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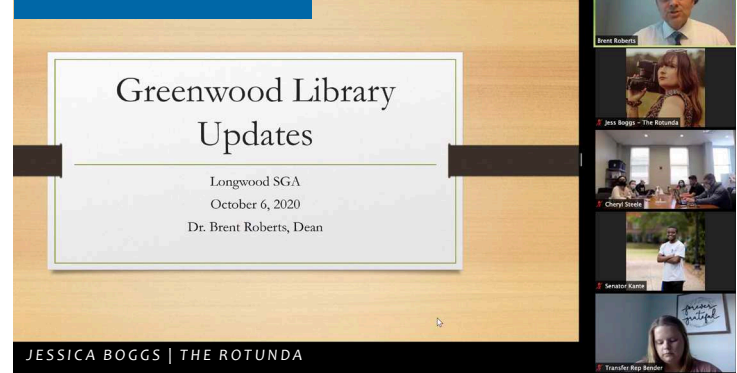
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### In virtual SGA



## Library updates, VA21 event

by Allison Turner | News Editor | @allisonkturner

In this week's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, Dean Roberts talked to the senate about updates to Greenwood Library and VA21 announced an event.

In Special Orders of the Day, Vice President Payten Bovat officiated the proceedings as PRIDE Representative Matt Rowlett took the oath.

The student will now assume their role after being sworn in and will begin their position effective immediately.

Also in Special Orders of the Day, Dean of the Library Brent Roberts gave COVID-19 updates, which include contactless check-out, a rotating cleaning schedule, and the end of late fines.

Roberts added that the library is on amended hours, and students can go to [libguides.longwood.edu](http://libguides.longwood.edu) for the full schedule and more information.

In New Business, SGA Executive Historian Cole Pillow and the senate

voted in favor of making Fellowship of Christian Athletes an official club on campus. The club can now hold official meetings and events.

In Announcements, VA21 Representative Amelia Graves announced that VA21 will be holding an event at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8 for students to learn what will be on the ballot.

In the Vice President's Report with Payten Bovat, she announced that the university has put microwaves and fridges in ARC for quarantined students to use for meals. There is also a request form for students to fill out to request special items from The Comma or the POD.

She added that the dining hall has brought back the pasta bar and will start adding stations as long as students are being smart and following guidelines.

The next SGA meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 3:45 p.m. on Zoom.

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# Vintage is the new normal

by Taiya Jarrett | Opinions Editor | @ItsTaySJ

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**D**efined as antique. Financial investment. Chic aesthetic. From various clothing pieces to signature brand named accessories meets Vintage wear. Yet, this fad is nothing new, just a designer most likely. Maneuvering into society as a revived fashion trend, young adults have resonated a needed sparked obsession with all vintage everything.

In doing so, secondhand fashion has become a millennial favorite that has prompted the curated fashion website, Lyst.com, to provide a data analytic insight into the well-received trend.

“Since the beginning of September, there has been a 104% increase in online fashion searches for second hand-related keywords on Lyst. The term “vintage fashion” has generated on average over 35,000 monthly searches, meanwhile, the term “slow fashion” has been responsible for more than seven million social impressions, reflecting a shift in shopping behaviors.”

Meanwhile, this major shift

change in shopping behavior can be at the expense of online shopping rather than in-person shopping. While countless shopping malls and department stores try to remain afloat during a pandemic, Lyst reported that online retail sites have received a 27% bump in growth as consumers are becoming more conscious when it comes to spending money.

Nylon Magazine said, “Tightening budgets coupled with a growing interest in eco-friendly and sustainable fashion practices have made shopping vintage and secondhand a booming industry for shoppers and sellers alike.”

Coined by Research professor of Sustainability, Design, and Fashion at the University of the Arts London’s Centre for Sustainable Fashion, Kate Fletcher, ‘slow fashion’ in so many words is seen as the consumption of eco-friendly, long-lasting and good quality pieces within fashion. And to an extent, vintage fashion can be put within this category of ‘slow fashion’, as over time it has especially reinvented

itself through bags and footwear, which is essentially a long-term financial investment.

According to Lyst.com, “Over the past month, demand for pre-loved bags has grown 31%. Looking at the category, searches for vintage bags are at an all-time high, having increased 46% year-on-year. Shoppers have been looking actively for brands such as Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Prada and Hermes, whilst Fendi’s baguette continues to drive demand, with searches increasing 40% month-on-month.” Whereas, “Interest in secondhand shoes continues to grow strong – they’re up 29%. The most searched brands include Balenciaga, Dior, Yeezy and Off-White. Meanwhile, searches for iconic shoes such as Chanel flats and Gucci loafers have also been growing, with page views increasing 55% collectively this month.”

Ultimately, this sense of nostalgia resurfacing through vintage wear is a timeless staple investment, and it’s time we appreciate it.





Senior Communication Studies major Dylan McKercher was recognized as the CHI Klown for this year's celebration. The CHI Klown is recognized by CHI as an outstanding leader on campus who exemplifies the spirit of Longwood to all.

# OKTOBERFEST

by Carrie Bailey | Photo Staff | @carriebailey13



Even in the midst of uncertain times, the Longwood community strived to have some sense of normalcy voting on an Oktoberfest King and Queen. This year's Oktoberfest King and Queen are Javion Peterson and Anna Hudson.



Mortar Board's Vice President of Spirit Shannon Lyons coordinated the Oktoberfest celebrations on Saturday morning. She announced the Klowns, Spirit Leaders, Honorary Spirit Leaders, Princes Banner Carriers and Oktoberfest King and Queen. She also thanked the Longwood community for keeping the Oktoberfest spirit alive and invited the campus to a virtual concert that night by country singer Lee Brice.



The Princes are one of the three secret societies at Longwood University. Their motto is "To Lead Is To Serve." Princes chose Special Childress, Matthew McGregor, Katie Pate and Braden Butka to carry the banner on Oktoberfest during the morning parade.



During the Oktoberfest celebration this past Saturday, Longwood Mortar Board Senior Honors Society recognized the student spirit leaders on campus. These students are nominated by their peers as outstanding leaders on campus. Wearing the recognizable lederhosen, the Spirit Leaders performed a dance for the Longwood community.



The Klowns are students that are recognized by their peers as leaders on campus who continue to show the spirit of Longwood and make their peers' time at Longwood more enjoyable. The Klowns are a mixture of students from all four graduating classes.



# Women's basketball to start season in late November

by Nick Robinson | Sports Editor | @longwoodrotunda



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Head coach Rebecca Tillett meets with her team during a match against Hampton University on February 15, 2020.

When it was announced that Longwood would not be having fall sports, it left the Lancer faithful starved of the chance to cheer on their favorite teams. But as they say, every cloud has a silver lining. The NCAA announced that the 2020 women's basketball season would begin on November 25.

Head coach Rebecca Tillett gave her reaction to the news. "When you're in coaching, you have to look at the positives in everything, hold out hope that you're going to play. When we knew for sure that we were having a season, there was a lot of celebration from players and coaches."

Tillett went on to discuss how having an official start date affects preparation. "It gave us a sense of normalcy. In order to be fluid and work within COVID, we need to be ready for anything. We need to work on depth because some of the models for our schedule had us playing three games in a row and we

would need to utilize our entire roster for that."

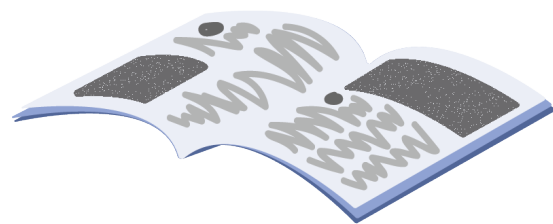
Tillett also mentioned that it has not been all bad and that the pandemic has provided her team a chance to grow closer to one another. "Both the pandemic and the unrest in our country surrounding racism have helped our team come closer together because it demands honest conversations with each other. These kinds of things can help a team become closer or not, but in the case of our team, I think it helped us grow closer."

But of course, Tillett was not the only one who was excited about a start date being set for the season. Sophomore guard Kyla McMakin, who had a breakout freshman season and won Big South freshman of the year, provided her input. "I was ecstatic. It was nice to know that all of our hard work will pay off."

McMakin added that since the season is officially happening, she had set a

high standard in terms of goals for herself and her team. "I want to be ranked higher in terms of steals, and play better defensively. In terms of team goals, we want to win the Big South and be ranked higher defensively."

Now the big question revolves around what the season will look like. We have seen college football teams playing conference-only schedules and Tillett added that her team would follow a similar format. "We are planning at this moment to have a 20-game conference schedule and five non-conference games." Tillett also responded to if fans would be allowed to a certain capacity or not. "I think it's a case-by-case basis when it comes to institutions. The NCAA hasn't specifically said no to that but there are certainly restrictions and guidelines that need to be met to keep everyone safe. Those decisions will be forthcoming within the next few weeks."



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