

Social Butterfly

Road Trip to Hokieville

By Kristi Higgins

Last weekend, I went on a road trip to Blacksburg to visit my daughter, Ally, who is a senior majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise.

The package I delivered should have been marked "URGENT." Upon my Friday late afternoon arrival, Rachel, the daughter of Jim and Robin Daniels, who is a sophomore in the Corps of Cadets and majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences, contacted me and informed me that the evening gown I was transporting needed to be on her friend in fifteen minutes, to wear to the "Ring Dance."

Saturday morning, Ally and her dog, Jyro, (adopted from the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter), Cody Hevener and I froze our buttocks off at the Blacksburg Farmers Market. Cody is Scott Hevener's son and who is a sophomore majoring in Economic Management. We purchased some apples and sampled some homemade goodies. Jyro made some new friends while we enjoyed a brave local playing her guitar and singing in frigid twenty degree temperatures.

Saturday night, Ally and I went to the production, "Mori no Hime" presented by the Japanese Cultural Association. It was the craziest performance I have ever laid eyes on. I am not even going to attempt to describe it. The costumes and dancing kept us interested, but we exited stage left at intermission.

Sunday morning, Cody invited Ally to play in an Ultimate Frisbee intramural. His team, "Air Traffic Control" beat "Thunder Snow" 13 to three. After the win, Ally treated me to Irish Cream coffee, Cinnamon Hazelnut coffee beans; a souvenir cup from Mill Mountain Coffee and tea where she works as a barista.

Sunday afternoon, Ally, Ste-



phen Percy (her college buddy from Brighton, England), Jyro and I went hiking at the Jefferson National Forest. The 66-foot "Cascades" waterfall was worth the two-mile ascension and two-mile descension around the gorge. Even though the temperature was in the fifties, there were still icicles aplenty.

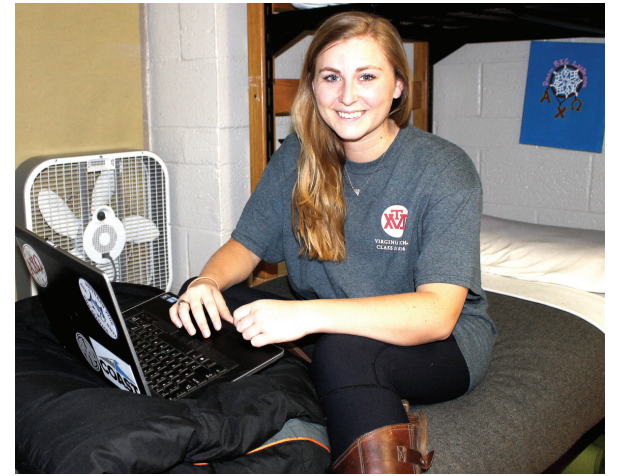
Ally has two roommates, Bronwyn Sharpley and Alan Huang (Hokie from Ashburn, Va.). Ally and Bronwyn have been friends since attending Chester Middle School and Thomas Dale, together. Bronwyn, who is a senior majoring in Music Technology with a minor in Asian Area Studies, is the daughter of Elaine Thompson. I visited them briefly, because they all needed to hit the books.



ALLY HIGGINS WITH HER DOG, JYRO AND ROOMMATES BRONWYN SHARPLEY AND ALAN HUANG.



CODY HEVENER DURING ULTIMATE FRISBEE INTRAMURAL.



RACHEL DANIELS ON THE COMPUTER IN HER DORM ROOM.

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