

The Shield

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World Renowned Mime Performs at Lawrence Academy

Scott Thompson



Robert Shields, world renowned mime, performed at Lawrence Academy on March 23rd. Shields' performance included physical allusions and a short film on his early career. Mr. Shield's physical allusions included: monkey in a cage, swimming underwater, leaping frog, marionette in motion, inside a box, and "motorcycle man." He also performed for the Chowan Arts Council on March 25th.

Robert Shields currently lives in Sedona, Arizona. He also paints and designs jewelery. Mr. Shields has upcoming performances in Los Angeles, New York, and Rome.

Shooting Team Sets New School Record

Jacob Lippincott



Junior team members Steven Lawrence, Evan Davenport, Patrick Flint, and Hank Cobb. (left to right)

The 2005 - 2006 Lawrence Academy Shooting team placed well in the annual N. C. Hunter Education Shooting Tournament. The senior team consists of Brian Barnes, Ben Blowe, Jake Mitchell, David Peede and Stephanie Peede. The junior team consists of Hank Cobb, Evan Davenport, Patrick Flint and Steven Lawrence. The team traveled to the 4-H Center in Creswell on March 25, 2006 where they competed against twenty-seven other area teams. Both the senior and junior teams obtained the highest score in Lawrence Shooting team history. The junior team won second place for Hunting Skills. Jake Mitchell qualified for the shoot-off in the rifle competition. The coaches would like to congratulate the team members on a job well done.

School Calendar

Stanford Testing	April 3 - 7
Prom	April 7 8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.
Noon Closing Spring Break Begins	April 13
Spring Break	April 14 - 21
Spring Festival	April 29

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Open House

Jacob Lippincott

On Thursday, March 16, 2006, Lawrence Academy had an Open House for interested families. The doors were open for families to come and ask questions about the school. Mr. Eric Meadows and Mrs. Lisa Corbett gave opening addresses. Then refreshments were served, and the families were given the option to look around the school. Most families looked at the elementary school classes and had the chance to talk to the teachers. Mr. Meadows said, "The open house was a success; twenty-five new families have signed up so far for the 2006-2007 school year."

Driving to Live Teen Driving Program

Scott Thompson

On March 22nd, Lawrence Academy students participated in *Driving to Live*. *Driving to Live* is a state-wide program designed to decrease the number of teenagers in automobile accidents. Master Trooper Raines spoke to all students holding a drivers' license. Topics included safety issues such as: excess speed, drunk driving, and applying safe driving tactics to their daily habits. North Carolina currently has the highest number of fatal teenage automobile accidents in the United States.

Grandparents' Day

Carolyn Finnerty

On February 22, 2006, Lawrence Academy hosted its annual Grandparents' Day. Grades Kindergarten through Sixth sang a variety of entertaining songs. The lower elementary school sang a spoof of "I'm a Little Tea Pot"; the tea pot was transformed into a sugar bowl. The upper elementary school sang a spoof of "Three Blind Mice." Señor Giron lead students as they displayed their bilingual talents with animal songs. Also, some students read poems about the history of Grandparents' Day. The musical program provided an exciting morning for our grandparents and displayed our music department's talent.

From the Headmaster's Desk: Voume Six

Carolyn Finnerty and Jodi White

Mr. Eric Meadows is pleased with the successful outcome of the March 16th Open House. Over 30 families came in order to learn more about Lawrence Academy. He would like to encourage everyone to go ahead and enroll for next school year.

Also, a reminder that Prom is just around the corner on April 7th. He would like to remind everyone to keep a strong head on their shoulders in regards to behavior. Finally, a new playground will be constructed in the near future for the elementary school.

Author Michael Finklea Coming to Lawrence Academy

Julia Carr

Michael Finklea, author of "Fester the Pester", will be visiting the Lawrence Academy library on April 7th at 12:30 P.M. Finklea will talk with Pre-K through 2nd about the process of writing. For grades 3-5, he will do a program about the process of writing a book. After each talk, Finklea will answer questions about the writing process.

Congratulations Mr. Meadows!

Carolyn Finnerty

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Meadows and his bride Michelle Thiler who were married on March 4th. Attended by family and close friends, the ceremony lasted fifteen to twenty minutes. Mr. Meadows wrote the service and their vows. Ninety people attended the reception. For the honeymoon they went to a beach in the "way, way south."

Prom Update

Julia Carr

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Prom is right around the corner. On April 7th at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth, Lawrence Academy's Prom will be held from 8:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. The "Grand March" announcements are to be conducted between 7:45 P.M. and 8:45 P.M. Group and individual pictures will be taken on site that evening. Sophomores will be serving as waiters waitresses.

Lawrence Academy Welcomes New Teachers

Robert Anderson

The Lawrence Academy High School has four new teachers. They are Mrs. Treasa White, Mrs. Penny Thompson, Mrs. Mary Meadows and Mrs. Janie Edmondson. Mrs. Meadows and Mrs. Edmondson both teach 9th and 10th grade literature and a 7th period Current Events class. Mrs. White teaches Western Civilization and 11th grade English. Mrs. Thompson teaches 12th grade AP English and Senior British Literature.

Business News

Scott Thompson

Students for the 2006 - 2007 school year have begun to enroll. The business office urges re-enrollment as there are a limited number of openings for students. Denise Nobles can be contacted at the business office if there are any questions about enrollment.

PTO News

Daniel Wolfe

Upcoming events at Lawrence Academy, sponsored by the PTO, include the annual Spring Festival. This will be held on Saturday, April 29th. Festivities include: a musical produced by Mrs. Beverly Young, the May Pole Dance, Crowning of the King and Queen, and many other activities. Along with the Spring Festival, the PTO is selling raffle tickets for cash prizes. These tickets are on sale now. If interested, please see Mrs. Raines in the front office.

The PTO's last meeting, to elect new officers, will be held in April. Final date is to be announced.

Booster Club News

Jessie Harden

The Athletic Booster Club held its biggest fundraiser of the year in the gym on Saturday, March 11, 2006. The Windsor Fire Department was responsible for cooking shrimp, scallops, oysters, chicken, hush puppies, potatoes, and coleslaw. Lawrence Academy's Booster Club raised around \$7,200.00. This money will enable the Booster Club members to continue to support the athletic program through uniforms, equipment and maintenance.

Odyssey of the Mind

Scott Thompson

On Saturday, March 4th, Lawrence Academy's Odyssey of the Mind teams participated in the regional competition in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The Jungle Bloke team, comprised of students from grades 3 - 5, won the regional competition. The team will compete on April first in Boone, North Carolina for the state championship. The Lost in Egypt team placed third in regional competition. Odyssey of the Mind is a extracurricular program that challenges students to think outside of the box.

The Shield March Editorial **Myspace.com: Privacy Concern or Not?**

Scott Thompson

Myspace.com is a social networking website for high school and college students. The site connects students from around the world with similar music tastes and interests. Recently, privacy concerns have been raised about the site's safety for its users. Are these allegations true and what is the threat of using Myspace.com?

Users of Myspace.com create profiles sharing their hobbies, music interests, and pictures of themselves. Parents and teachers have become increasingly concerned about the safety of teenagers who use this site. Myspace.com's administrators publish safety tips on the site that warn users not to publish private information they may not want others to see. The safety tips also state "avoid meeting people in person whom you do not fully know. If you must meet someone, do it in a public place and bring a friend or trusted adult." Users also have the ability to block their profile, personal page on Myspace.com, so strangers cannot see that portion of the site.

Concerns have also been raised over pornographic images, teen tobacco use, and alcohol consumption. In *The Shield's* research no pornographic images were found, which are prohibited by Myspace.com. However, references to alcohol and tobacco use were found. Generally, alcohol was more prevalent in users profiles, especially among college students. *The Shield's* research focused on Lawrence Academy students and alumni as well as various Myspace.com users across the country. Comments on alcohol and tobacco use were not prevalent in the profiles of Lawrence Academy students and alumni.

The safety of Myspace.com users is dependent upon the users themselves. Their judgment is necessary in the publishing of personal information such as: pictures, first and last name, school name, and age. A simple Google search could allow a sexual predator to locate many Myspace.com users. Parents should be aware of their children's Myspace.com habits and the personal information they publish in their profiles. Students should always use common sense when posting any personal information on a publicly accessed web forum. Mr. Meadows has stated that accessing Myspace.com on any Lawrence Academy computer is prohibited.

First Grade News

Dora Saunders

First grade has started anthologies in reading. The children have enjoyed reading Aesop's Fables and other stories about working hard and never giving up. They are also continuing to learn new math facts. They are counting nickles, dimes, and pennies. Telling time to the hour and half hour is fun!

Second Grade News

Phyllis Faulk

The second graders in Mrs. Faulk's class at Lawrence Academy have just completed a unit on "Fossils". As a culminating activity they made sand castings to create their own fossils. First, they gathered objects to imprint. After packing wet sand in aluminum pans, they scooped out a flat area about an inch deep and smoothed the surface. Objects were placed or imprinted

into the mold. Plaster of Paris was then poured into the mold and allowed to harden. The sand castings were carefully dug out. The students used brushes like real paleontologists to clean the fossils. The class was pleased with the results and had fun learning about fossils!

Fourth Grade News

Tyler White

On March 9th, Ms. Voth's 4th grade class visited Raleigh and toured the Capital Building, the Legislative Building, the Museum of Natural Sciences, and the Museum of History. On March 27th, they visited the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City.

Fifth Grade News

Sarah Gillam

The fifth graders study of the Iditarod is over. Graham Modlin picked the winning musher, Jeff King, who finished the race in nine days, eleven hours, and eleven minutes. He received an "I won the Iditarod" t-shirt. The class musher, Paul Gebhardt, finished in third place.

The class was also rooting for the mushers whom Colby Davenport and Jesse White picked, Rachael Scodris and Tim Osmar. Rachael is legally blind and Tim was her sight leader for this year's race. Tim surveyed the course in front of Rachael to warn her of any changes in the course and to keep her safe. Rachael and Tim were not in the race to win. Winning is not everything to many of the mushers. It was an accomplishment just to finish the difficult race.

They will keep their map in the hallway for a few more days. Come by and check it out!

Sixth Grade News

Sarah Gillam

Mrs. Riddick's Sixth graders started studying Renaissance art this month. The students look at many pieces of art and learn the name and artist of each piece, along with where it is held today. Some of the art pieces include *David* by Michelangelo, *The Birth of Venus* by Botticelli, and *Mona Lisa* by da Vinci. As they learn the works of art, the students will post the pictures on the wall outside their classroom and will eventually have a test on all the pieces they have studied.

Eighth Grade News

Jordan Brooks

Mrs. Peele's eighth grade history class has been presenting oral reports on famous North Carolinians. Spencer Walston did a report on Dean Smith, a famous UNC basketball coach. Blake Hill gave information about Charles Bishop Kuralt, who was born September 10th, 1933, and was an Emmy-winning anchorman for CBS. The reports included three to five minute speeches with visual aids.

Sophomore News

Brittany Whitehurst



The Sophomore class, along with their chaperons, left on Thursday, March 2nd, at 7:00 A.M. for Staunton, Virginia. After a quick lunch stop in Charlottesville, they arrived at Monticello, and then headed over to Ashlawn. After a long day of bus rides and touring homes, the class finally arrived at the Best Western in Staunton, and had the rest of the night to relax. They left the hotel the next morning at 8:00 A.M. to go to the Draft Horse Museum at the Virginia Horse Complex. Later that day, the Sophomores toured the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) with a Senior Cadet as a tour guide. Afterwards, the class split into two groups and toured Stonewall Jackson's house and ate lunch at The Palms. That night they ate dinner at Joey's Italian Restaurant, and stopped at Wal-Mart before heading back to the hotel to throw a birthday party for a classmate. The next morning, the class visited Grand Caverns, and toured New Market Battlefield, where they got the full experience of being a VMI cadet in the Civil War. After a great meal at the Mill Street Bar and Grill, the class proceeded to the Blackfriars Shakespeare Theater to watch a live performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. At the play, six of the Sophomores got the chance to sit on stage and be a part of the play, making the play the most enjoyed event on the trip for most of the class. On their final morning, the class visited the Frontier Cultural Museum, where they toured farm homes from Germany, Britain, and Northern Ireland dating back to the 1500's and an American frontier homestead from the 1850's. Afterward, they ate lunch at Ryan's Steakhouse, then headed home. The bus ride was much quieter than on the way to Staunton due to exhaustion from the very busy trip.

JV Softball

Steven Lawrence

Junior Varsity Softball is starting up again this year, under coaches Grantley Mizelle and Wynne Hughes. This year's JV Softball players consist of: Casey Belch, Dana Collier, Danielle Davis, Jessica Lawrence, Jeanne Lundsford, Ashton Lyle, Courtney Mizelle, Ashley Raynor, Taylor Sexton, Kendra Spruill, Meagan Warren, and Jenniffer White. They have a promising season ahead of them, with 11 games on their schedule this year. Their record, at the time of publication, was two wins, three loses.

JV Baseball

Steven Lawrence

The JV Baseball team is off to a great start, under the leadership of coaches Wayne Hill and Ron Cooke. The 2006 team consists of the following players: Jesse Ambrose, Ryan Bailey, Bryce Cullipher, Hank Cobb, Jerry Cowand, Blake Hill, Mason Hughes, Van Johnson, Dillon Lassitter, Steven Lawrence, Daniel Layton, Zach Morris, Keith Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Spencer Walston, and Gilliam Wood. They have a promising season ahead of them. They have 18 games on their shcedule this year, and their record, at the time of publication, was three wins, two loses.

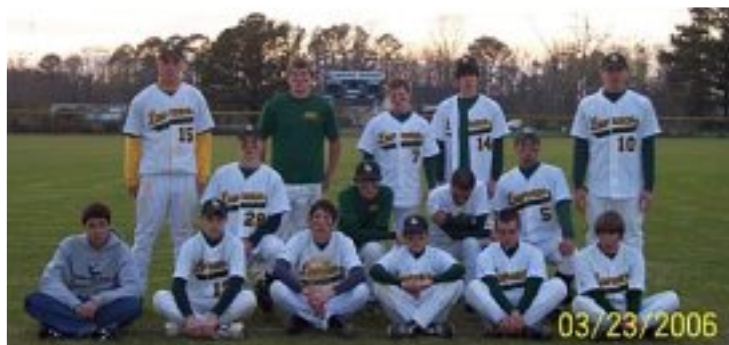
Varsity Softball

Jodi White

The Lawrence Academy Varsity Softball team is off to a strong start this season. So far they are 6-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference. The team is composed of Seniors, Jessica Johnston, Ruth Stotesbury, Lauren Rea, and Jodi White; the rest of the team is a combination of Juniors through Eighth graders including: Alicia Bullock, Sarah Capehart, Leanne Eubanks, Ashtyn Mizelle, Debbie Stotesbury, Kendall Street, and Ashley Swain. The beginning of the season appeared to be shaky as a few of the players were plagued with injuries. However, they appear to be rolling strong. Come out and support your Lady Warriors as they go for their third consecutive state title and seventh consecutive TIC Tournament championship.

Varsity Baseball

Jessie Harden



Lawrence Academy's Varsity Baseball team is off to a strong start this year. The team is composed of Seniors: Jacob Harrell, Holden McClenney, Dusty Todd and Zack White. Juniors include: Gray Harrell, Jake Mitchell, and Judd Whitehead. The Sophomores include: Chase Elliott, Joe Harrell, J.T. Lilley and Max Walker. The Freshman include; Johnathan Brantley, T.J. Johnston and Daniel Oliver, and Eighth grader Chad Whitehead. They are 11-1 and their one loss of the season was to the number one team in the 2-A division, Harrells Christian Academy. Injuries have slowed the team down but have not stopped them. Dusty Todd and Jobie Thomas have led the way offensively and the pitching staff have been led by Dusty Todd, Jonathan Brantley, Daniel Oliver, and T.J. Johnston. The Warriors, who were the state-runners up last year, are a favorite to win the state tournament this year. Coach Kravitz is very pleased with how the team is playing.

Soccer News

Carolyn Finnerty

The Lawrence Academy Lady Soccer team is off to an exciting start. Their record as of March 23rd is two wins, one tie, and two losses. The leading scorer this season is Rachael McCarthy with 11 goals. Also, Sarah Gillam and Anna DiMartino have added one goal each to the seasons total. The team of 13 girls consists of Senior Carolyn Finnerty; Sophomores- Jordan Brooks, Sarah Gillam, Margaret Jennette; Freshman Taylor Davis; Eighth graders- Anna DiMartino, Rachael McCarthy, Mary Potocki, Janet Chesson, Janie Biggs, Britney Cseko; and Seventh graders- Hunter Davis, and Katheryn Woolard. The team is working well together and teaching the more inexperienced players the challenging skills of soccer.

School Bulletin Board

- **Stanford 10 Achievement Test** | Grades 1 -8 | April 3 - 7
- **Children's Author Michael Finklea** | Pre-K - 2 @ 12:30 | 3 - 5 @ 1:30
- **Prom** | 8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. @ Vernon James Center in Plymouth
- **Spring Festival** | April 29

April Calendar

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

3 Stanford Testing AST - Raines	4 Stanford Testing	5 Stanford Testing AST - Peele	6 Stanford Testing	7 Stanford Testing Prom 8:00 - 12:00 Children's Author Michael Finklea
10 AST - Andre	11 4 th Grade Trip to Hope Plantation	12 AST - Miller	13 End of 5 th Six Weeks Noon Closing	14 Spring Break
17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break
24 AST - Meadows	25	26 AST - Maxwell	27 Report Cards Journalism Class to Greenville	28

April 29th

Spring Festival