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Although Charlottesville and University Grounds were largely undamaged by Hurricane Sandy, other areas of the state did not fare so well. One house in Annandale was nearly crushed by a falling tree.

Sandy largely spares state

University administration cancels classes, but Charlottesville experiences only minor power outages

By Kelly Kaler and Abby Meredith
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Hurricane Sandy has departed, leaving Charlottesville mostly untouched but sending waves flooding through Maryland and cutting power in New York City.

The University canceled classes Monday and Tuesday as a safety precaution, marking the first time the University has ever canceled two consecutive days of classes, University Historian Alexander “Sandy” Gilliam said. “This is definitely unusual for the University, and what had everybody worried was the wind and the damage

that can do,” he said.

The Charlottesville Police Department did not receive any damage reports from the storm, Charlottesville Police Lieut. Ronnie Roberts said. Albemarle County police, however, did respond to a tree that fell on the side of a house on the west side of the county.

But it could have been a lot worse for Charlottesville residents, Roberts said.

“You never can predict where or when the storm will hit directly, but the most important thing is that we are prepared,” he said. “We can’t control the damages, but by

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Weather could affect voting

McDonnell requests election sites hold longer hours to accommodate Virginians badly affected by storm

By Emily Hutt
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Devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy could affect the election outcome, particularly in swing states such as Virginia and New Hampshire, Center for Politics spokesperson Geoff Skelley said.

“If the storm really hits Virginia hard, there will probably be people who don’t vote because they are focused on repairing their homes or businesses, or dealing with some sort of problems related to storm damage,” Skelley said. “Public transportation could be hampered in urban

areas, which would obviously be bad for Democrats.”

A study published in 2007 suggests voter turnout decreases by nearly 1 percent with every inch of rain that falls on Election Day. Every inch of snow above a county’s average snowfall leads to a 0.5 percent drop in turnout.

Albemarle County registrars said they have received calls from weather-concerned voters, but they think the weather will have only a minimal effect on voter turnout. “[T]he Governor has said that if the power goes

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Students share an umbrella during a rainy Monday off classes.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

McDonnell plans disaster relief

Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) declared a state of emergency for Virginia Friday ahead of Hurricane Sandy. The entire state is expected to regain power by Thursday evening.



Sabrina Schaeffer
The Daily Progress

Gov. Bob McDonnell held his final scheduled press briefing Tuesday in Richmond to discuss the impact of Hurricane Sandy in Virginia and the state’s recovery efforts.

Hurricane Sandy took a heavy toll on much of the Atlantic seaboard, particularly in states such as New Jersey and New York, but Virginia was spared the brunt of the storm.

McDonnell declared a state of

emergency Friday in anticipation of heavy damage to the state. The commonwealth has already been awarded a federal disaster declaration that requires FEMA to issue federal resources to the state if necessary.

Some parts of Virginia have been badly affected. Parts of western Virginia are experiencing blizzard conditions and warnings, some southeastern areas of the state have flooded

and many in northern Virginia will not regain power until Thursday evening, according to a Dominion Power Company release.

“There are currently about 400,000 without power, 92,000 of which are in Northern Virginia,” McDonnell said. “We anticipate to virtually restore power to all by Thursday night.”

These numbers only comprise 15 percent of the power outages

of the summer’s derecho wind storm.

McDonnell was joined by other Virginia officials in fielding press questions, including representatives from the state Police Department, Public Safety, power companies and the Department of Emergency Management.

McDonnell announced a grace period for Virginians with license and permit deadlines due at the end of the month. The deadline to renew driver’s licenses and state inspections has been extended to Nov. 9 to accommodate citizens and state agencies affected by the hurricane.

Addressing voter concerns, McDonnell has also sent a letter to voting offices requesting that they stay open an additional eight hours to accommodate absentee voters. “This doesn’t change who is qualified to vote, as Virginia doesn’t do early voting,” he said. The state only offers in-person absentee voting to those with a valid excuse.

McDonnell said he has been in touch with numerous governors, including Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley (D) and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R). While answering questions, McDonnell said, “When you have natural disasters, partisanship goes out the window.”

—compiled by Lizzy Turner

Sabato delays forecasts

The University Center for Politics Sunday night canceled its much-anticipated Crystal Ball event scheduled for Monday evening, in which Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato was expected to deliver his official election predictions. The event will not be rescheduled because of space and scheduling limitations caused by the Virginia Film Festival.

The cancellation is not an isolated one. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was scheduled to speak at the Miller Center Monday evening. The threat of Hurricane Sandy forced officials to call off the event. Albright is still coming to Charlottesville, though. She will now greet voters Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. at the Obama for America headquarters downtown.

Sabato’s Crystal Ball has been a leader in accurately predicting presidential, senatorial and gubernatorial elections since its inception, according to the Crystal Ball website.

“We were looking forward to having it, but we didn’t want people to be in harm’s way,” Center for Politics spokesperson Kyle Kondik said. “We like to do this before big elections, but [Hurricane Sandy] was just too big of a problem.”

The first part of the Crystal Ball predictions will be released online Thursday, and the second part will be released next Monday.

—compiled by Monika Fallon

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Should we get money for marrow?

Bioethics department, club take on similar questions

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It seems blood drive vans are always parked outside Clark Library or the Chemistry Building. Students sit in the vans for a few minutes, brave a quick needle prick and are on their way to saving a life. But would people be more inclined to give blood if there were a financial incentive? What if donors could receive money for selling other body parts such as organs or bone marrow?

That question is less hypothetical in light of a 2011 Federal Appeals Court ruling that allows nine states to provide up to \$3,000 worth of compensation — in scholarships, educational vouchers, housing allowances and other incentives — for bone marrow. The ruling overturns a 1984 law criminalizing selling body parts, including bone marrow, for money. To many, the federal decision may not seem like a ground-breaking decision, as some body parts such as sperm, eggs, hair and plasma are already on the market. But extending the scope of body parts that are marketable poses serious ethical questions.

The argument for the decriminalization and regulation of such sales is logical given a precarious black market of organ sales both domestically and abroad. The speed and efficacy of new technology has allowed incredible advances to be made in the field of transplants and genetics. But these new technologies leave health care workers and patients wading in a pool of ethically unfamiliar territory. What defines a justified measure to save a life? How should money impact a person's potential for extreme life-saving surgeries, transplants or life support?

With the enormous promise of biomedicine's technological advances comes an equally massive predicament for deciding when, to whom, and for how much money all of these measures can be distributed. The bone marrow ruling is only one example of this widespread ethical uncertainty that will play out in the medical profession, in our legal system, in policy debates and even in family decisions. For this reason, the field of Bioethics, the study of ethical dimensions of healthcare, has gained tremendous traction among the world's colleges and universities.

So many professions within the medical field, the legal field, and political arena are relying more and more on individuals with a vested interest and education in these kinds of "bio-ethical" issues. The University is not alone in having a Bioethics department, where students can enroll in philosophy, biology, religion and political theory classes that touch on important aspects and approaches for dealing with such issues.

Professors who teach some of these courses — such as Philosophy Prof. John Arras and James Childress, the John Allen Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics — have had extensive experience in the field, including advising more than one president of the United States.

Accompanying the evolution of the Bioethics department, a Bioethics Club has formed in the undergraduate community, where students interested in the subject — whether they're considering the University's bioethics minor or just contemplating the issues in general — can

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THE SCIENCE BEHIND SANDY

Understanding the year's biggest storm

By Monika Fallon
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Although Charlottesville may not have seen the worst of this year's "superstorm," Hurricane Sandy continues to ravage the Northeast with high winds and heavy rain. It's not unusual for large hurricanes to form this time of year — according to the National Hurricane Center, Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1 to Nov. 30 — so what makes this particular storm so destructive?

Hurricanes form from deep cumulonimbus clouds, which vacuum up warm water from tropical oceans, creating a column of moist air, much lighter than the surrounding atmosphere. As these clouds begin to form, air flows from the high pressure atmosphere into the low-pressure column. Once the air begins moving into the convective region, the earth's rotation causes the air to rotate, creating a large system powered by angular momentum.

Hurricane Sandy was no different, said G.D. Emmitt, president and senior scientist at Simpson Weather Associates, Inc. and scholar-in-residence for the department of environmental sciences. "Sandy was born in the tropics over warm water just like any other ordinary tropical storm," Emmitt said in an email. The unusual strength

of Sandy came from a high-pressure, low-temperature system from Canada combining with the low-pressure, moist air from the hurricane to form a massive amount of energy.

Imagine a container of oil and water, said Michael Garstang, Emeritus research professor for the department of environmental sciences.

"If you combine oil and water in a container, the oil will sit on top of the water," Garstang said. "If you tilted the combina-

experienced in the past few days.

Although the chances of such an interaction are slim, it is not necessarily uncommon, Garstang said. "Hurricane Camille was essentially [this] kind of storm, though nowhere near on this scale," he said. "In that case, there was a cold front and a mid-latitude system which produced an enormous amount of water."

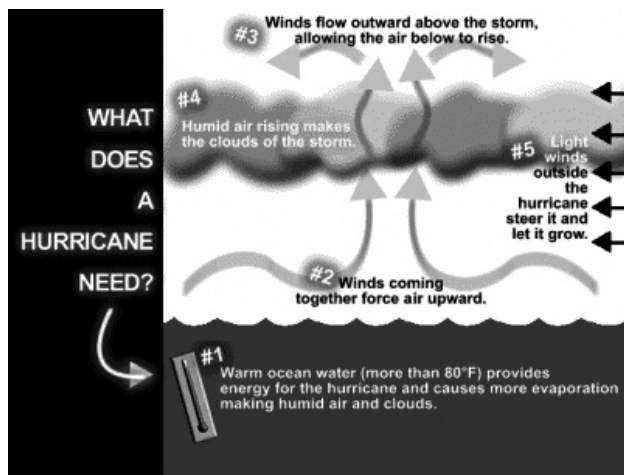
The high-pressure system over Canada and the Northeast, called a

explaining why places such as Virginia Beach received little damage compared to New York and New Jersey.

Both Emmitt and Garstang believe the worst of the storm is past us. "If [a hurricane] pulls in cold air, it essentially kills the convection," Garstang said. "As soon as that happens, you're stalling the engine of the machine, and once you've cut off that source of energy, the hurricane dies."

Recent studies have questioned whether climate change is increasing the number and strength of hurricanes, but a 2005 study by Roger Pielke, Jr., son of Roger Pielke, a former professor in the University department of environmental science, concluded "claims of linkages between global warming and hurricane impacts are premature."

But climate change still has the ability to affect the number and strength of hurricanes with an increase in ocean surface temperature, Garstang said. "A change of half a degree or one degree [in the ocean's surface temperature] encompasses an enormous amount of energy, far more energy than humans have created in all of history," he said. "But this is still merely a theory. Any individual hurricane is just a metaphorical blip on the radar, we would need many years of accumulated evidence to support a claim like that."



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tion, the surface would slope. The return from that slope to a level plane represents the conversion from potential energy to kinetic energy."

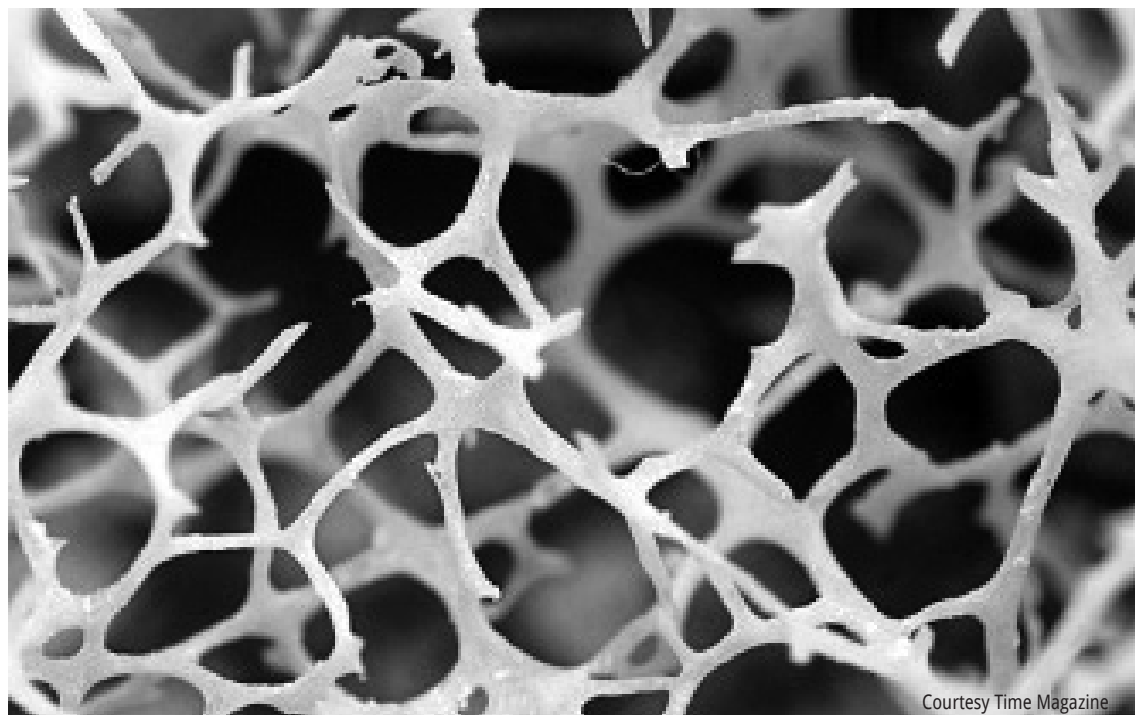
In atmospheric terms, the different air densities — with cold air as the denser water-like substance in the analogy and the warm, hurricane air representing the oil — form the sloping surface. The movement converts the potential energy into the destructive winds

"blocking high," forced Sandy to move westward, causing the hurricane to directly interact with the cold front coming from the west. "Without the blocking high to the northeast, Sandy probably would have just peeled off from the Outer Banks and headed out into the Atlantic," Emmitt said. The high-pressure area acted as a wall right off the northeast coast pushing Sandy westward,

participate in discussions and events throughout the semester. This year, the organization is announcing a new ethics film festival titled: "Health Screenings: Bioethics, Public Health and Law at the Movies."

Arras said the event will be a good way for students who are new to the subject to get involved. "This is an interdisciplinary and trans-school endeavor, involving the College, the Medical School, Public Health, and the Law School," Arras said.






This semester has already seen two movie screenings; the first showed "Made in India," a film about the off-shoring of gestational surrogacy, and the second showed "Dirty Pretty Things," a film about the black market of human organs and passports in Britain.



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Three-Day Weather Forecast

Provided by the Cavalier Weather Service

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working together during these types of moments we remain a community.”

Although there were high chances of power outages in the area, it appears they were confined at the University to a few buildings on Route 250 West about 8:30 p.m. Monday. Students reported losing power briefly in Dabney dormitory, University Heights Apartments and Jefferson Park Avenue.

Wind damage seems to be minimal, as well.

Classes will recommence Wednesday with the hurricane’s departure, and the Uni-

versity will resume a standard operating schedule.

“I’ve been here 17 years and it’s been a pretty rare occasion to have classes canceled,” Batten Prof. David Breneman said. “Of course this storm was hard to predict ... it could have been a lot worse. As it turned out there wasn’t that much trouble.”

The National Weather Service released a blizzard warning Monday afternoon through 2 p.m. Tuesday for Charlottesville regions elevated above 2,000 feet.

“The most recent ... flooding ... information indicates this is about the level we experienced

several years ago with Hurricane Isabel,” Gov. Bob McDonnell said in a press conference Monday afternoon.

In addition, McDonnell requested and was awarded emergency assistance from the federal government Monday to help state and local governments recover from the damage Hurricane Sandy inflicted. FEMA will deploy federal resources if local and state officials deem them necessary.

Resident advisors at the University encouraged students to stay inside their buildings while the storm brewed outside, first-year College student Alicia Underhill said.

“I still think [the cancellations] were good for safety, as there wasn’t a way for them to know if [the hurricane] would hit us badly,” she said. “My home high school was shut down for two days, so I was worried about it hitting here, but had a feeling it wouldn’t be as bad [here] as it was up there.”

Third-year Engineering student Dan Jimenez said his teachers have made some class material available online during the storm, whereas others have pushed Monday’s material into the next lecture. “[The cancellations] were a good precaution just in case the

storm got bad, but given how it turned out it wasn’t justified,” he said. “We couldn’t have predicted how hard it would hit.”

Despite the fact that Sandy did not hit as hard as anticipated, Gilliam said he does not think future cancellations will be any less likely. “If there’s a perceived danger ... the University will close,” he said. “Everyone thought [this storm] was going to be really bad.”

The last time the University faced major setbacks because of inclement weather conditions was during a blizzard in 1996, but that storm coincided with days already given off for winter vacation.

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out in Virginia, the polling places will have a priority as far as getting the power back up and running,” Albemarle County Deputy Registrar Lauren Eddy said.

City of Charlottesville offices will remain open for in-person absentee voting unless the Virginia Board of Elections advises otherwise, Charlottesville City General Registrar Sheri L. Iachetta said. Should weather conditions deteriorate, the office intends to talk with City officials

about how to proceed.

“We’re just going to take it hour by hour,” Iachetta said. She added there is a generator in her office and voter information has been downloaded onto a fully charged laptop in preparation for potential outages.

Iachetta recalled an incident last Election Day when the polling offices in four precincts lost power. She said such incidents are not uncommon and have led to better emergency procedures — which she believes are essential in cases of severe

weather. “If anything happens, I’m confident we’ll be back online quickly,” she said.

The voter registration offices in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville are allowing registered voters to cast absentee ballots ahead of the Nov. 6 election because of severe weather conditions.

The announcement follows a recommendation Saturday from the board that registrars loosen restrictions on absentee voting requirements. With the structural damages Hurricane Sandy

may have caused, the board wanted to accommodate voters who are worried they will be unable to travel to their polling places on Election Day.

Registered voters in Virginia can qualify for absentee voting for reasons ranging from student status at a non-local school to personal business or vacation. The commonwealth’s absentee ballot application does not list weather conditions as an eligibility requirement for absentee voting.

The board requires local


offices to be open for in-person absentee voting for at least eight hours on each of the two Saturdays before Election Day: this year, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. In-person absentee voting is also taking place during regular weekday business hours. The board recommended that local offices remain open for in-person voting unless conditions become unsafe for voters and office employees.

Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for in-person absentee voting for the general election.

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The University was right to extend its early action deadline to accommodate those affected by Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the eastern coast of the United States Monday. It has closed schools, moved cars, flooded roads — and these after-effects all in the past few days. Yet organizations are beginning to make long-term contingency plans on how they can best support their constituents in the wake of Sandy's damage. Relevant for high school students is some universities' decision to postpone upcoming early admission application deadlines. This is a good idea that the University has been prudent to follow.

In the clutter of emergency memos sent Sunday night into Monday, one from the National Association for College Admission Counseling should not go unnoticed. This group — a national conglomerate of secondary school counselors and college admissions officers — provides resources to those parties involved in the admissions process, both students and schools alike. It has more than 11,000 members, including University deans of admissions. The association has 23 regional offices, with a fair number of them on the East Coast. But it was the national chapter that decided the hurricane was of universal importance.

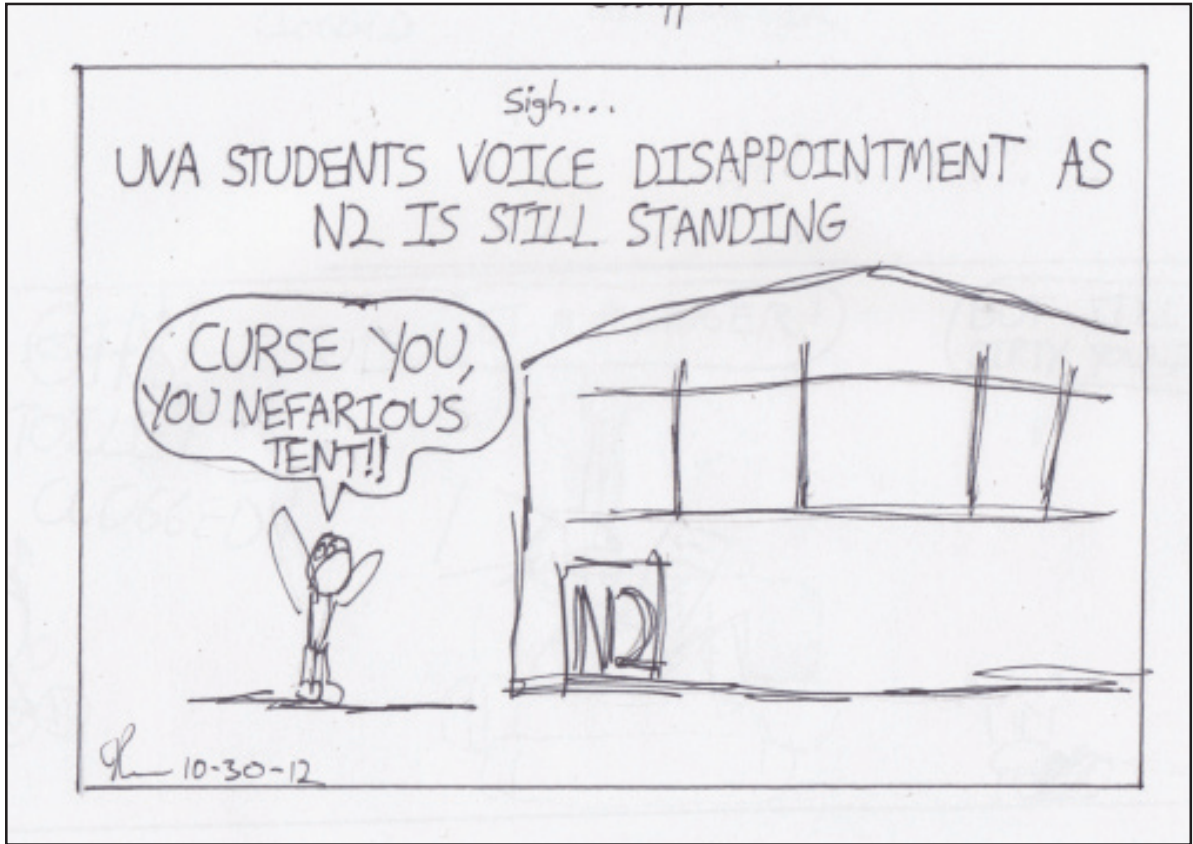
Its statement asks universities to delay their deadline for early admissions. Although most institutions have their application deadline in January, many — including the University, since 2011 — have earlier dates for students to apply in either a binding or

non-binding manner. Citing the effects of Hurricane Sandy on secondary schools, the association asserted that high school students could have their applications to college obstructed.

Whether incited by the above statement or of its own initiative, the University joined a host of others in postponing its deadline for early admissions. The original due date for high-schoolers seeking early action was Nov. 1; that date was extended to Nov. 4. This announcement was broadcast on Notes from Peabody, the University admissions blog. The message was also relayed through the University admissions website.

The University acted correctly in making such a decision. There are logistical concerns: Some college applications are still done in the mail and roads could be extensively flooded. Moreover, even online applications will suffer due to the widespread power outages. Indeed, some students only choose to turn in their applications at the last minute; not from procrastination, but to continually improve and revise. The sources they picked to provide letters of recommendation may have scheduled to fill out their portion based on the original deadline. Hoping to send in their reference, they, too, could have been delayed because of the storm. It is incorrect for prospective students to be punished for hindering factors that emerged due to the elements.

Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe



Major dilemmas

A fourth-year trustee advises underclassmen on the best way to choose a fitting major

THE UNIVERSITY of Virginia is an institution of opportunity for young minds, which opens the door to a world of unlimited knowledge. As a student, it easy to get lost in such a world; every individual needs to have a plan of action or a road map for the next four years of one's life. No one wants to reach the spring of fourth year and ask, "Now what?" The University offers 100-plus majors that lead to thousands of potential jobs; however, only the cream of the crop of college graduates are receiving job offers or entering into top-tier graduate schools.

Currently, 53 percent of recent college graduates are unemployed or working jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree. The official unemployment rate for college graduates is 6.8 percent, but this only considers graduates looking for work, not those going to graduate programs or working at undesired jobs. These are scary facts considering the amount of debt most students accumulate to attend college.

In order to graduate with a degree in which you can personally be successful, a hypothesis-driven approach to college needs to be taken. The approach would start with stating, "I think x major is the perfect fit for me," then testing it against three different sub-categories: one's personal qualifications for the major, whether the major provides the foundation for a desired job or graduate school and whether the

desired job provides a good quality of life.

When thinking of your desired major, ask yourself, "Am I personally qualified in both the academic and behavioral senses?" Looking at academic qualifications, consider the following: Will your high school curriculum help you succeed, do you have the skills to succeed in the major, and do you enjoy the curriculum? Next, ask what type of person succeeds in this major and whether you are that type of person. Consider the kinds of skills needed, including those of analytical, collaborative, or communicative merit. Then, ask whether your personal and academic traits will make you a competitive candidate? It's a tough job market, so it's vital to pick a major where you have a passion and can excel.

The next question to ask is whether the major opens the door to your dream job or graduate school. Does it allow you to develop marketable skills? Do firms of your interest recruit students from this major? Lastly, through the major or alumni, is there the opportunity to build a network with professionals in the field or at graduate programs of interest?

If you have the personal qualifications for the major and the

major provides the foundation for your future dream job, it is time to decide if the dream job provides the perfect quality of life for you, a life in which you can be happy and satisfied. Questions to consider: What is the salary? What are the hours? What kind of travel is involved? Does the work allow you to challenge yourself?

When using the hypothesis-driven approach, if you confirm that you have the personal qualifications for the major, the major facilitates progress on your career path, and the job provides the desired lifestyle, then you have selected the correct major. Only you can answer these questions, and it is important to be honest with yourself. Furthermore, your values and interests may change as you grow and learn; therefore, it is important to continue to re-examine the academic career path you have selected using this approach. In order to best answer the above questions, research is key. Gather as much data as you can. Talk with professors, mentors, family, and friends. It is vital to select a major that allows you to flourish and that supports future opportunities. This approach will help you to develop your personal road map to your academic and post-graduate careers.

Jeff Todd is a Fourth-Year Trustee.

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Absolute equality as defined by feminists is impossible due to inherent differences between women and men

LAST WEDNESDAY Dr. Christina Hoff Summers gave a lecture titled “The Case for Conservative Feminism.” In her hour-long speech, Dr. Sommers, author of the books “Who Stole Feminism?: How Women Have Betrayed Women” and “The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men” spoke about her critique of contemporary feminism and how its misinterpretation of facts and statistics is hurting the Western understanding of equality.

But to me the “ideology” seemed to be a lack thereof. The case of conservative feminism, as Dr. Sommers defined it, was actually just retaliation against the already-set notion of what feminism is: the idea of bringing social, economic and political equality to the sexes. In fact, the most “feminist” part about conservative feminism is its stress on pushing women’s

rights only outside of the United States.

According to Dr. Sommers, the United States is already experiencing equality. More

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women graduate from college today than do men, and despite the \$8,000 pay gap between college graduates in terms of sex, which Sommers attributed to difference in qualifying majors and efficient business models, women in the Western world do enjoy the same rights as men — and sometimes even more.

The World Economic Forum, however, would tell you otherwise. According to their 2012 Global Gender Gap Report, several nations in Europe and elsewhere are superior to the United States in women’s economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival and political empowerment. This ranking and others seem to make the feminist case that women in

the United States continue to be suppressed and unequal to their male counterparts.

Yet the strongest argument for “conservative feminism”

“So the outcomes for women in the United States, while not ideal (and unlikely to ever be), are pretty favorable in comparison to the original ‘goal’ of feminism.”

is not that there are no inherent differences between males and females — a simple biology textbook could clear that up if you have any doubts — but that a notion of equality does not lie in the balance of data. Both logically and numerically, the “numbers” to which feminist theorists refer to — jobs, salaries and rankings — are required to be higher for one sex over the other. The fact that fewer women than men become engineers does not imply a conscious societal effort to push women out of engineering; it’s simply a statistic that had to

favor a certain sex.

Moreover, sex isn’t a uniform initial state, so members of each sex are not inherently entitled to the advantages of the other.

Women are built differently than men and studies have shown that they think differently than men, also. So by extension,

the idea of perfect “equality” for women is impossible, because the idea of distributive justice as applied to sex doesn’t work without a leveled playing field from the beginning. What’s important is whether despite these disparities, women have the same opportunities to break the quotidian, both personal and professional. And according to Dr. Sommers, they do. Some women choose not to have children to continue with

their careers. Others are able to strike a balance between work and family life. The point is that most personal situations — whether it is sex, gender or race — are an unavoidable circumstance that people can work around to get what they want.

So the outcomes for women in the United States, while not ideal (and unlikely to ever be), are pretty favorable in comparison to the original “goal” of feminism of perfect equality. The bigger point is, however, that the goal of the original feminism was not to take sides on gender or deny its existence, but to give each gender the resources to end up in the same place. While there will always be an uneven number of men and women in certain fields, the fact that they can make it there is what’s most important.

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Debatable conduct

The moderators of the 2012 debates were biased in favor of the Democratic candidates, creating unfair obstacles for Republicans

EXACTLY ONE week to go before Election Day, and almost everyone knows where they stand. Most of us have known from the beginning just how we are going to vote. But both candidates have done their utmost to snag the votes of those who remain undecided. One of their main chances to do this was during the presidential debates. And while the overall impact of the debates is, itself, debatable, I think the way they were conducted deserves a closer look.

I live-blogged each debate for The Cavalier Daily, and anyone who followed my comments knows what side I am on. But that does not skew the facts — the presidential debates were neither conducted nor moderated in a fair way. And this is a deplorable state of affairs, especially considering the grand stage on which the political contests take place.

In the first and third presidential debates, the president won in time of possession — a whopping 4 minutes and 18 seconds more than Romney under Jim Lehrer, and 35 seconds more under

Bob Schieffer, respectively. But in these cases, the moderators stayed largely out of the debate, Schieffer out of professionalism, and Lehrer out of what seemed

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a sheer lack of energy and willingness to enter the fray. But it is in the vice presidential debate and the second presidential debate that we find the moderators taking on the role of active participant.

The vice presidential debate showcased a more than one minute advantage to Joe Biden. But the story of the night was liberal moderator Martha Raddatz and her repeated assaults on Paul Ryan. Raddatz launched numerous pointed questions in Ryan’s direction while largely giving Biden a free pass. Her lowest moment came in her despicable joint-attack with Biden against Ryan in regards to cutting the deficit. Ryan barely had a chance to get a word in as he was rudely interrupted in tandem by Raddatz and Biden. The whole exchange was accompanied by Biden’s asinine chuckles and exchanged looks between Raddatz and Biden. Anyone with a shred of common sense would

have thought they were watching an un-moderated two-on-one liberal vs. conservative debate.

The second debate, a town-hall style affair at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, again demonstrated a clear time advantage to the president. Only this time, it was accompanied and facilitated by liberal moderator Candy Crowley. She and Romney

frequently got into interrupting matches, with Crowley telling Romney to return to his seat, ensuring him that he’d have time to answer. But that was not entirely true. The president got to speak for 44 minutes and 4 seconds, while Romney only got 40 minutes and 50 seconds, and he had to fight even for this time.

But even this bias was overshadowed by Crowley’s own participation in the debate. When the question of gun control came up, Crowley steered the conversation away from Fast and Furious, which is a more-than-legitimate gun issue, in order to

pander to Obama’s education angle on gun control. But the bigger moment came in what many Democrats viewed as the debate’s highlight: the clash over whether or not the president had declared the attack in Benghazi an “act of terror.”

When Obama claimed he had, Romney said he wanted that for the record, because the president had done no such thing. When Obama called for the transcript, Crowley leaped to his defense, saying, “He did call it an act of terror”. This is patently untrue, as a consultation of the actual transcript of Obama’s Rose Garden remarks clearly indicate that he was speaking of acts of terror in general: “No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character, or eclipse the light of the values that we stand for.” Never did he refer to the Benghazi attack as an act of terror — at the time, and for days afterwards, he maintained that the attack was in response to the

“These debates may not have a massive amount of importance, but that is no excuse for accepting a consistent liberal bias.”

YouTube video instead.

I heard a commentator afterwards say that the conservative complaints about Crowley seemed to indicate that President Obama had won the debate, but I vehemently disagree. True, complaints about the moderator seem like the strategies of the losing team, but does this mean conservatives were obligated to sit quietly by while the moderator misrepresented the facts in conjunction with the president? No way.

These debates may not have a massive amount of importance, but that is no excuse for accepting a consistent liberal bias. Networks should feel obligated to provide moderators who will treat both candidates fairly and who will keep the debate moving, rather than steering it whichever way he or she chooses and jumping in on the side of their favorite candidate. And when debates like these lack substance, it is essentially a battle for air time — a battle the liberal candidate should not win by default.

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Technoholics anonymous

Today’s society of gadget lovers reflects our artificial need to be perpetually connected

THE TWO IMPORTANT stories of the technology world this week are the respective debuts of the Microsoft Surface and the iPad Mini. Surface is one of Microsoft’s first forays into hardware in the company’s storied history. Its main selling point is its cover, which doubles as a keyboard and built-in kickstand, allowing it to transform from a tablet to a laptop. Microsoft is touting this as a revolutionary leap in consumer electronics; I am touting this as a good marketing ploy, since keyboard and kickstand combos are already common for current tablets. Meanwhile, the iPad Mini, in a stunning display of inventiveness from Apple, is a smaller version of the iPad, which in turn is pretty much a larger version of the iPhone. For whom is the iPad Mini, exactly? Goldilocks? But no matter my opinions about the lack of innovation; either way, you can bet that both the Surface and the iPad Mini will sell millions of units.

Why do we tell Apple and

Microsoft, “Shut up and take my money?” There is no doubt that computers rank up there with the greatest inventions in history and that they are incredibly useful; but so is the refrigerator, and you do not see press releases for Maytag’s newest and finest. Advertisements for the Surface point to the reason. One ad features a dancing ensemble and the Surface being used as a percussion instrument. Another ad takes place in a vaguely science-fiction room and has the tablet suspended in midair; the camera then shifts to an extreme close-up of an eye in intense focus and wonder, gazing at the tablet visible in its reflection. The message is obvious: Surface is something to be excited about; surface is the future.

But then this brings the question of why gadget chic exists in the first place. For what do we use computers outside of work? We use computers to brag to our friends on Facebook how awesome last night was, to purvey 140-character wisdom on Twitter, to look at adorable cats on

Reddit. Thus it is apparent that we are smitten with consumer electronics not because they are useful — which they definitely are — but because they are an outlet for cheap gratification. That in itself is not bad; the world would be a dull place if all we could talk about is how great freezer-c m a k e r combos are. But it is apparent that we give undue attention to luxuries like consumer electronics. Perhaps that fact is unclear because its effects are not yet fully manifest. Let us see a vision of the future, then, shall we?

In Aldous Huxley’s “Brave New World,” the world is a technological utopia where the desire for cheap gratification is completely fulfilled. Citizens of the World State, as it is known, get to watch feelies, the evolution of movies; play exciting games like Reimann Surface Tennis; take a recreational drug called soma for when they’re feeling down;

have no-strings-attached sex with pretty much anyone. Utopia it may be ostensibly, but the World State is spiritually barren. All traces of intimacy with other

people have been eradicated, may be it family, friendship or love. No one reads books or pursues any intellectual endeavor. It is a world enslaved by entertainment.

Now granted, the World State is an extrapolation that takes place far into the future; but it cannot extrapolate if it does not reflect what has already existed in our society. People eat together but do not talk to each other because they are glued to their phones; we feel disconnection anxiety when we haven’t checked our Facebook or Twitter in a while. With the advent of the mass media, we are fast becoming an a-literate society, one that eschews Hemingway for the remote control. Will the iPhone 17 play some small-screen equiv-

“With the advent of the mass media, we are fast becoming an a-literate society, one that eschews Hemingway for the remote control.”

alent on the feelies? Will we ultimately sacrifice intimacy, intellectualism and other noble pursuits to the altar of cheap gratification?

To clarify, I am not a Luddite. I do not plan on raiding Foxconn factories in China so that Apple cannot make its iProducts and thus liberate the masses from pictures of adorable cats. Heck, I am a Computer Science major; I plan to make a living working with computers. But I do think it is important that we recognize the nature of our relationship with technology and our unhealthy anxiety with being disconnected from technology, especially the online world.

Incidentally, recognition is the first of the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Call addiction too strong of a word — if it is not true now, then it will be in the near future lest we remain complacent and blissfully unaware of our path to a Brave New World.

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Senior tri-captain Will Bates is tied for the ACC lead with 10 goals this season. Bates, who was named to the 2011 All-ACC First-Team, has led the young Cavalier team to a 32nd consecutive winning season despite playing one of the most challenging schedules in the nation.



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MEN'S SOCCER

Captain leads young squad

Senior tri-captain Will Bates' tough play, clutch goals set tone for inexperienced Cavalier squad

By Ben Baskin
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Although it lasted only a matter of seconds, the silence was deafening. The suspension of sound and movement lingered on the practice field until an emphatic declaration abruptly reestablished reality. "Keep playing!" the voice belled. The action on the pitch resumed, but it wasn't until senior tri-captain Will Bates signaled "thumbs up" from the sideline where he clutched his bloodied nose that the palpable uneasiness dissipated. Moments earlier, Bates had been inadvertently struck square in the face when an errant rocket shot fired toward goal. It was a relatively routine occurrence that nevertheless precipitated the team's sense of angst.

Their trepidation was only natural. As postseason play lurks on the horizon, there can be little debate about which Cavalier player is the team's most indispensable both on and off the field. "It would be tough to imagine this young team without Will Bates," coach George Gelnovatch said. "Not only in the starting lineup but also just being around and helping the guys." Youth and raw talent inundate this season's Virginia men's soccer roster. Gelnovatch regularly fills out pre-game lineup cards with at least six freshmen as starters and frequently dubs this squad his "youngest ever." The coach is now in his 17th year leading the Cavalier program and has talked throughout the season about the challenges

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FOOTBALL

Senior persists amid struggles

Linebacker Steve Greer embraces defensive leadership role, guides up-and-coming talents through trying times

By Fritz Metzinger
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This is not the way the story was supposed to end. After three years of dutiful and occasionally spectacular service, senior linebacker and defensive captain Steve Greer was supposed to cap his college career with a 2012 season replete with excitement, accolades and, most crucially, wins. After all, last year's senior class of defenders, headlined by cornerback Chase Minnifield and defensive lineman Cam Johnson, enjoyed such a banner season as Virginia finished 8-4 and earned a bowl berth.

Instead, Greer's career appears likely to conclude with a whimper rather than a bang. After their longest losing streak under coach Mike London's tutelage, the Cavaliers stand at 2-6 and must win the rest of their remaining games to even qualify for bowl participation. What's more for Greer and other Virginia seniors on the defense, much of 2012 has revolved around the maturation and development of younger, inexperienced talents who will peak as players long after this crop of seniors have received their diplomas.

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Senior linebacker and defensive captain Steve Greer leads the Cavaliers with 76 tackles, good for fourth in the ACC. Greer also led the team in tackles a season ago en route to All-ACC Second-team honors, helping guide the team to an 8-win season and a bowl appearance.

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Baseball's time as America's sport has passed

Everyone knows that baseball is "America's Pastime," right? Well then, in honor of the World Series, let's do a little experiment. Raise your hands if you actually sat down and watched a substantial portion of any of the games in this year's World Series. Everybody there? Okay, good. Now look to your left, then to your right. Not as many people as you thought, huh? It might be time to officially declare baseball's stint as America's game over. The first two games of this year's Fall Classic, the only two for which Nielsen ratings have been released, averaged a 7.7, by far the lowest rating in history for the first two Series matchups. Only three games since 1984 received a lower rating than Game 1 between the Tigers and Giants, and Game 2 barely improved on that result. By the time the Giants completed the sweep, this year's World Series was undoubtedly on track to finish as one of the least-watched Series ever. Unsurprisingly, the weekend's contests struggled to compete with a Saturday loaded with matchups of ranked college football teams — particularly the night game between Notre Dame and Oklahoma — and

a prime-time "Sunday Night Football" game between the Broncos and Saints. But Game 2 lagged behind CBS's Thursday night lineup of "The Big Bang Theory," "Two and a Half Men" and "Person of Interest" by no fewer than 2.8 million viewers at any point during that two-hour stretch. When a sport's championship — supposed to be its defining moment — can't compete with a series lacking its original star character — Charlie Sheen is no longer on "Men," in case you haven't noticed yet — I find it hard to refer to that sport as the national pastime. Meanwhile, the Super Bowl has set a new viewership record three years in a row as the NFL has hit a purple patch with the rise of high-flying aerial offenses that have become so popular. So what has happened to The Artist Formerly Known as the National Pastime? The simple fact is that baseball lacks so many things when it comes to drawing the attention of viewers today. It lacks the gladiatorial aggression and sheer adrenaline rush of football, the tempo and pace of basketball and much of the technical artistry of soccer. It lacks star power. Derek Jeter of the Yankees is possibly the most recognizable baseball star today, but where does he rank in terms of Q rating when compared to megastars such as LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady? And who else joins him? A-Rod has become a punchline known mostly for his playoff

failings. Albert Pujols stumbled in his first season in an Angels uniform. And the Stephen Strasburg/Bryce Harper combo in Washington might still be too young to claim true star status. Tigers' infielder Miguel Cabrera just won the Triple Crown, becoming the first player to lead his league in batting average, home runs and RBIs in 45 years, but when was the last time you saw him in a commercial on TV? The attention among baseball fans surrounding Cabrera's Triple Crown chase — which often overshadowed his team's World Series run — underscores an often-unnoticed difference between baseball and other sports: Baseball is by-and-large an individual sport. Baseball's statistical revolution during the last few decades has given us metrics such as BABIP, FIP and VORP to measure individual achievement. On the one hand, these new statistical measurements have given us unprecedented ability to place value on players' on-field contributions. But at the same time, so many of baseball's statistics — both old and new — describe only what happens in one-on-one matchups like hitter versus pitcher, pitcher versus hitter, base-stealer versus catcher, etc. When Cabrera led the majors with 44 home runs this season, all of those long balls were attributed solely to him. Meanwhile, Patriots running back Stevan Ridley is one of the NFL leaders in rushing yards with 716, but that is not viewed as a purely

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ZACK BARTEE

Modest Kohles makes noise in professional golf

Two years ago, now-Sports Editor Ashley Robertson wrote an article where she interviewed then-junior golfer Ben Kohles. The article, titled "For love of the game," detailed how little attention the golf team receives at the University. With only one home tournament, it is very difficult to develop a large following, even with the team's national success. But if people didn't know Kohles in college, they should know him now. Kohles made his professional debut this July and never looked back. Kohles was invited to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational on the Web.com Tour, because of his status as a three-time NCAA All-American, and shot 12 under par to defeat fellow rookie Luke Guthrie in a playoff. Although it wasn't the PGA Tour, Kohles is the only — that's right, only — golfer ever to win on the Web.com Tour without any prior professional experience, and the first since 2007 to win his Web.com Tour debut. The win earned Kohles

a modest \$144,000 and propelled him to 13th on the Web.com Tour money list, the top 25 of whom are automatically awarded their PGA Tour cards for the subsequent season. But maybe it was a fluke, right? Wrong. After winning his first tournament, Kohles went on to compete in the next week's Cox Classic. He didn't need a playoff to win this time, shooting 24 under par to win by three strokes and become the only player in the history of the tour to win the first two tournaments in which he played. The kid is good. After his first two tournaments the 22-year-old cashed a pair of checks totaling a cool \$261,000, good enough for second on the money list. Talk about a starting salary, it makes me seriously consider giving up on applying to McIntire and instead start practicing golf 24/7. After Kohles' first two events, his play cooled off — but only slightly. In a remarkable rookie season Kohles made eight-of-10 cuts, finishing in the top 10 three times and top 25 four times. When he was a junior at Virginia, Kohles told The Cavalier Daily, "A lot of kids strive for [the PGA Tour], but most of us know that only a very select few are going to make it." Well congratulations, Ben, you've made it. His \$303,977 on the Web.com Tour put him

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HISTORY AND MYSTERY

Local ghost tours look into Charlottesville's past

By Justine Broecker
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If you decided to go to Marco and Luca on the Downtown Mall on any Thursday, Friday or Saturday night at 8 p.m. from May to October, you may have found yourself walking past a tall man wearing a seemingly anachronistic black suit and top-hat and carrying a bright yellow flag labeled "Ghost & Mysteries Walking Tour." It is even worth postponing dumplings to experience this haunted tour offered by Rob Craighurst, who created the tour and gives every single one, rain or shine.

Craighurst's tour is primarily framed as a 'whodunit' mystery about the infamous 1904 murder of Fannie McCue and the subsequent conviction and execution of her husband, Charlottesville's three-term mayor Samuel McCue.

Craighurst researched his tour, which explores the complexity of the murder investigation, through the Albemarle/Charlottesville Historical Society. The tour presents the evidence that suggested that Sam did kill Fanny, including their son's account of the couple's troubled relationship, the disrespectful attitude Fannie demonstrated toward Sam on the day of her murder, and the use of Sam's own gun as the murder weapon. But Craighurst also

presents the evidence that suggests the implausibility of Sam murdering his wife — the time at which Fannie was murdered, their purported intimacy and the two unidentified suspects seen running near the McCue's house the night of the murder and who police never investigated.

The tour explains that these complexities were likely overlooked during the investigation because of biased journalists and Charlottesville citizens.

"I find the McCue story fascinating because it shows the power of the media that still exists today," Craighurst said. "I want people to start questioning the 'truth' behind what the media says."

The tour ultimately doesn't answer the mystery's 'whodunit' but leaves those on the tour with the complex and compelling details that cause them to ponder the "truth" long after the tour is finished.

Craighurst, who holds a B.S. in Commerce and a Masters degree in Computer Science from the University, started his tour six years ago.

During the two-hour tour that travels from downtown to court square and then down Park Street, Craighurst weaves in countless other ghost stories and historical notes that people have shared with him during his six years as a tour provider.

Such stories include the tale

of University Prof. John Davis, whose murder sparked the formation of the Honor System and whose ghost is said to haunt Pavilion X. Other stories discuss Charlottesville landmarks such as Caspari, the Inn at Court Square and the Hospice of the Piedmont.

Craighurst said he doesn't consider himself someone who believes in ghosts, but became interested in giving tours when he visited Savannah and went on some of the many ghost tours there.

Despite his paranormal cynicism, Craighurst's experience during the last six years has demonstrated to him that "something is going on," he said. There was one night, he said, where he was convinced supernatural forces, perhaps even the McCues, were at play. It was a rainy night, but still one man showed up for Craighurst's tour. Craighurst and his tourist were sitting on the porch of the McCue house — then abandoned — when Craighurst said a thought came to him "that this would be a great moment for a ghost to show up." And, at that moment, Craighurst said that lightning hit the capacitor across the street. "I'd like to think it was some message from somewhere," he said.

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Things I Don't Know



CONNELLY HARDAWAY

When there's something left to say

My sister's room is littered with Hemingway quotes, pictures, books. She drinks Bell's Two-Hearted Ale because it's named after one of Hemingway's short stories — and it doesn't hurt that it also has a pretty high ABV. Hemingway has infiltrated our house. Even downstairs at my dining table I face a black and white "Ernest Hemingway as a young man" image. We got a kitten mainly because we fell in love with a ball of fur, but

also because Hemingway had a thing for cats — please see Hemingway house, Key West. We were going to name her Hemingway, but her SPCA title, Lee Lee, stuck.

One of the quotes that my sister has painted on a small canvas board reads: "There is nothing to writing, all you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed." Sitting in front of a blank screen, hungover and groggy, realizing that I'd forgotten to write my column, I wonder how

much I can bleed. How often can you bleed, and for how long? Do you ever stop bleeding? Maybe I need a typewriter. Or maybe, just maybe, Hemingway was not as right as my sister would like to think. Maybe as she pores over his work in her messy room, Lee Lee batting at her dangling shirt sleeve, she's just a lazy college kid. Maybe her room is too messy, she's too irresponsible to have a cat, and her endless "research" will not result in a 50-page thesis. Maybe

I'm not a "writer." Maybe I've stopped bleeding. What is left to say?

And yet, there's always something to say, that needs to be said. Even when I reflect on my current condition as a horrendously lazy, unnecessarily stressed out, recklessly spending college almost-graduate, I still think I have something to say. I want to convince myself

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Political Incorrectness

In a season full of political ads and fury, I'm going to endorse a different type of political situation. One that might be as controversial as all those opinionated Facebook statuses in your news feed. Maybe more controversial than Mitt's "binders full of women." How do I get in there, by the way? That's right, I'm going to endorse political incorrectness.

A lot like whichever candidate you're planning to vote for, you probably don't agree with him on every issue or every situation, unless you're a single issue voter, but hey, that's a topic for the Opinion section. Similarly, political correctness, or lack thereof, is very much situational.

According to Wikipedia, the ultimate source of knowledge, political correctness refers to language intended to "minimize social and institutional offense." That's cool and all, but I like a little spice in my life.

I'm a little biased, as are you. I love politically incorrect people. By nature, those less P.C. are spunkier than your general line-toer. I'll put

up with a few more inflammatory comments than the average bear, but as a reasonable human being, I realize there's a point where being politically incorrect gets out of control. Let's be honest

Dear Abbi



ABBI SIGLER

— that's pretty P.C. with this crowd right? — I cross the line sometimes, and I'm working on it, but aren't we all?

Scholars of modern language spend — waste? — excessive amounts of their time debating where the proverbial line is. So you can trust the worldly knowledge and observations I'm about to drop. There's reason those scholars should just give up now and debate

something more definitive. Did Shakespeare write his own plays? Was Abe Lincoln actually a vampire hunter? These debates will be more conclusive than those P.C. studies. I'm no scholar of the English language but a word-smith and a conversationalist for sure.

Everyone has a different line of appropriateness, and that's the problem. It's not just that, the line is always moving, so you can never quite keep up. There are certainly some instances the vast majority of people can agree are offensive and straight uncalled for. For example, you should probably not tell a girl you just met — or arguably any girl — "I'll see you next Tuesday," unless you are actually planning to see her next Tuesday. Though you might get a few points for discretion in concealing your rudeness in an acronym.

Of course, proponents of offense will play the "it's just a word" card. I'll let you debate the playing value of

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Five Dollars or Less

For the past couple of weeks, I've fallen into a routine. I start my week early Monday morning, and I can't wait for the clock to strike 5 o'clock on Thursday. I send out the texts to ask people what they are doing and I get a response of "we're having a pregame for our friend's birthday" or "going to bars, meet up l8tr?"

But I've gotten fed up with how complacent I have been in what I do with my spare time. I wanted something different, so I made a change this weekend. I started a detox of my monotonous nightlife of drinking and bars. I wanted to do activities that cost five dollars or less. Here is what I found.

It all started Friday evening when I went to Carter's Mountain. I had visited in the past to see the music that they have on Thursday nights, but believe it or not, I had actually never gone apple picking in the orchards. On the trek up the mountain

we talked about our weeks, our girl issues and our hopes and dreams — none of us have jobs yet or know what we are doing post graduation. I picked apples. I laughed a lot. I ate way too much. I knew that I wanted to do it all again.

As we were on our way home, I remembered that my friend had a performance with her dance team, Mahogany. In all my time here at U.Va., I had never gone to a show, and I knew that I was in for a treat.

It was more than I could have ever asked for. The pure talent on the stage amazed me, and this was all coming from my fellow classmates. What made it even better were all the parents in the crowd — it was parents' weekend, who knew? — who were rocking out to the likes of Nelly and Snoop Dogg (Snoop Lion?).

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(L-R) Lughill with friend Ungerleider.
Kelly described ASB's mission as "bringing together members of the University of Virginia in the common goals of charitable service to and education about the global community". Kelly got involved in ASB in her 1st year on a trip to Costa Rica and served as site leader for a trip to Trinidad in her 2nd year.
This year as Site Leader Chair, Kelly helps develop a yearlong curriculum for ASB's 79 site leaders. These site leaders will lead over 400 fellow students on 39 trips. Through ASB, Kelly has been inspired to further develop her interest in global service by pursuing a Masters in Public Policy.
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Ghouls | Local ghost story ‘never gets old,’ Craighurst says

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Craighurst said he loves giving this tour because “the story never gets old,” he said. “As I’ve gotten older, I’ve realized that everything that happens boils down to people and their stories. This is an amazing story that’s true, and

it needs to be told.” The University holds plenty of its own spooky histories, some of which include stories about the anatomical theater used for cadaver dissections that used to exist near where Alderman Library is located but burned down in 1886; the era of the

Civil War when the Lawn was converted into a hospital for Confederate soldiers; Edgar Allen Poe and his Range room, number 13; and the origins of the University’s many secret societies. “The stories are made from embellished legends mixed with historical facts,” said Chris

Condon, University Guides historian and fourth-year College student. “I believe in the kernel of truth behind them ... Most of the stories are from legends passed down by students or by what cannot be otherwise explained.” Those interested in the University’s mysterious past need only

take a peek in the Rotunda to find a pane of glass taken from Poe’s room 13 with the following inscription:
O Thou timid one, do not let thy Form slumber within these Unhallowed walls,
For herein lies
The ghost of an awful crime.

Hardaway | Content, non-tortured artists can write too

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that my life goal to bartend and “write” is silly. I want to train myself to write resumes and apply for jobs and save money. But that paragraph where I questioned my sister’s Hemingway research was about as far as I got. Because I don’t really question her quotes, her pictures, her stacks of short stories. She loves them. Yesterday as I lay in my sister’s bed, curled up with our fuzzy calico, I watched her carefully re-pin notes on her wall. Lee Lee and I watched, nodded. Yes, yes, that’s a good place for that. I realized in that moment that I was content. I am content with my answer to the question: “Are you going to be a teacher?” My answer is always, “No.” I am content with the fact that I haven’t exercised

in two months. I am content with the stacks of clothes in my room, as long as I know which one is dirty and which is clean. I am content with my plan: Move to Charleston with my sister and our cat and start our new lives. I am content with my desires: I would like to travel, but I don’t feel any sense of urgency about leaving quite yet. I tell myself to at least consider getting a real job. And by getting I mean, thinking about maybe kind of applying for something akin to a real job. But then I ask myself, “Why isn’t waitressing a real job?” I make a lot more money than my friends with unpaid internships. They’re planning for their future, but in a way, so am I. Fodder. I’ve got fodder on fodder. I’ve got stories. I’ve got people. I’ve got lives I tuck away in the back of

my mind, because why not keep them around? I tell myself that I am not Hemingway. I won’t argue with this. When I say that I’m a “writer,” it means that I write about myself in a newspaper column. I will not say that one day I’m going to write a novel, or even a short story. I don’t know if I could. But I don’t want to scoff at myself. I don’t want to rob myself of an opportunity to be kind of reckless with my life for the next five years. A lot of people want to build foundations. They want routine. They want stability. I want these things too! Perhaps more than anyone else. But I want them differently. My favorite drink is a soy latte with an extra espresso shot. This is my routine. Why can’t I decide if I get the latte in Charlottesville or in London?

My favorite author is Flannery O’Connor. If I can read her on Gordon Avenue, can’t I read her in California too? My favorite person is my sister. We want the same things, why would we ever have to leave each other’s side? My boyfriend and I visited his aunt and uncle’s mountain house this past weekend. His uncle asked us about our futures, prefacing the question with the comment that he knew we’d been answering this query a lot recently. I took a deep breath, ready to stumble my way through an explanation of what I may do with my limited skill set. Stewart’s uncle nodded, accepting my future plan just as he accepted his nephew’s future — the kind that involves resumes and interviews. Then he told stories. So many stories. About traveling the world with

his brother on \$6,000. About sunburn because he didn’t know better and a long day on the whitest beach, because he did. I thanked him for the trout dinner, the beer and the tour of his scenic property. In the back of my mind I thanked him for the stories. Hemingway was not content with his life. That’s why he wrote. I cannot pretend to be the tortured artist I’ve always envied, because even when I feel pain, I have so many ways to tap into joy. That quote about sitting down and bleeding was wrong. You don’t need a typewriter. You just need something to say.

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Sigler | Potentially offensive speech fosters discussion

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this card. After all, I’d probably just offend a good portion of people here. More importantly, offended people often overlook the fact that political incorrectness can provide a valuable opportunity

to talk about generally taboo subjects, if done in the right setting. Instead of getting angry, we can use politically incorrect comments to open the door for discussion. Everyone’s got some politically incorrect thoughts, and that’s cool. A world where we

walk on eggshells isn’t a place I want to live in. Let’s just agree to avoid hitting Mel Gibson status. But in their excellent adventure, Bill and Ted were on to something — “Be excellent to each other” and “Party on.” Admittedly, some people are total jerks, but brush that dirt

off your shoulder. In the vast majority of scenarios, you’ve just got to be able to laugh it off. Life’s too short to get angry by one person’s opinion or comment. Just maybe if you stopped being offended, you might find some humor in it. So that’s it. It’s okay to get a

little saucy sometimes; try not to long jump over the line. Just remember being P.C. is about as cool as having one.

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Koroma | Inexpensive weekend activities prove worthwhile

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It definitely was worth the five bucks. The following afternoon, I went to the Whethermen show, which was free — who doesn’t like free stuff? — and couldn’t stop laughing for the entire hour. I went to the Tomtoberfest on the Corner, which had some pretty awesome

local bands that I immediately Googled when I got home. Saturday night I went to Apocalypse Brown, which was this year’s incarnation of Brown College’s annual haunted house. It was five bucks, and all the profits raised went to a homeless shelter. I have a heart of a lion, so I wasn’t scared, but the five girls who were screaming

behind me and holding on to me for dear life were. It was scary fun, and I’m sad I only got to experience it once during my time at the University. Even though these were a lot of firsts for me, and these events did cross off a lot of lines on the list of things to do before you graduate, my advice to all you underclassmen out there is to

not wait until your time is up to start experiencing something new. We are so lucky to go to a school that has such a vibrant and diverse culture of student groups that put on awesome events. Don’t let them pass you by because of that “once in a lifetime frat party” or new episode of Breaking Bad — just TiVo it! Now, this isn’t a public service

announcement for sobriety, but take your hall mates, your girlfriend, that random guy you met on the Lawn, and try something new because it never hurts to do something different. You might like it.

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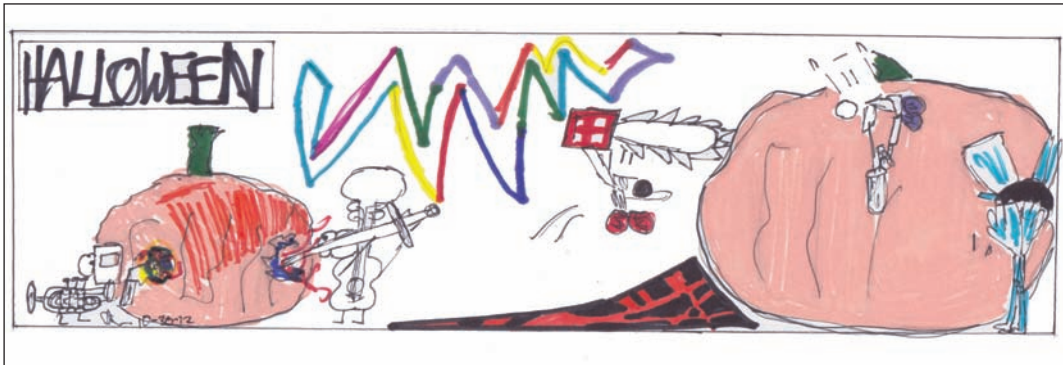
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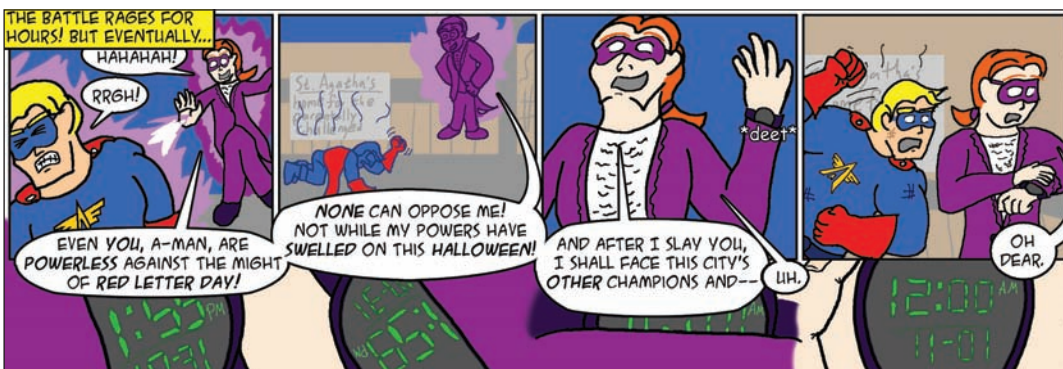
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THE COMICS PAGE HAS BEEN DEAD THE WHOLE TIME



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been looking for any reason to explore the inner world of others, and this is just the opportunity you need. So dress up as someone else, and really get into the character. Costume idea: Alien.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your idea of a good time includes the kind of interesting twists and surprises that are sure to come your way today. Costume idea: Rock star.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go along with the fun of the day. When you let yourself be surprised by images you usually only see in your dreams, deep wells of creativity awaken in you. Costume idea: Celebutante.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in a versatile mood, which allows you to jump on board with the ideas that sound like the most fun. Costume idea: A member of the animal kingdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Not much is scaring you these days, but you'll make an exception for Halloween and let yourself be positively undone with fright for at least a second or two! Costume idea: A bad fairy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you can't keep a secret from someone, it may be a sign that you love the person. Or you just can't keep a secret. Slip into your alter ego and see what happens. Costume idea: Historical figure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). All adults are sensitive and scared 7 year olds inside — something to keep in mind during today's interactions. The real ghouls and goblins are limiting beliefs. Costume idea: Movie star.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's your time of year, and you'll rule the room wherever you go now. Dare to be boldly theatrical, especially if no one else is. Costume idea: Something you were once afraid of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You wake up feeling peppy, sociable and imaginative. Also, you don't mind going the creative distance to please friends. Costume idea: A zombie.

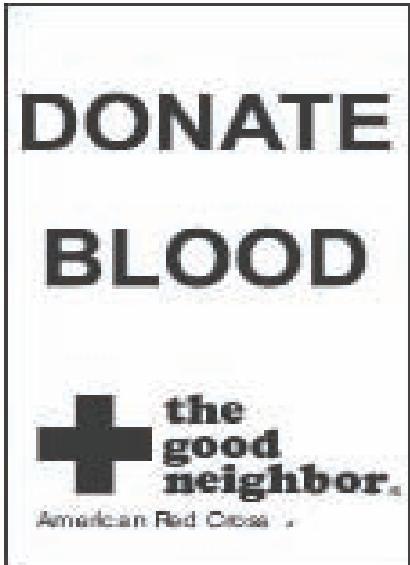
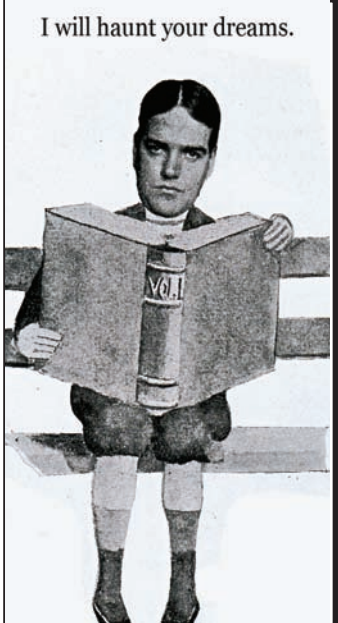
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting your work done in record time is a prerequisite for the fun you're going to have tonight. So, you buckle down and make it happen. Costume idea: A professional nightmare.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't need it to be Halloween to be reminded of what you're afraid of. But you're conquering the fear, little by little every day. Costume idea: An overtly sexy version of yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been so sweet lately that it wouldn't hurt to allow yourself a snide quip — a slightly less-than-gracious retort while you pay attention to your own needs for a moment. Costume idea: A notorious menace.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31). This year will be outstanding in your memory because there are lots of "firsts" that happen. Make your list now — things to do and places to see — so that you are consciously taking charge of these "firsts." There's a fascinating person who will lead you into new interests, both professional and personal. You hit it off with Taurus and Cancer. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 11, 42, 53 and 20.

MOSTLY HARMLESS BY PETER SIMONSEN



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ACROSS

1 Some are square

6 G.I. rank

9 Mardi ____

13 It might keep you up at night

14 Feel bad

15 Vile

16 "And that's ____!"

17 Morgantown's locale: Abbr.

18 Some mirages

19 John Lennon, e.g.

20 Dandy

21 Glandular prefix

22 Sun Devil Stadium's sch.

23 With 44-Across, common

24 Broadcast phrase related to this puzzle's outer circled letters

25 To a huge extent

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MEMO **SIGNS** **IDYL**
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1 Omertà organization

2 Works inspired by Calliope, e.g.

3 One saying

23-/44-Across

4 Request to a butcher

5 Mineo of film

6 In hock

7 Shortish race, for short

8 Pete Fountain played it

9 Lions' foes

10 Knolls

11 "Would you like to see ____?"

12 Online honcho

15 Rips off, in a way

20 "Here we go again!"

23 Work, as a bar

24 Probably not Mr. Right

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26 Manet or Monet

28 Pond denizen

29 Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

30 Pigskin stitching

32 They appear at one-yard intervals

33 The "A" in IPA

34 Verb after "das"

36 Grovels

37 Prod

39 Tire spec abbr.

40 Circulation blocker

42 Greek walkways

43 Pool side

44 Put on

45 "I swear!"

46 Miller product

47 Scored in the 80s

49 Beginning

50 Bares fruit?

53 Country mentioned in Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me"

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