

CAMPUS LIFE

NCWC Community Remembers John Adam Larue (1989-2010)

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Adam Larue was a well-known figure around the North Carolina Wesleyan College campus and in the community. Many called him friend, classmate, student; and many will miss him terribly. If you were one of the lucky ones who knew Adam, it is impossible to walk around campus and not notice his absence from the school. Quite a few Wesleyan students and staff attended his funeral but many were unable to go to that service. A memorial service was held for him in Russell Chapel March 9 after students came back from spring break.

More than 100 attended the service held in Adam's honor. The Voices of Triumph honored Adam at the beginning of the ceremony with a song called "Always in Your Heart." One of the lyrics says: "sad you're gone but not forgotten, you're still here with me, you're in my heart..." The song managed to bring tears to the eyes of many in the assembled group. Then students Juliana Richardson and John Williamson were invited up to lead prayers, and Theresa Hurley led in a recitation of Psalm 23.

The main speaker was Reverend Barry Drum. When Reverend Drum came to the podium, he put a post-it note on the front, showing a dash. For all of us, he said, there will eventually be a dash between two sets of numbers. The dash signifies not just the time one spent on Earth, but holds "all your accomplishments from the first set of numbers to the second," he said. Though short, Adam's life was filled with wonderful achievements, said Reverend Drum, who noted that Adam was described as a genius, whose sense of humor often brought a smile to the faces of friends and acquaintances. Reverend Drum summed it well when he stated that "Adam was a bright, special young man."

During the course of the service, the gathered crowd was told about planting a tree in front of the local Habitat for Humanity store, in memory of a young man who dedicated much of his time to that community organization. That ceremony will be on April 10, and will be followed by a day of volunteer service in Adam's memory.

President Gray announced that Adam, an honors student who was supposed to graduate in May, will still receive his business degree, posthumously.

When Reverend Drum opened the floor for comments from the audience, Leslie Veach praised him and ended with "I feel so blessed to have known him."

A Personal Memory

By Jade Johnson

The last few weeks have been so difficult for those of us that were fortunate enough to be able to call John Adam Larue "friend."

I can't exactly remember the first time I met Adam, but I'm positive that he must have greeted me with the same wide grin and kind heart that he always displayed. Adam and I had several classes together but we got to know each other best when we worked for the 21st Century After-school Program at a local elementary school. After our classes each afternoon, we would make the trek to downtown Rocky Mount to begin our tutoring sessions. The greatest memories I have of those times were when the kids would have recess. Adam, Brad Wolford and I would be playing our hearts out on the basketball court, and a lot of the time we would let the kids stay out a little longer, just so WE could play!

Since Adam's passing, I often find myself smiling at the thought of his laugh or the little inside jokes our group of friends would share. I only had the opportunity to be in his presence for a few years, but I can say that I was truly honored and blessed to have such a remarkable person in my life.

Students Reflect during Black History Month

By Rodney Holley
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Black History month has come and gone, allowing African-American students to reflect on their history.

Multiple student organizations held events throughout February as a way to highlight African-American history. Programs ranged from "Black History Bingo Night," sponsored by the Black Student Association on February 2, to a one-man dramatic performance sponsored by AKA sorority on February 4. Titled "And then We came to Memphis," it focused on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Among the other events was "Who Am I?" on February 8. It consisted of two five-member teams, one male, one female. Based on a description offered by a team, the audience was given one minute to identify an African American historical figure.

On February 17, BSA and the Sociology Club led a presentation on the origins of Black History Month, which, according to BSA President Chardae Smallwood began as "Black History Week."

The program featured NCWC's Gospel Choir and the musical group Chivalry while other performers recited poetry, danced or sung. Between individual performances, the event organizers offered a "Did you know?" fact related to black history.

Students took pride in recognizing the month.

"Black history month means that as African Americans, we have a whole month to ourselves to celebrate and teach others about the legacies of those who put forth their lives to give the next generation a better chance at life," said Destiny Pinckney.

Lorenzo Whitley said that the month offers a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. "And it reminds me of the struggles that African Americans have had to overcome," he said.

Anthony Tyus agreed with Whitley. "Black history month is a chance to reflect on the past tragedies of African Americans and serves as motivation for me to be successful as a black male."

Eddie Arrington said that the month "gives me a chance to learn about the lesser known people and facts that aren't highly publicized."

Gregory Spence exclaimed that the month is overwhelming. "But in a positive way because it reminds you of the good that African Americans have done not only with civil rights, but in the field of entertainment," said

Spence, a Wesleyan student thespian, citing the actors Don Cheadle and Will Smith as examples.

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from future Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr., the Mariners may unseat the Angels.

The Reds feature a bunch of young guns on the mound. Edison Volquez is healthy and looks to return to All-Star form. Homer Bailey was 6-1 with a 1.70 ERA over the last six weeks of the season and then there's defector Aroldis Chapman. The 6'4" Cuban's fastball has been clocked at 102 mph and he's said to have the best slider from the left side since Randy Johnson. But will he maintain arm stamina and control over the long season?

One of the biggest question marks is in Queens. Last year the Mets were expected to be among the World Series favorites, but then suffered through a 70-92 season, even without their usual September collapse. Many expect the team not to contend in the NL East, but once Carlos Beltran and Jose Reyes become healthy, David Wright finds his power, and newly added Jason Bay becomes comfortable at Citi Field, the Mets may reach the playoffs.

The 2010 season is looking to be one of the best in recent memory, with many storylines for fans to follow. Will Roy Halladay dominate the National League? Will Mark McGwire save face as the hitting coach in St. Louis? And will the Red Sox slow down the force that is the Bronx Bombers?

With all the changes and expectations, I am almost giddy for Opening Day. There are uncertainties throughout the league, but at last it's time to play ball.

Dorm Room Selection To Take Place April 20

By Decree Staff

The Office of Residence Life will conduct the room-selection process on April 20 in the Hartness Center.

Next year will see the integration of more upper-class male students in Petteway Hall, which has predominantly been a freshmen residence. It will stay an all-male hall. "Most of our halls are already integrated among classes," said Randy Williams, vice president for student affairs. "Next year will just be a more intentional approach to assist freshmen in becoming acclimated to Wesleyan quicker. This model will create stronger bonds among the classes and cultivate a stronger sense of campus community."

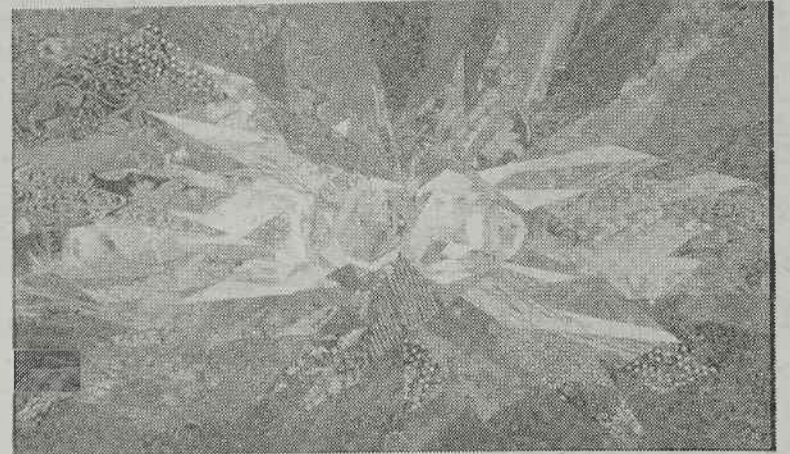
The new arrangement comes in the wake of a fall semester when Petteway experienced a rash of mischief, including a series of false fire alarms.

Other residence halls will remain co-ed, except for Edgecombe, which will house only females, with a mix of first-year and upper-class women.

Room selection numbers will be based on a formula that weighs credit hours earned and a student's GPA, according to Deborah Drye, assistant director of residence life. So, in general, students have got a better chance of securing a desired room if they've maintained a high GPA and earned a high number of credit hours.

Drye reminds students that they must be registered for fall classes in order to participate in the room-selection process. "Late registrations will result in assignments made on a space-available basis after all new students have been accommodated," she said.

On April 5, housing applications will be sent to the campus mailbox of students,



Mims Galley will exhibit "Ann Harwell: Visionary Quilts" (pictured) from March 26-April 25. Beginning April 8, the Civic Gallery will show drawings by Wesleyan senior Edgar Zaldivar.

Film Review: 'Alice in Wonderland'

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Directed by Tim Burton. Cast: Mia Wasikowska (Alice), Johnny Depp (The Mad Hatter), Anne Hathaway (White Queen), Helena Bonham Carter (Red Queen), Matt Lucas (TweedleDee/TweedleDum) and Alan Rickman (Blue Caterpillar)

In this new Tim Burton film, "Alice in Wonderland 3-D," Alice is all grown up. Instead of having a little girl fall down the rabbit hole, the movie shows Alice returning to Wonderland, or Underland as it is called in this version, as an adult and the White Queen's reluctant champion.

As a little girl Alice was haunted by a recurring nightmare and feared she was losing her mind. Her father, a brilliant businessman, comforted her. She grew into a woman with a serious habit of questioning the status quo. But was the nightmare really a nightmare? Or, was it in fact a reality that was turned into a dream? While in Wonderland, Alice ques-

tions her dream state versus her conscious state of mind.

She follows the White Rabbit into the hole and while he and other "Underland" creatures watch, they wonder if this is the right Alice that White Rabbit brought back. Even though the White Rabbit said he was almost certain she was the right one, even Alice didn't remember being there when she was younger. She was told that it was a dream all her life so she stood there and denied the reality of this with all her heart. When she was a little girl, her father told her that, to wake from a dream, all she had to do was pinch herself. So, she pinched herself but was unable to awake from this dream.

They take her to the blue caterpillar, who has the magic scroll which tells of past and future events. In this scroll it is said that Alice will face off with the Jabberwocky—a powerful dragon-like creature who is controlled by the Red Queen. Alice again denies this reality and tells them that this is just her imagination running off in her dream.

There is a creature that is sent to capture the White Rabbit and TweedleDee and TweedleDum. As they run for their lives, Alice is on her own, only to meet up with the Cheshire Cat who said he could lead the way to the Mad Hatter, but only that and nothing else.

The Mad Hatter sees Alice and is thrilled to have her back. He and Alice have a sibling-like bond. When the Mad Hatter is kidnapped by the Red Queen's cohorts, Alice goes into the castle and poses as a made-up person, "Um" from Umbridge. Alice, or should we say Um, sits next to the Red Queen as she brings out TweedleDee and TweedleDum. The Red Queen sees them and says, "I love my fat boys. Entertain us." Later that night, Alice searches for the sword that was taken from the White Queen which will help defeat the Jabberwocky.

This fast-paced movie was filled with imagination. The make-up and costumes were amazing and well thought out. The set was darkly colorful. Burton has a knack for doing movies with dark comedy and compelling characters and this was not a let down. I enjoyed the adult Alice having to find her way back to herself throughout the movie and in the end standing for what she believes in and not conforming to what others think she should do.

This is a comedy for all ages. Kids and adults alike should enjoy the drama which is brought on screen by these characters. Four stars for the cast and its director. This movie is a laugh riot if you actually listen to the dialogue.

Upcoming Activities

- April 5** —Mix-tape Monday featuring the Cash Cabs. How much can you grab in 20 seconds? Enjoy music and win lots of fabulous prizes. 1-5 p.m., Hartness Patio. Sponsored by CAB.
- April 7** —Spring Fashion Show. Time TBA, Mirages Auditorium. Sponsored by V.O.B.
- April 8** —SGA meeting, open to student body. Note: All student organizations must send a representative. 8 p.m., school cafeteria.
- April 9** —Wesleyan Cinemas—"The Spy Next Door," 8 p.m., Powers Recital Hall. Sponsored by CAB.
- April 12** —Mix-tape Monday. Music, fun, and Build a Bear. 1-5 p.m., Hartness Patio. Sponsored by CAB.
- April 14** —Powderpuff Football Championship. 5 p.m., Edgecombe Field. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities & Intramural Sports.
- Ice Cream Social & S'Mores Night. 7 p.m., Hartness Patio. Sponsored by Psychology Club.
- April 15** —Lip-Sync Competition. 7 p.m., Hartness Center. Sponsored by CAB.
- April 16** —"Red Light Special" Spring Formal: Food, drinks, gifts, and dancing. \$5 for singles, \$7 for couples. 8 p.m., Garner Lobby, Dunn Center. Sponsored by CAB, Spectrum Club, and FA.
- April 17** —Road Trippin' to Virginia Beach. Enjoy a day at the beach with your friends. Sign up in the Office of Student Activities beginning on April 5. The trip is free, but seats are limited.
- Midnight Lounge: Enjoy an upscale late night of fun, games, music, food, and mocktails. A game night with a twist. Admission is free. 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Hartness Center. Sponsored by CAB.
- April 19** —Mix-tape Monday featuring Wax Hands. Make a wax mold of your hand using any shape and color combination. 1-5 p.m., Hartness Patio. Sponsored by CAB.
- Awards Banquet. 6 p.m., Garner Lobby. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.
- April 21** —Spades Tournament. 7 p.m., Hartness. Sponsored by CAB.

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Security had an idea of which student committed the crime and used the video footage to prove their suspicions true. The student and an accomplice were both expelled, Crociata said.

Incidents such as that are why Crociata is an advocate for even more security cameras on campus. "Anything to make students, especially females, feel safer in their own dorms," he said.

Crociata said that security has continued to investigate the bookstore theft case from last fall, noting recent developments. He said one student has been expelled for involvement and three more will soon go before the college judicial board to face charges.

"It was really just good police work," Crociata said. "Randy Williams and security worked closely together, tracking tips until we found what and who we needed."

Another recent case involved a small fire in the Hartness Center on January

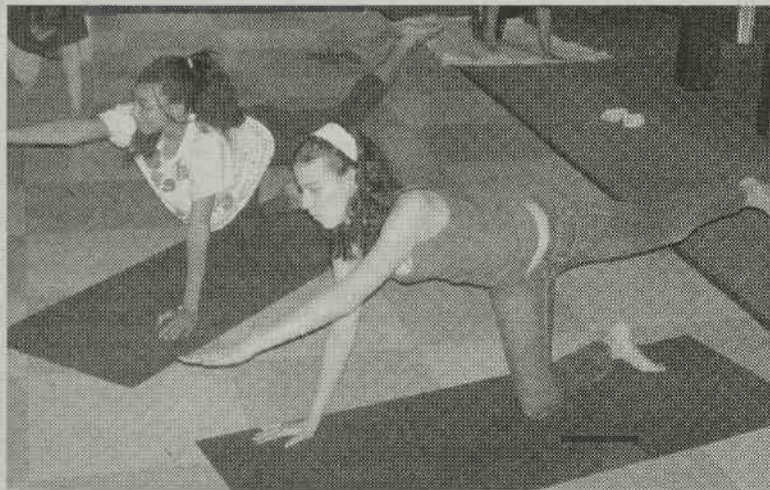
11. In describing the incident, Crociata said that a pair of officers making their routine building checks encountered three students running from the Hartness Center. Upon entry, the officers discovered that a banner had been set on fire. The officers put out the fire and then apprehended the students.

Crociata reported that all three students were sent in front of the campus judicial board and received punishment, though that punishment was not disclosed.

"I really have to commend Randy," Crociata said. "He's kept his finger on the pulse. He's even ridden with security as late as 3 a.m. just to see what we're up against."

Crociata expressed the hope that students hearing about the punishment given to law-breakers will help deter future crimes on campus.

"I'm doing the best I can," Crociata said. "I feel the rest of the staff does the same. We're here to be friendly and helpful, but at the same time firm."



Students participated in a recent yoga class organized by the Psychology Club.

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