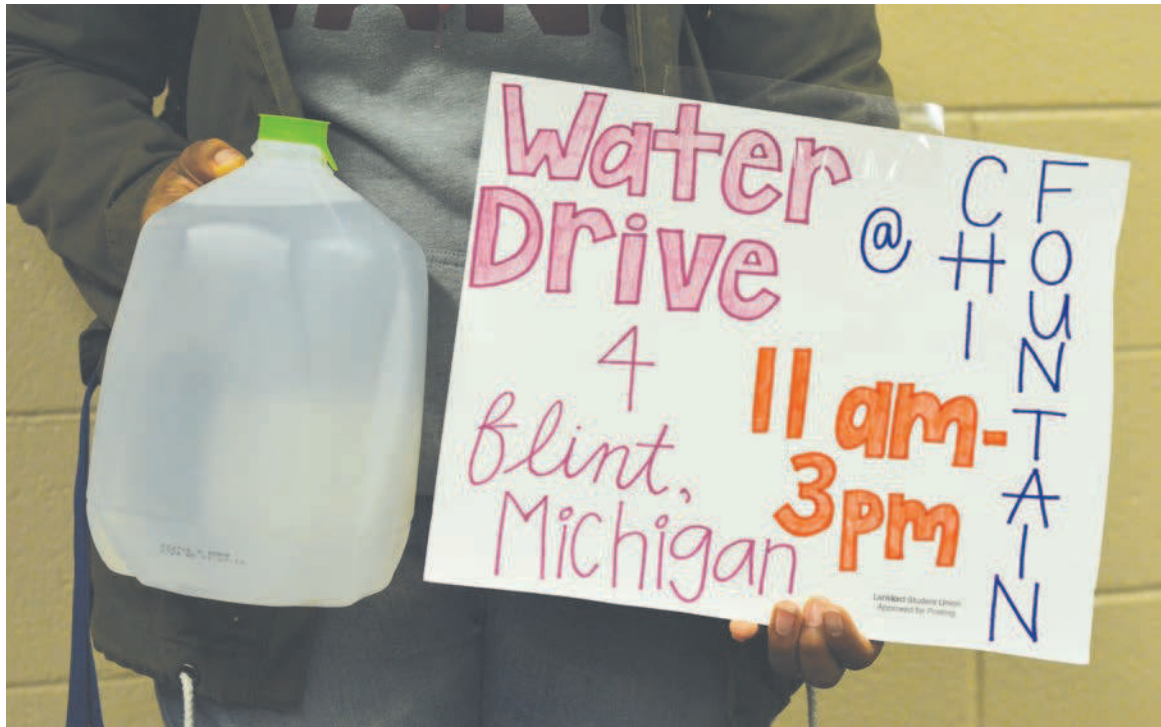


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From Farmville to Flint

BSA organizes water collection for affected residents of Flint, Mi.

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As the flurries fell on Friday, Feb. 12, members of Longwood's Black Student Association (BSA), Environmental Club and Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. shivered at a table in front of the Chi Fountain with signs promoting their water drive in response to the crisis occurring in Flint, Michigan.

"It was freezing. It was snowing. I still have frost bite," laughed Deja Mills, vice president of BSA, as she recounted the experience.

Even with the weather conditions, both Mills and BSA President Quincy Goodine were pleasantly surprised with the amount of water and monetary donations the group received from both students and faculty. The exact volume of water had yet to be calculated, while the money totaled nearly \$160.

"When they (students) were like, 'I don't have any money, but I'm going to use my bonus dollars and go downstairs and get you a pack of Dasani, and I'll be right back.' That was really something that really stood out to me," said Mills.

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"Twelfth Night" proves a play can be a party

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Very few Shakespearean plays open with a raucous dance number, but when the Longwood University Theatre Department got their hands on "Twelfth Night," they did just that. The joyful '20s style dance number set the stage for what would be an unorthodox version of the iconic comedy. The energy and fun of that opening number would carry through the entire play, giving the whole evening a party-like atmosphere.

Not just a party on stage, but a party for the audience as well. Every monologue was used as a fourth wall break, successfully bringing in the audience on the wacky hijinks that is "Twelfth Night."

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Mix-up between two Farmville's causes confusion

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A Facebook post created on Feb. 15 by the Farmville Police Department announcing a new internet purchase exchange area for residents was passed around by Farmville residents through social media this past week. The only issue was that it was the wrong Farmville Police Department.

The post had been created by the police department from Farmville, North Carolina, a town roughly three hours away from Farmville, Virginia.

The post drew significant attention from Farmville, Virginia residents and eventually came to the attention of the Farmville Police Department in Virginia.

The Chief of Police for the Farmville Police Department in Virginia, Chief Curtis Davis, said that because the post brought enough attention and positive feedback, the police department is considering creating a similar area.

"We're open to any good ideas. We've talked with the town manager, and the town manager and I have considered some options, and we're going to look and see what we can possibly do. It seems that it was very well received by the community, which is always a plus, so of course we're going to look and see what we can do to try and create our own," said Curtis.

The area could possibly be in the police department's own parking lot, but Curtis said that other parking lots will be looked at as well. The

ideal parking lot would have video capability and enough space for several vehicles, as well as the time capability for that space.

According to Curtis, if the police department's parking lot or any other lot used, it would probably be designated as an internet purchase exchange area after 5:00 p.m. This would allow enough space for vehicles during business hours.

"That's the consideration we have to look at. That's why we're going to take a little bit of time, but we want to make sure that we do it right, and we can get good surveillance and also have a presence of our police officers coming and going. So, we'll look at our lot and any other location that we possibly can in order to make sure we do it so that we give people the maximum security that we can give," said Curtis.

Although a police department parking lot may appear safer for internet purchase exchanges, Curtis made it clear that it would not necessarily assist in all aspects of security.

"We just want to make sure that we have a system in place for it to be monitored as well as possible, and that our sign reflects exactly what we expect. Not only does it provide some security, but we've got to make sure folks understand that there's still no guarantee. If you're looking at counterfeit money, or you're not happy with the product or something happens, it's not like there's an officer that's necessarily standing there. So, there's still going to be some security issues that we need to work through to see how exactly safe we can make it."

Feb. 10 Correction

In the previously published article, "Graphic Design & Animation major changes in application process," it was stated that Christopher Register said, "We are nurturing in a manner that we wanted to work on the students first, and then say if you aren't cutting it, then we will wash you out in the assessments that we have every year."

It has come to The Rotunda's attention that this statement was taken out of context and was referring to the yearly assessments, not the pilot

portfolio review. The pilot portfolio review will be conducted on students who voluntarily submit portfolios after being accepted to the university. The reviews would only have bearing on their acceptance to the program, not the university. The portfolio review will not have any bearing on students' assessments once they are accepted into the program.

Sen. Warner addresses student issues on campus



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Virginia Senator Mark Warner visited Longwood University on Thursday, Feb. 18 with the intention of addressing student questions on topics such as student debt and cyber security.

Warner was the governor of Virginia when Longwood College became Longwood University.

Before the session was opened for questions, Warner gave a brief speech explaining his intentions, stating that he believes education is of the utmost importance and that it will increase in value.

Warner worried that students won't have the same opportunities he did because they will be drowning in debt. He continued to state that there is currently more student debt than credit card debt.

Warner offered solutions which he believes will help solve issues, including bringing more transparency with higher education and income-based repayment for loans.

Warner also discussed the state's vulnerability in cyber security, which has the potential of shutting down water, companies and more. According to USA Today, Warner

was a telecommunications tycoon in an emerging cellphone industry and an early investor in Nextel, giving him a wide knowledge base on issues such as these.

Virginia is the state with the most open jobs. There are 17,000 open jobs in cyber security and according to Warner they can pay roughly \$88,000.

Warner expressed he doesn't want students to lack the opportunities himself and others like him have been blessed with, and that he doesn't want his children or the everyday student to endure that.

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Senator Mark Warner answers questions posed by students.

HARRISON SAMANIGO | CONTRIBUTOR

New all-inclusive sorority on campus

BY CHRISTINE RINDFLEISCH
NEWS STAFF

Social sorority Gamma Rho Lambda has just been added to Longwood's list of organizations and is now a part of the Independent Greek Council.

The sorority accepts students who identify as non-binary and women. Although classified as a sorority, the organization also accepts members who are transgender and identify as male as well.

Gamma Rho Lambda aspires to achieve diversity, tolerance, unity and trust, explained the president of Gamma Rho Lambda (GRL), Jena Martin.

"They are the four pillars we strive for, and we represent each one and we take each one very seriously," said Martin.

The sorority is currently a colony, which is a trial period before the organization can officially be recognized by Nationals as a chapter. The organization will become a chapter within the next two years by following national guidelines, rather than the College Panhellenic Council (CPC) guidelines, which some other Greek organizations follow at Longwood.

The idea for a Gamma Rho Lambda chapter at Longwood originally came when current President Jena Martin was going through the College Panhellenic Council process two years ago.

"None of them seemed to feel like family," said Martin.

Once Martin started reaching out to other people on campus, she realized others felt similar. After doing research and discovering Gamma Rho Lambda's existence at other universities, Martin then began to collectively submit a colony petition to Nationals. Once the petition was approved, the process of bringing the sorority to Longwood began with recruiting. The organization is currently in the recruitment process to gain more membership.

Courtney Jones-Addison, associate director for Diversity and Inclusion, served as the liaison for the organization while they were developing at Longwood to work with Fraternity and Sorority Life.

"They are an amazing group of young women who have definitely worked really hard to get established here," said Jones-

Addison.

Jones-Addison worked with Martin during the process to make sure all was set in place with starting the sorority at Longwood. Jones-Addison emphasized that it's the first organization of its kind on Longwood campus.

"I'm really excited to see what they are going to accomplish within the next year," said Jones-Addison.

The Public Relations Officer for the sorority, Mikayla Faughnan, said the purpose of starting the sorority was to produce "a safe home" for all students.

To expand membership from their current 11 members, the organization is planning open houses as well as open socials. Nationally, the sorority has 15 chapters.

Moving forward, the organization has hopes of reaching out to local high schools and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) in the Farmville area, in order to help mentor the students.

The main goal which Gamma Rho Lambda hopes to achieve is to be a support system for high school students that may

not feel comfortable going public with their sexuality.

"(Gamma Rho Lambda hopes to) be known as a support system and a safe place for not just our members but for the community as well," said Faughnan.

The members of the sorority plan to not participate in the rituals of a week-long rush process held by the CPC of Fraternity and Sorority Life in the years to come. The sorority will hold an interview process that will result in a bid if the current members approve.

As for anyone who is looking to join Gamma Rho Lambda, Faughnan suggests attending the upcoming open houses. The sorority plans to pass out flyers soon with contact information, as well as information on how to join.

"We are a family, we would love to get to meet you," said Martin of potential members.

Faughnan continued, "If they have not still come to terms with their sexuality we honor that, we keep that between us, (the students will) still be able to have a family here without making it public."

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BSA sends water to Flint

Goodine added, “Honestly, just the amount of faculty and staff buying in to what we were doing really surprised me. I wasn’t really sure what to expect when we started doing this.”

All water and money collected will be sent to the residents of Flint as the work to resolve the contaminated water issue continues.

The Flint Water Crisis – A Summary

Flint, Mi., a little over an hour northwest of Detroit, is a majority black city with a population of 102,000, where 56 percent of the residents identify as African-American.

On Oct. 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency as multiple studies confirmed high levels of lead and corrosive elements in the tap water, urging residents to stop drinking the water.

The issues began when the city started supplying their residents with water from the Flint River to save money in April of 2014 while waiting for a water supply from Lake Huron to become available. A pipeline was being constructed to allow the use.

Since then, after multiple inquiries and complaints from residents regarding the

water quality, the water advisories piled up, beginning with a boiled-water advisory after traces of E. Coli were found in August of 2014 to the confirmation of the lead seepage resulting from the water’s corrosive properties in September of 2015.

A class-action civil rights lawsuit was filed by the residents against a list of defendants in November of 2015, including the governor of Michigan, Rick Snyder, the city of Flint and the state of Michigan.

Right now, the state of Michigan is still working to provide support for health ramifications and conduct studies on the state of the pipes. According to Snyder, there is not a time frame for when Flint’s issues will be fixed.

BSA Brings the Cause to Longwood

The idea of a water drive began in a conversation between Goodine and Courtney Jones-Addison, the associate director for Diversity and Inclusion, as their talk regarding BSA’s budget strayed to the organization’s next cause to take up on campus.

“What happened there was devastating, and I think that BSA stepped up like true citizen leaders and acted promptly to show

their support, raise awareness and assist the people of Flint during their time of need,” said Jones-Addison.

All the organizations involved felt it was important to create awareness for national issues within the community.

Alton Coleman, a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., felt their involvement showed their education on the current events and issues.

“The role that the fraternity has played in assisting the community has been a vital one as brothers want to make a positive impact everywhere they go, even if it means using their own resources to help those less fortunate than themselves,” said Coleman.

From both a nature and human rights perspective, Alex Lee, the Environmental Club’s fundraising chair and contact with BSA, said they were “more than happy” to partner with BSA, especially since the cause “affects both groups in such different ways.”

“Of course we were concerned with the environmental impacts, but studying the environment has a lot more to do with social justice issues than one may think,” said Lee.

For BSA, this wasn’t the first time they showed support for a national issue. Last semester, they coordinated a blackout at a men’s basketball game to show solidarity after racial issues came to

light at the University of Missouri. Their actions support the organization’s motto to advocate, connect, support and educate, according to Goodine.

“We educate people on the issues that are going on nationally, we advocate on their behalf and then we connect with other organizations on campus, and then we support those issues,” said Mills.

The organizations have yet to send off the water, still searching for a way to send it to Flint without driving to Michigan themselves. They are exploring options in Richmond, Va.

Goodine was unsure whether they would have another drive depending on Flint’s continued need for supplies. Either way, BSA will continue to seek ways to connect Longwood to problems plaguing the nation, according to Mills.

Mills continued, “As Longwood students, we want to be citizen leaders and that doesn’t mean just at Longwood, that doesn’t mean just in Farmville, it doesn’t mean central Virginia, it means worldwide.”

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Senator answers student questions

Warner concluded his speech by answering a series of student questions.

“National security is a huge issue and you being on the intelligence committee, how do you think the federal government can balance national security and privacy?” asked Davis Gammon.

“I think we need to have two parallel paths, we need to have a debate about privacy but at the same time technology is going to move forward,” said Warner. “The next wave of what is going to come, the so-called internet of things ... everything you use, from your refrigerator to your vacuum cleaner to your name, it is going to be hooked up into the network and be interactive.”

Warner addressed that there are 1,500

new apps added to the app store every day, half of them are foreign and almost all of them are encrypted.

He also noted how this offers a huge invasion of privacy.

“Frankly, tech privacy and law enforcement, they aren’t even in the same room, so we ought to have something similar after 9/11 where we put together a real bipartisan panel of experts and put the technologist, the privacy advocates, law enforcement, Intel and do a national commission to really come up (with) a digital security solution,” Warner said.

Warner fears that if they pick a single one-time solution and say that’s the law, technology is going to keep evolving.

“With the past sequestration of

military bases, like in the Hampton Roads area, where do you see the future of military bases going in the state?” asked Kayla Augustine.

The challenge at the federal level right now is that the nation is \$19 trillion in debt and both sides have contributed to that. Something which didn’t happen overnight.

“Our debt is a national security issue ... so there is going to be constant pressure on the military to do more with less money, and I believe in a strong military but we have the existing threats, and we have these whole new threats that I think Virginia ... did pretty well. We spend more than I think the next seven countries, eight countries combined on our military. It’s going to be under fiscal pressures,” said

Warner.

Warner continued, “One of the things I’ve been trying to do is, you know, Virginia has done very well in Hampton Roads for a long time in Virginia because of our reliance on the military. We have to diversify our economy.”

“What steps is the Commonwealth of Virginia taking to help entrepreneurs in the state?” asked Alexander Magid.

“What we’ve got to challenge in Virginia is that we don’t have one single market where all the entrepreneurs can come to, and our opportunity is how do we make sure you don’t have to go to northern Virginia or Richmond to become an entrepreneur, but you can do it right here in Farmville,” said Warner.

SFC Report

BY CHRISTINE RINDFLEISCH
NEWS STAFF

Proposed Allocations:

\$5,372.40

Graduate Student Advisory Council

-Funding for Professional Development Day on April 1 for 50 graduate students.

-Funds would include coverage for etiquette lunch, photographers for headshots and a LinkedIn workshop.

-Would need to overturn bylaws.

The motion did not pass to allocate the funds to the Graduate Student Advisory Council. The SFC committee motioned to change the amount of photographers for the event from four to two, which would cut the total price for photography in half. SGA President Constance Garner motioned to table this proposed allocation and suggested the representative meet with her or Treasurer Jessica Darst to discuss a cheaper alternative.

\$1,683.44

College Republicans of Longwood University

-Funds for sending four members to conference in Maryland.

-The conference will host Republican presidential candidates as well as other conservative leaders, who will hold seminars.

The motion was passed to SGA for vote. SGA passed the motion.

SGA Brief

BY CHRISTINE RINDFLEISCH
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Haley Talmage, the chair of the Conduct Board, attended the meeting to propose a new system regarding the election process of justices on both the Honor and Conduct Boards. The proposal had been previously discussed last week.

Talmage stated the constitution would outline that the chairs would solicit both board applications during the time that SGA elections are taking place and set a deadline for the end of the SGA elections.

Once applications have been received, both Honor and Conduct Boards would formally invite those qualified students for an interview. Those who would be present during the interview will include the Honor Board Chair, the Conduct Board Chair and the SGA President, who would together serve as a tri-council. The Student Conduct staff would also be present to act as advisors but would not have a say in the voting carried out by the tri-council.

Senator Mark Barham inquired if the tri-council would seek a unanimous vote or a majority rules vote because of only three students having a vote.

President Constance Garner reassured the majority of a two/three vote would accept the applicant as a justice.

Senator Taylor Inge proposed that rather than eliminating the democratic process entirely, students and staff nominate students to serve as justices on the Board, and then they would have an interview with the tri-council

to decide who would best fit the roles.

Senator Hunter Schmitz, who is a current member of the Honor Board, emphasized that the current issues surrounding the process include both favoritism as well as students not knowing the person they are voting for.

Senator Shawn White proposed the idea to survey the student body to see what kind of process they would like to see.

The SGA did not approve the constitution of the Honor and Conduct Boards to change their election process.

The SGA voiced strong concerns with the USA Today app previously solicited in last week's meeting titled "The Buzz."

The initial cost would be \$9,000 which will be necessary to purchase the app. After the first year, the initial amount will increase by \$3,000 totaling to \$11,000, which would dip into funds that are currently not being used.

SGA did not pass the motion to purchase the app.

The motion passed to approve the constitution of the Longwood University Global Leaders. The organization works with assisting current international students and works directly with the Office of International Affairs on a volunteer basis.

SGA approved the constitution of the Longwood Exercise Science Association, which works to further exercise science students beyond the classroom.

Police officer assaulted

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A Farmville police officer was assaulted while attempting to arrest Preston Logan, Jr. after responding to a report of two individuals arguing in the Walmart parking lot.

The incident happened around 1:41 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21. Logan is a 23-year-old from Kenbridge, Virginia.

Logan was found arguing with a female beside a vehicle parked in the Walmart parking lot.

According to a press release from Farmville Chief of Police Curtis Davis, Logan "became increasingly belligerent and disorderly" while officers "attempted to defuse the situation."

When an officer attempted to take Logan into custody for Drunk in Public and Disorderly Conduct, there was a struggle which resulted in the officer being struck in the face and the officer's uniform shirt being "ripped and torn," according to the press release.

Logan was taken into custody and charged with Felony Assault and Battery of a Law Enforcement Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Destruction of Property and Drunk in Public.

The press release states that marijuana was discovered to be in a pocket of Logan's pants. Logan was charged with Possession of Marijuana.

The press release described the officer's injuries as minor.

Logan was held on a \$15,000 secured bond after being transported to Piedmont Regional Jail.

Crime Log

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY POLICE

DATE REPORTED	DATE & TIME OCCURRED	TYPE OF COMPLAINT	LOCATION OCCURRED	CFS #	DISPOSITION
02/20/2016	02/20/2016 11:37 pm	DIP	High Street	2016-001834	Closed: Arrest Made
02/20/2016	02/20/2016 10:15 am	DIP	Brock Commons	2016-001807	Closed: Prosecution Declined
02/20/2016	02/20/2016 1:45 am	DIP,UPA and resisting arrest	Frazer Hall	2016-001797	Closed: Arrest Made

Having a voice in what you eat

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Dorrill Dining Hall, more commonly referred to as D-Hall, is arguably the hub of the Longwood University campus. As the only cafeteria on the campus, D-Hall's functions and services are a big topic for students. Whether it's a casual complaint or praise of D-Hall, Grant Avent, the Senior Director of Longwood Dining Services, wants students to give Longwood Dining Services feedback and has been getting it for almost 11 years with Dine with the Director.

The event allows student to ask questions or voice concerns about issues they have about D-Hall or Outta Here. Avent has been using this event throughout his 23 years with Aramark on four different campuses: UNC Greensboro for three years, Charleston Southern University for two years, Winthrop University for eight, and Longwood University since August of 2005.

He started Dine with the Director because, "There's no other way for us to get great feedback from the students. Talking to them is the only way. We do surveys. We do focus groups. We do a lot of different things to get student information, but nothing's better than talking right to the students

and asking more questions to get the details of what it is they're looking for."

Avent stated that despite how the attendance for Dine with the Director fluctuates, they always get a good amount of feedback: "Sometimes, if we don't have enough students, we have just gone into the dining hall or seen students walking down the hallway and recruited them to come on in, and sometimes we get the best comments that way."

Since it's inception at Longwood, many changes have been made as a result of these Dine with the Director events. They include changes in the menus, Dorrrill D-Hall's hours, the do-it-yourself Panini grill, changing the disposals of the utensils and the concept of Outta Here.

Avent stated that Outta Here has always been a source of comments, both good and bad among the students. He explained that the concept of Outta Here was born when students requested a place where they could quickly get food and use a meal swipe. Over the summer, Outta Here was revamped and was met with much approval from the students. However, Avent says that students have been asking as to why there aren't more options, particularly hot meal options in the to-go cafeteria.

He answered, "Everything they ask for is upstairs (D-Hall)... The whole idea for Outta Here is so you can get something to go, use your meal plan, and it be quick and fast. So, that's what we've tried to do is make it fast, and one of the only ways to make it fast is to limit the options."

While it may be a concern for some students, it does not appear to be a deterrent. Avent said that they have seen an increase of people come to D-Hall and Outta Here, particularly after its makeover: "We went to doing 200 or 300 in a lunch period, to doing 500 or 600, sometimes more during a lunch period. It's probably doubled."

The most recent Dine with the Director was Wednesday, and several changes and issues were discussed such as the addition of "comfort foods" to the menu, the availability of different fruits and focaccia bread and signs for gluten free items.

Avent requested that if you have a concern, question or comment regarding Longwood Dining Services that you get in contact with them.

The Longwood Dining Services number is (434) 395-2072, or email him at avent-grant@aramark.com.

Moviendo las caderas: Moving your hips

"Salsa Magic!" brings late night fiesta to campus

BY CATALINA MAS
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Did you see the bright lights coming out from the Lankford Student Union? Did you hear funky music playing in the ballroom?

On Wednesday night, the Student Union held "Salsa Magic!" which was an event that led each dancing soul on campus into the ballroom to let their hips and feet move to the rhythm of Caribbean music.

"Salsa Magic!" was led by two highly experienced salsa dancers who happily and interactively instructed the students on the several basic steps of the salsa and bachata. Sponsored by Lancer Productions, "Salsa Magic!" allowed students to dance to the rhythm of different Latin American hits such as "Limbo" and "La Despedida" by Daddy Yankee, "Danza Kuduro" by Don Omar and "Stand by Me" by Ben E. King in its bachata version performed by Prince Royce.

The skilled instructors showed off all their abilities on the dance floor to impress and entertain the audience while they asked icebreaker questions for dancers to get to know each other.

The festivities were super entertaining because every time a new performance and rhythm

began, the instructors split the boys and girls apart to teach each their respective steps. Once the basic steps were taught and the students had a little bit of practice, the students then searched for a partner to perform with. Every now and then, students had to switch partners with whom they had to try another performance, leaving all their fears and embarrassment behind to shake their waists in couples.

While the dancing was taking place, the instructors brought up some interesting and important facts about the dances' origins in the Caribbean. Bachata was born in the Dominican Republic in the '60s as an expression of popular and native music. Salsa finds its origins in Cuba, much earlier than bachata, in the '30s, and was highly influenced by other rhythms such as the mambo and the rumba.

However, the music, the couples and the important facts were not everything that happened during the night. "Salsa Magic!" also offered a competition where couples danced the performance previously taught by the instructors. Finally, the couples had the opportunity to groove while having a great time with friends and listening to some Latin American hits.

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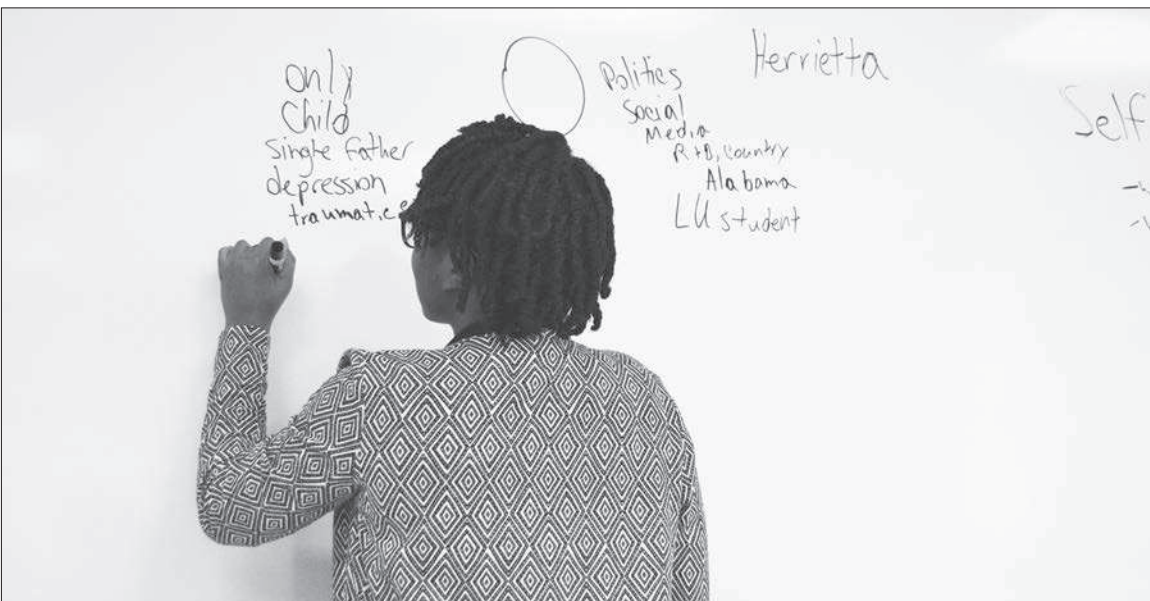
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Searching for social justice

Students gathered in Blackwell Hall on Saturday, Feb. 20 to participate in the Fifth Annual Social Justice Summit, featuring two keynote speakers, Robyn Ochs (top) and Charlene Carruthers (bottom). The location was meant to provide a conference-like feel versus the classroom setting seen at last year's summit in Hiner Hall. Starting at 9:00 a.m. that morning, participants enhanced their understanding of identities and how they intersect within everyone.

Outside of the keynote speakers, two breakout sessions were offered, giving students the choice between three workshops each time. Staff, like Maya Ozery from the Longwood athletics department, and faculty, like Dr. Jes Simmons of the English & Modern Languages department, were invited to engage students with their presentations on a variety of topics, which all dealt with social justice.



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“Twelfth Night” proves a play can be a party



ANN POLEK | PHOTO STAFF

Longwood University's theatre department put on a week-long performance of “Twelfth Night” in Jarman Hall beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 17 with an evening performance at 5 p.m.

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Additionally, the use of a beautiful art deco style set and vintage 1920s costumes made the show feel like a less depressing version of “The Great Gatsby.”

With all the moving parts that this production included like a 1920s theme, musical elements and a classic Shakespearean script, it would have been easy for it to fall apart, but it didn't. Everything meshed together perfectly making for a truly unforgettable show that boasted not just the talents of the actors, but of all those creative folks who obviously worked tirelessly behind the scenes to churn out this unique production.

If you are unfamiliar with the plot of “Twelfth Night” here is a quick run-down. Viola is shipwrecked in a strange city; in order to survive she disguises herself as

her drowned twin brother and takes up residence with Duke Orsino. She quickly falls in love with Orsino, despite the fact that Orsino is obsessed with the wealthy and beautiful Olivia. To make matters worse, Olivia, who believes Viola to be a man, has fallen for her. Many comical misunderstandings ensue.

Lorin Turner played the lovable and cunning Viola. Turner excelled at making the audience feel like they were constantly along for the ride with her. For every gender bending moment and love struck feeling she had she glanced at us precariously like a Shakespearean Jim Halpert. Her charm was effortless and by the end of the show the entire audience was rooting for their new favorite hero/heroine.

The ever pouty Olivia was played by Kasey Gliszczynski. Gliszczynski played the moody and demanding character very well. She did especially well in moments in which she had to be confused by what

her staff was up to. Her scene in which she was being chased around by her enamored butler was particularly hilarious.

Jordan Howell played Maria, a servant of sorts for Olivia. Howell nailed Maria's character arc and really made her three dimensional. We saw how Maria first wanted to do the right thing and eventually gave in to her own mischievous impulses. It was wonderful to see a comedic character that still had some depth.

Sir Toby Belch, played by Jimmy Mello, was one of several side characters who were endlessly entertaining. Mello managed to take lines that the audience might not necessarily understand and turn them into uproarious laughter. He always found a way, through hand gestures, or facial expressions, to make the audience see the pervy side of Shakespeare.

Travis Poole played Olivia's steadfast servant, Malvolio. Poole took a character that could have been less than thrilling and

struck comedy gold. His commitment to every comedic bit was what proved to make his character truly pop. Never once did he ease up on any of his little side moments, for instance his over dramatic weeping face stole the scene.

Baylee Holloran quite literally played The Fool. Her character was so bursting with life and energy that it made it all the more impressive when she could have quiet moments during her songs. Holloran nailed this character with Ferris Bueller-esque quality that made you want to get up and dance with her. She was the most fun to watch by a landslide.

The entire cast and crew of “Twelfth Night” created an electric atmosphere full of fun. The hours flew by and when it was time to leave the theatre you found yourself hoping for a few more moments at the party that they had created.

“The Witch” review

BY THOMAS SCHWEIGHARDT
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“The Witch” offers much to the viewer via its well-researched and therefore, realistic portrayal of New England colonists and strong performances from its actors, but ultimately fails in its final act. This is unfortunate because Act I and II were promising. Set in colonial New England, *The Witch* is about a family who is exiled from their village and live alone, struggling with a bad harvest and a lack of food. After the abduction of their youngest child, the family falls into despair and soon, having previously survived on their faith and God and each other, fall victim to their growing distrust of one another and the witches that dwell in the wood.

After the movie, before the ending credits, a brief statement is projected on the screen informing the viewer that much of the movie’s dialogue and scenes are based on testimonies and events recorded in Colonial America. This is evident from the actors’ dialogue and dialect to their unwavering and strict adherence to following the Bible and God daily. This realistic portrayal of early colonists offers the viewer a glimpse into the horror and destruction caused by the witchcraft accusations, with a twist – a real witch. There are good performances by the actors, especially by Ralph Ineson, who plays the patriarch of the family with a grim and flawed bearing.

The filmmaker in Act I and Act II did a decent job foreshadowing – through various shots – and building tension to the third Act, but in this reviewer’s opinion, Act III comes up short and feels empty. The movie seemed to be building towards something that never happened. Which may be a mistake by this reviewer, who assumed what would happen and was wrong and therefore, not receiving the ending most horror movies are expected, was turned off by the use of originality. All the same, the movie could have been great, but lost it in the final act.

Rent it, wait till it comes out on DVD, don’t pay the 8 bucks to see it in theaters. *The Witch* offers an interesting and well-researched glimpse into the lives of colonists, giving the viewer an insight into their strong religious piety that revolved around everything they did and thought. The movie offered promise, but ultimately, falls short in the final act. If you are interested in horror movies or Colonial America, then by all means rent it.

Academy Awards preview: what to expect Sunday night



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The 88th Academy Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, recognizes the best in film from this past year and will take place on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

With so much controversy surrounding the Oscars again this year, the televised show is sure to be exciting. Famous African American comedian Chris Rock is hosting the show and is well aware of the controversy about the lack of diversity in these year’s nominees. I am excited to see how he will address this topic and how the crowd and current nominees will react to the jokes about the #OscarsSoWhite Twitter hashtag and conversation that has overshadowed the actual show and nominees’ fame.

Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs said, “I’d like to acknowledge the wonderful work of this year’s nominees,” she said. “While we celebrate their

extraordinary achievements, I am both heartbroken and frustrated about the lack of inclusion. This is a difficult but important conversation, and it’s time for big changes.”

Top nominees include Leonardo DiCaprio, who is famously always the bridesmaid and never the bride at the Oscars after being nominated for an Oscar five times and never winning. He is expected to take home his first gold statue Sunday night for Best Actor in *The Revenant*.

My predictions for all the top categories include “*Spotlight*” taking home Best Picture, beating out other box office blockbusters such as “*Mad Max: Fury Road*,” “*The Martian*” and “*The Revenant*.”

Brie Larson will most likely take home the trophy for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her performance in “*The Room*” beating out the likes of Cate Blanchett (“*Carol*”) and Oscar darling Jennifer Lawrence (“*Joy*”). Larson has been a top award season winner taking home both the Golden

Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award (SAG) for her performance.

Alicia Vikander, who rose to fame for her performance in “*The Danish Girl*” is my prediction to win Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

As for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, Sylvester Stallone is nominated for his role in “*Creed*.” He won the Golden Globe for the same category and may win against Mark Ruffalo, (“*Spotlight*”), Mark Rylance (“*Bridge of Spies*”), Christian Bale (“*The Big Short*”) and Tom Hardy (“*The Revenant*”).

Two standout nominations who defy the #OscarsSoWhite are Mexican director Alejandro Iñárritu’s nod for Best Director for “*The Revenant*” and R&B singer The Weeknd (Abel Tesfaye) who was nominated for best original song for “*Earned It*” off the “*Fifty Shades of Grey*” soundtrack.

The Oscars will air at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time on ABC this Sunday, Feb. 28.

Black History Month

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The Cocktail Column

What's in my cup? That One Friend

BY CARLY SHAIJA
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You know that one friend, or that Hampden-Sydney guy, who loves to try to one up everyone at any social gathering? Well, make them this drink to put them in their place and give them a taste of their own medicine for once.

That One Friend
Spirited Ingredients:
4 oz tequila
2 oz lemon juice
2 oz jalapeno juice
1 oz ginger juice
¼ tsp cayenne pepper

Virgin Ingredients:
½ glass ginger juice or ginger soda
2 oz jalapeno juice
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
2 oz lemon juice

Fill the glass with ice cubes (if they deserve them) and combine the following:
Steps

- Add the tequila
- Add the ginger juice
- Add the jalapeno juice
- Add the lemon juice (if you're nice, add more than prescribed)
- Sprinkle the cayenne pepper on top



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How to deal with relationship issues

The female perspective

BY CASSIE TAGERT
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The few weeks after Valentine's Day is a time when love is on the mind. Just after being reminded to openly appreciate your significant other, people tend to focus more on their relationship than they were previously. During these times, issues with your significant other can often be highlighted. Here are some tips for dealing with common relationship issues.

Being with a romantic partner can be great, as long as you're not with them all the time. Frequently, when two people start to be romantically interested in each other, they want to be together all of the time. That's great and all for the first few weeks, but after a while, being constantly with someone, no matter who they are, will start to take its toll and cause problems. Even though it may be difficult, relationships benefit substantially from space. Giving your significant other and yourself time with friends and alone time is extremely important for a healthy connection.

A healthy bond depends on the two parties feeling comfortable with each other and within the relationship, itself. If one person (or both) feels insecure with their partner, this can lead to jealousy issues. Jealousy can very easily tear two people apart. The best thing to do, in the event of feeling jealous, is to be open with your partner about anything that is bothering you within a

relationship. It may be surprising how easily jealousy disappears once other problems are addressed.

The biggest problem in a relationship is often communication. Sometimes two people have different expectations for a relationship or may not be looking for a serious commitment. These types of issues can become a big problem if not discussed in advance. If you decide to start a steady relationship with someone, it can be helpful to discuss what you expect out of it, and make it a pattern throughout the course of your relationship. If, at any point, you change your mind about what you want, or a problem arises within the relationship, talk about it. Oftentimes, it can be easier for either parties to retreat and not deal with an issue, but that only causes the issue to grow. It's important to make communication a standard in your relationship. Don't let it fall through the cracks on either side.

Whenever you have a problem in your relationship, communicate. Don't let silly issues get the best of your bond with someone, friend or significant other. Although, if an issue arises that seems too big to handle, like an abusive significant other, it probably is. Don't be afraid to get help. If you've tried to communicate and nothing seems to be working, it may be time to end things. It's important not to waste time on someone who drags you down. Just remember, communication is key.

The male perspective

BY AUSTIN BERRY
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With February drawing to a close, and Valentine's Day having just recently passed, (thank God) I'm sure many people still have romance on the mind and now is as good a time as any to remind you that relationships take work, people. Welcome to yet another weekly Rotunda Row, where I, your friendly neighborhood columnist, give you advice that I am totally unqualified to give! Let's get started, shall we?

Now, there are many issues that can sour a perfectly good relationship: communication, trust, space and so on. However, today I am not going to focus on these trivial squabbles, but instead on the real hard hitting and important issues that face romantically attached people.

First, what happens if your pookie doesn't appreciate your sense of humor? You might think your cheesy puns are hilarious, but she thinks they could be cheddar (HAHA.) What are you to do? Well, you have two choices: either adapt your jokes, or (and this is my personal favorite) keep telling your bad jokes all day, until she either starts laughing at them out of pure insanity or leaves you for someone who physically can't talk. Your choice.

However, maybe your little love muffin thinks you are funnier than any stand up comedian ever, but thinks you dress like a blind 7-year-old, and this causes problems

between the two of you. To this, I again give you two options. You either wear a tux, everywhere, everyday. Sleep in it, bathe in it, exercise in it, etc. No one will ever be able to tell you that you aren't well dressed. Or, you can just say, "screw it," and wear those mismatched socks and dirty winkled polo, if you want. It's your life, man.

Now you might be asking, what If I am the one who has a problem with my significant other, then what? Maybe they snore when they sleep, or are one of those people who can't spell out the words "you" and "are." Whatever the issues, it's important that you mimic it perfectly so that they can see how utterly ridiculous they are and how you are the best at everything. How dare they do something different than you.

As usual, I'm using these completely logical and not at all ridiculous examples to make a point, so just bear with me. Relationships aren't easy, and no one is perfect. It's easy to get caught up in little trivial things that go wrong, and those little issues can snowball to disastrous effect. So it's important to work through these little problems, and communicate honestly and all that Dr. Phil stuff. I feel like this goes without saying, but all of the petty revenge stuff usually isn't a good idea.

The power of languages

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There have been numerous debates in academia concerning the fact that a large number of Americans are monolingual. Some feel that learning a foreign language is pointless for some, others may have no desire to ever travel or work abroad, and therefore, learning another language would be a waste of time and resources. On the opposite end of the spectrum, many are pushing for students to learn another language because it is statistically proven that learning another language boosts reading and comprehension scores. Additionally, some feel that with the United States growing with large immigrant communities and transitioning demographic make-up, learning a foreign language would benefit everyone in terms

of easier communication.

Personally, I am for American students learning another language, starting in the primary years of education. I feel that learning any language can benefit students. Learning another foreign language gives you a sharper competitive edge in the job market, regardless if you decide to work domestically or travel abroad. Many meaningful and substantial jobs have global competitors and employers are more inclined to hire those with fluency in different languages, so that a larger customer base may be reached.

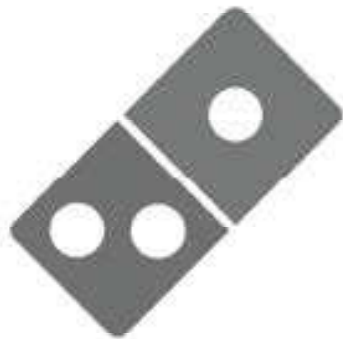
I also find that language classes can enlighten many students in acceptance and understanding of global diversity and inclusion. Learning a language opens up doors to learning more about other countries where the language is present. Through my own experiences,

taking language classes taught me how to abandon ethnocentric views and approach learning about different cultures in a mature and eager manner. It is safe to say that foreign languages are taught by native speakers, or at least people who have lived in the respective language's country, which can provide students a more authentic experience of the respective language's country and cultural customs.

For example, I studied Japanese for three years in high school. The students were required to do research projects and give oral presentations in the Japanese language. These research topics ranged from many different aspects of Japanese culture, from teaching our peers about common Japanese horror urban legends to participating in shogatsu (how the Japanese celebrate New Year's.) I have fond memories of this class because I learned so much about another

culture completely opposite of mine in such a fun and engaging way. I believe that if I never enrolled in that class, I would still have self-centered ethnocentric beliefs about my own identity and would still be approaching different cultures in a conceited and ignorant way. I also study Japanese when I have the opportunity and whenever I put this on a resume, employers have always asked questions and seemed impressed.

Languages are tools used to communicate. Although I understand that some of my peers are dismayed that they have to study a foreign language per mandatory directive of Longwood's general goal policies, I believe that this knowledge will help students develop a sense of understanding different parts of the world and understand their own identities better.



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BASE: Tough weekend opens 2016 campaign

ECU handles Lancers for 3-game sweep

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Longwood baseball head coach Ryan Mau knew it would be tough sledding on the opening weekend of the 2016 season with a three-game series against defending American Athletic Conference champion East Carolina (ECU). The Pirates showed just why they were a regional-qualifying team last season as they swept the visiting Lancers 11-1, 9-6 and 5-3.

"I knew it was going to be tough, and it was going to be a tall order for us, and you could tell Friday night that it was a little much for us," said Mau.

In the opener on Friday night, senior right-handed pitcher Travis Burnette got the start and went 5.1 innings, striking out five and surrendering five hits and five runs, four earned.

"I know I'm not going to go out there and throw the perfect outing, so really just try and give my team the best chance to win, attack the strike zone and not give up any freebies and really make them earn everything and just trust the guys behind me," said Burnette. "It's really easy to get too amped up especially on the opening night (of the season) against a team like ECU, who is a really talented team."

Mau added, "Travis (Burnette) gave us exactly what we thought we'd get out of him, which is a pretty quality start. His stuff was good, he was a three pitch guy, (he) challenged the zone and just a couple breaks didn't go our way, but I thought he threw the ball really well."

Burnette was cruising along the first few innings before a controversial call on a slide at second forced an errant throw from sophomore shortstop Michael Osinski in the back end of a double play attempt.

The error led to the first two runs of the night for the Pirates, who didn't look back after that. They added two more in the fourth inning, one in the sixth and seventh innings and put the game away with five runs in the eighth.

Saturday's contest started in similar fashion as East Carolina got out to an early 5-0 lead after three innings, knocking out Longwood starter Tyler Wirsu after 2.1 innings of work. Wirsu finished the afternoon with three walks, three hits and surrendered five runs, all earned.

The Pirates were able to get out to a 9-0 lead before the Lancers came roaring back in the last two frames.

"Saturday, it looked like we had a similar start, and then it looked like we started to settle in, and obviously we did a great job

of threatening late and giving them a scare and bringing their closer into the game and having a shot to tie it," said Mau.

Longwood tacked on one run in the eighth, then five in the top of the ninth until the Pirates brought in their closer, sophomore right-hander Joe Ingle. In the end, Longwood's rally fell short bringing the series to 2-0 in favor of ECU.

The Lancers carried their momentum into the finale on Sunday tacking on two early runs off ECU starting senior pitcher Jimmy Boyd.

The Pirates answered immediately putting up three runs off sophomore right-hander Zach Potojecki in the bottom of the first. Potojecki settled in after the first and finished the afternoon with nine hits, five strikeouts and five runs, four earned in 6.2 innings of work.

"Zach Potojecki was outstanding after the first inning," said Mau. "I thought after he settled down, obviously to give us what he did was great,"

Mau added, "His fastball command was there, and what he does best is he doesn't give up free passes; no walks, no HBP's (hit by pitch), he just makes you put it in play and kept us in the ball game."

East Carolina's offense and bullpen was too much for the Lancers to overcome as

they dropped the finale 5-3.

The Lancers were led on offense by senior second baseman C. J. Roth and sophomore utility man Sammy Miller. Roth finished the weekend going 3-of-7 with a walk, run scored and one RBI. Miller finished 3-of-10 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Roth started the weekend batting ninth, but found himself leading off both Saturday and Sunday.

"It's a little bit different as the leadoff hitter; you set the tone for the team," said Roth. "At first, there's a little bit of pressure, but once you settle in it's a little easier to handle."

The Lancers were scheduled to play their first home game Richmond Spiders on Tuesday, Feb. 23, but it was ultimately rained out without setting a makeup date.

Longwood will save their first home competition for the weekend against Wagner College, opening on Friday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. The Lancers will be Wagner's first opponents of the season.

WTEN: Lancers grab first win in home opener over Eagles

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After winning five of six singles matches, Longwood took a 5-2 victory over the Mary Washington Eagles (UMW) this past Thursday, Feb. 18 in their home opener.

Mary Washington took the lead first by winning the doubles points. UMW won all three doubles matches, including a competitive battle (7-5) between the Lancers' juniors Anna Pelak and Mason Thomas and Mary

Washington juniors MacKenzie Smith and Taylor Diffley.

The momentum of the match shifted to the Lancers when Thomas caught Longwood's first win of the match. Thomas beat UMW Diffley 6-0 in the first set and 6-2 in the second set at the No. 5 singles position.

Singles wins followed from Pelak, now in the No. 2 position and freshman Fallon Burger in the No. 1 position. The Lancers finalized their victory when senior Paloma Alatorre earned a singles win in the No. 4 position against Mary Washington junior Chrissy Gaul.

Longwood senior Maria Coronel ended the match by overcoming Smith 6-3, 6-0 to win the No. 6 singles position, her first of the spring.

Longwood's next match is on Saturday, Feb. 27 against Radford. It is a conference match and will be held at Longwood starting at 1 pm.

MBB: Short-handed Lancers lose to Gardner-Webb

Rough start dooms Longwood to fourth loss in a row

BY TRISTAN PENNA
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A slow start sentenced the Longwood men's basketball team to a fourth straight defeat against Gardner-Webb University, losing 81-71. The short-handed Lancers dropped to 8-21 on the season and now sit at the bottom of the Big South Conference, while the Runnin' Bulldogs improved to 15-14.

On senior night in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb took control of the game straight from the opening tipoff. The Runnin' Bulldogs raced to a big lead early on, opening the game on a 12-0 scoring run. The Lancers did not score for the first 5:30 of the game, going scoreless on their first seven possessions.

"The story of the game was the start," said men's basketball head coach Jayson Gee on the official Longwood athletics website. "We weren't ready to go, and that's on me."

Gardner-Webb, led by Dylan Poston with 22 points, had eight different players on the scoresheet. The Runnin' Bulldogs never trailed throughout the game, and went into halftime with a 23-point advantage.

Longwood improved on their poor first half after the break, outscoring the home side 46-33 in the second half. But the first half hole was too much to overcome for the depleted Lancers, who had all five starters play 30 minutes or more.

The team, already hindered by injuries and coach's decisions, was further handicapped as starting sophomore guard Kanayo Obi-Rapu Jr. was a late scratch from the lineup due to illness. Redshirt-sophomore forward Khris Lane stepped into the starting five, but the bench was left short of options to give the starters a breather. Gee noted the impact of having players unavailable, but did not blame it for his team's defeat.

"Anytime you reduce your depth, it's a factor, particularly when it's a starter and one of your top scorers," said Gee on the official Longwood athletics website. "But I thought the story of this game was the poor start in the first half. We could just never



MATT ALEXANDER | ONLINE EDITOR

Senior guard Shaquille Johnson broke his double-digit dry spell with a 16-point night on Saturday.

make that up, and that's difficult to do on the road."

Despite the heavy workload, there were some solid performances from the visitors. Junior guard Darrion Allen recorded 16 points, as did senior forward Shaquille Johnson. Johnson also racked up nine rebounds, seven assists, and two blocks in a complete 40 minute effort.

Redshirt-senior center Lotanna Nwogbo continued his good form, finishing with 14 points and 11 rebounds. It was Nwogbo's

sixth straight double-double, and his Big South-leading twelfth overall this season.

The Lancers will hope to build on their improved second half performance when they host No. 10 Presbyterian on Thursday, Feb. 25. It will be Longwood's senior night at Willett Hall, as Nwogbo, Johnson, and guard Tra'Vaughn White will have one last chance to play in front of the Farmville faithful against the Blue Hose.

MTEN: Lancers gain first victory against CNU

BY STEPHANIE ROBERTS
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After three straight losses to start the season, Longwood men's tennis gained their first win of the spring at their match against Division III Christopher Newport University (CNU) on Saturday, Feb. 20. After losing to CNU 6-1 last spring, Longwood showed improvement as they walked away with a 4-3 win.

"The work is starting to pay off, and we are getting a lot of confidence moving forward," said head coach Pierre Tafelski on the Longwood athletics official website.

The Lancers received two doubles victories in the No. 1 and No. 3 positions. Longwood sophomore Alfonso Castellano paired with freshman Julian Farthing in the No. 1 position and beat CNU junior Steven Boslet and senior Chiraag Shetty 8-6. The Lancers' No. 3 pair, junior Rosen Ilchev and senior Bharani Sankar, also won 8-6 over CNU's freshman Nicholas Ruzicka and junior Sam Thomson.

After going down 3-2 to Christopher Newport, Longwood tied it up as Ilchev defeated CNU sophomore Dillon Sykes in the No. 6 singles 6-4, and 6-0. This gave the Lancers a fighting chance going into the last singles match.

After losing the first set 4-6, sophomore Alfonso Castellano came back and won the next two 7-5 and 6-1 in the top-seeded singles match. Castellano's win in the No. 1 position against CNU sophomore David Reed carried the Lancers to their first positive result.

Longwood men's tennis will play next on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. against West Virginia Wesleyan College for their home opener.

WBB: Longwood to face Liberty on lengthy losing streak

Game Preview: No. 11 Lancers hope for 40 minutes of consistency as they head to No. 2 Liberty



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The Longwood women's basketball team (6-20, 3-14) will head to Liberty for their last road game of the season this Saturday, Feb. 27. Coming off their sixth straight loss to Radford, the Lancers will face the Flames (15-10, 12-4, Big South) while on their longest losing streak of the season.

"We have struggled the last six games for consistency and that's something that you need in order to beat Liberty is consistency," said women's basketball head coach Bill Reinson. "We got to become more consistent. We got to get back to playing 40 minutes... if we can get back to playing 40 minutes, I think we'll have a good chance the rest of the way."

The last time these two teams met, the Lancers were in a similar situation. They had lost four games in row before falling inside Willett Hall, 72-67.

With double-digit performances from senior guard Raven Williams, sophomore

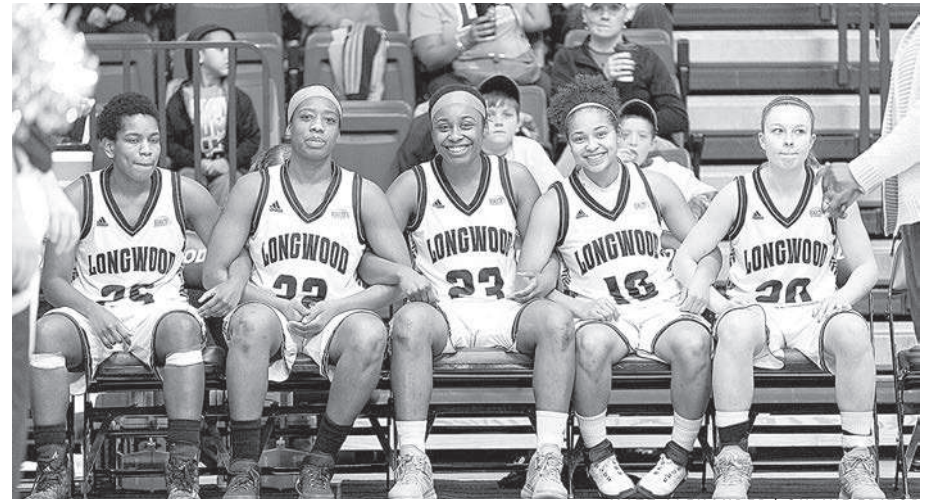
guard Autumn Childress, and senior guard Deborah Headen, the Lancers managed to keep the Flames at bay for most of the second quarter. Williams, who will miss the upcoming game due to a foot injury, led Longwood with 14 points, two assists and a rebound; Childress and Headen secured 10 points and two rebounds as well as a combined five steals.

Headen, who currently averages 7.5 points per game and has been a double-digit scorer in 12 out of the 26 games this season, hopes to provide a solid game again.

"I'm just working on trying to be consistent from game to game. Consistency is one of the biggest keys for this game," said Headen.

The Flames ended with the five-point victory thanks to impact players like redshirt-senior forward Catherine Kearney. She added 20 points, four rebounds and two blocks, followed by freshman guard Mickayla Sanders with 15 and redshirt-senior forward Katelyn Adams with 11.

While Liberty outrebounded the Lancers



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Senior guard Deborah Headen (far left) considered consistency "one of the biggest keys" for the Liberty game on Saturday.

(36-24), Longwood had a better three-point shooting percentage (.379) and they plan to utilize that again.

Headen said, "Threes are always our go-to because there are a lot of three-point shooters on our team."

The Lancers also have a game plan to neutralize the "three-headed monster" of the Flames: Kearney, Adams and redshirt-senior forward Ashley Rininger. The trio of super seniors makes up three of Liberty's top four scorers and Kearney has already proved to be a difficult obstacle for the Lancers to overcome in their previous contest.

Reinson said, "What we did last time was we put a lot of pressure on them... As it turns out, we just stole the ball from them or they got a wide-open layup and that contributed to her (Kearney) great shooting performance. This time, we'll try to be a little more disciplined and maybe not over extend the defense and give her so many easy ones."

Reinson said he hopes to use Childress and junior center Eboni Gilliam, who in the past five games have become impact players, to make some more plays for the team.

"We'll try to draw Liberty's bigger players

out. Hopefully, Autumn and Eboni can make a couple of shots and when we draw them out, they're skilled enough to get past them and to the rim," said Reinson.

With only three more conference games left, Reinson recognizes the pressure for the team to snap their losing streak, but believes that it's not much different than the pressure they have felt all season.

"I think we feel pressure, especially losing six in a row. We feel a little bit (of) pressure every game to bring our A-game," stated Reinson. "We've been in some contests; we've fallen just a little bit short. Other games, we haven't played very well. I'd rather just have consistency over the last three games, because I think the rest of it will work itself out."

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Softball helps homeless veterans

The Longwood softball team donates necessities to veteran community

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The softball team became involved with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to help local homeless veterans, and it all started with a goal set by a senior Longwood University student, Tom Lanigan.

The Longwood University softball team started a clothing drive for homeless veterans in the summer of 2015, and it has expanded to the entire athletics department. All of these proceeds go to McGuire's Veteran Hospital in Richmond Va.

Elizabeth McCarthy, a junior softball pitcher at Longwood University, said, "We (McCarthy and Jenna Carnes) filled the back of my SUV and Tom (Lanigan) came and picked it up... he was almost in tears, so it was really cool to see his reaction and how much he appreciated it."

McCarthy mentioned humbly that the bulk of the donations they had at first was not only from softball but from all of SAAC. SAAC stands for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, an organization run by student-athletes, who do community service and give them a voice in the athletics department. McCarthy is one of the softball representatives; Carnes, a sophomore pitcher, is the other.

She mentioned how she believed the athletic department would be able to make a great impact on this initiative since they are such a close knit community.

McCarthy said that you don't understand how blessed you are until you donate, when you realize these veterans don't even have basic toiletries.

"It's really fulfilling. It kind of fills your heart up," she said.

Their coaches have always encouraged them to become more involved with the community, and they have Assistant Head Coach Kayla Miller to thank for giving them the idea to take this drive to SAAC, according to McCarthy.

"We really owe it to our assistant coach, she's the person that gets us going, and she's the type of person that is super selfless



COURTESY OF ELIZABETH MCCARTHY

The Longwood softball team has donated twice to the homeless veterans of Farmville, at their coach's encouragement.

and does everything for others... Kayla is the one that really got us into this," said McCarthy.

Longwood softball head coach Kathy Riley had a personal connection with Lanigan, also playing a role in softball's involvement.

With the majority of Lanigan's family serving in the military, he has a natural passion for U.S. veterans.

Miller has been friends with Lanigan for roughly 15 years, and she believes that things like what Lanigan brings to the table, such as helping the homeless veterans, are of the utmost importance.

"We felt again, with us being female athletes, that it was very important for us to try to do something that ties us into other females because we didn't really know that

there were that many female veterans and especially homeless female veterans," said Riley.

Riley believes that the more that the team knows what other people are experiencing, the more that they can develop their own causes and own understandings about things in life. It's really about their own growth.

While Riley hopes for the team's growth, Lanigan hopes for the growth of the program for homeless veterans as more people gain interest in donating.

"I hope it keeps growing. I suggested that the Longwood Athletics department challenge the Big South Conference to join," said Lanigan.

"The girls on the softball have told me some other teams pitched in and helped

with the latest collection a few weeks ago," he added. "As far as helping to get the word out, the softball team members have told me they were spreading the word around."

Tom Hicks, a Vietnam veteran and VFW member, noted the importance of VFW's initiative due to the amount of veterans "just barely living from paycheck to paycheck."

The VFW plans to invite the softball team to one of their meetings that occur every first Thursday of the month so that they can meet the whole team and keep this initiative moving forward.

"We have to remember, we enjoy our freedoms every day because of our brave military men and women, and we very easily overlook the homeless veteran issue. I look forward to continuing to help this effort grow," said Lanigan.