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## This week in SGA

### Hazing and Title IX were discussed

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Chloe Abshire, associate director of fraternity and sorority life (right), and Tracy Maxwell (left), advocate and speaker for Hazing Prevention, talked to SGA about the dangers of hazing.

In this week's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, the topic of hazing was discussed, beginning with a presentation by Tracy Maxwell, introduced by Longwood Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Chloe Abshire.

Maxwell is the founder and former executive director of the Hazing Prevention Organization. Maxwell discussed the physical and psychological impact of hazing, as well as the percentages and shame factor associated with it.

Senators provided their input with stories of sexual violence that are prevalent among fraternities, sports teams and other similar organizations.

Patrick Martin was inducted as the Honor Board representative by SGA President Kevin Napier.

Virginia 21 Representative Morgan Rollins addressed concerns about Title IX due to the recent removal of the Obama administration's guidelines on the legislation by Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. She encouraged SGA members to read more material on the controversy and to prepare for

future discussion on this topic.

In his executive report, Napier addressed recent rumors about the Conduct Board with not being recognized as a student organization on campus. The Conduct Board did not attend a mandatory organization meeting, according to Napier.

Executive Treasurer Dustyn Hall motioned to impose a five percent sanction on The Rotunda's budget for failing to pay its printing bills within the past fiscal year. Napier stated no funds were actually lost in this process. The motion was passed.

Executive Senator for Senator Relations Benjamin Brody announced students will soon be able to anonymously submit complaints to the SGA through a Google Forms page. This will input data into a spreadsheet for the SGA to review.

Other business that was brought up included Executive Historian Emily Moran announcement of more student organizations are being formed, and Executive Secretary Lucas Hobson congratulated the student body on raising money for disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

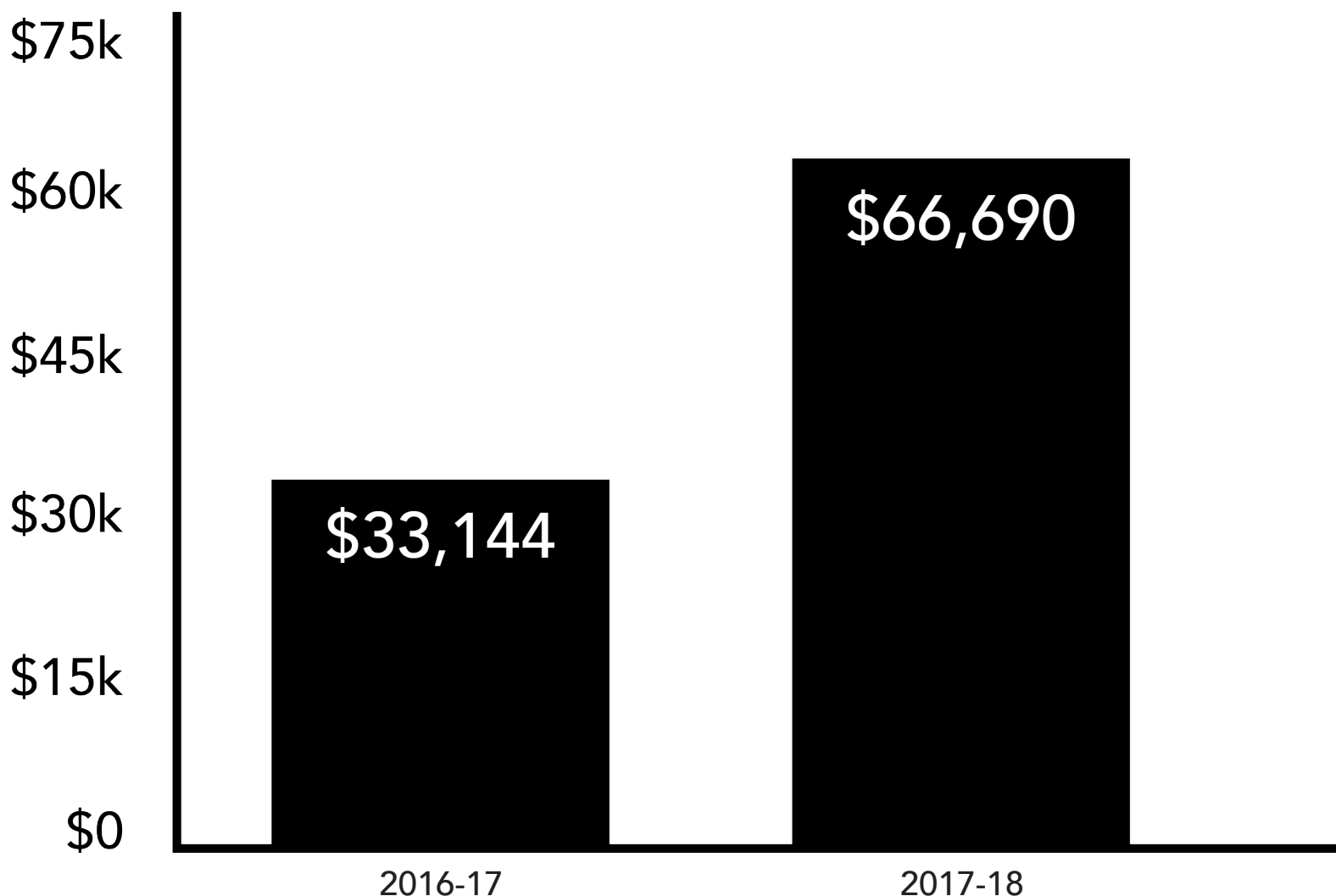
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# SGA bounced back from 30k shortfall

## Still being careful with allocations

by Christine Rindfleisch | News Editor | @longwoodrotunda



GRAPHIC BY LAURA GOTTSCHALK

Due to an increased freshmen class of roughly 120 students and the student activity fee raised from \$5 to \$6, the Student Government Association (SGA) started the 2017-18 school year with \$66,690.79, doubling their starting budget for the 2016-17 school year of \$33,144, according to Dustyn Hall, treasurer of SGA.

“Last year’s actions from the student finance committee (SFC) were successful in making sure that of got our budget back on track but not only the SFC’s actions but the SGA’s actions but really the student body’s actions,” said Hall.

All undergraduate students pay student activity fees that account for the total number of credit hours a student is taking per semester and SFC and SGA are given the authority to determine whether or not to allocate the requested funds, according to Hall.

Clubs and organizations can come to SFC with monetary requests to be approved or denied. If approved, it is voted on in the following SGA meeting.

The Board of Visitors and the vice president’s office decided to lower the student activity fee from \$6 to \$5 in an effort to keep Longwood’s tuition under a three percent increase in the 2016-17 school year, per Hall.

The SFC received a letter at the start of 2017 from the administration stating their promise to increase the student activity fee for the 2017-18 year, according to Hall.

“I don’t think we are going to increase to another dollar so to ask for another dollar would not be conducive at this time to keep the increase under three percent,” said Hall.

The SFC has allocated \$6,580 thus far to Relay for Life, Model U.N., the Black Student Association (BSA), leaving \$60,110.79 left for the year.

Hall said the amount allocated so far this year is above average for this time of year but with Relay for Life missing their budgeting slot last year, they came to the SFC and requested funds that normally are requested in the spring.

“We are making sure to keep having these conversations that we are being fiscally responsible,” said Hall.

To prevent SGA from facing another budget shortfall, Hall believes freshmen enrollment and college affordability are both factors that will affect the SGA budget but ultimately, asking questions, Hall believes, will help make sure the SGA is making the appropriate choices as to what to allocate to clubs and organizations.

“What we are hearing through Dr. (Tim) Pierson, (vice president of student affairs) at some of our SGA meetings that our applications are already up this year so we are hopeful that the freshmen class that comes in next year will be just as large as the freshmen class this year,” said Hall.

In addition, Trisha McGregor was hired in July to serve as the new fiscal technician and administration assistant in July, according to Gary Honickel, assistant director of student clubs and organizations, on LancerLink.

“The great part of having Trish as our full time fiscal technician is her ability to provide me with up to date numbers at the click of a button,” said Hall.

McGregor and SGA President Kevin Napier declined comment.

Hall also believed the addition of the vice-treasurer role filled in SGA will help the budget stay in a “safe spot.” Joseph Atkins serves as both vice treasurer and senator.

“I don’t think that we are in the strongest spot possible by any means but do I think we will be fine this year,” said Hall.

SFC meetings occur weekly at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Amelia Room in the Lankford Student Union.

# Candidate for local delegate seat addresses social issues



JESSE PLICHTA-KELLAR | THE ROTUNDA

Longwood College Democrats hosted delegate candidate Jamaal Johnston, who explained his position on several national issues.

by Jesse Plichta-Kellar | News Staff | @JesseKellar

The College Democrats gathered for a town hall meeting with Jamaal Johnston, the democratic candidate for Virginia's 60th district delegate seat, on Tuesday. The majority of Farmville lives in the 60th district. "It's important to have an idea what you guys are thinking about," said Johnston, standing in the student union's Charlotte Room. "It starts with students."

"He has come here today because he wants to know more about what the Longwood community wants in a candidate and the issues we care about," said Joe Hyman, College Democrats president.

The attendants of the town hall asked questions on a variety of topics, including gun control, environmental regulations, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), community policing and education.

On education, when asked whether Standards of Learning (SOL) tests should be a priority, Johnston replied that they shouldn't.

"We're putting a lot of focus on the results and not getting to what benefits all students," Johnston said. "My focus on education is pretty simple ... teach everyone how to do ellipses. One of the things I'm interested in pushing as far as education is S.T.E.A.M. based education, folks in science, technology, engineering, arts and math."

The College Democrats also asked what the biggest concern for Virginia education is today.

"Financing is always a concern," Johnston said. "But beyond that I think having and retaining good teachers that are passionate about what they're doing and interested in developing the kids will trump dollars."

Hispanic Latino Association President Brenda Pereira asked for Johnston's opinion on school vouchers in light of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' recent comments.

"I'm a product of the public school system," Johnston said. "When you get to the voucher in the public schools, it's a slippery slope because the charter schools have a lot of say-so over who is their students."

Additionally, green energy and the economy were discussed when students questioned how Johnston would help Virginia's environment. Johnston linked environmental protection to jobs.

"We need to transfer away from fossil fuels," he said. "Technology is industry. Green technology is going to be a boom industry."

According to Johnston, students are the driving force behind that industry.

"It starts with the students, prepare the workforce, prepare the students for green-based economy," he said.

Pereira also asked about

students is not the answer," Johnston responded.

Pereira asked if Johnston would advocate for a more permanent solution, or if he would advocate for the renewal of DACA.

"I think you have to have a way to get them in permanently," Johnston replied. "The challenge is you have a system in place, it's kind of hard to try something brand new, but it's doable."

The topic of police brutality was also brought up. Johnston said he wanted to return to community policing.

"We've gone from a community policing model, protect and serve, to a us against them model. Gotta go back to community policing, plain and simple," said the candidate.

Hyman said his organization wanted to continue to host candidates for the upcoming Virginia elections, set to take place on Nov. 7.

Johnston's opinion on DACA.

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# Oktoberfest

## will see increased security

by Steven Herring | News Staff | @StevenH2991

New security measures are being implemented for Oktoberfest this year to give more control for officials to maintain the area with a bike rack type of fence along with limitations on bags.

"It kind of defines the area where the event is for us. It's going to give us a couple of actual control points where people can come and go," said Operations Officer Lt. John Johnson.

"So that we can manage the overall safety of the operation, it's better if we can control what's brought in and how that is managed inside of the venue itself," said LUPD Col. Robert Beach.

The biggest concern for both LUPD and Student Activities is what students are going to be carrying in the bags.

"We've seen it over in Europe, you know people just drop bags and what's in a bag," said Sullivan.

According to Johnson, other security officials from the Piedmont Regional Jail will also be present during Oktoberfest to help manage the stage and the entrances.

"They are not to take any action on anything. If someone gives them a problem about that, then they will notify one of us and we will come over and take care of the issue," said Johnson.

Sullivan stated the operation of using a temporary fenced-in area was suggested in an after-action report they received from LUPD in early May. According to Sullivan, the report suggested "In the future that it would be good if we could find a way to secure the back area to limit what comes into the site."

Sullivan said they first tried the operation during the Mega-Reunion in June and was successful.

Johnson said that the fencing will be a waist high bike rack type fence and that if there were a situation it can be easily moved. "We can pick it up and slide it and move it out of the way so if there is an issue."

The fencing will be put up the Friday before Oktoberfest, according to Sullivan, with the two entrances being on Redford Street and Madison Street.

Johnson said that there will be no cost for the fencing. "The fencing is actually owned by Longwood," he said.

For both students and guests attending Oktoberfest, only clear bags and small handbags of certain sizes will be allowed in, according to Johnson.

Large bags, such as backpacks or tote bags, will not be allowed into the event to prevent items such as alcohol or anything else from being brought in, according to Sullivan.

According to Johnson, if a student were to bring a large bag to the event, they will be turned away and asked to get rid of the bag before they can enter the venue.

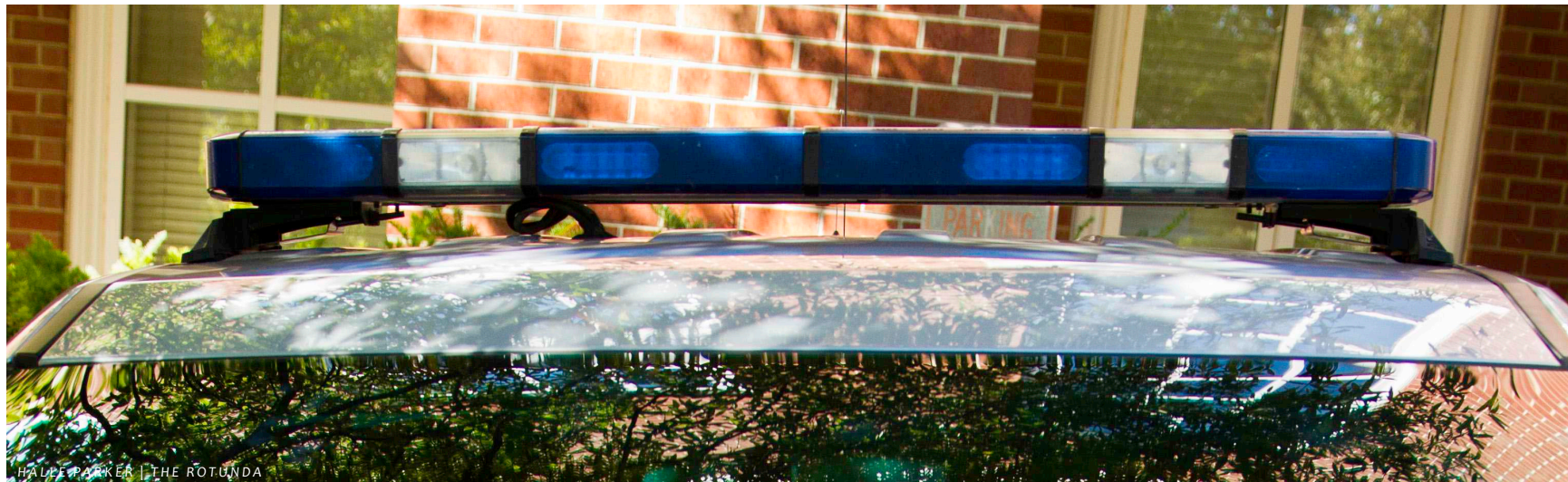
According to Beach, there is an incident-action plan in response should a critical incident occur. He stated, however, that the document is confidential.

As for how often the fencing will be used, Sullivan stated that it will be standard for most future events. "At least every Oktoberfest and every Spring Weekend for sure."



EVA WITTKOSKI | THE ROTUNDA

Longwood University's Police Department takes new precautions to make Oktoberfest safer for those attending.



HALPE PARKER | THE ROTUNDA



# Discuss, educate, understand: Inside look of Longwood's NAACP

by Megan Gary | Features Staff | @longwoodrotunda

**K**amarin Bradley is in the minority at Longwood. She's a self-described morning person who doesn't mind 8 a.m. classes and isn't one for sleeping in on the weekends.

She's also a minority as one of the 13 percent of African-American students at Longwood, which is a PWI, or a predominantly white institution. During her freshman year, Bradley said she questioned whether she belonged at Longwood for that very reason.

Her freshman year started in a way that may be familiar to other minorities on a PWI, a predominantly white institution. She was paired with a white roommate who wasn't accepting of her as an African-American.

"At first I wanted to leave and then I decided that that wasn't the way to go," Bradley said. "That incident, as well as (a similar) incident with a professor pushed me to actually want to make a change."

Today, Bradley flourishes at Longwood. She is a junior graphic design major, a resident assistant and a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. But her own achievements weren't

enough. She wanted to make sure other minority students had the same opportunity for success that she had.

Bradley is now the president of Longwood's branch of the NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Helping make the type of difference that could have helped her as a new student is what motivated her to first join the organization.

"I never had that as a freshman, having someone be like 'I understand what you're going through.' I had to go through it by myself," she said.

NAACP is a social action-based organization. Longwood's branch does what Bradley called "background work," which worked to make sure minorities on campus feel comfortable.

Part of this work includes planning events that welcome everyone, regardless of ethnicity or skin color. One of NAACP's most recent events was a multiplicity mixer that was not only attended by people of all colors, but also LGBT students, another large minority on campus.

One of NAACP's main goals Bradley also

emphasized, is education.

"A lot of the underground work is about getting people together and getting them to understand where we're coming from," Bradley explained.

The organization also provides its members with a platform to talk about acts of discrimination that they may have experienced, or events happening around the world that affect them.

"We have an open discussion at the end (of meetings) where we talk about how minorities are transitioning into a PWI," said Bradley.

Bradley added, "A lot of us do have stories to tell," concerning personal experiences of discrimination. Having that ability for discussion, education, and understanding is what Bradley believes will make the difference for minority students, between Longwood feeling like home or a place where they just don't fit in.

*For students who are interested in Longwood's chapter of NAACP, meetings are every other Monday at 5:15 in Hiner 102.*

# "Lot's of people ask why I stay"

## Madeline Hunt's love story

by Rae Mundie | Features Staff | @rjmundie

Madeline Hunt revealed her story on what happens with patience, acceptance and communication in a loving relationship. Madeline currently works in the Dorrill Dining Hall as one of the people who will greet students and staff while swiping their Lancer ID cards or accept another form of payment.

When asked what attracted her to her husband the first time, Madeline replied, "I just thought he was so cute."

Hunt met her husband, Ralph Hunt, when she was 14 years old. Mr. Hunt is five years older than her.

After he left her for 22 years when she was 17, Madeline married someone else and had a child with him. His name was Ronnie Jackson.

For those 22 years Madeline and Ralph remained friends, Hunt never stopped loving him, marrying Jackson after Ralph approved of him.

"I've waited seven years, it has been seven years and nine months of me waiting for him to come home, said Hunt. "I would never leave him, I couldn't, I love him."

In November, Hunt's husband will be released from jail, after serving his time for nearly eight years. Hunt explained they are married but not under the law. Though the papers haven't been filed, to Madeline and Ralph, the marriage is real.

In October 2014, they conducted the ceremony, when Ralph is released the papers will be documented and the marriage will be legal.

"I'm waiting for him, and waiting means waiting, and I can wait," said Hunt. "I know this because I'm grown."

Communication, acceptance, and being kind to one another are a few

of things to a successful relationship according to Hunt. She explained she writes a letter to him every day, and visits on weekends. Ralph told Madeline that she could just be herself with him.

Hunt said it's important to love and respect oneself before finding someone to love. This is how she was raised and how she took every relationship.

"I told Ralph, 'I don't need you, I want you,'" said Hunt.

Hunt has been asked why she stays, for her there isn't a reason to leave. When she visits him, she said she looks forward to sitting across the table from him when he says, "I love you."

Hunt has been in love with her husband since they started dating when she was 16. She said she never thought about how her life would've been different without him. Neither Madeline or Ralph considers their relationship to be long distance; Hunt said she went to see him even in the middle of a snow storm because it was important.

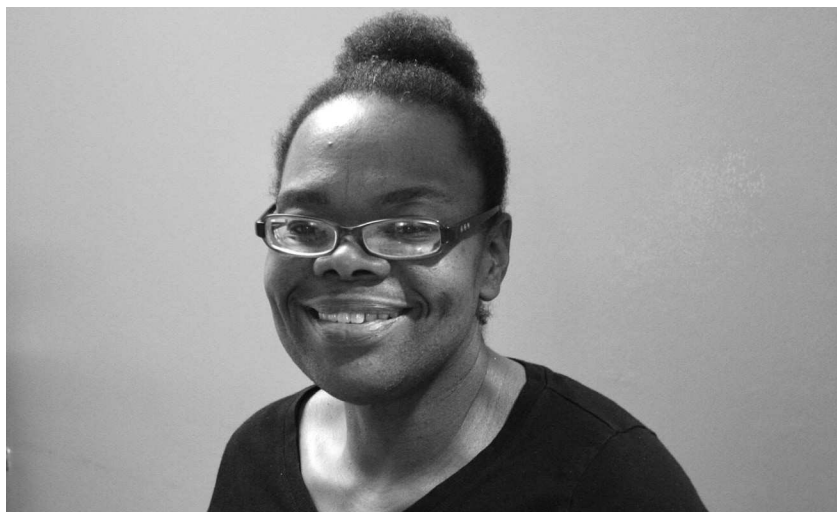
"He makes me feel great, and he says that I make him feel great too," said Hunt. "People ask why am I waiting, why do I wait; because he was good to me before he got locked up. He isn't mean to me, he doesn't say mean things to me."

Madeline and Ralph were separated for 22 years, they both married and had children with different people, they lived their life as close friends after their relationship in high school.

Now they've been married for three years and together for eight years. When Ralph is released on Nov. 27 at 9 a.m., Madeline said she looks forward to being his wife and that he better not go back.

"I had no idea I would be so in love with this man," said Hunt.

**"I had no idea I would be so in love with this man."**





# Longwood vs. UNC Greensboro

# The overlooked mental impact of sports injuries

by TJ Wengert | Sports Staff | @tjwengert



Sports psychologist Mike Cerreto now consults Longwood student-athletes.

As a student-athlete, men's basketball redshirt senior Damarion Geter has battled injuries, including a shoulder surgery that forced him to redshirt in his third year and last year's season-ending broken foot after three games.

Even though athletes are students, they are mostly associated with their sport, both by others and by themselves.

"We all know we're student-athletes, but most people identify with athlete part. Having that taken away makes you challenge yourself and figure out who you are as a person again," said Geter.

As the issue of mental health and student-athletes began to dominate conversations in the NCAA nationwide, the university has brought Midlothian sports psychologist Mike Cerreto in as a consultant, who began working with Longwood student-athletes in August. Cerreto - who's main focus is helping the student-athletes handle injuries - said Geter

wasn't alone. Cerreto explained battling with injuries also takes away from how student-athletes see themselves.

"Their identity is centered around their sport. Once that is put on hold, or marginalized, it makes them see the gaps in their lives. They can think without sports, teammates and the schedule they always had, who are they," asked Cerreto. "It can affect them emotionally, but it can also have the athlete feel responsible to recovery to other people, rather than themselves. That is one of the things that contributes to an athlete having higher levels of anxiety, and often some depression."

Assistant Athletics Director of Sports Performance Rick Canter echoed the sports psychologist and said, "A lot of the time, social identity is tied to their sports."

Canter's department focuses on sports performance and leadership, but they also serve in a "role of stress manager."

"When we see an athlete, there

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*- Mike Cerreto, sport psychologist*

is physical stress from practices and lifts. There's also mental stress from the overload of academic school work," said Canter.

While spending nearly two years away from the court, Geter said he struggled to keep himself on top of school work due to his frustrations with the situation.

"Once you get hurt, little things become big things because you aren't able to blow off your steam like you can when you're playing so everything gets amplified," he said.

Cerreto added student-athletes also feel pressure because they can feel their college career being taken from them.

"When athletes are injured, the primary thing driving concern is one big, huge clock in their head. It's ticking, and they know they only have a certain amount of time within a season to get into condition to play," he said.

He added, "That ticking clock adds a tremendous amount of anxiety and concern for them."

He stated different variables can also affect how athletes handle injuries: the severity of the injury, timing of the injury and the time of recovery.

Timing of the injury became a motivating factor for softball senior Kelsey Sweeney. The starting first baseman broke her ankle just as her team embarked on their third consecutive Big South championship, forcing her into rehab and doctor's appointments, instead of playing in the tournament on her home field for the first time.

"It hurt because I went from starting every game to being hurt and not being able to play. It really hurt not being able to help my team," she said.

Cerreto said he tries to help student-athletes like Geter and Sweeney by putting their injury into perspective and "realize they have a lot more time to come back."

"I first have to help them put into perspective the real timing of what they're looking at. I help them examine the best case and worst case scenario for rehabilitation," he said.

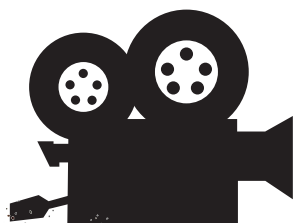
At times when athletes are hurt mid-season, they may attempt to rush back. Cerreto said he tries to make his clients recognize the bigger picture.

"The other thing I have them do is look at their life in a broader way," said Cerreto. "In other words, have them doing things that feed them as a person because athletes often wrestle with feeling isolated, alone, misunderstood and believe they're letting people down."

Geter and Sweeney stated their own path to overcoming the mental side effects of their physical injuries.

Sweeney said, "The biggest thing for me is knowing that I'm doing it now to be able to play my senior year."

"The first step is having that support system of close friends and family," Geter added. "Even if your family is far away (like his in Dayton, Ohio), you have one or two teammates you're really close to, and you can have real talks with."



# THE REEL LIFE

Movie Reviews by Jacob DiLandro | A&E Staff | @spongejay1



## AMERICAN MADE

★★★★ 4/5

What once was 'extreme' may now only be average. Looking back, films like "Animal House" seem tame compared to "The Hangover." Despite the fact that stories like "American Made" have been told before, the filmmakers seem confident that their story is unique. Mainly because it's true.

For the most part, that outrageousness plays in the film's favor. So many scenes unfold with a tense feeling of how-the-hell-could-this-get-any-worse that it keeps attention on the characters and their actions. It helps to provide for a thrilling filmgoing experience.

Tom Cruise absolutely nails the slimy brilliance of a character like Barry Seal. His performance is memorizing, and is a large reason why the film works as well as it does.

There's something captivating about this person; no prior illegal activity, no activity in the military or with the government of any kind. He doesn't have a reason to do this, other than greed. Then, suddenly he's gunrunning to Nicaragua and sending cocaine back on the sly. It makes for a truly fascinating character to follow.

Gary Spinelli's script is biting and very funny, mostly. Half of the scenes play out intensely, leading to a sense of dread around every corner. This dread is countered by Seal's winning grin, leading to an interesting filmgoing experience where audiences never truly know what to expect.

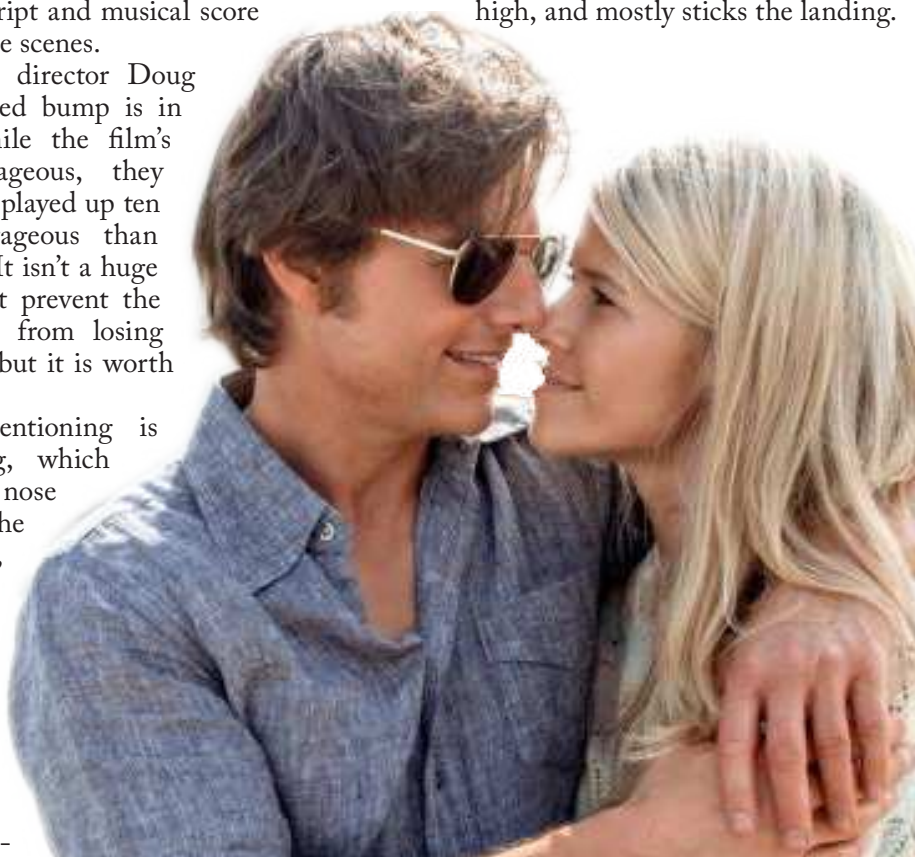
The supporting cast pulls their own weight around Cruise, but the only actor who comes close to him is Sarah Wright as Barry's wife, Lucy. She has this kind of rawness to her that captivates Barry and the audience. Even the smallest supporting cast feel important, due to the excellent script and musical score playing beneath the scenes.

However, where director Doug Liman hits a speed bump is in the fact that while the film's events are outrageous, they always seem to be played up ten times more outrageous than they actually are. It isn't a huge issue, as it doesn't prevent the film and its plot from losing audience interest, but it is worth mentioning.

Also worth mentioning is the film's pacing, which manages almost nose dive during the second act. Again, it isn't that these events aren't interesting or important to the plot. They just take too long. This poorly paced second act makes the less than two-

hour long film feel much longer than it is.

"American Made" is an above average extreme true-story. Its pacing problems are ironed out thanks to Cruise's performance and the sharp writing. The excellent music and supporting cast are icing on the cake for this film that flies high, and mostly sticks the landing.





## "Luv Is Rage 2" Review

by LeDaniel Jackson | Contributor | @longwoodrotunda

**"L**uv Is Rage 2" is the most recent album released by the shoulder-rolling demon himself, Lil Uzi Vert. Lil Uzi is referred to today as a mumble rapper, which means a lack of lyricism. People such as Lil Yachty and Playboi Carti are also in this sub-genre.

Mumble rap is the new wave of hip hop that is sweeping the nation with constant debates about how this era is the worst of all hip hop eras in previous years.

Going into this album, I honestly did not know what to expect given the last Lil Uzi project that I listened to was "The Perfect LUV Tape." The 2016 mixtape had a likeable nature to it which can be owed to its production.

Instead of reviewing track by track, I'd like to point out general likes and dislikes of this album. First the production of album is really good. Tracks such as "The Way Life Goes" and

"For Real" had a video game type feel.

Another song that I enjoyed was his hit single from the album, "XO TOUR Llif3." The dark and subdued tone to the song has made the single a successful, catchy summer vibe.

However, the production of the track is reminiscent to his previous albums and mixtapes. The first song entitled, "Two®" and his third song "Sauce It Up" bare resemblance to his hit song "Do What I Want" from his aforementioned mixtape. This made me want to disregard his other projects if I can just listen to this one and be satisfied.

Another positive on this album would be the features. Normally, you would never think that the features on this album outshine the artist, but this album did. The Weeknd and Pharrell Williams delivered the best performances with the songs "UnFazed" and "Neon Guts," respectively.

The most lingering negative aspect of the album is the artist himself, Lil Uzi. I am not the biggest Uzi fan, and his rapping on this album is sub-par at best. I really had no quotable lyrics but "ride me like a Harley" from his "Sauce it Up" song.

Despite my prior feelings towards the rapper, I was rooting for him to at least give me something good like in the song, "For Real." In this track, he switched up his flow which was impressive at first but then eventually became repetitive.

Overall, this album was okay; it definitely bumps in the whip, so if you enjoy heavy bass, you'd enjoy this album.



2.5/5 stars

# There are more important things than the NFL

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This past week, there was a major uproar in America about the Take-A-Knee movement. Take-A-Knee was started by Colin Kaepernick, a former San Francisco 49ers quarterback.

In 2016, Kaepernick gained nationwide attention when he decided not to stand for the playing of the national anthem at the start of football games. The motive behind this was the oppression against people of color (POC) in the United States shown through police brutality.

Police brutality became a heated topic in the United States after the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. The result of his death led to the Black Lives Matter movement, an ideological and political intervention of moments where POC are specifically targeted in crime. The group is an affirmation of the societal contributions of POC and the resilience of oppressed groups.

Quickly, there became a lot of controversy when viewers believed Kaepernick's stance was unpatriotic to the flag, the national anthem and those who serve in the military. As a result of this, it was a popular opinion that he should be removed from the NFL. On March 3 of this year, Kaepernick officially opted out of his contract with the 49ers, making him a free agent.

The act of kneeling rather than sitting came from Nate Boyer, a former long-snapper for the Seahawks and U.S. military veteran. Soldiers take a knee in front of a fallen soldier's grave to show respect, so Kaepernick and Boyer met at that middle ground.

Kaepernick never intended to use kneeling as an action of disrespecting our country - it was a way of expressing his disappointment in our country but still having respect for it. I personally feel like Kaepernick's original message was lost in translation due to the media's agenda and outrage in America right



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**A 7.1-magnitude earthquake devastated central Mexico on Tuesday, Sept. 19, followed by several smaller quakes.**

now.

It's also interesting to note that football players were not mandated to come out for the anthem by the NFL until 2009. However, in 2016 when protesting started, the NFL made it clear that players are not required to stand for the anthem.

At a Huntsville, Alabama rally last week, President Trump bashed NFL players who kneel rather than stand during the national anthem. During part of the event, Trump said, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now, out, he's fired. He's fired!'"

After this statement, many NFL players and teams decided to make a statement against what the President had said- some of whom were the Seattle Seahawks and Tennessee Titans. Both teams stayed in the locker room during the anthem. Meghan Linsey, who sang the national anthem, also decided to take-a-knee after her performance.

Most of America's response was simple: Boycott the NFL! They support those who disrespect our country!

On Facebook and Twitter, I have seen people

sharing posts from Fox News or CNN (and every little political page in between) emphasizing what's going on in the NFL and ignoring other current events. The NFL isn't that big of a deal, contrary to what people believe and what's being shown on various media platforms.

As a country, we have bigger things to worry about other than who's pissed off that people are using their platforms to defend something they believe in. There are people dying in various parts of the world, so let's focus on that.

Disclaimer: I am not saying that these natural disasters are more important than racial targeting and oppression. I don't think the people who are mad about the protests should be getting undeserved attention. This is about a state of urgency rather than consistency. What's going on with the NFL is strictly interpretive, but no one can deny the mass number of disasters affecting the world we live in.

So far this year, the United States alone has endured 49 natural disasters. That's a record tied with 2009 as the second-highest number of disasters. The highest number events is 59 occurring in 2012.

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On Aug. 27, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Houston, Texas. At the same time, wildfires have impacted the Western U.S. ranging from Oregon to Montana. The cause for these is extreme heat and dry conditions.

After Harvey's arrival, consecutive hurricanes impacted areas like the Caribbean, the U.S. and Mexico leaving many areas in ruins. Power outages, loss of communication lines and storm surges were the most detrimental effects of the storms.

The entirety of Puerto Rico is without power, with the exception of taller buildings with generators producing electricity. Overall, there is still no water to drink or barely any food to eat. According to CNN, the catastrophe is almost “apocalyptic.” The Guajataca Dam in PR is also suffering infrastructure damage - if more of it falls apart, it will become an even greater danger for roughly 700,000 people.

In addition to the hurricanes, Mexico was also impacted by two earthquakes in the span of a week and a half. The first one happened on Sept. 8 in Southern Mexico, with a magnitude of 8.1. That earthquake was then followed by another in Central Mexico, which had a magnitude of 7.1; its epicenter was more powerful because of its location in the middle of the country.

The aftermath of the earthquakes left Mexico in chaos. So far, CNN has recorded 333 deaths and over 4,500 injuries from the most recent earthquake alone. Windows buckled in, buildings collapsed and people have been trapped under debris.

Even though there are people dying and suffering from these disasters, why is the NFL debate the highlight of the media agenda? Have America's morals really become that obscure where people care more about the NFL than people dying?

The main reason I believe media has shifted to covering the NFL is because it's mostly what Donald Trump has talked about. The media does a good job at highlighting the president's negative remarks, so that kind of content is broadcasted to a larger audience.

Celebrities like Pitbull, Jennifer Lopez and Lin-Manuel Miranda are just a few who donated \$1 million or more to Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands. That's already more than the president has done - on Sept. 27 he waived the Jones Act for Puerto Rico, making it clear his administration isn't planning to allow any additional outside aid.

With the platform that President Trump has and has been given, it's easier for Americans to pay more attention to him and what he says rather than what's going on elsewhere.

I completely recognize that the NFL is a huge part of American culture and has been since the 1880s. It's exclusive to America, therefore giving people something to come together for.

Hopefully, in the wake of natural disasters, some solidarity and unity can be found and people will start focusing on the urgent things. America can do better as a country - there is so much division with differences in opinion that we forget we are all people.

At the end of the day, we are all human. We need to start stepping up and focusing on the things that matter. We shouldn't care who's mad about what - we should care about those in need. That's what America should be about: coming together and helping the less fortunate.



## How you can help aid Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria

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“There is horror in the streets,” said Carmen Yulín Cruz, mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently in an interview with *The Washington Post*. Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico and left almost the entire island without food, water, cellular service, internet service or gasoline.

Many citizens aren't able to reach or connect with their families after the natural disaster to make sure they're alright. With almost little to no communication, it is necessary we all do our part in helping our fellow Americans down south in Puerto Rico.

Even after initial efforts to help Puerto Rico after the hurricane, Governor Ricardo Rosselló of Puerto Rico urged, “We still need more help from Washington (D.C.),” according to *The Washington Post*.

Rosselló said he worried after a short period of relief efforts, U.S. Congress will shortchange the island and not give them the amount of money necessary to perform adequate repairs.

The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) has been in touch with all 78 mayors of Puerto Rico who have been issued satellite phones since cellular lines are all down or destroyed, to organize supply shipments over the next few weeks.

In addition, FEMA sent 500 uniformed personnel to assist with caring for wounded and displaced hurricane victims, according to *The Los Angeles Times*.

Although personnel are currently assisting Puerto Rican citizens, the things that are most needed in Puerto Rico right now

are the essentials such as food, water and possibly a way to get off the island, according to CNN.

An estimated 3.4 million people have been left without power in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. This disaster has left Puerto Ricans trying to leave the island because their homes and communities have been decimated. Due to the massive exodus, airlines have become backed up and ticket rates have increased, making it expensive and time consuming to leave the island.

Food and filtered water are also difficult to come by, and the recovery will be long, difficult and expensive. The Red Cross, an international humanitarian organization that provides relief to victims of war or natural disasters, is attempting to deliver supplies, but they're not able to get there fast enough to meet the needs of all the victims due to flooding and isolation.

The best way to contribute to the relief cause in Puerto Rico is to become informed in anyway you possibly can. However, the best item that can help Puerto Rico is to donate money because it can be directly given to the people in the island virtually and doesn't have to be shipped consuming more time.

By sending money you can help the Red Cross and other trustworthy organizations to assist Puerto Rico by providing crucial home repairs, food, water and basic survival supplies as well. In conclusion, the best thing you can do for Puerto Rico now is to give and aid the reconstruction of the homes of our fellow island citizens.



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# The Beauty Community: Makeup through the decades

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Makeup has been a woman's saving grace for years as a form of expression and art. Even before the 1900s, makeup has been used for weddings, social events and rituals across several religions, cultures and countries. But in the United States, as the 1920s rolled around, makeup had turned identities into famous icons - these are their trends throughout the decades.

The '50s brought the high-coverage foundation, dramatic layers of mascara were coated for a more voluminous finish and cat-eye smoky looks were a trend during the '50s, thanks to classic actresses like Marilyn Monroe, who was a famous movie star of the times. Monroe brought the trend of red lips and drawn-on classic beauty marks. A term for this look was the "pin-up girl" - typical and effortless for women of the time.

Twiggy, a famous model, was an icon in the '60s. She inspired looks like her heavy mascara on both the bottom and top lashes. Foundation

was used to highlight and bring shine back, while carved out eye-creases with shadows became a new art trend in the '60s. Red lips in the '50s were replaced by a more nude colored lip.

The '70s kept the natural look from the '60s, with less foundation and more focus on tinted moisturizers and concealers. Shimmery eyeshadows were in with heavy mascara, while eyebrows were kept all natural. False eyelashes also became on-trend in the '70s, giving a thick lash appearance. Red lips were still not in-trend; instead, clear lip glosses and a light pink look became the next desirable thing.

The 1980s have to be the most drastic of all decades. Concealers and foundations were brought back after twenty years, blush as well but in an arrange of colors from bright pink to orange. Eyeshadows also ranged from neon purples, yellows and oranges. Thicker eyelashes and eyeliner were also on-trend, while the classic red lips came back with a line of new

colors, like a muted mauve and cinnamon orange.

The end of the '90s brought on new trends of tanned celebs and over lined, bold lips. Monochrome styles were introduced by matching shadows, blush and lipstick shades all together to create iridescent pigments. It was a loud statement with makeup during the 2000s to push the boundaries of mixing products together.

And now, our time in the 21st century. Bold, matte shades became a thing with less exaggerated lined lips. Winged eyeliner has been on its peak with dramatic eyelashes created with falsies. A thicker, defined brow - not all that natural, but bolder than any other decade. Chiseling facial features, known as contouring, became our next trend, along with gleaming highlighters and smoked out creases on our eyes for an overall glamorous look.



## MSOC: Lancers falls in Big South debut to Winthrop

CARRIE BAILEY | THE ROTUNDA

Sophomore midfielder Connor Rea played every minute against Winthrop on Saturday night, adding three shots.

by Derek Jones | Contributor | @longwoodrotunda

In their first Big South matchup, Longwood men's soccer (0-8-1) fell 1-0 in extra time to the Winthrop Eagles after the completion of the scoreless regulation period on Saturday.

Three minutes into the first overtime, a Winthrop (3-6-1) corner kick soared high before the head of junior defender Charlie Ramirez guided the ball into the Lancers' net for his first goal of the season.

Throughout the first half, it was difficult to discern who had the edge in the matchup. Both teams had difficulty advancing the ball up field, and their attacks couldn't take advantage of their set pieces.

Winthrop fired more shots toward net, earning 11 shots in the first half compared to Longwood's four.

"A lot of the performance leading up to this was full of energy," said Longwood men's soccer coach Jon Atkinson. "Tonight showed a lot of insecurity in our play and that translated to the final result."

First half standouts for the Lancers were defenders redshirt junior Ryan Fleming and senior Marten Pajunurm, who were both instrumental in keeping the Eagles away from the goal.

Play intensified in the second half along as the conference competitors became more physical, leading to four yellow cards, split evenly between both teams.

As the second half remained scoreless, the game was sent into a 10 minute overtime period with a sudden-death format.

As soon as overtime began it was clear that Winthrop was firing on all cylinders, having four shots on goal, eventually silencing the Lancers in

only three minutes and 34 seconds.

Sophomore midfielder Connor Rea described Longwood's play as "sloppy" and "weren't really communicating."

He added the team needed to "stay positive" in order to battle their recent scoring drought in future matchups - and "get some goals."

The Lancers look to the future, and focus on their Oct. 3 matchup at Liberty University. Longwood defeated Liberty last year in a 4-3 overtime thriller in Farmville, and the Lancers have their minds set on victory again against the regional rivals.



CARRIE BAILEY | THE ROTUNDA

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP

## MEN'S SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 26

@ Virginia Tech L 2-0

Saturday, Sept. 30

vs. Winthrop L 1-0 (OT)

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 27

@ Winthrop W 2-0

Saturday, Sept. 30

@ Presbyterian W 1-0 (OT)

## FIELD HOCKEY

Saturday, Sept. 30

vs. Appalachian State W 4-1

Sunday, Oct. 1

@ American L 3-2 (OT)

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 13

@ Hight Point Vert Invitational

All day

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## The road to making history

### Head coach says team must become "special" to win conference

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MATT ALEXANDER | THE ROTUNDA (FILE)

**T**odd Dyer was hired as the women's head soccer coach after graduating from Longwood in 1993. Now in his 24th year, there is still one thing his teams have yet to do: win the Big South championship.

"We're not going to hide from that, we want to win it. Period," said Dyer.

In their five seasons as a member of the Big South, Longwood has qualified for the postseason four times and made the semifinals twice, including last season.

They have never made it to the Big South championship.

The first half of the season looked promising for the Lancers, finishing non-conference play with a 5-3-1 record, second-best in the Big South.

The first conference match of the season on Sept. 23 against High Point – the same team who eliminated the Lancers in the Big South semifinals a year ago – ended in a devastating 1-0 loss. High Point's lone goal came 15 minutes into the game by way of a penalty kick.

"I thought we played well enough to win, we were just a little unlucky with the penalty that was called," said Dyer. "We didn't finish some of the chances that we created, but I think we're

where we need to be ... We were right there with them."

The defeat by the Panthers handed Longwood their fourth loss of the season.

Dyer praised the Lancers defense as the strongest aspect of the team, noting the exceptional performances thus far by junior defender Sydney Wallace, and senior goalkeeper Maria Kirby.

Their defense has allowed only seven goals against, the fewest in the Big South.

On the offensive side, Dyer said, every time that the Lancers have scored at least one goal, they came out with either a win or a tie.

With only eight goals in ten games, the team needs to find a spark on offense.

"We're very good defensively, but there's been four games where we were shut out, two of them on our home field. So if you're not perfect defensively, it's going to work against you, and it has," Dyer said.

Although the team's still searching on the attack, Dyer noted a few play makers run their midfield together, including senior midfielder Janese Quick and junior midfielder/forward Kathryn Miller.

The Lancers have seen contributions from

new players early in the season who look to translate those efforts into the critical stretch of conference games ahead of them.

Dyer uses the non-conference schedule to help these players transition comfortably to the high-pressure meaningful games.

"Some players handle it a little bit better than others, some start to feel a little bit more pressure," he said. "We try to use our non-conference schedule to really test us and see where we're at before we go into league play."

With eight regular season games left and the postseason ahead of them, the Lancers are trying to do what they've never done before: bring home their first-ever Big South championship.

"We want to lift the trophy. We want to be special. I'd say we're unique right now ... but we're not special yet. That's what we're working on," said Dyer.

The Lancers returned to their winning ways after they traveled to Rock Hill, South Carolina, defeating the Winthrop Eagles 2-0 on Wednesday. The team will look to maintain the energy into their next South Carolina competitor in Presbyterian College in Clinton on Saturday, Sept. 30.

# CLUB SPORTS

## UPCOMING MATCHES

**Men's Club Rugby**

**Saturday 10/7**

1 p.m. @ Lancer Park Turf Field

**Women's Club Rugby**

**Saturday 10/7**

11 a.m. @ First Avenue Field

# CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR SCHEDULE