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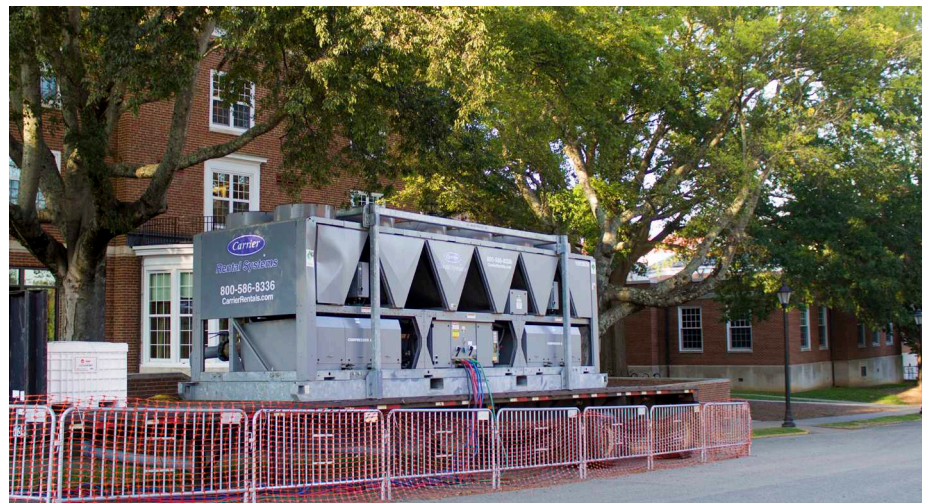
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The temporary rental chiller sits outside of Cox Hall on Madison Street with multiple lines running to Wheeler Hall.
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WHEELER ON TEMPORARY AIR COOLING

by Christine Rindfleisch | Editor-in-Chief | @its_rindfleisch

After a lightning strike hit the control panel within the HVAC system located at Wheeler Hall on Sunday, Aug. 12, the entire building was left without air conditioning, according to Doug Howell, associate director for residential operations.

Howell said the unit was "significantly damaged."

"This meant that (the) air conditioner was lost within Wheeler (Hall) for a period of several days until a temporary chiller unit was delivered on Wednesday night, August 15," said Howell.

Ultimately, roughly 118 students are impacted by the outage. Throughout the outage, power was never lost, according to Howell.

In the effort to restore air conditioning on a shorter notice, a temporary rental chiller was placed outside of Cox Hall parked on Madison St. with multiples lines servicing Wheeler.

"A crew of eight technicians worked throughout the night to restore cooling service on Thursday morning (Aug. 16)," said Howell.

Howell said the temporary chiller started working around 10 a.m. on Aug. 16 to bring down temperatures due to the high temperatures outside.

"When we activated the rental and were monitoring the system to see if it was responding...we were seeing temps in the high 80s low 90s, rooms that were occupied with windows open were in the upper 70s. We actually recovered the building to an average of 72 degrees before lunch," said Energy Manager Kevin Miller.

Residential and Commuter Life (RCL) Wheeler Desk Aid Morgan Garrison said the temperature "feels fine now".

According to Howell, Longwood is contemplating the financial situation of whether or not to replace the 11-year-old system versus fixing it.

"Discussions are still underway to determine the most cost effective means to fully restore the cooling need," said Howell.

When that decision is made, that will determine the length of time the temporary chiller will be needed to service Wheeler, per Howell.

"The temporary one (chiller) is doing a really good job we haven't had any issues with it since they had gotten it fixed," said Garrison.

According to Miller, the student response to the situation made everything go smoothly.

"It was a tough job but having that thankfulness and thoughtfulness extended added a little pep in everyone's step," said Miller. "Although having to do the job wasn't exactly great, seeing the students do that was a great way to start off this school year."

Garrison said RCL worked "all hours of the day" to get the temporary chiller up and running.

"Obviously it was hot and people don't like it hot so they were on top of it before it got way too bad where it got to the point of you couldn't even stand to be in here (Wheeler)," said Garrison.

Howell also commended Wheeler residents for understanding the situation at hand.

"When a facility crisis challenges our campus, we come together as campus partner, with a mindset of resilience and grit," said Howell.

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DRUNK DRIVER SMASHES CAR INTO LANDINGS TRANSFORMER



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by Kurt Martin | Sports Staff | @lamKurt14

Farmville Police Department (FPD) are investigating a single-car crash that resulted in the Longwood Landings losing power overnight on Aug. 20. FPD have identified Michael Aaron Cook, 28, of Burkeville, Va. as the cause of the accident when he lost control of his vehicle, crashing into the transformer that controls the power of the northwest building of the landings.

At approximately 9:37 p.m., Cook was driving his 2014 Ford Fiesta south on Midtown Avenue, under the influence. Cook was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and was ultimately released to a sober party, according to a FPD press release.

The crash caused a power outage in the northwest building of the Longwood Landings and residents were evacuated, according to RCL Mary Winn.

In an effort to resolve the situation in the other three Landings buildings, power was shut off and residents were evacuated, according to Landings Resident Assistant (RA) Trevor Heath.

"The most important thing to us is student safety, so we've gotta get an assessment from the fire department, the Dominion people, our environmental health and safety people to let us know what we need to be doing, okay so what protocols need to be put into place to handle this situation," said Director of Housing Jean Wilwohl.

Wilwohl said students were offered the option to be relocated to temporary housing, but the option was not used.

"There probably were students that decided to go stay with a friend earlier in the evening

while waiting to find out what was going on," said Wilwohl.

Power was restored to the northeast, southeast and southwest buildings at approximately 12:50 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21 and power was restored to the northwest building around 10:30 a.m. that morning.

Residents were allowed to re-enter the northwest building as soon as the power was restored for the other buildings even though although the power remained off in the northwest building, according to Wilwohl.

"Once we got the information from Dominion and the fire department that this was the situation and the power will likely be restored to these three buildings, and this is when the power would likely be restored to northwest, that's when we informed all of the crowds of students that were out there, and that's when we sent out the email notification so that if there were people that weren't still there that they would know what was going on," said Wilwohl.

A new transformer was delivered around 7 a.m. from Alexandria, Va.

According to Wilwohl, while the power was out, RA staff for the northwest building verified residents while the Lenel card reader wasn't working.

"(RCL staff) got all the emergency personnel that we needed to have there, as quick as possible, working diligently to get the students back into their living spaces," said Wilwohl.

FPD are still investigating the crash and this story is ongoing.

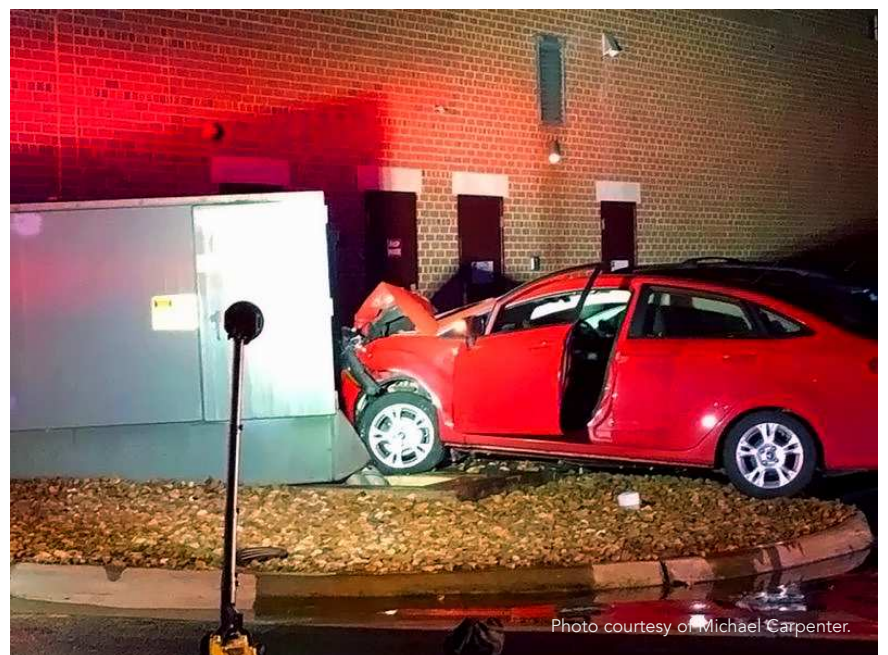
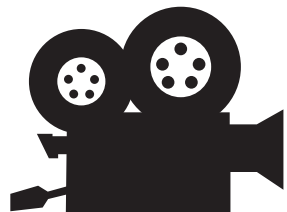


Photo courtesy of Michael Carpenter.

Michael Aaron Cook, 28 of Burkeville, was driving a 2014 Ford Fiesta, under the influence when he crashed into the transformer located behind Moe's Southwest Grill.



THE REEL LIFE

Movie reviews by Jacob DiLandro | A&E Staff | @spongejay1

CRAZY RICH ASIANS

COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.

Routine, downtrodden, played out and exaggerated are some of the words that could describe the romantic comedy genre. This type of film is so outplayed there have been films about being haunted by dead exes, couples rekindling love while searching for buried treasure, witches using spells to make others fall in love and even convincing the family of a man in a coma that you're his girlfriend.

However, in recent years, the genre has seen new life thanks to smaller stories told from new points of view ("The Big Sick", "Love, Simon"). "Crazy Rich Asians" is definitely a new point of view, but it's anything but small.

From frame one, "Crazy Rich Asians" flows from scene to scene with delicate and impactful camera movements. Each moment is framed elegantly and it feels like the first film in a long time that could be viewed and enjoyed purely based on its sets and cinematography. Director Jon M. Chu ("Now You See Me 2", "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never") and Cinematographer Vanja Cernjul ("30 Rock", "The Deuce", "Nurse Jackie") work to make each place and moment pop with color and beauty, regardless of whether the scenes are short and filled with talking or a grand overhead shot.

A delightfully upbeat score from Brian Tyler ("Fast Five", "Iron Man 3", "Now You See Me") helps to accentuate the moments of Nick Young and Rachel Chu. Young, played by Henry Golding, oozes charm from every pore of his body and it's a testament to the sharp script that he never feels condescending or mean. He's just a charming, genuine guy who's easy to like.

The supporting cast frequently steals the

show, with Awkwafina, Ronny Chieng, Nick Santos and Ken Jeong constantly providing belly laughs and moments of clarity. Their down to earth nature helps prevent the film from becoming a spectacle of excess. Gemma Chan is wonderful as Nick's cousin Astrid, although her subplot could have been given more time to shine.

However, the two show-stopping scene stealers are Constance Wu as Rachel and Michelle Yeoh as Nick's commanding mother Eleanor. Wu is an absolute delight, exuding intelligence and wit at every moment.

On the contrary, Yeoh plays Eleanor with a calm demeanor that hides a fiery spirit. All it takes is a smirk and she shuts down conversations and disputes in a flash.

While it may be gorgeously shot and written with a sharp tongue and quick wit thanks to screenwriters Peter Chiarelli ("The Proposal") and Adele Lim ("One Tree Hill"), this is still a romantic comedy. It can't break free of every cliché, and it does fall prey to many of the same beats that virtually every rom-com treads over.

Not that it's boring or bad, quite the opposite. It uses those elements and has fun within the clichés without completely reinventing them. It helps that, again, it does all of this with a

script that's quick-witted and could easily be compared to the best work of romantic comedy legend Nora Ephron ("When Harry Met Sally", "Sleepless In Seattle").

Most of all though, underneath the family politics and the gorgeous excess, this is a film that is never afraid to have fun. It keeps a consistently exuberant energy throughout the entire run-time that simply invites its audience to smile. Half of the time it feels like the actors aren't even acting, just all hanging out together, having a good time and making each other laugh, and this wonderful sense of fun is what really makes this film shine.

It also can't be understated how much love fills "Crazy Rich Asians". While that may seem like an obvious point, it is a romantic comedy after all, it feels so genuine. Love between friends, family, significant others, it all comes across so effortlessly. Instead of simply delivering a story of two people who seem to be together just because they can stand each other, Chu and his crew have created a story where people genuinely are in love, and it's all the better for it.

"Crazy Rich Asians" is a ridiculously good time. It may not reinvent the genre, but it certainly has fun within the clichés and well-trodden story beats. Its charming cast, witty script and delightful sense of fun help deliver a romantic comedy that is just crazy fun. 4.5/5

★★★★ 4.5/5



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POOLE: Flint water crisis continues

by Rachael Poole | Opinions Editor | @rapoole17



An official conducts a fire hydrant flushing to show the water contamination.

COURTESY OF CNN

The city of Flint, Michigan changed its water source from Lake Huron to Flint River in April of 2014, beginning what's now a four year battle for Flint residents. A month later, the water coming from city taps became pungent and discolored and residents started to complain about the water quality.

Four months after changing the water source, Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) confirmed that *E. coli* and total coliform bacteria were in the water, leading to multiple warnings for residents to boil their water before use.

According to MDEQ, chlorine levels in the water were increased to address the problem.

Subsequently, residents were drinking water that was contaminated with lead which led to a distrust between citizens of Flint and the government.

At the peak of the water crisis, one citizen's water was recorded to have 397 parts per billion lead compared to the federal limit of 15 parts per billion, according to Mother Jones Magazine.

On Jan. 2, 2015, Flint was found to be in violation of the Safe Drinking Water act due to high levels of trihalomethanes (TTHM), the disinfection byproducts that occur when chlorine interacts with organic matter.

Because of this, the state started buying bottles of water for its government employees.

Flint switched back to the Detroit water supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority, on Oct. 16, 2015; Governor Rick Snyder's office gave a press statement saying the water would be easier to manage and that it seemed the residents of Flint would trust it more.

However, two months later, Flint Mayor Karen Weaver declared a state of emergency over the elevating lead levels in the water. A month after in Jan. 2016, Governor Snyder and President Barack Obama both declared state of emergencies as well.

Obama's federal state of emergency declaration meant the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was allowed to provide equipment and resources to the

residents affected by the crisis, and federal funding could be implemented to help cover the cost of water.

Three weeks after states of emergency were declared, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an emergency order on the means that the City of Flint's and State of Michigan's responses to the water crisis were "inadequate", according to the EPA's official emergency administrative order.

As of April, 2018, Michigan ended the free bottled water program that was implemented in response to the deadly levels of lead in the city's tap. Governor Snyder said in a press statement that the water's quality is "well within the standards" after tests were done.

The free bottled water program was part of the \$450 billion dollar federal aid package that followed after Obama declared a state of emergency; the water bottles were given out at multiple locations across the city.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician who was one of the first to notice the rising levels of lead in children's blood, said in a tweet that the decision to end the program was wrong, and "until all lead pipes are replaced, state should make available bottled water and filters to Flint residents."

This is wrong.

Until all lead pipes are replaced, state should make available bottled water and filters to Flint residents. #FlintWaterCrisis — Mona Hanna-Attisha (@MonaHannaA) April 6, 2018

Despite it being said by officials that the water is safe, residents still don't trust the water.

The main question to gather from this article is, "Why has it taken over four years to fix this issue?"

According to Anna Clark, author of "The Poisoned City", a lot of the problems come down to the history of Flint - segregation and unfair housing laws caused the population to be cut in half and for middle-class, white residents to leave.

Today, Flint has half the number of residents it did in the 1960s, and there's still more

infrastructure than needed for the number of residents. Because of this, Flint citizens are paying for a water system that's meant to serve more than twice as many people.

Since it was harder for residents to afford the water, it was left stagnant and led to a large absorption of lead and corrosion of other contaminants.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) panel found in a commission that institutional racism is also at fault for the crisis - their studies went back to the segregation and unfair housing laws.

These policies coincided with each other in a way that if you were an African American or an immigrant from some countries, it was nearly impossible for you to buy a home outside a few neighborhoods designated for people of color, or to attend a school that wasn't overcrowded.

The lack of a political climate in Flint left residents nowhere to go, which also allowed the government to delay getting involved until it started making national news. Being in a low-income, low-populated area only made the circumstances worse for the residents.

It's been easy to push the Flint water crisis under the table as it's had a lack of media coverage since the peak of its issues. National reports were not made on the crisis until about a year after it began.

A Harvard study conducted in 2017 posed the question: Would the situation have turned out differently if national media intervened sooner?

Poor media diversity contributed to the crisis because there is not a fair representation of people of color (POC) in the media. Only 17 percent of newspaper staffs in the nation are POC, according to Harvard.

Overall, media coverage has definitely decreased, leaving the impression that the situation has been handled.

Would this crisis have kept going for four years if it happened in a predominantly white area?



A Dynasty in the Making

On 25th anniversary, Lancers look to reach new heights

by Patrick Sanderson | Sports Editor | @psanderson20

The women's soccer team practices two touch drills during practice.

CARRIE BAILEY | THE ROTUNDA

By any measure, last season was nothing short of historic for the Longwood women's soccer team. Their loss in the Big South championship game to the High Point Panthers wasn't how they expected to conclude their season by any means, but their monumental performance over the course of the year etched their way into Longwood history.

As if reaching their first Big South championship wasn't enough, two Lancers made it on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays and four collected Big South major awards – a record for most awards by a single team in conference history. Although losing in the

conference title stung, 2017 was far from disappointing.

Now, if it wasn't clear enough already, head coach and reigning Big South Coach of the Year Todd Dyer and his Lancers are no longer underdogs in the Big South. Rather, he has firmly established the program into a conference powerhouse and a legitimate championship contender.

"We've never won a regular season championship, and we've never won a conference tournament, so those are two things that we are absolutely shooting for," Dyer said. "But we know that those are just byproducts of your culture and training habits."

Dyer, a Longwood men's soccer alum, has consistently produced winning seasons year after year since founding the program in 1993.

Celebrating the program's 25th anniversary this season, Dyer enters the year on a mission to hoist his first-ever trophy.

The veteran head coach bolstered his

roster this off-season by adding six freshmen and one transfer student to a Lancer lineup which includes 20 returning players, eight of which served as starters last fall.

Notable players returning to the field this season are senior defender and reigning Big South Defensive Player of the Year Sydney Wallace and senior forward Kathryn Miller who will be serving as team captains. Wallace and Miller represent two of seven seniors on the roster, all of whom will be facing an adjustment to new roles, according to Dyer.

"All of (the seniors) will have roles within our system, but some of them are new roles," Dyer said. "The veteran players have the same challenge as a lot of the newer players do of fitting into that new role or position."

With the off-season and pre-season in the rear-view mirror, Dyer shifts his focus to identifying systems to fit the talent on his roster.

"We've never been stuck in a system. We try to identify the talent we have and come up with a system that suits that talent," Dyer said. "We're just trying to figure out the personality of this new team, what systems and style of play best suits us this year."

The Lancers kicked off their new season Aug. 17 against UNC Charlotte, losing in overtime 1-0. They rebounded two days later with a commanding 4-0 win at home against the Richmond Spiders, all leading up to their match at American University on Thursday, Aug. 23.



CARRIE BAILEY | THE ROTUNDA

Dyer gives instruction to his team prior to practice.



The G.A.M.E 9.0 Recap

Lancers show inspired performance, score 2-1 win over Bucknell

by Kurt Martin | Sports Staff | @IamKurt14

JACOB PUTERKO | THE ROTUNDA

The Lancers and Bison line up to battle it out in the second half of the G.A.M.E 9.0

At Longwood, First Friday Back is an annual kickoff to the new school year following the first week of classes. Students gathered at Wheeler Mall and then marched together as one united force, making their way to the Athletics Complex to cheer on the Lancers.

This year's G.A.M.E 9.0 (Greatest Athletic March Ever) featured the Longwood field hockey team against the Bucknell Bison in front of a crowd of 2,073 people. For head coach Iain Byers, dealing with the large crowd was a discussion point before the game.

"We talked a lot about the crowd and what effect it can have and how you can use the energy for good, and trying to avoid the nervousness," said Byers.

Senior goalkeeper Katie Wyman used her coach's advice on how to stay focused.

"Thank you for staying, because it really helped us along and we felt their energy and we played with the energy and that really helped us keep that ball out there," said Wyman.

Wyman, who ended with a total of seven saves to keep the Lancers ahead, held high praise for her teammates after the game.

"My teammates, they did awesome. So it was them that did it all. I was just there when they needed me," said Wyman.

"Katie did a great job in the back just really anchoring," Byers praised. "She came up with every save she needed and did a great job of that."

The Lancers and Bison jostled for position most of the first half until the ice was finally broken by senior forward Leonie Verstraete in the 26th minute to give the Lancers the 1-0 lead. The Bison then fired back to equalize as senior forward Nicole Rupnik tipped in a shot as time expired in the first half to tie the game at one.

The Lancers scored the winning goal 13 minutes into the second half as junior forward Olivia Wawrzyniak sent a shot into the bottom right corner making the score 2-1.

"It felt pretty good, great way to lead the season and I couldn't have done it without my teammates," said Wawrzyniak.

All three goals in the contest came off of penalty corners.

Bucknell outshot the Lancers 14-11 in the contest, while the Lancers held the slight edge in penalty corners 7-6.

The Lancers are looking forward to their next match after Friday's signature win, as they host U-Mass Lowell at 4 p.m. on Aug. 30.



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Elwood tries to raise the spirit and says hi to all the kids there.



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