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LUPD & Farmville Move to Enforce Parking Rules

MICHELLE GOLDCHAIN
Features Editor



Longwood University and the Farmville area are both cracking down harder when it comes to parking regulations and consequences.

Starting on Friday, Aug. 31, all vehicles owned by Longwood students were required to display a decal that indicated whether the student was a commuter or a resident. Online decal sales closed at midnight on Aug. 30.

For the town of Farmville, the Town Council is continuing its measures to prohibit Longwood students, faculty and staff from parking in Farmville residential areas.

More and more residents in Farmville are choosing to designate resident permit parking spots. By paying an annual \$5 fee per parking spot, the resident would obtain decals as well as a sign to make others aware that his or her property is not open to Longwood students, staff or faculty for public parking.

According to Town Manager Gerald Spates, resident parking began about ten years ago because Longwood students and staff parked in the areas surrounding campus due to the university not having enough parking spaces.

Concerning unauthorized parking in Farmville residential areas, Spates said he does believe it is a growing problem and that he believes the reason for this is due to the university parking fees and the growing number of students.

The Farmville Herald recently reported that 370 decals are issued each year with a cost of \$975 a year to print and furnish them. The Town receives a revenue of \$1,850 from the decals with some loss from placing resident parking signs where the parking is reserved.

Spates commented on whether or not those from Longwood University should expect any further types of reinforcements by saying, "There should not be any further areas for restrictions."

"We don't really have a parking problem here," said Longwood University Police Department (LUPD) Chief of Police Bob Beach. "We have a walking problem ... We have at

times increased and decreased student parking availability."

While the population of the campus continues to grow, Beach mentioned, "Every year we look at making sure we have the appropriate amount of parking available for the various zones of parking that we require."

He added, "... Obviously, when you bring double the size of the population of the community with the students, of which a large majority of those students bring cars, the potential for causing significant disruption in the community about parking and parking availability and traffic issues and so forth is going to be significant."

"I do listen to their complaints," said Beach, adding that it is common for him to hear complaints from residential students about a lack of parking. "I try to make a very conscious effort of hearing what it is they say and try to do a diligent effort to meet their needs and worries if at all possible."

Beach predicted that the university may eventually have a shuttle service that will take university-affiliated individuals to and from the campus and off-site parking lots. "That's just kind of the nature of how the campus is moving in its design and its plan," he said.

As for recent parking changes, Parking Services Manager Laura Rice sent an email to Longwood students on Aug. 22 stating new changes for students.

One change included an approximate 100 additional parking spaces for residential students in the Putney Street Lot located behind Curry Residence Hall and Frazer Residence Hall and beside the Longwood Landings.

Additionally, with the completion of the construction of Bedford Hall, Rice notified students that the Vine Street Lot is restored for commuter students.

Concerning the Virginia Street Lot located at the Longwood Landings, the first three rows closest to the apartment complex were changed from being restricted to residential students to now being restricted to commuter students.

Rice said the newly painted red lines on the parking lot surface indicated the changes.

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Photo By: Mike Kropp

Boom or Bust: Future of Farmville Getting Brighter

MICHELLE GOLDCHAIN
Features Editor

Opening a small business in the Town of Farmville may at first seem like a risky decision. Walking down Main Street, the empty graves of businesses like Just Desserts, The Mad Hatter and just recently Flip Flops (closed June 2012) creates an illusion that the small town is anything but successful. Of course, this is not true - Farmville is alive and growing strong.

Sherri McGuire, director of economic development and small business development network at Longwood University, said, "The challenge has always been retail and service in a rural area, and the university fortunately provides a lot of customer base for those businesses, and of course there always ways that they can capitalize in that particular population and traffic."

Other challenges McGuire acknowledged are in the Town of Farmville include, "Reaching the right customer base, reaching beyond the immediate area and doing that in a coordinated way."

One way this is being done is through Downtown Farmville, Inc., a newly formed Main Street community founded in 2011. The group is formed by local Farmville business owners and also Dr. Charles Ross, dean of the Cook-Cole college of arts and sciences. The group, itself, dedicated to branding the community and unifying the local

Farmville businesses to work together to heighten and make more well-known the Farmville market to outside areas.

"They offer support in improving the size of the businesses downtown, learning how to market downtown, branding yourself, supporting the businesses downtown, so it's a good framework. It's a four-point approach of promotions, economic restructure, organizationally raising funds and design," said McGuire.

McGuire noted that a rise of customers stems from Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, the High Bridge Trail, the Big South Conference and Green Front.

"We can market the town and, working together with a branding consultant for downtown, we'll have a marketing plan going forward," said McGuire, who added that one marketing strategy includes utilizing the Internet.

With the major loss of revenue during the summers due to university students leaving campus, McGuire suggested, "[Companies] should think about diversifying. Maybe looking at different products or services that might be attractive to a different demographic. Also, in terms of marketing the business, I think getting the word out about what they do offer outside of the student body that would be helpful to them too."

"I think marketing is a challenge. I think that's the biggest challenge," said McGuire.

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Men's Basketball Schedule Released

ERIC HOBECK
Sports Editor

Long one of the most popular sports on campus, men's basketball has fought for a decade under tenth-year head coach Mike Gillian to enter a conference, and last year they completed that fight in a "big" way, joining the Big South Conference. Last Tuesday, the team's 2012-13 schedule was released, with the team's opening contest being played on the road at Marshall of Conference

USA on Nov. 9. The Lancers then come home for the season's first home match on Nov. 15 against Norfolk State of the MEAC. After that, the team will play in the Las Vegas Invitational against Arkansas, Creighton, Florida A&M and another team yet to be determined.

Gillian said after a practice session on Thursday that "in putting the schedule together in the past, you always try to put as many home games as possible right there in the beginning portion because we're not sure how many of those home games we'll get later on in the year ..."

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Photo By: Mike Kropp

The long-awaited Lancers 2012 Men's Basketball schedule has finally been released to the public.



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Climate change becomes more and more of a problem every day, but it seems that people seem to overlook it.

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
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Romney & Ryan: The Republican Ticket and the Story Behind the Convention

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Last week in Tampa, Fla., the members of the Republican Party were all gathered together to nominate their official candidates for the 2012 presidential election. The convention ran from Aug. 27-30. It got off to a rocky start when Hurricane Isaac threatened the west coast of Florida; the convention convened on Monday for a few hours and was then recessed until Tuesday afternoon when the weather would hopefully be better.

As early as 2009, the Republican National Committee (RNC) appointed a Site Selection Committee whose job was to pick the location for the 2012 convention. It ultimately came down to Tampa; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Phoenix, Ariz.

In May 2010, it was announced that the convention would be held in Tampa. A 501 nonprofit corporation, The 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee, was organized to help fund, manage and run the convention. The convention was estimated to cost \$55,000,000 dollars; it was the Host Committee's job to raise enough money in order to pay for the convention.

The theme for this year's convention was "A Better Future." Each day had a sub-theme within the main one. Some of these sub-themes were "We Can Do Better," "We Built It" and "We Believe in America."

In addition to the much anticipated speeches, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich hosted a variety of workshops called "Newt University" that were designed to "examine the convention's daily themes in greater detail and give delegates an opportunity to dive deeper into those



Mitt Romney (right) and Paul Ryan (left) campaigning in Norfolk on August 11, 2012

issues."

Mitt Romney and his recently announced running mate Paul Ryan were granted the nomination. In the convention, there were 2,286 delegates and an absolute majority of 1,144 votes were needed to be nominated.

Romney came out with 2,061 votes, followed by Rand Paul with 190 and Rick Santorum with nine. Romney's running mate Paul Ryan gained the vice presidency nomination by 100 percent acclamation. An acclamation vote does not use a ballot, but rather is a simple expression of approval.

According to the convention website, there were 2,286 delegates and more than 15,000 members of the media. The convention featured speeches by prominent members of the Republican Party, among others, including Mitt Romney, Paul Ryan,

Ann Romney, Clint Eastwood, Rick Santorum, Condoleezza Rice and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

Perhaps the most anticipated speech came from the newly named vice president nominee Paul Ryan. His speech has received a great deal of backlash. His opponents and the media are challenging him about the truthfulness of some of his statements.

Pete Martin, a political science major and the president of the Political Science Club, watched Ryan's speech and said, "It was very dishonest. Ryan blamed failures on Obama that he did not support himself."

Ryan mentioned that during President Barack Obama's term, the United States' credit rating was downgraded; he essentially seemed to blame the president for this.

A response from Standard & Poor, a

financial series company and division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, said that the real downgrade was caused when Ryan, leading the House Republicans, refused to raise the debt ceiling unless spending was cut.

It is clear that the controversy in his speech is in full swing.

These are not the first controversial statements that the Republican camp has had to deal with. Congressman Todd Akin made headlines recently with his "legitimate rape" statements, and now Ryan will be commenting and possibly either defending his speech or retracting what he said.

The Associated Press criticized Ryan for using "factual shortcuts;" the speech was also called "misleading" and "dishonest." Fox News columnist Sally Kohn said Ryan's speech "was an apparent attempt to set the world record for the greatest number of blatant lies and misrepresentations slipped into a single political speech."

It is all over the media that both Romney and Obama are making "jabs" at each other in the lead up to the Democratic National Convention, which began yesterday and runs until Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. The two have been swapping statements as of late.

Romney seems as though he is trying to keep the momentum of his party's convention alive; he called Obama a failed coach. The president answered back by calling the Republican National Convention old-fashioned and incapable of any type of policy details.

Board of Visitors Prepares for More University-wide Changes

BECCA LUNDBERG
News Editor

Since May, the Longwood University Board of Visitors (BOV) has accepted Patrick Finnegan's resignation as president, a 3.4 percent tuition and fee increase, appointed Marge Connelly as interim president and formed a presidential search advisory committee, among other decisions.

The BOV will discuss and evaluate various issues and revisions affecting the institution during their September meeting. As per tradition, the BOV will meet from Sept. 13-15 during the university's convocation festivities.

Governor Bob McDonnell appointed the thirteen current BOV members for four-year terms, as confirmed by the General Assembly. The university announced the new officers this May, including Marianne Radcliff, rector, and Dr. Judi Lynch, vice rector.

According to Radcliff, the BOV is a governing board as opposed to a managing board. "The running of the school is not even something we do," she said. "What we try and do is make sure they have what they need financially and that personnel-wise it is all heading in the right direction."

About half of the BOV consists of university alumni, including Radcliff and Lynch. However, Radcliff said members are often community leaders from the area and other Virginia business leaders. "I think they try to get votes from all walks of life to offer real-world expertise," she added. The board members serve on a volunteer basis.

Radcliff serves as vice president at Kemper Consulting Inc., a government relations firm located in Richmond. She said her connections with legislators and executive branch agencies she has established through her job can hopefully aid the university.

While Radcliff began her second year on the BOV this July, the university announced that the BOV elected her as rector in May. Her first order of business with the BOV as rector was appointing Ken Perkins as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Radcliff served on the BOV with Interim President Marge Connelly when she was rector and feels she has "big shoes to fill."

"I think she's very calm and very confident and I think that's important in every leader ... learning what you need to learn about the issues, putting in the time to

understand what the issues are," said Radcliff. "Those are things that she's great at and I hope to be good at too."

As for the issues that will be discussed at BOV meetings, the presidential search advisory committee is something the BOV is currently focusing on. BOV member Jane Maddux chairs this committee. Dr. Stephen Portch is the committee's search consultant whose job is to listen to the qualities and leadership skills students, faculty, staff and the community want in a university president.

"We really need to know what people think about what kind of president, what kind of qualities are important, where do we want to be in five years and what kind of person can get us there," said Radcliff.

"The president is important to all components of the institution and so are the students," Lynch added. "The voices of what the students think makes a leader are very important and the Board takes that very seriously."

The BOV will continue the university tradition of attending convocation on Thursday, Sept. 13. Radcliff said Colleen McCrink Margiloff, university alumna and president of the Alumni Association, will be

the speaker this year. "She's lively, intelligent, engaging ... I think she gives a good impression of what Longwood's about."

"The president is important to all components of the institution and so are the students."

- Dr. Judi Lynch

The BOV will tour ongoing campus construction projects as well. Radcliff said the BOV likes to see the progress of the projects on campus after approving the construction of buildings and seeing architectural drawings.

Another important topic that will come up in the September meeting is the university's use of instructional technology and hybrid learning. Radcliff said they are making this a priority because of its large presence in higher education.

The presentation on instructional technology at the meeting is supposed to provide insight on the types of technology-centered learning going on in other higher education institutions and what

kind of learning technology is available. Radcliff said the pros and cons of instructional technology will be looked at as well.

In addition to a presentation on instructional technology, Radcliff said learning the faculty's comfort level with instructional technology is important, as well as how familiar they are with the technology so they know how to utilize it sufficiently and instruct it to students.

The BOV will vote on a university policy for online and blended/hybrid teaching and learning at the meeting as well.

During the September meeting, the BOV will vote for approval of a request for funds of auxiliary reserves, new and revised administrative policies, a campus emergency operations plan, revisions to the institutional six-year plan and revisions to the student handbook.

A number of representatives from the university will go through various reports and reviews of certain aspects of the institution. The Longwood University website provides more information on when and where students can attend a BOV meeting.

SGA Nominates Executive Board Candidates

BECCA LUNDBERG
News Editor

The Tuesday, Sept. 4 Student Government Association (SGA) meeting began with a closed session. Following the closed session, it was revealed that several students had been appointed to positions on the Senate.

The newly appointed senators and their positions were Queen Burrell, treasurer; Dan Hughes, senator; Shannon Rosedale, Greek representative; Paige Rollins, Honors Student Association representative; and Jessica Blanton, Conduct Board representative. All of the individuals were sworn in during the meeting.

During open forum, one senator said many students were having trouble getting access into a computer lab in

Hiner Hall. A senator is going to bring up the issue to the appropriate people for resolution.

Another senator brought up concerns from last week's meeting. She had expressed disapproval of the quality of the student parking decals, and Parking Manager Laura Rice told her that there was a malfunction in the making of the decals and it has been fixed for next year.

Another issue brought to light last week was the prohibiting of residential student parking on campus during the student parking. A senator said Rice told her this policy is in place because students will receive less parking tickets, thus less debt, if they do not park on campus during that time.

A senator said the trees near Stubbs Residence Hall were still growing

onto the sidewalks, and Vice President Brian Reid said Facilities has been contacted and the SGA is waiting for a response.

To continue open forum, a senator said students were asking if the smoothie bar in the Health and Fitness Center was going to re-open. Several senators said it is no longer in operation because it did not receive enough business to continue, but it will most likely be replaced by another entity.

Another representative voiced concerns about maintenance men entering Stubbs Hall and ARC through the side doors without signing in because female residents may not know who the men are and be concerned about how they entered the building.

President Donald Knight told the Senate that they are currently looking

for a representative for Virginia 21, a political education group on campus.

Haley Vest and Leigha Worden were nominated for executive senator positions. Worden and Rollins were nominated as candidates for historian. The candidates for both positions will deliver speeches at next week's meeting.

The Student Finance Committee then brought up several budget allocations for debate. The Senate allocated \$10 to the Chess Club, \$10 to ACM and re-allocated funds to Conduct Board.

The next SGA meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 3:45 p.m. in the BC rooms of Lankford Student Union.

LUPD and Threat Assessment Team Focus on Campus Safety

BECCA LUNDBERG
News Editor

The amount of reported national shootings during the past few months may cause some students to ask what measures the university is taking to keep the campus safe.

Longwood University Police Department (LUPD) Chief of Police Bob Beach, the chair of the university's Threat Assessment Team, said the team has extensive discussions regarding shootings and how the LUPD and university would respond to such circumstances.

"We are obviously monitoring what's going on around the world and around the country, and it is an issue of discussion among all of our staff almost constantly about how we would respond and what issues we need to be concerned about," said Beach.

The Threat Assessment Team consists of several university faculty members, including Beach, Associate Dean of Students Larry Robertson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ken Perkins, Chief Human Resources Officer Della H. Wickizer and Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity Richard Chassey.

After receiving a complaint, the Police Communications Center is supposed to report the incident to Beach. Once Beach takes a statement from anyone affected by a safety threat, if appropriate, the threat assessment team will assemble to assess the incident and develop a procedure to resolve the threat.

Beach said the team, which is required by Code of Virginia Section 23-9.2 and Longwood's administrative policy 1012, has informally discussed information and articles concerning the Aurora, Co. movie theater shooting since it occurred on July 20.

While no new regulations have been implemented since the mass shooting, the university's weapons policy was changed in December 2011, following in the footsteps of institutions such as George Mason University. Beach said past shootings around the world were a factor in changing the policy.

Before the mass shooting that killed 12 in Colorado, two University of Southern California international students were fatally shot about a mile from the campus in April. On Aug. 13, three were killed after a man was served an eviction notice near Texas A&M University. Another shooter killed a former co-worker outside the Empire State Building on Aug. 24.

The 2007 Virginia Tech massacre that left 32 people dead, as well as the 1999 Columbine High School shooting that resulted in the deaths of 15 people, including the two teenage shooters, have greatly impacted school safety regulations nationwide since the incidents occurred.

The weapons policy now requires visitors to follow the procedures students must abide by when they bring firearms to the university. The visitor must immediately go to the LUPD with the student they are visiting, tell the dispatcher they are checking in a weapon and wait for an officer to escort

them to their vehicle. Then the officer will safely check the weapon, which must be stored in a case, and bring the firearm to the LUPD. An officer will also escort the visitor to their car after they check out their weapon.

Beach said while people have a Second Amendment right to bear arms, these procedures were approved by the Virginia Supreme Court to regulate weapons on campus. "If you decide you want to go into the dining hall or attend a basketball game in Willett [Hall], we have a regulation that says, 'No, you can't do that.'"

Beach said another safety precaution is for students to call the LUPD immediately if they are aware of someone having a firearm on campus. He said witnesses should give a detailed report of what the situation is, who was carrying the weapon and where they saw the possible perpetrator.

Beach said the only recent incident where a firearm was reported was when a faculty member saw a man with a gun who turned out to be a Farmville resident walking on Venable Street on his way to a hunting trip.

In addition, Beach encouraged students to use the blue emergency towers located around campus. He said students should use the towers for any safety concern. "I don't want us to ever think that those phones are only for life and death situations," he said. "They are for any time they feel there is information they need to get somewhere for safety



Photo by Mike Koenig

and security issues." There is currently no emergency tower next to the new Putney Street parking lot, an issue Beach said the LUPD is addressing. "We're in discussion right now to see what we can do to get that accomplished, but our goal is to get that there."

Debra Wooding, who manages the university's integrated security systems for the

LUPD, said there are 76 surveillance cameras on campus, as well as four outdoor cameras at the Longwood Landings. "I can search and look at recorded video and do investigations on what happens in certain areas if I see anyone or can identify anyone," she said. She said the LUPD is also starting to put cameras in the parking lots. The LUPD started installing the cameras about two years ago.

Wooding also said safety can be controlled by the Lenel OnGuard Access System, which locks and unlocks more than 450 doors on campus. The system also keeps the residence halls in card only mode.

While Wooding has never had to lock down an entire building due to a safety threat throughout her 12 years of using the system, she said this could be done if needed. Willett Hall, Wygal Hall and Hull Hall are not currently under the system and can only be accessed by lock and key.

While Wooding is on 24/7 call, she is typically on campus nine hours per day. She soon plans to conduct interviews to bring on a part-time employee to help her regulate the system more closely and carefully.

The Real Olympic Games

EJ DOWLING
Asst. News Editor

NEWS COLUMN

It is already humid at 9 a.m. in the barely air-conditioned classroom in Ruffner Pictures of Longwood students who recently went to Charlottesville to see President Barack Obama speak are up on the doccam. Laughter and good humor fill the room as our professor starts a Clint Eastwood impression, speaking to an empty chair.

If you did not watch the Republican National Convention, then you probably will not get the reference. Eastwood basically gave a speech where he started talking to an empty chair that represented President Obama. Eastwood said to the chair, "So Mr. President, how do you handle promises you've made?"

It was pretty much a disaster; just imagine that scene in "The Blues Brothers" when Elwood and Jake get kicked out of the penguin's office and fall down the stairs while still sitting in desks.

Our professor tried to calm us political science people down, as we all could not help but laugh at the antics that were taking place in the first 10 minutes of class. Our professor is clearly enjoying the light-heartedness of the classroom; he starts talking about something called the "iron man competition," which I am calling "the real Olympic games," and there are definitely some blank stares all around the room. But then the focus turned to the back of the room; no surprise there.

The professor started explaining that two men in the back of the room are being challenged to compete in the class's "iron man competition." It was news to me that the class even had any type of competition, let alone an "iron man" one. But nevertheless, my Ancient and Medieval Politics class actually has an "iron man" competition, and I am not complaining.

The most interesting part was when our professor wanted The Rotunda to cover the event, saying it would be extremely entertaining for students to read. He wanted news coverage, and of course, a friend of mine started pointing at me, saying, "EJ! She's the Assistant News Editor!" All eyes were then on the quiet blonde in the front row, and when I confirmed the statement, the professor had, what I would call, a devious grin on his face. Now, the "iron man" competition had a spokesperson. Interviews will be conducted, and the event of the semester will be written about! The laughter again filled the room, and I started to daydream.

The only image that came to mind was the two competitors in my version of the "real Olympic games" being raised up by the whole class and crowd surfing their way to a hopeful victory.

While all this was happening, I just knew I could not write my column on anything else but this whole epic saga. The more I thought about the environment I was in, the more excited I got about writing my column this week. If anyone were in that type of learning environment, you would just know that students like to learn in a fun way. This class period especially was one of those times where you are just really eager to pay attention and wait for things to unfold.

I have so many friends at other universities who tell me horror stories of classes with 300 people where all the professor does is just lecture for exactly 50 minutes. No time for questions, no time for any explanation and you better understand the material because that professor is not sticking around after class; he or she has stuff to do and places to go.

That is one of the main reasons I love Longwood so much; the learning environment here is motivational to me and makes me want to learn. The professors I have had in my years here have always been exceptionally helpful and very available to hear any complaints or praises their students have; that quality is very hard to find in a university, and I am so glad that it exists here.

I definitely do not know every professor at Longwood, but if the ones I have had are a fair representation of the rest of them (and from what I hear from my friends, they are), then the learning environment they have worked very hard to create is working wonders. Most students I know want to come back to class - they want to learn - and I just can't help but wonder if it is because of classes like my Ancient and Medieval Politics class.

I hope you enjoyed a little insight into one of the many reasons I love Longwood. I ask you to continue to read my columns to see how the "real Olympic games" will turn out. Be there or be square!

*** This editorial is an opinion stated by the writer and does not represent the views of The Rotunda or Longwood University.

THIS WEEK IN 2010

This week two years ago, High Bridge Trail State Park officials opened six more trail miles to the public. This marked the near completion of trail construction with the exception of High Bridge, which was completed and officially opened in April 2012. High Bridge Trail is a multi-use trail primarily for hikers, bikers and horseback riders.

Willard Mitt Romney

2012 Republican presidential nominee as of Aug. 28, 2012

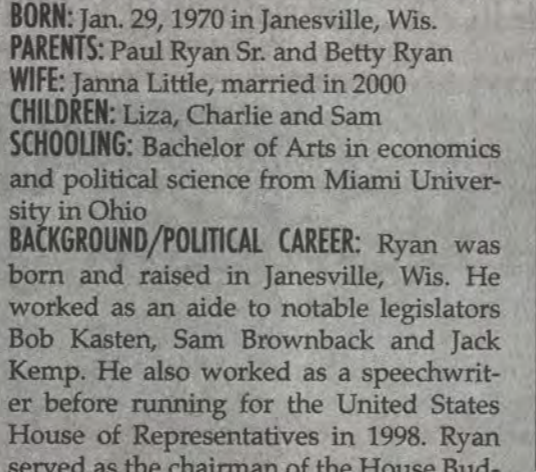


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BORN: Detroit, Mich. on March 12, 1947
PARENTS: Lenore and George W. Romney (former governor of Michigan)
WIFE: Ann Romney, married in 1969
CHILDREN: Taggart, Matthew, Joshua, Benjamin and Craig
SCHOOLING: Bachelor of Arts from Brigham Young University, joint Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from Harvard University
BACKGROUND/POLITICAL CAREER: Romney spent most of his career in the private sector and is not considered a career politician. He ran for his first national political office in 1994, losing the U.S. Senate election in Massachusetts to incumbent Ted Kennedy. Romney was elected as Governor of Massachusetts in 2002. He lost the 2008 Republican Presidential Nomination to John McCain. Romney announced last June that he would seek the nomination again in 2012 and was successful.

Paul Ryan

2012 Republican vice presidential nominee as of Aug. 28, 2012



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BORN: Jan. 29, 1970 in Janesville, Wis.
PARENTS: Paul Ryan Sr. and Betty Ryan
WIFE: Janna Little, married in 2000
CHILDREN: Liza, Charlie and Sam
SCHOOLING: Bachelor of Arts in economics and political science from Miami University in Ohio
BACKGROUND/POLITICAL CAREER: Ryan was born and raised in Janesville, Wis. He worked as an aide to notable legislators Bob Kasten, Sam Brownback and Jack Kemp. He also worked as a speechwriter before running for the United States House of Representatives in 1998. Ryan served as the chairman of the House Budget Committee before accepting the Republican vice presidential nomination. He worked on developing budget plans that privatized Medicare for people under 55.

Next week's Election Corner will feature profiles on President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Politics Club Corner: Drug Users to Win the War

KRAMER ANDERSON
Columnist

The cost of the "war" on drugs is now so great that we must rethink our strategies or risk further, irreparable harm to our nation. The war on drugs is supported by just under half of the nation, yet for decades the federal government and the states have engaged in prohibition in an attempt to thwart the supply of drugs heading to the people.

Every day, few of these drug users affect another person, and California could be debt free if it taxed Marijuana, but no one in the government is advocating a reform of the most controversial program in living memory. Why?

Federal and state governments are set to spend more than \$26 billion this year on combating drugs to get the same result as they did last year: holding steady. This "supply side" approach to drug crime has led the United States across the world from Afghanistan to Central and South America to combat the manufacturers, importers and the distributors.

There has been some benefit to this; drug use in the U.S. has been holding steady since 1970

and has barely been affected by the crackdown. A new approach is needed by the government if we are to reduce drug use in our nation.

A 2011 study by RAND found that legalizing drugs and funding detox programs is 14 times more effective than arresting drug users and putting them in jail. It is cheaper, has a lower recidivism rate and is less destructive to society.

Portugal has been following a detox program for more than 10 years now and is now boasting the lowest marijuana usage across the European Union. Portugal's approach to combating drugs by paying for rehabilitation has meant that over twice as many go into rehabilitation when compared with other countries.

In the United States, meanwhile, nearly half of all prisoners are in jail because of illegal drug use. A zero tolerance approach to drug use and a toughening up of the laws has meant that drug users now stay in jail far longer in an attempt to deter individuals from reoffending. Mandatory sentencing laws have led to a boom of nonviolent drug offenders in prison, rising from 79 percent to 93 percent.

If switching our approach from the availability of drugs to the end user seems incompatible with

the war on drugs, just look at the Netherlands, where a controversial new policy toward marijuana has spawned a black market overnight. In trying to keep foreigners away, mostly British and French tourists looking to smoke marijuana, the Netherlands created a black market by making the consumption only legal for its citizens.

There are other benefits in switching toward a demand-side policy; California's State Board of Equalization reported in 2011 that it could hire 23,000 teachers with the tax revenue from marijuana alone. The benefits to the United States Treasury would be fantastic with an estimated \$40 to \$60 billion in tax revenues each year. Moreover, an estimated \$14 billion could be saved in police work. The sooner governments admit to the benefits of focusing on the end user, the better.

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Mainly Clay Pottery Makes its Appearance in Farmville

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Located just across from the Bakery on Main Street where students and Farmville residents go for freshly baked bread and other treats is a whimsical new local business. Once you enter Mainly Clay, Farmville's new pottery studio, you are faced with rows upon rows of pottery wheels all set up along a pergola. That is of course after you pass the racks of beautiful handcrafted pottery in a variety of glazes and shapes. Some designs include beautiful color gradients while others feature intriguing designs carved into the piece. Mainly Clay is the place to be for those searching for unique bowls, mugs or vases ... or perhaps even searching for your inner artist.

Mainly Clay is a locally owned business that just recently had its open house this summer, on June 19. The business is owned and operated by Pam Butler of Farmville and Rick Erickson of Green Bay. Erickson has been a resident of central Virginia since the early 90s with his wife. Originally it was his wife that had done pottery in college. The family built a room where his wife could work, but Erickson began to use it when he felt it was not receiving enough attention.

The idea for a studio began with Butler's learning to create pottery as a hobby. At first, she had just wanted to have something to do with her son on his birthday. She ended up taking classes under Erickson, who is the instructor of the facility. After three years of experience, the ultimate search to find a place to establish a studio on Main Street began. Luckily a facility, although it needed a lot of work,



The newest business, Mainly Clay, offers a friendly environment to professional and beginner artists alike. Photo by: Cara O'Neal

had opened up for sale. Butler and Erickson had only expected to rent initially, so finding a place for sale was a dream come true. The building was originally damaged by fire but Butler and Erickson renovated it and a kiln stands today in the place where there was originally a freight elevator. The upstairs portion is now available to rent for gather-

ings, celebrations, etc.

At Mainly Clay anyone can take classes to create their very own practical pieces of art. Many of the classes are eight-week courses that meet for two and a half hours per week. Some of the classes, including the beginner level and the hand-building classes, include the clay, glaze and firing in the cost.

However, all of the eight-week courses have open studio time that is unlimited, so you may practice and work all you need.

Worried about committing to an eight-week course when you aren't sure you will enjoy wheel throwing? Mainly Clay also offers single-session courses where users can try out the art of pottery making at a much smaller rate.

For anyone that is already an experienced student and would just like to use the equipment, Mainly Clay also offers individual open studio time for a fixed rate. You can select your time based in a half-day session, all the way to monthly subscription to unlimited open studio usage.

According to Erickson, throwing clay is easy to learn and difficult to truly mess up. "It's clay. It doesn't get much lower than that," said Erickson. "[Making pottery] is a lot of fun. Anyone can do it." With all the claims about how easy it is to learn, I had to ask Erickson what the process of making pottery is.

Since the studio is right where Butler has always wanted it to be, she has high hopes for the success of the studio.

Her daughter also has a place inside the studio. Former college graduate Cabell Butler is a jewelry designer who runs a small business called The Odd Bead. As a designer, she adds a very special touch to each of her pieces, sometimes it's subtle, sometimes it is extravagant. For every piece she makes there is one singular bead that is unlike all the rest on the piece of jewelry. Her pieces are beautiful and are sure to please young and old alike. As will anything you might find in Mainly Clay.

Longwood Recruits a Record Number of International Students

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Now with a record number of international students, Longwood University's Office of International Affairs worked harder than ever to recruit and admit overseas in an effort to diversify the student body and better educate students on other cultures.

This fall semester, a record number of international students were admitted into Longwood with 54 applications from international students, 13 international students enrolled in a degree-seeking program, 14 international students returning and 18 students in the English as a Second Language Program (ESLP) that began January of this year.

International Admissions Counselor Patti Trent noted how the number of international students fluctuates day by day, "but the presence, the total presence, of international students ... has increased."

According to an article on the Longwood website printed on Aug. 17, "The new international students are from countries including Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Australia, Germany, England and Switzerland."

Director of International Affairs Dr. Robert Frank commented that the influence of Brigadier General

Patrick Finnegan during his time as president of Longwood University greatly influenced the Office of International Affairs, the creation of the ESLP program and the record-breaking numbers of international students.

Trent said, "When President Finnegan arrived, he had a very vested interest in increasing our international student population. He believed in the value of having more international students on campus [and] also encouraging more of Longwood's students to study abroad."

Trent acknowledged the benefits of a larger international student population, saying, "You know, we get to see a different culture. We get to understand how somebody else lives. We realize that our world might be a little larger than we thought, particularly as we grew up."

"We all know we're not living in an isolated world anymore. We live in a very highly connected world, even more so with all the advanced technology," said Trent, adding how experience with diverse cultures and peoples can prepare a student for the ever-globalizing world. "In order to help our Longwood students be more competitive in their jobs when they graduate, having more international students on campus is one way to help meet that goal. Certainly, helping our students study abroad is another way to meet that goal."

Frank said, "[In] the 21st century, to tell a student that they have a degree without any knowledge of the world is, I think, a pretty bum rep. I think you're not getting your money's worth, and I realize that not every student at Longwood can probably afford to do a study abroad trip, himself or herself."

He added, "By bringing international students, every class that those students are in, we add a level of diversity, a level of the world view of different people because not everyone sees the world like we see the world, and it's important for us today, in this country in particular, to realize that."

"It's all about education as far as I'm concerned," said Frank. "It's all about understanding each other."

Moves to increase the number of international students at Longwood have included working with recruitment agencies around the world, attending international recruiting fairs and building a more accessible webpage translated into multiple languages, such as Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.

Frank added that Assistant Director of Admissions for Emerging Populations Olander Fleming has been one contributor by recruiting in countries located in South America. Frank estimated that Fleming is currently interviewing students in five or six countries.

Frank noted that Director of the English as a Sec-

ond Language Program Keith Boswell has contributed by traveling to the Middle East to recruit students.

He also noted that he has plans to go to China with Interim President Marge Connelly in October to acquire further programming for international students to attend Longwood.

"You have to get your name out there. You have to travel. You have to meet the students," said Trent, later adding, "It is a very important thing to do, and it is not something that Longwood has done much of in the past."

The hope for Frank is to recruit between 80 to 100 international students next year. "I would like to see us go to 60, 70 international students coming in to study English a year. The goal was set last year by President Finnegan and I think Interim President [Marge] Connelly supports it still to have 200 international students come in degree-seeking programs."

To learn more about the English as a Second Language Program, study abroad opportunities and how you can be more involved with the international student population through programs like the International Buddy Program, go online to the Office of International Affairs webpage on the Longwood website.

Long Lost Motivation and Maintaining your Fitness Routine

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Contributor

Motivation is one of the hardest parts of keeping up with a fitness plan. There are so many magazine articles and websites based on the idea of how to stay motivated to keep up with a workout plan or healthy eating plan. While I don't know of any foolproof way to make sure that you are always jumping with joy when it's time to go to the gym or when you want junk food, I have some ideas that can help you stay on track on your journey to being healthy.

Breaking away from what you are doing to make your way to the gym is sometimes the hardest. You have a conversation with yourself just saying that you should go, but maybe you have more work to do, so you will just go later. Later turns into watching a TV show, maybe downloading some music,

and before you know it, it's too late to go to the gym.

A great way to keep you on track is to schedule time into your day for the gym. There are 1,440 minutes in a day, and all you need is 30 to get a good workout in. Try and schedule this time before or after you're done with classes. You won't feel as much pressure to start work immediately, and you will already be walking around campus, so the gym won't be too far.

Healthy food doesn't have to be boring, and I think that's a big problem when it comes to staying fit. My favorite website for great and healthy recipes is CookingLight.com. The food you can make tastes gourmet but has ingredients that are good for you and are not high in fat. Chicken is a great staple in any diet, and they have so many recipes for it that there is no chance you could get bored eating it all the time. It's a great place to find things you

want to eat and can continue to make so that eating healthy is no longer seen as depriving yourself of something better.

A great motivator that I use is Tumblr. It's a blogging site where people can post pictures, videos and text about a variety of things. They use tags like "lol," "art" and almost anything you can think of. The tag I follow is "fitspo." It includes people like me who want to be fit. They post pictures like fitness models, short exercises and food they make or recipes they like. Many people talk about their own journeys toward being healthy, what is hard for them as well as their accomplishments. You can message the users and ask them questions. Looking at the pictures of other people pushing past their limits and doing something great for themselves keeps me motivated to stay in my journey so that I continue to work hard to reach my goals.

Finally, gym buddies are also a great way to keep

motivated. When someone is counting on you to go to the gym, you feel more responsible. You are also helping them out; the days you want to go workout, and they are not so sure, wanting to be there for you will also keep them on track. While you are working out, you can motivate each other to try harder and push past your comfort zones.

When you have a gym buddy, you also have someone who wants to be healthy in the eating department like you do. I have many friends who always complain that they are trying to eat healthy, but it's so much harder when they are around their friends who eat junk food all the time. The temptation can sometimes be overwhelming, and giving into your cravings seems easier. But having a friend by your side that has the same goals of being fit and healthy like you do is one of the best motivators to keep you on track.

A Taste of Vitamin D: Be a Friend; Be the Cow

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Columnist

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There once was a butterfly that flew during a terrible chill. This butterfly's poor wings started to give out and it started to freeze. Tired from trying to stay in the air, the small butterfly landed in a pasture. The butterfly didn't know what to do. The chill was getting worse, and the poor butterfly was running out of options.

At the time, when all hope seemed to have been lost, a cow approached and proceeded to defecate onto the freezing butterfly. The poor butterfly thought to itself that this was pretty much the end of its life. It was going to die in a pile of poop. As the poor butterfly began to sob, it felt its wings getting warmer. The butterfly was gaining some feeling back and was able to start moving its wings again.

After completely thawing out, the butterfly climbed its way out of the poop and flew away. The butterfly was elated and flapped around like no other butterfly had before. Things were going well. Everything seemed to be brighter and happier. Then a bird flew

down and ate the butterfly.

The story of the butterfly was told to me at a conference I went to over the summer for my fraternity, Phi Mu Delta. While there, I learned this fabulous lesson from a gentleman named David Stollman, who spoke to us about what it truly means to be a Greek individual.

My favorite part of the presentation was this story, the story of the butterfly. You see, that poor little butterfly was going down a path unknown and was slowly dying. Yet it was saved because a cow decided to defecate onto it. Now, that butterfly was probably highly upset. Did that cow care? Of course it did, why do you think it decided to take a poop on that butterfly?

This is a lesson to everyone whether they're Greek or not. You have to be the cow. No matter what struggles you might face or what kind of situations your friends might be in. Sometimes the best and brightest option could be compared to that cow pie that landed on the butterfly.

This has happened to me many of times, where I have to help a friend in need or help my brother choose what's right. Although they want to hear one response, I usually give them the response they don't ever want to hear. They'll try to persuade you another way or try to argue with you, but you have to stand your ground and become a broken record.

Stollman taught me that I am my brothers' keeper, that my brothers

are my responsibility. Which means that it's my responsibility to encourage my brothers to make the right decision. I love my brothers to death, and I will always be there for them. I took an oath and vowed to hold the ideals and values Phi Mu Delta has set forth for me as my profound conviction. So, if I have to give them advice that might not please them but looks good in the outcome, I'll do it and tell them honestly.

You should do the same. People weren't born to be someone who always makes mistakes. They need to reach out every once in a while to the ones they trust and get the help they need. We need to be those people. We need to encourage them to make the right decisions because if not, it could potentially ruin a relationship.

So, I urge you all to be the cow. When facing an individual, no matter if it's your brother, sister, friend or family, give them the advice they need to hear. Help them make the right decisions because in the end they'll thank you for it.

I dedicate this article to David Stollman, a great speaker and a true honorary gentleman. Stollman taught me a lot of great things and reminded me why I became a Greek man. I sincerely thank him for all his work and his constant reminder that I chose to be a Greek man for a reason. I am proud to call him an inspiration, and I am proud to call myself Greek.

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Heckling and Cat Calls in Longwood and Farmville Areas

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Still so early in the school year, a few students have reported to believe that there are bigger threats to worry about as Longwood University students than simply unpacking bags and figuring out how early to wake up to make it in time for class.

Not necessarily touching, groping or worse, heckling or cat calling, according to a few Longwood students, is not only a prevalent problem, but a growing one.

A Longwood female senior student who chose to remain anonymous believed the occurrence of heckling solely from the Farmville area has progressed to an alarming rate.

She said, "I probably get one [incidence of heckling] at least once a week walking home because I live in a more urban neighborhood. Not as many Longwood students live by me, and it's a little scary because I have to walk down a long lane of road at night and sometimes I get whistles. I'll get calls from people driving by, and at first it was just really irritating."

"Normally, if it happens, I just brush it off," she said, adding, "It's happened to me twice today, and that's rare. And it happened to me once yesterday."

Describing the heckling as whistles and passing greetings, she said, "It's not necessarily vulgar, but there is language used in an attempt to get my attention, and sometimes, like if they're driving by [in] the car, they'll slow, and I'll get very prolonged stares in my direction as they drive by, and it's very unsettling, and it's very unnerving, and it's slightly

violating in my opinion."

"I feel like I'm being watched, you know? And I don't need that," she said, later stating, "I shouldn't be scared to walk home at night. I shouldn't be worried about who's driving by me and what they're going to say to me. I should be able to walk straight home and not have to worry about taking out my pepper spray."

Longwood Chief of Police Bob Beach said, "I was not aware that there was a significant, or what was perceived to be, an uprise in that," but added that for the campus itself, "It has been an issue that we have addressed."

"We have, for example, [addressed it] in all the construction [that] goes on around here. All of the contractors have to sign a release. I give them a list of dos and don'ts, if you will, for working here on campus, and one of those items is just that about cat calls or even just glaring at students or just those types of things," said Beach, who proposed that, "Some of that cat calling may be even our own students."

"With the population that we bring to campus every year, we bring a level of vulnerability of which some people will take advantage," said Beach.

For students who undergo heckling or cat calls, Beach suggested, "Don't acknowledge it to anyone. I wouldn't even acknowledge it by looking at them or responding back to them. Make a mental note of who, and when and where that it was occurring and continue on your way."

If it seems like the heckling will lead to an assault or more, Beach suggested to call the police, report what is happening and ask to see a police officer

too. With the ability to meet the police officer, it is easier to give him or her "a full picture of what happened and who was involved," said Beach.

Beach also suggested students travel in groups whenever possible, to take public transportation like the Farmville Area Bus (FAB) and to also utilize the Student Safety Organization, previously known as Night Walkers.

Nicholas Bruce, president of the Student Safety Organization, said, "I do believe that incidents of heckling occur more frequently during the return of students to campus in August and September."

For students who may need someone to walk with when traveling alone at night, the Student Safety Organization is available as an escort service on Mondays through Thursdays from dusk to midnight and on Fridays through Sundays from dusk to 2 a.m.

The organization is limited to only providing service on the Longwood campus and the Longwood Landings. For students who live in the Longwood Village, Lancer Park and Sunchase apartments, the Longwood police department is reserved for those areas to escort students.

The anonymous student commented, "I think it's the people who live off campus who we should feel more concerned about because we have to walk into open area that's not necessarily protected by campus police that can respond easily and readily as opposed to Farmville police ... I know I feel a lot safer walking around campus by myself at night than I would walking around Farmville at night by myself."

The Electronic Age: Loneliness in Numbers

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So, it'd be tough to admit that the Internet isn't a big part of our lives. Electricity might as well flow in our veins at this point. Relationships are going on the web. Cigarettes are becoming rechargeable. Tennis can be played with a remote and a television screen. Telephones feel like umbilical cords.



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With a faster and more impatient society, this electronic age has changed the way we make friends, the way we love, the way we communicate, the way we deal with our problems – and when's the last time you ever saw someone open up a book before Googling something? What is convenience, and what is laziness?

As part of the last generation to remember what it was like before things like the World Wide Web, YouTube and Internet memes suddenly exploded onto the scene, it's unfortunate to see how what is "real" or "not real" has become grayer and walks a thinner line today than it did 10 or 20 years ago. And who knows what it's like for the younger generation? Are the only outlets children have nowadays electrical?

What is a stranger? How should we treat them nowadays? Be kind to your neighbor? Forget that.

Suddenly, anonymity is safety and courage – and NOT putting every aspect of one's life open to the public is paranoia and secrecy. In the future, anthropologists won't have to dig into the ground and find our fossils to learn about our generation. All they'll have to do is go online and check out someone's Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and whatever else.

"I'm eating cereal. #yolo"

What will people think when they look back at us? Will there be a time soon enough when discretion is cool, or will hiding behind an avatar and a viewer/follower/friend count be the only bar people have to success?

That fear of death and being forgotten – the Internet is the god everyone bows down to now, the comfort object that assures you there is a future after death. The number of people following your Twitter is suddenly comparable to how worth it your life is.

... Are you serious?

If you don't join us, you're against us. You have a relationship and it's not Facebook official? "What kind of a relationship is that?" I don't know, a real one? Is putting something online the only way to know something is real?

The bigger a place is, the more alone one feels. And the Internet is infinite. Maybe that would explain this sudden obsession with numbers and how many social media outlets you're connected to.

What is loneliness and where is it located nowadays? Before, all a person needed was a closed door and an empty room. Now, it's an empty chatroom. Now, it's a full chatroom. It doesn't matter either way because that 14-year-old girl could be a 40-year-old man. What is trust?

Once it's online, it's forever. Is secrecy just as constructed and fake as identity? Identity theft happens everyday now. You don't even need to steal a woman's purse to get a quick buck. All you need is an Internet connection and a fake name.

For the younger generation, they'll never know what it's like to go outside without being tethered to some kind of an electrical leash.

Convenience over safety or safety over convenience, I can't tell what the Internet or all these gadgets are anymore.

Our connection to nature is just as tested. Hours behind a backlight and sunlight suddenly seems optional or unnecessary. Think about it. Are your eyes more accustomed to a backlight or sunlight?

This electric stuff is the new addiction. Rehab will be filled with Tweethads and Internet junkies, having cold shakes in the corner while eyeing the telephone wall jack suspiciously. No shoelaces. No sharps. And no routers.

Suddenly, DSL is a god send.

No wonder the Amish are so much happier than the rest of us. They don't have to deal with a slow Internet connection.

Music has continued for millennia because people can feel it, and connect with it, and communicate with it and just escape through it. Will the Internet continue into the future for just as long one day for the same reasons? It's the same kind of escape we all try to look for every day. Is the Internet going to not only influence the future, but be the leverage and stability for it?

Is the Internet our Silk Road or our IV?

Whatever is now and new will be old and boring in the next five minutes. Patience is passé. Reality is fake. Escape is addiction. Electricity is a need, and we need it like food or water.

Suddenly, you are what you tweet – but is that a good thing or the new (and accepted) low?

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Tell-All Tales: The Life of a College Girl

MYSTERY
Columnist

This is a battle that I have yet seen won. Being women, we become over-thinkers right out of the womb. My brain plays some serious tricks on me. Do I miss him, or do I miss the feeling I had when I was with him?

The battle usually begins when you're alone and listening to sad music (probably Mumford and Sons and such). Note to self: Stop listening to sadder music on a gloomy day.

I then realize that my mind goes straight back to "the ex." We all have one of those. It's that one guy that when you're 45 years old and hap-

pily married with children, you will still find yourself thinking about him when you're driving your kids to soccer practice.

It's a slippery slope thinking about your ex. I usually reminisce solely on the happier times because subconsciously that's all my mind wants to remember. I find myself wanting to crawl back into his arms every time I picture his face in my mind.

Then Facebook, ruler of the universe, happens to be up on my computer. I search him, look at his new pictures (which makes me mad) and I look at our old pictures (which makes me sad). Second note to self: Stay off his Facebook.

Always remember the life motto: "Everything happens for a reason."

So, I think in my battle, I have come to realize that I just miss the feeling. I miss the feeling of having someone there. I miss the feeling of waking up to a text. I miss the feeling of reassurance that someone is going to be there to talk to when I have a bad day. I miss the feeling of being madly, crazily, head over heels in love with one person. It's hard to find that feeling again. Frustration station.

There was another side to our relationship that I don't think about. There were a lot of bad times. The bad times led to the demise of our four year saga. Yes, I said four years,

but let me add that we were not technically "together" the entire time if you catch my drift. Four years of fighting, jealousy, cheating, crying and too many second chances.

I just need to stop drunk dialing him and hoping for things to be the same. Things will never feel the same. Too much has happened. I feel defeated.

While writing this, I just took a break to do some Facebook stalking on pictures. Now I'm sad. The battle never ends, and no one wins. Man, he looks good. I need a drink.

"Don't stumble over something behind you."

Businesses in Farmville Fight to Succeed in a Small Town

Brian Eckert, owner of Midtown Mailboxes (owner since November 2006) and previous co-owner of Flip Flops said while considering the economy for the current status and future of the Town of Farmville, "I think it's terrific ... There's building. There's expansion going on still. I mean, there are stores opening up in downtown. You know, in places that have been closed for years ... I mean, I think it's very positive. I think we have a very strong future economically."

"The advantages [of having a business in Farmville] are you get to know everyone very quickly, and it's a small town so word of mouth travels very fast and you're known throughout the community. The challenge is the marketplace is limited compared to Chesterfield, or Richmond or Charlottesville ..." said Eckert.

"I don't think there are as many closing down as there are coming in," said Eckert. "Any challenge that a business has – I mean, 95 percent of businesses fail before they make five years. 50 percent fail in the first year. So, you know, you've got to overcome that, and you've got to be able to be strong enough and resilient enough to be able to break through that. Is it easy? No, it's not always easy. It's a personal choice of the owner and how they operate their business as to whether they're going to make it."

When considering what can cause a business to collapse, Tommy Pairet, third generation owner of the Farmville business, Pairet's, Inc said, "Not willing to take care of it ... Depending on their financial situation as far as how stable they are when they first start, if they're working on a very limited budget and are trying to make it from week to week and don't have a whole lot of financial backing, then consequently it doesn't take long for you to run out ..."

Discussing the commonness of businesses that close down in



The sweets shop, Your Just Desserts, on Main Street has displayed a For Sale sign in the window ever since it closed in 2009.

Farmville each year, McGuire said, "I think it's unfortunately a common problem. Most small businesses – a majority of them fail within five years, and it's not necessarily always a failure for a business to close. Sometimes, it's a lifestyle choice. I think we're fortunate enough to be able to as a country and entrepreneurs here to be able to take risk, open a business and as long that you've got the responsibility all on you to either make that as much a success as possible or not," said McGuire.

"I think proper planning if it's done far enough ahead of opening up the business will help someone make better decisions and maybe keep the business open," said McGuire.

Pairet said, "The economy has slowed down, but the lending institutions are very much tighter now compared to how they were 20, 30 years ago. The interest rates are

competitive now, but they scrutinize you more now than they ever have as far as being able to decide whether they are going to loan you money or not. It's tougher to borrow money now than it's ever been."

When asked what makes a business successful, McGuire said, "There needs to be some familiarity with the industry that you are operating in. Say if you want to open a restaurant, it takes more than just knowing [how] to cook and liking to cook, it takes knowledge how to manage that restaurant business. So, if someone is going into that type of business, they need to either hire that expertise or gain that expertise themselves before they try to do it."

McGuire said, "I think having a college community is going to help it sustain some growth throughout even if we do continue in a recession area environment. I think there's definitely

a captive economy, a captive audience for businesses here."

"A big goal for downtown is to create an environment where there are enough businesses open and there are events going on like at the downtown stage that would attract people after hours," said McGuire.

In an article printed on Jan. 24 by The Rotunda, "[President of Downtown Farmville Jimmy] Johnson went and spoke before a Farmville Town Council meeting in July to urge the council to look at more ways to improve downtown. Johnson credited some of the good press for bringing the issue of revitalizing downtown to light."

The Rotunda reported that, "the town grew 20 per cent from 2000-2010 census years ... the town actually encompassed a population of over 100,000 as it acts as an economic hub for multiple counties."

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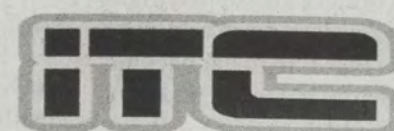


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Train Concert Almost Spoiled by Hurricane Storms

KATIE REILLY
A&E Editor

Virginia Beach hosts a Half Marathon amongst other things every year called the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. It features a band each mile to entertain runners and lots of goodies for runners along the way. This year included a chance to see the band Train perform on the sands of Virginia Beach for thousands.

The concert took place on Sunday night after the morning of the marathon, featuring Andy Grammer as the opening artist. The venue was a very cool experience for those who don't normally attend concerts down near the beach. The stage was set up in the middle of the sand with the ocean just a few hundred feet away. Huge plasma screens were posted on each corner of the setup, with the main stage directly in the middle.

Concert goers walked through two checkpoints to show their running bibs or tickets and then went shoeless as they walked the shore down to the concert. Rain threatened on the horizon, much to the concern of the thousands that stretched down the beach, waiting for Train to take the stage. Vendors lined up near the



Train's performance at Virginia Beach on Sunday was a success despite gathering storms.

boardwalk, selling food and drinks while everyone searched around for a good place to park themselves in the sand.

Luckily for all gathered, organizers decided to move Train forward by half an hour in hopes of avoiding the full out storm that was gathering on the horizon. And when Train took the stage at 8:30 p.m., they were met with roars of excitement and a few spitting drizzles beginning to occur as the beach was lit up by huge colorful lights.

Train formed in San Francisco,

California in 1994, hence why a lot of their songs have to do with LA and San Francisco. The band members include Pat Monahan as the lead singer, Jimmy Stafford on guitar and Scott Underwood on drums. They have released seven albums to date, including their most well-known ones "Train," "Drops of Jupiter" and "My Private Nation."

These albums include some of their most popular songs "Drops of Jupiter," "Calling All Angels" and "Meet Virginia," all of which Train played at this concert. They also

invited a handful of girls up onstage to sing their semi-unknown song "Mermaid." It was a fan thrill that had lots of girls envious they hadn't fought to be up front.

Monahan also invited a contest winner from Virginia Beach to sing one of their new songs "Bruises" with him. It was a beautiful song and even more special because the band was making dreams come true.

The concert was a success, and the rain held off a fair amount until the very end. There were some difficulties with the sound system that resulted in the song going in and out a bit, as well as the inability to have good loud sound throughout the entire area because it was on the beach. But all that was easily forgiven because what better way to spend a Sunday night than on a beach jamming to a great band that has been around for such a long time?

Train ended the night a bit earlier than expected as the storm clouds threatened to really pour, but as everyone cleared the area fireworks began to go off from a few miles offshore. It was the perfect way to end what could have been a very unpleasant and rainy night.

Who Needs a Romantic Comedy? Go with the Horror.

JESSICA GODART
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COLUMN

With the opening of "The Possession" this past weekend, I've been thinking a lot about scary movies, and I've definitely been itching to watch a few during the next big storm. "The Possession" focuses on a small box that enters into a family home, causing destruction and horror filtering from the young girl who wanted the box in the first place. While most look at the "inspired by true events" note during the preview as a hoax or a line that usually means based off a miniscule event that has nothing to do with the movie, reviewers and insiders in the industry were astonished at the fact that the film ended up finishing its opening weekend as the second best movie to open on Labor Day since the debut of "Halloween" in 2007.

Not going to lie, when I first saw the preview for it, I didn't think it was gonna be all that great either; then I read an article in "Entertainment Weekly" a month ago about the movie. Turns out, the movie wasn't so loosely based on a Halloween tale. The Dybbuk Box (which is what that small creepy box is actually called) is a real thing that is thought to possess evil powers, somewhat like Pandora's Box.

"The Dybbuk Box (which is what that small creepy box is actually called) is a real thing that is thought to possess evil powers, somewhat like Pandora's Box."

The Dybbuk Box was once bought by a man on eBay who had no idea what the box really was. When he experienced tragedy and sickness in his family he tried to get rid of it only to find the seller had no interest in taking the box back and refused. Long story short (though if you ever get a chance, definitely check out the whole story) the box was passed around to numerous holders who experienced tragic or unexplainable events; eventually, the owner discovered what it was, a Dybbuk, and the current owner hid the box away.

Okay, so I know not everyone is going to believe the story, to be honest I'm not sure I completely believe it, but when you think about what makes a horror movie really scary, it's finding those little things that make you relate to a story. Scary movies have been around since the original "Frankenstein" back in the early 1900s.

Back then people were scared because the stories were things they had never heard of, the unknown. Now, though, what makes a good scary movie is finding something that is familiar, and making it gruesome and chilling. Christian Bale in "American Psycho" did that. While that movie isn't exactly gory or disgusting, it gets into the psychological aspect of the killer, which is the scariest thing.

Understanding a murderer, seeing what they see, can be chilling, and this movie left my friends and I speechless at the end. It's not your typical knife in the stomach, decapitating movie; it was just thrilling in the sense that no movie had tapped into a killer's psyche in such a way.

Some new favorites of screenwriters and directors are to focus on a group of teens alone somewhere and have terrible things happen to them. Now, of course, every viewer can guess from the beginning who's going to die first, second, etc. But it's the idea that there's a betrayal, a romance, a favorite character who will most likely survive, and then a miraculous savior who will swoop in at the last second and kill the ... killer.

Some movies have actually made their entire stories work around this familiar angle like "Cabin in the Woods," "House at the End of the Street" (coming out at the end of September), the "Scream" series and "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." From "The Haunting" to "The Possession," horror movies have come a long way. My best friend and I have made it a tradition to turn a boring Friday night into a great one with a couple piles of junky snack food, a large pizza, a few other friends who are scared of their own shadows and one actual horrifying, leave-you-wanting-to-close-your-eyes scary movie.

There's nothing better than watching the end credits and laughing with your friends about how you're going to sleep with the lights on that night.

*** This editorial is an opinion stated by the writer and does not represent the views of The Rotunda or Longwood University.

The 'Pretty Little Liars' Season Finale Shocker

JONEL ANDREW
Contributor

It seems to me that on every Tuesday night, a few minutes before 8 p.m., more than half the female population is settling down in front of their TV, quickly switching the channel to ABC Family. Why? I'll give you three words: "Pretty Little Liars". The captivating television series wrapped up its third season this past Tuesday with a nail-biting finale that left every girl wide-eyed with shock and tweeting in all caps. But let's not get too far ahead.

The episode begins with Hanna, Spencer and Aria all trying unsuccessfully to convince Emily that her girlfriend, Paige, is "A" due to her sketchy past with Ally. Of course, this only pushes Emily further from her friends and right into Paige's loving arms. The girls' interference triggers a text from "A," mostly saying, "Play it my way and Emily stays safe." Later, this text is followed by a message telling the girls to meet at Allison's grave at 10 p.m. with Maya's bag, as well as an attached picture of Aria, Spencer and Hanna standing over Ally's dug up grave from many nights before. In between the two messages, we witness Mona smoothly walking out of her hospital disguised as a nurse with a telltale sinister look in her eyes.

Next thing we know, Emily has wisely (note my sarcasm) decided to go away for the weekend with Maya's cousin Nate. Then we

suddenly find Spencer rushing into Toby's arms, passionately kissing him in the middle of a street. Where did he come from?

Aria and Ezra are both equally shocked when they open his apartment door to find none other than his high school sweetheart from the past, Maggie. To the even bigger surprise of Aria and everyone watching, Maggie chooses to keep their former meeting a secret. For reasons unknown, Maggie still doesn't want Ezra knowing about his son, but we can only guess the reason involves his very money-loaded mother.

The episode starts coming to a close as Aria, Spencer and Hanna meet at the graveyard awaiting "A." They soon realize that "A" has no intention of meeting them there. Meanwhile, Emily finds herself alone in the cabin with a very suspicious Nate. We anxiously watch as she gets outside but is quickly snatched up by Nate, who isn't acting so friendly anymore.

As Emily sits and watches an old, eerie video of Maya before she passed, Nate stands behind her slamming a knife into the counter repeatedly. We soon discover that he is not Maya's cousin, but rather her murderer. Nate confesses his name is Lyndon and he is Maya's ex-lover out to get revenge on Emily for stealing her love. He proceeds to pull a duct-taped and tied up Paige out of the closet with the intent to harm or kill her right in front of Emily.

The suspense builds as Emily



[Spoilers!] Aria and Spencer comfort Hanna as the ambulance rushes Caleb to the hospital.

runs out of the cabin. Her brilliant escape is to run up to the top of a lighthouse, but inevitably Lyndon follows close behind and attacks her. Using Lyndon's knife that Emily had snatched back in the cabin when his back was turned, Emily stabs him before he can harm her. As Lyndon lays on the ground seemingly dead, Caleb runs up the last steps of the lighthouse, lays down his gun and wraps Emily in a hug. Then we hear a gunshot.

The next scene is very familiar to "Pretty Little Liars" fans; Police and ambulance lights flash through the night as the four girls stand at the scene of the crime. The episode appears to be over as we watch Hanna scream and cry for Caleb, who is getting rolled into the back of an ambulance on a stretcher.

Finally, the biggest bombshell out of every episode ever watched drops.

Crewe Performance featuring Darius Rucker

KATIE REILLY
A&E Editor

Virginia Crossroads Live is an event that's mission is to keep true to the musical roots of Virginia and represent music from around here that supports Virginia's musical heritage. The concerts also work to stimulate the economy and growth in the less popular places and towns within Virginia. The organization wishes to provide inexpensive, fun live music to people of all ages and hopes to keep the music of Virginia's roots alive and entertaining.

The most recent concert they have coming up is taking place in Crewe, Va., which is only about half an hour away from Farmville. Darius Rucker will be performing there live on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. Tickets start at twenty five dollars and are on sale now at myticketstobuy.com. Grab a few friends and head out to Crewe, Va. to support the roots of Virginia music for a great inexpensive price. The best part: Darius Rucker knows how to rock.

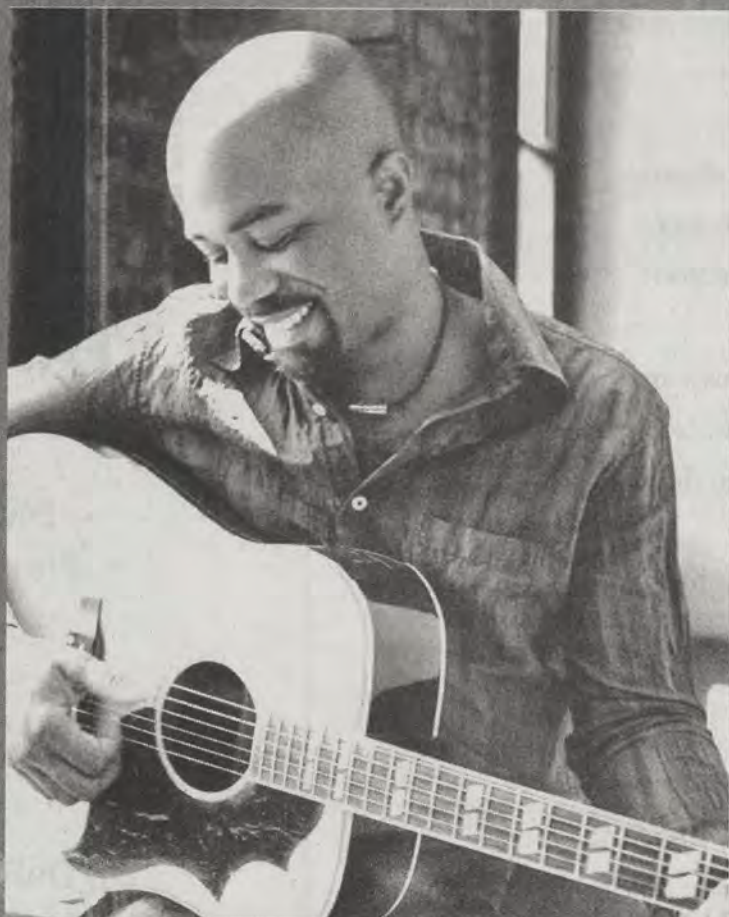


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'Lawless': A Fun Entry to the Crime Genre

KEVIN GREEN
Staff Reporter

Some films take the long way to cinemas. "Lawless" is a great example of this. The film went through a number of name changes and at one point in time was slated for a much earlier release. Despite the adversity, is the John Hillcoat film an engrossing thriller or another August misfire?

The good news for fans of some of the cast members is that "Lawless" delivers on almost every level. It has everything necessary for a solid crime film: engaging heroes, despicable bad guys and strong action scenes.

The story centers on the three Bondurant brothers and their moonshining business during the Great Depression. The brothers run the most successful moonshining business in Franklin County, Va.

Things begin to change when a new kind of law arrives in the form of Guy Pierce's Special Agent Charlie Rakes. Rakes is bent on taking out all bootleggers in the Franklin County area. This is a problem given the fact none of the Bondurant brothers want to budge. This leads to some brutal confrontations and situations throughout the film.

One of the best things about this film is that it pulls no punches when it comes to violence. "Lawless" is a hard R that may be difficult to watch at times for those that get squeamish easily. One scene in particular involves Jack Bondurant (played by Shia LeBeouf) receiving a considerable beat-down from Rakes.

LeBeouf and Pierce both sell their respective roles in the scene. In fact, the performances are a big part of what makes "Lawless" so enjoyable. Tom Hardy continues to impress with each passing role. He perfectly plays Forrest Bondurant the stoic-yet-tough-as-nails countryman that you do not want to upset.

Surprisingly, the actor who may get the most discussion is Shia LeBeouf. The young actor shows an extra gear and range that many felt were missing from previous roles. LeBeouf's Jack Bondurant is the narrative and emotional core of the film.

This will either be a strength or weakness of the film. I found it to be more of a strength of the film. LeBeouf's Jack is a sharp contrast to the rough-and-tough styles of Forrest and Howard Bondurant (played by Jason Clarke). He essentially plays the fish-out-of-water character the audience can connect

with. LeBeouf does a fine job in some difficult scenes that require him to get emotional.

Other cast members, such as the young Dane DeHaan, deliver incredibly enjoyable performances. DeHaan's Cricket may be the most enjoyable character in the film. Jessica Chastain is solid, but almost unmemorable as Maggie Beauford.

There are a handful of flaws that prevent "Lawless" from being a classic of the crime genre. There's no doubt that the film does not pull punches when it comes to showing violence, and there comes a point in the film when it appears that the conflict will escalate to a boiling point. However, Hillcoat and screenwriter Nick Cave never take the story there.

Instead, they take the easy route with conventional wisdom. The climax and conclusion are somewhat of a letdown as a result. The ending of the film is not bad, but one cannot help but get the feeling that it could have been more.

Another thing that may throw moviegoers off is Gary Oldman. Oldman's Floyd Banner is given maybe five minutes of screentime, despite prominent billing for the veteran actor. Banner's role in the film is merely to give inspiration to Jack, but the story as a whole almost could have done without him.

Even given that, the direction by Hillcoat is solid throughout. The cinematography of the Virginia countryside is gorgeous to behold. There are also a good number of shots that may stick in the viewers' heads long after the film is over. The action scenes will certainly raise a few eyebrows, but by no means will they put the audience on the edge of their seats.

"Lawless" is simply not a thinking-man's film. It is certainly no "Goodfellas" or "The Departed" when it comes to engaging the audience. This is not that kind of crime film. It is the kind of film you go to see to take your mind of everyday life for a few hours.

"Lawless" is a fun crime film that simply wants to entertain and not break any grounds of the genre. The film largely succeeds with this formula and will win over many fans. Many films released in this month are projects that studios have no confidence in. The Weinstein Company can rest assured that they have released a crowd-pleasing crime film.

Rating: 3.7/5

From Criminals to Wedding Cake DVDs on Sale This Week

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Asst. A&E Editor

'Grey's Anatomy' (Season 8):

Life struggles are not just meant for the hospital, and in this season the fifth-year residents are put to the test not only in their careers but their personal lives as well. Outside the hospital, the residents face tragedy that no one could see coming. (Chyler Leigh, Patrick Dempsey, Ellen Pompeo)

'Fringe' (Season 4):

After a heart-stopping season finale, the fourth season focuses on the destruction of two universes after Peter sacrifices himself, and his identity, to save the world. Now, shapeshifters threaten the peace of both universes and Olivia is faced with the most powerful force she's ever encountered: human love. (Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson, John Noble)

'Criminal Minds' (Season 7):

As Prentiss and Rossi deal with some of the most dangerous and ruthless killers and masterminds, they must also face life-changing decisions as the end of the season nears. (Shemar Moore, Paget Brewster, Matthew Gray Gubler, Thomas Gibson)



'The Five Year Engagement':

An engagement is the happiest moment in many adults' lives, and it was the same for Tom and Violet a year after meeting. However, no one expects life to turn a one-year engagement, into five years. Planning a wedding is hard enough, but when life takes a turn for the complicated, it can make it even harder. (Jason Segel, Emily Blunt)

'Safe':

Fueled by revenge after Russian gangsters cause his life's downfall, cage-fighter Luke Wright pursues the protection of Mei, a young girl who holds a numerical code that corrupt police officers and the Russian mob are working together on to take from her. (Jason Statham, Robert John Burke)

Poetry Corner: The Simple Truth

KATIE REILLY
A&E Editor

If I ever thought to
grow a flower--
I knew it to die too soon.

The withered branches
and the broken stem bent in
over in two...

Like shattered dreams
and second chances
littered on the floor

All the windows are
locked so no sun can be
and there are no doors.

If I ever thought to
grow a flower--
I would not.

For time would only see
how it would die and rot.

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Men, Women and the Search for Gold

Why there were more female than male athletes from the US attending the 2012 Olympics

MONICA NEWELL
Contributor

Although the London Games have already become a page in the history books, people are still talking about the impact the athletes made. These Olympic Games marked the first that almost every country competing had female athletes competing in at least one event.

These games also marked a change on the United States' Olympic team as well — more women qualified than men, allowing the women to win 29 of the Olympic events and winning enough medals to come in second overall, had the entire population of America's women decided to form their own country. I'm not saying that's not a bad idea, but that's a topic for another piece sometime in the future.

While it could be hard to believe, the inclusion of women in the modern Olympics didn't occur until 1900 with Women's Golf, and Women's Track and Field wasn't included in the routine until 1928. In 1972, Title IX was enacted,

prohibiting federally funded public schools from discriminating based on sex. As a result, any school that received federal funding had to provide fair and equal treatment to both sexes in all areas, including athletics.

This opened doors for female athletes in both high school and college that had been closed prior to June 23, 1972. However, its effects are still being felt in the present day thanks to all the strong female athletes who represented the United States in these recent Olympics.

Prior to Title IX, female high school swimmers, like Missy Franklin and Katie Ledecky, would not have been able to have the same access to their swimming pool at school as the male swim team. In a post-Title IX world, female high school athletes number at 2.6 million to the 295,000 it was at in 1972. Collegiate athletes number at more than 150,000 today compared to the 30,000 in 1972.

However, Title IX isn't the only thing that allows the women of today to inspire so many in their performance

across the pond. It's also the actions of those who came before them. The athletes of today grew up watching the likes of Mia Hamm and Tiffeny Milbrett kick butt and take names on the soccer field in 1996 and watched in awe as the Magnificent Seven made history by earning the United States its first team gold in Women's Gymnastics. Watching these incredible athletes inspired the women who competed this year to go all out.

So who knows why the American women outnumbered the men in these Olympics? Be it opportunities athletes of the past lacked or amazing images of women cracking the gender barrier into a million pieces, the athletes of today were amazing and hopefully serve to inspire another group of athletes. Who knows what the future brings? All I know is that the strength and perseverance of the female athletes of the past and the present make me proud to be an American.



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Gabby Douglas represented the US at the Olympics in gymnastics and won the Women's All Around.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CORNER



François Brémont

I am François Brémont. I am currently a junior, and my major is Business and Languages. I'm 21-years-old. I come from Nantes, France (Northern Western part of France). I have a 9-year-old brother, Baptiste, and a 25-year-old sister, Mathilde. I like sports (even though I am more of a watcher than a player), listening to music (Rock, Electro, House) and going out. I play the guitar (well enough to play "Wonderwall" and that's it) and also used to play a lot of Table Tennis back in France.

What I like about America:

- * Everything is bigger and cheaper in America.
- * In general, people are nicer than in France. It's really easy to meet people over here.
- * You can watch "Spongebob Squarepants" at any time of the day.

What I don't like about America:

- * The country music genre. It is like someone combining all the bad aspects of each genre into one.
- * People wearing socks and flip-flops. That is just wrong.
- * You have to be 21 to walk into a bar, when in France you can be 12 and get in.

I love what I have seen from Longwood so far. I really like the concept of a campus (there is no real campus in France) and how everything is available a couple of yards away from my dorm. I am also really impressed by the Southern hospitality and how everyone here seems to know a little French (but just a little, like "Bonjour!"). So far, Longwood looks like the campus French teenagers imagine when watching an American TV Show.



LU Students Serve Virginia State Parks in AmeriCorps

Of the 27 AmeriCorps volunteers attached to Virginia State Parks this summer, eight were recruited from Longwood University. Here they are seen at an interpretive training session held at Douthat State Park in May 2012. They are from left to right: Jessie Page, of Appomattox, serving at James River; Bryan Roethel, of Prospect, serving Holliday Lake; Melissa Meinhard, of Cumberland, serving Bear Creek Lake; Ryan Lilly, of Chesapeake, serving York River; Sarah Packett, of Culpeper, serving Pocahontas; Matthew Rich, of Verona, serving Staunton River; Russell Reed, of Mathews, serving Belle Isle and Caitlin Johnson, of Vinton, serving Sailors Creek Battlefield Historic Park. Their requirements consisted of 675 hours direct service in interpretive programs and recruitment of at least two volunteers for their Park. Serving with AmeriCorps is a great opportunity students interested in a career with Virginia State Parks. (Photo by Bob Flippin, Education Specialist with High Bridge Trail State Park)

PRESS RELEASE

Parking Regulations Get Serious in the Town and at the University

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In the 2012-2013 Parking Policies handbook distributed by the Department of Public Safety and LUPD, it states, "Parking in a Town Municipal Lot by a student or employee in an attempt to avoid purchasing a university parking permit will be punishable by ticketing and/or towing at the owners expense, by the Town of

Farmville."

In the Parking Policies handbook it is noted that "University parking decals do not authorize parking in the Town of Farmville."

For parking areas, lots that are designated to Farmville residents contain parking signs that state, "Resident Only," while lots that are designated to Longwood students contain parking signs that say,

"Resident Student Parking."

The handbook adds that the Farmville Police patrol Farmville residential parking areas and will issue citations if violations are observed.

Parking violations include parking outside of a decal zone, parking in Handicap spaces without appropriate tags, having no decal, an expired decal or improper decal placement and more with citations that go from \$50 to \$125.

Citations are required to be paid within five working days, excluding holidays, or the student will have a hold placed on his or her account until the fine is paid.

If five tickets are accumulated over the semester, the student's privilege to park on campus is suspended for the remainder of the current and proceeding semesters.

The LU Lancers Men's Basketball Schedule Made Public

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Once we knew we were in the Big South, we knew we would be locked into a certain number of home games once we got to January and February, so how you build it there is a little different and how you approach the season is a little different. "Also, with that in some of those games against higher-name opponents like Marshall and when we get to the period after Finals, I want those games to be done with ... We may not have quite as many home games early on, and we may have those high-profile games early on, which makes that a little more challenging."

Gillian said that Marshall would be a team picked to finish high in their conference in preseason. At some point in six of the past seven seasons, the Lancers have made the trip to Charlottesville to play local power Virginia, but the Cavaliers are a noticeable absence on Longwood's schedule this year. Gillian noted that "We worked with them to try and put [a game] together once again, and now for us, there are fewer games that we have control of. In the past, we had 31 games that we had control of. Now, that's not really the case ... I'm talking to them now about getting back together with

them in 2013-14. It's certainly something we'd like to do and they'd like to do, but it's something that has to work out together for both sides."

Over the winter break, the team will be active again, playing eight games in that time period, including at Georgetown on Dec. 10, at Virginia Commonwealth on Dec. 21 and their first-ever Big South game at home against Coastal Carolina on Jan. 5. Gillian remarked that there is some local flavor fame over the holiday break, as well as some familiarity from last year's schedule: "You always want to have the profile of the program raised as much as possible. I think we've been able to do that and we're going to keep back referring to the Big South because that's the biggest part. You have Radford, Liberty [and] VMI built in twice a year."

He added, "We want to try and maintain those in-state opponents to try and maintain the profile of our program. And although Georgetown's not in Virginia, it's Georgetown. It's a prominent program in Washington, D.C., so it's a huge time period for us. Even going to Buffalo to play Canisius is tough." When asked if he had any games in particular circled on the calendar yet, he firmly said "no," saying that every game was, in fact, circled and that it's not the

same anymore. He said that the "cherry on top of the sundae" is the Big South Tournament, hosted by Coastal Carolina in early March.

"There are some realities as a coach that you realize. It's very difficult for more than one team [in the Big South] to realize their dream and go to the NCAA tournament. That one team that does get that opportunity is the one that gets that win in March ... If we were circling anything, we're circling that conference championship when we do get there, and you certainly want to be peaking at the end of the year."

All 12 teams from the conference make the Big South tournament. The top two teams from the North and South divisions earn an automatic berth in the quarterfinal stage of the tournament, while the other eight battle it out in the opening round. The team also has a chance to play in the ESPN BracketBusters series, a set of basketball games featuring mid-major teams. It is unclear at this time whether it will be on the road or if the Lancers will indeed appear on the ESPN family of networks. As of this writing, it was also unclear as to whether or not Longwood would otherwise appear on national television this year on another network.

Our Planet's Climate Change Reality: A Rundown

SEMEIN WASHINGTON
Asst. Opinion Editor

As the day's important topic I want to clear up what I think about fossil fuels. I remember one commentator, and I'm paraphrasing here, express how unfortunate it is that something as useful as fossil fuels and the dependant technology of internal combustion have anything to do with climate change.

I also will be writing in an upcoming issue that I believe new oil extractions in the United States and elsewhere, including real estate as differing in personal desirability as Brazil and Iraq, is one of the answers to economic downturn. I'll scream this so you don't have to listen very closely. What's good for the job market is not simultaneously moral or responsible!

I've seen the best minds of my generation dehydrated and sunburned. What's to blame for that? Well, the ever responsible imaginary critic says, "Climate change, numbskull!" I'd have to agree. It's some cooperation, across the many levels of atmosphere, between greenhouse gases to make a heavenly abode of carbon dioxide, methane and aerosol emissions. In the end, these upwardly mobile gases eat away at the ozone layer and, as a personal bonus, make a connection oven out of the earth.

All actions having an equal and opposite reaction, the winters freeze us. And we'd probably be content to think that greenhouse gases come out of nowhere. No, they come out of every nook and cranny of the modern world. They come out of our Febreze cans, out of our overly populated cattle and out of our cars. Across the world and social classes, there is little so linked to identity as an automobile. Greenhouse gases come out of our cars more than anything else.

There are people I respect very much who believe otherwise, and I respect them nonetheless. Yes, there have been cycles of climate change on the earth beforehand, and once, all due to its own devices, the sky was pink. However, there has been impact from greenhouse gases on how the world's disparate climates operate.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data shows "Earth's average temperature has risen by 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit over the past century, and is projected to rise another 2 to 11.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the next hundred years." This is connected to the loss of "17 percent", "26 percent" and "29 percent" of crop to drought between the late 1970s and late 1980s, the loss of "16 percent" of crops due to "wet spring,

early frost" in the mid 1970s and unmeasured loss due to "unusual climate events" between the late 1990s and mid 2000s. The EPA also mentions how "ice core measurements reveal that carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are higher than they have been for at least 800,000 years."

Climatechange.org notes, "We know that the rise in atmospheric CO2 is entirely caused by fossil fuel burning and deforestation because many independent observations show that the carbon content has also increased in both the oceans and the land biosphere (after deforestation). If the oceans and the land had contributed to the rise in atmospheric CO2, they would hold less carbon." The site says this information's contributor is Professor Corinne Le Quére at the University of East Anglia.

If that came across as baiting, it was done in good fun. My point is that many sources, more than the ones I've brought up and, in many cases, with more sophisticated evidence, point toward climate change. In my mind, one doesn't even need some scientist and his/her slide rulers (no offense, scientists. You know I love you) to arrive at an idea of what's happening in the natural world.

As a small child being driven



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Earth's temperature is predicted to rise in the next hundred years due to greenhouse gases, fossil fuel burning and deforestation.

through the tunnels in Hampton Roads, I'd see how long I could hold my breath due to the cacophony of noxious smells. As I've grown, the popula-

tions have gotten bigger and the summers hotter. With the wonder of a child, I still look at the billowing gas in a hot day's traffic from the old Chevrolet,

the Hummer or the cargo truck and think, all the while, "Where does that go?"

Word Vomit: What Should or Shouldn't be said in Class

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Opinion Editor

My freshman year was the first time I'd ever heard a teacher use foul language during lecture. I went to a public high school and heard other students spew angry curse words at each other, but never teachers. Like everyone else in my class, I was shocked hearing my teachers curse. We all giggled, got over it and resumed our studies. This wouldn't be the last time my poor ears would hear the sound of "bad words" in a classroom.

Hearing these words doesn't offend me, but I can't completely understand how they might offend some of my classmates. After speaking to people around campus, I learned they feel

pretty much the exact same way. When asked how she felt about professors cursing in class, junior Casey Doerfler said, "Teachers shouldn't be able to drop the f-bomb, and I can't think of any context where that word would fit into a curriculum."

Senior Malina Rutherford is completely against any professor or student that uses derogatory terms during a lecture setting. "There is no need for that type of language. It's actually pretty insulting and embarrassing listening to teachers curse as much as some of them do," she said.

I've heard professors cursing while having conversations around campus, too, which is more interesting to me than anything. It's almost like seeing them as real people for the first time.

Personally, I don't have a problem with teachers cursing in or out of the classroom.

I've had certain professors who openly tell students on the first day of class that they will curse as necessary for emphasis and if this bothers the students, they have plenty of time to drop the course or find another teacher who teaches it. The honesty policy that professors have with their students is important.

On the other hand, I don't believe that students should have curse

words oozing from their mouths every five minutes. I've been known to curse during my English literature classes when discussing the books we're reading.

I think it's important to know the personalities of certain professors before even attempting to shoot off

the occasional profanity. Teachers who curse and students who curse can do so in a professional way — as odd as that may sound. Since I'm an English major, some curse words accentuate the pieces we read and make the discussions more interesting.

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Women's Soccer Notebook: More of the Same

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The Longwood University women's soccer team has only had two games in the past ten days, a 1-0 win at Howard on Aug. 27, and a 3-0 loss at Appalachian State on Sunday.

19th year Head Coach Todd Dyer was very pleased with the play in the first third of the field against the Bison, saying, "any time you earn a shutout on the road, you're doing something right back there. With Howard, though, they sat back quite a bit defensively. They weren't coming at us a whole lot; they tended to sit back and look to counter."

"It was just a matter of concentration with our back line and even our defensive midfielders in there, just telling them that when we lose the ball,

let's make sure we transition quickly, let's get behind it. Even before that, let's keep our depth so we can support our offensive play as well."

On Sunday, the Lancers made the trip down to Boone, N.C. to play Appalachian State. The Mountaineers beat Longwood in double overtime at the Athletics Complex last season. This one wasn't as close, however, as Appalachian took the match with a 3-0 home decision.

"We got pulled into a very physical game and we lost that fight," Dyer told longwoodlancers.com on Sunday afternoon. "In that situation, we either need to be tougher, or we need to play better soccer. We did neither ... the scoreboard showed that, so we're humbled right now ... and we're also eager to get back on the practice field to get ready for our next

game." Lindsey Ottavio has scored two goals so far this season, leading her team to a 3-2 record thus far with the Big South portion of the schedule still weeks away. Dyer said that she brings the same things to the field every time: "Pace and power first, and then it's a matter of how many goals is she going to finish and get for herself and our team."

"She's always a presence in the attacking third. She's strong; she can run past people, she can create for others. She deserves those goals herself sometimes, and she got those two against Richmond ... She's [always] right there in the mix. I think we're kind of varying her role a little bit, and I think it suits her and she's got those two goals to show for it and we hope that continues."

Dyer said that in general terms, the team is "enjoying where we're at right now. Winning helps everything. August is behind us now, so we want to try and even duplicate [those performances] in September, but that's all we talk about as coaches — just deal with what you have in front of you ... We're excited about the Big South, but we still have another four or five games before we get into that conference schedule, so we want to use these next few weeks to prepare for league play."

"We've got some tough games at home and on the road, and we want to continue to get better and better and better so once we do get into league play against UNC-Asheville on Sept. 20, we're in top form and getting off to a strong start within the league."

Stephen Shockley Receives Great Honor

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Sports Editor

Every week, this space has been traditionally reserved for an opinion and/or discussion of a large-scale topic in the wide world of sports. This is not one of those weeks. No, this is a story about a fan favorite who has worked his tail off for the past three years to earn his minutes on the blue-painted hardwood in Willett Hall.



SPORTS COLUMN

Stephen Shockley came to Longwood in the fall of 2009 as a walk-on to the men's basketball team. For three years, he spent his time riding the pine while watching his teammates record some of the best moments in the program's history — like in his freshman year, when he saw Kevin Swecker hit the game-tying three against High Point, or this past year, when Antwan Carter laid claim to the all-time career scoring record against Norfolk State. He's scored 52 points in 41 career appearances.

After a team workout under the hot August sun last Thursday, his head coach Mike Gillian said that Shockley came to the school "on his own ... We had a bit of an idea who Stephen was and what he had done [in high school]. The year that he came here, we needed another guy. If the guy could play and could fit in, we were gonna keep a guy out of the open tryout that we held. Stephen was the only one, and to this day remains the only one, who's made the team as a result of something like that."

"The only way to really put it is I talk to these guys all the time," motioning out to the team that he's coached for a decade now, "The importance of the team and putting the team first ... Put the team first and the team will pay you back. Well, for three years, Stephen has put the team first, he's done everything I've asked of him, he's been very selfless and now the team is paying him back by putting him on scholarship, and I couldn't be happier for anybody because he's certainly earned it."

The team had just returned to campus from watching a bit of the G.A.M.E. 3.0 a few weeks ago for their first team meeting to welcome everyone back to school for the year, Gillian talked to the team about what it really means to put the team first so that the team will pay the athlete back. With that, he pulled a scholarship form out of his back pocket and handed it to a "surprised" Shockley.

Gillian described the scene in the locker room as "pure joy from the other 12 guys for him to be realizing one of his dreams. I wish I would have had a camera in there." Shockley said he started playing in YMCA leagues when he was just two or three years old with his older brother Paul. Two years of varsity basketball at Heritage were up-and-down, with the Pride going to regionals his junior year, and the next year, with the head coach gone and just a couple of players returning from that team, the team did not perform as they had hoped to.

When deciding where he would spend his college days, he said the fact that Longwood was "building a successful program" turned out to be a deciding factor. "I talked to the coaching staff, and they said that there would be an opportunity for me to try out. Nothing was guaranteed, but they'd give me a good look," Shockley shared.

Throughout his first three years at the University, he has always maintained his bright outlook on life, saying that "I never saw myself as a walk-on. I saw it as being on the team. I contributed just like everybody else, I received the same benefits as far as travel and I worked just as hard as everybody else, but I paid my way through just like all the other students here at Longwood, so I felt like if I would be paying to go elsewhere, why not continue playing and living my dream here?"

One of the most notable facets of the career of the Physical Education/Teacher Education major, who hopes to coach and be a physical education teacher at either the elementary or high school level after graduation, is the fan support he receives from the students who populate the loudest section of Willett Hall.

It is not uncommon for the students to chant Shockley's name at the end of a blowout, so as to urge Mike Gillian to sub the now-former walk-on into the game. Shockley calls it "great," saying, "A lot of the guys I've known since I was a freshman here start chanting it early, and I'll just smile. I love it when they do it. It's great to have such loyal fan support."

Gillian also takes note of the backing of the team's lone senior, saying, "It's a great interaction between the fans and one of the players on our team, and I hope he enjoys that too."

And if Shockley hadn't earned those chants by the end of last year, you can be damn sure he has now.

*** This editorial is an opinion stated by the writer and does not represent the views of The Rotunda or Longwood University.

Big South Holds Meeting on Sportsmanship, Conduct & Crowd Control

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With conference placement into the Big South, Longwood has a chance at competing for national titles in several sports.

It also has a responsibility to ensure that the athletics code of conduct is kept to a higher standard than ever before, and that is why on Friday, Aug. 31, members of the Longwood University Athletics Department, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Tim Pierson and Interim University President Marge Connelly met in the Virginia Room of Blackwell Hall and held the first annual Institutional Meeting on Sportsmanship, Ethical Conduct and Crowd Control.

The meeting is a requirement for the Big South Conference's 12 members. Interim President Connelly opened the meeting by saying that the Athletics Department's potential achievements can "have a huge impact on the profile of the University." The meeting lasted about half an hour and was conducted in an outline format, according to a sheet handed out to the approximately three dozen members in attendance.

Sportsmanship, general

management policies and acts of unsportsmanlike conduct were the three main points highlighted in the outline with decorum being the sole talking point under sportsmanship. With that, it was said by Dr. Pierson that "Coaches and administrators have responsibility for sportsmanlike behavior on the part of athletes," echoing a sentiment shared throughout the room.

Next on the agenda was "general management policies," where Director of Marketing and Game Operations Eric Stoller defined violations of the Fan Code of Conduct as "unruly, disruptive and illegal behavior; gestures and harassment" that was negative in intent. He went on to say that there would be an announcement to the fans, either over the public address system or in a more private nature, depending on the situation. Those responsibilities would be delegated to whoever is in charge of game management.

It was then mentioned that a new position may be created in the near future, a position that would be held by a single person in charge of game management procedures. Those procedures would not only include conduct-related

decisions, but also promotions and other miscellaneous dealings, no matter the sport.

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The third main point on the outline included acts of unsportsmanlike conduct, which outlined a multitude of fines, suspensions and other penalties that would be put into place if coaches or players acted out. Those ranged from a "public reprimand," which meant an official state-

ment placed on the Big South Conference website, to fines worth thousands of dollars and multi-game suspensions. Such actions ranged from intentional physical contact with other players and officials, to coaches "chasing after" referees at halftime and immediately following a game if and when a controversial call is made.

Longwood University Chief of Police Bob Beach said that they are upping security now that there is more on the line and that there will now be three police officers in Willett Hall on game nights for men's and women's basketball and one elsewhere from the baseball and softball fields to the Athletics Complex. He also said that the department is putting together an evacuation plan in case an evacuation has to take place. Men's basketball Head Coach Mike Gillian went on to ask Stoller and Director of Athletics Troy Austin if anything had been put in place in regards to a phenomenon known as storming the court. In recent years, athletic conferences have levied fines upon insti-

tutions whose students rush the field or court. The Southeastern Conference (SEC) is perhaps the most notable conference to have done so.

A notable example of that happening at Longwood took place on Feb. 2, 2010, when the Lancers overcame a late deficit to defeat current Big South rival High Point. Austin replied saying, "There was no discussion of that — nothing is in place," which is something that the Lancer Lunatics must be happy to hear.

The meeting was closed with remarks that were said by those at the head of the table, reminding everyone that the University has actually done a good job with these types of incidents and that those in the room had done nothing wrong at all. Dr. Pierson said that any violations had not yet been integrated into the student handbook but may be done so at the Sept. 15 meeting of the University's Board of Visitors, and Interim President Connelly said that "Our energy needs to be put into the positive side of things."

THE ROTUNDA'S PIGSKIN PICK 'EM

ERIC HOBECK, SPORTS EDITOR (3-1):

Virginia over Penn State: Michael Rocco and my beloved Cavaliers will give Bill O'Brien his second loss in his second game as the Nittany Lions' head coach.

Kansas State over Miami: The Hurricanes are a very solid team, but Bill Snyder's Wildcats are ranked for a reason. K-State rolls over The U.

Giants over Cowboys: The Giants are fresh off a Super Bowl upset of the Patriots, and should beat Dallas in the NFL's 2012 opener behind the arm of Eli Manning.

Steelers over Broncos: With the departure of Tim Tebow to the Big Apple, the Broncos are a weaker team even with the aging Peyton Manning. The Steeler defense holds Denver to two scores or less.

JOEY SCHUMACHER, ASST. SPORTS EDITOR (4-0):

Penn State over Virginia: Having friends who play for both teams, this was a difficult choice for me, but I'm going with Penn State. To me, they just have a more solid team.

Kansas State over Miami: Last week, Kansas State won their game like it wasn't even a challenge for them. Miami on the other hand, barely beat Boston College on Saturday. They didn't seem to come out as hard as Kansas State did.

Giants over Cowboys: Being a huge Redskins fan, I am duty bound to go against the Cowboys no matter what. I believe the Giants will win this one because they are the better team.

Steelers over Broncos: Going solely off last season (except for the playoffs) and this pre-season, I'd have to go with the Steelers for this one.

DR. TIM PIERSON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS (3-1):

Virginia over Penn State: The Cavs should get this win at home over a very short-handed Penn State team.

Miami over Kansas State: I like the Hurricanes on the road for this one.

Giants over Cowboys: Expect a great game with Eli Manning being the difference, as the Giants open the season with a win.

Steelers over Broncos: Peyton Manning's return will captivate NFL fans, but I don't believe the Broncos have enough to turn back a good Steeler team.

GUEST EJ DOWLING, ROTUNDA ASST. NEWS EDITOR (GUESTS: 3-1):

Penn State over Virginia: Penn State will come out on top of this one and it is all because of one word: DEFENSE. If the defensive line can shut down Michael Rocco, then the Nittany Lions may just put the Jerry Sandusky controversy behind them starting with this game.

Kansas State over Miami: With the leadership of Bill Snyder Kansas States takes the win. The Wildcats are coming off a huge win over Missouri State and if Collin Klein and John Hubert work their magic again this week, then Kansas State is for sure a force to be reckoned with.

Giants over Cowboys: Gotta go with the Giants for this one. The New York defensive line is just too good for the Dallas offense. I would definitely tune in for this one; I think the 4th quarter is going to be the quarter to watch.

Steelers over Broncos: Such a no brainer here, Steelers all the way. There is no denying the dominance of the Mike Tomlin and Ben Roethlisberger partnership. I have a feeling the Broncos are going to rely way too much on the experience of Peyton Manning, and that could come back to hurt them later.

MLB Pennant Race Heating Up

So far this year, Major League Baseball has had some teams in the lead that a couple seasons ago people might not have thought would be there; many of the usual teams are still as expected, though. The Yankees are leading the AL East, which shouldn't come as much of a surprise to many; however, the Orioles are hot on their heels, which is where one might expect the Red Sox in this league.

One of the biggest surprises, however, is the Washington Nationals this season. The Nationals currently have the best record in Major League Baseball with 80 wins and 52 losses, which is even ahead of the Yankees, who have 76 wins and 56 losses. A few seasons ago, the Nationals wouldn't have even been considered as a playoff contender, but at this pace they might even be more than that. There are still plenty of games left in the season, but it doesn't look like the Nationals are going to slow down anytime soon, even if they decide to shut down their ace Stephen Strasburg.

Other league leaders consist of the Chicago White Sox leading the AL Central and Texas in front in the AL West. For the National league, the Cincinnati Reds lead the Central division and the San Francisco Giants are ahead in the West. With the amount of time left in the season many of these positions are likely to change since the teams are close together in the standings, but with teams like the Yankees and Nationals so far ahead, it's not unlikely that they'll meet in the Fall Classic.

NCAA Football Back in Full Force

This past weekend marked the start of the NCAA football season for 2012. There were a lot of blowouts and no upsets in week one's matchups.

The biggest blowout of the week came from the No. 8 ranked Oklahoma State and Savannah State. In the 84-0 shellacking, Oklahoma State scored five of their 12 touchdowns in the first quarter alone. All five touchdowns in the first quarter were runs shared between Joseph Randle, who had the first two and Jeremy Smith, who had the other three. Of the rest of the touchdowns, 5 more were runs and two passing. Although Savannah State is a Division-I FCS team, a defeat of that proportion was unprecedented.

Other big matchups this week were No. 8 Michigan and No. 2 Alabama, and No. 24 Boise State and No. 13 Michigan State. Michigan fell to Alabama on Saturday, 41-14. Alabama took an early lead in the first quarter, scoring three touchdowns. Alabama scored another four touchdowns during the game on the way to the blowout. Michigan State had success on opening weekend as well. They took on Boise State and came up with a win, scoring a touchdown in the fourth quarter, coming back to win 17-13.

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Field Hockey Notebook: The Lancers Continue Their Slide

DAVIS GAMMON
Contributor

After a brief road trip to Lock Haven, Pa. to start their season, the Longwood women's field hockey team returned to Farmville with a record of 0-2 on Friday, Aug. 31 to host the visiting Tribe of William & Mary. The Tribe looked to continue their winning ways with a third straight win. W&M came into the matchup with wins against Davidson and Appalachian State. The Tribe wasted no time getting on scoreboard, when Jesse Ebner scored in the seventh minute. Less than a minute later, senior midfielder Christina Verhulst contributed a goal of her own to tie the game at one goal apiece. Ebner's first half goal was followed by first period goals from Kayleigh Ross and Christine Johnson. Entering intermission the visitors from Williamsburg held a strong 3-1 lead over the hosts.

27 minutes were gone in the second frame before the Tribe's Emma Clifton drew the first blood of the second half, putting a Lancer comeback out of reach. Even with a three goal deficit, the Lancers received a second goal from freshman Jennifer Burris, putting the score at 4-2, and that is where the score would stay, handing the Lancers their third straight loss to open the season.

Lancer Head Coach Iain Byers highlighted turnovers as the cause behind the Lancers' slow start, namely turnovers in Lancer territory. "Just poor turnovers ... If you give the other team 50

yards to attack instead of 100 yards, you're asking for trouble," said Byers.

On Sunday, Longwood welcomed the No. 5 nationally-ranked Duke Blue Devils to Farmville. Duke escaped with a 1-0 victory when the Lancers came calling in Durham a year ago. The Devils ran off to a white-hot start, scoring three goals in the first five minutes. Longwood pulled it back to a 3-2 game later in the first half with goals from Burriss and Nicole Deckard, but Duke then stretched it to 6-2 by the end of 70 minutes at the Athletics Complex. "We know we need to get better and will work hard to prepare for VCU on Wednesday," Byers told longwoodlancers.com after the game.

A sign of a bright future for the Lancers is the performance of his freshmen. Byers said of the performance of his freshmen, "We're really happy. It's one of the more talented teams we've had for a few years. The freshman class has come in at a good, high level." These freshmen are led by talented goalkeeper Meg Mitchell, who has tallied 30 saves in four games.

Following their home battle with Duke, the Lancers play crucial games against VCU, Miami University, Ball State and James Madison before beginning NORPAC play on Sept. 18 against rival Liberty. Byers summed up the Lancers' slow start by saying, "To be honest, we've done a very good job of bouncing back. We've always said in the last couple of years that if we do lose, then we have to learn from that."



Photo By: Laura Clark

In a grueling third game of the season, the Longwood women's field hockey team fell to the Duke Blue Devils 6-2 on Sunday.

Men's Soccer Notebook: A Tough Start Continues

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Sports Editor

The men's soccer team has a lot of tough tasks going ahead with this season, like their first Big South matches, an influx of freshmen and the replacement of goalkeeper Joel Helmick. Despite this and the team's 0-3 start, the team and Head Coach Jon Atkinson are very optimistic heading into the future.

Recently, the team took a tough loss at the hands of conference opponent Presbyterian. The team lost in double overtime after a controversial incident that Coach Atkinson believed was where the unjust part of the game came in. Coach Atkinson explained, "Their keeper fell on the ball outside the box just as our forward was about to run in on the goal and scooped the ball back, which would have been an automatic red card and an automatic goal for us if he hadn't done so, so the referee awarded a free kick and we didn't convert and we know the history after that."

Prior to that, Atkinson explained how they controlled most of the game. The team took the lead early in the second half from a Philip van Berkomp, a young freshman from Holland, header off of a corner kick from junior Brian Henry. Then, a "rookie mistake" allowed Presbyterian to break out and score the equalizer. "The game was very cruel from their standpoint," Atkinson said about the loss. "It's a lesson for the young guys that they can't leave the game in the hands of the judges."

The coach believes they prepared pretty well for this

game and that they had the right personnel on the field, but there are just a lot of differences between this year's team and last year's. He went on to talk about how they have a lot of young guys that need more playing time. With 11 new freshmen it's a tough task for sure, but the coach realizes that he has to be "patient and nurturing" towards them because they still have to get used to a whole new atmosphere as NCAA student-athletes.

Two of the freshmen are goalkeepers, Carl Carpenter and Seth Erdman, who (along with sophomore Paul Hegedus) have the very difficult task of replacing Joel Helmick, who was drafted by the Richmond Kickers after his graduation from the University. Atkinson doesn't know which of the three players will replace Helmick, stating that the position is "still open." He realizes that Hegedus is the most experienced with one year under his belt, but he still didn't play much last season. He says, "Don Herlan (volunteer assistant coach) is working hard with the three young men to get them adjusted to the Division-I level."

When speaking in terms of the schedule, Atkinson said "We're a bit topsy-turvy when it comes down to scheduling and the Big South, where most teams are kind of gearing up toward a conference schedule, we're actually starting with the first six out of the seven being Big South games." Atkinson is very optimistic, saying "We prepare for every game normally and with a positive attitude, and with a mindset that we have to

be tough to beat, that we have to work hard."

He also spoke of the men that left the program prior to this season mentioning how the team lost a lot of its scoring percentages, but he's happy with the talent on this team and just sees it as an opportunity for other guys to step in and create names for themselves. He says, "We [the team] just have to take every game as it comes and compete normally."

On Saturday night, the Lancers hosted their first ever Big South competition in Farmville when they took on the Flames of Liberty University. The team's first home Big South matchup wasn't one to remember as the Flames beat the Lancers 3-0, spoiling sophomore Paul Hegedus' first career start as a Lancer. Atkinson regretted the fact that the loudly supportive fans went home unhappy, saying "I want to thank the fans for their incredible support and feel bad we couldn't celebrate a win."

"We have to improve in order to turn the corner, but overall, the performance was full of energy, which at times put Liberty on the back foot, but wasn't quite enough on the night. I felt there were lots of positives tonight, but the main statistic was the score line, which wasn't a true reflection of the game, but [I] give Liberty their credit."



Longwood's Devin Pierce attempts to steal the ball from an opposing Liberty player.

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