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Brock Hall opened last May to serve as the Student Success Center and is now officially open for students now that the new school year has begun.

Brock Hall

Brock Hall, located between Greenwood Library and Lankford Hall, is now officially open starting Fall 2018, according to Jerry Jerome, facilities planner at Longwood University. This newly completed building is now home to the new Student Success Center. Brock Hall provides a variety of resources for students at Longwood University.

Offices within the building include the Center of Academic Services, the Writing Center, the Registrar, the Office of Financial Aid, Disability Resources, First Year Experience and Family Programs, according to the Longwood University website.

"Brock Hall is named after (Joan) Brock after her outstanding contribution to Longwood (University)," said Jerome.

According to Jerome, the construction of Brock Hall cost \$6,800,000.

Thanks to the strong financial support from Brock, Brock Hall is now home to one out of the many new resources on campus. The two-story building has 25,000 square foot adding to Brock Commons.

There were situations that delayed the opening of Brock Hall, according to Bob Chambers, project manager at Longwood University.

"We did have performance issues with the contractor," said Chambers.

Frazer Hall

According to Kim Bass, deputy director for capital design and construction, other construction projects are underway as well. Frazer Hall is on schedule to open in fall 2019. Parking plans are still to be determined.

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Upchurch University Center

The question that students constantly have asked about is the estimated opening of the Upchurch University Center. The grand opening is scheduled for the end of October 2018, according to Bass.

"Upchurch (University Center) is now 95 percent complete and (is) on schedule," said Bass.

Upchurch University Center is a three-story, 79,000 square foot building, according to Longwood University website.

"It is the third-largest building on campus. Curry and Frazier is the only other two that are larger," said Bass.

According to Bass, the building will hold the many things that students want and need. There will be Panda Express, Au Bon Pain, FarmGrill and Starbucks in addition to the meeting spaces for clubs and organizations.

Bass said there are also lockers available to clubs and organizations. The lockers will be numbered and secured.

"Lankford (Student Union) has met its life-expectancy for the university, as far as services it provides and it was time for a larger and newer building. (Upchurch University Center) speaks more to today students," said Bass.

The parking lot constructed next to Upchurch is only designated for handicapped individuals and visitors.

"The total cost of the building is \$31 million, 456,406 dollars, which includes construction, food services and other costs," said Bass. "We only had one donation of (\$4 million dollars), from Elsie Upchurch, which the building was named after."

"(Upchurch University Center) is a fantastic building," said Chambers.

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Greens to Go moved and meal plans changed

by Jesse Plichta-Kellar | Assistant News Editor | @JesseKellar

Greens-to-Go has moved from Lancer Café to the bottom of Dorrill Dining Hall after rave reviews from students.

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With the opening of the new Upchurch University Center fast approaching, Longwood Dining Services has made several changes to dining options for students in addition to changes to the meal plans offered. Ultimately, Dining Services has removed Lancer Café from the bottom of Lankford Student Union, according to Grant Avent, general manager of Longwood dining services.

“Last spring was the end of the Lancer Café. Einstein’s bagels went away,” said Avent. “The convenience store that was in there, we moved. Greens-to-Go we moved, because that was so popular and moved the sushi.”

The convenience store has been moved to the library, now called The Comma, a Place to Pause, per Avent.

Java City was removed because of Starbucks moving into the Upchurch University Center, according to Avent. Outta Here was removed and Dorrill Dining Hall now allows students to take their meals to go, in new reusable containers.

The hours have changed for Greens-to-Go with the move, per Avent.

“Greens-to-Go has moved to where Outta Here used to be. Greens to Go was so popular we wanted to keep that going and sushi was as well,” Avent said. “For Greens to Go, those hours mimic what we had over here. It’s not as long as we had over at the café because it’s not the same thing, it’s the same concept.”

According to Avent, the hours of the Upchurch University Center will be longer and provide dining options later at night.

Decisions regarding dining services are

influenced by a committee of students that meet once a month.

“That’s pretty much an open forum, there is a committee but anyone is welcome to come,” said Avent.

Additionally, the available meal plans have changed this year, per Jean Wilwohl, director of housing. Meal plans are purchased through Residential and Commuter Life (RCL).

“We (RCL) facilitate the process of students registering for a meal plan. When residential students sign up for housing they sign up for a meal plan at the same time,” said Wilwohl.

According to Wilwohl the meal plans have changed from having block or weekly options to exclusively block meal plans.

“The reasoning to that was to get rid of the meal periods so there is more flexibility for students to use the meal plans at different

times of the day,” said Wilwohl.

Previously, 19, 14 and 10 meals per week were available in weekly plan. Per Wilwohl, the block plans available correlate to the prior weekly plans, with unlimited meals replacing the 19 weekly and the block 225 plan replace the 14 weekly.

Wilwohl said the change was made to make the meal plans more flexible for the students.

“Because of the meal periods, there could be a time late in the afternoon, let’s say it was three in the afternoon,” Wilwohl said. “If you were previously on a weekly meal plan it was in between a meal period. So you couldn’t use a meal swipe during that time you’d have to use your bonus dollars.”

The block plans, according to Wilwohl, resolve this issue.

“Anytime of day or night, if the dining service is open you could use a meal swipe,” said Wilwohl.

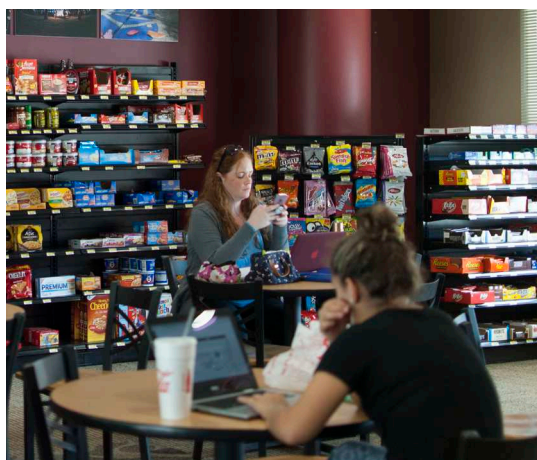
The price of meal plans have increased, per Wilwohl.

“Each year they go up by...average, about three to five percent. (It’s) in that range for this year. There wasn’t any large jump moving to the block plans,” said Wilwohl.

More changes are being made in the next month with the opening of Upchurch University center, according to Avent.

Upchurch University Center will include a fully-licensed Starbucks, Panda Express, Au Bon Pain and Farmgrill.

Per Avent, dining services may open its new locations in Upchurch University Center the week of Sept. 24.



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The Comma, a Place to Pause, replaced Java City in the Greenwood Library.

The Appomattox River Company began as a hobby

by Kurt Martin | Sports Staff | @IamKurt14

In the beginning, Bob Taylor searched for some sort of recreation to pass the time, and when he found it, it did nothing but spark a massive interest.

“When I was a boy I deer hunted all the time. I’ve been there, done that. I didn’t like to play softball, don’t play golf, so I bought a canoe from Holiday Lake when they replaced their fleet up there, and started drifting down the Appomattox, and became involved with people who were doing the same thing,” said Taylor.

After discovering the sport of paddling and canoeing, through gained friendships and likewise interests, the Appomattox River Company was born in 1977.

Bob Taylor is the owner and founder of Appomattox River Company. The business started out as a sole proprietorship and is now an incorporated business with three locations in Farmville, Hampton and Ashland. The Farmville location is at 614 North Main Street.

“There were two clubs in Virginia: The Float Fisherman of Virginia and Coastal Canoeists, and I joined both of those. Then, a group of us around this area started canoeing and kayaking, one of them has a certain amount of notoriety, and his name is Watkins Abbott. He and I both put up some money and bought eight canoes from a manufacturer that was just starting down in South Carolina (Perception Kayaks),” said Taylor.

“Appomattox River Company has basically grown as the paddle sports industry has grown, and we’ve been a big player in the game the whole time,” said operations manager and Farmville Town Councilman Brian Vincent.

The location of Appomattox River Company in Farmville was actually a family owned property that originated as a lumber business.

“These warehouses were built in in 1926 and it used to be a lumberyard/construction business that operated out here. It was a business that my father in law’s (Taylor)



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The Appomattox River Company is located at 614 North Main Street in Farmville.

father started, and as the kayak business grew he began to take over the warehouses with canoes and kayaks, and that’s how it all came to pass,” said Vincent.

Appomattox River Company takes pride in their craft in a multitude of ways and tries to achieve the best selection of products.

“What sets us apart, is the fact that we over the last 41 years have grown into a business that can stock a million-dollar inventory. So, not many canoe and kayak companies can keep a million dollars’ worth in inventory. People can come here and they can get everything they want instead of having to go to three different stores,” said Taylor.

who know them via our passion for the industry that can’t be conveyed by some of those bigger box stores. If you can go get toilet paper, and a kayak in the same place you’re probably not going to get expert advice on paddling,” said Vincent.

While there are no discounts for college students, Appomattox River Company works to be fair with pricing.

“We generally try to give the best price we can to everybody. You know, if you’re a college student were definitely going to try to help you out because we know that your income situation is a little less than ideal when it comes to disposable income

for recreational activities, so we’re always trying to help people get on the water. That’s our main objective,” said Vincent.

At the core, Appomattox River Company wants to build relationships with its customers.

“We want your experience here to be in line with how fun the activity is. We want you to come here and have a good experience, have fun and enjoy your time. We are big on our customer service, and our interaction with customers because those customers become family. We are also trying to look out for you as far as safety concerns and things like that, so for us it’s about selling fun. It’s what we do,” said Vincent.

For Taylor, after 41 years of work he simplifies it all in just a few words.

“It’s just a hobby that evolved into an avocation, which evolved into an occupation and that’s sort of the history of the business,” said Taylor.



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Starting the business 41 years ago, owner Bob Taylor became involved in canoeing and kayaking and found others with similar interests before starting the business.

Appomattox River Company strives to have proper staffing to give customers the best advice possible.

“There is a unique opportunity we have to speak to our authenticity as actual paddlers, people who recreate who use these boats,



Lack of diversity in the realm of fashion

by Taiya Jarrett | A&E Staff | @ohsoootay

Courtesy of Jezebel

The industry known for “breaking barriers and taking risks” has barely taken a risk on diversity and it shows.

The world of fashion has experienced a lack of diversity for quite some time. More specifically, dating back to 2015 in relation to the percentage of runway diversity. The Fashion Spot reported in “spring (of) 2015 that number was only 17 percent” of how many people of color were strutting on the runways.

With previous years’ abundance of thin models, New York Fashion Week (NYFW) acknowledged shows have decided to include models of all sizes, yet that still doesn’t resolve the entire issue at hand.

According to the Fashion Spot, New York Fashion Week catwalks for A/W of all the models that walked during the week, “78.69 percent were white,” and “out of 4,621 looks, only 985 were worn by models of color”.

Ultimately, it is safe to say that there’s not a lot of people of color sashaying the runways. This may be shocking for some, but according to The Business of Fashion, “fashion shows in four of the major fashion capitals consist of 80 percent Caucasian models”.

Along with the fashion shows, high profiled magazines such as Glamour and Marie Claire also show a higher liking toward Caucasian models. However, there’s a se-

lected few that try to focus on a particular race and actually address that.

Magazines such as Essence, Latina and Ebony prefer to have models who are African American or Latino. Of the few African American models, Naomi Campbell, Iman and Grace Jones have paved the way for many aspiring models of color.

African American model Nykhor Paul recently voiced her opinion in an Instagram post. “I’m tired of complaining about not getting booked as a black model and I’m definitely super tired of apologizing for my blackness”.

There are a few African American models in the industry, but it’s clear the industry is more accepting of African Americans with lighter skin tones as opposed to ones with darker skin tones.

Paul and other models such as Jourdaan Dunn, were even refused service because of it.

“I’m normally told I’m canceled because I’m colored, they say if you have a black face on a magazine cover it won’t sell, but there’s no real evidence for that. It’s lazy. You always hear, there aren’t enough black models,’ which is BS. It’s all about these dead excuses,” said Dunn in a recent interview.

These issues are not only apparent on the runways, but they’re also occurring in other places of work. As of 2012, Catalyst.org reported statistics that displayed a low rate

of 34.3 percent of non-Caucasian people in the workforce. Including the fashion industry, some of these places may not solely focus on your work ethic or qualifications, but on your skin color.

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Poole: The Catholic Church won't fix child sexual abuse issues

by Rachael Poole | Opinions Editor | @rapoole17

Decades of abuse covered up by Church leaders shows the Church doesn't care

COURTESY OF BBC

The Catholic church has dealt with sexual abuse accusations in the last decade spanning across the United States, Australia and Ireland.

Reverend David Poulson admitted to being “aroused” by two young boys he was tutoring in the years of 2002 to 2010, and 2003 to 2006. According to BBC, the Church was made aware of these incidents in 2010, but nothing was done until 6 years later in response to a grand jury subpoena.

Poulson’s case is an example of how abuse and cover-up continue to exist in the Catholic Church, even after the scandal started making news 16 years ago. Since then, the Church has promised to reform to prevent these events.

In Pennsylvania, Poulson was one of 301 predatory priests identified in a grand jury report released Aug. 14 that covered child sexual abuse in six Pennsylvania Catholic dioceses and religious leaders’ efforts hide it.

The investigation ended up identifying over 1,000 victims.

The report is one of the most substantial public accountings of abuse within the Catholic Church and deals with events before the early 2000s.

In 2002, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in response to sexual abuse within the Church. The charter addresses the procedure for reporting allegations against priests for child sexual abuse.

Despite this, the scandals, subsequently followed by cover-ups, continued.

In 2002, a female victim reported that a priest in the Allentown Diocese abused her. The district

attorney didn’t pursue a criminal case, saying it was due to the statute of limitations.

Twelve years later in 2014, Harrisburg Bishop Ronald Gainer wrote to the Vatican insisting that an accused priest should not be removed from the priesthood even though he was taken from active ministry. Gainer wrote that the priest should be allowed to live the rest of his life without the public knowing of his crimes because of his involvement with the Church.

After the grand jury report, the Harrisburg diocese said in a statement that the letter didn’t represent the actions taken and wasn’t part of a scheme to cover up the incidents.

In Australia, the Catholic Church rejected a landmark inquiry’s recommendation that priests should be forced to report sexual abuse disclosed during confession. The inquiry found that thousands of children were victims of sexual abuse within the Church.

According to the Australian Catholic

Bishops Conference, reporting allegations made during confession is against their faith and contradicts religious liberties. The Conference also insisted that new rules would prevent people from disclosing those incidents during confessions.

The state of South Australia has already announced new laws to begin in October that will require clergy to report abuse. However, the Catholic Church and its leaders have vowed not to follow that law.

Many accusations date back to the 1950s, but they didn’t start making headlines until the 1980s, primarily in the US and Canada. Ten years later, more stories started to emerge across the world and the allegations became a global discussion.

In 2004, a Church-commissioned report said more than 4,000 US Roman Catholic priests had faced sexual abuse allegations in 50 years, involving more than 10,000 children - mostly boys.

At the beginning of August of 2018, Pope Francis wrote to all Roman Catholics condemning child sexual abuse in the church and demanded that there be an end to cover-ups, according to BBC.

After decades of child sexual abuse, it becomes more abundantly clear that the Catholic Church will not make adequate attempts to fix these issues and to prevent these disgusting situations.

Every time an article about child sexual abuse comes out, the natural reaction is typically shock. At what point is, “This needs to stop,” going to be the primary reaction?



COURTESY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES

Pope Francis' letter addressed the pain of abuse victims in Pennsylvania after the grand jury report was released.

Katie Wyman's journey to the cage started unexpectedly

by Kurt Martin | Sports Staff | @IamKurt14

Katie Wyman, from Havertown, Pa., is a Redshirt Junior goalkeeper for the Longwood Field Hockey team. In her previous season she received Second Team All MAC honors, while playing every game in the cage. She also received the honor of being a captain and still holds that honor today.

Every person has a journey that gotten them to the point they're at today, and for Wyman, her journey in the cage began as a result of unfortunate circumstances.

"I tried out for my middle school team in seventh grade, at that point I was still a field player, and then I broke my arm, and they said the only way I could play is if I put a huge, thick, like four-inch pad around my cast, and then I went into the goal," said Wyman.

At that time players were a little apprehensive about taking over the position, but it was a challenge that Wyman took head on and never looked back.

"I was like I'm going to try it, because no one ever wants to be goalie, everyone fought and argued that no 'it's your turn to be goalie', 'it's your turn to be goalie', so I was like alright I'll do it, and then I ended up loving it," said Wyman.

After winning a multitude of awards in her four years of play at Haverford High School Wyman decided to take her talents to Farmville and play for the Lancers.

Wyman was introduced to Longwood by Daan Polders, who trained her to build the skills she puts to use today.

"If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be here, because I had no idea where Longwood was, what it was, or if it even had field hockey. I never bothered to search because I

didn't know if I wanted to come down here, and then, when I got in contact I was like, actually I really like the south because I'm from Philadelphia, so it's completely different cultures," said Wyman.

Head Coach Iain Byers was impressed with Wyman's skills from the outset of watching her play.

"The way our recruiting structure goes is, you see them play, ask them to come to campus, if they come to campus it shows a level of interest, and that was a good start for us. Then Katie came down for a clinic, and did very well at the clinic. She is a very intelligent, well-spoken young lady, so we chatted afterwards and then it fell into the traditional recruiting," said Byers.

After her freshman season in 2015, Wyman decided to redshirt during her sophomore season as she looked toward her future.

"I wasn't going to play, I was told. I can either sit on the bench for the season, or I could redshirt and save a year of eligibility. I looked at my schedule, and looked at where I wanted to go in life because at the end of the day it is about sports, but it's really about school and where you're going to be. Even though I love field hockey, and love everything about it, at the end of the four years I'm done. This is it. I'm not going to play anymore," said Wyman.

Wyman looks back at her choice to redshirt as the correct one, because it enables her to do more academically.

"I'm going to be a nurse, and to go on to nursing school I have to get some extra classes in. So it worked out that if I would

redshirt I could take that extra semester just to get some classes that I needed. I believe everything happens for a reason, and I think that happened for a reason because it all works out perfectly," said Wyman.

This is Wyman's second year of being a captain, and in the offseason, leadership was an aspect that she worked to improve. The improvements have been noticed by the coaching staff.

"She is widely respected by her peer group which I think is a good start, and Katie is a hard-nosed individual, and she is honest in nature, and the team embraces her and appreciates her honesty. It is one of our core values, so it was a pretty easy decision," said Byers.

You can catch Katie and her fellow Lancers in their next game against UC Davis on September 6.





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