-double of a career-high 16 rebounds to go with her 12 points. Burton added a career-high six blocks, two assists, and a steal. Meldere contributed 12 points and eight rebounds, while freshman Monica Mason/Virginia Beach finished with 12 points, five rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Sophomore Chelsea Bruce/Pittsburgh, Pa. dished out a career-high and team-high six assists during the outing - to go with her two points and three rebounds. Longwood shot 35% (23-66) from the floor and 85% (29-34) at the line.

At Pfeiffer, Longwood fell in a disappointing loss to the league leading Falcons. The Lancers contained the hosts in the first half and posted the only LC lead of the game (17-13) with 11:42 left before the intermission. However, PU battled back to enter the break with a five-point lead (34-29). Pfeiffer held the lead for the entire second half and despite numerous rally attempts,

Longwood was unable to dethrone the top-ranked Falcons. Smith paced Longwood with another double-double of a game-high 25 points and 15 rebounds. She also contributed an assist and a steal. Burton finished with 11 points and five rebounds, while Booth had 10 points and seven rebounds. Meldere finished with a game-high 16 rebounds to go with her three points. Longwood shot just 25% (18-72) from the floor and 88% (21-24) at the line.

Through 21 games, redshirt sophomore Leigh Farmer/Vasant continues to pace the Lancers with her 13.9 points per game, while adding 6.4 rebounds, 1.6 blocks, and 1.2 steals. She is shooting 45% (114-254) from the floor and 52% (26-50) at the free throw line. Smith averages 10.8 points and 5.8 rebounds a game, while contributing 1.8 assists and 1.4 steals. Meldere continues to average a double-double of 10.7 points and 11.1 rebounds - shooting 44% (59-135) from the floor and 70% (32-46) at the line. Booth adds 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest. She owns a team-high 48% field goal percentage and a 77% free-throw percentage. Matkovich chips in 9.9 points and 3.2 rebounds an outing, while Burton averages 8.3 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. Mason averages 4.8 points and 2.1 rebounds each contest and contributes 2.8 assists and 1.2 steals. Sophomore Erica Marcum/Charleston, W.Va. adds 4.2 points, a team-high 3.3 assists, and grabs a team-high 1.8 steals. Bruce averages 1.4 points, 1.7 rebounds, and 1.6 assists a game, while senior Jessica Roy-Harrison/Baltimore, Md. chips in 0.6 points and 1.1 rebounds an outing.

Following the Anderson contest, Longwood will return to Lancer Hall for the final home game of the regular season Feb. 16 as the Lancers play host to Pfeiffer (N.C.) at 4 p.m.. All home games are broadcast locally on WLCX, 91.3 FM, and are also available on TEAMLINE.



Last week, Marcus Vick, younger brother of the infamous Michael Vick, did what the sportswriters around the state thought he wouldn't do; he signed a letter of intent to Virginia Tech.

Last summer it was reported that he wouldn't follow in the footsteps of Michael, who is now the quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons, but it seems as though the younger Vick had a change of heart. He chose Tech over rivals UVA and Miami, as well as SEC powerhouse Tennessee. Marcus favors Michael considerably physically, except that the 6 ft. 185 pound incoming freshman is right handed instead of left handed - which seems to be a big deal to everyone, although I don't know why. Does it really make a difference is the man can throw with his right hand or his left hand?

And even though his high school coach said he is more developed at this stage in his career than either Michael or now -Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks, I don't see how Vick will get the opportunity to play his freshman year. Grant Noel is returning for his senior season. His backup, Bryan Randall, was a high school Dream Teamer in 2000 and is just a sophomore - not to mention the Hokies have already received a letter of intent from Patrick Dosh to play quarterback. It seems as though Coach Beamer has some decisions to make at the quarterback position next season.

*Jared Underwood*

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# Marriages



April (Ridgeway) Shaw and David Shaw

April (Ridgeway) Shaw, a senior at Longwood College, and David Shaw, a recent graduate of Longwood College, met in ARC dormitory where they were both living for summer school during the summer of 1999.

On November 9, 2000, after having been the best of friends for several months, April and Dave (as his friends call him) became the couple that those around them knew they would eventually become. Engagement was soon to follow.

By April (oddly enough) of 2000, Dave had proposed and April had accepted. The fairy tale

wedding (complete with horse and carriage) took place on August 4, 2001, in the Butterfly Garden at Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, Virginia.

The reception was held at the Clarion Hotel on Bonney Road in Virginia Beach.

Much to the envy of their family and friends, April and Dave recuperated from the excitement of the big day by retreating on a honeymoon cruise to Nassau, Cocoa Cay, and Key West. The couple are now living "happily ever after" in Richmond, Virginia where they recently celebrated their six-month anniversary.

# Engagements

Bill Fiege  
*Director of Alumni Relations*

Renee and I met playing intramural softball in 1994. We never really had a conversation or remember speaking to each other at all during the tournament. However, we always said hello when we saw each other on campus for the next two years.

We both graduated and had not seen each other in five years, when a mutual friend, the one who brought Renee to play back in 1994, got married on November 18, 2000.

We had our first conversation that night and it led to a long distance relationship between Farmville and Northern Virginia.

We saw each other every weekend for six months and then we decided marriage was for us.

We got engaged on May 25, 2001 and will be married this June.

So for all of you without a significant other right now, your soul mate might actually be on campus and you just don't know it yet.

Go to weddings single and you never know, you could be the one getting hitched next.

Dawn Kanehl  
*Asst. Editor*

Matt and I actually met in high school, when I was a senior and he was a junior. We met at Water Country, U.S.A., a waterpark in Williamsburg where we both worked.

At that point, Matt was a ride attendant sporting a great tan and I was, well, in food service sporting...a hat and an apron.

However, I thought he was good looking, so I took the mature approach to the situation...I told a guy he worked with that I thought he was cute. Of course, Matt didn't know me from Adam (or Eve), but somehow we made contact and started talking. He asked for my phone number right away, and called me that night. We stayed on the phone all night, and have been inseparable ever since.

Both of us ended up coming to Longwood, after I completed my first year at Christopher



Newport University. We got engaged over last winter break, on January 11, 2001.

Matt and I actually shopped for rings together, so I knew we were getting engaged soon, I just didn't know exactly when. Matt's proposal was very traditional and romantic. He cooked me dinner all by himself (a major feat for a

guy in college), got me a dozen red roses, and even read me a poem. Then he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him.

Right now, the wedding date is set for August 2, 2003, a few months after I graduate. Matt will still have a year left and I will be working on my master's in literature.

Kim Garrett  
*Features Editor*

I met my fiance Jerry Lee Reamer, Jr. in 1997 at one of the local "hangouts" for teenagers at that time. While driving around with one of my friends, we spotted him and because she knew him, we decided to follow him to Wal-Mart.

We stopped to talk to him and he wanted to know if I was going to be at a friend's party the next night. I had not planned to attend the party, so we spent some time talking about mutual friends and other things.

I was very impressed by his politeness and concern as I waited for my brother to pick me up for the trip home. He did not want to leave until my brother arrived.

Wal-Mart was the "spot" to meet your friends and just sit around and talk. However, the local police did not approve of this, and usually came around to run us away, so Jerry let me ride around with him until we were able to get up with my brother.

This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship. After two proms, lots of dinners and movies, and even a spring break trip to the beach, he proposed at the bottom of a waterfall in the mountains on June 5, 1999.

We are planning a wedding for June 5, 2004.



Kim and T.J. as Dorothy and the Tin Man at the 2001 Halloween party.

## Kimberly Urann to Wed Thomas Steger

Kimberly Urann and Thomas Joseph Steger III are pleased to announce their engagement, which took place on December 25, 2001.

Urann is from Lynchburg, VA where she lived with her parents before attending Longwood College. She graduates this May 14 with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature.

She is a former Editor of *The Rotunda* newspaper and an Honor's student.

Steger, nicknamed T.J., is a native of Buckingham county,

where the couple now live with their son Thomas Joseph Steger, IV, aged 6 months.

Speaking of Joeybear, he is adorable, and we love him. He has five teeth. He enjoys flirting with women and pulling their hair. His goals are learning to walk and to free himself from his stroller.

T.J. is planning to return to Longwood next year to finish his degree.

They will be married on May 4, 2002, surrounded by family and loving friends.