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Dear Editor:

On Friday night, I had my first experience as a large-scale customer of the WARF. I could not have been more pleased with the quality of the facility and, more importantly, the treatment we received for the WARF staff.

As the head coach of the Seton Swim Team, I joined Catlett resident Chris Cook as the meet host for 199 swimmers from new Northern Virginia Swimming Conference (NVSC). The NVSC not only includes Seton and Fauquier schools Highland and Wakefield, but also schools from as far away as Fredericksburg and Front Royal. Following the meet, I received countless comments from coaches, parents and swimmers about how wonderful it was to have a meet at the WARF.

When we arrived to set up the meet, Michael Bruck literally met me at the door to make sure we had everything we needed. It turned out that we did not need much because they had everything, including the new automatic timing system, well set up and ready to go. The lifeguard staff, especially Van \_\_\_\_\_, was extremely helpful as we struggled to connect our meet management system to the WARF's timing system for the first time. The first event was scheduled to go off at 7:05 p.m. - it went off at 7:04 p.m.

On behalf of the parents, coaches, and swimmers of the Northern Virginia Swimming Conference (NVSC), I would like to express my gratitude to Cathy Zimmer, Michael Bruck and the entire WARF staff for the great way they handled our meet. We look forward to our next large-scale meet at the WARF on January 19<sup>th</sup>, where swimmers and coaches from all over the State will get an opportunity to experience our beautiful new aquatic facility.

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