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### Friday, August 25th

Besides being a regularly scheduled school day, this Friday in particular was the first Friday back meaning that it was the day of the Greatest Athletic March Ever (GAME). It was on this day that we would receive our annual scarves and that the new students would attend their walk to the game.

#### *1. Work as usual, 6 am-12 pm*

Before Friday's festivities were to begin, we all had to start our day as usual. I got up early as usual, got dressed and headed to the library to do homework. On this morning, my sister's roommate Karla, or as I refer to her as, "mother", joined me in the library, bringing with her coffee from Java City. It was not long before she left to go to class and I too soon left to attend my English and History classes of the day.



## 2. *The waiting game, 12 pm- 3:30 pm*

Right out of my World History class, I headed straight to Wheeler dorm to drop my backpack off in my room. I grabbed a smaller bag, brought my water bottle, umbrella, my copy of *A Clash of Kings*, and some extra work, and quickly headed to the spot behind the Student Union where the line to get wristbands for the scarves was to start. Only two other girls were there and the three of us sat down and started the line officially. For quite a while, we were the only ones there and a few people began to join us. Not too long into the wait, my sister Madeline texted me and asked me to print out some papers for her in the library. Ensuring that the girls ahead of me would save my spot, I headed to the library to print the papers. My sister then made me staple the papers and go to meet her. She then gave me a binder with instructions to drop it off for her in Ruffner. I grabbed a meal from Outta Here and walked to Ruffner. I begrudgingly delivered the binder as ordered.

I returned to my spot in line and waited for 3:30 to arrive. My friends joined the line and we talked to pass the time, but it was still an annoying wait. Eventually, Karla and my sister's other roommate, Madilynne, joined me at the front of the line and again we waited. Madeline got off of work and joined us as well. Finally, at 3:30, they began distributing the wristbands. I was the third person to get a wristband which made the three and a half hours of waiting worth it.



### 3. *The waiting game: part two, 3:30 pm- 5:45 pm*

As is a common theme with Longwood events and activities, after receiving our wristbands, we had to wait another two hours to get in another line to get the actual scarves. There were games and stands around Stubbs, presumably for us to attend while we waited the two hours. I had just spent two consecutive hours sitting on a cement sidewalk, so I went with my sister to her apartment where we fell asleep on the couch watching *Friends*.

At 5, we got up and headed back to Longwood to get our scarves. Once there, I happily took a photo with our beloved mascot, Elwood, and we waited. At 5:30, as promised, we had to stand through fifteen minutes of stuff before they finally began distributing scarves.



### 4. *The actual "fun", 5:45 pm- 7 pm*

Of course, we all had to take photos of us holding our scarves so we spent a while taking a ton of photos. It was especially important as it was the last scarf for my sister and the first scarf for me. After the photo session, I found my friends and we embarked on the traditional walk to the game. The walk was fun and much less grueling than had been exaggerated by Madeline. We were handed roses by a local vendor and I was given a whole bouquet of assorted roses to hand out. We passed by many people and I gave roses to some very happy children and an older woman who came out of her house just to watch us go past.



We got to the field in time to watch our soccer team warm up. We sat down in the grass and relaxed for a bit. I did not plan on staying at the game for very long so Madeline came and picked me up.



5. *End of day, 7 pm- 10 pm*

Madeline and I stopped by the POD and grabbed some cheeseburgers and fries. I went back to my dorm to grab some things. My roommate was still there as she had not been able to get a scarf and did not attend the march. I told her I was spending the night at my sister's and went off. On the car ride to her apartment, I called my friend Devin and asked her to cap Madilynne, who did not have a little. Devin very excitedly agreed and Karla, Madeline, and I were all very relieved and excited for this next huge event. The rest of the night was quiet because all of us were tired from a long day of school, waiting, and excitement. We just laid around and watched *Fantastic Four*, laughing the whole time and just relaxing. All and all, it was a good day with many good memories made with new friends. I look forward to next year, not because I loved the many hours wait, but because I loved the memories made with my friends.