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Assault At Grove Street Latest In Crime String

COREY MORRIS
News Editor

At 10:05 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 12, Longwood University Campus Police received a report of an assault that occurred in the vicinity of Grove Street in the Town of Farmville. The incident took place in the 100 Block of Grove St., near Grove Street Park, at the intersection of Grove and Buffalo Streets. Grove St. is best known to students as the entrance to the new Lancer Park pedestrian bridge. The victim said advised he was walking to campus from Lancer Park when two black males approached him. He told police one of the black males punched him in the face without any notice or provocation.

The perpetrators were described as being 20 to 25 years in age. One subject was described as approximately 5-foot-11 and weighing around 175 pounds with short hair and wearing black pants. The second male was described as just over six-foot tall, weighing 190 pounds with an earring in each ear. He was dressed in red shorts and black shoes, according to the victim. The victim, a Longwood student, was examined by medical personnel for minor injuries and released.

Sunday's assault is the latest in three that have occurred in the last two weeks. Longwood students were the victims in all three incidents.

The first assault was on Aug. 29 in the Jarman Hall parking lot, located behind North Cunningham Residence Hall. The alleged victim in that incident advised he and a female companion were behind the building and were approached by a group of six or seven male subjects. The victim told police he was punched in the face after a non-confrontational conversation. The suspect was described as a white male, around twenty 20-years-old with brown hair and about 5-foot-6. The other suspects in that incident were wearing white t-shirts and black pants. The group was last seen running toward Griffin Boulevard after the confrontation.

Friday of that same week, police responded to an armed robbery and assault on Second Street in Farmville. The victim advised he was traveling home when a black male approached him with a gun and demanded money. A second suspect approached the victim after he said he had no money and assaulted him. The suspects fled the area after stealing the victim's cell phone.

"We've had incidents ever since I've been here on occasion," said Longwood Police Chief Bob Beach. He said many of the suspects in these crimes dress and act like college students. Beach said it is difficult sometimes to distinguish them from Longwood students.

Beach said the suspects in all three incidents are still at large, with the exception of one male from this past Sunday's assault. He said that subject has yet to be in a photo line-up to see if he was a perpetrator. "Now, we're at the position where we are questioning and investigating and using other methods to determine the identity of these folks," said Beach.

Sophomore Coy Hughes said he feels it is concerning that his safety isn't assured when he walks to class from his off-campus residence. "I definitely didn't feel safe walking to my [5:30 p.m.] class today," Hughes added. "I think it's hard to predict how people are going to act. I noticed that most of the attacks have been on lone males, but I don't think anyone feels truly safe."



A Longwood student was assaulted Sunday near Grove Street Park.

Photo By: Alex Goad

Beach said the assaults seem to be related, due to their commonalities. He said the subjects' "method of operation is somewhat similar" and the way the incidents have occurred are very alike.

"I think common sense is the best way to handle it, and Campus Police are doing their best to keep people informed and provide ways to keep oneself, and his or her friends safe," concluded Hughes.

Senior Dana Smith said more police officers should patrol areas that are poorly lit near campus, such as parking locations and the area behind Wingshak on South Main Street. "It's bad. Especially at night." She said while the Lancer Park pedestrian bridge area is lit, it still seems dangerous.

Smith said, "It doesn't feel comfortable to be alone at night anymore. I've gotten Night Walkers to walk me home and sometimes they take forever."

There is some positive news to be reported in the midst of the recent crime

spike. Three suspects involved in a string of burglaries spanning Farmville and two counties have been caught. Lieutenant Andy Ellington of the Farmville Police Department said the suspects were apprehended Thurs., Sept. 9, after a reported robbery in Farmville. "They have been arrested and charged with several burglaries in the town, [Prince Edward] County and also Cumberland County," said Ellington. He did not say if the suspects are those responsible for the 50 or more break-ins that have occurred throughout the region since May.

Anyone with additional information on any of the incidents or other crimes, please call the Farmville Police Department at 434-392-3332 or Longwood Police at 434-392-2091. Crimes and information can be reported anonymously online at www.longwood.edu/police/.

Residence Halls Implement New Sign-In Policy Amid Crimes

COREY MORRIS
News Editor

In an effort to increase campus security, a few changes have taken place at residence halls on campus. On Wed., Sept. 8, every residence hall began requiring residents, along with those who have access to the hall, to sign in every guest, including Longwood University students, at the hall's front desk. Associate Dean of Students and Executive Director of Residential and Commuter Life (RCL) Larry Robertson said the policy was implemented because the university has yet to see a change in student behavior amid the recent string of assaults in the Town of Farmville and on campus. Robertson said the university's concern is student safety and he wants people to pay more attention to what is happening.

Robertson said the conversation to execute this new policy took place between himself, Longwood Police Chief Bob Beach, and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Tim Pierson. The discussion focused on what to do in order to ensure safety, Robertson's "top priority" is maintained within residence halls. Robertson said something had to be done because the issue was everywhere in the local media, but students were still continuing about their business as if nothing was happening in town. "We know it's out there. We've done what we can to make students realize that things can happen in Farmville," said Robertson.

He described the purpose of the

change is to implement something "immediately so students could feel safer." Robertson said he had no doubts that what was discussed between him, Beach and Pierson would be an appropriate measure that RCL would act upon. "I know that whatever we ask RCL to do, they will respond," Robertson noted. "They always respond with care and professionalism."

The plan was taken to RCL staff, consisting of RCL Director Angela Jackson; Assistant Director of Occupancy Management Jean Wilwohl; and Resident Education Coordinators (RECs), who all met sometime around 8 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the issue and the proposal that was developed an hour or so before. "I told them, 'I know this is late notice, but this is something we want to start, particularly before the weekend,'" said Robertson. "It was quick." He told his staff to test the policy before Thursday night so if any problems developed, they could be fixed prior to the weekend.

Robertson said an increase in front desk hours and a system where all guests should register at the front desk were both appropriate measures. "Always, one our biggest concerns ... is people who tailgate and people who bring people in that they may not really know as well as they should."

Under the new policy, each resident is asked to scan his or her identification card in order to enter into the residence hall. Residents living in buildings that have several entrances will now have to enter through the main entrance, a

process that should be complete this week. This includes the Cunninghams, ARC and Stubbs. Cox and Wheeler communities already function on this system. Additionally, front desk locations in all residence halls will be manned from 1 p.m. until 2 a.m., seven days a week.

"The fact of the matter is, we will know who the people are that are coming into that building and where they're going to be and who is responsible for them," said Beach. He said the new policy adds a "significant level" of safety to residence halls.

Shortly after the policy was put into effect, rumors began to develop about three separate incidents, all involving shootings, around Farmville. They included rumors of a drive-by shooting at McDonalds on South Main St., a shooting outside of Stubbs Residence Hall, and a shooting at an off-campus fraternity house on Second St. The only actual incident later confirmed to have occurred was on Wednesday night was what Beach called a "non-incident" at a motel in town. "It was apparently some redneck riding through Farmville and he shot two rounds up in the air. He wasn't shooting at anybody," said Beach.

Robertson said many students thought the policy was initiated due to an incident either off-campus or in a residence hall. "There were no threats that led to all of this. Nothing precipitated this." Robertson said anytime something as described in the rumors would happen, Longwood would send a notice

to students. "Did I anticipate this causing mass fear? Honestly, no we didn't."

"I had no idea, nor did Dr. Pierson, nor did anyone else know what had happened at the motel," Robertson said. He added that he didn't learn about the incident until 3 p.m. Thursday. He also said the policy was discussed and implemented before the situation at the local motel.

Beach spoke at great length about the dangers of spreading rumors like what happened Wednesday. He said for people to contact their REC or Campus Police if they hear of a rumor they are not sure about. He said the improper thing to do is keep spreading something not confirmed. Beach said, "Spreading rumors is a really bad thing. It can really cause lots of difficulties." He added that the alert system would be activated if a situation were to occur in which the campus community is in immediate danger. "If you hear a rumor, verify it before you spread it" he said. "That will widen the circle of influence on the rest of the campus community."

Robertson said because the policy was implemented so quickly, RECs did not have time to send an email to their residents explaining the changes. Most residents were notified via email by RECs by Friday evening with a more detailed explanation of the policy change. Robertson said some RECs may have met with desk aide (DA) and resident assistant (RA) staff members on Wednesday, but there was no uniform procedure.

He said RAs were not put on high alert

or in a lock-in type situation as some students first reported. Robertson noted that RAs have been asked to take care of themselves and not go on rounds outside alone. He added said some RAs may need to take on some additional responsibilities. "To my knowledge, nobody was forced to take on extra hours," said Robertson. He added many people volunteered to work extra time. "We've told desk aides if they're uncomfortable, bring somebody with them."

Robertson said the policy change "has required a great deal of work from RECs, desk supervisors, desk aides and resident assistants and all of them have been nothing but caring and supportive in handling this situation." Campus Police has been an intricate part of this policy as well, especially in regard to safety and card access to buildings. Robertson said a couple of officers attended the meeting Wednesday night to discuss how to keep buildings safe.

Clubs and organizations that meet in residence halls will maintain regular card access. If an organization is meeting in a residence hall and hosting an open house or something that involves non-members, they should give the front desk a list of expected guests who will be allowed in the building. Robertson said, "We're business as usual, but we're just being a little more careful with people who don't need to be in the building."

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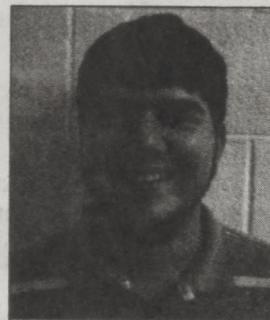
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First Aid, Second Try

COREY MORRIS
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NEWS COLUMN

You can call it binge saving. The British Red Cross announced this week that children should learn first aid skills to assist them in times of crisis, most notably in dealing with fellow classmates who become severely drunk. A survey conducted across the pond of some 2,500 little Brits, ranging in age from 11 to 16, showed that ten percent of them have witnessed an intoxicated friend who was ill or unconscious. Fourteen percent of those polled said they themselves have been on the sick end of the situation.

British Red Cross members have decided to take it upon themselves to promote an array of alcohol-related first aid skills. The organization, known for their assistance across the world in disasters and emergencies, said the effects of alcohol are among some of their chief concerns.

The campaign launched is called "Life. Live It." Its design is to aid young people in learning about life-saving methods so they can operate better in an emergency situation. While alcohol is a great threat, nearly all of those surveyed said they had to operate in a crisis aside from alcohol situations. These include asthma attacks, choking accidents, and head injuries. About half of those who have dealt with such situations reported they panicked or didn't know what to do when said emergencies occurred.

One might say the statistics are staggering when it comes to alcohol emergencies. Over 7,400 adolescents were admitted to hospitals between 2006-2009. Only ten percent of those children who were faced with emergency situations knew to call an emergency number and most never thought to contact their parents, or any adult for that matter, when trying to fix the situation.

The way the Red Cross sees it; the problem is

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that the youngsters didn't know what to do. That's the whole purpose of this campaign—to educate. Some 80 percent of those questioned said they would have acted if they knew what to do in the situation. Unfortunately, many deaths were probably caused by a lack of education in first aid training when it comes to alcohol abusers. The campaign's website says, "A little bit of knowledge goes a long way."

While yes, educating people, especially the young, about how to help others when they become too intoxicated to move, breathe, and stay alive is important, the situation has a flip side. Is helping people understand the possibly deadly effects of over-consumption a problem within itself?

Not so much. The British Red Cross has definitely made sure the campaign does not promote the ease of underage drinking.

But would that help? Would alcohol-related illness and death be lowered if the drinking age were lowered too? This seems to be a lengthy debate here in the states, as well as something that's been looked at in the U.K. Would teens be less likely to drink if they knew what they were doing would no longer break all those precious rules? Since most people see the "cool" thing to do in high school is to drink, would they take it slow if they were legally allowed to drink prior to entering high school?

Think of it this way: Students smoke before they are eighteen, even though that behavior is illegal. They continue to do so well into their lifetime, not really skipping a beat. People view pornography before the legal age in their community. Likewise, they still do it well into their married life. While those two comparisons may seem silly and obviously do not cause the same effects as a handle of alcohol, they still help prove a point. Education can only do so much.

What the British are doing is great. In fact, the United States should invest in more first aid related educational programs. Yes, classes you can take on your independent time and that basic certification class we all took in fifth grade are great. But when you are confronted with a situation such as someone throwing up, what do you do? Chances are if you are in the hallway surrounded by a dozen people, it is unlikely that you will offer to help. It's okay because that's our inclination. Humans are more likely to help a person in need if they are alone with them.

But would more education help? I think it would simply because it would make society more educated in what to do during a crisis situation that involves alcohol-related illnesses and other problems.

We'll have to check back in five to ten years when the findings of the new educational campaign in the U.K. might actually reap the benefits. Chances are, not much will happen—simply because that's not how people operate. It's not the fact that we're heartless, it just comes down to the situation. Sadly, it often takes a life to make the reality all too real.

New Bicycle Racks Designated as 'Campus Standard'

COREY MORRIS
News Editor

There is some exciting news for anyone who travels from class to class on a bicycle. Two new bicycle racks have been installed on campus grounds—One along the rear of North Cunningham Residence Hall and the other between Stevens/McCorkle Hall and Cox Residence Hall. The new racks are already popular, even though they have only been accessible for two weeks.

Longwood Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Martin said the new racks are made by Eagle Bay, a company specializing in hardscape products. The new bases for the two bike racks are known as permeable pavers. "We were able to do this through a pilot project through the company," said Martin. She said the university was given two pallets worth of material, enough to construct the bases for the "full within a day or so."

Martin said, "We try and accommodate the needs of the campus." She said as of now, she doesn't know of any plans to add additional racks anywhere but the option has not been completely struck down. There has been some discussion about adding them to off-campus locations managed by Longwood, but there is not a high enough demand as of yet. Martin said it is a possible plan for the future. "I hope with the opening of the bridge at Lancer Park, more students will use their bikes," said Martin.

Students said they enjoy the convenience of the bike racks and support more being placed around campus. "I love riding my bike because I enjoy it, I feel better about myself, and it makes transportation easier," said junior Angie Elgin. She said,

is placed on the top. Martin said some of the racks vary in size and style. "The two most recent ones have been designated as the campus standard" said Martin. According to Martin, J.W. Wood, director of capital planning, certified the designation.

The position of bike racks on campus is based on both requests and locations where the racks will be utilized the best. She said the Cox location was a request. Before racks are placed on campus, the racks are looked at to see how well used they are. The closest rack to Cox is at Wheeler Hall and is often full of bikes. Martin said the new rack between Stevens/McCorkle Hall and Cox was itself "full within a day or so."

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Students use one of the new bike racks outside of Cox Hall.

Photo By: Corey Morris

from Lancer Park and there is no where to park for me on campus. If I miss the [Farmville Area Bus], my bike is a good way for me to get to campus and not miss my class."

"I'm always very happy people are using them," Martin added.

Martin also noted two new sustainability projects debuting this semester. The first is the Jarman Hall renovation, planned for completion within the next few weeks. The Bedford addition is also being closely monitored as construction continues. Both buildings will join the Health and Fitness Center as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

Beach Urges Students to 'Be Patient' with New Policy

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Robertson said he would monitor the policy on three main levels: How well it works, the financial aspect of having to pay for extra desk aide hours, and if there is a change in student response. "We are concerned that our students are not taking care of themselves," said Robertson. "That's our concern and we're trying to get people to grasp that issue."

Josh Blakely, area coordinator for west campus, said the majority of his residents are adapting well to the changes. "They seem to understand the need for the changes and are responding favorably to Longwood attempting to look after their safety more." Blakely said, most of the residents are compliant with the change except a few have refused to follow the guidelines, an action he called "unfortunate, frustrating, and time consuming." Blakely said he has yet to receive any major concerns from residents about the change.

While few have expressed concerns, some students have questioned the notification to students about the new guidelines and how people are being notified about the recent assaults. "I think the university's response is totally appropriate," said Beach when asked if the university is acting in the best interest of students when crimes occur in Farmville or on campus.

Sophomore Christopher Thayer said of the policy, "I think it's a good idea, but it can be tedious because I know people who have friends visit them everyday and having to sign them in over and over again can be annoying." Thayer added that students may be more aware in regard to safety at first, but it will more than likely die down because they will be tired of signing people in.

Senior Jessie Griffon said that although the policy makes sense, it has its pros and cons. "Personally, I think it'll only cause more hassle than needed. Not everyone visits another person for hours at a time," she said. While Griffon sees the sign-in policy as an inexpensive way to track who is in the building at all times, she doesn't think signing in students is all that necessary.

Beach reminded students to take the necessary precautionary measures to ensure safety when traveling from place to place. This includes walking in groups of multiple people, traveling only in well-lit areas and taking advantage of resources such as the

Night Walker service and the Farmville Area Bus.

"Be patient," said Beach. "Think responsibly before doing anything." He urged students to stay on campus... where they know they will be safe. "We will come to a resolution of this sooner or later," said Beach. "My prayer is it'll be sooner than later."

Study Abroad Fair Proves Successful

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Rotunda Reporter

On Thurs., Sept. 9 in the Lankford Student Union Ballroom, the annual Study Abroad Fair was held. Representatives working with various programs set around the world were on hand at the fair to explain how the programs work. Some of the countries that students were able to look deeper into were the United Kingdom, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Germany, Eastern Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, and many more were present at the fair.

Julie Stevener, a sophomore who spent a portion of her summer studying abroad in Spain and Greece, said she believes the experience one gets studying abroad is invaluable. "I just came back and told all of my friends that I think everyone should take the opportunity to go and study abroad, if they financially can," said Stevener. "The experience really helps you understand a different culture, and makes you appreciate where you come from," she continued.

At the fair, representatives from Longwood's financial aid office had a table, available for financial questions regarding the trip. The last nail in the coffin of your study abroad experience is not necessarily going to be a lack of funds. Many people make use of student loans, and financial aid to afford the experience. Scholarships can also be used to study abroad.

On the Longwood Office of International Affairs website, the benefits of studying abroad are examined. "Study abroad enhances employment opportunities in a world that is becoming

more globalized, and sets your resume apart from your 'competitors,'" claims the site. Other websites devoted entirely to why students should study abroad, such as transitionsabroad.com cite the many personal benefits of the experience, such as increased self-confidence, an increase in maturity, and a lasting view on the world. It is also said to bring career, academic, and intercultural development to participants.

For some of the programs, people may spend a month abroad, a semester abroad, a summer abroad, or even an entire academic year. Junior Becca Parker hopes to study abroad in the near future. "I went to the fair because I want to study abroad in the fall of 2011, and all of the booths were really interesting and informative. I'm hoping to study in Australia and New Zealand."

On Longwood's study abroad site, Marcia Biddle summed up her thoughts on studying abroad, "Try to picture a world where people are not allowed to leave the country that they are born in. Imagine the consequences we would face if we ignored the world around us. Lack of knowledge and understanding of other cultures could lead to disaster. Every culture benefits from the values, beliefs, traditions, and experiences of other cultures. The world is a better place when there is understanding among different cultures. Therefore, if you study abroad you can be an essential part of keeping the world together."

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First Board of Visitors Meeting of 2010-2011 Academic Year

New BOV members recognized, several key motions approved, and past members honored

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The first meeting of the Longwood Board of Visitors (BOV) took place on Fri. and Sat., Sept. 10-11 in the Stallard Board Room in Lancaster Hall. This meeting was pivotal and important for several reasons. There were several administration changes and additions to the Board. Rector John Adams presided over his first meeting, who was elected to succeed Rector Helen Warriner-Burke, Class of '56. Warriner-Burke's total service to the BOV amounted to eight consecutive years. In addition, the three newest BOV members, Dr. Edward I. Gordon, Dr. Judi Lynch, and Ronald Olswyn White, were present for their first meeting of their four-year appointed term.

The first order of business on Friday morning was Box Office Manager Heather Swank, who was present as a member of the public. She gave a brief presentation advertising Longwood Theatre's fall productions as well as a call for the BOV to continue networking with the university as well as the Farmville community.

She stated the Longwood Center for Visual Arts (LCVA) currently has a number of props from the theatre's spring production "The Little Shop of Horrors." She promoted advanced reservations,

as well as advocating the success of matinees for area high school students and the better numbers in attendance for the schedule of eight performances over the course of two weeks.

This fall, the theatre is bringing a variety of shows to the Little Theatre in the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts Center (CSTAC), including "Our Town," "Eurydice," "Three Penny Opera," two Christmas programs, and "The Underpants" in April, which was adapted for the stage by celebrity comedian Steve Martin.

After Swank's presentation, Rector Adams began a series of commendations. He commended Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ken Perkins for his tremendous effort over the summer when President Finnegan was ill with pneumonia. There was a motion made to approve resolutions for those who have departed membership, which was approved. Resolutions for Robert E. Frye, George W. Dawson, and former Rector Warriner-Burke were read to the Board. Adams said, "[Longwood is] a well-run institution with a cohesive and cooperative board."

A recommendation was made to the Board regarding an error that was discovered on the Glass of 2010 diplomas. Former Rector Marge Connally was accidentally named on the diplomas instead of Warriner-Burke. Adams assured the BOV that the error does not change the validity of the diplomas, as confirmed by the Attorney General's Office. A recommendation was made to "allow the diplomas to stand as they are, and if any student would like the correct, they can have their diploma re-issued, so long as they return the original," Adams said. The motion passed.

President Finnegan then began his first official

President's Report at the first BOV meeting. He opened with, "[I may not be] 100 percent yet,

but I'm going to give you 100 percent of what

I've got," which was met with great applause from the BOV and others in the room. His initial impressions of the semester were that "a good class was enrolled, but enrollment is flat," due to current and booming financial issues. One of his main points to the BOV is to think of ways of how to raise Longwood's profile and keep attracting quality students. He made mention of an "Academic Master Plan," which raises the question of where Longwood is going academically, as well as what exactly is Longwood's niche.

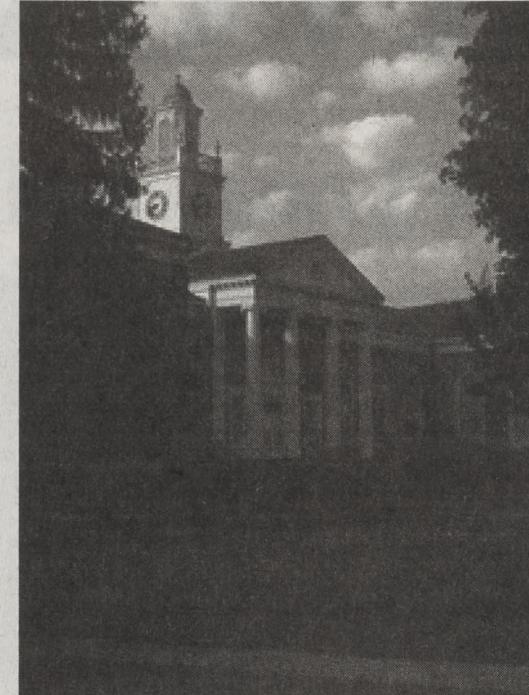
Several other focus points for Finnegan over the next few months is to talk with faculty, vice presidents, and students, as well as focus intensely on progressing toward the new Student Center that is slated to replace the Cunninghams. Finnegan is also motivated to learn all the ins and outs of campus operations, including talking with and being present at student groups, the Student Government Association (SGA), and every department on campus.

Adams echoed Finnegan's sentiments on the idea of an Academic Master Plan. Adams said, "This concept is the exact right focus at the right time," which tied into Adams stating what a "sensational job" has been done with the Campus Master Plan to improve the university both functionally and aesthetically.

Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Enhancement Michelle Meadows recognized Athletic Director Troy Austin and all coaches for setting high standards for the athletics programs. Athletics continued to raise the bar academically, with the Spring 2010 semester being record-breaking. For the first time in Longwood history, the student-athletes broke the 3.0 cumulative GPA mark. In addition, all 14 teams ended the semester above a 3.0 GPA.

Continuing with Athletics, Austin presented the final Intercollegiate Athletics Strategic Plan - "A Blueprint for Success 2009-2014" to the BOV. One of the biggest goals in this plan is to finally make a move toward a solid conference affiliation. Austin said the department is "making positive steps," while the focus has recently been re-shifted to the Big South, which includes Radford University, Liberty University, Virginia Military Institute (VMI), High Point, UNC-Asheville, Gardner-Webb, Winthrop, Coastal Carolina, Presbyterian, Charleston Southern University (CSU), and the addition of Campbell University in 2011. Austin also expressed excitement that the women's basketball game against Liberty in January 2011 will be televised regionally (MD through NC), and there is the potential that a men's game could also be televised in the future. CSU has expressed desire that Longwood add a football program, but that is still in talks at this time.

Longwood Real Estate Foundation Director Ken Copeland discussed the Lancer Park Bridge Dedication, as well as advancing the plans on the Student Center and replacing the 450 beds of the Cunninghams. He asserted that a recommendation would likely be made to the BOV in the next few months. A maintenance building with restrooms is near completion at the Lancer Park athletic fields. Renovations to the Longwood Bed and Breakfast have been completed,



The BOV met in Lancaster Hall this past weekend.

the most significant being each bedroom now has its own private bathroom, and that the B&B has had the highest occupancy rates since 2006. In addition, Copeland announced that a fireworks display will occur at Rock the Block on Fri., Sept. 17, but the location would be changed due to concerns from last year's event.

Vice President for Facilities Management and Real Property Richard Bratcher gave a sweeping overview and update on capital construction. The retrofitting and renovation of the third floor of Stevens Hall is progressing nicely, with several sophisticated laboratories and classrooms either open or near completion. The minor fire at the Bedford Hall renovation and addition will cause a short delay of an unknown amount, but some brick will have to be removed to assure no water damage. A section of Race Street between the library and CSTAC will be closed until December so a steam tunnel that will support Bedford can be completed. Facilities Management and Real Property is optimistic the Heating Plant will go live in three to four weeks, as significant load tests have been conducted successfully. The grand opening of Jarman Hall is only three to four weeks away as well. Final touches are also being completed on two brick outdoor classrooms and social spaces in the Health & Fitness Center corridor, one behind the Hull Education Center and one next to Frazer Residence Hall.

Other items of business discussed at the first session of the BOV included the approval, as amended, of the LCVA emergency plan. The approval of bylaws for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies has been postponed, likely until the next session of the BOV. Dean of Admissions Dr. Bob Chonko gave an extensive report on admissions, enrollment, and marketing with CRT/tanaka. Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported housing, crime, and honor and judicial board statistics.

The next session of the BOV will be held Fri. and Sat., Dec. 3-4, 2010.

SGA Discusses Recent Crime, Long Boarding on Campus

Nicole Dales
Editor-in-Chief

During the Tues., Sept. 14 meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA), Chief Beach of the Longwood University Police Department spoke about the recent crime occurrences in the Town of Farmville and around campus. He began by saying the report regarding the incident that occurred on Sunday along Grove Street was incorrectly stated as happening at 10:05 a.m. The assault happened at 10:05 p.m. He went more in-depth to the assault that happened behind the Cunninghams on Aug. 29.

Beach said seven men entered campus and made their way to the Cunninghams area and asked a Longwood student for a cigarette. The student told the perpetrator he did not smoke and the man then "sucker punched" the student. The victim, along with a female, made it into the building and called police. There were numerous witnesses and a number of suspects were developed according to Beach, but nobody has been arrested in connection with the attack.

A proceeding event occurred in the southeast part of town that was learned about after the Cunninghams incident. The armed robbery on Second Avenue was the next incident Beach addressed. He said it happened two days later and involved two male subjects and a Longwood student. The black males approached the student on a moped and demanded money. They stole the victim's phone and then fled the scene. "That case, we are very close to solving that," said Beach. He noted a lot of technology has been used to try and solve

the case since it involves a cell phone. Beach said they believe some suspects fled to Richmond and others fled to N.C. He added a suspect was caught but then released by another jurisdiction and Farmville is trying to get their hands on someone responsible.

Beach also discussed the rumors of events on Wed., Sept. 8. He said the only incident in town was a couple of "rednecks" from Buckingham County who shot some rounds into the air passing an area motel. A robbery involving a pizza delivery man from Papa John's resulted in the arrest of a few subjects involved in a few different robberies around town throughout the last few months.

A freshman in the Marine Corps was attacked near Grove Street Park on Sunday night, Sept. 12, by two different subjects. He was walking from Lancer Park back to campus. Beach said in all three cases, the victims acted appropriately. He said if you are asked to hand over money, to "give it up." Beach said, "There is nothing that you own that is worth you taking a severe injury over."

"Our concern is, there is this group out there. My concern is, if our victims keep fighting back, there could be a raise in that violence." He said to be very careful who you let into residence halls because "townies" will be friends to you in order to get into a building.

Beach said for students to not put in any place where crimes like those that have happened could occur. "I'm encouraging you to use the resources you have available to you." He said, "It's a whole lot better to be patient and do it the safe way than to be the next crime report."

Numerous SGA members asked Beach about the alert system and when students are notified about crimes. He said an "imminent threat" to the university is needed to send an alert out to the campus community.

Beach emphasized students should put Campus Police into their cell phone on speed dial. The number is 434-395-2091. A new website is up and has the latest crime reports on it.

Beach said he still feels like Longwood is "the safest campus in the Commonwealth."

After Beach spoke, a Black Student Alliance representative of the SGA, Savannah Ducre, was sworn in along with Sophomore Class Representative Danielle Brown. Judicial Board Justices Avrielle Suleiman and Chris Cheatham were sworn in as well.

In the open forum section of the meeting, Secretary Brian Reid brought up an issue of long boarding on campus. During last year, Longwood Police Officer James Thorpe said students were not allowed to skate along Griffin Boulevard and Madison Street. Nate Cook said on the judicial side, skaters couldn't wear headphones or be hazardous to pedestrians.

Senior Class Representative Emily Van Daniker brought up an issue regarding churchgoers at Farmville United Methodist Church who parked in faculty and commuter spots during an Ambassadors event Sunday morning. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Tim Pierson told Van Daniker the church is free to operate in that lot on Sundays since they use it for church service.

In his executive report, President Ben Brittain reported the SGA re-

ceived a letter in the mail from the Longwood Center of the Visual Arts (LCVA) thanking them for their contribution that allowed for the restoration of the Joanie on the Stonie statue inside of Ruffner Hall. He also discussed the recent Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting on campus this past weekend. The BOV said the bookstore is not fully communicating options to the students such as rental books, eBooks and used options.

Brittain talked about online courses may be becoming a lower cost to students per request of the Governor's Commission of Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment. The commission works on issues pertinent to higher education.

A total of \$15,600 was reallocated to Residential and Commuter Life (RCL) after it was determined the allocation two SGA meetings ago did not follow procedure. There was a debate over whether or not the money should be allocated, and it was a close vote passing the allocation. The Therapeutic Recreation Organization was given \$613 for a campus service project. The Camerata Singers was allocated \$3,000 for a several-day tour.

The Judicial Board Constitution is being changed so it matches the SGA constitution for Judicial Board.

Finally, Bobby Smith has been "unofficially" appointed as Parliamentarian, according to President Brittain. The meeting began at 3:47 p.m. and convened at 5:08 p.m. The next SGA meeting will be on Tues., Sept. 21. The meeting is planned to be held on Brock Commons, but the back-up location is Hull 132.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Fire Causes Damage to Bridge St. Home

FARMVILLE, Va. — A fire caused serious damage to a home on South Bridge Street, located about three blocks from campus, on Sun., Sept. 12. According to the Farmville Fire Department's website, a call was received around 7 p.m. in reference to a residential fire at the location. Smoke could be seen around campus and toward the west side of town from the fire that began in the dwelling's kitchen. Police units on-scene said heavy smoke and flames were showing once they arrived. Firefighters made an interior attack through the one side of the home and contained the fire spread to the kitchen and living room areas. Substantial smoke damage was received throughout the 1,000 square-foot home. No injuries were reported and the American Red Cross assisted the six occupants. Two Hampden-Sydney units, a Prince Edward County rescue squad and Farmville Police all assisted the Farmville Fire Department. Farmville Fire Chief Duane Merritt was unavailable for additional information.

Jury Suggests Four Years for Henrico Killer

HENRICO, Va.—A Henrico jury announced Friday that 19-year-old Alan Chang, convicted Sept. 9 of voluntary manslaughter, should spend four years in prison for the death of his father, Jian Zhang. The crime was committed Jan. 15, 2010. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported the jury also suggested a \$2,500 penalty for the University of Virginia Echols scholar. Henrico Circuit Judge Burnett Miler III said he will sentence Chang on Dec. 9. In the final stages of sentencing on Friday, Chang's mother, LiPing Wang, claimed she endured "years" of violent abuse by 47-year-old Zhang. She pleaded with the jury to release her son. Chang has been incarcerated at the Henrico Jail since a day after the crime took place. A psychologist described Chang as a man "of powerful intelligence," who suffers from post-traumatic stress due to his father's years of abuse. Commonwealth's Attorney Wade Kizer said Chang initially lied to police about Zhang's death and never mentioned anything about the 19 years of abuse practiced by his father.

Officer's Name Released in Danville Shooting

DANVILLE, Va.—The Danville Police Department released the name of the officer involved in a Sept. 9 shooting on Monument Avenue that left one man dead and another injured. WDBJ-TV (Roanoke, Va.) reported Officer Berry Sossoman has been put on administrative leave, a standard procedure when officers are involved in shooting incidents. Sossoman has been a member of the department for two years. Neighbors claim the shooting began with a fight over a car. Police said Rodriguez Valentine, 52, crashed a car, belonging to his girlfriend, on Craighead St. earlier Thursday. The girlfriend's son confronted Valentine and the two began arguing. When officers arrived at the scene, Valentine began shooting, hitting two people including Sossoman. The other officer with Sossoman, whose name has not been released, shot Valentine repeatedly. Valentine later died at the hospital. Sossoman suffered non-life threatening injuries. The Virginia State Police are still investigating the shooting.

Virginia Philanthropist, Billionaire John Kluge Dies

AP—Once listed as the wealthiest man in America, John Kluge, creator of an investment radio station that was the forerunner to Fox Television, has died at the age of 95. The University of Virginia (UVA) reported Sept. 8 Kluge died at his residence in Charlottesville, Va. In 2001, Kluge handed over his nearly 7,500-acre estate and numerous farms, valued at \$45 million, to UVA as long as he was allowed to live there until his death. University President Teresa Sullivan told the Associated Press, "He was one of the most charming and engaging individuals I have ever met." Kluge immigrated to the United States from Germany as a child and was not seen as that interested in wealth, according to his friends who called him "a regular guy."

He began his broadcasting career after World War II when he purchased his first radio station in 1946. His holdings included Metromedia Broadcasting, which he was chairman of until 2002, Ponderosa Steak House, Bonanza, and Steak & Ale locations. Kluge also held a

seventy percent stake in Orion Pictures. He gave more than \$100 million to his alma mater, Columbia University, to be used as minority scholarships and faculty diversity efforts. He gave \$60 million to the Library of Congress as well. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Labor Day 2010 Less Deadly in Commonwealth

RICHMOND, Va.—Virginia State Police said they had a pretty good Labor Day weekend, as they responded to fewer crashes on the typically accident-heavy weekend this year than last. WTVR-TV (Richmond, Va.) reported that troopers only responded to 378 crashes this year compared to 519 in 2009. The decline in accidents equaled fewer fatalities as well. Last year, fourteen people lost their lives. From Sept. 3-6 this year, only eight people died in statewide traffic crashes. Drunken driving arrests were also down, with troopers arresting 32 fewer offenders this year. State Police say the decrease is in part thanks to a pre-holiday message by Governor Bob McDonnell explaining the Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign. The campaign is a DUI-prevention program that is more educational than previous efforts. Among those killed during the three-day-weekend were three Purcellville, Va. residents who died in a Warren County accident. Deaths also occurred in Bedford, Highland, and Washington County. A motorcyclist was killed in Prince Edward County.

Convocation

Cappers and Capping: A Longwood Tradition since the early 1950s

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The tradition of Convocation and capping increases a sense of unity and pride within the Longwood community each year. The day acts as a rite of passage for seniors as they inch closer to being near-graduates. The ceremony honors three years of dedication and hard work and inspires the departing class to embrace their final term at Longwood. It is an opportunity to reminisce on unforgettable experiences, and a time to celebrate new journeys.

Although the purpose of convocation has remained certain, the tradition of capping has changed throughout time. After looking through old yearbooks, Nancy Shelton, director of alumni relations and Longwood Class of '68, was able to see that capping has been present at Longwood since the early 1950's. However, the tradition was much different then.

The pictures in the yearbook showed how the president of Longwood would cap each senior individually as they knelt down on stage. Shelton said this sentimental way of signifying students as seniors was much easier to do when the senior-class sizes were only 200 people. Shelton said that by the late 1960's, there were too many students in the graduating class and the president could not cap everyone in the allotted amount of time. In result, seniors were told to pick cappers; younger students who would cap them at the ceremony.

As this tradition grew, the idea of decorating a cap emerged. Shelton noted that at the start of capping, decorations were slim and located only on the tassel of the cap. She then explained how the process became "progressive-

ly more elaborate" when students would hang items on their tassels until they grazed the floor. Shelton said it wasn't until the late 1990's to early 2000 when students began to decorate their mortar boards too. And, as we know now, this ornamentation has continued bloomed.

Paula Prouty, director of development and advancement services and Longwood Class of '85, further explained the development of decorating a senior's cap. She said the decorations have "evolved over time as students have evolved" due to the fact that Longwood was once all-female. After the school became co-ed, the once feminine tradition became something for both men and women to share. Just like today, seniors would pick their good friends or Greek family members to be their cappers.

Although the performance of capping has changed, Prouty said some of the decorations have remained timeless: ribbons, beer cans, Greek letters, pictures, and more, are all things that were used in the past—just less elaborately.

Prouty added that freshmen were once encouraged to be present at Convocation as a part of their orientation. It was a way for them to recognize the older students and learn about the custom. This eventually changed though, as there was not enough space for everyone to attend.

Both Prouty and Shelton spoke highly about the act of capping, and believe that Longwood is the only school to perform this ritual. With that said, alumni, Longwood graduates of 2011, and future seniors to come, should feel extremely proud and thankful to be part of such a long-lasting, meaningful, and fun tradition.



A senior member of Sigma Kappa shows off her extravagant cap during Longwood's Convocation Ceremony.

Photo Courtesy: www.longwood.edu

Convocation: Reflections from a Faculty Member



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Yesterday [Thurs., Sept. 9] was my very first Convocation experience at Longwood. It is fair to say that Longwood Convocation is unique, but there are some common traditions as well. Many institutions of higher education expect faculty to attend Convocation in full academic regalia as a demonstration of our universal devotion to the process of academia.

It was lovely to see all the different colored robes and hoods. Many academic institutions and disciplines were represented. Despite the faculty diversity, there is a sacred unity of respect for the conferral and attainment of knowledge. I was one of the few faculty members wearing master's regalia, as I have not yet completed my doctoral studies. I did have a fleeting moment of insecurity about my inferior educational attainment. However, I quickly recognized that the point of all the pomp and circumstance is to celebrate the intentionally chosen disciplined journey of

higher education; faculty attempt to impart their high regard for the destination-less journey of lifelong learning.

As I donned my master's regalia from UVA with my nursing honor cords yesterday, I remembered the last day I wore that robe fondly. Grateful for the opportunities the attainment of that degree has brought me. I tried to remember where I was at that point in my life, what mattered to me then?

First, allow me to share with you that master's robes have wings that hang below where the hand exits. As I extended my hands into the sleeves, I promptly remembered what mattered.

My left hand inadvertently entered into the left wing pocket. To my great surprise there was an amazing souvenir from that day. As I pulled out my son's pacifier my mind quickly replayed the day. My daughter had walked the UVA lawn with me when my bachelor's degree in nursing was conferred. My then-2-year-old son walked with me in 2006 as my master's degree in nursing was conferred. He was so hap-

py to be with me that day. About halfway through the commencement address from then-Governor, Timothy Kaine on that very hot May afternoon, my son gently fell asleep in my arms. I had apparently stashed the pacifier into the wing of the robe as I carried him out.

I share all of this with you to remind each of you to take time to make memories, time to identify what really matters, family, friends, and faith. Time goes by so very fast. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Longwood community. It is indeed most unique, and I look forward to being a part of many more Longwood Convocations.

Finally, just in case you are curious, photographic evidence can be found under Final Exercise 2006, at photo #20/32 on the Finals 2006 slide show: http://www.virginia.edu/websites/archives/index.html?the_xml=archive/xml/2006_05_26.xml

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2011!

Convocation 2010 Recap

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Convocation. It has always been considered the "kick-off" of senior year, and is usually a highly-anticipated and spirit-filled event. This year was no exception. The audience was a sea of glittery letters, pictures, signs and figurines, all signifying the memories seniors have experienced over the time here at Longwood.

Convocation was the first event to be held in the newly renovated Jarman Hall. They got permission the morning of Convocation (Thurs., Sept. 9) to use the auditorium and they only had permission to use it for that day.

This was President Patrick Finnegan's first official Longwood event. His speech, which was peppered with humor, also had serious tones encouraging seniors to use their talents to make a difference in the world.

At every Convocation, three faculty awards are given out. Dr. Consuelo Alvarez, associate professor of biology, received the Maria Bristow Starke Award for Faculty Excellence; Dr. Sharon Emerson-Stonell, professor of mathematics, the Maude Glenn Raiford Award for Excellence in Teaching; and Dr. Chene Heady, assistant professor of English, the Junior Faculty Award.

Finnegan gave a speech that highlighted the same idea of citizen leadership that President Patricia Cormier promoted during her time here. "Take some time to do something you enjoy, whether it's being with your family or friends, quietly reading a good book, or working out at the health and fitness center. And, maybe more important, do something for someone else - a friend, a staff or faculty member, a person in the community. Take a moment and assist them when they're a little down, when they don't expect it but might need it, when your helping hand could make a difference. Dr. Martin Luther King said, 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others.' This is really at the heart of being an educated citizen - a citizen leader - who contributes to making the world a better place," said Finnegan.

"My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our first Longwood convocation. It was a great blend of ceremony, recognition, and fun. We weren't sure what to expect when we first heard of this somewhat unusual capping tradition but it turned out to be a remarkable demonstration of the spirit of Longwood," reflected Finnegan.

Senior Bryan Axson said, "President Finnegan gave a remarkable speech; this had to be the best out of the four Convocation speeches I have heard. For once it was not about global warming or going green, even though those are important, this event is about the seniors and the accomplishment we are about to make."

Senior Kelsey Butterfield sang the National Anthem. Senior Class President Kelsey Odom gave a speech and was the first senior to be capped, while senior Jennifer Maynard closed Convocation by leading the audience in Longwood's Alma Mater.

"I think that Convocation is a good time to get the senior class pumped for there year ahead. The way that Longwood does the ceremony truly makes it fun and a great way to start your last year here," said Odom.

Convocation is a special event, and it's considered an honor to decorate a senior's cap. "I was a little nervous

at first because I was making the cap that everyone was going to see on stage and I wanted it to be perfect for her. In the end I looked back and thought wow, how many people get the opportunity to be on stage during convocation? It was a cool experience to have," said Riley, who decorated Odom's hat.

"I think it went really smoothly and I'm glad Longwood keeps up such a special tradition," said junior Caitlin Volchansky, who capped her big sister in her sorority.

It can also be a bittersweet moment for those involved. "I...felt happy and sad; happy because I am a senior I made it this far and I only have a little bit more to go, but sad because I'm graduating I'm leaving a place I've called my home the last five years of my life," said Axson.

"I think Convocation is important because it starts the beginning of your senior year, it's sort of the beginning to the end," said Volchansky.

"Convocation is important because it's a time for the senior class to come together and celebrate that this is a big accomplishment we are making in our lives, that we have bettered ourselves for our future. It's a time where the spotlight is put on us, the seniors," said Axson.

Seniors are encouraged to enjoy this last year to the fullest and make the most out of it. After all, as President Finnegan said, this will be the last time anyone is happy to be called a senior.



A senior waits outside of the newly renovated Jarman Auditorium for the Convocation Ceremony to begin.

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It's Time to Let Go and Un-Burn These Bridges Before It's Too Late

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Don't burn bridges. That's one of the lessons my mom repeated over and over when I was a child. What does it mean? It means don't ruin relationships. My mom used to say it when I would get really mad at my brother about something. He and I would fight, and my mom would always warn me to not burn that bridge. What she meant was I shouldn't say something to my brother out of anger, end communication, throw away that relationship, and shut him out over just a fight.

She would say it all the time when I was a kid, but it didn't mean much because my brother was my family, and I figured he would have to forgive me no matter what. Same with my parents. It wasn't until I got older that I started having issues with people outside my family and I realized they had no obligation to forgive me.

I have burned some bridges and knew I was doing it, and I have accidentally burned some bridges. I have been lucky enough to get some second chances, and there are some people I have lost forever.

Now there are some circumstances where it is completely appropriate to cut off communication and walk away. I am certainly not suggesting that every relationship, friendship or acquaintance try and be salvaged.

If extreme circumstances do not come into play, consider rebuilding bridges or giving forgiveness. If you seek forgiveness, ask for it. If you are denying forgiveness, consider weighing the benefits of letting go. If you burned a bridge, try and rebuild it. And if someone burned a bridge with you, consider

opening up the opportunity to fix it.

Over winter break, I took the time to write some letters to people that I want to apologize to and clear the air. Most of them were well worth it, helping repair the relationship and putting that conflict at rest. There was one not well-received, but I know I tried and now I can move on without feeling like there was still something there.

That's not the easiest thing to do in the world, I know. In fact, there is one person that I desperately want to write a letter to and seek forgiveness, but I have yet to work up the courage and I might not ever reach the point in which I can. Baby steps, that's what I say. Don't tackle the huge fights, the years of anger, the scariest of all first. Start with your best friend, boyfriend, or someone who you feel really comfortable with. Lay that anger to rest, and move on to the next person.

I'm also not saying you need to write a letter. If repairing a relationship or mending a bridge is something you want, try anything. A Facebook wall post, a text, a hello on Brock Commons, or a smile across the room can help melt that anger.

I'm not writing this for a happy-go-lucky world and for everyone to love each other. I'm writing it because I see so many people holding grudges and it is incredibly unhealthy. If you are holding onto anger from an incident with someone else, I encourage you to just simply let it go. I'm not saying you need to forgive right away, or forget, but don't hold it so close to you.

It's easy to hold a grudge. Any sort of conflict can easily lead to a grudge. A grudge usually starts because someone is hurt, and that person is angry or upset about what hap-

pened. Typically the person will dwell on what happened, allowing it to consume them and fill them with hostility. Soon, that's all the person will concentrate on, and the bitterness will seep into all parts of life.

Most people experience grudges, but

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when it gets to this point it can lead to depression, according to an article on MayoClinic. If you let it overtake you, it can really have serious impacts on your life. This is es-

specially common in romantic relationships. It's easy to take that little fight you had on Friday night, blow it up, and end up so concentrated on the bad that you can't even enjoy the good parts anymore. All of the sudden you have this grudge that you can't let go of, and if you let it, it will spin the whole situation out of control.

Little things start to annoy you that didn't before. You start to pick fights. You scream more, you cry more, and you fall away from even liking the person. You say things you don't mean, you shove them out and next thing you know the person you were so happy with is like a stranger sitting on the other side of D-Hall. That bridge was burned.

This doesn't just happen in romantic relationships, by the way. I see friends experience this, co-workers, people in the same organizations and family members. I've even seen students get upset with a professor over one thing, and next thing you know they hate that professor and start failing the class.

People get so angry over small things. There is so much hate, and the sad thing is there is often nothing anyone can do about it. Holding that grudge, hating that person, and being filled with resentment will only hurt you in the end. So if you have a tight grip on a conflict from last week, last month, or years ago, ask yourself why. Is it really helping to be so angry? Is it really helping to deny forgiveness?

Usually, it just makes you feel worse. You are angry, stressed, and filled with sadness for nothing. You toss and turn in bed, you lose your appetite, and you end up with a lot of drama. People take sides, rumors get started, and bad-mouthing and back stabbing are full fledged. A war has been started, and its usu-

ally something that was so simple to begin with.

The initial pain of whatever happens hurts, but you are usually the one dragging it back up and allowing it to hurt you long after what happened. You are the one opening those scars, allowing the pain to fill you again. And in most cases, the person or thing that hurt you in hurt you in the first place is long gone from your life. So try to just let it dominate you. And that can come from different things, but remember that each person deals with it in a different way.

For me, I like to write letters to the person. Some people like face-to-face interaction, or use Facebook as a venue to reconnect. If you don't want to deal with the person, try and let go on a personal level. Whether that is talking with someone, blogging, redirecting your thoughts or looking at the bigger picture, just let go.

Don't let someone else's actions deny you of your happiness. Take control, and live your life the way you want to. Repair relationships, let go of relationships, say you're sorry, accept an apology, love like crazy, be the best friend, child, sibling, and person you can be; and move forward without all that extra weight. Un-burn those bridges.

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Lancer Bridge Dedicated

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Rotunda Reporter

"If you see a turtle sitting on a fence post, you know he didn't get there himself," said Ken Copeland, executive director of the Longwood Real Estate Foundation, opening the recently-built Lancer Park Bridge dedication on Thurs., Sept. 9. Apparent from the lengthy list of collaborators thanked, including bridge designer Gary Dowson of English Construction Company, funding partners Bank of America, and, of course, the students utilizing the bridges, Copeland's humorous maxim seemed very fitting.

The dedication, which took place under a large tarp complete with a microphone, lawn chairs, and tables full of refreshments, was simple and light-hearted. Everyone present shared the same excitement for the new bridge, especially newly enlisted President Patrick Finnegan. Finnegan spoke after Copeland, "We built Lancer Park, and students love it, but what you need in a university is a way to link people together."

Finnegan placed significant concentration on the importance of offering students a means of staying connected with campus throughout his speech, as well as the opportunities the bridges will provide such as new academic and research prospects. "Lots of naysayers said it can't be done—shouldn't be done," said Finnegan. Fortunately, a number of individuals deemed the bridges an essential asset for the school.

Ben Brittain, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), subsequently conveyed his personal thoughts of the bridge. "I have seen more bikers and

walkers to and from campus than I have seen my entire career. That is amazing," Brittain said. Brittain suggested the new bridge will help involve Longwood freshmen with sporting events by making the fields more accessible to them. This is a true hope upon the heels of The GAME, which involved some 1,300 people. "This bridge truly has improved safety, and Longwood prides itself on being a safe University," stated Brittain.

Following the speeches, each person watched as the ribbon blocking off the entrance to the bridge was cut, and then walked as a group across the pedestrian bridge. "[The bridge] makes two campuses into one. Lancer Park now becomes part of the main campus. It makes it easier for students to travel," said Finnegan. Refreshments were then served in the Lancer Park Clubhouse for those who attended the ceremony.

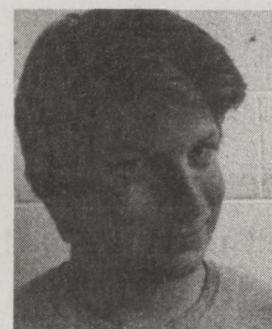
Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs, agreed when he said "if you live at Lancer Park and there is an activity, there are going to be a lot more things students will decide to go to causing a lot more involvement." Pierson explained that in hopes of improving the area around the pedestrian bridge, the Catholic Church, Longwood University, and the Town of Farmville plan on tearing down the vacant house just to the right of the entrance to the bridge, as well as expanding the community church. The dedication ceremony of the Lancer Park Bridge certainly provided a great inauguration to the newest positive feature that Longwood has built for its students.



Photo By: Matt Orben

On Sept. 10 Kappa Pi Art fraternity had an art sale on Brock commons. All of the merchandise offered was handmade by brothers of the fraternity. They offered handmade art and painting, photography, crochet hats, braided bracelets along with anklets and welded rings. All of the products were under \$20 in price. Also, they had tie-dye available, \$4 if you brought your own item to tie-dye and \$7 to buy an item from them to tie-dye.

Meet Your *Rotunda* Staff: Assistant Photo Editor Alex Goard



Why did you want to be an editor for *The Rotunda*?

I wanted to be an editor for *The Rotunda* because I wanted to get more involved on campus and this seemed like the best way to do it.

What is your major and what do you hope to do with it?

My major is Creative Writing and I'm not entirely sure what I want to do with it. So far I have enjoyed all my English classes, and hands down my favorite professor has to be Mary Carol-Hackett. She and I had a great discussion at the end of last year, which led to my major change from Political Science.

What is your favorite art medium to work with?

It has to be a camera. I have a Nikon D40x and pretty much always have it with me.

What is your favorite part of being the Assistant Photo Editor?

The atmosphere of everyone on the staff is great and I really like seeing our paper come together every Tuesday night to the finished product Wednesday afternoon.

Do you have any pets?

Yep! Two dogs and my little brother has a hedgehog.

What is your ideal Saturday night?

It really just depends on what comes up. I'm invited to hang out with a wide variety of people. It can be everything from a pick-up game of Frisbee to a movie to a road trip.

What is your favorite type of Ramen?

Hands down, it has got to be chicken. The rest of the flavors don't even compare.

Do you have a nickname?

Yes, it's Hobbs but I'll answer to my full name, Alexander, as well.

The Longwood Look: To State the Obvious, You're Chic

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Rotunda Reporters

Clothing falls into a few main categories, two of which are staple pieces and statement pieces. These two types of outfit sets can work together beautifully to create a visually interesting, yet polished look. Here's the breakdown on how they can work together in perfect fashion harmony.

Staples: Not the office supply store. This term refers to the meat and potatoes of your wardrobe. And by that we mean the T-shirts, the jeans, the sweaters, and the opaque black tights. Alone these items seem pretty casual, comfortable, and safe. In this case, "safe" is used to imply a lack of risk-taking and is not a reference to ones physical safety (It could be, though, if your definition of a staple item includes 9-inch heels). These tried-and-true classics can either serve as a foundation for your outfit, or you can tailor the use of them around a statement piece.

Statements: They're not written, but they're worth a thousand words. These are the thrilling items that sit at the back of your closet until, one day, you feel extra daring. And when that day

comes, we'll be waiting to photograph you for the Longwood Look blog (We love to see you look awesome). You may be wondering, "What exactly are they talking about?" In definitive terms, a statement piece is something unusual and eye-catching. This could be a result of the structure of the garment, the fabric, the color, or it could become a statement piece through juxtaposition. We mean those crazy high heels with huge flowers on them, that gigantic necklace or a feminine-colored fabric cut into a masculine silhouette. To make these seem feasible (and not so "Moulin Rouge"), pair them with the staple items.

Generally, you should wear only one statement piece at a time—Unless it's Halloween or you are Lady Gaga. By all means, draw inspiration from Gaga; just match that inspiration with simple staples. For example, one of Jenni's favorite pieces is part-tutu, which she tones down with opaque tights and simple jewelry. It's fun and slightly unorthodox, and it is whimsical because it's familiar, yet out-of-place. Most importantly, it is the focus of the overall look. If you don't have anything, don't worry, and start small. Embrace a top with zippers for seams,

or wear a wild necklace on a Saturday night. This can up your confidence to the point where you can wear the infamous bubble dress. Why not?

On the flip side, when all you wear are everyday staples, things can be a little boring. Accessories to the rescue! There are so many ways they can accentuate your personality without overwhelming it. We're talking about everything from headbands to scarves to bags and onward. Amy likes to wear a feathered headband, or occasionally a vintage scarf to jazz up a plain tee or a tame sweater. Think about the kinds of things you are attracted to and include them in your collection of accessories. Side note: Animal print fanatics should wear patterns sparingly. Accessories are the perfect dose for your wilder side.

We strongly encourage all of you beautiful people to take fashion risks, and don't fear any statement piece. It's heartbreaking to hear someone say "I like that, but I could never pull it off." You can pull it off! Don't be afraid to try it, and also don't hesitate to ask a friend for help. Or ask us, at longwoodlook.blogspot.com. We're here for you. Promise.

Rock the Block Has Returned

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Copy Editor

The Longwood campus is abuzz about the 2nd Annual Rock the Block event. The Fri., Sept. 17 block party at the Landings apartment complex at MidTown Square is jam-packed, throwing everything fun and exciting into a short three-and-a-half hour time frame, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Rock the Block is an intensive university and Town of Farmville partnership, with numerous parties involved. ARA-MARK Dining Services is providing a picnic, while Chick-fil-A and Moe's Southwest Grill are handing out free samples. There will be live music and dancing courtesy of the bands Full Metal Jackson and The Deloreans.

Throughout the night, there will also be many prize giveaways. The biggest prizes include a Nintendo Wii, a flat-screen plasma TV, and an iPod Touch. However, there are also many gift certificate giveaways as well.

According to the flyer available on the Longwood website and posted around campus, the answer to the question "Why?" is: "The Longwood and Farmville communities are excited that the new students are here, and that returning students are back on campus. What can we

say? We're glad to see you!"

In addition, many vendors will be giving away coupons and free samples. There will also be a fireworks show again this year, but it was confirmed in the Fri., Sept. 10 Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting that the location is going to be moved due to many safety concerns that arose from last year's display.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ken Perkins said in an Aug. 30 interview that so much planning for this event occurred this summer by so many people. Perkins felt the event will be a huge success and encouraged all students to participate.

In addition to the sponsorship of Longwood University and the Town of Farmville, other sponsors of Rock the Block include: Judy Ellington Design, the Office of First Year Experience (FYE), Longwood Student Success, Longwood Dining Services, Longwood Alumni Relations, Awesome Party Supply, Lancer Productions, Park Properties/Poplar Forest Apartments, Wendy's, Taco Bell/Long John Silvers, Domino's Pizza, Longwood/Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Longwood Office of Annual Giving, Caryn's Bridals and Formals, Sunchase, and Keeton Soundz.

Sex in the City 'Ville'

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Rotunda Reporter



Flight Attendant.
Lawyer.
Photographer.
Journalist.
Though I've had
several dreams and
aspirations of
what to be when I
"grow up", I pretty
much decided that
I would become a
reporter by the time I reached the
eighth grade. Most men, however, are
still figuring it out... Why?!

Why is it that men always seem to be wandering through life aimlessly or chasing some pipe dream? Meanwhile, women are so focused on chasing their own careers that they have absolutely no time to pursue (or be pursued by) a man.

I'm not sure if it began with Rosie the Riveter, or if it started when mass amounts of women went to work in the 80's, but somewhere along the way women took over the corporate world. It seems to me that women are just much more focused on their careers than men, starting as early as high school. Women are more focused and concerned about applying to colleges, taking all the AP classes, and getting a high GPA to get into the best schools possible. Men on the other hand wait until the last possible minute to apply to colleges, are less likely to take AP or Dual Enrollment courses, and tend not to put forth the extra effort in class doing just enough to get by.

Then once we get to college, the proof is in the pudding. The proportion of men to women at universities and colleges today is unbelievable. USA Today said, "There are more men than

women ages 18-24 in the USA — 15 million vs. 14.2 million, according to a Census Bureau estimate last year. But nationally, the male/female ratio on campus today is 43/57, a reversal from the late 1960s and well beyond the nearly even splits of the mid-1970s." At Longwood, the statistics are worse than the national average, at only 31% male.

This recent trend presents us with several problems in our love lives. For starters, if men are flaky and women are focused in their career worlds than they will be the same way in their relationships. Men will treat the relationship as something casual and less concrete until they have narrowed in on a career path. They cannot fully commit to you until they know what their purpose in life is and how they can adequately provide for you. It's in their nature. Historically speaking, women are not generally the head of the household, so we tend to be less concerned with the weight that comes with trying to provide for a family.

Another issue with this is that it forces women to choose between their romance and their careers. It's difficult for women to find love when they are surrounded by men who are going nowhere fast. We need partners who will uplift us, encourage us and inspire us. But often times the opposite happens; we end up motivating them into a career. Eventually, the man leaves because he feels inferior or the woman leaves in search of someone on her level. Either way it is a lose-lose situation.

This is a never-ending issue that many of us will face at one point or another and the only solution is to be patient. Keep chasing your dream and your dream guy will appear at the right time. But whatever you do, never settle for less than your best.

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Internship Profile: Pregnancy Support Center Training Program

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When looking for a way to add internship credits to tedious schedules, many go for an experience they can both use and fundamentally enjoy. Whether one comes by the enjoyment of food or the delights of activity in a bustling arena of business or politics, there is an inner compulsion to learn in a satisfying environment. Sometimes this environment is one not conforming to the culinary, intellectual or competitive drives but rather that of spiritual and moral convictions. In the case of sophomore Cheryl Hinterleitner, the latter means the most.

Hinterleitner is working on a psychology degree. She knows time can't be wasted while perusing her academic career and yet, whenever possible, she tries to express her personal beliefs. However, earlier this year, Hinterleitner found an easy compromise with the Farmville Pregnancy Support Center's training program.

Along with 20 other participants, Hin-

terleitner will begin her training in two weeks as an assistant at the Pregnancy Support Center. For four weeks, the

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trainees will learn "how to deal with clients and how to make them feel at ease," said Hinterleitner, while the Center's clients undergo both a free pregnancy test and counseling for prospective mothers. Both services are completely confidential, hoping to ease the client's visit and decision-making process.

The Support Center's web page said, "More than 2,600 clients have been served since we opened in 1984. These clients have received free pregnancy test-

ing, information, material assistance, telephone referrals, adoption referrals, information on pre-natal development, and alternatives to abortion." With that said, one might imagine an environment tensely focused on the women walking through the door.

In order to make matters easier for an arriving intern, not everyone has to be a counselor or involved in pregnancy testing. Multiple jobs are open for the trainee, including a desk attendant who can greet visitors and give handouts to those interested in service.

The Farmville Pregnancy Support Center webpage said they "offer compassion and action by providing the support necessary to enable a woman to carry her child to term and to plan constructively for her future."

Additionally, "We affirm the value of human life by meeting her physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Through the application of sound life principles, by providing accurate information, expressing compassion, and giving practical care, this ministry seeks to change the lives of

women and their unborn children."

As a Christian Pro-life institution, the Farmville Pregnancy Support Center is against giving abortion prescriptions and advising drugs such as RU-486 and misoprostol for non-surgical abortion in an early term. According to Hinterleitner, this is where she finds her equilibrium.

Raised Lutheran with a strong anti-abortion stance, Hinterleitner's internship credits at the Support Center allows her the ability to visibly affect her community according to her beliefs. Likewise, the internship could be found helpful for numerous Longwood students with similar affiliations and looking for a way to express them.

Anyone interested in the training program, and perhaps looking for the possibilities of internship credits, can call the Pregnancy Support Center at (434) 392-8483, or email them at info@pscfarmville.org. The Center is open Mondays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursdays 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There is More to Black Greek Organizations than Stepping

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"All Black Greek Organizations do is step." This is one of the many stereotypes that guest speaker Rasheed Ali Cromwell addressed on Monday night at the Miseducation of the Black Greek. This event, co-sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Lancer Productions, was designed to help break down the stereotypes and myths of black Greeks.

Cromwell, who is the Executive Director of the Harbour Institute in Washington, D.C., has spoken on this topic at over one hundred colleges and universities, and is a graduate of Omega Psi Phi himself. Tara Carr, an Alpha Kappa Alpha sister who emceed the event, explained she and some fellow sisters saw Cromwell at a conference a couple years ago and have been trying to get him to speak at Longwood since. It was through a parent's council grant and co-sponsorship with Lancer Productions they were able to make their vision a reality.

Cromwell started the conversation out with a picture from

"Stomp the Yard 2." He pointed out that the movie went straight to DVD, which sparked conversation.

He first asked who liked the movie and why. Two of the comments he got were "The men looked very nice" and "the love story." Others were not so happy with the movie, saying that it did not represent the black Greek life very well. One audience member said, "There is more to it than stomping and party hopping. There is a lot of hard work." This comment was met by snaps across the audience.

He said the first movie, "Stomp the Yard," was the number one movie in the country for two weeks straight when it was released in 2007, grossing \$57 million. He went on to explain that this movie generates this idea about what Greek life is, and it is a misrepresentation and shines a bad light on the whole situation.

Cromwell then launched into a history of black Greek organizations, explaining that the first one came in 1906 in Ithica, New York. A group of young African-American men where at Cornell University, in which there was no sort of multicultural office or

infrastructure for them. All they had was each other.

The men did not have the same access that white men had. These men were working in the white fraternity houses on campus and got a taste of what Greek life was about, but they were not allowed to join. They set out to form their own fraternity and thus Alpha Phi Alpha. Four additional black fraternities were formed, with Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi in 1911, Phi Beta Sigma in 1914 and Iota Phi Theta in 1963.

These fraternities are joined by four black sororities. Alpha Kappa Alpha came in 1908, Delta Sigma Theta in 1913, Zeta Phi Beta in 1920 and Sigma Gamma Rho in 1922. The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) was created in 1930 and encompasses all nine black-Greek organizations.

As Cromwell explained, these organizations are founded with the universal principles of academic excellence, philanthropic ideas, and brotherhood and sisterhood. Stepping does not appear in the constitutions or by-laws.

Crowell said members are ad-

mitted as undergraduate students, graduate students or as honorary members. For example, Michelle Obama got admitted into Alpha Kappa Alpha as an honorary member at their one hundred year anniversary in Washington D.C. two years ago.

Cromwell took the conversation back to "Stomp the Yard," using an example from the movie. He said in the movie members are recruited into the fraternity because they can step. One member has something happen and he is going to have to leave the university, and instead of his brothers trying to help, they were concerned who would fill his spot at the step show. Cromwell said that this is not how it really is.

At the end of his presentation, Cromwell said he had three things he wanted everyone to take away: Refocus, Recommit and Respect.

He wants the black Greeks to refocus and recommit themselves to what their founders envisioned and strive for the best. He pointed out that both David Patrick and David Paterson, who serve as governors, as well as President Barack Obama were

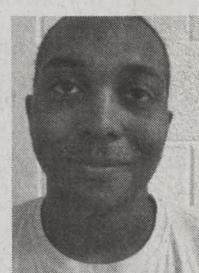
missed by black Greek organizations when they went through college. By refocusing and recommitting, more leaders can be invited into these organizations.

He also explained to everyone else that they need to respect these organizations. He used the hand signs that are common across the organization as an example. Many people imitate hand signs or stepping, but Cromwell says it's disrespectful. The hand signs and traditions have meaning, and unless someone is in the organization they don't understand and therefore don't have the right to step in like that.

Cromwell's final comment addressed the issue of the way black Greek organizations are viewed. "I feel like we need to clean that up. Ultimately we are responsible for our own behavior and how we do things," he said. Cromwell can be found on Facebook under the Harbour Institute and on twitter under the username @sheedyali.

The Problems of an Insular America

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The United States has always been a country of differences and contradictions, but today's climate is one of special isolation. I do not mean to talk about political separations. Those have always existed and I think politics should, in fact, be a game where one's party is the other's definite competition. I do not even find troubling the extensive lines that have formed around social issues. That is also democracy working out the kinks in its own structure by force of opposition.

What I do find troubling is demonstrated by recent news of an attempted Qu'ran burning. By Reverend Terry Jones at the Dove World Outreach Center in Greenville, Florida. This news may be called sensationalism by some and I will most certainly give it that name. Yet its media attention characterizes, however overblown, a segmenting of American society that I believe does not benefit democratic competition.

In fact, I believe such "splinter groups" with great passion but no definite direction are cumbersome to the process. An American system in which the "base" of either category is strengthened comes across as a good thing. Either major party has gained more energy and meaning than recent

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memory can recall, because their bases are flooded by opinion.

However, there is the need for unification in any system: control of the parties' constituents for a common goal. This commonality lends credence to the larger group and maximizes the energy given by people who care. I do not see this happening. What I observe, as a student and a young American citizen, is the fizzling out of passion because of its excess and manic scattering.

Dove World Outreach Center under Rev. Terry Jones has become a haven for criticism and complements alike. I will not venture to think he is deserving of either, but I do believe he does not deserve the power granted him. If Rev. Jones believes that the best way to announce his apprehensions with Islam is to burn its holy book, he is perfectly allowed to think so and, likewise, speak to his contentment. While speaking, I do not say it is reasonable for Jones to be the focus of political aspiration and I do not think he is worthy of being a group unto himself.

This incident's conflict and anxiety aside, I think he has only the right to take his seat with others crying against "radical Islam." Furthermore, I think these individuals should take their fair share in the laundry list of conservative issues and not pester the nation with their singularity. An equal amount of words could be given to those who rally behind liberal concerns, but think themselves ill-served by the liberal power structure.

Thus, it should be understood that I am not calling any one sector out of control, but the much method-less madness that is at play. The minor elements of our United States politics should realize that by thinking the best jobs can be done without help, they do no service to themselves. Instead of finding an outlet for likeminded and concerned citizens, we have independent demi-tribes who themselves can be perceived quite radically.

I find no future in the fire of voices that selectively limit their following and I find no great health to grow for the American system. Instead, I find the rotting bits of fruit that cling on great legal branches, not at all germinating to grow new precedents for a more perfect union. Ideally, that is what political process is for, to improve our living on the whole by producing a new growth from our consensus.

Freshman Profile: Meet Josh Huizenga



It's time of year again - Time to meet the freshmen! Say hello to one your fellow classmates and new Lancer:

Name: Josh Huizenga
Age: 19
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Major: Undeclared

Editor: Josh, how did you decide to come to Longwood?
Josh: It's a smaller school and similar to the high school I went to... and the girl-to-guy ratio.

Editor: What other schools did you consider?
Josh: CNU and Lynchburg.

Editor: What's your favorite and/or least favorite class so far at Longwood, and why?
Josh: My favorite class is LSEM because my peer mentors are really cool.

Editor: Where do you live on campus? What do you like/dislike about it?
Josh: Curry. I like it because it's really close to the gym. Also it has A/C and a lot more people.

Editor: Do you think you might choose a major soon?
Josh: I hope so.

Editor: Do you know what career path you are headed towards? Do you have an ideal goal?
Josh: Not at all.

Editor: Are you planning to get involved on campus (Greek life, clubs, R.A., etc.)?
Josh: I'm playing club soccer and I plan to get involved in Greek life second semester.

Editor: What do you hope to learn before graduating?
Josh: How to manage my time better and become more responsible.

Editor: Do you have any last comments about your experiences so far at Longwood?
Josh: One thing I really like about the school is that I'm not just a number, like I would be at a huge school like JMU or Tech.

Editor: I have to ask; how do you pronounce your last name?
Josh: It's high-zing-ga.

Are you a freshman with interesting qualities, have a need-to-succeed attitude, or just want to be in the newspaper? Then you qualify to fill out a freshman profile, too! Let us know at therotundaonline@gmail.com, or email me directly at brooke.brennan@live.longwood.edu.

LU Involvement Fair 2010



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Rotunda Reporter

On Tues., Sept. 14, Longwood students came together on Brock Commons to check out over 100 opportunities where students can get involved. At the Involvement Fair, clubs and organizations presented what they are and how students can participate. Between 4 and 6 p.m., students walked on Brock Commons, they were presented with tables lined up and people calling them in to show what the club or organization is and why students should join it.

There were a wide variety of options. If the student is interested in outdoor activities, there are club sports and the Fishing Club. If someone likes indoor activities, there is the Chess and Anime clubs. Lancer Productions and WMLU 91.3 FM set up tables for people who want to get involved in event planning or helping out with the radio. Charities set up and presented ways to help the community. Plus, for people who love children there

is the Big Siblings program. Any student interested in going Greek had the opportunity to meet all the sororities and fraternities and see what they are all about. There were a few church groups as well. Academic and interest clubs that were represented included History, Ballroom Dancing, Color Guard, and Gymnastics, among others. If your niche doesn't exactly fit with these particular ones, there are plenty more interesting clubs and organizations on campus.

In addition, you also have the opportunity to make your own club. If there was a club that Longwood does not have, it can be made into one. Go to <http://www.longwood.edu/studentunion/15412.htm> to find out more. Students should also keep an eye out for emails to their Longwood email account, as well as bulletin boards in Dorrill Dining Hall, Lankford Student Union, residence halls, and other buildings around campus for any upcoming club meetings or other ways to get involved.

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Helpful iPhone Apps

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Everyone these days seems to have a cell phone. They are more than just popular; they have become a necessity. Apple tried to revolutionize the cell phone with their creation of the iPhone. The iPhone brought the evolution of the touch screen to the cell phone game. We are living in a digital age, which means we rely on technology more and more. By using a touch screen, we can access everything we need faster and work can be done more efficiently.

But the iPhone is also helping people with disabilities find their voice and communicate better than ever. People with autism, speech disabilities, brain injuries, and even recovering stroke victims can use the iPhone to communicate. This is similar to how texting made it easier for deaf people to explain, since all they have to do is type out what they are trying to say. The iPhone uses their popular "apps" to help the disabled.

According to news-mobile.eu, an app from the company Dynamic Controls is said to be "capable of controlling the disabled person's wheelchair via the smartphone." I think it would be very useful, as long as it didn't malfunction or have someone hack into it. Some of these apps are even being created by parents of disabled children, with the hope that communica-

"People with autism, speech disabilities, brain injuries, and even recovering stroke victims can use the iPhone to communicate. This is similar to how texting made it easier for deaf people to explain, since all they have to do is type out what they are trying to say."

tion will improve. After all, Apple's ad campaign does infer that there is an app for everything.

If you look closely at some websites that are marketed towards people with disabilities, they have lists of technologies (and in some cases lists of apps) that would be useful. This isn't exactly a new concept, so there are probably tons of apps of there that would be helpful to people with disabilities. The trick though is finding the ones that really make a difference in people's lives. One site with a good list is www.amsvans.com. Here's the best one that I have found thus far.

"Machines that have the same functions as this app tend to cost in the thousands, so the app is a cheap and interesting way for disabled people to learn."

Proloquo2Go "provides a full-featured augmentative and alternative communication solution for people who have difficulty speaking. It provides natural sounding text-to-speech voices (initially American and British English only), up-to-date symbols, powerful automatic conjugations, a default vocabulary of over 7,000 items, full expandability and extreme ease of use," according to apple.com. All you have to do is press little boxes for things you want to say like "television," or "I need to," and "I want to." Machines that have the same functions as this app tend to cost in the thousands, so the app is a cheap and interesting way for disabled people to learn.

Some other very good apps are iCommunicate, TapSpeak Button, and Sentence Builder. There are also apps that are designed to help the caregivers of disabled people, such as therapists and parents. Some of those apps include Pocket SLP Articulation and ABC Data Pro. Some of these apps are even free. But most of them are only a few dollars (although Proloquo2Go is over \$150). These apps are helping these people live their lives to the fullest, and hopefully more and more apps will come out that do even better things.

Movie Review

"Machete" Flawed and Confusing



KEVIN GREEN
Rotunda Reporter

Exploitation films used to be a thing of the past. Most of these "B" movies would go straight to DVD. Now they are making a comeback of sorts. Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino are largely responsible for this. They are the ones who released the "Grindhouse" films and are now responsible this. Danny Trejo plays the title character who is a knife-wielding cop with a bad attitude. Don't mess with him. He knows the score. He gets the women. And he kills the bad guys!

The film opens up with Machete attempting to save a girl in the hands of the drug lord Torrez (Steven Seagal). What he does not know is that this is really a set-up. Torrez basically has everyone around him payed-off, which gives Machete no chance. He watches painfully as his wife is slaughtered by Torrez. Three years later, he is living illegally in America in order to enact his revenge.

The plot that unfolds from there is a bit ridiculous. It gets really confusing as more and more characters are brought into the fray. The film has a bad case of "Spider-Man 3." At one point I counted five villains. None of them really become prominent enough. You lose track of names and who is good or bad pretty quickly. This is because the whole story is a messy clunk of violent killings.

The story does not really make coherent sense. As a result, there are enough plot holes to turn the film into Swiss cheese.

The film is titled "Machete," but his revenge plot takes a back step to this other "revolution" plot. The "revolution" is for illegal aliens. This may offend some audience members because it is decidedly pro-immigration.

is his first theatrical release in almost eight years.

Despite his racist character, De Niro was hilarious in this film. Surprisingly, Jessica Alba and Michelle Rodriguez both played their roles pretty well. I've never even considered Alba to be a great actress, but she held her own in this movie.

Being that this is an exploitation film, the visual effects do not have to be stellar. However, there seemed to be no consistency in the effects. Sometimes they looked great, other times they were laughable. They are especially bad in the film's climax. Visual effects are not the film's focus, but it should be something to hinder it either.

Overall, this is a very average movie. It is not Tarantino's or Rodriguez's magnum opus, but the two have done better. It is the type of movie that bridges the gap between the summer blockbusters and the fall Oscar contenders. Fans of the "Grindhouse" or "Kill Bill" movies will eat this cheese up with glee.



Danny Trejo stars in the new film, along with Robert Dinero and Steven Seagal.

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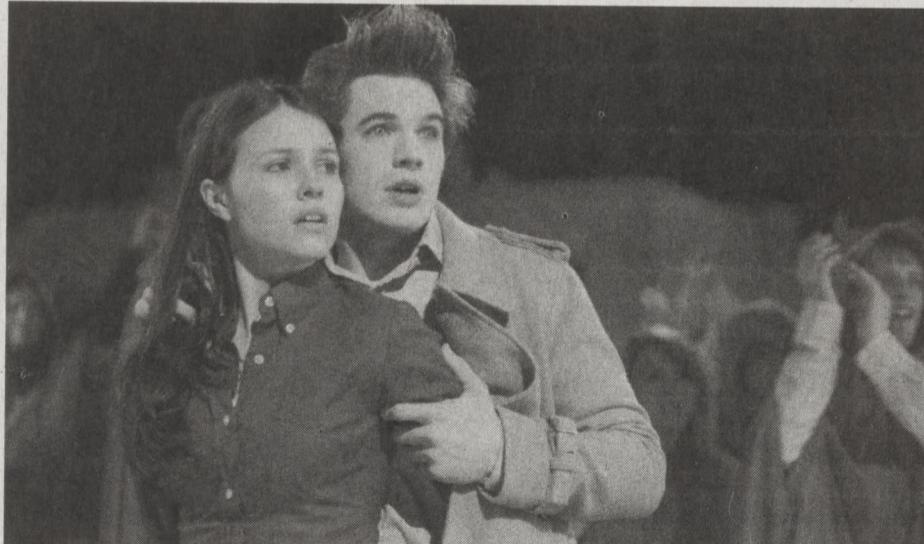
*Devil - Suspense/Horror and Thriller

*Easy A - Comedy

*The Town - Drama, Romance, Crime/Gangster and Adaptation

Upcoming Movies Week of Sept. 12

'Vampires Suck' Has Too Much Overbite



Becca (Jenn Proske) and Edward (Matt Lanter) share a moment during the film "Vampires Suck." While the three main villain's of the parody strike a pose.

COREY MORRIS
News Editor

Writer-directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer, the two that gave movie fans those memorable moments from the parodies of "Scary Movie" and "Date Movie" are at it again. But this time around, things aren't so funny, as they are beginning to run low in jokes almost as bad as Seth MacFarlane with "Family Guy." The two have decided to step away from the one-hit-wonder films they targeted back in the "Scary Movie" days and moved to a much larger target—An actually successful film based on successful books written by a successful woman, Stephenie Meyer.

That's right, "Twilight" is locked in the crosshairs of two of the most brilliant men in modern-day slapstick comedies that make us love every movie they hate so much more.

If you're a fan of the "Twilight" series, this parody is certainly the last thing you'll want to see. However, if you have a keen interest in those dry humored parody films that Friedberg and Seltzer specialize in, then it's your lucky day.

While there exists a list of obvious problems with "Vampires Suck," the largest of those lies in the time the film arrived on the big screen. While it is no secret that "Twilight" is still a big deal for girls who lack that certain brain cell, the hype has certainly died since the

first movie debuted in 2008. That's the problem with this parody, it would have been beautiful two years ago, but today, it's lacks the timeliness it needs.

The plot revolves around moments from the first two Twilight films—"Twilight" and "New Moon"—that made adolescent girls coo twice as much than a certain prepubescent male teenage artist who I refuse to mention. I'll give you a hint, his name rhymes with beaver. In fact, if you hated those movies, most of what goes on in the parody is probably what you imagined while you sat through them.

"Vampires Suck" begins with a collection of teen ladies who seem to enjoy bashing one another's heads in with shovels. Becca (Jenn Proske) the "Vampires Suck" version of the "Twilight" character Bella, resides in Sporks, a play on the actual town of Forks, Wash., the setting for most of the action in the "Twilight" saga.

Through a parade of unwieldy conversations with her father (Diedrich Bader of "The Drew Carey Show") and school colleagues, Becca finds herself in a pickle—should she choose the sparkling vampire Edward (Matt Lanter) who can juggle a baby, a book, and an apple all at the same time, or the lovable and affectionate guy who looks like he's from an Axe commercial, Jacob (Chris Rigg).

While "Twilight" fans will understand all the subtleties such as Edward's lightning-fast speed, his desire to create some puncture wounds in Becca's neck, and

the secret of the Sullens, they probably will not share a laugh with their parody-loving roommates.

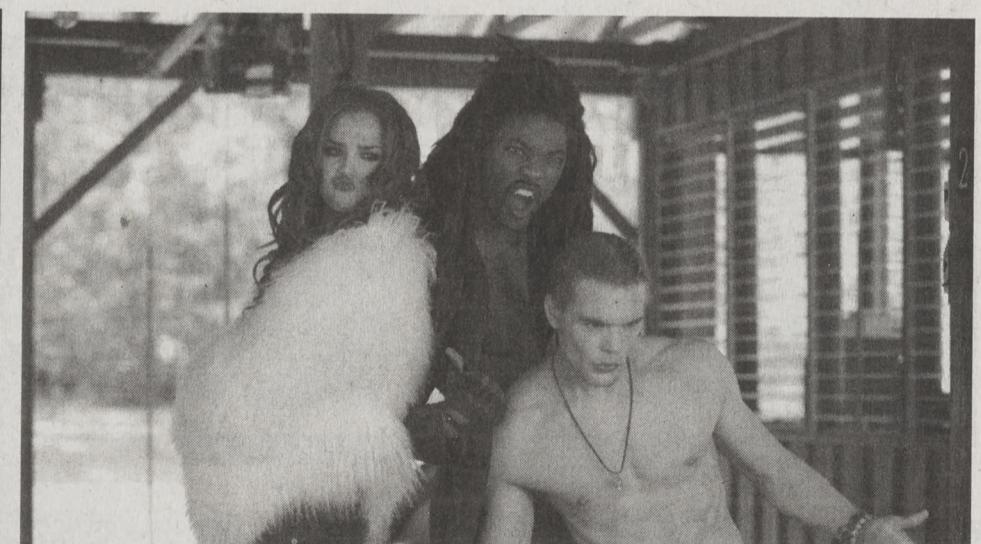
Proske's movements and speech are synonymous to the portrayal of Kristen Stewart in the original flick. She has the awkward twitching bit down pat, that's for sure. Ken Jeong ("The Hangover" and "The Goods") and comedy great from "The Kids in the Hall," Dave Foley, make a brief appearance toward the end of the film—probably about the time most people have exited. Most likely, a smart decision on their part.

For those who suffered relentlessly through the first two "Twilight" pictures, they will enjoy its pokes at pop culture icons such as the cast of "Jersey Shore" and the Kardashians as well as the musical performance of "It's Raining Men" by Jacob's wolf pack. Even the recent release of "Dear John" couldn't escape the jabbing. Sadly, there were no Michael Jackson "Thriller" jokes. I guess it was just too soon.

Hopefully this will be the last "Vampires Suck" we have to endure. There's no need to make a parody of the last two "Twilight" films. I have a feeling they'll be nauseating enough.

Grade: C-

Rated PG-13 for sexual content, comic violence, crude humor, teen partying, and language



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I'm Talkin' Bout 'My Generation'



REBECCA LUNDBERG
Rotunda Reporter

Where are they now? Wherever Noah Hawley, the creator and writer of the upcoming ABC drama "My Generation," wants them to be. The mockumentary features a filmmaker who follows nine students from Greenbelt High's Class of 2000 during their final days of high school and brings them together again ten years later to see (and document) exactly how their lives turned out.

High school wouldn't be complete without appropriate stereotypes, and the nine seniors fit their labels well. But ten years later, "Rich Kid" Anders (Julian Morris) and "Beauty Queen" Jackie (Jaime King), who didn't so much as ask to borrow a pencil from each other in high school, are newlyweds. The "Brain" Brenda (Daniella Alonso), Anders' high school sweetheart, hasn't spoken to him since their mysterious break-up a decade earlier. Dawn (Kelli Garner) and her husband Rolly (Mehcad Brooks) are expecting a ba-

by while he's on duty in Afghanistan despite their labels of "Punk" and "Jock" in high school. The remaining friends, the "Nerd," "Wallflower," "Rock Star," and "Overachiever," have mix-ups of their own. The times have clearly changed, not only within their group but in the world around them as well.

The full-length preview is a fast-paced mash-up of real news clips from the past decade, upbeat music, and quirky before-and-after clips. The premise of the show was enough to catch my interest, but the addition of current events is what will keep it. I'm sure I am not alone in saying I am amazed by all that has happened during this past decade, from the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001 to the more recent economic downturn. I sincerely hope the writers will do the impact of these events justice by relating them personally to the characters as opposed to just playing clips during the previews reel to viewers in.

Where the characters were, where they are now, and a small dose of their drama is



Photo Courtesy: canpleasejustsay.com

all we know so far. Hopefully the show will be packed with flashbacks from the characters' high school days and they will reveal enough secrets from the past decade to give themselves a little substance. After all, they were in high school when *NSYNC was still playing on Top 40 stations. I think it's safe to assume that they moved on from the fads of the early 2000s as quickly as they shed their high school stereotypes. We didn't get to watch the "Overachiever" move on from SAT prep to surfing in Hawaii or see the "Wallflower" raising her son on her own. The only character growth we'll see is their reactions to meeting up with their old classmates, armed with their new (and hopefully improved) persona.

Overall, "My Generation" seems promising, though its connection to current events will most likely tug at my heartstrings more than the chaotic lives of the characters. But the idea of the characters not ending up where they planned is fresh realism that most shows these days lack. Tune in with me on Thurs., Sept. 23 at 8/7c on ABC.

Charlottesville Went Gaga for the Lady at Recent Concert

The Fame Monster rocks out at John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville

MATT ORBEN
Photo Editor

The Monster Ball Tour, starring pop icon, Lady Gaga, made its stop in Virginia last week. For those lucky few who made it to Charlottesville with me, we were treated with an amazing show that was both mind-blowing and truly touching. I believe that is something that her fans are drawn to. She can single-handedly shock and awe while touching our souls like some divine being. Of course, based on her daring wardrobe and even more daring message, I would say she's pretty darn close.

Now the opening act was a band named Semi Precious Weapons: a rock band with a lead singer who could easily be Ms. Gaga's brother. Their eccentric lyrics and outrageous behavior won me over in mere seconds. I never knew an opening act would captivate me the way they did. I think the best part was they knew they were the opening act. Meaning, they knew it was their job to get the entire arena psyched up Lady Gaga, but they did not let that stop them from putting on an amazing show that had me Googling them by the end of the night.

After Semi Precious Weapons got me in the mood, it was time for what all those hundreds of people were waiting for: the



Photo Courtesy: nydailynews.com

Gaga. The energy was so incredible and frightening that I thought we would start rioting any minute. When she first came out on stage, I was not sure if people were cheering or crying. Keeping in her tradition of being a true performer, the entire

concert was a narrative. It was a "Wizard of Oz" theme where she and two dancers were trying to get to the Monster Ball. It was so much better than her just singing a set of songs. That is one of the things I adore about her: she sings, dances, plays

instruments, etc. It is not about one thing, but all of them. You do not do her justice by just saying she is a singer. That is why I specifically call her a performer.

The entire show consisted of her hits, a few lesser known songs, a brand new song that will be on her next album, four complete set changes, and a costume change at least every other song. Now it might be clear as to why we have been hearing stories of her suffering from exhaustion, but that is just another reason to love her! She cares so much about her fans and refuses to disappoint them. She even tried to make this show unique. She would change some lyrics in songs to either Virginia or Charlottesville in turn the crowd screamed even louder. She even took a few minutes to talk to the crowd. She wished a pregnant mother good luck and put a T-shirt a fan threw to her during a song. She also had a contest where she called a fan in the crowd, invited to the best seats in the arena, and asked them and their friends to come back stage after the concert. It is things like that that make me so proud to be a fan of hers. And at random intervals, she even made a point to let everyone know they should proud to be who they are. That God loves everyone no matter who they are, where they come from, or who they love. It was about this point that I

was on the verge of tears and I am not ashamed to say that. Also, at the beginning of the concert, they played a video of her saying that she wants her fans to help her in supporting homeless shelters that cater to young people that were

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kicked out of their homes by their parents when they came out of the closet.

So, if you couldn't tell till now, this concert was just AMAZING! Her performances were beautiful and engaging. She wanted everyone to feel wanted and loved and she most certainly did. Lady Gaga delivered over and over again. This fan was left breathless and satisfied.

She Didn't Write You a Love Song

THOMAS FLIPPEN
Rotunda Reporter

Sara Bareilles is back on the shelves with her sophomore effort "Kaleidoscope Heart," which clocks in at less than 50 minutes and was released on Epic Records. After Bareilles' released her breakthrough, "Little Voice" in 2007, her follow-up has been highly anticipated and long overdue. Bareilles delivers a record that will satisfy any devoted fan, but is definitely not another "Little Voice."

The record begins with the short a cappella title track that shows off her beautiful voice, which really shows her talent; She has a voice that is pretty but still holds enough rawness to set her apart. "Uncharted" is where the album really gets started with its light but catchy piano riff and lyrics that describe the unfamiliar parts of our lives and relationships. "Gonna Get Over You" is one of the downsides of the album it just seems very generic in its lyrics and overall feel. "Hold My Heart" grabs you immediately with a piano piece that feels so familiar that you

can't help but wonder what it is from. The lyrics are just a new spin on questioning love and if she will ever find it.

"King of Anything" is the first single and surprisingly is one of the best songs Bareilles has penned. This song is relatable enough and edgy enough to stand alongside "Love Song." "Say you're Sorry" is the worst track on the album, it is very repetitive and very generic. "The Light" is a slower song, which is neither good nor bad; it just fits into the album without standing out.

This albums biggest plus is Bareilles' ability to switch instruments, for most of the album she plays the piano but on "Basket Case" and "Let The Rain," she changes to the guitar. "Basket Case" is a standout track that has Bareilles singing her heart out to a lover that she is literally crazy for. "Let the Rain" is another standout track that finds Bareilles singing about what she wishes for her life. "Machine Gun" brings the album back to piano basics and is just another one of those sluggish songs that just doesn't seem to fit.

"Not Alone" picks the record right back up with its lyrics about fear that includes an excerpt of Alfred Hitchcock. This is one of the top three songs on the album. "Breathe Again" would have been an excellent way to end the record on a good note. This song is easily the best on the album and while it is one of the slower ones the lyrics and music intertwine perfectly. "Bluebird" is the album closer and is one of the three worst songs on the album, it just seems awkward. While the lyrics are very symbolic, the song still seems to drag on and on and on.

Overall, Sara Bareilles has brought a set of songs that are more refreshing and honest than what pop music has been putting into our hands. The record has its moments of weakness, but with songs like "Breathe Again," "Not Alone," and "King of Anything," this album is definitely worth checking out, even if you don't buy the whole album. I give it a four out of five.

'Toy Story 3' Movie Review

SHELBY JENNETTE
Rotunda Reporter

Viewers have waited over 10 years for the sequel to the outstanding movies Toy Story 1 and 2. "Toy Story 3" premiered in theaters on June 18, 2010 and catered to a slightly older crowd. Andy (John Morris) is now 17-years-old, and is heading off to college in a few days. Andy has grown from a young boy to a teenager and has forgotten the toys he used to play with when he was little. In the process of packing, the toys get mistakenly misplaced and delivered to Sunnyside Daycare, where they encounter a whole new experience with a whole new circle of friends. Shortly after their arrival they find out that Sunnyside Daycare is not

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so "sunny." Woody, Buzz, Jessie, Slinky, Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head, and several others scheme together to plan an escape route. Little do they know, their every move is being closely watched and the only escape plan may risk all of their lives. This hilarious, touching, and family-oriented film is

the perfect sequel to Toy Story 1 and 2. The thrills, laughs, and adventures deliver the most satisfying journey of the trilogy for any age.

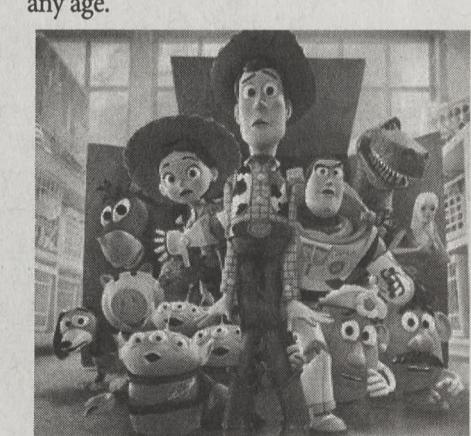


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My personal favorite part of Toy Story 3 was all of the new toys at Sunnyside Daycare. There is one scene where it opens up to a big playroom with all the toys scrambled everywhere. Of course, when everyone leaves, the toys come to life and seeing the different toys that I myself, and probably all viewers played with when we were younger, come to life is so awesome. They feature Barbie, Ken, Etch-a-Sketch, Lots-O Huggin' Bear, and many others. If you have followed the Toy Story trilogy, like I have, then "Toy Story 3" will be a gut-busting, tear-jerking, nostalgic experience.

CALENDAR

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THIS WEEK AT LONGWOOD

Wednesday, Sept. 15th

Thursday, Sept. 16th

LP Thursday Jams:
Andrew Belle, noon,
Lancer Cafe

LP: History of Rock: 70s, 7
p.m., Student Union
Ballroom

Friday, Sept. 17th

ROCK THE BLOCK 2010: Join us for 2nd annual Rock The Block community event: MidTown at Longwood Landings, 5:30-9 p.m.; FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Women's Soccer:
Elon/Andrew H.
McConnell-Wounded
Warrior Project, 7 p.m.

LP Movie: Grown Ups,
7:30 p.m., Student Union
ABC Rooms

Saturday, Sept. 18th

Field Hockey: LaSalle,
noon

LP Comedian: Kira
Soltanovich, 8 p.m.,
Student Union

Sunday, Sept. 19th

LP Movie: Grown Ups, 2 p.m., Student Union
ABC Rooms

Monday, Sept. 20th

Tuesday, Sept. 21st

What Happened On This Day In History?

Wednesday, September 15th

On this day in 1978, boxer Muhammad Ali defeats Leon Spinks at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans to win the world heavyweight boxing title for the third time in his career, the first fighter ever to do so.

Thursday, September 16th

On this day in 1932, in his cell at Yerwada Jail near Bombay, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi begins a hunger strike in protest of the British government's decision to separate India's electoral system by caste.

Friday, September 17th

Beginning early on the morning of this day in 1862, Confederate and Union troops in the Civil War clash near Maryland's Antietam Creek in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history.

Saturday, September 18th

On this day in 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building, the home of the legislative branch of American government.

Sunday, September 19th

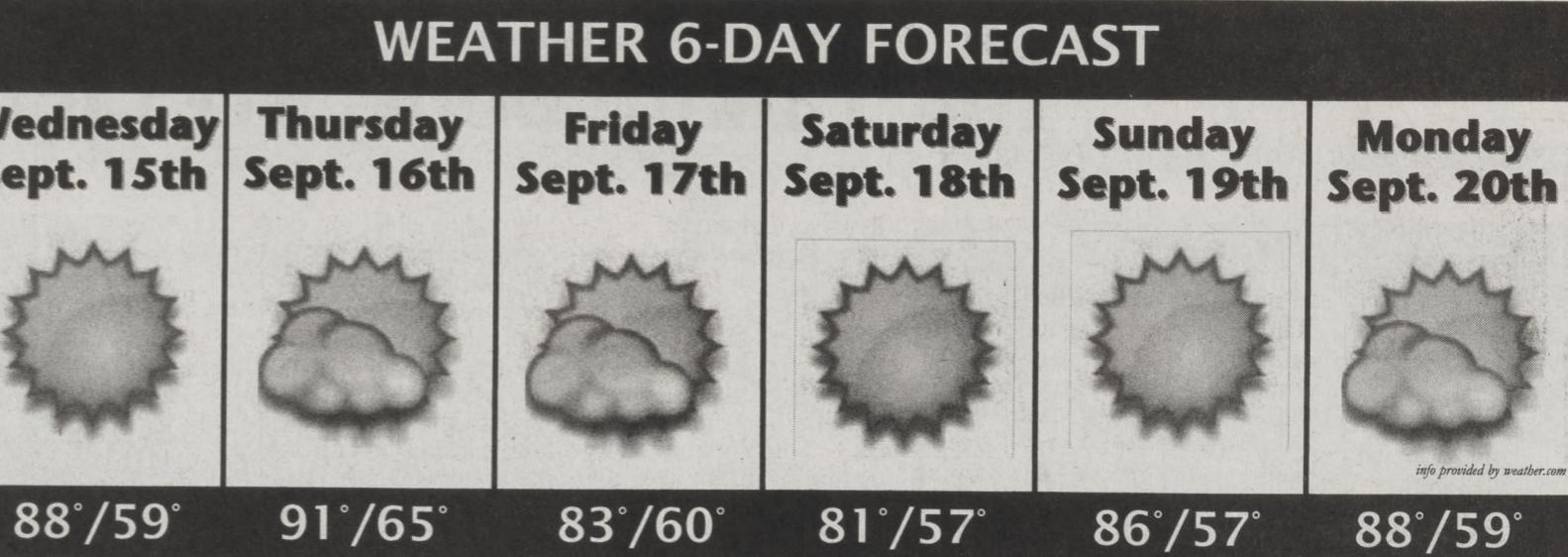
On this day in 1957, the United States detonates a 1.7 kiloton nuclear weapon in an underground tunnel at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), a 1,375 square mile research center located 65 miles north of Las Vegas. The test, known as Rainier, was the first fully contained underground detonation and produced no radioactive fallout.

Monday, September 20th

On this day in 1973, in a highly publicized "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King, 29, beats Bobby Riggs, 55, a former No. 1 ranked men's player.

Tuesday, September 21st

On this day in 1780, during the American Revolution, American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army.



Safety Tips

Lock your room and suite doors. Always look out your door's eyehole when you hear a knock.

Be aware of your surroundings. Don't listen to music if walking on campus at night.

Travel in groups of two or more people. The more people around you, the less likely you may be approached by a stranger. Avoid poorly lit areas when traveling.

Carry identification and your cell phone at all times. Carry your phone in your hand or pretend like you are talking on it at night if you feel scared.

Report tailgaters to the front desk of your residence hall.

Add Campus Police's phone number (434-495-2091) to your cell phone. Consider putting this number on speed dial as well.

Report any suspicious activities or large groups of people to campus police. Watch out for anything out of the ordinary.

Notes from the Staff

Leftover Papers

For anyone who needs extra newspapers, we have stacks and stacks of old issues in our office looking for a home. E-mail us at therotundaonline@gmail.com if you'd like to come pick some up.

Goodbye Calendar Page

This is the last time you will see the calendar page in The Rotunda. We have decided to use this page for News and Features.

Staff Positions Available

We need some positions filled on staff. We are currently accepting applications for Arts & Entertainment Editor, Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor, Assistant Sports Editor, and Assistant News Editor. Also, we can always use help with copy editing, layout, as well as with ads and business.

We also always need reporters and photographers. Our meetings are on Thursday nights in Hiner 201 at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

WMLU 91.3 Show Schedule

Monday

8 p.m. - Thinking in Square Waves
10 p.m. - Mayhem

Tuesday

3 p.m. - Captain's Afterschool Adventures
8 p.m. - Left of the Dial
10 p.m. - DJ Smooth and Gentry
12 a.m. - Schmader's Select Set
1 a.m. - Vault 182

Wednesday

2 p.m. - Nathan Epstein
8 p.m. - The F Word
10 p.m. - So You Want to Be A DJ

Thursday

1 p.m. - Afternoon Bourgeoisie
3 p.m. - Captain's Afterschool Adventures
7 p.m. - The Grey Scale
8 p.m. - Automation Radio
10 p.m. - Audible Holocaust

Friday

1 p.m. - A Waste of Your Time
7 p.m. - Patrick Robbins
9 p.m. - Fiesta Fridays
10 p.m. - The Atomic Turntable
12 a.m. - The Subterranean Broadcast

Saturday

10 p.m. - Swiss Neutrality
12 a.m. - Rock In the Wild
1 a.m. - The Divine Comedy

Sunday

1 p.m. - Badger's Folk Set
10 p.m. - The Gathering
12 a.m. - The Rock Block

SPEAK OUT

What are you looking forward to most about Rock the Block?



"The live bands, local vendors and free give-aways."

- Ryan Sealy, freshman



"Seeing everyone and hanging out with friends."

- Kelsea Bitterman, sophomore



"Getting to see all the new freshmen and the support for the school and community."

- Tara Kimmey, senior

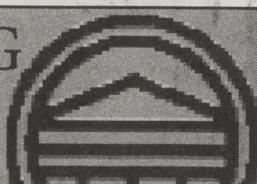


"The 80's cover bands and the fireworks should be really exciting! I really just like the atmosphere of it though."

- Jessica Cooke, junior

This segment features a Longwood-pertinent question answered by a random sample of students. Send suggestions to therotundaonline@gmail.com.

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PIGSKIN PICK 'EM WEEKLY FOOTBALL PICKS



BEN MAITLAND: (4-2)

-VA Tech over ECU: The Hokie faithful will have Beamer's head on a platter if they start 0-3. Tech has to limit mistakes and man up.
-Texas over Texas Tech: The Red Raiders will be seeing red when this one's over. This is the Longhorns' first real opponent of the year, but their offense will continue to roll.
-Michigan St. over Notre Dame: "This is Sparta!...." Couldn't help myself there. Notre Dame lost a tough one last week to Michigan, expect more of the same.
-Bears over Cowboys: The Cowboys will still be reeling from last week, but Jay Cutler has to get the offense moving if Bears want to win.
-Patriots over Jets: Even with the Randy Moss sideshow, Brady and Welker should be more than enough. Jets defense may keep it interesting.
-Colts over Giants: Big Brother is watching you Eli. No 0-2 start for Indy.



KEENAN CRUMP: (3-3)

-VA Tech over ECU: After two tough losses, Tech finally gets a win column as Tyrod Taylor and offense will their way to victory.
-Texas over Texas Tech: Sophomore QB for Texas gets first big road victory over a new look Tech team.
-Notre Dame over Michigan St.: QB Dayne Crist showed promise before being hurt against Michigan. A healthy start this week will light fire under Irish offense.
-Cowboys over Bears: After embarrassing loss, Dallas comes in refocused, sneaks away with close win.
-Patriots over Jets: Jets receive a reality check at home against New England. Will show they are still class of AFC East.
-Colts over Giants: Peyton rarely loses two in a row and while Giants won big in Week One they still had turnovers which may cost them this week.



NATHAN EPSTEIN: (4-2)

-ECU over VA Tech: Tech's offensive line is struggling and ECU puts up 45 points a game.
-Texas over Texas Tech: Too much size and speed from Longhorns overpowers Red Raiders.
-Michigan St. over Notre Dame: Michigan St. is faster and Notre Dame is still a young team.
-Cowboys over Bears: Chicago managed only 19 points against Detroit and they will be in tougher environment in Dallas.
-Patriots over Jets: Better team with a better quarterback and a healthy Wes Welker.
-Colts over Giants: When was the last time Peyton Manning started 0-2?



ADMINISTRATOR: DR. TIM PIERSON: (4-2)

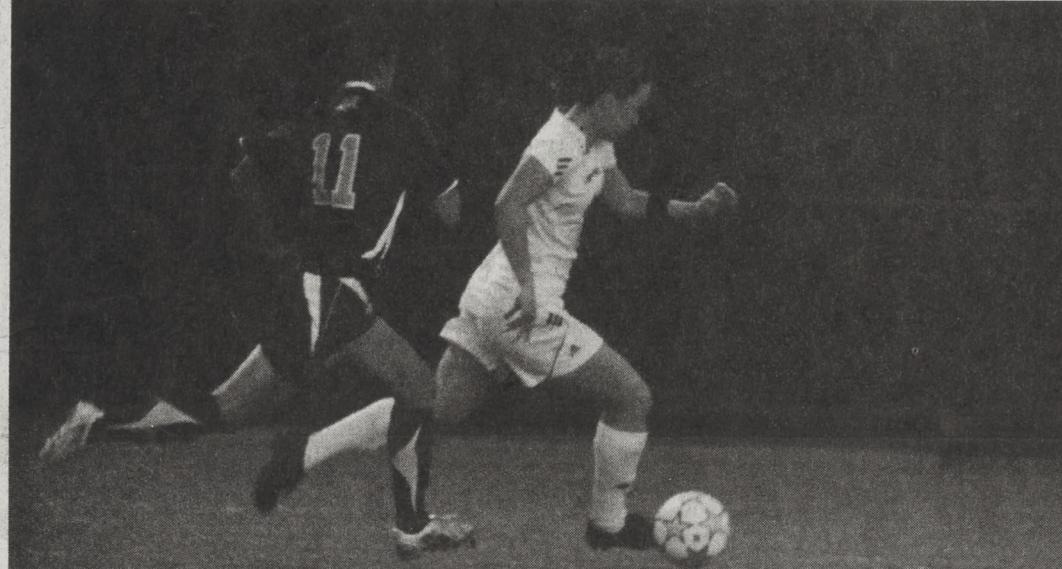
-Va. Tech over ECU: Hokies wake up after their loss to JMU.
-Texas over Texas Tech: Longhorns own the state in football.
-Michigan St. over Notre Dame: Spartans are more than a national power house.
-Cowboys over Bears: Bears won't steal one in the Cowboys' Palace.
-Patriots over Jets: This will be a dismal start for the Jets with two home losses.
-Colts over the Giants: I just can't see Peyton losing to his little brother.



GUEST: MAX DUCHAINE

-Va. Tech over ECU: Frank Beamer's job depends on if Tech can rebound.
-Texas over Texas Tech: It's a rematch that Texas will not let slip away again.
-Notre Dame over Michigan St.: Notre Dame should be able to rebound from the tough loss to Michigan last week.
-Bears over Cowboys: They will pull it off if they can stymie Damarcus Ware.
-Patriots over Jets: The Jets secondary can't stop the Brady-Moss Express.
-Colts over the Giants: Look for Peyton beating up on his little brother on the ground and in the air.

Women's Soccer Gets Victory Against Mount St. Mary's



A St. Mary's player attempts to steal the ball from a Lancer.

Photo By: Stephen Hudson

BEN MAITLAND
Sports Editor

The Longwood University women's soccer team won its third straight home match against Mount St. Mary's on Friday, Sept. 10. Lindsey Ottavio of the Lancers continued her exemplary play, scoring two goals within the first eight minutes of the match. She leads the team in goals scored this season with seven. The Lancers never trailed after that, adding to their lead with the final result being 4-0. Dylan Spicker and Kayla Huggins also scored for Longwood late in the match.

Ottavio's first goal of the match was a shot to the lower right part of the net at the one minute mark. Jessica Varela was credited with the assist. The duo added the second goal at the 8:40 mark. Again, Varela passed the ball to Ottavio who drove it home to the upper right part of the net, giving the Lancers a 2-0 lead. Mountaineers players Kaylyn Mahon and Kerian McGettigan received yellow and red cards respectively.

The Lancers came out on the attack in the second half, as Spicker scored her first goal of the season with the assist by Kelsey Pardee. Huggins' goal came in the 70th minute unassisted as she beat the keeper for an open net. Longwood outshot Mount St. Mary's 18-8 during the match. The Mountaineers also committed 11 fouls to the Lancers' six. Graduate goalkeeper Marcia Biddle played 64 minutes before being replaced by Kyra Byron. Each had three saves on the night. Alicia Miller allowed three goals for Mount St. Mary's during 61 minutes of action, while Amanda Kitzmiller allowed one.

"After the trip to Long Island, we had a little bit of a wake-up call," said Head Coach Todd Dyer. "We've been doing a lot of good things on this field at home. The trick is how to duplicate that on the road. I think our offense helped more than anything, giving us a confidence boost. We have a lot of respect for Mount St. Mary's. They tied George Mason and beat Towson. More than anything we helped our own cause scoring early."

The women's team then dropped a 1-0 road decision Sunday, Sept. 12 at Appalachian State University of the Southern Conference in Boone, North Carolina. The Lancers (4-4) allowed the lone goal of the match in the 31st minute by the host Mountaineers. Appalachian State took its 1-0 advantage at the intermission with a goal at 30:20 from Amy Werdine on a header from a corner kick by Sydney Hill. Longwood had a couple of scoring opportunities at the end of the first half, and again at the end of the second period but ASU keeper Caroline Clarke made the saves.

Longwood took a 7-4 advan-

tage in shots, including 5-1 in attempts on-goal, while Appalachian State had a 4-2 edge on corner kicks. Biddle played the first 45:00 in front of the net for the Lancers with no saves and allowing the one goal. Byron played the final 45:00 for LU with no saves and no goals allowed. Clarke played the duration in front of the net for the Mountaineers with five saves while posting the shutout.

Longwood will return to action on Friday night, Sept. 17, hosting another Southern Conference member in Elon University at the Athletics Complex in Farmville beginning at 7 p.m. It's a match that will begin the Wounded Warrior Weekend to honor members of the military wounded in combat with activities September 17-18, including the women's soccer match, 5K run/walk on Saturday morning, and a soccer contest that will feature a Longwood faculty and staff team against friends of fallen university alumni and family members on Saturday evening.

(Info courtesy of longwood-lancers.com).



Lauren Trizna advances the ball versus St. Mary's.

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Women's Golf Places Ninth at Michigan

BEN MAITLAND
Sports Editor

The Longwood University women's golf team began its 2010-11 season on Saturday and Sunday with a 54-hole score of 313-309-320-942 to finish ninth among 17 teams competing at the Wolverine Invitational hosted by the University of Michigan at the U-M Golf Course in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Florida International University (FIU) won the event with its score of 301-292-303-896 at the 6,167-yard, par 71 layout. FIU's standout golfer Paula Hurtado took individual medalist honors at 75-72-75-222. Meanwhile, freshman Amanda Steinhagen led the Lancers with her 81-75-79-235 that left her tied for 36th in the field of 90. Following Steinhagen for Longwood were juniors Alexa Boucher (78-80-79-237, t-42nd) and Brooke Mallory (80-77-81-238, t-48th), along with sophomores Ariel Witmer (77-77-85-239, t-54th) and Ha Lee (78-83-81-242, t-67th). The Lancers were playing their opening event without the services of their standout player, senior Kameron Carter, who is currently out of the lineup with an injury.

The rest of the top ten was led by Iowa State (907), followed by Western Michigan (919), Northwestern

(919), Michigan (924), Indiana (925), Augusta State (927), Campbell (933), LIU, and Toledo (944).

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Head Coach Ali Wright could not be reached for comment about the team's performance in Michigan.

Longwood will play again Sept. 25-26 at the Yale Women's Intercollegiate, a 54-hole tournament at the Yale University Golf Club in New Haven, CT. For more information about Longwood's women's golf roster and their upcoming fall tournaments, please visit longwoodlancers.com. (Information about Michigan tournament courtesy of longwoodlancers.com.)

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Men's Soccer Can't Right the Ship, Loses to GW and JMU

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Longwood University's men's soccer team continued to struggle this past week losing two matches to George Washington University and James Madison University. The match against George Washington was held on Wed., Sept. 8 at the Athletics Complex in Farmville. The team dropped the decision by a score of 4-2 to the visiting Colonials (Atlantic 10 Conference). Senior Harvey Headley and sophomore Vinnie Llana each scored a goal in the first half. The Colonials scored the first two goals before the pair of Longwood goals tied the match. George Washington would score one more goal in the first half and add an insurance goal in the second half.

Longwood pressured early in the first half, drawing five corner kicks in the first five minutes of the match but could only get off one shot during that span. George Washington scored their first goal in the 11th minute on a shot by Mike Burke from 40 yards out on the left side of the field that deflected off the post and into the goal. The Colonials added to their lead in the 25th minute when Seth Rudolph hit a header off a cross from Mattia Melillo to push the lead to 2-0. The Lancers answered in the 26th minute when Llana scored on a penalty kick that cut the deficit to one goal. Headley scored in the 34th minute off a long pass from freshman left-back Patrick Bain. The match would not stay tied for long as Jeff Eisenbud collected a loose ball in front of the net after a deflected free kick and scored to put GWU ahead 3-2 in the 38th minute.

George Washington added an insurance goal in the 61st minute on a Burke goal from six yards out.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ben Eanes played in goal in the first half and allowed three goals. Junior Joel Helmick played in goal in the second half and allowed one goal with one save. Jake Davis recorded three saves in 90 minutes for the Colonials.

Longwood was led by Headley and Llana with one goal each while Bain added an assist. George Washington was led by Burke with two goals. Longwood outshot George Washington 13-10 and had an 11-1 advantage on corners.

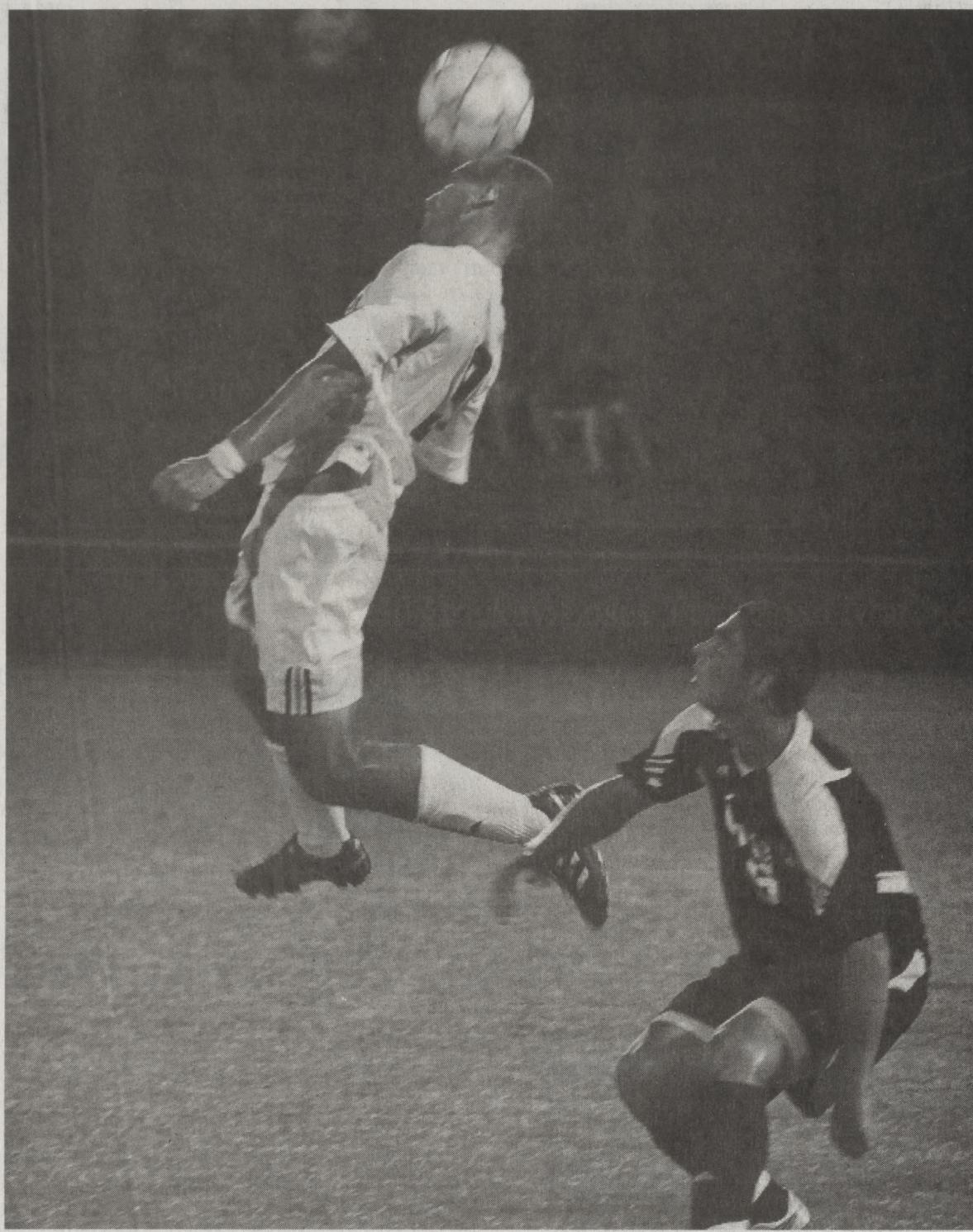
"Words can't express the disappointment," said Head Coach Jon Atkinson. "We let a George Washington team off the hook and we've only got ourselves to blame. This young team has to start maturing rapidly. The proper communication has to be expressed. Communication helps synergize a team. Mistakes happened which allowed us to get behind and it's tough to get traction and go forward again after that. It's the stuff off the ball that's important. We need to be working off the ball defensively. Ball watching is a problem that has cost us game after game after game."

The men's team then fell 3-0 at JMU of the CAA on Sunday afternoon in Harrisonburg. CJ Sapong of the Dukes recorded three goals, scoring on a pair of headers and a penalty kick.

Longwood had three attempts in the first 17 minutes, but the first by Llana was blocked and the second by sophomore Adel Sarras missed the mark. Freshman Nick Surkamp took the only shot on goal for the Lancers in the 17th minute that was saved by JMU's Ken Manahan. James Madison (4-0) outshot the Lancers 9-3 in the first half and had a 5-1 advantage on corner kicks, but the Lancers went in to halftime tied at 0-0.

James Madison broke the game open in the 55th minute with a Sapong header off a free kick from Christian McLaughlin. He added his second goal of the match in the 68th minute on a header off a corner kick from Patrick Innes. His third goal came on a penalty kick in the 81st minute to put the Dukes ahead 3-0. JMU outshot Longwood 21-4 in the match and had a 9-1 advantage in corner kicks.

The Lancers now stand 0-4 on the year. Their next match is today as they travel to Towson, Maryland, to take on Towson University of the CAA at 4 p.m. (Information from JMU match courtesy of longwoodlancers.com).



Photos By: Stephen Hudson

Field Hockey Loses Two Road Matches

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The Longwood Lancers field hockey team has had a rough start to its fall season. The team fell at Lock Haven University 2-1 on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11 in Lock Haven, Penn. Junior Olga Knop led Longwood with her second goal of the season in the 43rd minute to tie the match at 1-1.

Lock Haven struck first when Leslie Ahern hit the ball into the circle and put a nice move past the goalkeeper to put the Eagles ahead 1-0 in the 18th minute. Lock Haven outshot Longwood 5-2 early in the going with Longwood sophomore goalkeeper Kaye Goulding recording two saves during the first half.

The Lancers knotted up the match in the 43rd minute on a penalty corner. Senior Lauren van de Kamp pushed the ball to junior stopper Sarah Bietsch who set Knap up for the shot. Amy Hordendorf deflected a shot for the match-winning goal in the 60th minute for Lock Haven. It was all Lock Haven needed to pull away from the Lancers and secure the win. Lock Haven outshot Longwood 10-4 and had a 7-2 advantage on penalty corners.

"This was our weakest performance of the season," said head coach Iain Byers. "We played well in the last 10 minutes, but we have to learn to challenge from the start. We have to learn from our mistakes and come back tomorrow and make the corrections."

The field hockey team then fell 1-



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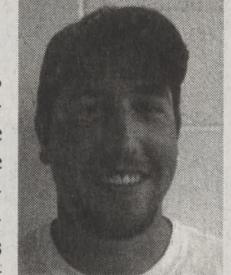
Wednesday, September 22
100th Birthday Party for the Student Government Association
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Wednesday, October 20
T.J. Sullivan, motivational speaker, will address "The Apathy Myth."
7 p.m., Auditorium, Jarman Hall

Tuesday, November 2
President Patrick Finnegan will address "Honor and Integrity."
7 p.m., Auditorium, Jarman Hall

Contusions and Abrasions from NFL's Week One

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As is always the case, there were several surprises during Week One of the NFL season. The opening game of the season between New Orleans and Minnesota was not the barn-burner that many expected given what both teams did to each other last year in the NFC Championship game. When all was said and done, the scoreboard read 14-9 in favor of the Saints, and Brett Favre had his first loss in what I fear could turn out to be a dismal year for the aging quarterback. This was the prime example of what all of us fans are guilty of, that being over-hyping a matchup. Should we really have expected so much considering the circumstances? Probably not. I only see the Favre saga continuing to plague Minnesota as the old man fights with himself about whether or not it's meant to be.

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One of the biggest (and best) surprises on Sunday was the Texans victory over Peyton Manning and the Colts. The Colts were on their heels from the get go, as Houston's Matt Schaub threw the ball only 17 times, letting second-year running back Arian Foster light up the playing surface with 231 yards rushing and three touchdowns. He was only 20 yards off of the all-time opening day rushing record held by O.J. Simpson. Foster only played in six games total last season, adding to the intrigue and buzz surrounding his performance. That's what followers of the NFL are always looking for, a guy who can make plays happen when given the opportunity. But was it all just a fluke, one-time deal for Foster, or will he continue to run the ball with no fear in the coming weeks? He will surely be a player that I will keep my eye on as Week Two gets underway and the Texans face a new opponent in the Redskins.

New England also came to play Sunday, stomping on Cincinnati's Batcave. Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco, the so-called "Batman and Robin" duo, looked more like Laurel and Hardy on Sunday. Both Ochocinco and Owens disappeared into the locker room before the first half was even over with, while their teammates went back on the field for one more offensive play. Regardless of what they think, Owens and Ochocinco are not special and will need to prove they can play as a unit almost as well as they run their mouths. Head Coach Marvin Lewis needs to reign in the two before it gets any worse than this. Who knows, Lewis might have to turn into Commissioner Gordon to make sure that happens.

OK, now comes the fun part. Washington beat Dallas (like you didn't know that already). The game was U-G-L-Y for both sides, but mistakes from Dallas's offense and defense cost them a victory. Offensive plays that should not have happened (the pitch to Tashard Choice) and penalties (including the holding call on the last play of the game) snuffed any chance for Cowboys to wipe the floor with the 'Skins. Alex Barron's holding penalty ranks up there with some of the all-time bonehead mistakes in the NFL. The Choice fumble and DeAngelo Hall runback for a touchdown as time expired in the first half also was a stinker for Dallas. It was like the Cowboys had a loaded gun and all the bullets turned out to be blanks. With everything that Washington dodged Sunday night, they should be thanking the football gods. Now, the 'Boys go against the Bears which will not necessarily be a walk in the park after eating a big slice of humble pie at FedEx Field.

Finally, the Ravens got the best of Rex Ryan's Jets on Monday Night Football. I, for one, didn't really see it going down that way, but anytime a team has almost more penalty yards than total yards on offense, you're not going to win. Sure, it was a very defensive battle and could have gone either way if a big play had happened, but the Jets didn't do themselves justice, especially with all the talk back and forth between them and the Ravens in the weeks prior to Monday night. The Jets have a tough road ahead of them now that they dropped this first one. New England is still the powerhouse of the AFC East and if New York wants to keep pace they have to make something happen.

So, what does Week Two have in store? I already feel like I've overdosed from too much football, so I might try to cut back my TV watching this week. For all the rest of you out there, keep the defibrillator close by, because it's going to be a long couple of months.