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In virtual SGA



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Swearing in of new officials, Longwood Recovers

by Allison Turner | News Editor | @allisonkturner

In this week's virtual Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, two students were sworn into office and the senate learned about Longwood Recovers.

In Special Orders of the Day, President Brandon Bowen officiated the proceedings as Executive Historian Jessica Faulk and Treasurer Tamaja Terry took the oath.

The students will not assume their roles after being sworn in and will begin their positions effective immediately.

Also in Special Orders of the Day, Ashley Green of Longwood Recovers spoke to the Senate about the program.

She shared that the program is, "a supportive environment within campus culture that reinforces the

decision to engage in a lifestyle of recovery."

The group meets weekly in-person or on Zoom in Upchurch 305A, and there are also one-on-one meetings available to meet individual needs. Email longwoodrecovers@longwood.edu for more information.

In the Advisors' Report, Dr. Tim Pierson advised the senate to be cautious as the number of COVID cases at the university increases. He stressed the importance of wearing a mask, social distancing and keeping yourself healthy.

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The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th at 3:45 p.m. on Zoom.

With so many debatable topics discussed in today's media, there's one thing that most people can agree on: knowledge is power. Knowledge is powerful enough to expand people's minds and help them in a variety of ways. That was certainly the case for the 3 alumnae that spoke for the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies department this past week.

On Wednesday February 3, 2021, the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies department held an event where the aforementioned alumnae, Angela Rozmus, Madeline Schutt

Towards the beginning of the discussion, they each reminisced about their days at Longwood and how the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor benefitted their career paths.

During the Q&A part of the discussion, Schutt said, "I am a big proponent of looking at the whole person, probably because of my background in the minor and psychology. People have so many different identities...My big thing I've gained is if I can help individuals advocate for themselves."

Much of the interactive discussion

sexuality and incorporates research on important matters like this into his day-to-day teaching.

For college students, picking up a minor usually involves taking a range of 15 to 18 credits, but the knowledge and benefits gained from it can be a major influence for some.

When thinking of what the minor has to offer students at Longwood, Grether mentioned, "What I hope people take away [from the speaker series events] is that this is more than a field of study; this is also what students are learning about. This kind of thinking, it also helps you

LONGWOOD ALUMNI SPEAK FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

by Victoria Thompson | Features Staff | @longwoodrotunda

and Jasmine Payne, spoke about how the minor affected their experience both during and after their time at Longwood. This was the first event of the semester in the "Wednesdays with Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies" speaker series.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, this event was held via Zoom. Approximately 50 students and faculty members were in attendance.

After transferring from another college, Rozmus found the minor as a way to help with her goal of becoming a legal advocate. Schutt now works at Longwood in the Office of Disability Resources and previously worked as a school counselor. Once she completed graduate school, Payne went onto work in a private practice as a therapist.

The one thing that the 3 women have in common is a desire to understand the mental health needs of others.

between the attendees and the alumnae emphasized the necessity of this minor.

Scott Grether, assistant professor of Sociology and co-director of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, co-hosted the Zoom event with Melissa Kravetz, who is also co-director of the program. He started working at Longwood in the fall of 2018.

When asked how the minor program affects the sense of community Longwood students feel, Grether stated, "I think because women, gender and sexuality studies is a minor, it's much easier to know people individually and get to know each other individually; as a way to sort of facilitate discussion because it's a smaller group, you have a better chance of getting to know other people."

As a sociology professor, Grether invests in students making connections, cares about inequality issues that involve gender and

become a better person. The types of topics that students learn about in these courses are very applicable to your everyday life."

While events like this often start out as simple discussion, the sense of community that Longwood takes pride in presents itself through the bond that people share when talking about the kind of important topics that the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program revolves around.

The next event in the Wednesdays with Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies speaker series will be held on March 4, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Zoom, with a featured speaker in honor of Women's History month.

Where to live and not to live, that is the question

by Trinity Carl | Contributor

We've all heard the stories of the terrible roommates, and I'm sure at least half of us have had that experience ourselves. Luckily for us, we can change that. Housing registration is right around the corner with students being able to start squatting their apartments as early as Monday. This will go on from Monday, February 8 to Wednesday, February 10. It is important to note that anyone with more than 56 credits at the end of the Spring '21 term is eligible to do a studio lottery application. In summary, you can try to get your own room. While this is all starting this week, most students won't be able to apply for housing until next week.

Everyone has their favorite people, and luckily for us students, most of us can room with them as well. Don't forget that before you are able to register your entire group for an apartment or a dorm room, you will need to create a roommate group. You can easily do this by going into the housing gateway and creating a roommate group. When you log into your housing gateway, everyone is given an RMS ID. This number is at the top the screen, highlighted under

your name. Whoever is the designated roommate, the person with the most credits that will do the housing registration, will need these numbers. When your designated goes to actually choose which dorm or apartment you stay in, they will be able to pull you in as a roommate from that group. It is important that after they invite you to



the group, you make sure to accept it. If you don't, your name will not appear during registration.

If you're not sure how many credits you'll have at the end of the semester, you can easily check this by going to the housing gateway and looking at "Check Credits". This is important as it will determine what day next week you will submit your housing registration. Seniors, students with at least 89 credits,

will be able to start their apartment registration on Monday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Juniors, students with at least 56 credits, will be able to do apartment registration February 16 at those same times. Sophomores, with no more than 55 credits, will be the last to choose their apartments on February 17.

Now, we all know everyone wants to be in an apartment or try and get into a townhouse. Unfortunately, Longwood has a lot of students, so some of us will have to room in a dorm next year. Students who missed these days, or don't want to stay in an apartment, can choose to register to be on the main campus. This will start on March 15 with sophomores, 40-55 credits, being able to select rooms first, followed by sophomores with less than 39 credits on March 16. Last but not least, on March 17, juniors and seniors, students with 56 credits or more, will be able to register for their rooms. Unlike during apartment selection, females will be able to register for housing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and male students will be able to register from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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Get Lush-ish this month

by Taiya Jarrett | Opinions Editor | @ItsTaySJ

Known for its unique take on all things cosmetic, the fresh handmade cosmetics brand Lush is nowhere near shy of making its products the center of attention or love. In light of Valentine's Day, Lush Cosmetics just released its Valentine's Day collection of returning favorites and some new additions that are displayed within bath bombs, shower gels and massage bars.

"This past year has been quite a challenge for everyone. We had to learn to adapt, to let go and to make self-care a priority—but through it all, 2020 taught us about love. To love and appreciate the people who save lives and help our communities. It also taught us to love from a distance and show that we care even if we're not physically close," via Lushusa.com.

In doing so, the Lush 2021 Valentine's Day collection encompasses its iconic vegan bath bomb Love Boat, that consists of a citrusy blend of lemons and organic sweet oranges. Alongside it is another returned favorite, Tisty Toasty, which is a heart-shaped scented

rosebud and precious orris root. However, its new additions are nothing short of ordinary. The collection has unveiled a limited-edition bath collection featuring a reusable bubble blower, Blow Me A Kiss, as well as a Rose Argan massage bar and a Rose Jam bubbleroon to name a few.

And with Valentine's Day right around the corner, this is the perfect time to indulge in 3.2-7 ounce-sized Lush-ish goodies for a friend, significant other and/or yourself. The collection ranges from \$5-\$15 and is currently available in-store and online at Lushusa.com.



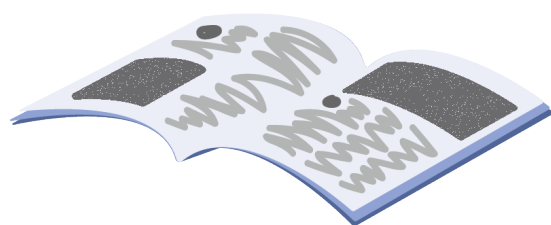
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