



MOONLIT DANCING

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After a few years of threatening weather, the balmy evening of April 24th was cooperative for the annual King and Queen's Ball. During the warm evening under the starry sky, students flocked to the Sunken Gardens for one of the most anticipated events of the year. King and Queen's Ball was well attended by many students who donned their finest clothes for a chance to enjoy the live music and dancing with friends on the Friday evening before the last week of classes.

For graduating seniors, the event was a chance to celebrate a great four years at the College. President Taylor Reveley did not disappoint audiences with his speech and toast to the Class of 2009. Afterwards, the female a cappella group Reveille was met with cheers as everyone in the tent enthusiastically sang the Alma Mater together. "It was fun, but as a se-

nior, it was also sad because I knew that it was the last time I would be at a formal with most of my classmates and friends," senior Justin Hoag said.

The annual campus-wide formal held to tradition and took place under a tent in the Sunken Gardens. In previous years during inclement weather, the King and Queen's Ball was moved into William and Mary Hall, but those who attended this year had the rare opportunity to enjoy 70 degree weather under the moonlit sky. "It was my third time going to King and Queen's and the first time it didn't rain. My dress and shoes stayed beautiful and the music was a lot better," junior Jade Park said.

Over a thousand students crowded into the tent throughout the night to dance with friends on the wooden floor in front of the live band. Tables, light refreshments, and a cash bar were also set up towards the back of the tent for

small groups to take an occasional break from the cozy dance floor.

Unlike dances on campus which typically featured the latest hip-hop and R&B songs, the live band played classic covers throughout the night such as "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Sweet Home Alabama" which provided fuel for energetic dancing until 1 a.m. that night. In addition to the live band, there was also a DJ which helped to change the pace. "The classy environment, good music, and delicious crackers and fruit were all elements that helped remind me why I continue to go to King and Queen's every year," senior Raymond Lai said.

The lively, sentimental atmosphere made King and Queen's Ball an unforgettable event which would stand out as one of the best memories from Spring 2009 for many students.

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Enthusiastic dancers follow the lead of the students on-stage in performing the "Thriller" dance. Another popular dance done that night was the "Cha Cha Slide."



Busting some moves, dancers groove to the cover songs of the live band in the background. Music provided by both the live band and a DJ kept everyone dancing throughout the night.

Around 12 midnight, leading students from the Guinness World Record "Thriller" attempt lead the dance floor in the choreography of the popular Michael Jackson song. Earlier in the month, senior Kevin Dua successfully led a group of 242 students to break the world record for the largest number of people to perform the "Thriller" dance.



Following the toast to the Class of 2009 by President Taylor Reveley, female a cappella group Reveille takes the stage to lead the enthusiastic audience in singing the Alma Mater.

