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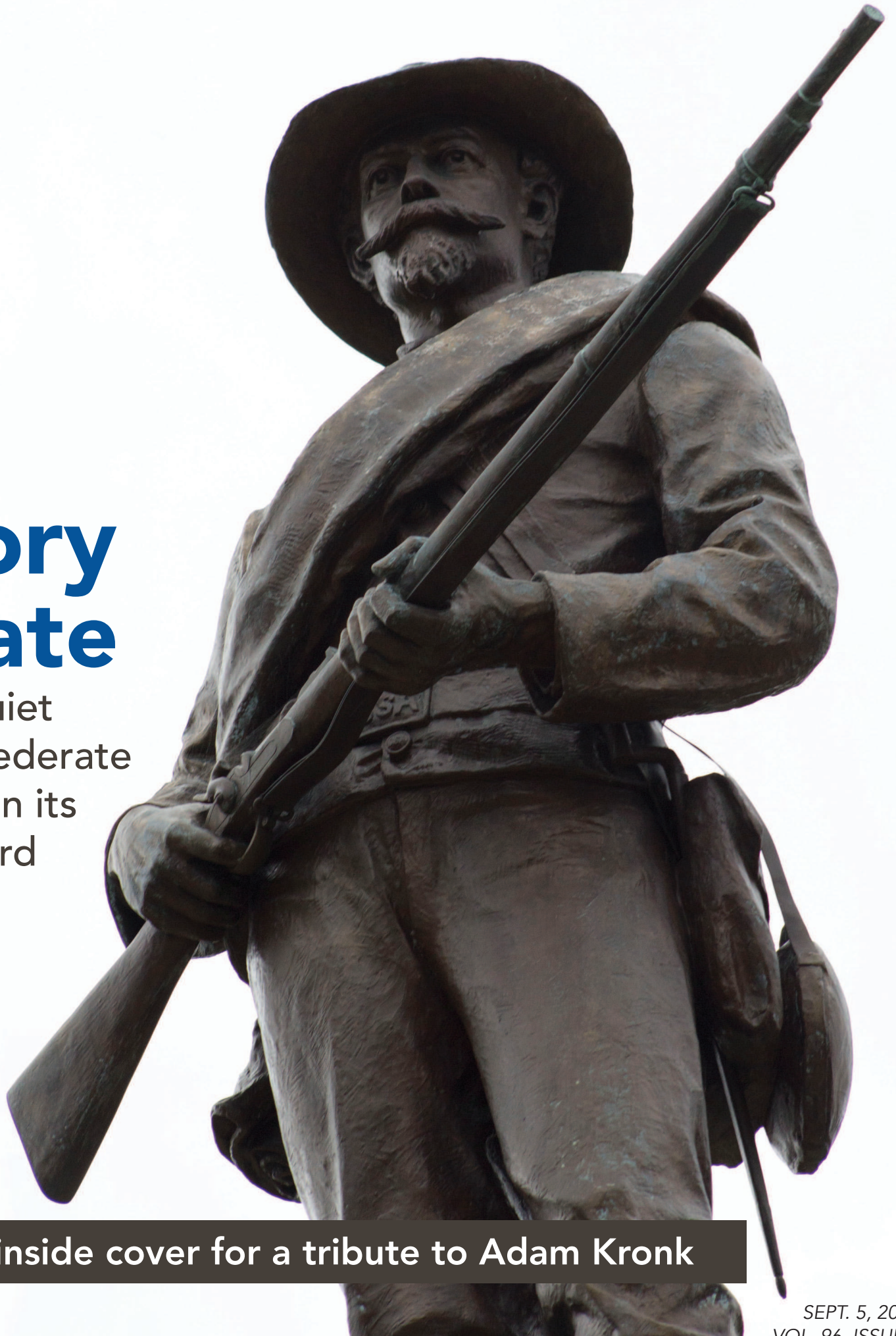
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Remembering Adam Kronk



Adam Kronk was a senior music education major entering his final semester at Longwood. He was deeply involved in the music department from playing trumpet in the Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble, singing in Longwood's flagship choral ensemble, the Camerata Singers and belonging to the brotherhood of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (PMA) men's music fraternity.

He was also a part of Audacity Brass Band - a New Orleans-style brass band comprised of Longwood students that performed throughout the Farmville and Longwood communities.

On Thursday, Aug. 17, Adam Kronk took his own life in his home in Henrico County.

While on Longwood's campus, he received help from the counseling center, but when he was away, he couldn't afford mental health care, according to Longwood alumna Roxanne Cook, Kronk's girlfriend of two years.

"He made me a better person and strive for kindness and change in the world every day," said Cook.

Though he struggled with depression, he made efforts to cope with it by striving to create a better world. He planned to continue sharing and passing on his art by becoming a teacher after graduating in the spring.

"He was the most kind and gentle, smart and charming person I've ever met. His vision for a better world inspires me and has inspired a lot of people since his death," said Cook.

Recognizing the role mental health played in Kronk's death, Cook has been vocal regarding the issue through social media. She said she hoped to raise awareness about the effects of depression while honoring Kronk's memory.

"Adam's pain caused him to lash out sometimes, but he was the most kind and gentle person inside," said Cook. "He was there in Charlottesville, the day everything happened and the hate in the world triggered him. He never wanted to die because he felt lonely, because he knew he was loved and he was loved by many."

Seeing the violence at the rally, Cook said he was overwhelmed by the hate expressed by those around him.

Several events in remembrance of Kronk have been held since his passing. In the evening on the first day of classes on Monday, Aug. 21, Longwood's music department dedicated their annual First Night Faculty Gala to his memory.

Though his family decided to hold a private funeral, Cook organized a memorial for him on Aug. 26 in his hometown in Henrico. The service was held in Deep Run Park, coinciding with Kronk's love of nature.

According to the event's Facebook page, donations were collected for Mental Health America with the message: "Together, we can make a better world. If (you) need to say goodbye and you play a instrument/sing, please honor his memory with your beautiful talents. Everyone who loved him should be together and say goodbye."

Throughout the service, performances of songs and poetry such as the Foo Fighters' "My Hero" and Mary Elizabeth Frye's "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep" were dedicated



COURTESY OF ROXANNE COOK

"He was loved by so many and truly was a blessing and will always be remembered for his bright and creative personality," said Steven Outten, Kronk's brother-in-law.

to Kronk's memory ending the service with a song by one of his favorite bands, "Let it Be" by the Beatles, sung by all who attended the service.

Longwood also held a memorial on Sept. 29 in which multiple people from within the Lancer community spoke on Kronk's behalf, including President W. Taylor Reveley IV and Longwood jazz professor and director Dr. Charles Kinzer, and his PMA brothers dedicated a song in his memory.

Kinzer also spoke at the memorial, "We've lost a friend and an excellent student, and the world has lost a really fine and promising young person. We have missed him already and will continue to miss him this semester and beyond."

Kronk and Kinzer worked closely together in all six of his semesters both as a classroom teacher and also as his director in the Jazz Ensemble.

"Adam led by his actions and I believe that all of our music teachers came to see him as I did, as a leader among our students because he

earned a lot of respect in our department," said Kinzer. "He enjoyed a good laugh and was very quick with a kind word for others around him."

Kronk's brother-in-law Steven Outten started a GoFundMe to try to cover the student loans his family has to pay off.

"I am trying to raise funds to help his family, father and mother and sister, in this difficult time with his student loans and expenses to his memorial/memory," said Outten. "He was loved by so many and truly was a blessing and will always be remembered for his bright and creative personality."

Separately, Longwood's Audacity Brass Band is also selling tie-dye shirts - a type of shirt that Kronk often wore - as a fundraiser for Mental Health America.

"We have been quiet on here the past few days because we are still in shock and at a loss of words," said the group on their Facebook page. "We remember his passion for music and his love of performing. We have so much we can't wait to share with you guys in his honor."

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Two major arrests in July

Charges included larceny, possession of narcotics at Tractor Supply Co.

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Two arrests were made on July 17 at 6:06 p.m. in the parking lot of Tractor Supply Co., located on 1575 South Main Street in Farmville.

Both Shannon Nicole Spillman, of Farmville, and Carlton Thomas Adams, of Rice, a were arrested. Spillman was arrested for larceny, while Adams was arrested for shoplifting and possession of narcotics; though Spillman was released, Adams remains in custody.

"An officer was coming back from Longwood Village, picked up a truck with long overdue expired tags and stopped in a parking lot and had two young ladies in there who were intoxicated," said Longwood University Police Department (LUPD) Col. Robert Beach.

While the officer was questioning the two ladies, including Spillman, Adams exited Tractor Supply Co. after having shoplifted, according to Beach.

"They (LUPD) arrested him (Adams) for shoplifting, and in the process of that they found some narcotics," said Beach.

Adams was charged with possession of a controlled substance, in addition to shoplifting merchandise worth over \$200, and is in custody, according to the circuit court online case information system.

Spillman was also arrested for petty larceny and was released on summons.

Spillman's hearing date is on Dec. 4 at 2:00 p.m., according to the general district court online case information system.

Adams' felony case has been upgraded to circuit court with a hearing date for both of his charges on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. in front of a grand jury.

Adams was previously convicted of the sale of marijuana on July 19, 2013 and served two years and five months after entering a guilty plea with three years probation, according to the circuit court online case information system.

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This week in SGA

Turns out, parking tickets only start at \$50



The Student Government Association initiated 10 new members during their Tuesday, Aug. 29 meeting.

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In the first Student Government Association (SGA) meeting of the 2017-18 year, the new SGA fiscal technician and administrative assistant, Trish McGregor, was introduced. McGregor will help the SGA manage its finances.

The SGA was then briefed by Avent Grant, the general manager for Dining Services, on the topic of the Meal Exchange.

According to Grant, the exchange may be used at any time that the Lankford Student Union's Lancer Cafe and P.O.D Market are open, regardless of whether the dining hall is open.

Additionally, students with a weekly meal plan are limited to one meal exchange per dining period, the same way students cannot re-enter the dining hall during the same meal period, according to Grant.

The same limit does not apply to students with block dining plans for the semester. Students with Block 160 plans are limited to seven meal exchanges a week and those with the Block 80 are limited to five meal exchanges a week.

President Kevin Napier inquired about expanding the meal exchange to Moe's Southwest Grill and Chick-fil-a. Grant

responded that chains have expressed an opposition to this system because it may limit their profits.

Joshua Darst, executive senator for committee relations, said the current food options located in the Student Union won't move to the new location at the Upchurch University Center, set to open in Fall 2018, which may be a concern.

Grant noted that four out of five of the restaurants planned for the new Student Union are national chains and would likely not be willing to participate in the meal exchange, but the fifth may be a candidate for the program.

Another issue discussed was nomination of executive senator for senate relations. The following senators were nominated: Senator Megan Bland, Senator Madison Lowry, Senator Taylor Hayes, Senator Benjamin Brody, Senator Zachary York and Senator Chyanne Correa. All nominated senators accepted their nominations.

According to Executive Treasurer Dustyn Hall, "The SGA Constitution currently states that in order to serve on the Executive Council, the Senate member must have served in some capacity on SGA Senate for at least one previous semester."

Due to eligibility issues, the SGA's constitutional rules were suspended.

"The Constitution had to be suspended because none of the current senators elected to Senate have previously served the semester requirement on Senate, and furthermore wouldn't be able to serve on the executive council," said Hall.

The issue of dark study rooms in Greenwood Library was also raised and discussed by the Senate.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Representative Catherine Swinsky raised the issue of parking passes and illegal parking remaining unticketed.

Dr. Tim Pierson, vice president for student affairs and SGA advisor, noted that ticketing starts after labor day and the tickets start at \$50. Pierson also noted that additional parking spaces may be built in the near future.

According to Pierson, students will be hired in the near future to help the LUPD enforce the retail-only parking spots in the Midtown shopping center.

The next SGA meeting will on Tuesday, Sep. 5 at 3:45 p.m. in the Martinelli Board Room in the Maugans Alumni Center.

High-rises getting a “facelift”

Curry and Frazer expected to undergo a \$60 million renovation by end of 2020



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Longwood University announced plans to renovate campus' two high-rise dorm halls by 2020 over the summer and released graphic renderings of the remodeled Curry and Frazer Halls.

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Reviewing the recent surge in campus construction, some Lancers may wonder what's next.

Last year saw the debut of two new residence halls and entering this year, students are watching the ongoing creation of the Brock Student Success Center and the Upchurch University Center - set to open in spring 2018 and fall 2019.

Over the summer, Longwood announced they will start another project: the renovation of two buildings that have been campus staples since the 1960s.

Say goodbye to the cell block rooms. Adios, moldy ceiling tiles and unsanitary shower floors.

According to a press release from Longwood University, the renovation will cost \$30 million for each residence hall, totaling \$60 million.

Starting with Frazer, each building will be stripped down and renovated inside and out.

The start date for construction on Frazer is set for May 2018 and will continue through the 2018-19 academic year.

“(Frazer will be) open all this year, until the last students leave the building. But very quickly after that, the contractor will be going in to work this summer,” said Longwood Director of Housing Jean Wilwohl. The residence hall will reopen in fall 2019.

Curry will begin renovations soon after Frazer reopens and will take approximately one

academic year as well, said Wilwohl.

In exchange for the disruption, Frazer and Curry will be subject to many much-needed updates.

More lounges will be built in the buildings on all of the floors. In addition to these communal spaces, better equipped kitchen areas will be available for students to utilize.

Another big change will be the addition of student rooms on the first floor of the residence halls.

The Office of Residential and Commuter

Adios, moldy ceiling tiles and unsanitary shower floors.

Life plans to advertise the information about the renovations this year when students are registering for housing in late October and early November.

“At that time we will be letting students know about some of (the) changes that will be happening because of Frazer Hall going offline,” Wilwohl said.

In part, the addition of Sharp and Register

Hall, both of which house 112 students each, was in preparation for Frazer's renovation.

However, further rooming changes will be necessary to accommodate for the loss of all 396 bed spaces in Frazer. Some changes include converting several dorms in Arc and Curry Halls into triple occupancy rooms.

Also, previously unused transitional rooms on campus may be harnessed.

Wilwohl added there is a possibility that the “C” bedrooms in Longwood Village could be converted back to double occupancy rooms as well, if further space is needed.

Wilwohl suggested the inability to use Frazer Hall may ultimately have affect any upperclassmen who planned to live on campus next year.

As Frazer is mainly a freshman residence hall, much of the transitional space will host first year students who are guaranteed on-campus housing.

“There will still be space on main campus for upperclassmen students, but that will obviously decrease a little bit,” Wilwohl said.

However, she added, “One of the things we will be advertising to students is that the majority of the upperclassmen spaces will be in the apartment communities.”

Residence halls South Ruffner and Stubbs will continue to exclusively house upperclassmen as they have done in the past.



There are better ways to give out scarves

And here's how

Students marched to Lancer Field while sporting their new scarves.

HALLE PARKER | THE ROTUNDA

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Our annual G.A.M.E. and the scarves that accompany it are a beloved Longwood tradition. Less beloved is standing in line for over an hour, particularly for those in the sun or who end up scarfless anyway.

As much as I find the process flawed, I also understand that the process of ordering and distributing scarves is challenging, complex and time-consuming.

So I'm not going to just sit here and bitch about it, because A) I got a scarf and B) I don't like to complain without offering solutions. Critical, often judgemental solutions, but solutions nonetheless.

Instead of just whining, I'm going to whine and offer completely unsolicited and likely unqualified advice, with some ways to improve Longwood's scarf distribution process. My complaints and solutions can be divided into three categories: the bracelet process, supply and demand and scarf distribution.

The Bracelet

I have a few issues with the current bracelet distribution process, all of which I believe are echoed by many other members of the student body.

With everything being done in one day, it results in a monstrous line that I saw people in Friday morning. The heat wasn't too bad this year for me (I was in the shade), but last year was hellish and those in the sun this year had it rough.

When I got in line at 2:20 p.m. there were 150 people ahead of me. Note the bracelet giveaway started at 3:30 p.m. This is insane. And while the line that eventually wrapped from the STU, up Stubbs lawn, around Stubbs and back down Griffin St. again may be an intense and in a way beautiful statement on Lancer's appreciation for

their school and scarves, it's just not the best way to do things.

My first suggestion is have bracelets available for all five days of the first week and my second is to do it indoors. As the G.A.M.E. is the First Friday Back, there's all week to distribute bracelets and not in the blistering heat.

I can already hear three objections to this one: this will enable fraud, the swarm will simply move to the first day of distributions and that people won't wear bracelets for five days. I have solutions to these concerns.

First, have people scan their LancerCards and

┌ We should be given more giveaways and action inline while the scarves are being given away. ┐

index the numbers that have been used. If the number's been used, have it reject it. The second problem can be addressed by only giving out a fifth of the available bracelets each day.

My third recommendation, which also solves the issue of wearing a paper bracelet for five days is to give them out for people to put on themselves. Sure, somebody could give theirs away, but it's no different than giving a scarf away directly. This would also allow people to decide how much room they want on their wrist, which I feel like college students are capable of figuring it out.

Supply and Demand

I know we had a big freshman class, but so did the people ordering scarves. I will admit to having no idea how many were ordered

and how many people ended up scarfless after waiting in the monster line. I don't know if this has ever happened before, but of course I still have suggestions on it.

Remember that it's better to have leftovers than run out. I'm sure that extras could be auctioned off, raffled off or given away to students, parents or alumni.

Give away extras publicly. Have some sort of leftover scarf event that hypes it up even further.

Use demographic data to calculate how many scarves will be necessary. Obviously not everyone wants one, and there have to be statistical correlations to explain who does and who doesn't. Specifically, classes may correlate to a desire or lack thereof. Use the collective data on who got scarves acquired from using LancerCards to predict future demands.

Allow online reservations for scarves (linked to LancerCards and student IDS) to further reduce the load on the line.

Scarf Distribution

We should have a formal line for the scarves instead of the horde rushing the booths all at once. It'd be more organized and thus quicker.

Adding on to that, we need to create multiple aisles. We already have multiple tables, but multiple organized aisles would be the more efficient, less panicky version of it.

We should be given more giveaways and action in line while the scarves are being given away. This will bring down impatience.

I understand that all these things may not be practical to implement, and I really get that it's a complicated and laborious process to handle the scarves, but I do think that some reform in the process would be to the good of the collective Longwood community.

History clashes with present

Local Confederate statue's future uncertain

"If we let go of the complexities of an issue, we forget where we are."

-Mitchell Adrian (member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans)

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Standing atop 19 feet of what was considered "Virginia's finest granite," the Town of Farmville's last Confederate soldier permanently gazes across High St. onto Longwood University's campus.

His 117-year-old beard remains neat, and his fixed posture appears casual, unaware of the national uproar ensuing over his existence.

In the wake of the deadly protest in Charlottesville against the removal of a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and ongoing public meetings regarding Richmond's historic Monument Avenue, Confederate monuments in cities across the country from Baltimore, Maryland, to Birmingham, Alabama, have either been taken down, covered or called to be removed.

In an immediate response to Charlottesville, Farmville held a community prayer vigil to recognize the tragedy.

Local educational leaders, including Longwood University President W. Taylor Reveley, Hampden-Sydney College President

Larry Stimpert, Prince Edward County Superintendent Dr. Barbara Johnson and Fuqua School Head John Melton, published an editorial condemning the violence and white supremacist ideologies that were displayed.

However, sixty-five miles south of Richmond's Monument Avenue, the discussion of Confederate symbols themselves has yet to take hold in Farmville and the surrounding counties.

Although Farmville Mayor David Whitus co-organized a community prayer vigil on Aug. 13 following the events in Charlottesville, his office hasn't released a statement regarding the Confederate monument on High St.

Farmville Communications Specialist Kate Eggleston said the town wasn't responding to any requests for comment at this time. Town officials wanted to wait to see the situation settle down after Charlottesville before making public statements, she added.

Subsequently, requests for interviews with Whitus, Vice-Mayor Chuckie Reed and Town Manager Gerry Spates were denied.

However, Prince Edward County NAACP President Ghee said he's proposed the relocation of Farmville's monument to the town's Confederate cemetery to one town council member. The name of the town council member wasn't provided.

"If we wanted to recognize those who had died and those who were still living but dying fast, the Confederate cemetery would have been the appropriate place to put this monument," said Ghee.

The issue of Confederate monuments around the country has sparked dialogue regarding America's history with race in a passionate heritage versus hate debate.

Reveley said, "America today is reckoning with its history in a more earnest way than it maybe ever has. That, in a time when it has so many painful undercurrents, is maybe something that we should celebrate, that there is this reckoning occurring."

Richmond's confederate monuments were erected between 1900 and 1924; Charlottesville's monument of Robert E. Lee arose in 1924.

In honor of "Confederate Heroes," the United Daughters of the Confederacy and a group of local Confederate veterans unveiled Farmville's monument during a fair week on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1900.

The monuments were built at a cross section in history when the census showed veterans of the Confederacy were dying and Reconstruction gave way to the development of Jim Crow laws.

According to research compiled by former Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society President Marie DeLaney, the United Daughters led the fundraising and design efforts after the federal census showed only a few hundred confederate veterans were still alive in Prince Edward County.

The 26-foot-tall monument using granite and bronze cost \$3,000 to build in 1900, twice the cost of an average home at the time, according to DeLaney.

Farmville and Prince Edward County donated a combined \$800 to the cause, while the rest was raised through private donations, plays and concerts.

In her 1988 speech to the Exchange Club, DeLaney said, "The monuments give the real clues as to what the townfolks respect and remember of their past and want others to remember also."

As an anthropologist and archeologist, Longwood professor Dr. James Jordan studies the human history and pre-history. Considering the monument debate, he said meaning tends to change with time.

"Symbols can be interpreted in a lot of different ways, depending on the person who's doing the interpreting, depending on the time when something is done," Jordan said.

For Sons of Confederate Veterans member Dr. Mitchell Adrian, the removal of monuments stems from an oversimplification of America's history, believing facts are lost when history is summarized.

"Trying to tear down the monuments I think

is just foolish because we oversimplify a very complex issue, trying to call it good or bad," said Adrian, a former Farmville resident and Longwood business professor. "If we let go of the complexities of an issue, we forget where we are."

To Ghee, the monuments represent "the resurgence of white supremacy," and the current discussion at a national level reveals "our inability as a society to deal with race."

While working on his dissertation, Adrian said he researched topics of diversity and sought out original documents from the Civil War.

He said he believed movies and shows perpetuate misconceptions about slavery and the cause of the Civil War, leaving out the value of slavery to the Southern economy and the underdeveloped concept of human rights.

"We have a different kind of understanding of human rights today than we had then," said

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Adrian. "Using today's mindset to judge people of yesterday is not always a fair thing to do I think."

Ghee said most monuments were erected after Reconstruction ended in the election of 1877, when African-Americans began to lose government positions and ultimately the right to vote.

"Black people lost the right to vote and participate freely. Of course, by 1900 people wanted to recognize the confederate soldiers who had died in the war," said Ghee.

Looking at monuments of Lee, Ghee questioned how the statue could describe patriotism.

"What does the Lee statue represent in Charlottesville put up some 30 years after the war, but during the time that black people were being denied the right to vote and white Virginians wanted to show that, 'hey, we're back in charge.'"

On Friday, Aug. 22, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring issued an advisory opinion on any Virginia law prohibiting the removal or relocation of veteran monuments.

In his opinion, he said 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia shouldn't apply to any monuments erected in a county prior 1904 when the legislation was first passed. Herring said localities weren't protected by the law until a 1997 amendment by the General Assembly.

"It should be noted that the longstanding rule in Virginia is that statutes 'are construed to operate prospectively only,'" said Herring. He added laws can only work retroactively when it is explicitly written into the law.

He said only monuments that were built as part of a special Act of Assembly or if the monument donated to the county with certain limitations were exceptions.

As Farmville's monument was erected prior to the bill's passage, the town would have to look into any potential limitations from the year of fundraising prior to considering any relocation or removal.

Starting his career as an attorney, Reveley said the state's facing "a legal knot right now that's all bundled and tied and unclear" surrounding the monuments.

But, ultimately, he said it's a question for the town.

"I do get a sense from them that the legal considerations are real and the worry about the financial ramifications of any actions they might take in the short term are in the backdrop," said Reveley.

Referencing President Abraham Lincoln, Jordan said he believed the "commonfolk" should have the power to decide the fate of the monuments.

He said, "I've always thought in situations where people are in kind of an uproar, a referendum asking the commonfolk ... at the ballot box what the will of the people is might be a nice thing to do."

Adrian said he'd like to see an in-depth review of the history of each monument before decisions on their value are made. He also believed localities should only act after a plan is made.

"The problem is what's happening is they just take it down with no plan as to where it's going to go next, and I think that if you presented the plan, then people would probably buy it a lot easier," said Adrian.

Ghee said he believed when the town does begin to discuss the monument, its leadership will do "what's right."

"We have found that most of the leadership when questioned will do the right thing," said Ghee. "It may not be what everybody likes, but it's what they consider is the right thing."

Reveley said if Longwood students decided to take part in the discussion, the university would support them.

"What we do at Longwood is help create citizen leaders, if that's one of the ways our students think they can use their voice best then Longwood would've be proud to see citizen leaders doing their part," he said.

Until the town begins to discuss Farmville's monument, Ghee said the NAACP is working on a statewide campaign to start conversations about the broader issue of racial reconciliation.

He said they reached out to the heads of all churches in the states, hoping each church issues a directive instructing their local churches to facilitate the discussion.

"The moral fabric of our society is being called into question and the moral fabric of a society starts at the church," said Ghee. "It's clearly something that has to one from the bottom up, but there has to be something that triggers the bottom to begin the process."



With this, we need to understand that our silence is choosing the side of the oppressor. We as a nation need to talk about this.

The Ku Klux Klan (KKK) turned out to support the white supremacist rally at Charlottesville, gesturing with a Nazi salute.

COURTESY OF ALEC HOSTERMAN

Moving forward after the Charlottesville riots

Why remaining silent is part of the problem

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We are going to talk about this. Some of you will be frustrated, confused and feel targeted. With this disclaimer, I hope you choose to read on, keep an open mind and remain curious.

The weekend of Aug. 11-12 was seemingly a nightmare for residents of Charlottesville, VA. On Aug. 11, the Unite the Right rally took over the University of Virginia campus armed with torches, khakis and Make America Great Again hats, shouting things such as, "You/Jews will not replace us" and "Blood and Soil."

Initially, the rally was planned to boycott the removal of the statue of Robert E. Lee. No one could have been prepared for what would happen the next day when the rally moved into the town of Charlottesville where white supremacists took over.

The rally was naturally met with opposition which led to violence and unfortunately, the death of counter protestor, Heather Heyer, after a domestic terrorist ran his vehicle through a crowd of counter protestors.

The entire world had their eyes on this small town in Virginia. As more time passes, more opinions keep being circulated and discussed. This article is no different.

In light of this event, here is something we can all do moving forward. Stop giving hate groups

the "freedom of speech" pass. We need to call these people what they are: klansmen, white supremacists and domestic terrorists. These people condone oppression, violence and even as far as genocide.

With this, we need to understand that our silence is choosing the side of the oppressor. We as a nation need to talk about this. We need to stop romanticizing the right to freedom of speech and understand where it crosses the line.

Freedom of speech can be a comment such as "I don't like immigrants" which, although sketchy, does not directly endanger someone's day to day life.

These people however, advocate for the murder of every minority, members of different faiths other than Christianity, every person who associates themselves with the LGBTQA+ community and even whites who do not agree with their radical belief system.

Like my middle school teacher once told me, "your right is taken away once it infringes on someone else's well-being."

If you are silent in this community, you need to speak. Living in Farmville, VA, we have confederate monuments and history in our very town, this topic is not as far from us as we like to believe.

The white community in particular must speak out, we must show our fellow citizens that this is not us, we do not condone this and we will not stand with them.

We must acknowledge our white privilege without argument and use it to our advantage by assisting our fellow citizens when need be.

It does not have to be extreme like punching a Nazi or going to a rally, but simply posting "love trumps hate!" is no longer going to do the job.

Do not be afraid to call out your friends, family, teachers, classmates, coworkers, anyone really, for their racist or problematic remarks because chances are, you do not want to be around someone who values someone else as less than a human being anyway.

The point of this article is not meant to shame or target white people or republicans. The point of this article is to bring into light the fact that these two groups have the most powerful voices in this country as of right now. It is time to use them for good. We must condemn these groups to ensure that these events do not repeat themselves, especially in our town and on our campus.

Be vigilant. Be mindful. Be open. Protect your citizens. Speak up.

Health and Fitness Center celebrated its 10th anniversary



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Campus Recreation set up multiple outdoor activities for students during the Health and Fitness Center's 10th anniversary and the Involvement Fair on Thursday, August 31st.

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“You have to be able to take care of yourself, before saving the world,” said Alina Cioletti, a fitness and wellness coordinator for Longwood University.

The Health and Fitness Center had their 10-year anniversary on Aug. 31, going from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event sought to incorporate all of campus, trying to offer something for everyone.

“I can remember the grand opening,” said Dean of Wellness Matthew McGregor. McGregor was there for the opening of the gym before then there wasn't a place for students to maintain a fitness life who were not involved in sports.

Half of the gym was left open for students to come in and have their normal workout, but then it was hoped that the students would stay for the Wellness Fair and to check out the other festivities.

The Involvement and the Human Resources Faculty Benefits fairs coincided with the

anniversary, at different points of the day. The Health and Fitness Center also decided to have their annual wellness fair on their anniversary date.

“We decided to reach out and collaborate with others,” said Associate Director of Campus Recreation Marissa Musumeci. “We didn't just want it to be another event.”

All events took place inside or outside of the building with water provided at different stations.

“I hope to see that we have a lot of faculty, students, and staff members; part of the day will be raffles and games,” said Musumeci leading up to the event. “The other part will be educational, where people can learn about services on the university or in the community.”

Outside of the Health and Fitness Center, WMLU, Longwood's student radio, provided music. There was also a collection of students participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

There were moon bounces both inside and outside of the facility.

A few of the specialty activities involved in the fair included the moon bounces, aqua massages, oxygen bar, paraffin wax and smoothies.

There were also machines to help with stretching of the back muscles along with free smoothies all offered in the back of the gym. McGregor said the goal is to help students, faculty and staff understand the value of living a healthy life style.

Both faculty and student staff members worked during the anniversary and enjoying the festivities when their shift ended.

“Working the fair is really fun because you get to meet a lot of people around the campus,” said kinesiology sophomore Katy Bonilla. “(I'm) most excited about the free stuff and (the) aqua massage.”



THE REEL LIFE



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"Baby Driver"

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Edgar Wright made a name for himself in the early 2000's with the cult-classic television show "Spaced" and the zom-rom-com "Shaun of the Dead." His success continued with "Hot Fuzz," "The World's End," "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World," and writing credits on "Ant-Man" and the animated "Tintin" movie.

Now, Wright has a new project, without any involvement from the men who helped him create his most famous films; his frequent collaborators, Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. Can "Baby Driver" still succeed without Wright's partners-in-crime?

First of all, the music is paramount. Unlike other films, where sound is often used as an afterthought or for background noise, "Baby Driver" is grounded in it.

Even the act of getting coffee sees a character walking around, dancing to the song blaring in their headphones. More than that, music is embedded into every fiber of this world.

While strolling to a cafe, lyrics from the song blend their way into the background, either as graffiti, on street signs or through overheard pedestrian's conversations.

Ansel Elgort is effortlessly charming as the sometimes-mute Baby, a getaway driver for Kevin Spacey and his band of bank robbers played by John Hamm, Jamie Foxx and Eiza González. The cast is captivating, always holding the attention of the audience and

enveloping themselves in their characters.

While the cast members may not transform themselves physically, you can see the commitment to character exhibited by these talented actors. Lily James is also a standout, playing the love interest of Baby; Debora. She manages to turn the role into her own, escaping from the typical damsel cliché most action movies have.

The writing helps the cast escape the typical action movie mediocrity by giving them, not just interesting things to say and do, but also context as to why they're doing it. These aren't just characters who all talk the same way and look different. They are nuanced, one person could say one thing, and when someone else repeats it, they repeat it in a completely different way. Most characters also end up in different roles and acting different ways by the time the film ends, allowing each one to have a full character arc.

Despite this, the audience is never given too much. We don't get long explanations with drawn out backstories about specific characters, telling us why they are the way they are. Wright knows that the current events are the most important, so he uses the actors and dialogue to inform the audience. We know that a character is menacing or crazy based on how they talk, not by seeing multiple scenes of them doing menacing or crazy things.

"Baby Driver" shows a commitment to excellence and character development normally unseen in modern action films. The action moves smoothly and fluently. Like "Wonder Woman" did for a superhero film, it's wonderful to see a heist movie where you can understand what is happening on screen.

Detail is the driving force of the film. It is everywhere, from the extremely specific choreography in the driving and heist scenes, to the characters and how they become memorable and likable. Edgar Wright also deserves praise for not pulling any punches in terms of story, leaving the audience satisfied and still wanting more.

"Baby Driver" hits the gas and never lets up, delivering a level of intensity that previous Wright films would have merely flirted with. A world filled with music, character, great performances, razor sharp action and most importantly, detail. It's clear that this was a film made by someone in love with the craft. This is a movie that should be celebrated and praised. This is the "La La Land" of action movies. Hop in your car and speed off to see this, now. The big music and big action needs a big screen and big speakers, and gets big praise.

★★★★★ 5/5

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{Pronounced: row • ton • yun (noun); a ridiculous argument column}

IT'S QUESTION TIME

His answers

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Hello everyone, welcome back to the Rotonion. That's pronounced Row-to-yun. Like Rotunda plus Onion. Because we wrote satire...or try to. Like The Onion. Get it? It's funny.

We are starting off the new semester by taking questions from you! Because we like to be involved in the community and also are too lazy to think of our own topics!

Here is the question from for this week.

Q1: "I hate the fact that humans need to sleep. It can be such a waste of time doing nothing for eight hours. How can I make my sleeping hours so productive?"

I'm glad you came to us for your mediocre advice needs.

I get it. You, whoever you are, are a busy and productive individual. You cannot afford to be out of commission for eight hours like a peasant. You need that time, because time is money and your driver is waiting to take you to your jet.

So what do you do? Well legally I cannot tell you to

do cocaine, even though that would help. It's a bad idea, and a white nose is not befitting of a powerful person like yourself.

So what is the solution then? Red Bull? No, you'll get jittery. Coffee? Who are you anyway? A dirty millennial. Leave the bean juice to the poors.

You need something better.

You will get one of your many assistants to pick you up one of those giant lightning towery things. You know the ones, like at the science museum, but bigger.

Every 12 hours you will stand underneath it, receive a bolt of energy and continue ruling over the proletariat.

Way to go, winner.

Next question!

Q2: "Do you think scorpions think of Lobsters like we think of Mermaids?"

No. Lobsters are not capable of complex metaphorical thought.

Please continue to come to us for more mediocre advice, and more questions than answers.

Her answers

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Q1: "I hate the fact that humans need to sleep. It's such a waste of time to be doing nothing for 8 hours. How can I make my sleeping hours more productive?"

Thanks for your inquiry! I'd like to congratulate you on needing advice from The Rotonion within the first two weeks of school. Being the first of the desperate and advice-grubbing is always an accomplishment.

Your question brings up an interesting misconception. Many people believe that sleep is necessary, but the need for rest is just a social construct. It's the sort of thing that one might only believe if they pay attention to the lies pouring from the foaming mouth of the evil media.

Now, you might be asking yourself, "Well what do I do instead?" Naturally, if you don't want to waste time sleeping, then just don't sleep. Suddenly, you may find yourself with up to 10 hours of more free time per day.

There are plenty of things you can do instead of sleep. You could use that time to focus on your school work, start a new diet, find time to exercise or discover new and creative ways to avoid dealing with your problems so you explode right before exam week. The world is your oyster.

One of the biggest arguments against this is the commonly held belief that you will die if you don't sleep. That could be true, but you could also die from crossing the street or mowing the lawn or counter-protesting an alt-right rally. Don't let this fear stop you and get in the way of you living your life. Most importantly, don't let anyone tell you what to do with your time. Viva la vida.

Q2: "Do you think scorpions think of lobsters how we think of mermaids?"

In short, no. Realistically, scorpions have never thought of lobsters at all, as their habitats don't generally touch.

Theoretically, scorpions probably wouldn't find the idea of a lobster as appealing as humans find the idea of mermaids. They would probably look at a lobster and think to themselves, "Look how red they are. They aren't like us. They must be stupid because they are red. Let's point and laugh at their dumb reddy redness."

Then, if the scorpions and lobsters were forced to live in the same habitat, say at a zoo or something, there would most likely be more scorpions than lobsters because lobsters are bigger and would take up more space.

As there would be more scorpions than lobsters, it would be a lot easier for them to gang up on the lobsters. They could make rules for the lobsters, like every time they want to move around to a different section of the tank, they have to do the Macarena. They have to do this because they are red and red crustaceans are scary, and making them do the Macarena makes them look less intimidating.

Then the scorpions could come up with a symbol, like a t-shirt, that reminds them of the days before the lobsters joined them in their tank, before they had to share food with the lobsters, a shirt which they could use to make the lobsters feel terrible about the color of their shell. They could march around the tank wearing these t-shirts and remind the lobsters of how inferior they are and how they aren't wanted in the tank.

Obviously this would all happen because it's in creatures' nature to dislike things that are different from them.

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App guides users through meditation exercises

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Nowadays, it seems like the idea of “relaxing” and being “in the present moment” is a thing of the past.

In college, students always seem to be focusing on the next assignment or the next project due in a month, not focusing on the present moment. I also struggle with focusing on what I’m doing and enjoying where I am.

Another factor reducing our ability to relax is the anxiety and stress accompanying college life, not just academically, but being exhausted 24/7, relationships, living in a new environment and whatever else you have going on in your life.

I have tried meditation for my anxiety but haven’t had any positive outcomes. So, I decided to give the app Headspace a try.

Headspace was created in May 2010 by Andy Puccicombe and Rich Pierson.

Before becoming the voice of Headspace, Puccicombe spent 10 years traveling to

complete his Buddhist monk training in Nepal, India, Thailand and Australia.

In Headspace, Puccicombe will guide you through all the meditations and train your brain to find and obtain relaxation to reduce stress.

Once downloading the free app, you get the basic packs, but if you subscribe for \$7.99 a month (annual price), you get lots of extra add-ons like mini on-the-go videos.

The app has since gone viral with audiences ranging in age, cultures and socioeconomic levels, including use among college students.

The goal of this app is for the consumer to become anxiety-free and help reduce stress wherever you are at any time.

The on-the-go concept of the app makes it so popular; whenever you feel overwhelmed you can open Headspace and meditate.

There are different guided meditations in each pack within a specific category. There are five categories including relationships, foundation,

performance, health and headspace pro.

My favorite category would have to be health due to having stress and anxiety, which the app has taught me helpful tips and tricks to lessen my attacks.

Once you pick a category there are packs specifically made for the situation you’re in. Within the different packs are meditations for the particular pack.

For example, if you pick the depression pack, it will guide you through specific techniques for helping you like deep breathing.

As a beginning user of this app, I notice some changes in myself, and some of my peers have noticed as well. The app has helped me to relax, live in the moment and has given me lots of tips and tricks to help fall asleep.

If you are truly committed, I recommend subscribing! Either way, Headspace is an accessible, free and useful app providing relaxation right at your fingertips.

Raising the minimum wage could kill local jobs

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Annually, \$152.8 billion dollars are spent on welfare and unemployment programs in America, according to the Labor Center at Berkeley University. This staggering number is only likely to grow as the rise of the minimum wage could slash entry level jobs in every corner of America.

The federal minimum wage was raised to \$7.25 an hour in 2009 as a final step of a three-part plan issued by the federal congress to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a bill named the National Industrial Recovery Act, which was ultimately struck down by congress, mainly because this bill included a dramatic raise in the minimum wage.

It was foreseen that it may kill jobs in a time where people across the country were desperate for work during the Great Depression, when 1-in-4 men in the United States were unemployed and dependent on common, low-level labor jobs, according to North Carolina’s Policy Watch Investigations.

More recently, in the 2013 State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama proposed a raise of the federal minimum wage to \$9 but was quickly rejected by congress after review from the Congressional Budget Office, due to a projected loss of 500,000 jobs, according to USA Today.

Raising the minimum wage would dramatically increase labor costs for business and with the rise of labor costs, businesses would be forced to provide less jobs for entry level hourly positions.

The increase of labor costs from the raised minimum wage would affect low income families as well as young adults, such as college students, who are looking for work because there would be less jobs for those who have little experience.

A raise in the minimum wage sounds great, but when everyone gets past the few extra dollars they earn, they may look to their side and not see the fellow worker that has been with them for years.

As a college student who struggles to find money to do the things I want to do, I believe that the risks of raising the minimum wage would outweigh the benefits because it could possibly take away my job entirely, rather than giving me a couple cents more on my paycheck.

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Lancer Tech Expo**
Tuesday, September 12th
10 am – 2 pm
Lankford Ballroom

Join Information Technology Services, representatives from offices across campus, and vendors to view the latest technology gadgetry and learn about resources and services available to you. **Open to students, faculty, and staff.**

There will be plenty of **great information** and **free giveaways** at the Expo tables! Refreshments will be available.

Register for a chance to win **awesome prizes** to include a Dell 32” curved display, Bose Bluetooth speaker, Amazon Echo, \$50 Amazon gift card, and more!

Informational presentations from the ITS, Greenwood Library, and the Digital Education Collaborative are scheduled throughout the day.

For complete information visit go.longwood.edu/techexpo

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FH: Lancers down VCU

Longwood remains undefeated

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Longwood field hockey downed VCU 1-0 on Friday, Sept. 1 in a battle between defenses.

Longwood field hockey took down the VCU Rams 1-0 on the Lancers' home turf on Friday evening, showcasing their defense.

Last year, the Lancers suffered a heartbreaking loss as the VCU Rams defeated them 2-3 in overtime. The Lancers hadn't beaten the Rams since 2014.

This season, the Lancers appeared to walk on to the field with something to prove. This game was also played without their star senior forward Edel Nyland, who is playing for the Ireland U21 field hockey squad.

In the first half, the battle saw a combined eight corner kicks and well-defended shots. Both teams entered the game trying to remain undefeated, working to make it nearly impossible for either side to score.

At one point the Rams had two back-to-back corners, but the Lancers defense did not break. Although VCU had nine shots going into halftime, the scoreboard still read 0-0.

The second half definitely had a little more action than the first. With the weather being cold and rainy, the intensity of the crowd grew by the

minute.

At five minutes into the half, junior forward Leonie Verstrate punched in a goal, assisted by sophomore midfielder Olivia Wawrzyniak. The goal further fueled the Lancers to keep their defense strong.

Leonie Verstrate said she had "worked with assistant coaches to work on her shot," practicing the exact technique she used in the game.

The Rams made several attempts to score but were unable to penetrate the Lancers.

Head coach, Iain Byers, definitely had plenty to say about the game afterwards. The coach showed how much he studied his opponent this week. He said the game plan was to "move the ball."

He said during the first half, the ball movement wasn't to his liking. However, toward the second half, he said their passes were much smoother.

Coach Byers also touched on the thrill of playing VCU. He said, "We always match up well together."

The Lancers carried the momentum from their win against VCU into a 5-1 victory against Dartmouth College on Sunday, Sept. 3.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

MEN'S SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 25

@ VMI T 2-2

Friday, Sept. 1

@ Pittsburgh L 2-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thursday, Aug. 31

@ American W 2-0

Sunday, Sept. 2

vs. VMI W 1-0

FIELD HOCKEY

Sunday, Sept. 3

@ Dartmouth W 5-1

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 16 *Upcoming*

@ James Madison Invitational

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 1

@ VA Tech Invitational 5th place

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UPCOMING MATCHES

Men's Rugby Game

Saturday 9/9

1 p.m. @ First Avenue Field

Men's Club Soccer game

Sunday 9/10

Noon @ Lancer Park Turf Field

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR RESULTS



Triathlete, Head coach, Cancer survivor.

Catherine Hanson qualifies
for national triathlon team

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The past six years for Catherine Hanson have not been easy as she battled with cancer twice. Now a two-time cancer survivor, Hanson uses her hardships in the past to motivate herself through races.

"The race this year meant more than any other race that I have been to," said Hanson, the Longwood men's and women's cross country head coach. "Every time I raced after my treatments, I did not entirely trust my body."

Previously having natural long and blonde hair, Hanson constantly worried about what others would think of her as she powered through cancer treatments.

"The setbacks are more mental than they are physical for me, especially as you go through treatments and you see yourself changing and start feeling the effects," Hanson noted. "You start to see yourself as being different than who you are."

Hanson continued to prove herself as one of the nation's top triathletes, qualifying for the U.S. National Triathlon team for the second-straight year on Sunday, Aug. 13.

The 47-year-old put on an eye-opening

performance, rounding out her day with a personal-record time of 1:14:50.57, placing 5th in her age group of ages 45-49.

"I still can't believe it," said Hanson. "I don't think it's actually sunk in because I haven't really had time."

Apart from coaching both cross country teams for 11 seasons and being a single parent of three boys, Hanson also dedicates her time to teaching water aerobics at the local YMCA.

Referred to as her "second family," she credited her cross country team as well as her YMCA community for supporting her and donating money toward competition registration and travel.

"The people around me are unbelievable," Hanson said. "The friends that I have in Farmville, the YMCA, every one of them donated money for me to go."

The National Sprint Triathlon was made up of three sprint events: a 750-meter swim, a 20-kilometer bike and then a five-kilometer run.

Aside from her 5th place finish in her age group, she ranked 54th overall out of the nearly 460 female triathletes. Her podium finish this

year garnered her an automatic qualification for next years' triathlon.

Hanson noted her tenure with the U.S. National Triathlon Team expired annually, requiring her re-qualify in next years' race.

According to Hanson, participants must qualify through either USA Triathlon (USAT) sanctioned events, or Regional Triathlon events, to compete in the USAT National Championships; to qualify for either, athletes must finish within a set top percentage, based on the amount of triathletes.

Hanson qualified for this years' competition in fall 2017.

No stranger to the world championships, Hanson participated in the 2016 competition, finishing 20th in her age group. She said she hasn't decided if she will compete at the World Triathlon Grand Final in Australia for Team USA in September 2018.

"I'm focused on my (cross country) team and their workouts right now," said Hanson. "Tonight, I'll celebrate with friends my accomplishment in Omaha."