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## NAACP Hosts Black Out Thursday

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On Feb. 24, the University of Lynchburg's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Chapter held Black Out Thursday to celebrate Black History Month (BHM), and it asked fellow University of Lynchburg students to show their support by wearing black on Thursday.

NAACP Faculty Advisor William J. Weikart said, "I would like to see it an annual thing for BHM because racism seems like the kind of thing that can resurface



through the generations, sometimes in worse form, giving lie to the notion of linear/teleological progress (ie that things always get better in the future)."

NAACP Chapter President at the University of Lynchburg Tremaud Ware said, "What I hoped to achieve during Black Out Thursday is a perception of people gathering and walking around dressed in all black. This would bring out who does really support not just BHM, but also

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black citizens on campus in general.”

Ware talked about why more students should participate in this tradition next year. He said, “Students should participate more in this next year to advocate unity, wearing all black and supporting everyone who

is the ethnicity of African American.”

Ware was not satisfied with the number of students that wore black on Thursday, stating, “I was not happy to be honest about the outcome. You know on Saint Patrick’s Day everyone will wear green, and we wear red on Fridays. With just one day out of February to

wear black, I believe we can get everyone involved.”

Ware believes that his organization and his fellow students should be optimistic about his organization’s upcoming events, stating, “Events coming up are definitely getting to know more about the NAACP with a prize winner who gets first.

We may also be planning something huge in the spring as well, with an event possibly being off campus.”

If you are interested in learning more about University of Lynchburg’s Chapter of the NAACP, please contact Ware at waret226@lynchburg.edu or Weikart at weikart\_wj@lynchburg.edu.

Plenty O’Pride and Cookies

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On Feb. 24, drag queen, cookie artist Plenty O’Smites from Columbus, Ohio, visited the University of Lynchburg campus to teach students how to decorate cookies. Plenty O’Smites is a proud business owner of Plenty O’Cookies which has been up and running for almost six years.

O’Smites said, “The way I started drag was at an amature drag show at Ohio State University, nothing really inspired me.

My friend was hosting this event and had asked me my junior year and I had chicken out because I had never done drag before. My senior year I saw my first drag show, and I was just like I’m gonna do it.”

O’Smites said her drag persona was inspired by the way she wanted to look like a ‘60s housewife. When O’Smites began baking, she decided to put the two together, by becoming a ‘60s housewife that bakes cookies.

She had mentioned that her favorite experiences

surrounding drag are the people that she meets. “I hope students will love to bake and decorate cookies more,” stated O’Smites. To have students gain more exposure to different communities within the

LGBTQ+ community is one goal of Plenty’s.

O’Smites wants to let students of the LGBTQ+

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Security Blotter

Wednesday, February 23

Report of Outdoor Drinking Games - Unconfirmed by Security

Friday, February 25

Backpack stolen from parked & unlocked vehicle

Saturday, February 26

Hit & Run accident to parked vehicle

Security Blotter reprinted verbatim from online campus crime log.

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students know, “there is always going to be someone there for you, even if you feel like you don’t belong. That is totally fine and that’s very normal. There is always someone who will be there for you and care about you.”

O’Smites says that exposure to different types of people is very important. “Representation matters. I did a Food Network show once. They had pictures of me in drag. I wasn’t in drag

the whole time, but I had so many people reach out to me because they had never seen a drag queen baker on TV before. So, having that representation shows people that a drag queen is a normal person... I just want them to have exposure to different communities.”

Jyoti Aggarwal, participant at the event, says that the events the Student Activities Board (SAB) hosts are important to international students to get out and learn new things. “We should feel

that everyone is equal, that should be the religion of everyone. To treat everyone equally... and respect everyone equally,” says Aggarwal.

“[Events like these] will open students’ minds, there are things outside of studies,” states Aggarwal. Chesapeake West, SAB organizer of the event, states “We are trying to bring different events to campus to bring the student body together with everyone on campus.”

The SAB would like to say



Photo of Plenty O’Smites holding her cookies by Faith McCray

to all LGBTQ+ members, “SAB loves you.” SAB members say Donuts on the Dell, John Rush, and Petting Zoo events are coming soon to campus.

If you would like more information about these events or the SAB, please contact SAB at sab@lynchburg.edu.

An Inside Look on the making of Pippin the Musical

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The University of Lynchburg Theatre Department will stage Pippin the Musical for their 2021-2022 season.

Pippin is an award winning musical that follows a young man’s journey in life while finding passion and adventure along the way.

Broadway cast for Pippin the Musical

The musical is being directed by Jeff Whitman and Loretta Wittman, who have been in charge of the theatre department for several years with many successful shows under their belt.

Jeff Whitman said, “Our students have invested a great deal of

time and energy working on their education and training in acting, singing and dancing. Everyone in the cast came back from the holiday break a week early to have intensive rehearsals in the Hailey Theatre. Our technical theatre students designed and built the sets, made the props, and hung and focused the lights. We have a company of forty

students preparing for our opening on Thursday, March 3.”

The cast and team is made up of students from across the university campus. The two leads, Pippin and Catherine, are actually played by music majors.

Pippin, the driven and conflicted protagonist, is played by Bobby Bays, who

said, “I’ve had a great deal of fun working with the cast and seeing our progress is very rewarding. Getting to know everyone involved has been a great joy too.”

This talented group have put together their best efforts, though the magic does not happen without some struggle.

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Bays notes that his biggest struggle this far has been juggling the responsibility and time management. He said, "I want to give all my effort to the production, so balancing my classes and rehearsals has been the biggest challenge." Madison Bakalov, who plays Catherine said,

"Pippin has challenged me to learn all of my lines in a timely manner and focus on getting everything down to ensure a great performance, along with allowing me to focus on my acting style and portrayal of my character." Retrieved from @lynchburg.theatre on Instagram by Alyssa Camejo on March 1, 2022 The production of Pippin the Musical,

presented by the University of Lynchburg Theatre department, will open on March 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30pm and March 6 at 2:00pm in Dillard's Hailey Theatre. Tickets are FREE and general admission, just reserve your tickets and wear a mask! To Reserve Tickets: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1W\_



Retrieved from @lynchburg.theatre on Instagram by Alyssa Camejo on March 1, 2022

Horoscopes



Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20 You will feel excessive boredom for awhile. Sometimes excessive boredom could be a good feeling though.



Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20 You will feel healthy and ready to go. There is no better feeling than good health.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 21 You will begin the week in a happy mood and end the week in a happy mood. It is always great to be in a happy mood.



Gemini May 22 - June 21 You will want to revert back to old habits this week. Sometimes reverting back to old habits is better than developing new ones.



Cancer June 22 - July 22 You will want to eat healthy food this week. Make sure not to over adjust your diet though.



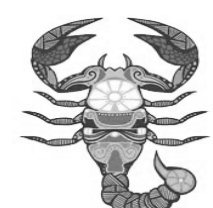
Leo July 23 - Aug 23 You will want to go out and do things you have been doing for years. You will find out how much you miss these hobbies



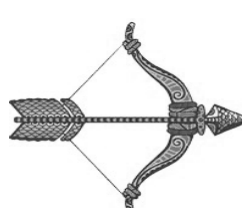
Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 22 You will be very activity oriented. All you will want to do this week is to have fun.



Libra Sept 23 - Oct 23 You will have an urge to submit all your assignments this week. You will realize that work is the most important thing in your life.



Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22 Your number one wish this week will be having good health. Every other wish you previously had no long matters.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21 This is not a good time to overextend yourself. Try to take things slow and easy for awhile.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19 You will want to attend a lot of sports games this week. This might not be a smart idea because of your busy schedule.



Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18 You will want to show appreciation for all of your friends. Appreciation is such a valuable feeling.

Horoscopes written by William Masselli.

The Buzz

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The columns in "The Buzz" do not represent the opinions of The Critograph or its staff, but instead captures the views of their authors.

Opposing Student Opinions on Campus Safety & Security Petition

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If you have been walking around campus and seeing QR codes posted everywhere with the words "Scan Me" written below, you know that there is a student-created survey about Campus Safety and Security at the University of Lynchburg.

I first heard about the survey when a friend of mine asked me if I had seen it. Since then, I have seen many QR codes taking others to the survey posted around campus. This survey was created anonymously for students to submit anonymously.

Some examples of the questions on the survey include: "How highly would you recommend a friend from high school to come visit you for the weekend?" with answer options ranging from highly encouraged to strongly discouraged. Another example is "Has the threat of campus security ever dictated your decision to go

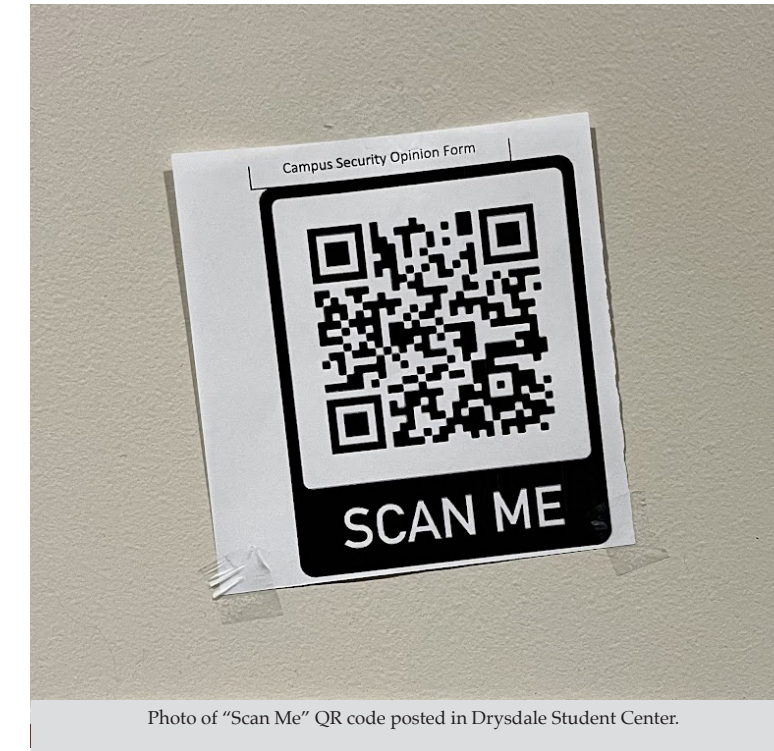


Photo of "Scan Me" QR code posted in Drysdale Student Center.

outside of your comfort zone and meet new people? In other words, to go out or to not go out? Has the threat of campus security ever made this decision for you?" with answers Yes, No and Maybe. A general theme of this survey seems to allude to the ability to party or not party on campus. Social life is a big aspect of the college experience; however, this matters to some students more than others. As I was talking to my

peers and discussing what they thought of the survey and the questions that it entailed, I received answers saying that the way Campus Safety and Security Officers shut down many parties on the weekend has made students rethink their decision to go to the University of Lynchburg and some students have transferred to other schools because of this. Some students expressed that they had parents or older siblings attend the university

prior to them and had drastically different social lives than the current students have today and were disappointed by this.

In contrast, other students expressed how they have never had a problem with Campus Safety and Security and while partying is not important to them, they understand that it may be for others. All in all, these students said that they had never rethought their decision to go to the university simply because they are not going to school for the sole purpose of social life.

In thinking to myself about the debate that is going on amongst students and in talking to those students, I thought of reasons why social life at the University of Lynchburg may have transformed over the years.

Being a Class Senator has been the highlight of my time at the University of Lynchburg so far. It all started when I was

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Week in Review

1). Global Politics: Russia invades Ukraine which means there is a threat for there to be war throughout Europe. Many people are fleeing Ukraine to go to Poland.

2). Weather: The East Coast of the United States will enjoy some dry weather, but this is not necessarily a good thing because there is fear that this dry spell will be prolonged excessively. The East Coast of the United States faces the threat of going back into drought again this spring if the weather remains dry.

3). American Economics: Gas prices could soar even more throughout the United States due to Russia invading Ukraine. Lots of people in America and throughout the world will pay for Russia's invasion.

4). Global Sports: Poland and Ukraine do not want to play Russia in soccer anymore after Russia invades Ukraine. This is significant because this could cost Poland and Ukraine a spot in the World Cup and guarantee that Russia qualifies for it.

5). NCAA Basketball: Many nationally ranked teams lost on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. In fact, seven top 10 teams, ranked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9, lost on Saturday which marks the highest number of top 10 teams to lose in a single day in AP Poll history.

6). Sabrina Ionescu makes appearance on ESPN during the Gonzaga vs. St. Mary's Gaels game. She was impressed with both teams, especially with how well St. Mary's played.

Information compiled and agreed upon by various sources.

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# SGA Corner: Caitlyn Freece

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dorm who wanted to see change but did not know who to go to or what to do, and I was proud to be able to be that outlet for them.

Being a class senator seems like a big task, and while it might be difficult at times, it has been a rewarding experience.

I like how I can do a lot of different activities and propose a lot of different ideas to the senate, that most people might not be able to do. For example, as a Third Year senator I was able to propose ideas that contribute

to inclusive excellence and diversity on campus, along with help write legislation for new activities including leisure and mental health.

With my three years of being in the Senate, I have also had the opportunity to be a part of voting for change at the university, from new clubs to seeing the beautiful rainbow chairs becoming a reality on Westover Hall.

I am so proud of everything that the Senate has

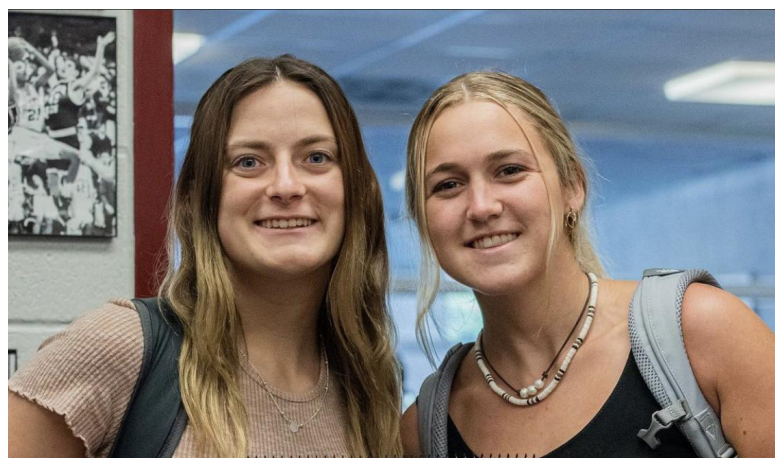


Photo of Caitlyn Freece and Corrine Ford on the first day of their Junior year, taken by Lynchburg Sports

done so far and I am so excited for the campus to see everything that we have planned for the remainder of the academic year.

I have loved every minute of having a seat in the Senate, so if you are even thinking about joining, my vote is yes!

# Love and Learn: The Love in the Mirror

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many ways to improve your view of self-love.

The most common way to strengthen self-love is with mantras and affirmations. Many times the biggest mistake to manifesting self-love through affirmations is using certain words. First of all, do not use negation. No, not, none, don't, shouldn't, can't, and won't simply will not work. The universe does not hear negation and will only put out the opposite of your intention. Other words to avoid are future words

like will, going to, tomorrow, someday, and coming. When the universe hears that your manifestation is in the future, the universe preserves this idea into the future and the manifestation will never come.

Believe it or not, one of the best ways to feel good about yourself is to physically feel good. Simple ways to improve your physical being that impact your self-love is small workouts and yoga.

Clearing your mind can be equally as important as

physical health. Meditation is the easiest way to clear your head but simple self-care is sufficient as long as you find what works for you. Coloring, bathing, and journaling are great ways to help cleanse your mind.

The most important advice to learning how to love yourself is to stop caring about what others think and stop comparing yourself to others. Stop letting people ruin your perception of yourself. That is way easier to write than to do, but when

you erase in your mind the common, modern day definition of beauty and peak idealization, you learn that it is way more important to spread love through the universe than hate.

Nothing is more rewarding than waking up, looking in the mirror and saying, I love you for who you are. Do not allow yourself to believe that you do not love yourself. When

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to let go of the idea that no matter what you do, people are going to dislike you, disapprove of you,

and discourage you, you will find a sense of freedom within yourself.

Whether or not you had someone to call your own this past valentine's day matters

not. When you learn to love yourself, you have the most powerful form of love that anyone can have. Hence, I encourage you to look in the mirror no matter how you

are and repeat to yourself "I love you" as you look at the different aspects of your body. Say it with emphasis and meaning. Before long, you will believe it.

# The Batman: What to Watch Out For

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Back in 1989, when the Tim Burton directed Batman debuted, the Caped Crusader was risky business. Most of America still thought of Batman as the delightfully campy character played by Adam West in the ABC television series (1966-1969). The success of the 1989 film established the darker version of the character that only comic book fans had really known up to that point. Including the 1989 film, audiences have been treated to ten live-action film appearances for Batman, some animated films, and a host of television and video game appearances. We live in a new Golden Age of Batman and we are quite used to the vagaries of changes in the franchise.

With the newest film,

The Batman, about to debut, the Nerd Factor advises these things to watch out for:

The Riddler: The strength of Frank Gorshin's performance in the 1966 television series lifted the Prince of Puzzlers up from relative Bat-villain obscurity into the A-list of Batman's gallery of rogues. There is a particular challenge to using this villain though. The Riddler gives away clues, an egotistic and seemingly self-defeating strategy that is not always convincing to audiences. Jim Carrey manically overplayed the villain in Batman Forever (1997). Trailers for this new film suggest that the newest Riddler, played by Paul Dano, will be a much more sinister and lethal foe than he has ever been before. Will this lethal trickster be the Riddler that audiences have been looking for?

The Penguin: Watching the trailers, one would be hard pressed to recognize Colin Farrell in the newest incarnation of this baddie. In 1992's Batman Returns, director Tim Burton radically altered the Penguin into a kind of monstrous outcast. This movie appears to be returning the Penguin to his more familiar role as an organized crime boss and influence peddler. Hopefully, this movie's brooding and serious tone will not get rid of the Penguin's signature weapon. The Penguin is not the Penguin without a trick umbrella. Accept no substitutes.

The Catwoman: Zoë Kravitz will become the seventh actor to portray the character in a live-action form. Trailers for the movie suggest the character's requisite combination of criminality

and sexuality. Time will tell if Kravitz rises to the perfection of Michelle Pfeiffer and Julie Newmar or crashes to the depths of Halle Berry in the role.

The Batmobile: The Batman offers the triumphant return of the hard top sports car version of the Batmobile. Movie audiences have always seen Batman's ride as a massive vehicle, part car and part urban assault vehicle/tank. The new Batmobile harkens back to the comics of the early 1970s and a time when the Batman drove Batmobiles that were souped up Chevy Corvettes or Ford Mustangs with bat decals on them. No matter what happens with this film, the Batmobile is already a triumph.

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investigating after a  
hilarious wounding this  
morning.  
In October 2020 at 11  
p.m., an individual arrived  
at Lynchburg General Hospital  
with a non-life threatening  
gunshot wound. Officers are  
still investigating the possible  
location of the shooting.  
Anyone with information  
about this incident is asked  
to contact Det. Dubie at (434)  
556-6102 or Crime Stoppers  
at (888) 798-5900. Enter a tip  
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# Fastball Start For Baseball

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On Fox Field, the boys of summer are taking advantage of a great 2021 season and using every ounce of momentum and carrying it into the 2022 season. The Lynchburg Baseball Team is off to a hot start this year. The Hornets are off to a 6-1 start including two wins over top 15 ranked opponents this year.

The Hornets started the season off in Alabama with three ranked opponents coming out of the weekend 2-1 before coming home to win four straight against Averett and a weekend series against Dickinson.

In Alabama, senior starting pitcher Brandon Pond performed well enough to be named a part of the D3baseball.com team of the week throwing six shutout innings against number 15 ranked Trinity College.

Pond said, "It was a great way to start off the year as a team earning confidence in these wins. Last year we started slow and it took us some time to get into a rhythm. The goal this year was to start hot and stay hot."



Taylor Herzog/Lynchburgsports.com

Brandon Pond. Photo Courtesy of Lynchburg Athletics/Taylor Herzog  
Brandon Pond is pitching a great game.

The Hornets started the 2021 season losing six out of their first eight games.

Senior Jackson Harding said, "This team has been building up to this moment for a couple years now. Coach Jones has put us in a situation where we can be successful but at the same time be challenged and that is how we as a team can get better."

The Hornets will face a multitude of challenges this season including CNU,

Randolph Macon, Shenandoah and Tufts.

Harding added, "Last year we won the ODAC in a year where there was a lot of uncertainty. I think that has given this team a sense of where we want to be as a team and program and we hope that we can do it again and make a deeper push into the NCAA Tournament."

The Hornets continued to build off the weekend in Alabama with a series sweep

against Dickinson and now look to a road contest at William Pace today at 3:00 p.m. before coming home to Fox Field for a three game series against York College.

If you are interested in supporting the Hornets, please visit 2022 Lynchburg Baseball Schedule - Lynchburg ([lynchburgsports.com](http://lynchburgsports.com)) to see a more detailed view of their schedule.

## Upcoming Events

### Women's Sports:

University of Lynchburg Women's Lacrosse vs. Southern Virginia on Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022, at Shellenberger Field at 4:00 pm.

### Men's Sports:

University of Lynchburg Men's Baseball vs. York (Pa.) at Fox Field on Friday, Mar. 4, 2022, at 2:30 pm.  
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