

The Rotunda

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New Lancer Day Edition

Welcoming the freshmen since 1920



letter from the editor

welcome, on behalf of the rotunda

Dear New Lancers,

On behalf of The Rotunda I want to welcome all of you to Longwood, you have made an outstanding choice. Longwood is special in so many ways and I hope this edition will help to show you this. As a senior I can say the experiences you'll have here are some of the best you will ever have.

You will become a part of this unique culture: being excited about droppings for once in your life, rushing to Birthday Dinner and forgetting your sunscreen at Oktoberfest. When your time here ends you will have obtained an abundant amount of knowledge not only in academics, but about life as well.

Cherish every last memory you have here; explore, meet people, go out of your comfort zone and always remember how blessed you are to be in such a great place, surrounded by great people.

Best of luck,
Tori Walker

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Summer Recap

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Here's what happened over the summer while you were gone or before you arrived:

May 26:

Three or four shots were reported to have been fired in the 600 block of South Main Street. Several witnesses reported a white vehicle, possibly a Toyota, may have been involved in the incident. According to one witness, the shots were fired from behind a residence.

One arrest of an individual who was wanted on active warrants was made during the course of the investigation. The individual was not a suspect in this incident.

Both the Longwood Police Department and Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office responded to the incident and assisted with the investigation.

Several email alerts were sent out and campus was secured during the incident. Patrols were increased in the area.

June 10:

Shots were reported as being fired near campus and police investigated the situation. An e2Campus alert advised students to stay indoors and wait for further information.

Around 11 minutes after the first alert was sent, a second alert was sent to notify the campus and students that police had made an arrest in the shooting incident. The lockdown was lifted.

July 2:

A survey was sent out to students regarding a new design for the university website. The survey allowed students to vote for which taglines and new colors (which will be added to the existing blue and gray) they preferred.

July 3:

A suspicious person was reported carrying a rifle near Oak Street. The e2Campus alert described the person as a shirtless black male. No one fitting that description was located by officials.

An alert sent out later informed campus and students that the area was checked by police and to remain aware of any suspicious activity.

July 16:

A scam was directed towards Farmville involving phone calls to residents in the area. Victims reported receiving phone calls from people claiming to be employed by Dominion Virginia Power. The caller would threaten to disconnect the service for past due accounts if payment was not immediately made. Callers instructed victims to purchase pre-paid credit cards and call back with the credit card numbers in order to pay off the accounts.

Dominion denied involvement in the incident and sent out a media release.

The Farmville Police Department released an alert and informed residents that most utility providers do not require payment using a pre-paid credit card or request payment over the phone.

Construction Updates:

Outta Here in D-Hall has been redesigned, including new menu items.

Renovation of the restrooms in D-Hall have been completed.

Renovations in Willett Hall have been completed. Renovations include a heating, ventilation, and air condition system. According to Jerry Jerome, the university facilities planner, all areas are now available for use.

Renovations in Blackwell Hall have been completed.

The new Maugans Alumni Center is now open in the lower level of Blackwell Hall behind Ruffner Hall.

Construction for two new sophomore residence halls have begun. The halls will be adjacent to ARC Hall and are scheduled to open August 2016. Parking adjustments will be made with some loss of spaces on Race Street and West Redford Street.

Site preparation has started on the new Upchurch University Center. The center is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2017.

The Environmental Science Center

has two new installations: solar panels and a rain cistern. The new Student Success Center is now in the design phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2016. The center will be located between Lankford Student Union and Greenwood Library. Coyner Hall is currently in the design phase. Renovations include a new air conditioning, heating and ventilation system and a new roof. The hall will be closed until the fall of 2016. A new admissions building is in the design phase. The admissions offices will be temporarily relocated to the first floor of Lancaster Hall in September. Lankford Student Union is currently in the design phase. Renovations will be made to the front entrance and back porch in order to reinstall the balustrade. The renovations are scheduled to begin in the fall.

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Freshman Safety

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The Farmville area is known to be a relatively safe community. With a population of just over 8,000, crime isn't a large issue. Although, when you include the additional student population of Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College, it does become a common topic of discussion.

"I would say we are well under the national and state average for crime in the commonwealth, so we're safe," says Robert Beach, Chief of Longwood Police. "Eighty percent of a person's safety and well-being rest with them, with their understanding of the circumstances around them, with their self awareness and their ability to be aware of their surroundings."

The Longwood Police Department (LUPD), as well as the Farmville Police Department (FPD), are working together to make it easier for the community to track crime in the area.

Chief Beach predicts that by Christmas break a system will be in place making public information more transparent, meaning you would be able to look at all of the crime data for both Longwood and the Town of Farmville enabling people to track it themselves.

"As soon as Chief Davis and I finish putting together the technology, within 24 hours of every event or crime, we will have it posted and available online."

This will help the two departments to analyze trends in local crime, in hopes of handling these issues rapidly and effectively.

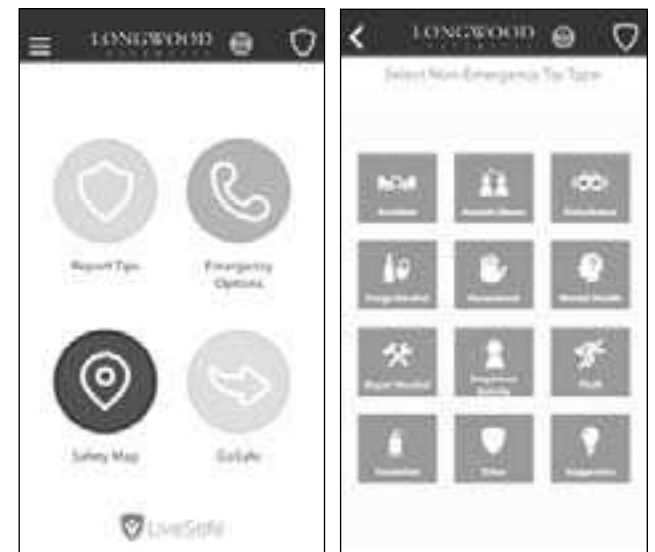
Tips from Chief Beach

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Do the right thing as opposed to doing what you feel you want to do
- Participate in Coffee with the Chief, which is every second Tuesday of the month in Java City at 3 p.m.
- Be aware of those who will take advantage of you and those who jump at the opportunity for participating in a crime
- You will run into people who will come on campus and find students who they can befriend so they can have access to places on campus

"I'm not saying don't be friends with the local populous. Just be cautious," says Chief Beach. "We had a student who had a friend for a month or two and he gave this friend his ID card, which gave him access to his resident hall and certain academic buildings, and when this student went to class, he came back and to find his Wii system and TV gone."

- If it seems too good to be true, or something just doesn't seem right, it probably isn't
- Follow LUPD on social media: Twitter @Longwoodpolice; Facebook Longwood University Police Department
- Pay attention to public safety events streamed from the LUPD website as well: <http://www.longwood.edu/police/index.html>
- Sign up for the LiveSafe App where you can report crime and reach out for help when needed

"This is brand new this year and it's a big help," says Chief Beach. "For example, part of the app allows you to say 'I'm at Lancer Park and I feel uncomfortable walking alone, can you send an escort?' and we will either send the student security organization (Night Walkers Program) or we will send a police officer"



- Sign up for Campus Alert to receive notifications about in-town and on-campus crime
- Be aware of the universities policies about underage alcohol and drug use

"If we find out you have violated these (policies) we will hold you accountable, but if they are truthful, respectful and not a danger to themselves or others, we will try as best we can to hold them accountable in a way that is not 'life destroying'," says Chief Beach.

Remember to be careful while getting adjusted and remember it can take time to become acclimated to a new environment. Don't be afraid to ask for help from the Farmville or Longwood PD, they are always willing to help and assist individuals.

A Look into the SGA

BY KIRA ZIMNEY
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The Student Government Association is more than a board of student committees, meeting once a week and discussing matters, it is broken down into Senators, Conduct Board and Honor Board. Within that, there are the executive board members (President, Vice President, Historian, Secretary, etc.) as well as Class Presidents and Council Representatives. SGA is not just for a select few of students; it is open to anyone at Longwood who wishes to get involved.

“There are currently seven permanent committees in our constitution, but we create and dissolve committees as campus’ needs change,” said President Constance Garner. “For instance, we created a diversity and social justice committee at the beginning of last year [we] found that we were having more student issues that fell under that realm.”

“Being on SGA means you represent all students as liaisons to the university faculty and staff,” said former Vice President and Senate member, Adam Fletcher.

“For me, it was interest in government and politics at first, as I have been an elected member and former Vice President over the past three years,” says Fletcher. “Now that I know the true purpose of the organization, I have constantly sought reelection to help change Longwood as a campus through the decisions that SGA makes and to help students stay informed on issues facing our campus and adjoining community. It has been a great time serving on SGA, and I would say one of my best experiences at Longwood.”

Members meet at a formal senate meeting where all senators, class presidents, and SGA representatives meet with the executive board, and select senators who also meet for SFC (Student Finance Committee) each week.

Garner says there is a pretty basic layout to how senate member meetings are typically run each week. The most talked about campus concerns are discussed through

Open Forum. “I consider [it] to really be the most important,” says Garner. Topics usually vary around student needs, “each of our committee heads are also given time to speak, as well as each member of the Executive Council,” says Garner.

“One great thing about Open Forum, which a lot of people don’t realize, is that anyone can speak, not just the board,” said Garner.

On the Longwood Student Government Association’s web page, freshmen are encouraged to apply for various positions.

Any and all incoming freshmen interested in becoming a member of SGA can attend mandatory interest meetings in the coming weeks of fall semester.

Garner’s advice to incoming freshman if interested in SGA: “Reach out and let someone know. If someone was to walk up to me and say they wanted to be a part of SGA, I could definitely get them started,” said Garner.

“I would encourage freshmen to not only get involved with SGA, but also with their class councils, making them able to better keep track of their classes needs,” said Fletcher.

“We are always looking for people who can give us more perspective on our student body,” says Garner. “We are a pretty diverse group, but there are definitely some groups on campus who are going unrepresented.”

Longwood University’s SGA Constitution first aims to ‘promote cultural, intellectual, social and personal developments of students,’ as well as raise awareness of any and all issues that directly affect or may affect the Longwood Community.

If you are interested in being a part of SGA on campus, check out the Longwood SGA website, bylaws and constitution and email: Constance Garner, SGA President, constance.garner@live.longwood.edu on how to get involved. Apply for an appointed position, applications can be found: <https://longwoodorgs.collegiatelink.net/>

Financial Column

Money management for beginners

BY JUSTIN PARKER
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Welcome to Longwood! Also, welcome back to all Lancers who are returning for another great year. This article will be dedicated to money and financial tips directed towards freshmen who might find this advice useful throughout your time at Longwood.

Something important to keep in mind is setting a budget for yourself while at school. Whether you have saved money throughout the summer, or you get money every-so-often, either from your parents or from a job, you are going to need to budget your money. There are plenty of on-campus jobs to help you earn some money while here at Longwood, so definitely look around if you want some extra cash.

I cannot begin to tell you the number of people I know who come to school with a certain amount of allotted money and blow through it within the first few months. Or they get a paycheck and in less than a week spend all of it on various things. If nobody has told you yet, college is expensive. Creating a budget for yourself on how much you are allowed to spend based on your financial situation will be crucial.

Also, you more than likely have bonus dollars, and possibly have \$250 this

semester. This breaks down to roughly \$16.50 a week to spend, because there are 15 weeks between the start of classes and the last day. Once again, plenty of people spend it all in less than a month, but if you can average spending around \$16 a week, you will have bonus dollars until the end of the semester.

Only get a credit card if you feel you can handle yourself with it. When I first went to school the temptations to get credit cards were everywhere; credit cards promise money at your fingertips, that you can simply pay off later. I eventually did get a credit card, but only once I knew I was financially responsible enough. I also made sure that I had enough money to pay back anything I put on it.

I have heard so many stories and seen people put it all of their college years on their credit card. At the end of the month, they realize how much they have spent and the few hundred dollars they put on the card, can turn into thousands over the time they can take paying it off.

Figure out how much money you have and set a budget. Budget your bonus dollars and avoid the credit cards unless you know you can handle one. Longwood is an awesome place, and with these few tips, you can financially maximize your time here.

Title IX: what you need to know about sexual misconduct

BY BRIANA ADHIKUSUMA
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“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” - The Education Amendment of 1972 (Title IX, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681, et seq.)

Sexual misconduct is prohibited by Title IX. Sexual misconduct includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence and stalking. Any non-consensual contact of a sexual nature may be deemed sexual misconduct as well.

Sexual misconduct may also include sexual activity, sexual discrimination, unwelcome sexual contact, coerced sexual intercourse, sexual exploitation and retaliation against any person that has reported a situation to officials.

The university’s sexual misconduct policy states that the “policy applies to all Longwood students, staff and faculty in all university programs and activities regardless of location of the incident(s)... All Longwood students, staff and faculty shall be offered immediate resources which may include counseling, medical assistance and living, learning and/or appropriate working environment accommodations.”

All situations which violate the sexual misconduct policy should be reported immediately and are granted maximum possible privacy by officials. Complainants are encouraged to report to the university Title IX coordinator and Longwood Police.

Once a report of sexual misconduct is received, the university will conduct an impartial investigation into the matter. Complainants (reporters) and

respondents (those reported against) will be separated should they work or reside in the same area of employment or residence. If appropriate, prevention of contact between individuals will be placed in the situation.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of sexual misconduct may report the situation to the Title IX coordinator and Longwood Police. Complainants may also make a limited report with a trained campus advocate or make a confidential report with staff members of the Counseling Center, Student Health & Wellness Center or any off-campus crisis resources. The campus staff in both centers are available for assistance, free of charge.

All cases of sexual misconduct that are reported through the Title IX coordinator will be kept confidential and the complainant may request that his or her name be kept confidential from the respondent.

Sanctions, remedies, and corrective actions include: a requirement not to repeat or continue the conduct, reprimand, reassignment, suspension, termination of employment and expulsion.

Below is a list of resources and contacts for reports.

**Jennifer Fraley, Director of Student Conduct and Integrity and
University Title IX Coordinator: (434) 395-2490**

Longwood Police: (434) 395-2091

Counseling Center: (434) 395-2409

Student Health & Wellness Center: (434) 395-2102

**Piedmont Crisis Center, Center for Violence Prevention: 24-hour
hotline: (888) 819-2926**

Scam targets Farmville Residents

Farmville Police Department furthers investigation and urges residents to be cautious

BY BRIANA ADHIKUSUMA
NEWS EDITOR

A recent scam has been directed towards Farmville involving phone calls to residents in the area.

According to a released alert from the Farmville Police Department, victims reported “receiving telephone calls from persons claiming to work for Dominion Virginia Power. The caller threatens disconnection of service for past due accounts if payment is not immediately made. Victims are instructed to purchase ‘pre-paid’ credit cards and call back with the credit card numbers to pay off their accounts.”

Dominion has denied involvement in the incident. On July 10, Dominion sent out a media release, which stated that the company “does not take

payment over the phone and never asks for immediate payment of cash, Paypal, ‘MoneyPak/Green Dot’ or any prepaid debit card as a prerequisite to keeping lights on.”

According to the Farmville Police Department, most utility providers do not require payment using a pre-paid credit card or request payment over the phone. Most utility providers will also typically set up a payment plan to assist their customers that are behind on a bill.

If you are suspicious of a caller who is requesting payment for any reason, the Farmville Police Department advises to “collect as much information as possible from the caller and report it immediately to law enforcement or your utility company.”

Lancer Traditions

Highlighting some of Longwood's greatest traditions

BY PAYTON CONWAY
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CARSON REEHER PHOTO EDITOR

A CHI Walk from last spring where students anxiously wait to see the members of the secret society.

It's no secret: every college has some sort of tradition that its students relish on throughout their college years and even afterwards. Our beloved Longwood University is certainly no different, except that our traditions are simply better (there may be some bias in that last statement). During the next four years, you're going to get the full experience of all the traditions that embody being a Longwood Lancer.

In case you weren't aware, Longwood is home to two secret societies: CHI and Princeps. Both societies are shrouded in secrecy. No one knows how one can become a member of either group, or who is a member. Nevertheless, both societies play a major part in the traditions of the Longwood community.

CHI was started in 1900, making it the oldest continuous service organization at

Longwood. CHI's main purpose is to promote the spirit of Longwood. As seen in their motto, "Service to the whole, without focusing on the self," and their main focus is leadership through academics. CHI's presence can be felt through their symbol, the blue Rotunda supported by four beams, which represents the four phases of student life: social, recreational, intellectual and spiritual. Do not step on them: doing so is symbolic of stepping on the spirit of Longwood. Plus, rumor has it, that stepping on the Rotunda will cause you to graduate a year late.

Another way CHI's presence is felt is through Longwood's periodic CHI walks. Keeping with the theme of secrecy, the time and location of the walks are unknown until hours before they occur. There is normally an announcement at D-Hall or at Ruffner Hall in

the form of a note posted near a vase of blue flowers. During a CHI walk, the members of CHI are completely robed from head to toe in blue and white, slowly walking and chanting, while the bystanders remain completely silent, out of respect.

You might wonder why watching people clothed in white and blue, and chanting, would be a big deal. Besides seeing a creepy, yet unique display of school spirit, students attend in the hopes of possibly finding the Holy Grail of the Longwood traditions: "CHI droppings."

A CHI dropping can be anything from a large banner to a small toy. Members of CHI will often drop them during the walk, but they can be found anywhere, at anytime. You'll see your fellows Lancers scouring campus for these droppings and jumping for joy, if they find one. All CHI droppings are marked with either a Rotunda or an "X." CHI droppings are not to leave campus, so you pass them down when you graduate. Just another way CHI promotes Longwood's spirit.

In the spring semester, CHI recognizes students, faculty and staff at the annual CHI burning. At this special event, a bonfire is lit on Iler Field, while CHI gives out special trinkets to those who have made exceptional contributions on campus and in the community. In addition, senior members of CHI are finally revealed at this ceremony.

As an honorary organization,

Princeps' main purpose is to promote leadership among the Longwood community. Members of this organization are those that embody the true meaning of leadership through their co-curricular activities and academics, but remain unknown until their revealing ceremony.

The symbols of Princeps are a crown with seven points, and the number seven, which represents the seven key principles of leadership. Seven black crowns can be found on campus sidewalks; stepping on these brings you luck. Lancers are serious about "crown-hopping," especially during finals week.

Princeps honors the academic successes of students each semester by mailing out black sevens to those with GPAs of 3.5-3.99 and red sevens to those with a GPA of 4.0.

Students, faculty and staff, can also be recognized by receiving wooden sevens. To earn this prize, a student is mailed a letter with a riddle leading them to the office of a faculty or staff member. Upon giving the correct answer, the student is given a large wooden seven to keep until they pass it down before leaving campus or graduating. The faculty or staff member is given a smaller one.

Longwood has two traditions, which come in the form of big annual festivities: Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend. Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend are weekend long celebrations filled with great music, great food and creative booths, set up by the numerous

clubs and organizations on campus. Each year, Mortar Board and Lancer Productions, who sponsor Oktoberfest and Spring Weekend, pick the theme for the events and get the musical performers to come to our school. Longwood has hosted several big recording artists like Taylor Swift, The Fray, Gloriana and SoMo during these celebrations.

In the fall semester, Oktoberfest is kicked off with Color Wars, where Lancers are split into two opposing sides. Students who graduate on an odd year, belong to the green team, and those who graduate on an even year, belong to the red team. The two sides collide on Iler Field as they throw red and green paint at each other in an all-out war. It's a crazy and awesome event that even Longwood University President, Taylor Reveley, can't help but join the fun.

For Spring Weekend, the headlining event is called Oozeball. For Oozeball, the volleyball court, located on Stubbs Lawn, is dug up and replaced with water. In the combination of sand and water, students form teams, and play in a volleyball tournament during the weekend.

The last Longwood tradition to highlight is one that you won't experience until your senior year, but it's well worth the wait. In a ceremony dedicated specifically to celebrating our seniors, Convocation is where the seniors pick an underclassman to decorate their graduation cap, which is called "capping."

Local restaurants in Farmville

BY JESSICA GROFF
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To most college students, food is something that tops the list of most important things to think about when choosing a school. Luckily for Longwood students, Farmville is home to many great local restaurants in addition to your average chain restaurants.

One restaurant that is a favorite among Longwood students is Macado's. They have a wide range of all-American food items to choose from, including over 40 variations of sandwiches.

"It is one of my favorite restaurants in Farmville because everyone can find something to eat and enjoy, and I love the atmosphere," said Senior Longwood student Shannon Phelan.

Another restaurant that has become a hit among students in the past year is Uptown Café. Owned by a Longwood alumnus, Uptown is easily accessible to students because it is within walking distance of campus and located among many popular shops along Main Street.

When asked what she loves about Uptown, Senior Emily Gallihugh couldn't choose just one thing. "Uptown has incredible coffee and hot chocolate, delicious sandwiches, and the perfect, relaxing environment. I study at Uptown, but I also love to meet up with friends there."

The coffee shop features breakfast items, sandwiches, wraps and salads along with their coffee and ice cream. Check out the live music that Uptown features each week in the evening.

The restaurant with a recent rise in popularity is none other than Walker's Diner. The diner was featured on a Food Network show called "American Diner Revival"

in an episode titled "Fraternity Fix-Up."

Longwood students who nominated the diner for the show worked hand-in-hand with Ty Pennington and Amanda Freitag to renovate the diner in five short days.

"The experience was unforgettable, working alongside Ty and Amanda was definitely a treat," said Junior Josh Harkema. "Ty brought the uplifting personality to the set when things weren't going right, while Amanda made the delicious food. I had a blast with the whole project from start to finish!"

If you haven't checked out Farmville's latest claim to fame, make sure you stop in to try something new on Walker's menu.

If you love breakfast food at all times of the day Main Street Bagels is the place to go, they have a variety of bagels, wraps and pastries as well as hardy sandwiches for lunch.

What used to be Bar 202 is now Badeaux's Cajun Chicken at Bar 202, this new addition to town has become increasingly popular among students. If you're looking to try something mild or spicy, Badeaux's would be the place for you. Featuring Cajun style food, this restaurant spices up the community's food variety.

You can find Badeaux's across from French Hall by entering through the The Weyanoke Hotel lobby.

A longtime favorite among college students is cheap Mexican food. Luckily, El Patron is located within walking distance of campus and serves everyone's favorites with daily affordable specials.

There's plenty of time to try these local restaurants along with many more before the semester is over. So save up your money and make sure you support Farmville's local restaurants when you need a break from the dining hall.

Four tips to make more friends freshman year

BY HALLE PARKER
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There are two types of freshman: the ones who enter college alongside a few people they know from high school and the ones who start fresh in a completely new place.

No matter what kind of freshman you are, whether you have your best friend since birth rooming with you, not a good idea by the way, or you left all your friends and family behind in a different state, you will want to branch out.

Sure, it's comfortable to keep a few familiar faces around, but college is all about taking on new challenges and rising to new heights as you'll hear about in orientation over and over.

It's not easy to have the confidence to begin the conversation and say the first 'hey, how's it going,' but each time you initiate the interaction you'll become even better. Believe me when I say that smoother and less awkward greetings lie ahead.

Coming from someone who was just in your shoes last year, here are a few tips to get the ball rolling and help you find the friends who will help you through the next four years.

1. Join Clubs. Seriously.

This is easily one of the best ways to meet new people and put yourself out there. Who cares if you weren't much of a 'joiner' in high school, because college is completely new territory. The whole point of clubs is to create a place where people with similar interests can gather and hang out. It's weird how people with the same interests as you could turn into your friends. What a coincidence.

If you like volunteering, check out Alpha Pi Omega (APO) the service fraternity on campus. Looking for some active people to run around with? Sign up for intramural or try out for a club team. Want to diversify your clique? Attend a Black Student Association or Pride meeting. Or maybe if none of the clubs on campus

represent your needs then make your own, you'll feel great and it will look good on your resume.

2. Use LSEM

As much as everyone complains about the mandatory freshman seminar, it actually is useful in the long run. Even though the one credit course takes up more time than you ever want it to, you're paying for it either way so you might as well take advantage of the class.

The people you meet will also be in your major so maybe it will make finding a partner for some future group activity easier once your other classes actually begin.

3. Connect with your roommates

Living with a roommate in college can be both a blessing and a curse depending on how well you hit it off. Assuming it goes pretty well and you don't hate each other, usually you don't, you kill two birds with one stone.

You gain a friend in your roomie and access your roomie's pool of friends.

No matter what type of freshman they are with a friend group already or beginning anew, it still gives you both the opportunity to expand through each other.

4. Meet your hall mates

Why stop expanding with just your room or suite? You have an entire hall of fellow freshman ready to say hi while waiting for the elevator.

You'll be surprised when you gather for mandatory hall meetings just how many people live on the same floor as you. Begin a conversation with a common complaint like the trash buildup in the dorms on the weekends or wondering what D-Hall will serve that day, etc. Just go for it.

When it comes to growing a social group in college, the key is to seize the moment. Everyone wants friends, and everyone already knows how to talk to people. Being on your own doesn't change anything.

Friendliness breeds friendships.

So keep smiling.

Who's who at Longwood

10 Faces you should know at Longwood

BY NATALIE JOSEPH
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Dr. Pierson – Who is that guy that you are getting all of those informative emails from? Well students, that is Dr. Tim Pierson, who is the vice president for student affairs and also advises the Student Government Association. He always has the latest Longwood news, gives great advice and never fails to make students laugh with a good joke.

Mrs. Betty – I always look forward to getting hungry, because I get to see Mrs. Betty's smiling face when swiping my Lancer Card at D-Hall.

President W. Taylor Reveley IV – THE BIG MAN ON CAMPUS (literally). He is our president, he is tall and he is an active figure that you will see. Get to know his face, as he comes to many events on campus, eats lunch with students and always manages to put a smile on your face.

Jonathan Page – Jonathan Page is the Director for Citizen Leadership and Social Justice Education. He is a big player around campus when it comes to social justice, diversity, inclusion and equality. With his great wisdom and calming, yet empowering voice, he is a great outlet for students who want to positively influence the social and academic development of students of all kinds.

Constance Garner – Constance is the Student Government Association president. She is the student sitting at the head of the table every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Student Union ABC rooms and acts as a very important voice of the student body. When D-Hall is not having the food you want, or when the FAB schedule needs a little tweeking, along with the other SGA

senators, Constance is the person to tell.

Susan Sullivan – Susan or "Sully" is the director of the university center and student activities. Basically, when it comes to student activities, Sully runs the place. She is actively seen around campus and in her office that is located on the top of the Lankford Student Union. Here you can go visit her if you have any questions about involvement, campus programming or if you just need a helping hand.

Wolfgang Acevedo – Wolfgang is the know-it-all of Greek Life. As the associate director for fraternity and sorority life he is always around campus or in his office open to answering all of your questions regarding Greek Life.

Jean Wilwohl – Stressed out about your roommate? Well, Jean Wilwohl is the go-to woman in that category. As the associate director for occupancy management, if you need a room change or have any questions about residential life, she will be there to answer along with the rest of the RCL staff.

Grant Avent – Grant is the director of food service on campus. He is the guy you need to know if you have any questions, problems or suggestions about the food and services everywhere on campus. Usually you will find him talking with students, or being hands-on in D-Hall making sure everything is great for students.

Coach Jason Gee – It is no secret that basketball is our biggest sport on campus, so it is definitely a plus to know the head coach of the team. Coach Gee is seen everywhere from the court, to speaking with students on Brock Commons all the way serving students at Midnight Breakfast.

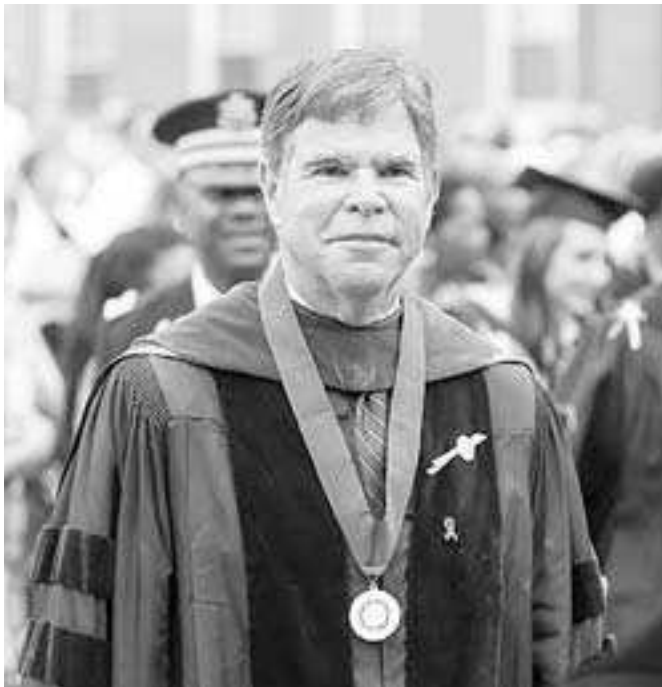


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Tim Pierson Vice President for the Office of Student Affairs (left). Jonathan Page Director of Citizen Leadership and Social Justice Education at the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event, where the gentlemen walked around the campus in high heels to raise awareness on sexual assault and gender violence (right).

Pitch Perfect: A sisterhood of song

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Sisterhood is a vital part of the Longwood University experience. Whether it's with a sorority that feels like home away from home, or just a randomly assigned roommate, who turns into a best friend. Everyone finds where they belong in a different way. If you happen to find a group of people who you can love and harmonize with, it's just an added bonus.

Pitch Perfect is Longwood's all female acapella group. Founded in 2007 by four Longwood students, Pitch Perfect has become the unofficial sound of all of Longwood's major celebrations. If you are walking around the beer garden during Octoberfest, or perusing a

booth during spring weekend chances are you can hear the sweet sounds of Pitch Perfect somewhere in the distance.

The ladies of Pitch Perfect definitely have to work to sound that good. They rehearse three days a week, working tirelessly to make sure each new performance is better than the last. Whitney Hackney serves as Pitch Perfect's music director. she has performed and worked with Pitch Perfect for seven semesters. Hackney can't speak highly enough about her time with the talented group.

"Since it is all women, it really turns into a sisterhood," said Hackney, "we spend three days of our week with these people we get to really know them on a personal and professional level." When the girls rehearse

they split into their sections and go into separate areas within the music building. Once each section has their part down pat, they meet back up and put it all together. It may seem like all work, but Hackney was adamant about the bond that creating music helps to cultivate.

One real advantage to being part of this group is the opportunity it gives members to meet people outside of their major. Pitch Perfect allows anyone to audition and become part of the ensemble from any major. Getting the chance to socialize with people outside of your major can be a golden opportunity.

"Greek life is so prominent on campus and that might be the first thing that catches a

freshmen's attention when they come to Longwood. They want to be part of an organization that's like a family away from family. I think some people don't realize that it's the same kind of idea in an acapella group because we are so close knit." said Hackney.

The audition process for Pitch Perfect is simple. You come in with a prepared song and sing for Hackney and a few other members of the group. Once you are done you are given a piece of music to sing, this is to see if you can sight read. Though being able to sight read is a bonus, Hackney stresses the fact that it is not requirement. Pitch Perfect takes all skill levels, and Hackney and the rest of the girls know how scary an audition can be.

"We try to make it as fun as possible because everyone has some kind of fear be it stage fright, or I'm gonna forget the words, or I'm gonna fall off the stage. Everybody has some kind of insecurity when it comes to performing so we try to make it as easy as possible," said Hackney.

Longwood University is truly a place where you will be encouraged to try new things and find a good fit. If you're looking for an organization where you can make new friends, hone your performing skills

Longwood Theatre

BY EMILY HASWELL
A&E EDITOR



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Dead Man's Cell Phone

This surrealistic comedy centers around Jean, a 40-year-old woman, who by some twist of fate, answers and becomes overly attached to a dead man's cell phone. As Jean answers more of the dead man's calls, she finds out that he wasn't the best person during his time here on Earth. Her obsession even leads her to attend the

man's funeral and assume a different identity. Auditions for this dark comedy will be held August 25th and 26th, from 6-10 in CSTAC, and are open to all majors. The show will run September 24th through October 4th.

The Real Inspector Hound

This play-within-a-play, murder-mystery mashup, is about two theatre critics whose lives begin to parallel the show they are critiquing. Moon and Birdboot must untangle their own lives from the lives of the fictional characters during this exciting one-act play. Auditions are TBA and open to all majors. The show runs November 5th through the 15th.

Twelfth Night

This Shakespearean comedy presents a love triangle in a whole new way. When Viola disguises herself as a man, in order to find work, she had never dreamed that she would actually fall in love, or have a misguided girl fall for her. This comedy of errors is classic, and has influenced many popular films in the last 20 years. Auditions are TBA and are open to all majors. Twelfth Night runs February 17th through the 21st.

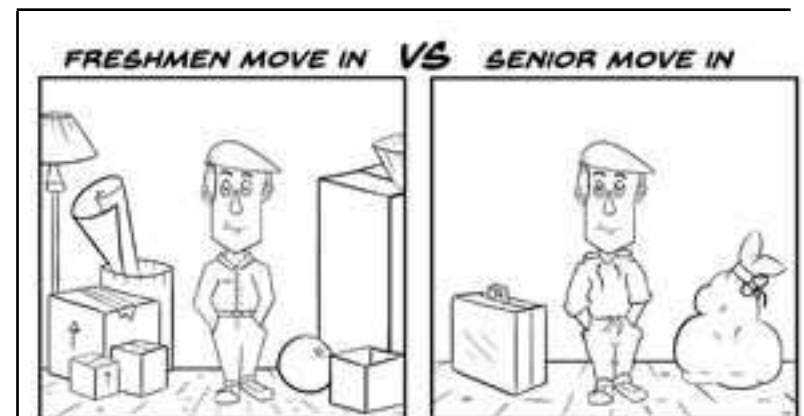
The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)

This unique show is a five-act performance, in which each act pokes fun at a different type of classic American or British brand of musical. It antagonizes

the most popular musical theatre of the last decade in a truly entertaining and inventive way. Auditions are TBA and open to all majors. The show runs April 14th through the 24th.

COMIC CORNER

BY THOMAS WISE



The Transfer Experience

BY RYAN QUIGLEY
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It was the spring of my senior year in high school. Everyone knew where they were going except for me; I hadn't gotten any letters of acceptance from any other schools. This was probably because I didn't apply to any other schools other than Longwood University, so I was patiently waiting for some feedback. Then finally I got the thick envelope in the mail letting me know that I'd been accepted to the only school I wanted to attend. Needless to say, I was ecstatic.

Then I sat down with my parents, where I was informed that my dad had just been laid off. We didn't have much wiggle room for spending money, so I chose to go to John Tyler Community College in Midlothian, Virginia instead, which was a huge disappointment at the time. I wasn't going to be with all my friends and I wasn't going to have the true college experience. Two years of my life went right down the drain.

Then I actually attended community college. As I always do, I expected the worst, but community college turned out to be one of the better decisions I've made. I saved money, made awesome friends and did well in my studies. Nothing to complain about.

Finally it was time to transfer to Longwood: a new school, a new atmosphere and a new everything. How am I supposed to fit in at Longwood as a junior who doesn't know anyone? I hadn't been that scared in a long time. I felt so unprepared and I was afraid I wouldn't fit in.

For my first couple of days, the only people I was comfortable with calling my friends, were my roommates. They were the first people I met and they turned out to be really swell people. While we'd normally go out to eat together, I'd sometimes find myself eating lunch by myself because, again, I didn't know anyone. Nothing is worse than the feeling you get when you walk into a room and you do not know a single person. That's what I felt like at first and I thought I'd feel that way forever.

Thankfully, I was wrong, and in a matter of days, I had a close-knit group of friends who helped me get myself on my feet in the unfamiliar environment. We had all of our classes together because we were part of the same major, so it was super easy getting to know them, but I still felt that I wasn't doing enough. All of my friends were part of some sort of organization and I wanted to become a part of it all too.

In what felt like a blink, I was a member of Longwood's radio station, WMLU 91.3 FM and begun contributing to the newspaper, The Rotunda. Now, I have my very own radio show called "Between the Pipes," and am an official staff member of The Rotunda. The complete transformation from transfer student to what I am now took almost no time at all, and that's because of the awesome environment that Longwood provides.

While it's typically horrifying to adapt to new surroundings, I couldn't have asked for a better place to adjust than Longwood. Being a transfer student may seem "weird," but before you know it, you'll be a true Longwood student and will find your place here, just like I did.



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Would you please respect my waffle tattoo?

BY CARLY SHAIK
LAYOUT EDITOR

Dear employers,

There is something you should understand about what it means to have a tattoo: they come in all shapes and sizes on all different types of people. Certainly some people don't fully think over their misspelt tattoos, but many do not regret their permanent art display; nearly "40 percent" of the next generation have at least one tattoo. It's time to stop affiliating every tattoo with a gang or rebellion. Just because a person has a tattoo, does not mean they will be a bad employee, nor does it mean they should feel obligated to cover every single tattoo from sight.

There are all different types of people who have tattoos, especially young people. Just because a person has a tattoo, does not mean they don't have a college degree or are not suited for a job. In the workforce, an employer is not supposed to judge a person based upon their sexual orientation, race or religion. A tattoo is part of a person's appearance which can describe that person's personality. It can be a symbol for many different aspects of a person's life: It could be in memory of a family member who passed, to record a new life milestone or maybe they just really like waffles. Regardless of what the tattoo is, a person should not be discriminated against because they have ink permanently pushed into their dermis.

Since you define success as the amount of money or education one has, then there are many individuals who qualify as extremely successful that have tattoos. Many professional athletes, celebrities and even professors at esteemed universities sport tattoos. A person's intelligence is not affected by tattoos, nor is their personality. Specifically, the only thing that is affected by one's tattoos is another's outward perception towards that individual. A tattoo

shouldn't stop you from looking at the interviewee's resume and hearing about their credentials. You shouldn't use a tattoo as an indicator of other's success rates. You need to change your policies so that everyone can be a potential employee, including those with tattoos.

Body art should not be a deal breaker. Wouldn't someone who has enough bravery to get a tattoo be perfect for your company? They would feel confident when talking to potential clients and would be able to state what is on their mind clearly. With this in mind, these are both qualities that come from boosting one's morale into getting a tattoo. Now doesn't that sound like a great employee for you?

People get tattoos for various reasons. Whatever the reason may be, it does not give you the right to tell them that they are no longer fit to become an employee due to that tattoo. Tattoos are a way to express emotions, create visual art and a way to tell a personal story. There are plenty of successful individuals, from YouTube celebrities to doctors, that have at least one tattoo, but still maintain your idea of a successful individual. You shouldn't limit someone based upon his or her outward appearance. This includes someone who wears a turban, someone who is a minority and someone who has a tattoo; it's our choice to discriminate against a person's appearance. Instead of putting a blanket ban on tattooed individuals, look past what a person looks like and see their success in your company.

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The Best of Both Worlds

Egyptian soccer transfer comes to the US to balance sport with school

BY HALLE PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR



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Born and raised in Cairo, Egypt, sophomore Longwood men's soccer transfer Sherif Maalouf experienced a different environment to develop both his body and mind. In the majority of the United States, education takes precedence to athletics, especially at the K-12 level. Public school students can't skip school then participate in games afterwards and club practices don't provide a legitimate reason to miss classes.

However, as Maalouf aged and continued to increase his level of play, it became more difficult for him to balance his love for soccer and desire to remain engaged in school. "It's hard here in Egypt, it's either studying or playing soccer, you cannot do both," said Maalouf.

After watching his first soccer game when he was about five years old with his father, Maalouf was hooked on the sport.

"I wake up, and I play soccer. I watch soccer. I do everything for soccer to be honest. Like it's been my passion since I was like six. It helped me grow a lot over the past years and I think it's the most important thing in my life after my family and friends," he said.

Beginning his training in small-sided games on a church team, similar to a team associated with a school but instead playing for a church, he worked his way up to playing for a second division semi-professional team at age 12. Maalouf garnered the attention of the first division semi-professional team, Al-Ahy, after he scored 37 goals in the second division tournament at 16. Al-Ahy is considered the "most popular" and strongest soccer club in Africa, according to Maalouf. The 5'6" forward played with Al-Ahy for three years; despite being a consistent starter for the first two, Maalouf lost playing time in his third as practices conflicted with school. "All the players in Al-Ahy used to skip school, they only practiced," said Maalouf. "Sometimes practice was at ten in the

morning, but I would have school until two. And they didn't care. All they cared about was having their players on the pitch, and they don't care if we study or do anything."

His experience with the coaching staff at Al-Ahy led him to look for other options, to find a way to be able to continue to play soccer while continuing his education. After looking into it, he found that college soccer in the US had the balance he wanted.

"I want to be a professional soccer player. If it doesn't happen I'll have my degree, and hopefully a good job. That's what I'm focusing on right now," said Maalouf. To Maalouf, soccer is not only a key part of his own life, but an important part of his country.

"In Egypt we've had two revolutions, and so it's a bit tense with politics. The only way for people to forget about this is to watch soccer, play soccer, they love it," he said.

Maalouf also sought to play soccer in America due to the shakiness of the Egyptian soccer program following the political uprisings.

"In the past five years, political-wise, it's been hard in Egypt. The soccer program starts then it stops because of the 2010 revolution then the other revolution (in) 2015. There's

always the turbulence that happens. It's not stable. The soccer program here is not stable. That's the biggest problem," explained Maalouf.

Therefore, he spent his first year abroad at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE). However, after two back-to-back ankle sprains early in the season, he was forced to redshirt in order to retain his four years of NCAA eligibility.

Following coaching changes at SIUE, Maalouf explored other options and found Longwood.

"I chose Longwood because when I talked to the coaches they made me feel at home. Plus the visit had a huge impact on me. When I met my teammates and all the coaching staff and stuff they were really nice. I like the campus. It's a really nice campus, and I like Virginia," said Maalouf.

Maalouf will bring experience playing and adjusting to skilled opponents to Longwood. During his time on Al-Ahy, the team played in a well-regarded international tournament called the Alkass Cup in Qatar and competed against top European clubs like F.C. Barcelona and Paris-Saint Germain (PSG).

Within the tournament, Maalouf earned MVP

while playing against the best team from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and was listed as one of the top scorers of the event.

The forward hopes to help lead the team, increase communication on the field and, most importantly, score goals.

"I hate losing. I go mad. I just want to win," said Maalouf. "There's a lack of leadership on the team, so I hope I can bring that to the team. I hope I can bring leadership and raise the communication level, hopefully. But mainly helping scoring goals."

With the amount of skill already on the team and his additional help, he believes the team has a solid chance at winning the Big South this season.

"I think the coaches, Coach (Sergio) Rapuano and Coach (Jon) Atkinson, are really nice guys, and I think they're really good coaches. As for my new teammates I watched them play and think they have a lot to give. They're really good soccer players, and I hope we can do good things next year," said Maalouf.

"I'm really looking forward to playing on the team and having good results and hopefully win the conference."

Q&A: Longwood slugger signs with Red Sox



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On Thursday, June 25, No. 23 round draft pick Kyri Washington officially signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox organization, finalizing his decision to exit the world of Division I baseball and Longwood University a year early. Washington is leaving behind studying his degree in Business Administration while concentrating in Accounting, as well as a successful junior season that earned him a spot on both the All-Big South second team and the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-East Region second team.

The outfielder hit a team-leading 15 home runs and 52 -RBIs, both career-highs. After signing, Washington relocated his powerful swing to Fort Meyers, Florida where he now plays for the Red Sox club in the Gulf Coast

League.

Washington talked about his draft process, the thought in his decision, and his progress with his new club so far. Following are the edited excerpts.

What was your immediate feeling when you first got called letting you know you were drafted?

“It felt great. I mean, it was something I had dreamed of since I was a kid so to get that call was a life-changing moment in my life. I’ll never forget it that is for sure.”

Was the Boston Red Sox your top pick for a team to go to?

“Actually, I didn’t think they would pick me, it just happened. I had talked to a different team before the drafts happened and they (the Red Sox) opted to pick me so it all worked out in my favor and I’m happy with it.”

How difficult was the decision to leave Longwood a year early to pursue your professional career?

“It was pretty difficult. I talked to my coach through the whole thing and it was very hard because obviously Longwood is a good place and I wanted to graduate next year, but then I had to weigh all my options. I got with my parents and we all just felt like it was time to go and follow my dreams, so that’s what I decided.”

Was Coach Mau a big part of your decision?

“He guided me through the whole process, with all of the scouts and all the contact information. He definitely played a huge part and I can never thank him enough. I am really glad to have

had him this year by my side through all of this.”

How was the recruiting process in preparation for the draft in comparison to college?

“It’s basically the same thing, but the draft is a little different. When it comes to high school, your talent takes you a long way, as opposed to college where they know they can develop you. But when you’re going professional they want a developed player already so it’s just a little different with that.”

Did you feel like you had to be proactive or did the scouts just come to you?

“I didn’t have to reach out really during the season because in the fall I had a lot of meetings with Coach Mau and a lot of teams, just face-to-face meetings and you don’t have to reach out really. They just contact you and start to follow you. You give them your schedule and they come around all year and watch you. You have scouts at every game and they’re recording you and breaking down film on you so that’s how it happens with the MLB draft. It’s pretty cool.”

You’re known for your home runs, did the scouts tell you anything else that caught their eye about you?

“They really liked my leadership potential and how I carry myself. I try to lead every team I’m on and

be a positive impact to everyone so they said obviously how you act as a person carries you a long way as well, not just your talent. So they look at that too.”

Was there any area you were specifically told you needed to further develop in?

“My contact aspect of my game and my strikeouts, but I’m working every day at that and it’ll definitely come around in the future.”

Do you look forward to improving by working with new coaches?

“At first it’s tough just because it’s a new system, but I think I’ve adapted pretty well this whole week I’ve been down here I’ve managed. It’s been fun so far, so I’m hoping to keep that going.”



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Dyer looks to change tide in 2015

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Last year, the fate of the Longwood women’s soccer season came down to the final match. In order to make the Big South Conference Tournament as the 8-seed, the Lancers needed a win against rival Liberty University or a tie/loss by either Winthrop University or UNC Asheville.

Q&A: Myers signs with Brewers

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For Aaron Myers, playing baseball after college was never just an option, but the only option. Whether or not a major league team picked him up, the Longwood graduate planned to continue pitching even if it was for an independent team.

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