

Novelist Sheri Reynolds to read from "A Gracious Plenty" in 900 Room

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Novelist Sheri Reynolds, a 1989 Davidson graduate and honoree of Oprah Winfrey's Book Club, will speak at Davidson College on Thursday, Feb. 19. The free public reading from her newest novel "A Gracious Plenty" will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the 900 Room of the College Union.

"The Rapture of Canaan," Reynolds's second novel, caught Oprah's attention and became an instant best-seller after the TV host named it as a selection for her on-air book club. Oprah called Reynolds's book "very fulfilling."

"The Rapture of Canaan" is a coming-of-age story set in the restrictive but loving world of a Pentecostal community. Ninah is the young hero-

ine whose life is molded by her grandparents and the teachings of their "fire and brimstone" religion. She makes a mistake that brings the wrath of the community down upon her, but it also provides the impetus for her to take charge of her future.

Reynolds dedicated her highly acclaimed first book "Bitterroot Landing" to three Davidson College faculty and staff members — English Professors Gail Gibson and Libby Mills, and student services staff member Ruth Pittard.

Reynolds currently teaches a graduate fiction course and undergraduate literature courses at Old Dominion University. She received her M.F.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and has also taught at the College of William and Mary.

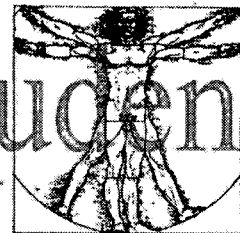
For more information on Reynolds, contact the College Union at 892-2140.

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- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Your BTI phone bill will be larger than the national debt. Sucks to be you.
Lucky Musical: "Hair."
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)**
Your respective other has decided to talk to your best friend. You will find them eating at the Commons together, sharing Student Steak and fries. Grab a knife; do what you will.
Lucky Letter of the Hawaiian Alphabet: E.
- Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)**
You will get an urge to write down your innermost desires and then mail them to your parents.
Lucky Postal Stamp: young Elvis.
- Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)**
Like the car you will be very popular. However, also like the car, you will fall apart at various times of the day due to a lack of oil. *Lucky Retail Store:* Radio Shack.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Your roommate will finally jump. Don't follow. Congrats on the 4.0.
Lucky Relationship-type Person: anyone with some power in their organization.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**
Only good things can happen to you. Why? Because you are always right. Don't let anyone tell you that you're wrong, 'cause they're wrong. *Lucky Suture Device:* the Surgical Staple.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
You are a diety figure. Don't get a complex.
Lucky Literary Device: the Appositive.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
El Niño will target your 10-page poli-sci paper for its next Spring Shower.
Lucky Place for Love: Basement Little.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
A world of opportunities are available out there, except for you.
Lucky Phrase for Job Advancement: "Would you like fries with that?"
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
The Commons forecasts great amounts of mashed potatoes this week. Build a mountain out of them.
Lucky Place for Sleep: your bed.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
You know that smell in your closet? We know what it is. You don't.
Lucky Monetary Denomination: the Susan B. Anthony Dollar.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
You will find that perfect someone somewhere sometime. Actually, it's probably your roommate.
Lucky Lottery Number: 1426.

The Student Body



The gospel of safe sex

By MITCH SHORES
Student Health Advisor

It's that time again, boys and girls! I hope you all had a nice weekend, and I hope that your week is starting off well, too. We have gotten a few questions at the last minute this week, and I will be the first to promise you that they will be addressed in next week's article.

Okay, so I am grasping desperately deep into my mind to find something to talk about this week. You have probably talked about sex so many times in your life by now that it is becoming very boring to you, but if there was anything that could keep my interest more, then I would be flabbergasted. To me you cannot talk about sex enough, so here it goes. . .

Sex, as you all know, is very beautiful thing, and we should cherish the act, I personally feel that there is only one thing that we should consider more important, and that is protection. The first thing we must say, and I am screaming this loud and clear, is that abstinence is the safest sex there is.

The word abstinence is almost synonymous with the Ten Commandments here in North Carolina, and it is very important to abstain from sex if you totally want to avoid any risk of acquiring a sexually transmitted disease. However, if you have already taken the plunge into the ocean of hedonism and you cannot find your way back to the celibate shore, then I would suggest you hold tightly to the Safe-Sex Lifeboat.

There are a lot of different options you can take when considering which paddle to use on your Safe-Sex Lifeboat, if you feel sure of your partner — which you never should unless you have both been checked out at the local free clinic. Now, when I say checked out, I mean you have been through the STD test from hell.

You will have wanted everything prodded, poked, groped, and swabbed to ensure that you are "safe" for the one you love.

If you have had sex, then I would suggest, to be on the safe side, that you have this done. If you would like more information about the testing-sites in your area (this sounds like one of those SAT pamphlets), then you can call Mrs. Georgia Ringle (x2902) for more details.

Back to the Lifeboat — the most effective method to prevent STD transmission, aside from abstinence, is the use of condoms. There are condoms for her and condoms for him. There are an array of colors, scents, and flavors available for that splash of kink deep inside of all of you. It is also helpful to use the ones that are prepared with lubrication and spermicide.

For oral sex, you should always use your helpful little dental dam, and you should all know how to use those by now. If you are wondering where you can find condoms, I just found out that there was a shipment recently. Beg your Hall Counselors and RAs to have hall programs where the Sex Goddess and her slaves to come do a program on your hall. You should also attend the programs given by the FCREW. Let me commend you, FCREW, for starting the healthy trend of having condoms at your events. Now if worse comes to worse, you can find the emergency supply in your hall medicine cabinets.

So here you have it: a reminder to have safe sex and some helpful information on how to keep sex safe from the beginning to the end. Tune in next week for an article I am looking forward to writing: The Libido Killers!!!! If you should have any questions or comments, please write to:

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- Reddy Exhibit** The art equivalent to e.e. cummings. All week long. 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. in the College Union.
- Ralph W. Ketner.** The former chairman of Food Lion, hear him roar. 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the Morrison Room.
- Jumpin' Java/Poetry.** Free newtons with prose. 7:30 p.m. at the Outpost.
- Roger Brown & Friends Exhibit.** More art, by Roger and his friends. All week long. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the VAC.
- 21-Year-Old-Night.** Drink. Because you can. 10:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. in the 900 Room.
- CROP Lunch.** Reap the bountiful harvest, sow some friends. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the 900 Room.
- "How and When We Die."** Morbid, huh? 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in Chambers Gallery.
- Cheap Donuts.** The perfect pastry for frugal people. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Union Lobby.
- Solidarity Week.** I think we're alone now. All week long. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. in the Union Pit.
- Beaver College Study Abroad.** Uh, you said beaver, heh heh. 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the Union Conference Room.
- Black History Month Event.** That's all they told us. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Chambers Gallery.
- Room in the Inn.** Away in a manager. Saturday night in Johnston Gym.
- Community Dinner/Barbecue.** Eat warm shredded swine. 12:30 p.m. at the Ada Jenkins Center.
- Juggling.** The only class where you can throw things at the teacher. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Morrison Room.
- Jumpin' Java.** Caffeine. 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Outpost.

| TUESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| <p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Visiting High School Students. Pre-fresh here for talks. Through Friday. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Home Room.</p> <p>Girl Scout Cookie Sale. You know you want them. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. on the Union Patio, if rain, Union Lobby.</p> <p>Meditation Class. Find your inner self. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Home Room.</p> <p>Keepin' It Real. Check it out. 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Home Room.</p> <p>Is Homosexuality Genetic? I don't know. Find out. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> <p>"Chasing Amy." Run, Amy, run. 9:30 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> | <p>D C Symphony Concert. Play, symphony, play. 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the DCPC Sanctuary.</p> <p>Sheri Reynolds. A kick-ass book reading. 8:15 - 9:45 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> | <p>Friday Afternoon Club. Alcohol awareness week is over; let's drink to that! 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> <p>Arts Ensemble Talent Show. Groups of artists display their talents. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Chambers Gallery.</p> <p>"Chasing Amy." Haven't you caught her yet? 9:30 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> | <p>Classical Indian Music Concert. Get down with your bad Hindu/Buddhist self. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> <p>Outpost Talent Show. Break out the Village People costumes. 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Outpost.</p> | <p>University of Edinburgh Study Abroad. Chew the hagus, aye. 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Union Lobby.</p> <p>University of Edinburgh Info Meeting. Shut your cakehole and listen! 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Morrison Room.</p> <p>Carl Ernst. Call Laki Sabaratnam for information. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the 900 Room.</p> <p>"Peer Gynt." The National Theatre of the Deaf perform. 8:15 - 10:15 p.m. in Love Auditorium.</p> <p>Davidsonian Meeting. It's on the schedule, but we won't be there. 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Wilson Room.</p> |