Almost a year later, Longwood’s search for their next dean of admissions continues as the university enters their second admissions cycle to be headed by an interim director and their second round of candidates for the position.

According to Vice President of Strategic Operations Victoria Kindon, the university released the former admissions director because the university saw a “need for new leadership.” Since the position opened, Kindon said a committee was formed to lead the hiring process.

“We’re looking for someone who is a real ambassador for the university and understands what we have to offer, and is a true believer in Longwood,” said Kindon. “They need to be able to be a great manager and (be) very collaborative with a variety of different types of people.”

The dean of admissions creates the department’s strategy for accomplishing the goals of the university’s strategic plan in response to current college admissions trends while managing student and staff needs, explained Kindon.

According to Longwood’s 2025 master plan, Place Matters, Longwood President W. Taylor Reveley IV said in his letter that the university plans on increasing their overall enrollment to approximately 6,000 students.

“We envision only modest and manageable growth, mostly through improved retention,” said Reveley in the letter.
Iler Field temporarily unavailable for reservations

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Iler Field, located directly behind Dorrill Dining Hall, has been closed for the semester and will remain temporarily unavailable for student reservations until after the vice presidential debate on Oct. 4.

“Ller Field is just temporarily unavailable for reservations because this is a great location for staging and we are going to be using the field for the debate activities,” said Louise Waller, executive director of campus planning and construction.

“Closer to the debate it will be used as overflow parking for media.”

The field will host media trucks and equipment are set to arrive late-September and leave on Oct. 5 and Oct. 6, immediately after the debate, according to Waller.

“We (Longwood) are going to bring it (Iler Field) back online as soon as possible,” said Waller, “the goal is to have the field back online fully for students to use by mid-October by the very latest.”

Iler Field is within walking distance for the media personnel to access the Media Center located in the Health and Fitness Center in addition to Willett Hall, where the debate hall is.

“The (U.S.) Secret Service dictated the fact that the field would need to be used for the perimeter (of the debate),” added Waller.

Currently, the field hosts a large trailer that will be used for network and information technology equipment for the media stations present for the debate. The media stations will require network access, which will be connected through the use of the network trailer, according to Waller.

Longwood is expecting 2,000-3,000 media visitors, according to Matthew McWilliams, director of communications.

“There’s a lot of activities that are debate related,” added Waller.

There is expected to be TV networks and cable networks out on campus broadcasting their shows live, according to Justin Pope, co-director of the 2016 debate and chief of staff in the president’s office.

“As we have gotten closer to the debate period, we have become more aware of what that fully meant and what the requirements were,” said Waller.

Color Wars, a Longwood tradition, is set to take place on Friday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 5 p.m. on Iler Field.

“I can’t imagine we would be having Color Wars anywhere else,” said Waller, “Anything scheduled by mid-part of October we would be able to accommodate.”

Longwood plans to get the campus back to normal as soon as the debate is over, according to Waller.
SGA reviewed and discussed the actions proposed by GSA’s bill on Aug. 8.

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For the fall semester, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) will receive a lump sum of $7,514 after the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a bill allowing the GSA to receive funds every semester toward activities for graduate students.

The amount of money the GSA, previously called Graduate Student Association Council (GSAC), will receive from the Student Finance Committee (SFC) biannually is based on the number of graduate students enrolled per semester. The SGA approved the bill for the GSA on Aug. 30 following an in-depth discussion, then the SFC formally passed the bill Sept. 8.

“This bill gives us (GSA) more say into the graduate student activity fee which we pay into, and it also allows for us to create this sense of graduate student community,” said former GSAC president Meredith Peck, who is enrolled in the Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program.

“When you get that discontent (between undergraduate and graduate students), a discussion needs to be had and I think that’s what has happened,” said SGA treasurer Dustyn Hall.

The allocated funds will be deducted from the student activity fees included in the semester tuition that graduate students pay. The funds are strictly from the fees graduate students pay and not the funds undergraduate students pay, according to Peck.

For the 2016 fall semester, on-campus, in-state graduate students paid tuition fees at $328 per credit hour, $121 in comprehensive fees and $5 in student activity fees, totaling to $454, according to the figures reported on the university’s website.

According to the bill, GSA “will receive $5 per graduate credit hour enrolled where student fees are generated.” In addition to this amount, the bill said, “Prior to the verification of actual enrollment, $1,000 will be guaranteed to the GSA to allow for the start of programming for the year.”

The College of Graduate & Professional Studies program has seen an increase in full-time graduate students from 30 percent in 2011 to 39 percent in 2016, according to Peck. Longwood offers full-time graduate programs in communication sciences and disorders, education and reading, literacy and learning. The program has existed for nearly 60 years.

“This summer we worked with (GSA), worked with the student government association, with Dillon Yonker, SGA president, and sat down and talked about the growing need for graduate student sense of community here,” said Peck.

Peck along with Nicole Wingo, graduate assistant of the College of Graduate & Professional Studies and the former vice president of GSAC, Amanda Houchens, parking committee representative and graduate assistant, and Brittany Bishop, the current president of GSA, worked closely with the SGA to create the bill.

“They (GSA) were the ones that sparked that interest (for the bill). They feel as if GSA doesn’t really represent graduate students, which all opinions aside, is how they are feeling as a graduate body. They feel like a lot of money that we allocate in the student finance committee go to programs that they as graduate students don’t attend,” said Hall.

The College of Graduate & Professional Studies received an outside consultant report in the spring of 2016. The task force held open forums in Dorrill Dining Hall and the Greenwood Library, asking what the strengths and weaknesses were of the program, according to Peck.

“The task force got outside consultants to come in and do a two-day intensive meeting with the faculty, students (and) the community; and, from it, they created this task force report of where should graduate students grow and where should the programs grow and one of the recommendations was to work in parity with the student government association, so that’s what we started over this summer,” added Peck.

Peck explained one of the problems noted by the task force was the need for programs to intertwine within the graduate program. Peck believed the issue will be resolved thanks to the allocation.

“It’s program specific right now,” said Peck. “My cohort is really where it is easiest to be social.”

GSA plans to hold open events throughout the year, such as attending the Ted Talks in Richmond with their recently allocated funds, according to Peck.

“We are trying to work off the sense (of) community that they had in undergrad and bring that here, so they can have just as much pride and joy in being a Lancer where it was wherever they were an undergrad,” said Bishop.

Prior to SGA passing the bill, the GSA changed their constitution to include their bill in the bylaws. The SGA passed the bylaws and constitution in the SGA meeting on Sept. 13. The new constitution made GSA the official name of the organization and will establish a finance subcommittee.

“The only place that we can go is up,” said Hall.

The GSA holds open meetings every first Wednesday and third Monday of the month at 5 p.m. located in the Digital Den of Ruffner Hall.
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Despite the absence of a dean of admissions, Kindon said she felt the university is still on track strategically as Longwood’s in-state and out-of-state applications have “dramatically increased” by creating a more detailed plan for 2016-17’s cycle than they have in the past.

Longwood received 565 more applications this year while freshman enrollment decreased by 103. Kindon said she didn't believe the cycle’s results were affected by the open position because the fluctuation occurred late in the process.

The 2016-17 admissions cycle will be led by Financial Aid Director Melissa Shepherd as the next interim dean of admissions. The 2015-16 cycle was led by Dr. Jennifer Green, Longwood’s associate vice president for enrollment management and student success.

Kindon said they decided to appoint another interim dean for the 2016-17 cycle so they wouldn’t feel “rushed to get someone in” to manage the upcoming cycle.

“This allows us to have a director come in and not just have to pick up the cycle because the cycle is already going and they will have the opportunity to seamlessly move in and get familiar with things without having to transition the cycle halfway through from one thing to another,” said Kindon. “One of the things that is hard about hiring an admissions director is the cycle and getting someone in at the right time of the cycle because it is a lot of timing.”

The six-person hiring committee is composed of faculty and staff from various areas on campus, chaired by Green.

Green is joined by Director of Citizen Leadership and Social Justice Education Jonathan Page, Assistant Athletic Director Michelle Shular, Sociology Associate Professor Dr. Jason Milne, Dean of Cormier Honors College Dr. Alix Fink and Assistant Dean of the College of Business & Economics Dr. Charles White.

Over the summer, two of the committee’s strongest candidates from the first round were invited to tour campus, one of the final stages of the interviewing procedure. Kindon said ultimately one decided to accept another job offer, and the other decided to remain at their own institution.

“The other candidates would have been fine, but we don’t want fine,” said Kindon of the options who were interviewed over Skype, but not invited to campus. “They were qualified, but the committee wasn’t particularly excited about anyone.”

She said she believes Longwood presents “lots of opportunity for growth, creativity and professional development,” mentioning the plans for constructing a new admissions building and quality of its students and community.

Kindon added, “We really want someone who wants that, so we’re still seeking the same thing.”

As they enter the second round of candidates, Kindon said the committee hopes to have a good pool this fall. “We’re anxious, but we’re in a good position for this cycle where we don’t have to pull the trigger with someone we’re not pleased with,” she said.

Kindon said it would be “very, very unlikely” for the university to not have a dean of admissions by the 2017-18 admissions cycle.

If the admissions department hires a new dean during the 2016-17 cycle, it will mark at least seven new additions to the admissions team in less than a year. The department hired six admissions counselors over the summer after losing several from last year’s team.

“We have counselors and people who have been in the admissions department for a while,” said Kindon, believing they can provide “the balance of understanding what Longwood is.”

She added, “There have been some other departments around campus who have seen an infusion of new staff, but have been able to balance the old and the new, and I think the admissions staff will be able to do that as well.”

Longwood Landings set to receive centralized laundry room

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Longwood Landings will have a centralized laundry facility for resident use starting fall of 2017 rather than each apartment unit containing a washer and dryer unit.

“(Longwood is) putting in the laundry room so our maintenance staff can better address the needs when work orders arrive. Basically, right now, we are in a situation where obviously the units are in individual apartments, which means we have to rely on the students to submit work orders when things go wrong and that doesn't always necessarily happen,” said Courtney Everhart, apartment manager for residential and commuter life (RCL).

The idea of installing a centralized laundry location was proposed in spring 2016, according to Everhart. The decision was made summer 2016 and informed students via email of the decision before the fall semester started.

RCL worked with the Longwood Real Estate Foundation to make the decision.

“We (Longwood) wanted to make sure to wait so we could advertise that (the new laundromat) appropriately by the time housing sign ups came so that students were aware that they were picking to live in a place that wouldn’t have a unit inside their physical apartment,” said Everhart.

Work orders for the units are continuous throughout the year, contributing to the decision to install a large laundromat for residents and limit the places Longwood maintenance has to visit, according to Everhart.

Everhart said specific problems included dryers not drying clothes all the way, blocked lint traps and flooding due to students overfilling the machines.

“I think it will be a change, but I don’t think it will have a massive impact on how students function,” said Everhart.

Currently, each apartment unit holds a washer and dryer unit for residents to use at their convenience. The current units will be permanently removed during the summer of 2017. Longwood has purchased and installed new washers and dryers for the new location, according to Everhart.

Contractors are currently working on the location next to the temporary gym location at Midtown Landings, according to Everhart.

Assistant Dean of Residential & Commuter Life Joshua Blakely said, “I think it’s going to be a culture shift for our students in the landings who used to do laundry in their apartments and now (are) traveling down to the centralized location. They are just going to have to plan ahead and travel a little bit, whereas before they had the luxury of right there in their living room.”

Students will be able to use their Lancer Card to pay for loads of laundry, which is included in their room and board rate. The room and board rate will allow students to pay for two full loads, including a wash and dry for each one, according to Everhart.

“If they go over, they can add money onto their account to use and they can still use the facility throughout, so it’s not like they won’t be able to do laundry, they will just have to put that money on their card themselves,” said Everhart.

Lancer Park North and South have a similar style of how students do laundry with two laundry rooms located on each floor for residents to share, according to Blakely. The facility is run the same way that Longwood Landings is set to be run in fall 2017 with students using their Lancer Cards to pay for the laundry and be deduced from their room and board account.
SGA Brief: Sept. 13

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In the Sept. 13 Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, four of five organizations who sought approval for their constitutions passed.

Historian Maribeth Stotler-Watkins introduced the five constitutions including the Quiz Bowl team, Longwood March of Dimes, Love Your Melon and the Cyber Security Club. The organization Sport and Leisure Industry Management (SLIM) was denied due to lack of representation in the meeting and tabled, to be brought up again in the next SGA meeting for reconsideration, according to the SGA.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Tim Pierson addressed the SGA about the recent mass email to students from Longwood President W. Taylor Reveley IV about information pertaining to tickets for the vice presidential debate. Pierson added all available tickets will go to students despite many calls from people asking for tickets.

Pierson asked the SGA to encourage their peers to sign up for the ticket lottery, scheduled for Oct. 2, and attend the event taking place in Willett Hall on Oct. 4.

Pierson also encouraged the SGA to get students to attend the Cyber Security Conference taking place on Sept. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Jarman Hall, saying the presenters are known internationally.

SGA approved the Residential and Commuter Life Advisory Board’s proposed finance bylaws and Graduate Student Association’s constitution and bylaws.

Executive Senator-Committee Relations Morgan Rollins spoke regarding her negative experience with ‘catcalling’ from construction workers. Pierson took note of the incident.

Senator Joshua Darst asked what the plan was for the temporary gym facility located at the Midtown Landings after Longwood purchased the ground floor of the Longwood Landings.

Pierson replied the floors will be replaced in the campus Health and Fitness Center, and there is much discussion happening on what do with the space once the semester comes to an end. The Health and Fitness Center will remain closed for the duration of the fall semester and reopen in the spring of 2017.

Black Student Association Representative TaNae Holmes presented a bug issue, specifically spiders, in Lancer Park. Holmes asked if the university could spray the buildings to prevent bugs.

SGA Vice President Tristan Hobbs responded, advising her to place multiple work orders to resolve the issue from previous experience.

Stotler-Watkins said the new entryway between Lancaster Hall and Grainger Hall was fantastic and asked if a letter was sent to those who helped make it possible.

One senator presented an issue with the lack of lighting outside of Arc, Sharp and Register Halls, seeking resolution for the issue immediately.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) was granted $1,894. The Graduate Student Association (GSA) was granted $7,415.

The next SGA meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 3:45 p.m. in the Martinelli Board Room of the Maugans Alumni Center.

SFC Report: Sept. 15

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WMLU
$4,150
• Funds will be reallocated from Battle of the Bands allocation
• Funds will be used towards a new event, a masquerade on Oct. 28
• Turnout from the Battle of the Bands was not as expected

The SFC passed the motion and will be voted on in SGA on Tuesday, Sept. 20 to be approved.

Outdoor Club
$2,000
• Funds will be used for future outdoor trips including a white water rafting trip in West Virginia
• Funds will be used for parking passes in parks

The SFC didn’t pass the allocation amount of $2,000, but funded $100 to the organization to pay for an upcoming canoe trip on Oct. 23. The new allocation will be voted on in SGA on Tuesday, Sept. 20 to be approved.

Longwood League of Legends Club
$10
• Funds will go towards advertising for the organization by the use of flyers and banners put up around campus
• Goal of advertising is for more membership of the organization

The SFC approved the allocation and will be voted on in SGA on Tuesday, Sept. 20 to be approved.
Humans of Longwood: Alex Dembek

While the majority of Longwood students are from Virginia, freshman Alex Dembek said cross country pushed him across state lines. Just a few days before the rest of the class of 2020 moved in, Dembek was starting cross country practices. He ventured from the more urban town of Garnet Valley, Pa., located near Philadelphia, leaving behind his favorite place to run, Brandywine State Park, but he came with a goal of breaking his 5k record this year.

Qualifying for states last year is an accomplishment he takes the most pride in when reflecting on his cross country experience. “I felt like all my hard work paid off, and it felt amazing,” he said.

Although he said he misses hanging out with friends and playing football and basketball at home, he arrived on campus ready to continue his cross country career at the Division I level.

Dembek plans to major in biology, with hopes of becoming a physical therapist one day. His own experiences in physical therapy sparked his interest as he recovered from patellar tendinitis last year.

“I chose Longwood because I was offered a really good running opportunity, really good scholarship, so it was an easy choice,” he said.

Dembek started running cross country in eighth grade. Now, Dembek runs over 70 miles per week with his team while balancing—or attempting to balance—his academic course load and social life. He attends study hours to balance academics along with his social life and practices, but he said it’s not easy. Despite his busy schedule, he said he may join some of his friends on the club ultimate Frisbee team.

A magical evening

A magician tells his audiences to never give up

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Magic; a word constantly questioned with today’s society from religion, science and the fairy tales told to children. As a child, Mike Super, like many other children, told his teacher he wanted to be a magician when he grew up; too many times a teacher or someone may crush that dream. However, Super didn’t give up his dream that day, because his mother told him, “You can be anything you want to be.”

On Saturday, Lancer Productions hosted Super, a magician who left students and their families and friends in the audience during Family Weekend in awe.

By using magic tricks that usually would seem ordinary or beginner style, he gave each trick a new twist.

Super started out the tricks simply by giving the crowd a sense that they were following what he was doing during the act. However, what the crowd didn’t expect was the twist and variations each trick had, and how it could be performed in multiple ways by a single person.

One act that stood out to the audience was the “voodoo doll” trick. Even though the crowd questioned the voodoo doll (one of his many props), there wasn’t a moment of hesitation after the trick was performed. For this trick, Super started off simply with just transferring energy from the doll to a volunteer from the audience and vice versa. By the end of the act, Super had the volunteer squirming as though he was being poked by an invisible stick. The “voodoo doll” act received lots of responses from the audience after the act was done.

There were moments where a backstory would be given for one of the tricks or illusions during the show. There were other moments in which souvenirs were given to volunteers and participants. Such souvenirs ranged from a new can of Coca-Cola soda, balloons that posed as lottery balls and a drawing done by Super himself.

In a way, Super let the crowd see parts of his life from his stories and through the little comments he made every so often.

To end the show, Super told the audience that it was his mom who told him he could be whatever he wanted to be when he was six years-old; her words were the only inspiration Super needed. He honored his mother (who passed when he was young) by telling a story of how she loved the snow and on one Christmas Eve, Super asked her what she wanted for Christmas. In remembrance of her and to show love and support at the end of every show, he uses his bare hands to make snow, a touching way to end the performance during Family Weekend.
Save the headphone cord, save yourself

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There’s been a lot of controversy surrounding Apple announcing that their newest model of the iPhone won’t feature a headphone jack, and instead, will come with a free wireless set of earbuds. This is a totally awesome idea unless these headphones, which have absolutely no way of being kept from falling out other than super glue or tape, fall down a drain or onto the ground and get stepped on. I guess it’s good for Apple stockholders as a new set costs about $160, but for the rest of us, it sucks.

Not only is it awful because of the potential money pit that could pop up from an endless cycle of dropping your AirPods into a pile of dog poo every time you try to clean up after your dog, but they’re also dangerous. Can you imagine what doctors will be thinking once people show up to the emergency room because they’ve got these tiny, expensive earbuds stuck in their ears? ‘Yeah, Steve, it’s the third AirPod-in-the-ear-canal extraction this week!’ In case you’re keeping track, $160 plus $300 for the emergency room visit equates to way more than they’re worth, not to mention the initial cost of the new phone in the first place. And then there’s that lingering possibility that someone might swallow them.

So, let’s just not.

Possibly the worst thing about AirPods is the hashtag associated with them known as #JackOff, and kids, I wish I was kidding about this one. Yes, it’s true if you Google ‘#JackOff Apple headphones’ (please, don’t forget the second part), you will get a number of search results about Apple’s recent blunder. I feel like this problem speaks for itself.

This is technically a positive aspect to AirPods, but increased use in wireless headphones may increase the reputation of the mentally ill. If people are walking around using these tiny headphones while talking to people, society will be so used to seeing people talk to themselves that it won’t be weird when people are doing it without the headphones. So, that’s positive as long as you’re ok with looking crazy.

I’m sure we’ve all had (many) moments when we’re listening to music on our phone and almost drop it. What is always there to save our phones from crashing to the ground and breaking the screens into a million pieces? The headphone cord. That’s right. By Apple getting rid of headphone cords, they are decreasing the safety of our phones. Sure, we can buy phone cases, and we do, but we don’t need a case if we have our headphones to rely on to save our phones. So really, if we save the headphone cord, we save ourselves.

The jack is whack

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Apple’s yearly iPhone unveiling is always a spectacle. It’s sort of like Christmas, just better, shinier and with more all-oooh-minium.

With every new iPhone, there is a breakthrough feature: the App Store, FaceTime, Touch ID and on and on, but this year was different. The iPhone 7 is making headlines as iPhones always do, not because of the addition of a new feature, but rather because of the deletion of an old one. As I’m sure you have heard, unless you live under an especially large rock, the new iPhone 7, the flagship product of the most popular tech company ever in history, has ditched a feature that has been available on nearly every mobile device since ever: the headphone jack.

It is easy to understand why this is kind of a big deal. The 3.5 mm audio jack has been around since the 1950s and has been a staple of nearly every device since. They have been used on everything from the most high tech smartphones to those dinky iPod knock-offs from China. But think about this, it’s a 60-year-old technology. Just for reference, in 1950 jetliners had only just been invented, computers were the size of small houses and TV was only just becoming popular. To make matters worse, that’s just the 3.5mm size of audio jack! The basic technology itself dates back to the late 1800s and the invention of the telephone. Take a moment to process that. A piece of technology invented over a hundred years ago for the first telephones is still used on our phones today even though they bear no resemblance to phones of that era. People of that age couldn’t even imagine the interconnected world we live in today. Hell, they were still using steam engines! How on earth is that technology still used in our most cutting edge devices? What would the world be like if we used other antique technology in our modern devices? Every screen we have would be in black and white, cars would come standard with record players and we would have to look at Snapchats on film.

If you think about it in this context, it’s surprising that it has taken this long for the audio jack to get the ax. As Apple points out, the jack was taking up valuable space that can now be filled with better cameras, improved haptic feedback, stereo speakers and a more efficient battery. Technology has more room to progress, literally.

However, even as a die-hard Apple fan, I recognize how this is scary. People are used to the standard audio jack. That’s what you probably have on your current pair of headphones and maybe even in your car. But never fear, Apple has you covered. The new iPhone 7 will come with a 3.5mm jack to lightening connector as well as a pair of lightening headphones. However, there is still the matter of charging your phone while listening to music. The bad news here is that there is no perfect fix for this besides getting bluetooth headphones. Of course, this is a bit inconvenient. However, change usually is. Remember when Apple switched from its old charging connector to the newer one? We all had to get adapters and none of the pre-installed cords in cars or at the gym worked anymore. But then the world caught up and moved on. We all got the new connector, and now it’s history. I have no doubt this will be the same. Don’t underestimate Apple’s power to change how we see technology.

Plus, those new AirPods are really cool.
Hillary Clinton’s decline in health: Real or Conspiracy?

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Hillary Clinton is well known as the Democratic candidate in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election. News outlets have focused on her suspected poor health rather than her experience and competency to serve over the past week.

The trending hashtag “#HillarysHealth” on Twitter and the topic of Clinton’s condition increased her popularity on Facebook throughout the summer. In particular, tweets discuss her physically frail appearances while giving speeches and addressing the media.

There are individuals on Twitter who claim the media is intentionally deceiving by downplaying the severity of Clinton’s health issues.

Twitter user Dr. Milton Wolf (@MiltonWolfMD) tweeted the status, “This is not a ‘faint’ or a ‘stumble.’ Dehydration/pneumonia does not cause rigidity and spasticity. #HillarysHealth” referring to a video of Clinton apparently fainting or falling, and guards lending aid as they huddled around her and physically assisted her into an awaiting vehicle in New York on Sept. 11.

Many are hesitant to trust the news on Clinton’s health because they don’t think she is honest after her past judgment led to scrutiny and even federal investigations.

Another Twitter user, Deplorable Colleen (@col_nj), posted, “(imitating Clinton) I’m fine. Er. It’s allergies. Uh. It’s Pneumonia. Just think of the lies she’ll tell as POTUS.”

With Clinton’s recent diagnosis of pneumonia revealed Sept. 9, many have undoubtedly surmised that she is genuinely in poor health, and this is concerning for one who may be the future president of the United States.

Channel 9 News on Facebook posted an article stating Clinton admitted that she ignored her doctor’s order to stay at rest after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Clinton also reportedly declined attending events such as speaking in California due to her health.

Some believe anyone who discusses the decline in Clinton’s health on television, or any other news outlet, either lose their show or would no longer be featured as a result. Milo Yiannopoulos posted on Facebook, “Ask questions about Hillary’s health, and they will come for your career!” He also attached an article about Dr. Drew, who discussed Clinton’s health on his popular radio show, and as a result, was taken off the air eight days after the discussion.

Another conspiracy theory suggests after Clinton collapsed on Sept. 11, there may have been a ‘body double’ of Clinton who appeared afterwards in order to portray a refreshed and more rejuvenated candidate.

One particular article from The New York Post entitled, “Clinton team avoided ER to conceal details of her medical treatment,” goes into more depth on how the appearance of this possible body double contrasted with Clinton’s facial characteristics - specifically the nose and cheekbones. The article even speculates that the number of bodyguards present during this particular incident differed from Clinton’s usual entourage. The ‘body double’ theory has obviously intrigued many as it trended on Twitter with the hashtag #BodyDouble and remains a topic of conversation.

As news outlets and social media continue to cite Clinton’s suspected decline in health, the public is sure to follow any new developments in order to learn more about the physical capabilities, or inabilities, of someone who could likely be elected to serve as our next president. Republican candidate Donald Trump said he hopes Clinton will “get well soon.”
Trump vs. Clinton: Education

All Longwood students have heard about the vice presidential debate and how it will affect the university and the student body. With all the buzz surrounding the election, as a college student, an important question to ask is how each candidate team will affect college education if they are elected.

For education on the college level, Democratic candidate Senator Hillary Clinton and Republican candidate Donald Trump are primarily debating the issues of the price for college and student debt. Both have mentioned or responded in interviews to the issues, taking different approaches to the same problem.

Regarding free education, the candidates are on opposite ends of the spectrum.

Clinton, in the a 2015 CBS democratic primary debate Which?, said, “I believe that we should make community college free. We should have debt-free college if you go to a public college or university.” However, when she published her plan, she expanded the plan to make in-state public colleges and universities completely free for certain households.

“My plan would enable anyone to go to a public college or university free,” said Clinton on her campaign website, detailing a plan for free public education for those within households that make under $125,000 a year.

Trump disagrees, and on Fox News’ “On the Record” town hall, said, “Well, there’s no such thing as a free education because you know that ultimately somebody else is going to be paying for that education.”

Trump explained the money must come from somewhere, and rejected the concept of free college. To Trump, student debt and the high cost of college are the primary issues. In order to make college more affordable, he believes the government needs to pressure colleges to lower tuition and other aspects of the cost of education, without legally requiring the actions.

The candidates also differ in their approaches to student debt. Clinton advocated for a mix of student debt forgiveness and refinancing. According to her campaign website, “Delinquent borrowers and those in default will get help to protect their credit and get back on their feet … borrowers will be able to refinance their loans.” She additionally offers loan reduction and forgiveness, particularly focused on those working public service jobs.

While Clinton’s goal is to eliminate and manage the current student debt crisis through government programs, Trump has rejected the idea of complete debt refinancing and forgiving student loans.

However, Trump acknowledged the expense of college in his book, “Crippled America,” and said, “A four-year degree today can be expensive enough to create six-figure debt. We can’t forgive these loans, but we should take steps to help students.”

Trump hasn’t outlined a plan yet, but, at a Wisconsin town hall meeting, stated, “We’re going to do something for the students. We’re going to have something with extensions and lower interest rates and a lot of good things.”

The republican presidential candidate also blames the federal government for student debt in his book, stating, “The big problem is the federal government. There is no reason the federal government should profit from student loans.”

Trump hasn’t outlined the steps to ease the burden of student debt, but maintained it must be repaid.

Despite their differences, the one thing the educational outlooks of the candidates have in common is the economy of our college educational system has issues, and they need to be resolved. As students and citizens, we need to be aware and make educated votes.
WSOC: Overtime goal caps comeback win
O’Bryant wins it in 108th minute

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It took 108 minutes, but senior defender Jessica O’Bryant’s goal gave Longwood a 2-1 come from behind win over Saint Francis on Sept. 18. The win improved the Lancers to 3-6-0, as they rounded out non-conference play for the season.

The Red Flash opened the scoring just eight minutes in, as freshman forward Alyssa McGhee slipped into the box and slotted home to give the visitors a 1-0 advantage. Saint Francis carried that advantage into halftime, where the Lancers regrouped for the second half, according to head coach Todd Dyer.

“We had an honest conversation at halftime in the locker room, and the team was challenged to respond, and they definitely did,” said Dyer. “We just had to start moving and competing and grinding, and once we did...you kind of just claw your way back into the game.”

The hosts came out with more energy after the break, and their endeavors brought an equalizer in the 52nd minute. After the Red Flash failed to clear a corner kick, sophomore defender Sydney Wallace put the rebound away to make it 1-1.

Following the goal, Longwood rode their luck as Saint Francis struck the post in the 73rd minute. However, the Lancers held off the visitor’s attack to force overtime.

The extra periods were largely uneventful, until sophomore midfielder Annie Boros had a shot cleared off the line in the 108th minute, forcing a corner kick. The resulting corner from junior midfielder Janese Quick led to a goalmouth scramble, and O’Bryant bundled the ball in to give Longwood a 2-1 win.

“It’s great to get the win, especially because we were down a goal,” said O’Bryant. “And it puts us at a really good place going into conference (play).”

Speaking about the goal, O’Bryant added, “I didn’t even get a clean strike on it, but I knew that if I threw my body in front of it, that it might go in, and so I took that chance, and it did. You just got to go for everything … it might not look pretty but, you have to go for everything, because a goal’s a goal, no matter what it looks like.”

Despite facing 24 shots, the Lancer backline kept the Red Flash at bay after the opening goal.

“(The team) just contained them in front,” said Wallace, who played the entire 108 minutes. “I feel pretty good, I think our whole team feels pretty good too. We gave it our all (in) the second half, wish we started like that in the first (half).”

With non-conference play wrapped up, the team’s next game is Sept. 24 against Gardner-Webb. Dyer promised if nothing else, Big South play will be interesting to watch with his squad.

“I honestly believe we’re good enough and bad enough to win or lose every single game we have ahead of us right now.”
MSOC: Home victories continue
Campos notches two assists in win

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The home field advantage continues to bring the Longwood men’s soccer team good luck as they won their third home game on Sept. 18. The Lancers beat Appalachian State 2-0, holding them to a shutout. Longwood improved to a winning record of 3-2-1.

It was a very physical match and continued to go back and forth most of the game. It was not until the 40th minute of the first half that the Lancers got the first goal of the game. Freshman midfielder Max Poelker received a cross from senior midfielder Finnlay Wyatt, who got the assist from Dan Campos.

It was the first of two assists for the junior midfielder that night. Poelker finished his shot off the cross, giving him his second goal of the season and Longwood their first goal of the night.

“The first goal of the game is massive. These types of games are pretty evenly matched, and when you have a goal, physiologically it just gives you that edge to hold onto something when needed,” said men’s soccer head coach Jon Atkinson.

Appalachian State had their chances to score, but senior goalkeeper Carlos Canas came up with five vital saves. Canas finished the game with a shutout, making it his eighth of his career.

“You can’t ask for much better,” said Atkinson. “I think the performance could be better, but in terms of the result and how it looks is phenomenal. Keeping the team off the boards and getting the victory at home is going to make for a good night for our guys and our program.”

The Lancers got their second goal in the 54th minute in the second half. Redshirt senior midfielder Zach Corcoran received a through ball from Campos. This was Corcoran’s second goal of the season and also gave Longwood a two goal lead. This was too large of a gap for Appalachian State to close and sealed the Lancers victory.

Campos was a huge playmaker of the game that night and assisted both of the Lancers’ goals. This was a season high of assists for Campos, and he also led the team in assists last season.

“The last few games we have seen improvement in what we’ve been working on in practice, and it’s been positive,” said Campos.

The Lancers have another home game on Sept. 20 against George Washington University.

FH: Lancers break out in second half
Verstraete scores two in home win

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The Longwood field hockey team rode a trio of second half goals to beat Appalachian State 4-1 on Sept. 17. The win was their second straight, and it brings the Lancers to 5-3 on the season.

In a relatively even opening half in Boone, N.C., it was the Mountaineers who struck first. Junior defender Rebecca McLean opened the scoring in the 10th minute to give the home side a 1-0 lead. But in the 18th minute, junior forward Edel Nyland equalized for Longwood with her NCAA leading 10th goal of the season.

“The first half we were a little off, but we came out after halftime and played awesome,” said senior midfielder Ellen Ross on the official Longwood athletics website. “It was a complete team effort. Everyone was doing their job.”

The second half was key for the Lancers, beginning with freshman midfielder Olivia Wawrzyniak’s 46th minute goal. Junior defender Lil-Sophie Achterwinter made it 3-1 in the 64th minute before sophomore midfielder Leonie Verstraete put the game away two minutes later.

“It was a really good, solid performance where we controlled large portions of the game,” said head coach Iain Byers, on the official Longwood athletics website. “We’re really proud of how we played, how we moved the ball and how we dealt well with their pressure. We really have a lot of depth, which especially showed up with four different goal-scorers.”

The three goals reflected Longwood’s dominance after halftime, outshooting Appalachian State 8-1 and denying the Mountaineers a shot in the final 21 minutes.

“I think we finally had a game where we proved to everyone how good we are this season,” Ross said on the official Longwood athletics website.

The Lancers stay on the road for a rivalry game with Liberty on Sept. 20, before opening up MAC conference play at home against Kent State on Sept. 25.
On Friday, Longwood University held the annual Rock the Block event. The streets at the Longwood Landings were packed with Longwood students, their friends and families. With live music, picnic food, games and fireworks, what isn’t there to enjoy?