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Millenium Fire Tears Longwood College Down But Not Asunder

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At 9:20 p.m. Tuesday evening, the unthinkable occurred.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community watched as the Rotunda and the Ruffners burned.

The fire, which is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshall, began in what was the third floor of the main Ruffner building and spread quickly throughout the rooms and floors currently under renovation.

At roughly 9:15, alarms were sounded throughout the Colonnades to alert students living in French, Tabb, South Tabb and South Ruffner and those still present in the Grainger building of a fire.

Students, as well as many others, were greeted with the sight of Longwood's trademark, the Rotunda, ablaze.

Informational Housing Meeting Held Wednesday

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Today at 1 p.m. a Housing meeting was held in Lancer gym for residents of the Colonnades.

The gym was filled with donations of clothes, food, blankets, pillows, personal hygiene products, and more. Along the back wall check-in stations were set up for each dorm. The residents of the Colonnades were asked to check-in after the meeting.

This was the third roll call for the year. Director of Housing, Mike Clements said, "We feel pretty confident that we have made contact with all the students who were affected by this, but we want to double check."

An executive meeting was held at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, when the issue of what to do about the rest of the semester was discussed.

It was debated whether to extend the semester or even rearrange the exam times and locations, but it was decided to cancel classes and exams. "There were no other real options," said Dean of Students, Tim Pierson. As far as grades are concerned, the professors have been told to base the grade on what has been presented, that all students must leave their Residence Halls by 12:00 p.m. Saturday, graduating seniors and Junior Marshalls will be allowed back on campus at 12:00 p.m. May 10, and Commencement will be held as scheduled on Wheeler Mall.

Rain tickets and extensive instructions will be mailed to home addresses.

The meeting was then handed over to Dave Harnage, who stated that "the damage is severe, but we'll overcome it."

He showed himself to be a true father, a father figure, when he told students that if they had not yet called their parents, they needed to get on it immediately.

He said "Tell them you love them, tell them you're safe and tell them that Longwood loves you and that you are O.K."

He explained that students who currently reside in the dormitories would be allowed to return to their homes immediately. In an effort to house the students who had been evacuated, six fraternities helped the Colonnades Residence Hall staff move mattresses into Lancer Gym so that students would have somewhere to sleep.

However, due to the kindness of other students, only 11 of the 400 evacuated students had to sleep in Lancer Tuesday night.

After a meeting with her executive staff and deans at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, President Cormier held a Campus Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Jarman Auditorium.

"This is not 'an event that any President would ever ask for" she stated in her opening remarks. She also informed those present that Longwood is the third oldest campus in the state of Virginia.

It was announced that classes have been cancelled for the rest of the semester, in general final exams would not be given, that all students must leave

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Moton Walkout Re-Created

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In Memory of the Rotunda

Longwood’s landmark, the Rotunda, has fallen. We all know that it happened; I sincerely hope this is not the first time any reader of this issue has heard of it.

So, I will spare the lurid details and focus on the memory of the Rotunda. In 1920, when The Rotunda first began publication, the editors debated over what name would best suit the campus newspaper. While I can’t be certain, it seems as though it was called Dummy before they decided on The Rotunda, and the fifth issue of the first year of publication explains why that particular name was chosen.

The 1920 Rotunda staff “knew the rotunda was always the center of school life here as it is the center of the great building that houses our life.” By vote, they decided that this reason was adequate for naming the weekly campus paper.

This symbol can be seen on almost everything that deals with Longwood. The class ring, stationary, the campus newspaper, webpage, the Dining Hall newsletter, Longwood police cars, and hundreds of other sundry items that I’ve overlooked are all embossed with the Rotunda symbol.

I was one of the last class of incoming freshmen who were able to walk through the halls of the Ruffner building and see the Rotunda in all its glory. I did not see it as being a wonderful place, but I certainly found the Rotunda mural an incomparable piece of art.

While some of the older members of my staff can remember sitting beneath the Rotunda, reading a book by the fire, I myself was never given that privilege. And the freshmen and sophomores class know nothing at all about the splendor of the Rotunda.

They know it only as some buildings that are being renovated that they can’t get into. As little as I knew of the Ruffners and the Rotunda, it saddens me that others know even less.

It was originally completed during the 1904-1905 school year, and has remained a symbol of the solidarity of the campus through-out the years. While it is all well and good to say that the Rotunda was merely a structure and that the destruction of said structure in no way impacts the force of the symbol, I believe that the power of a symbol is reinforced by a structure, so too my part of the solidarity of the campus is missing.

An integral part of it, as well, because the Rotunda has been a staple of Longwood college for almost 100 years. And now it’s lying in broken heaps on the ground. As a journalist, I long for huge stories to break out on campus, but I admit that I would never have said those words if I had known the price for them.

This is my last (and only) year as editor of The Rotunda, and it has been interesting and controversial. The end of the year usually brings slow news, and I wish this year had been no different.

As my staff and I scrambled from group to group, from person to person, from administrator to administrator, I wish I did not have to have seen the shell-shocked expressions on the faces of the faculty and students. Just as I predicted, though, it was worse in the morning.

In the light of day, people got a chance to see the actual extent of damage, and the truth revealed itself to them.

The core of Longwood, “the center of school life,” was gone and with it a legacy that, while we can hope is not, probably already fades from the memory of most of us attending this college.

The faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators, of course, will always remember the Rotunda and the beauty of its design, but the students here now will only remember it as a huge fire they witnessed.

I hope I’m wrong about this. I hope that when they rebuild the Ruffners and Grainger, and put right what was made so wrong, that future classes will be able to enjoy a good book by a roaring fire underneath a hand-painted mural.

I’ll be the first to admit how quick I am to show my displeasure with this institution and some of its policies, and I have said on multiple occasions that I am not a huge fan of Longwood, but something in me was deeply shaken when I saw the four columns outside Ruffner Hall collapse.

I did not witness the fall of the golden dome, and I kept telling myself all night that things would be okay as long as those columns stayed up.

But they didn’t. They fell just as quickly as the rest of the building, and this reverberated within me to a depth I never knew I had.

For all of my complaining about Longwood, I have committed three years of my life to this college, and will probably commit at least one more.

The fallen columns shook my faith in Longwood even more; it did more than make me sad and cry, it made me angry.

Angry that a college where I have studied and struggled could so easily crumble.

Angry that such a rich heritage and past could burn so quickly, taking with it thousands of stories and traditions.

The Rotunda meant more to me than I could ever care to admit.

It was something that I believed would always be there, yet it disappeared so fast.

President Cormier and her entourage say they will rebuild it to look exactly as it had.

People grit their teeth and smile because, in the end, it has to suffice.

But I attest that it won’t matter if they rebuild it.

It won’t matter if they try to salvage some of the remains from the carcass of the Ruffners, because it will not be the same.

It will be like giving someone a new puppy because their faithful Old Yeller has died.

No matter what happens, no matter how good the new building looks, I will always remember when the Rotunda fell, and it will haunt me.

Kim Urann
Editor-in-Chief
A Message to All Mouth-Breathers

ROY ATRES
Staff Writer

Why does this planet suck so much? Actually, let me rephrase that: why does this species suck so much?

The Human race has to be the dumbest form of life in the universe.

We can never make up our minds and make a firm, absolute decision on anything.

We want gun control but we want to bare arms, we want to tone down the amount of violence and sex in movies, TV, and music yet we watch football, boxing, and pornography every single day.

We want a strict moral code in our society yet WE'RE KILLING AND ROBBING EACH OTHER EVERY DAMN DAY!!!

Why do we want these things if we're not willing to give them up? That's the only way this is going to work, theoretically speaking.

All honestly we'll never be able to get rid of sex, violence, drugs, and general wantonness; we've had them since the beginning of time.

Why can't we all just get along and live together in peace? Why do we have to be such assholes to one another?

Why can't we all just stay cool and not get bogged down in all this politically correct crap.

By the way, I am not a racist or homophobe. I am a thoughtful person, and am a plea-
ture to be around. And if you think I'm simply a nerd that should have never been born, then you can go kiss my ass.

I'm tired of all the crap that life throws at you. Just because someone else disagrees with what you may be interested in, and that person has a more illogcal background (money, big house, etc.), then that person will win.

Why? Because most people are greedy vermin that should get smacked back into reality.

There are things on this planet that we don't like.

Tipper Gore doesn't like trashy material in music so she set up the Parents Music Resource Center. Okay, but what's the point? People still buy these records, myself included. That's just what I'm into.

I'm an odd person and I have odd tastes.

However, there ARE things that bother and offend me.

I don't particularly think much of the KKK and Nazis, but that doesn't necessarily mean that I think they should be censored. If they want to have a parade or march or whatever, then they have that right. It's stated in a little something called THE CONSTITUTION!!

I don't like it, most other people don't like it, but they have that right. I know, it sucks, but that's the price of freedom. But, as part of that freedom we have freedom of choice, which means that we are free to not attend the parade or turn the channel if it happens to come on TV.

Folks, please try to figure this out. It isn't that difficult to comprehend.

The truth of the matter is that life is hard. There is no way whatsoever to make life like a bowl of cherries. There will be good and bad times, moments of happiness and depression.

All that you need to do in order to live the most comfortable life that you possibly can is to do your own thing.

If you like to be nude, then go ahead, be nude. If you prefer country music over all other music, then go ahead and listen to it.

No one should be left out of things because they don't seem to fit in.

No one should be made fun of because of a speech impediment, weight problem, or physical handicap.

We are all the same thing, a group of goofy homasapiens that should be sitting in the shade on Mars with a beer in one hand and your loved one in the other. Peace!
The History of the Hairless Norm

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In America, a woman is believed to be desirable if her skin is silky and soft. Ladies spend thousands of dollars on lotions, razors, and even salon treatments to remove hair from their skin.

Shaving, the most popular method of hair removal for American women, didn't start gaining popularity until 1915. Prior to that year, most women in the United States didn't shave at all, probably because very little body hair was publicly visible due to clothing styles. Between 1915-1919, "The Great Underarm Campaign" in advertising began. The Gillette Safety Razor Company introduced a special razor for women in 1915 and advertised it as the "Milady Décolleté" razor. Advertisers informed women that the new dress styles made removing underarm hair important because it would be seen as unseemly, unwanted, and ugly.

During the 1920's, an increasing proportion of magazine ads emphasized the importance of appearance for women in order to "ensure her mate's fidelity." It became a woman's duty to attract and please men by her appearance in the "beauty contest of life."

As a woman's responsibility to be sexually attractive evolved, skirt lengths became shorter, silk stockings began to be widely worn, and bathing suits became skimpy. Between 1941-1945 there was a shortage of silk stockings due to the war, resulting in a new bare-legged style, and the introduction of sheer nylons.

By this time the majority of women removed both leg and underarm hair as part of their personal hygiene in order to be clean, attractive, and modern. What is it that drives American women to such vanity that they would want to take a razor, or hot wax to their legs? When it's put in that phrasing it sounds a little ridiculous, and painful, but believe it or not, more than 90% of American women practice these customs.

This was a study done in 1980, conducted by Susan A. Basow, that discovered why women start to shave, and what keeps them performing this chore.

Women said that the main reason they started to shave was because it made them feel grown up, pretty and sexy. Shaving was not a chore, they actually enjoyed it. But what keeps them shaving? The answer was the same for everyone: they want to offend her by staring at her.

"I love it when I do shave, but I'm so lazy and I hate doing it," said student, Sarah Williams. "I feel better [when I shave] because I have no more hair on my legs."

In recent years, the lengths to which women will go to in order to achieve "silky, smooth legs" has gotten out of hand. There is a process known as electrolysis, in which an electrical current is sent through the hair follicle, down to the root, and essentially killing the nerve endings at the base of the follicle. This procedure is usually painful, and leaves red bumps over the area that has been treated.

Not to mention that it takes more than one session to completely kill the nerves, and each session comes with a hefty price tag.

One Longwood student went as far as ordering a hair removal kit from Australia. Freshman, Sheba Bane*, saw an infomercial about a new Australian product called Nads. It was a gel that was used to remove hair, and ensured the viewers that they would have the smoothest skin across the sea, without all of the pain that comes with hot wax.

Bane immediately ordered the product, and was told she would only have to wait four to six weeks for her supplies.

Six weeks came and went, and pretty soon six weeks turned into six months, and Bane was still without her Nads.

"On a spur of the moment I decided that I would purchase this product. So I called up the number that said they would take checks over the phone, and I put in all of my information. "In the end, it didn't come, oddly enough. Here it is, April, and I still haven't gotten my legs waxing stuff. I'm really mad. I get angry just thinking about the situation."

Taking matters into her own hands, Bane allowed one of her hall mates to call the customer service line pretending to be her; (she isn't one for delegation) and try to get the package delivered as soon as possible.

"They [the operators] were really unorganized, and the customer service line wasn't working. It was so frustrating, and we never truly got through," said Wingo. So after seven months, Bane still has not received her packaged Nads.

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Tri-Sigma Celebrates 103rd Anniversary

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Members of the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma, a National Social Sorority, held a luncheon in the Grand Dining Room of the Longwood College Dining Hall to celebrate the sorority's 103rd anniversary.

The event took place on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 2 p.m. with a buffet style luncheon followed by the annual Founder's Day program.

Sigma Sigma Sigma was founded in 1898 at Longwood College in Farmville, VA. Tri-Sigma strives to prepare women for life after college by advocating bonds of friendship, developing strong character in its members, and advocating the highest standards of conduct.

Currently, there are over 80,000 members and 300 alumnae collegiate chapters nationwide.

Presently Tri Sigma is the only National Panhellenic Conference sorority to have a colony overseas, which is located in Mannheim, Germany.
Farmville Commemorates 50th Anniversary of the Moton School Walkout on April 23

In a heartfelt inspiration ceremony, a small town reflected on the past, celebrated the present, and embraced the future.

April 23, 1951, a group of courageous young African-American students crowded in a substantial facility, victims of Plessy vs. Ferguson's "separate but equal," staged a school walkout, embarking on a crusade for equal opportunity in education. This peaceful protest led to Davis v. County Schools, one of the five cases included in Brown v. the Board of Education 1954, 55.

Samuel V. Wilson, president of the Robert R. Moton Museum, Inc., opened the ceremony welcoming the large turnout consisting of former Moton students, current Prince Edward County students, and representatives from Fuqua, Hampden Sydney College, among others.

All were gathered in hopes of putting a dark past behind them and celebrating a bright, promising future.

Wilson summed the theme of the day's events, "we grappled with the past and achieved a better future." Hunter Watson, chairman of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors—the same board which had voted to close the public school in 1959 directly opposing integration—declared in a glorious tone April 23rd to "Woke up this Morning with My Mind on Freedom."

Oliver W. Hill, the lawyer who in 1951 had the vision and courage to champion the cause of children in pursuit of the best possible education, gave an inspiring first person narrative of the events that occurred.

He spoke of leaders like young Barbara Johns, the daughter of Rev. Vernon Johns, a Civil Rights pioneer, who had "the morale and enthusiasm."

Hill spoke of changes in the 21st century, capturing a laugh of the number of descent white people have increased. He spoke at the problems that faced Prince Edward County as global problems; describing people who think in terms of the Confederacy—coming for a racially biased point of view—are not working to make the world a better more peaceful place.

Vera J. Allen, president of the Martha E Forester Council of Women, reflected on a time in the early 1920's when education for black students was limited to the sixth grade. She made the connection between getting African-American students the right to secondary education and getting the right to the best possible education.

April 23 also marked the 81st anniversary of the Martha E. Forester Council.

This organization, while committed to many things, focuses on obtaining the best possible education for all children.

Rev. Jason Thrower gave an inspiring speech cementing that the issues "weren't male or female, African-American or white, but that we are all one."

Vera Allen, Samuel Wilson, Thomas Mayfield, and John Stokes to their place on the steps of the old Moton School and cut the ribbon officially declaring the Moton Museum, a vision at least six years in the making, open.

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Colonnades will not be allowed back into their rooms until the investigation has been completed.

He also wished to remind students that this was not a University decision, but rather a call made by the fire personnel involved.

He stated, “This is out of our hands. Please understand that we must protect you.”

It was also announced that the thirty displaced faculty members whose offices were located in Grainger, would be provided with a computer lab for their use.

The last speaker was Susan Harwood, Rector of the Board of Visitors.

In her comments she remarked, “As much as we love those buildings, they are NOT Longwood college. The spirit you have shown here today is Longwood college.”

A question and answer period followed.

The feeling of pride in Jarman auditorium was obvious. Almost every statement was responded to with resounding applause.

One comment stood out in particular, when after several questions concerning the usual logistics, a student asked where she could bring clothing to donate for those that had lost all their belongings.

Dave Harnage replied, “You’re the kind of person that makes Longwood what it is; thank you.”

Any donations of clothing, food or hygiene products can be brought to Lancer gym.

Another question raised was whether or not the art work had been removed from the Rotunda.

President Cormier responded, calling it “One shaft of bright light.”

Apparently, due to the renovations all artwork had been previously removed.

One of the last comments from the audience was a call to action for members of the Longwood community.

An audience member expressed those present to all “write Governor Gilmore and ask that this project be put on the top of the list.”

At 1:00 p.m., a press conference was held in the Lancaster boardroom.

With radio, network television stations, and newspapers in attendance, President Cormier reiterated the statement that Longwood has risen from the ashes before and she will rise again.

She stated that the decisions made in reference to the cancellation of classes and finals were due to the 88% of on campus students.

Including the fire damage, there are also numerous water problems in many of the dorms. Therefore, the decision was made to have students leave by noon Saturday.

Commencement will be held as President Cormier stated “with all the pomp and circumstance we can muster.”

She then stated that “we are blessed to be a part of this community,” due to the many members of the community who have offered their homes to homeless students and public halls and buildings for classes.

In an interview with her earlier this afternoon, she said that “you gain tremendous strength from your family.”

Susan Harwood, the chair of the Board of Visitors and Farmville resident for over thirty years, stated that “the campus has come together... the main concern is the students.”

Though obviously severe, this is not the first devastating fire that the Ruffner complex has had.

In 1925, a fire started that burned down the White House, an exact replica of the Grainger building.

At press time Wednesday, Jack Roberts of Kenbridge Construction, the company in charge of the renovations of the Ruffner complex, was contacted for comment.

Upon being asked if he was aware of any speculation of a fire occurring during the renovation hours, he stated “no comment.”

He also stated that Kenbridge Construction was in full cooperation with the authorities and confirmed that they do in fact run “temporary electricity” during their hours on location.

Though the losses are extensive, Longwood hopes to begin new renovations of the entire complex immediately.

The start date is yet unknown.

Though the actual renovation project was $12 million, sources cannot confirm the exact amount of monetary loss.

What can be confirmed is the loss of history and memories to this institution.
Displaced Grainger Faculty
Faces Grading Dilemma

GEORGE LANUM
Staff Advisor

The math and modern languages departments held an emergency meeting to discuss items ranging from the end of the semester and final grades to the complete loss of faculty offices.

Norm Bregman led the discussion on how to get grades out. "Anything is possible," said Bregman, "you (the faculty) are in the best position of understanding and I'll trust your judgment."

With the faculty offices in best possible situation for all the students.

With the loss of Grainger, the math department will be temporarily located in the Hull building. Many questions remain unanswered at this point. Grainger contained 16 classrooms and at this time it is unclear as to where these classes will be relocated.

Repairs to the building are expected to take approximately 2-3 years.

Grainger facing a situation similar to the displaced Colonnades students, many are without grade books and paper.

The primary concern is how to properly evaluate grades based on the lack of information.

With many different scenarios, Bregman urged professors to keep an open door policy in dealing with students.

Bregman referred to the assembled professors as "a caring faculty and that is what makes you different."

The goal is to provide the community, the support you have all shown, it's difficult to put into words. You were very mature last night, and we want you to know that we appreciate that. I just want to say how happy I am that nobody in our complex got hurt."

Maureen Walls and Wayne O'Brien in the counseling center are having open hours for any students who need to talk.

"This is probably the worst thing that could have happened. I just feel bad for the seniors who don't get to enjoy their last week together," said Colonnades resident Brenda Barbour. She was referring to the fact that Longwood has made the decision to close all residence halls at noon on Saturday April 28.

The dorms will reopen for graduating seniors and others involved with the graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 10.

Dean Pierson said, "We are very proud of all of you. You did the right thing."

Melissa Jefferson lent her assistance to Ms. Kam Tinelle, English professor, who lost the entire contents of her office in last night's blaze.

Ms. Tinelle, who teaches grammar at this institution, is scheduled to teach this class during summer school.

Having lost all of her teaching aids and handouts, Ms. Tinelle found herself in a bind. Enter Melissa Jefferson. Melissa was an excellent student of Ms. Tinelle's.

Melissa was kind enough to go through her notebook and give Tinelle handout and the textbook for the course.

Ms. Tinelle described Melissa's notebook as emaculate. "She turned a nightmare into a miracle," said Tinelle.
Theater Review: Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream

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Sports Editor


All these described Longwood Theatre’s presentation of A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

I could not stop laughing. This is one of the best performances I have seen at Longwood, but then again I may be biased because of my love for Shakespeare.

Midsummer lives up to its billing as one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies thanks to the performance by Longwood Theatre.

I must commend David Janeski for his excellent portrayal of Hermia. His wonderful performance left the audience laughing uncontrollably.

The performances of Elena Ashan, Eddie Webster, Nathan Stockman, and Lily Lambert should be mentioned as well. As Hermia, Demetrius, Lysander, and Helena, they were able to depict the confusing love triangle or what have you between the four characters.

Webster and Lamberta were especially entertaining. Webster as the jealous, childish Demetrius and Lamberta as the quite envious and hysterical Helena. Her red hair in long pig tails and freckles add to the wonderful performance of Helena. I have to congratulate the prop crew on that note. I must praise Webster for his great work, especially considering this was his first performance on the Jarman stage.

While not as comedic as Webster and Lamberta, Nathan Stockman was amusing as Lysander, especially in the scenes following his “transformation” due to the love potion. His whimsical fight with Demetrius for the love of Helena was extremely amusing if nothing else.

Asban was also great, showing great charm and elegance in the portrayal of the beautiful Hermia.

The performance of Josh Howell was absolutely stupendous. His wonderful portrayal as Nick Bottom left me laughing all night long. And his portrayal as the ass I can’t be forgotten either. He really knows how to sound like a donkey.

But seriously, his performance was one of the funniest ones I have seen in a while. I believe he really hit the head on the nail with his portrayal of Bottom.

The other actors brought See THEATRE p. 9

Concert Review: Dave Matthews Band

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Guest Writer

I find myself setting on a stranger’s porch at 2 a.m. Carmen on Harmon, if I remember correctly.

This is the moment I’ve been waiting for. Longwood forgot when it comes to their gradual evolution towards the best reports of those actually paying attention, it started at ten o’clock.

I repeated my seatbelt for Neil Young. For someone who had the good fortune to see them early in their career—DMB as the Tuesday night house band for Trax—I am a hard person to please.

The hometown tour kickoff left a good vibes in my head. I wasn’t the most amazing thing that I heard on the way out, but it was definitely a good show with amazing energy.

The set list was weak and the jams were less than spectacular, but the location and the energy made the show what it was: an ear-grabbing sounds of a Hammond organ and drums. The music was so quiet that I was not sure if the stage was on fire, but it was. The lyricist and the words were extremely moving, and the band’s newest release, with sprinkling of a older
Restaurant Review: Circa 2011

DAWN KANEHL, Asst. Editor

Circa 2011 is a rare and unexpectd gem in Farmville. Located on Main Street near the hospital and Pizza Hut, its small gray building does not serve the restaurant justic compared to its beautiful inside décor.

My fiancé and I arrived for our reservations at five o’clock, and were promptly greeted by the host in the lobby. He led us through a heavy, black velvet curtain to arrive in the dining room.

Since it was so early we had our choice of seating, and we decided on a small table near the back door (which led to the deck) and a window with funky reflective silver blinds.

The décor of the restaurant consists of light yellow walls with gorgeous blue and black table arrangements.

Throughout dinner, very soft Italian music played and the atmosphere was quiet and calming.

The food was well worth the price we paid, and I must confess we had a gift certificate. I am sorry to say that the normal college budget probably does not permit most students to enjoy a full meal at Circa 2011, but for special occasions this is definitely the place to visit.

We had some mozzarella sticks to start, which were served with thick marinara sauce. The waiter, who was extremely attentive, brought us warm bread and butter. The best part of the meal was receiving a small complimentary appetizer, which made me feel really grown-up when our waiter said, “Compliments of the chef.” It was a small square quiche-like pastry with a bit of mozzarella and tomato and it was absolutely wonderful.

My fiancé ordered the Angus beef, which came with broccoli and potatoes and cost twenty dollars. My meal, which was seventeen dollars, consisted of jumbo shrimp atop linguine noodles with a delicate butter cream sauce.

We each got dessert, a piece of cheesecake and, of course, the traditional tiramisu. Circa 2011’s cheesecake is much fluffier and lighter than many traditional cheesecakes but it was still very tasty.

The tiramisu, which consists of espresso-soaked ladyfingers and probably Kahlua, consists of an extremely rich taste that is better than any old piece of cake or sundae.

For those of you who cannot afford Circa 2011 (like me), they have a club on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The atmosphere is sure to be awesome, with about fifty people in the blue-lit room and silver bar. Right now admission is free, and the times are between 10:00 and 2:00.

So please patronize their business if you can, they really deserve to stick around here in Farmville.

Longwood Athletic Banquet Canceled;
Student-Athlete Award Winners Announced

PRESS RELEASE

Longwood College has canceled its annual Athletic Banquet scheduled for Wednesday night, April 25, due to the devastating fire at the institution’s historic Ruffner complex Tuesday night.

The NCAA Division II Lancers field 13 varsity athletic teams and are members of the 12-school Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC), as well as the prestigious Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

This year, Longwood has compiled a school-record 179 total wins (179-80-5, .688%), the highest overall winning percentage at the school since 1972.

Four Lancer teams still have remaining competition scheduled this year.

The two top award winners are Claire Reyes/Virginia Beach and Colin Ducharme/Richmond, named the male and male athletes of the year, respectively.

Reyes, a two-time All-American, led the field hockey team to a 15-5 record and the program’s first ECAC Championship.

Ducharme, the Division II National Player of the Year and consensus All-American, led the basketball team to a 23-4 record, the program’s first CVAC Tournament Championship, and a post-season NCAA Tournament berth.

A complete list of student-athlete award winners follow below...

2001 Longwood College Athletic Banquet Award Winners

Of The Year: Ellen Berg/Linkoping, Sweden, Golf
Freshman Male Athlete Of The Year: Carl Magnussson/Linkoping, Sweden, Golf
Female Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete Of The Year: Tricia Ramsey/South Boston, Senior, Tennis
Male Henry I. Willett Scholar-Athlete Of The Year: Igors Bilis/Glen Allen, Senior, Tennis
Female ECAC Student-Athlete Of The Year: Kris Denson/Fredericksburg, Junior, Lacrosse
Male ECAC Student-Athlete Of The Year: Ben Sommerlin/Lynchburg, Sophomore, Wrestling
Female Heartland Of Virginia Sports Club Leadership Award: Natalie Smith/Charlottesville, Senior, Lacrosse
Male Heartland Of Virginia Sports Club Leadership Award: Travis Pfitzner/Woodbridge, Senior, Baseball

NOTE: ALL MAJOR AWARDS & SENIOR BLANKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM RESPECTIVE COACHES.

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Not to take away from his acting ability though. His scenes with Janecki and Granger were marvelous.

Granger was wonderful at the stunning Titania. Her verbal jousting with Oberon was amazing.

Brooks Quintan, Nicole Barr, Stephanie Atkin, and Heather Fritchley were all elegant as the fairies and their costumes were wonderful.

Also Bobby Vrites’ portrayal as Theseus should be noted as well.

His loud and booming voice showed his great power as the powerful Theseus. Dan Stoebo was also commendable as Egeus, and while Andrea Yarnell did not have much dialogue as Hippolyta, she portrayed the character well.

Ciao showed great chemistry with Janecki on the stage, portraying Oberon and Puck’s relationship.

Ciao was particularly entertaining to the women—with his open shirt exposing his chest, which doesn’t really do anything for me, but the women around me in the audience seemed to be well entertained.

Summer camp counselor jobs:


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Surprising with all the recent hype, the show features some tracks from the famed Lillywhite Sessions.

For the first time, Dave Matthews and the stock acoustic guitar pictured with him in every poster gracing the walls of your girl’s everywhere.

He trading in it was a black electric ax, introducing Dave Matthews, the rock n’ roll star.

Some fans, including my own, were put off by the electric sound and the new tunes.

For the band, whose style has been evolving since the beginning, this is simply another step on their progression from an open jam unit to a tighter 3 minute and 35 second pop band.

For the most part, DMB did themselves in front of 50,000 fans, happy-to-be-them fans at least (literally) in Charlottesville.

Of the magical moments (there were only a few), Neil Young’s stepping onstage to join Dave for “All Along the Watchtower” was impressive and original, original to the point that it sounded ill-rehearsed with problems between verse and chorus transitions. Neil and Dave traded off verses and licks until Dave led it to a string and the whole thing fizzled out.

For the hype behind this show, there wasn’t much bang for the buck.

The show was a little over two hours with few blasts from the past.

Apart from Neil Young, who had nowhere to go anyway, there were no special guests.

The rumors of Santana, Bela Fleck, and others were simply that.

The show, for what it was, was better than average.

For what could have been, this evening of music paled in comparison.
Lacrosse: Kicking Tail and Taking Names

Longwood took a 16-8 decision past visiting Shippensburg (PA) April 22 at Lancer Field, finishing the season with a 6-0 record. The Lancers defeated another nonconference opponent Randolph-Macon April 18. The Lancers defeated the #8 seed in the season opener with three goals and two assists.

Other scoring includes senior keeper Rachel Bunn/while Ullery (3g) and Smith (2g), with four goals and two assists.

The Lancers are averaging 13.56 goals per game, allowing just 7.64 per match. The Lancers are averaging 13.36 goals per game, allowing just 7.64 per match.

The Lancers are hitting .333 as a team with 44 home runs and 220 RBIs. The Lancers are hitting .333 as a team with 44 home runs and 220 RBIs.

Against division II, took a 13-9 triumph at home past Roanoke April 19 and are now 12-2 overall. Longwood is led in scoring by Smith (4.00)

Longwood will participate in the CVAC Baseball Championship in Wilson, N.C. hosted by Barton College Friday through Sunday as the #8 seed in the eight-team, double-elimination tournament.

The Lancers will play #1 seed Belmont Abbey (NC) (35-14) Friday at 7:30 p.m. LC won two of three games against the Crusaders during the regular season series April 7-8 at Lancer Stadium.

A win Friday night advances LC into a 12:30 p.m. game Saturday, while a loss Friday night in the opener has the Lancers playing again Saturday at 9 a.m.

Longwood Women's Tennis Defeats Lees-McRae

Longwood dropped a 5-0 decision to nationally-ranked #23 Lees-McRae (NC) in the CVAC Women's Tennis Championship title match April 22 in North Carolina.

The defending champion and #2 seed Lancers were unable to take a win against the #1 seed Bobcats, runners-up a year ago. Longwood, ranked #7 in the ITA East Region, has completed the regular season with a record of 14-4 and will now await a post-season invitation April 25 to the NCAA East Regional to be played May 4-6.

Longwood advanced to Sunday's championship with wins past #7 Belmont Abbey (NC) 5-0 in the quarterfinals and past #3 Queens (NC) 5-3 in the semifinals — both matches played April 21.

Against Abbey, LC got wins in singles from senior Whitney Shaw/while Ullery (3g) and Smith (2g), with four goals and two assists.

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Longwood Softball Completes Third Season of 26+ Wins

GREG PROUTY
Sports Information

Longwood won four of six games last week, defeating Barton (NC) 11-3 and 3-1 April 16 before splitting four games at the CVAC Softball Championship April 21-22 in South Carolina.

The Lancers were eliminated from the conference tournament April 22 as the #2 seed Lancers dropped a 6-5 decision to #5 Limestone (SC) after going 2-0 to #3 Queens (NC), and taking a 5-0 triumph past #7 Pfeiffer (NC) to open the event.

LC completes the regular season with a final record of 26-14-1, the program’s third consecutive season with at least 25 wins, and fourth-straight year with at least 20 wins.

Against Limestone, LC was led by sophomores Shelby Ray/Lloyd C. Bird HS (3-4, RBI), Angie Burnett/Southern Durham (NC) HS (2-4, 3 RBI), Jennifer Potts/Loudoun Valley HS (2-3, RBI), and Andi Papadopoulos/Hopewell HS (2-4).

Burnette hit a two-run home run in the 5th inning and added a double, while sophomore Tiffany Wheeler/Orange County HS (0-3) took the pitching loss with 1.1 innings on the mound — allowing three hits and two earned runs.

Against Abbey, the Lancers were led by junior Jodi Wolff-Coussoulos/Fauquier HS (3-4, RBI), Ray (3-4), sophomore Jaime Donivan/Prince George HS (2-2, RBI), and Burnette (2-3, RBI). Burnette slammed two doubles and Ray had a double as well. Potts (22-10) earned the mound win with a complete-game effort, scattering six hits with three earned runs.

Against Queens, LC managed just one hit by Papadopoulos (1-3), and Potts took the pitching loss despite allowing just two hits and no earned runs with two strikeouts.

On the mound, Potts finished 22-10 with a 2.25 ERA through 193.0 innings with 89 strikeouts.

The second-year southpaw established a new school-record for season wins (22) and innings pitched (193.0), and tossed just the seventh no-hitter in school history.

Potts was followed by Burnette (4-1, 2.57 ERA, 49.0 innings, 36 strikeouts).

The Lancers hit .291 as a team with 9 home runs and 168 RBIs, while the pitching staff had a combined ERA of 2.39 through 261.0 innings with 132 strikeouts.

Four Lancers Earn All-Conference Honors: Shelby Ray and Andi Papadopoulos each earned 1st-Team All-CVAC honors as voted upon by conference coaches prior to the tournament.

Jennifer Potts was selected to the All-CVAC 2nd-Team, while Angie Burnett garnered honorable mention All-CVAC honors.

Ray played first base for the Lancers, while Papadopoulos played right field. Potts was the team’s pitching ace, and Burnette also a pitcher and designated player.

Longwood had no seniors on the team this spring and could return as many as 15 letterwinners for 2001-02.

Against Pfeiffer, LC was led by freshman Kelly Burns/Damascus (MD) HS (3-3, 2 RBI), Wolff-Coussoulos (2-2), Wheeler (2-3), and Potts (2-4, 2 RBI). Potts had a double in the game, and also got the pitching win with the first six 6.0 innings, allowing just two hits with two strikeouts.

Potts pitched 23.2 innings during the four-game stretch at the tournament, yielding just 13 hits and six earned runs (1.77) with five strikeouts.

Through 41 games, Longwood was led offensively by Ray with her .368 batting average, including three home runs and 24 RBIs.

Ray was followed by Potts (.366, 1 HR, 20 RBI), Papadopoulos (.342, 3 RBIs, 21 hits, 15 RBI), Burnette (.286, 4 HR, 26 RBI), Wolff-Coussoulos (.279, 12 RBI), junior Jody Case/Endersby, Canada (268, 16 RBI), Wheeler (.267, 1 HR, 12 RBI), and Donivan (.254, 15 RBI).

The Lancers complete the season with a final record of 8-10.

Against Anderson, #7 seed Longwood got a lone victory in singles from sophomore Jeff Henley/Salem HS (#4) against the #2 seed Trojans.

Anderson later advanced through the semifinal round Saturday evening before falling to #1 seed Lees-McRae (NC) in the conference championship April 22.

Through 18 matches, Longwood was led in singles by sophomores Paul Petersen/Blacksburg HS with his record of 10-9. Petersen was followed by junior Mirza Iljazovic/Prince George HS (9-7), Henley (9-10), sophomore Matt Graham/Great Bridge HS (6-10), junior Gorjan Bilalic/1R. Tucker HS (6-11), senior Igor Bilalic/Albert Einstein (Germany) HS (4-14), along with sophomore Garrett James Einstein/Stafford HS (2-12) and freshman Greg Myers/James Madison HS (3-2) Memorial HS (1-3).

Bilalic and Petersen finished at 10-6, followed by G. Bilalic and Henley (9-3) and Graham and Iljazovic (2-13).

Longwood could return as many as eight letterwinners for 2001-02.
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