A committee of 15 students, one advisor and one American Cancer Society member helped the Longwood University community put on the annual Relay for Life event.

Relay for Life began with Dr. Gordy Klatt, who in 1985 ran for 24 hours in Tacoma, Washington raising $27,000 for the American Cancer Society. A year later, 300 plus supporters joined the event, thus forming the Relay for Life event and raising at least $5 billion in the fight against cancer.

On March 20-21, Relay for Life came to Longwood University starting at 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. with events, activities, booths, food and music provided.

The event began with the opening ceremony known as the Luminaria ceremony, where participants illuminated the bags representative to cancer patients.

Lindsay Graybill was Co-Chair in charge of Growth. She and her committee handled how much money the teams and participants raised.

“To me, the opening and closing ceremonies are the most important,” said Graybill. “This is where everyone comes together and realize the reason why we are here. While the entire event is fun and uplifting, these events ground us and highlight the importance behind all the fun and fundraising.”

The event itself takes almost an entire year to plan, starting in August once college students return to campus.

“In the fall, we work primarily on raising the numbers,” said Graybill. “In the spring, it’s all hands on deck to make sure the event goes on without a hitch.”

Throughout the event, 60 plus girls donated their hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths to make wigs for the cancer patients, including Hudson.

There were at least 42 booths in the gym with a variety of food, clothing, cozies and many more being sold by organizations, as well as 10 in the lobby selling food and drinks, including free snow cones.

Performances at the event included Pitch Perfect, Blue Heat Dance Team, FIERCE, Belly Dance, Basic Gospel Choir, Cruz Productions and many more.

Students played a variety of games, including a dodgeball tournament, a foosball tournament, Buffalo Wild Wings hot wing eating contests, Mr. and Ms. Relay Pageant, musical chairs, a glow-stick rave and wake up yoga at 4 a.m.

Organizations competed to see who could raise the most money throughout the night, and the winner for having the most money was Zeta Chi Alpha and one of their sisters, Colleen Cofer who won for raising the most money individually.

Relay for Life raised at least 64,456.45 dollars.
Missing student’s father faces unrelated charges

BY BRIANA ADHIKUSUMA
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Missing student Anjelica “AJ” Hadsell’s father, Wesley Hadsell, was charged with four felony obstruction of justice charges, possessing ammunition as a convicted felon and felony breaking and entering.

On Monday, March 23, Hadsell was arraigned in Norfolk General District Court after being arrested this past Saturday, March 21. A search for AJ was conducted the same day Hadsell was arrested.

According to 13News Now, the search was conducted in Chesapeake after Norfolk police received a tip. Although clothing was found during the search, it has not been confirmed that the clothes belong to AJ.

Although Hadsell’s arrest comes as an interruption to the process of finding AJ, the Hadsell family wants the focus to stay on her instead of her father.

“Anjelica is who should be important. It seems like Wesley is the top subject now. What about Anjelica, why is she not the top subject anymore?” Wendy Hadsell-Stokes, Hadsell’s sister, told 13News Now.

Hadsell’s arrest marked the twentieth day that Anjelica has been missing. Wesley faces a preliminary hearing on April 29.

“There’s 100 girls missing in Virginia. I don’t want Anjelica to be 101 or 102 that disappear without a trace. We’ve got to keep her fresh. We’ve got to keep her out there. We’ve got to find her,” Hadsell-Stokes told 13News Now.

If you have any information regarding the disappearance of Anjelica, contact Norfolk police at 757-664-7026.

As new developments in this story continue to roll in, follow The Rotunda for updates.
Fundraising in the face of controversy

Athletics raises over 12k in one week

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$12,212 in seven days—the amount of funds the Longwood athletics department was able to raise this past week through their self-promoted event, 'Lancer Giving Madness.'

While facing future revenue cuts, and ongoing controversy with men’s basketball player Jason Pimentel, the department went by the tried and true adage 'the best defense is a good offense.' The event, which ended Sunday, totaled 366 gifts from over 340 donors.

In the wake of proposed budget cut legislation, by Del. Kirk Cox in the General Assembly, the athletics department was able to surge to their largest one-week fundraising event in recent memory.

If House Bill 1897 does indeed go into effect, it’s set to initiate major cuts to the amount of funds Virginia public institutions’ athletics departments gain from student fees.

In a Rotunda article from January referencing the cuts, Director of Athletics Troy Austin said, “We know we have to privately fundraise and generate more money for scholarships. We will try to increase private giving and fundraising in big ways.”

This past week, that’s what the department has been able to do. The support during Lancer Giving Madness, put an emphasis on annual giving, through a more “organic” process.

“I think it’s hugely important for us to garner private support, and we are certainly conscious of the fact that we need to generate more revenue from our donors,” said Associate Athletics Director for External Relations, Scott Bacon, during a Monday interview.

According to Bacon, the department had no set goal, going into the fundraiser, but said they were pleased with the amount given.

“Since we had never done a micro-giving campaign before, we weren’t sure what to expect— we had very modest expectations,” he said.

Self-inflicted controversy involving the department occurred with the reinstatement of Pimentel to the Lancer men’s basketball team—opinions were voiced from the community, university students and alumni on both sides of the fence.

Pimentel, who was convicted of a class 1 misdemeanor of sexual battery last month, was allowed to play via a decision made by Director of Athletics, Troy Austin, after the guilty verdict was dealt in court, and he went through the student conduct process.

“We have to let people know what our story is,” said Bacon, commenting on how to be successful in fundraising despite controversy.

“We haven’t always let people know what the Longwood story is, and that’s the exciting thing about Longwood athletics—we’re an opportunity to tell the Longwood story. I think when people find out what that is, they will want to be a part of it.”

He added, “I think athletics supporters have a lot of similarities to people who support the university. We don’t want to see ourselves on an island from the university…we feel like our supporters don’t want to just support Longwood athletics, but the university as well.”

Two petitions collected just over 1300 signatures combined, involving issues related to Pimentel’s reinstatement. Some alumni directly said they would no longer be donating to the university, while but under fire, the department was still able to harvest immense support.

“Athletics fundraising is a unique challenge in comparison with general fundraising—you need to find people who are passionate about athletics and passionate about what athletics can do for the university,” said Bacon when asked if controversy makes fundraising more difficult. “I think we embrace the challenge and look forward to generating more support for the department.”

According to Bacon, this is the first campaign of 'micro-giving' in Longwood athletics’ history. The premise behind the technique involves donors giving small portions, so more people can get involved. “With Lancer Giving Madness, the idea is to get more people engaged with what we are doing,” said Bacon. “Five minutes of your time, and a five-dollar gift.”

Final documentation from the athletics department shows that even prior to Lancer Giving Madness, the department had surpassed its donor count from the year prior, which ended June 30, 2014. From then until now, the department’s fundraising has skyrocketed 36 percent.

“I think Longwood athletics serves as a front porch for the university,” said Bacon. “Our goal at Longwood athletics is to raise the profile of the university with national marketing and engage our alumni—we play a role in trying to raise the awareness about Longwood and what we are doing.”

Bacon added, “I can say without a specific expectation in mind, this has definitely exceeded anything we thought possible.”

LU alum speaks out on sexual violence

BY EMILY HASWELL ASST. A&E EDITOR

When SarahGrace Gomez, an alumna of Longwood University, decided to create a blog post detailing her disgust with the university’s decision regarding basketball player Jason Pimentel, she was unaware of the uproar it would cause.

Her post entitled ‘Longwood Dearest, An Open Letter’ was shared over 9,000 times. In the post she detailed her own experience with sexual assault, as well as her disappointment in her alma mater’s decision to allow Pimentel to continue to play after he was found guilty of sexual battery, a class 1 misdemeanor.

“Because I am a survivor of sexual assault, and I don’t want a single goddamned dime of mine to even have the slightest chance of supporting a man who has been convicted of sexual battery.”

This issue hits home for Gomez, as she was a victim of sexual assault during a trip to Old Dominion University. “That’s why I was so angry that this happened on Longwood’s campus. Because after my assault, when I came back to Longwood…I felt Longwood was my safe haven,” said Gomez.

“Had I not been a part of that community, had I not been a Lancer who had other Lancers on my side, I don’t know what I would have done. So when I found out that it happened on my campus, the place that I felt safe at, I was so mad,” she added.

President Reiley reached out to Gomez after her blog picked up a significant amount of attention. According to Gomez, she did not find any comfort in his correspondence.

“The president personally emailed me and I understand he is just doing his job. I understand the president of a university can’t just come right out and say you’re right we messed up, but just as students weren’t satisfied with the mass letter he sent out, I’m not satisfied with the letter he sent me.”

Gomez felt that a portion of his email that stated, “Sexual assault, a heinous felony crime, is not at issue in this instance. A misdemeanor is, in the same classification as reckless driving” was a slap in the face to those who have been victims of sexual battery.

“I don’t think that administrations like admitting that bad things happen on their campuses,” said Gomez.

“I think that’s bad PR. So it’s hard to handle it, especially when it’s two students, because you do want to give the accused a chance. He or she deserves due diligence. They have a right to a proper investigation. But I think with (campus administration) it’s just not a priority.”

“I got some messages from Longwood students telling me they are afraid on their own campus and I gotta tell you, that really hurt. There are students at Longwood who are scared and that’s just wrong,” said Gomez.
Gamma Psi in process to come on-campus

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Gamma Psi, an off-campus organization not currently affiliated with Longwood, is in the process of coming on-campus and being recognized as a fraternity by the university, a process which takes around three weeks.

The organization has attempted to go through the process before, but has never completed it due to inhibitions from past members, and the inability to finalize an agreement with multiple on-campus subsidiaries.

“We’ve tried to go on-campus in the past, but we just couldn’t reach an agreement with the IFC and Longwood together,” said Douglass Dey, Gamma Psi’s president.

Recognition from the university would allow the fraternity to hold fundraisers and events on-campus, something which they are unable to do as an off-campus group. Dey stated that the recognition would also allow more opportunities for community service and recruitment.

Gamma Psi was founded in 1969 and stemmed from Gamma Delta Psi, a high school fraternity that was founded in 1879. Gamma Psi has had a chapter at Longwood for the past 22 years, but has not yet been officially recognized as a fraternity by the university since the chapter’s creation in 1993.

“The Member Fraternities of the IFC will not prohibit an international organization from selecting undergraduates for the purpose of establishing a chapter on the campus,” states the IFC constitution.

It continues, “(They) will not deter expansion by withholding membership in the IFC for any international member organization.”

According to the IFC constitution, the expansion process can occur one of three ways. An open invitation from IFC to colonize, a petition to join, with a Letter of Intent sent to the IFC president or student interest group colonization which involves a group of students forming a chapter affiliated with an established international organization and submitting a Letter of Intent for approval.

“We’ve already met with the IFC and everything. We’re just trying to get official approval from them and SGA, and then we can start the whole process of actually going through all the paperwork and logistics and stuff,” said Dey.

Gamma Psi currently has 12 active members and two students going through their recruitment process.

Members of Gamma Psi and Alpha Beta Psi, another organization that just moved on-campus, pose for a group photo. Gamma Psi hopes to follow Alpha Beta Psi’s lead to get recognition on-campus.

Longwood’s Wildlife Society clears the path to progress

BY SARAH SLAYMAN
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This past weekend the students of Longwood’s Wildlife Society became master gardeners at Hull Springs Farm, a 662-acre farm found nestled by the bay in Westmoreland County.

The Society is an organization, here at Longwood, dedicated to promoting a love of all things wild and wonderful. Barrett Nicks, a member of the society, encourages newcomers, saying, “we are always in search of motivated students to engage with nature!”

Working together with the help of Liberal Studies Director, Pat Lust, the society helped to clear a path in a patch of woods, by the big house, in order to begin what is looking to be a long-term project. This project will become a demonstration garden, which can be utilized by classes that want to get out and soak in some nature, or by anyone looking to escape for a moment.

The Society cleared out a short path winding through beautiful pines, magnolias, azaleas, along with a great deal of other native Virginia plants. They weeded though brambles and uprooted hazardous stumps in order to create what will become a leisurely stroll through the woods.

Dr. Lust is hoping that this will become an ongoing collaboration with the Wildlife Society and willing SOLSTICE volunteers, “The work of the Longwood Wildlife Society was such a wonderful way to kick off this project that, in a few years, will be a premier demonstration garden of shade loving plants that are native to the area.”

Our team had a wonderful time taking in the beautiful scenery around the area. While at the farm, the students enjoyed spending time kayaking out on the water, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows on the fire.

Jeff Wagstaff promoted the farm stating, “a trip to Hull Springs Farm is something I would encourage any student, with a love of the outdoors, to undertake; I felt very immersed in the natural world.”

The Wildlife Society, President Caryn Ross, states, “Our trip to Hull Springs Farm embodied a lot of what we hope to accomplish with this student chapter: an adventurous time outdoors mixed in with a little hard work and great service to a local Virginia environment.”

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining our Wildlife Society at Longwood, find us on Facebook at The Wildlife Society: Longwood or contact the President at: caryn.ross@live.longwood.edu.
Representative Ryan Carey, SDIC Representative Melanie Books, HSA Representative Keaton Unroe and Senator Mary Callender listen to funding reallocations for various organizations.
On Thursday, March 19, Theta Chi Fraternity hosted their first annual Theta Chi G.I. Obstacle Course event, which benefited the United Service Organizations (USO).

The USO helps provide support to active soldiers and their families. All the money that the fraternity raised from the event went towards care packages for the USO.

After planning the event for over five months, sending out sponsorship packages, getting funds for the event, tabling and preparing obstacles, Thursday was the day where the fraternity got to see all their hard work come together.

Theta Chi chapter president Gibson Hawk said, “It was a really large undertaking and probably the biggest thing this chapter has done.”

The entire event lasted about an hour, starting with registration from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. There were field games, a WMLU DJ and light refreshments for about 150 people who came out to watch. By 4:30 p.m. it was time for the main event.

Hawk said, “Once it got going, it was like a well oiled machine.”

The obstacle course started off with 10 push ups for each team member, then a tire run, an Army crawl under a net while fraternity brothers shot water guns and a balance beam. Then the teams had to simulate throwing a grenade obstacle. The teams would like to get it up to three to four minutes, with more obstacles and less running.

Hawk said, “We want to hopefully add twice as many obstacles for next year to make it more difficult.”

After raising over 1,500 dollars, the fraternity plans to host the event again next year. According to Hawk, some of the new ideas that they want to implement, would be more tires, more mud, tire flips and possibly build a wall to climb over. They also would like to push it back later in the semester in hopes of better weather.

Hawk said, “It required a lot more work than we had originally anticipated, so because of that, we couldn’t do as much. Next year, we have a whole year to plan for it, and we are going to work even harder and make it even bigger.”

Other sponsors for the event were The Fishin’ Pig, Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Front and various donations from private parties.

Hawk said, “We want to reach out to more of the small, local business next year. We need to do more community outreach as far as sponsorship goes. We want to give as much money as possible, so that we can give a very noticeable care package. Something that really means a lot.”

Along with this new event, this is a new philanthropy for the fraternity, who is making a national movement to have USO at every single chapter across America.

Sophomore Theta Chi brother Josh Harkema said, “It means a lot to our chapter. We like to pride ourselves on being American and showing youthfulness, so it means a lot that we get to partner with such a great philanthropy such as the USO and give back to our country and the people who are serving for us.”
A new event swept the Longwood University campus as Sigma Sigma Sigma held their first “Perfect Pair” competition, raising $300 towards their philanthropy.

The event featured any big/little, mom/kid and mentor/mentee pair to compete against one another through a series of introductions, a short dance, having each organization wearing their letters as well as dancing on stage while trying to collect pennies.

The grand prize was a pair of roses, as well as a sash that indicated the “Perfect Pair.”

The “Perfect Pair” was held on March 19 in the Jarman Auditorium. The participants were Kappa Delta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega.

“These organizations each submitted one pair to best represent their organization.

“This was our first time putting on the event, but it definitely won’t be our last,” said Jenn Winter, the Philanthropy chair for Tri-Sigma.

“The pairs who entered had a blast and we are so thankful to everyone who came out and made it a success!”

The planning committee consisted of Winter as well as six other sisters. The event was put on in a month,” said Winter. “[Erin] Frye had the idea at the beginning of the spring semester and put it into action very quickly.

The proceeds collected from the event went towards Tri-Sigma’s national philanthropy “The Robbie Page Memorial Fund.”

“The fund raises money for play atriums to help hospitalized children,” said Winter. “The atriums allow kids to break away from the monotony of hospital life and have an hour or so to play and forget their troubles.”

Winter also mentioned that her sorority makes frequent visits to UNC Chapel Hill to play with the children in the atrium.

The winners of this year’s “Perfect Pair” competition were Alpha Phi Omega’s pair Emily Grandield and Felicia Totorici with their dancing moves and perfect introductions.

As far as future expectations of the event go, Winter and the rest of her sorority hope that “more participants and many more spectators are able to attend” because the first time around it was such a huge success.
Chaos allows students to defeat faculty in basketball game

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The Arc and Stubbs RAs successfully put on LU Hearts Basketball, the first student vs. faculty basketball game in the Willet Gym. The not-so-serious event, helped spread awareness of the very serious issue of heart disease, and heart care, to the crowd in attendance Thursday night.

While the Longwood Lancers weren’t playing, students still came out to cheer on their friends as they faced several members of Longwood University faculty in a fierce game of basketball.

The crowd could be heard shouting with excitement as members of each team, especially the student team, were introduced. The student team consisted of: Geoff Goodwin, Erin Hessler, Cecelia Howard, Daishun Johnson, Natalie Joseph, Noah Lovely, Molly Monaghan, Praise Nyambia, Alyssa Taylor, Cainen Townsend and Holly Watson, with Emily Russell as their coach.

They faced off against the faculty team featuring: Consuelo Alvarez, Dee Battle, Troy Gee, Greg Miller, Jake Milne, Michael Mucedola, Shannon Salley, Larry Watson, Thomas Wears, Rondel White and Wade Znosko, with Courtney Everhart as faculty coach. The official for the evening was Josh Harkema.

While the event highlighted a serious issue, there was plenty of excitement, not only from the game, but the prizes being raffled off during the media timeouts. By the end of the night students won gift certificates to Red Front, Uptown Café, Sweet Frog, Mainstreet Lanes and several other local establishments. A few members of the audience even walked away with exclusive “Longwood Hearts Basketball” t-shirts.

The game, overall, was intense, and the crowd was invested from beginning to end. Within the first few minutes of the game, the students were taking the lead, but the faculty managed to catch up, and eventually take the lead by halftime.

Nearing the end of the second half, the faculty was leading by one point. With only mere seconds left in the game, everything turned into complete chaos, as all the members of the student team, ran out onto the court to keep the faculty from scoring.

The rest of the faculty team, in turn, came out to even the odds, but were too late as the students managed to get away with the controversial win, by one point, 29-28.

“It was a lot of fun getting to play,” said Cainen Townsend, a member of the student team.

“There was a general feel of good spirit and fun.”

Fresh off the loss, Professor Shannon Salley, of the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, spoke on how she felt during the game: “It was fun, it was exciting, but it was also a little nerve-wracking, ‘cause I don’t play basketball.”

When asked about their controversial loss, she joked, “They cheated, so we didn’t really lose. Cheaters never win.”

The students, of course, saw it differently, including Townsend, who stated, “I think it was a tough game, but the referee called it, right?”

One of the people responsible for setting up the event was Monique Bates, the area coordinator for Cox, Wheeler, Arc and Stubbs. She explained that the RAs of Arc and Stubbs had been planning the event since last year, and were finally able to put it on this semester.

When asked if the event would become an annual affair, she responded, “The students got to let us know if they want it. If so, we will try our best to do it again.”

If the crowd’s reaction was any indication, the student versus faculty game could become another Longwood tradition.
Men of Longwood literally Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

BY NATALIE JOSEPH
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Men in high heels. For some, that may seem like an odd sight, but for men at Longwood University, they strapped on their stilettoes for a great cause.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event involved men from Longwood literally walking a mile in red or black high-heeled shoes. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence, took place on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. It is a fun way for men to get involved in order to raise awareness in their own community about the serious causes and effects to men's sexualized violence against women.

The event began at 3:00 p.m., but each man was instructed to come at 2:30 p.m. in order to receive their high heel shoes, that were provided by an outside source, so that each man could have a pair of shoes that fit their feet.

The event started out with a speaker in the Ballroom of the Lankford Student Union. Then, it moved outside to start the walk. With water stations set up along the route around campus, the mile-long loop started at the Chi Fountain and finished there as well.

Over a hundred spectators came out to support the approximately 50 men who participated in the event, which was record breaking for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes at Longwood. The spectators held supportive signs to encourage and support the men as they walked.

After walking through the whole route, on the home stretch of the walk, many of the men ran to the finish, feeling empowered (and some with foot pain) from the event.

Junior Boone Kirkpatrick, who participated and helped with the marketing of the event, said, "The actual walk itself was a mile in ladies high heels, which was fun, and a little painful. I think some people stumbled and struggled."

After the walk, there was a reception with refreshments and mingling inside the ballroom.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was sponsored by the Student Educations for Active Leadership (S.E.A.L.), the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) and the Student Diversity and Inclusion Council (SDIC).

The work was split up amongst the sponsors, with S.E.A.L. and SDIC doing most of the coordinating by getting the shoes and the speaker, then IFC handled the tabling and marketing side for the event.
Extraordinary heroes

Vietnam veteran feature

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Veteran Neil Chamberlain was crawling through a Vietnamese sugar cane field when he witnessed a miracle. When they came to an opening, there was a canal bank in the clearing, and they were cornered.

“We were crawling forward, stuck in a crossfire, when all the sudden I see the second guys head gets slammed to the ground,” Chamberlain said. “I crawled up next to him, I didn’t want to take his helmet off, because he had a hole in the back of his helmet.”

Chamberlain, an Army infantryman at the time, started to move him and took his helmet off after the heavy blow to the head, what he saw was shocking, the soldier with a bullet stuck in his helmet, wasn’t hurt at all.

“When I flipped his helmet over, inside he had a scapula taped to it. A scapula is like a paper or cloth cross pendant like a patch,” Chamberlain said. “Its called the bleeding heart of Mary, and it shows Mary holding Jesus, the bullet had penetrated the helmet, helmet liner and just pierced the scapula.”

“This was from 30 yards away, that guy had us dialed in,” Chamberlain said.

According to Chamberlain, the Army had actually given him the helmet back, a neighboring platoon had new technology, and had asked if they could have the helmet analyzed.

“They actually did give it back to him and said there was no physiological reason for this helmet to have stopped this bullet,” Chamberlain said. “It’s not like there was a thicker patch on this piece of steel, they tried all these different things, and this was an AK-47 from 30 yards.”

As well as being an infantryman, Chamberlain was a photographer throughout his service in Vietnam. According to Chamberlain, the usual military training for a photographer was 26 weeks, compared to an infantry man, which was 12 weeks, because they taught them how to build cameras from scratch.

When he met the Colonel, he had made two things abundantly clear.

“I only have two things I want y’all to do--one, make sure nothing bad about the battalion gets in the news, two, make sure none of them dumb sons-of-bitches from the press get killed while they’re with us.”

Chamberlain decided to enlist in the military when he was 20 years-old, because of his family background within the military.

“My dad was in the military, he was 4F and my grandfather got drafted at 42, because he abandoned his family, I also just got tired of wasting my dad’s money,” said Chamberlain.

There were about 10 men from his neighborhood that signed up to go overseas, and luckily all 10 wound up coming home.

By the end of his service, he had reached the rank of Buck Sergeant, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

(Courtesy of Neil Chamberlain)

(Top) Veteran Neil Chamberlain, middle man, takes a well-needed nap while standing up in Vietnam.

(Left) Chamberlain, middle man, and his fellow soldiers dressed in their uniforms in Belgium.

(Right) Chamberlain visiting Longwood University to share his story to others.

Join the 2nd Annual Photo-A-Week Project

To celebrate Earth Month, the Digital Education Collaborative (DEC) is sponsoring this Photo Project to encourage everyone to get outside, capture the natural world in a photo, and share it with the community. Selected photos will be displayed at the Greenwood Library on Longwood University’s campus—and on our blog page—throughout April. A different theme for each week has been chosen as a guide, but all photos capturing the natural world are welcome.

- Week 1: March 30–April 5: Flora, Fauna or landscape photo.
- Week 2: April 6–12: Perspectives: up high, down low, or up close.
- Week 3: April 13–19: Patterns, Colors, Shapes or Textures in nature.

Besides impressive bragging rights, photographers will receive a matted, full color print of their photo on high quality art paper. Photos selected for special recognition will also receive a ribbon.

Visit http://blogs.longwood.edu/ecoapril2015 for more information and project guidelines.
The results are in...

On March 19, Lancer Productions hosted their weekly #ThirdThursday concert in the Lankford Student Union Ballroom with 50 students in attendance.

This would be the night that Lancer Productions would reveal the band line-up for Longwood’s Spring Weekend.

The line up will consist of:
- Cloudwalkers
- The Middle Ground
- Chiddy Bang
- SoMo

Cloudwalkers consists of a men’s a capella band. While the Middle Ground is a four man band from Milwaukee with influences of pop, blues and alternative. Though Chiddy Bang and SoMo are going to be the headliners for this year.

Chiddy Bang is a hip-hop artist that is based outside of Philadelphia. The artist has a fusion of both hip-hop as well as alternative music.

This year’s Spring Weekend is scheduled to take place the weekend of April 10.

A hand-made banner is held up to announce the headliners, as well as other bands, that will be performing this year at the annual Spring Weekend on Longwood’s own campus.

Comic Corner
I binge watched the Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and I’m alive...Damn it.

If you love “30 Rock,” you’ll love “The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.” If you hated “30 Rock” (you’re wrong), you’ll still love “The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.” It’s just hard not to adore this delightful little series. Like the titular character herself, the show is warm, funny and just pleasant to be around. Throw in a theme song that will make you feel like you can both fly to the moon and graduate from law school, and you have one hell of a sitcom.

It’s a hilarious show with a plot that when described sounds more like an episode of 60 Minutes, then Netflix’s first ever original sitcom. Kimmy (Ellie Kemper), has been trapped in a bunker since the age of 14, by Reverend Richard Wayne and Gary Wayne (Jon Hamm).

The Dj/Reverend/Senior Prophet and CFO of Savior Rick’s Spooky Church of the Scary-Pocalypse, had Kimmy and three other women convinced for fifteen years that the Rapture had occurred and that earth was a barren wasteland. When Kimmy and the other “mole women” are finally found, they are interviewed on Good Morning America. Kimmy, who is basically a 14 year old in a 29 year old’s body, decides to stay and make a life for herself in New York.

So, you have a very optimistic, emotionally stunted, ex-victim, trying to make it in what is distinctly Liz Lemon’s version of New York City. If you guessed that hilarity and wacky hijinks take place, you’d be right.

Pilot episodes are tricky, because you have to introduce a lot of characters and backstories, all the while attempting not to be boring or tedious about it. “The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” pulls this off without a hitch.

We get Kimmy’s whole sorta backstory in a kind of montage, which bleeds into that catchy theme song that you will never be able to get out of your head, which was smart move. Then we get right to the action, Kimmy is introduced and man, is this girl lovable.

She’s a manic, pixie dream girl with an actual good reason to be acting like a child, even though she’s a grown woman. Take note young male filmmakers (Zach Braff), if you want your female lead to be a lady-child, give her a believable backstory and all is forgiven.

Kimmy is looking for a job and an apartment with the same wide-eyed wonderment as someone who was moving to Sesame Street, and Ellie Kemper manages to make it sweet, and not insulting to her entire gender. Along her way, Kimmy meets her new Lion King loving, kimono wearing roommate, Titus Andromedon (Tituss Burgess).

This hilarious piece of self-described “beef jerky in a ball gown,” is the perfect antithesis of Kimmy’s Polynana personality. We also get briefly introduced to Lillian Kaushtupper (Carol Kane), Kimmy’s wacky landlord, and Jacqueline Voorhees (Jane Krakowski), her new employer.

We only see the tip of the iceberg with these two characters in episode one, but it seems as though great things are to come.

Calendar of Events

March 26th:
Chamber Music Series: Cellist Matt Haimovitz 7:30 p.m. Wygal

March 28th:
Kathryn Perry, Senior Recital 7:30 p.m. Wygal

April 1st:
String Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m. Wygal

April 2nd:
Departmental Recital 3:30 pm Wygal
Feastivities

Bites of local food culture in spoon-sized blurbs

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Every college town has its cafes and Farmville is no exception. Downtown Farmville not only hosts the Ferguson gallery, Longwood Center for Visual Arts and antique shops, but also the curiously named and well-lit Uptown Coffee Cafe. Quickly growing in repute as a performance hub for local musical talents, it is a gathering place serving up hearty cafe favorites.

In this week’s Feastivities, owner Jason Mattox recommended his go-to philly cheesesteak sandwich and the shrimp taco, a gyro-inspired shrimp taco fusion.

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich:
The sweet, summery pickle medallions offer just the right amount of vinegar zest to dive into this melt classic. Uptown’s version of the philly is sandwiched in a French bread roll that is light and soft, toasted right on the grill to snuggle the first bed of soft caramelized onions.

Most importantly, the meat: shaved steak is packed full with cheese melted in between every layer to make for a full bite, without the grease-soaked wax-paper feel from dive version’s of the sandwich. Uptown’s version comes in an eight inch roll, that is sliced diagonally and then double-speared to contain all of this elegant, hot mess.

A cafe sandwich at its core - but most definitely still one to be enjoyed with fresh steak fries.

Shrimp Taco:
Best tacos are overrated. Fish tacos are nothing new. And, yes, shrimp tacos may seem like a menu item at a family restaurant. Uptown’s shrimp tacos have been making waves lately for its bold flavor.

Although the plate comes with only one taco, it is practically a dragon boat in the form of a flatbread. Inside every bite is sliced avocado slivers, a house-made ranch dressing and lumps of breaded shrimp tossed in with a citrusy zang. The same principle in a buffalo-ranch sauce combo, is embodied here containing creaminess with just enough brightness from the avocado and citrus sauce to make for a satisfying meal.

Definitely pair this with the pasta side for an extra helping of colorful carbohydrates, tossed in with vinegary, oil and with plenty of crunchy red peppers and cumin.

Dear Girl Scout Cookies,

Once a year you come into our lives. When spring finally comes around, it’s a fight to the hallowed for that last Thin Mint.

For the Girl Scouts, it’s an opportunity to become young entrepreneurs and learn more about handling money. And for their mothers, it’s an opportunity to show off their child. The daughters that were signed up, partially against their wills, won’t be the ones selling the cookies. It’s their mothers that do the talking and taking of the money. Honestly, it’s quite scary for a young Brownie or Daisy Scout to deal with you, Girl Scout Cookies. Although there are some very outgoing girls within a troop, it can become very intimidating to the rest of the girls to talk to complete strangers; how to pitch this talking that needs to be said, as the cookies sell themselves.

Whether it’s Thin Mints or Tagalongs, the cookies are known for their distinct flavors and fun names. Each flavor is distinctive and cannot be repeated by off brand offenders; however, one flavor that should be added to your arsenal, Girl Scout Cookies, is something that is gluten free. Think about the hundreds of people that have allergies to gluten, or even dairy, that could then become your loyal customers, if you actually had a flavor they could have.

Everyone has a favorite flavor of you, Girl Scout Cookies. And whenever one opens a package, it’s hard to stick to the serving size of only two of your cookies, and not consume a whole sleeve. Yet, with the packaging of Girl Scout Cookies, it’s best to consume all of the cookies at once since they do not have a well sealing package, like Oreos or other packaged cookies. If the sleeves were individually packaged, in plastic, then one wouldn’t have to worry about the beloved cookies going stale. On the other hand, then the cookies wouldn’t get consumed as rapidly and people wouldn’t be rushing about to every grocery store to find the next troop for a fresh supply.

Location is also key for finding the best of you, Girl Scout Cookies. Not that the cookies themselves are different, but with inner incentives, troops can get competitive and even harsh towards other troops trying to stake out another troop's territory.

Local places, like the campus quad, Brock Commons, the grocery stores or movie theatres, can be prime real estate for a troop to sell hundreds of boxes of you, in the span of a few hours.

It’s hard to stay angry at you, Girl Scout Cookies. One blames you for their new love handles, or having to stay at the gym longer. How can one stay mad when there is always some new adventure to be had with you? Getting inventive in the kitchen can give more motivation to get back out there and buy more of you. Adding some crushed up cookies to ice cream or a frosting, is a new way to impress friends at a gathering. Or just putting one’s Thin Mints into the freezer to have a new twist, on their already-addicting taste, can be a way to add some creativity to you.

Oh, Girl Scout Cookies, you always find ways into our hearts and stomachs, even if your season is so short.

Hugs and Kisses,
Hungry college students everywhere

PROPS AND DROPS

Props to:
- Studying abroad
- March Madness
- The Junior Show
- D-Hall red velvet brownies

Drops to:
- Parking tickets
- Forgetting supplies at home
- Conflicting class schedules
- Overscheduling
Pitching proves difference maker

Longwood baseball able to ride pitching to 2-1 series win

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After opening Big South conference play with a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Campbell University (19-5), the Longwood Lancers (10-12) won two away games against non-conference opponents before going to Farmville, Virginia for their first home series of the season.

In Longwood’s first home series the team played Big South foe Charleston Southern University (11-11). The biggest storyline from the series comes from atop the pitchers mound as both teams received dominating performances from their starters.

Game one consisted of a pitcher duel between Longwood ace, senior Aaron Myers (3-3, 2.68 ERA) and Buccaneers No. 1 pitcher, junior Andrew Tomasovich (4-2, 2.13 ERA). Myers took the win 4-1.

Tomasovich allowed two earned runs in the bottom of the first on three hits, including a leadoff triple from junior center fielder Colton Konvicka. After the first inning, Tomasovich went on to deal five more scoreless innings. Overall, he pitched six innings, allowing eight hits, two earned runs, while striking out five and walking two. He was credited with the second loss of the season.

On the other end of the diamond, Myers had a night to remember as he flirted with a complete game shutout, pitching eight innings before being pulled in the ninth. Myers had a career night against the Bucs as he threw 10 strikeouts, while walking two batters.

“Just being able to hit my locations today, that was it,” said Myers to Longwood’s official athletics website. “I’ve been struggling in the past with my curveball, and I was able to get it over for more strikes today.”

With this Myers is now tied for second place on Longwood’s all-time strikeout list with 231 strikeouts throughout his career at the University.

In the second game, Lancers’ struggling left-handed pitcher Brandon Vick went into his matchup with Bucs’ junior pitcher Evan Raynor posting a 9.82 ERA with a 0-3 record. Raynor on the other hand came into the game with a 2.92 ERA and a 1-1 record. Raynor walked away with his second win on the season and a lowered ERA (2.67), while senior Vick walked away with his fourth loss, after allowing four runs; one of which was earned.

Vick pitched 6.1 innings, allowing nine hits, two walks and four strikeouts; while Raynor pitched a complete game allowing two earned runs on seven hits, one walk and nine strikeouts.

Two errors from Longwood ended up being the deciding factor for game two as both allowed the Bucs to score three runs. Charleston Southern took the second game 5-2.

The third game saw the least amount of offense from both sides of the diamond. Both teams registered five hits as starting pitchers Travis Burnette (Longwood) and Kyle McDorman (Charleston Southern) were equally matched throughout.

In the end, junior Burnette came out on top as senior McDorman allowed a run on a double by freshman shortstop Michael Osinski that scored junior Kyri Washington.

Burnette pitched eight innings with no earned runs, five hits, five walks and six strikeouts; McDorman went 6.1 allowing 3 hits, two walks and five strikeouts.

The Lancers are scheduled to travel to Richmond, Virginia to face the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams tonight at 6:30 p.m. for a one-game series.
Swedish senior serves ‘A’ces to opponents and professors
Malin Allgurin earns the Rotunda’s February Student-Athlete of the Month

BY HALLE PARKER
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During February, women’s tennis senior and captain, Malin Allgurin, won half of her singles and doubles matches (four singles, four doubles) from the No. 1 spot. Off the court, Allgurin earned similar success as she finished the fall semester with a 4.0 GPA—one of two on the team—and positively contributing to her 3.769 cumulative GPA.

“Sometimes I think when people look at her, they’re like be careful of her and it’s just because she cares so much which is kind of refreshing,” said women’s tennis Head Coach Bruce Myers. “If she is down mentally during a match the team is down, the team feeds off her…If she’s up high then the team follows suit.”

Allgurin came to Longwood from Värnamo, Sweden, a change she was forced to adjust to as a freshman due to the language and different tennis styles.

Over her career, Allgurin has won 62.5 percent (45-27 record) of her singles matches. Since freshman year, she has always played upper tier competitors. She began at the No. 3 spot, became No. 2 her sophomore year and has led the team as the No. 1 since her junior year.

“I think there was a huge step between two and one,” said Allgurin. “You always play the best player and you never have an easy match. Even if you play a bad team, I always play a good girl. When I played two and three, I was like, ‘okay, I know I’m going to win today,’ but this season I think I’ve only had maybe one or two games I knew I’d win, all the others have been fifty-fifty or I’ve been the underdog.”

As the lone senior on a team of mainly sophomores, she eagerly took the role of a “player leader” and assisted Myers in his first season.

“She is definitely the player leader, everything goes through her,” said Myers. “She’s good about taking the pulse of the team. Without the benefit of having an assistant coach, she’s kind of like a player-coach.”

Myers described Allgurin as “passionate about tennis and the team” and the amount she cares for the team as being “refreshing,” despite hearing she was going to give him trouble as the new tennis coach and was one to “keep an eye out for.”

Allgurin has the respect of not only her coach, but her teammates as well.

“We were up in the team room on the third floor (of Tabb Hall) and we got up there and the others came up and they took the elevator. Malin (Allgurin) said go all the way downstairs and then walk back up because we don’t take the elevator,” said Myers. “And they did it.”

For Allgurin, while tennis isn’t necessarily a team sport, a player has to find the right balance of team dynamics while focusing on her own match.

“You don’t just play for yourself, you play for everyone on the team and your coach. You want to play well for him, too,” said Allgurin. Between tennis and school, Allgurin feels she’s managed the balancing act well.

“When I’m studying, I’m studying, when I’m playing, I’m playing,” said Allgurin. “I’ve always done a lot of sports since I was young and done school. It kind of forces you to study when you don’t have practice.”

As a senior, Allgurin will graduate this May and return to Sweden for work. She hopes to find a job she enjoys, possibly working for an international business one day, and finish college maintaining her GPA. Last summer she finished an economics internship in Sweden.

“I know she wants to end with a bang…While she could coast right now, I know she isn’t. And that’s good, you know, you want to end strong,” said Myers.

Allgurin brings the same intensity from the court to her schoolwork. She believes there’s always something she can improve on, even if she earns a win.

“It’s going to be a tough loss to have to send her back to Sweden,” said Myers. “The sad thing is I only got her for a year, I would have loved to see her grow over four years.”
Longwood University comes out to show their support for American Cancer Society.