



Herring names new University counsel

Advisors aim to provide insight on sexual violence

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Law firm O'Melveny & Myers will serve as the new independent counsel to the Board of Visitors on issues of sexual violence at the University, the office of Attorney General Mark Herring informed University Rector George Martin in a letter Tuesday morning.

The attorney general's office had previously announced that the independent counsel would be attorney Mark Filip. That decision was reversed last Friday because Filip was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. A Rolling Stone article released two weeks ago detailed an alleged gang rape which took place at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in Sept. 2012.

"This situation is too serious to allow anything to undermine the confidence in the objectiveness and independence of this review," Herring said in a press release.

In a statement regarding the appointment of O'Melveny & Myers, Herring said the investigation will not only look at how the University addresses and adjudicates sexual assault, but also will examine how the school handled the specific case detailed in Rolling Stone.

"Charlottesville Police have been asked to handle any criminal investigations into this specific attack, but all other aspects of campus sexual violence, includ-



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Board adopts zero-tolerance stance

In emergency meeting called Tuesday, the University's governing body discussed action to take against sexual assault

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The Board of Visitors met Tuesday in a special session to address ramifications of the Rolling Stone article and resulting protests against sexual assault on Grounds. Student leaders played a key role in the meeting, offering promises for change and suggestions for University policies.

After two hours of public discussion, board member Helen Dragas proposed a zero-tolerance motion on sexual assault, which was unanimously passed. A committee of students, Board members, administrators, and

legal counsel will meet in the coming weeks to draft policy recommendations to be put in place for second semester.

The magazine's account of a gang rape at the University chapter of Phi Kappa Psi aroused a national response against sexual assault, underage drinking, and Greek life. In response to mounting protests on Grounds, University President Teresa Sullivan Saturday announced the suspension of all fraternal organizations at the University until January 9.

Rector George Martin opened the meeting by highlighting the issue of underage drinking. He said the correlation between sexual assault and

alcohol consumption must be addressed in possible solutions going forward.

"This is clearly a tragedy. But we want to turn this tragedy into an opportunity," he said.

Sullivan spoke next, opening her statement on an emotional note.

"My initial reaction was numbness [to the Rolling Stone article]," Sullivan said. "Jackie's experience should not have happened, and nothing like it should ever happen again."

She called for a fundamental shift in attitudes and actions towards sexual assault, encouraging students to report offenses first and foremost. She announced plans to improve

lighting and security measures around student residences, as well as plans to work with the Charlottesville Police Department to create a police sub-station on the Corner. Charlottesville Police Chief Tim Longo said he welcomed the opportunity to work closely with the University on preventing sexual assault.

"We're not as good as we should be. Our job now is the channel the energy and the passion into action. Changing a culture takes a whole community working together, but in

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Deans seek feedback on sexual assault

Heads of University schools request student feedback, provide resources in wake of calls for reform

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Several University deans are seeking student advice on how to address sexual assault at the University and how to turn this feedback into a course of action.

The calls for input come after a series of protests and demands for action after an article released two weeks ago in Rolling Stone detailed several cases of sexual assaults of University students and painted administrators and policies as insufficient in addressing and adjudicating these cases.

Commerce Dean Carl Zeithaml sent an email to students last Sunday requesting input.

Zeithaml said he has received about a dozen responses from students and several hundred from alumni so far. The responses have been passionate and helpful, he said.

“The response has been more significant in their thoughtfulness and passion rather than simply numbers,” Zeithaml said. “Several of the responses contain interesting and insightful input as we define the scope of the problem and consider both the strategic and tactical actions that need to be taken.”

Zeithaml said he will present the information he gathers to the University in the hopes of creating new ways to address the issue of sexual assault.

“Together with the responses that I receive from faculty and alumni, I plan to organize the broad

range of input into a summary document that I will then submit to the University administrators who are directly responsible for dealing with the situation,” Zeithaml said.

College Dean Ian Baucom also sent out an email to students last Saturday. He announced the set-up of a new website for members of the college community to send feedback.

“Please write me, advising me on what is best in our tradition and our current life that we must reconfirm as we turn ourselves to the challenge and the difficulty of this moment — and advising me, also and crucially, on what is most broken that we must identify and refuse,” Baucom said in the email.

Baucom could not be reached for comment during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Zeithaml said responses will help concretely define the nature of the problem and will enable administrators to move forward with addressing it.

“We need to define the scope of the problem, both in terms of the extent/nature of sexual assault at U.Va. and the positives and negatives in the way in which both students and the University deal with the problem,” Zeithaml said. “We need students to come forward to identify and discuss honestly where the problems are greatest and their perceptions of the factors that are driving them.”

Zeithaml said more information is likely to show how complex the issue of sexual assault is, and how it needs to be addressed on several

levels.

In addition to offering feedback, he encouraged students to start discussions themselves about these issues.

“I encourage students to organize and talk among themselves in the groups and organizations to which they belong to develop ideas and actions that can work within their own contexts and may work in other situations,” Zeithaml said. “These discussions could be focused around residence halls, athletic teams, clubs, fraternities, sororities, academic majors, et cetera.”

Zeithaml encouraged students who have been victims of sexual assault to come forward and report their perpetrators.

“As a society and a community, we cannot tolerate the individuals

who perpetrate these crimes in our midst, and we need to identify and prosecute anyone who has been involved in them,” Zeithaml said. “It may be very difficult for survivors or people with knowledge of these acts to come forward, but their courage in doing so will be a powerful way to change the situation and ensure that another student is not violated by these criminals.”

Zeithaml said addressing this issue will require a community effort.

“If [students] are involved in the process from the beginning, then they will both understand and be more committed to the plan that emerges,” Zeithaml said. “Everyone needs to take some ownership of this problem, and we need to work together to ensure that it is immediately eliminated from the University.”



Commerce Dean Carl Zeithaml (left) solicited student input for ways the University could better handle sexual assault.

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Students at The Source, a recruiting event hosted by the Black Student Alliance, join the national "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" movement in August in response to the killing of unarmed Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

BSA reacts to Ferguson decision

After officer Darren Wilson avoids indictment in Michael Brown shooting, students respond

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A grand jury in St. Louis decided Nov. 24 not to indict former Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson with criminal charges for the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old African American. The decision sparked an outcry against racial discrimination and police brutality throughout the United States, including at the University and in the Charlottesville community.

The Black Student Alliance will host a candlelight vigil Monday night to commemorate Brown. The vigil will take place at the bus stop located near Monroe Hall, or the Black Bus Stop, or "the BB."

The vigil will also honor the lives of late University employee Emanuel Brown and Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old from Cleveland who was fatally shot by a police officer Saturday, Nov. 22.

Fourth-year College student Joy Omenyi, president of the Black Student Alliance, said the vigil will serve as a place for students to come together and honor the recent deaths in the African American community.

"This is a time to be together and commemorate everything that's going on while tensions are so high," Omenyi said.

A group of students will also host a "Die-In Demonstration" on the steps of Minor Hall Mon-

day afternoon, starting at 1:25 p.m.

Third-year Engineering student Kiana Warren is planning the Die-In, at which volunteers will lie on the ground in increments of four and a half minutes to represent the four and a half hours Michael Brown was on the ground before police removed his body.

Warren said the event is intended to attach an image to African American citizens who have died as a result of police brutality.

"Every 28 hours a black or brown body falls victim to police brutality," Warren said. "Those numbers can seem far-fetched if they aren't represented right in front of you, but these are the bodies here on the ground, they aren't just a number. When we hear the names and see the stories, often times because of the way media is today, we become emotionally detached from who these people are. By actually doing this demonstration, it places a physical presence that cannot be ignored."

Warren said the Die-In will intentionally take place at a location which generally attracts significant traffic and at a time that many students are on Grounds.

"We want this image to stop your day-to-day function," Warren said. "Often when we hear about instances of police brutality life seems to go on as usual, but this will serve as a stark contrast to a lot of people's normal

worlds."

Third-year College student Vendarryl Jenkins, president of the University's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the grand jury decision is an opportunity to further explore the issue. Jenkins said the NAACP will likely facilitate discussions regarding the the decision not to indict Wilson to create a better understanding of the decision and determine future action.

"We need to look over all the evidence to see if there needs to be any further action," Jenkins said. "I don't see anything that we can necessarily do other than dialogue and understand the case for ourselves, which is certainly an important step."

Jenkins said the recent riots and lootings in Ferguson have fortified the stereotypes of violence and criminal action often associated with African Americans.

"It's definitely something that we've been trying to get rid of," he said. "It attaches an unwanted stigma to people. In this case, African Americans can be painted as criminal and violent and things of that nature. [In response to the riots] people are starting to justify those stereotypes, which is extremely unfortunate."

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., re-

Students praise Obama immigration action

Executive action to deprioritize nearly 5 million undocumented immigrants, focus on criminal migrants

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President Barack Obama issued an executive order Nov. 20 which will allow nearly 5 million undocumented immigrants to temporarily remain in the U.S. without fear of deportation. The executive order focuses enforcement resources on criminal immigrants rather than families, increases border security and holds undocumented immigrants more accountable through background checks and tax enforcement.

The plan protects many undocumented immigrants through expanded use of deferred action — temporary protection from deportation — by the Department of Homeland Security. The President will enhance the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and create the new Deferred Action for Parental Accountability program, which allows parents of either U.S. citizens or long-term permanent residents to apply for a work permit and three years of protection from deportation.

"[The announcement] was great," Latino Student Alliance President Nataly Luque said. "[LSA members] were really happy since a lot of us have family members who that affects, or know someone."

Immigrants granted temporary legal status can now apply for official U.S. documents like driver licenses. Luque, a fourth-year Engineering student, said such opportunities would help the Charlottesville undocumented population be-

come better integrated into society.

"People are going to be able to come out of the shade of hiding," Luque said. "It's especially great for high school students who are actually going to be able to apply for college. Once you're recognized as a [legal permanent resident,] you're not as afraid to apply for things like financial aid."

Executive orders stand as law unless Congress or the Supreme Court specifically intervenes. Even a bill from Congress blocking the action could be overturned by the President, requiring a supermajority to fully enact.

In announcing the executive action, Obama touted the benefits it would bring to undocumented families across the country.

"Undocumented immigrants who desperately want to embrace those responsibilities [of living in America] see little option but to remain in the shadows, or risk their families being torn apart," Obama said.

According to the University website, students are not eligible to apply for financial aid if they are international or foreign students or if they are neither a U.S. Citizen nor an Eligible Non-Citizen — meaning they do not have a certificate of citizenship or naturalization, both of which require prior standing as a legal resident.

The International Rescue Committee, which has a branch in downtown Charlottesville, aids U.S. refugees through the

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President Barack Obama (above) announced action last week to divert resources away from deporting many undocumented immigrants.

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particular we need leadership, from our students, our faculty, our staff and our alumni,” Sullivan said. “Our University community strongly rejects a culture of sexual violence. Together, we need to work together to isolate and exclude any subculture of deviance.”

Student Council President Jalen Ross, a fourth year Engineering student, spoke after Sullivan. Though the student body is “overwhelmed,” he said, recent tragedies have provided the University with a call to action. Despite recent criticisms of the Greek system, Ross said fraternities have the opportunity to become a positive influence on Grounds.

“Their structure and their system... may be the most direct way we can create safety,” Ross said.

Ashley Brown, a fourth-year

College student in survivor advocacy group One Less, urged continued action on the issue of sexual assault, even after fresh media attention dies down over the holiday break.

“I’ve been asked over and over again, ‘What to do you expect from the administration?’” she said. “My answer has always been ‘The strongest support system for survivors.’”

Brown said she and other survivor advocates are happy to work with the Board and other student groups as avenues for change are debated and discussed.

“Though we are a small sliver of the University, we are angry. We are fired up, we are passionate, and we are dedicated to this issue,” she said.

Inter-fraternity president Tommy Reid, a fourth-year College student, said the Rolling Stone article provided the University a wake-up call.

“Addressing this issue requires consistent, individual and col-

lective commitments to cultural change across our University and our fraternities,” he said. “That’s our biggest problem. No one wants to give attention to this issue because it’s too painful.”

Reid emphasized the IFC’s commitment to aggressively preventing rape and sexual assault, through measures that should include, among other things, stricter punishments for sexual offenders.

“Rape must stop at U.Va.,” he said.

Hawa Ahmed, a fourth-year College student and co-chair of ADAPT, spoke to the dangers of alcohol consumption. She expressed a desire to eliminate hard liquor at fraternity parties.

“Almost all sexual assaults” are associated with alcohol consumption, she said. “Still, if you waved a magic wand and eliminated all drinking, you would still have sexual assault.”

Ahmed said fraternities have the option to be the safest places

on Grounds, if proper measures are put into place.

Student member of the Board Meg Gould, a fourth-year College student, pointed out that all students at the meeting were fourth-years, who will be graduating soon and leaving their contributions behind.

“We need this [conversation] to extend beyond our time at the University,” she said.

Several Board members followed the student leaders, offering praise and criticism to their policy suggestions.

Board member Bobbie Kilberg offered a particularly conservative viewpoint, advocating for police presence at fraternity parties in order to prevent and punish underage drinking.

“I’d rather do something that’s right and bring parents back into this equation,” she said.

L.D. Britt criticized the University for not responding to the incident at Phi Psi earlier.

“Did we not know about Jack-

ie prior to Rolling Stone?” he asked. “I don’t think anybody on Rolling Stone went to U.Va.”

Longo said the investigation would provide an answer to that question soon enough.

Barbara Fried suggested creating an all-female committee to tackle the issue of sexual assault.

Board member Helen Dragas elicited the most positive response from the audience, eliciting a stream of thumbs-up symbols as she called for more women to speak at the table in the boardroom. She became emotional while speaking, and called for a zero-tolerance policy on sexual assault.

“Part of the reason we got here is because we swept things under the rug,” she said. “Let’s show the world we can put safety above our reputation.”

Martin said efforts towards a zero-tolerance policy on sexual assault will be in place by the start of second semester.

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ing how school officials handled this case, will be thoroughly and independently scrutinized,” Herring said. “I have made it clear this will be an aggressive and consequential investigation and review.”

According to the letter, sent to

Martin by Chief Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Hudson, the team of attorneys from O’Melveny & Myers will include Walter Dellinger, Danielle Gray and Apalla Chopra.

Dellinger is a former U.S. Assistant Attorney General, serving as head of the Office of Legal Counsel from 1993 to 1996. He was also acting Solicitor General

from 1996-97, arguing nine cases before the Supreme Court.

Gray previously served as Cabinet Secretary in the White House, where she also served as a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls and the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

Chopra has previously worked

on Title IX and Clery Act compliance, and has represented schools before the Department of Education and the Office of Civil Rights, the organization currently reviewing the University’s Title IX compliance.

In addition to examining policies and procedures for preventing sexual violence and handling reports, the team is charged with

examining larger systemic factors which may facilitate sexual violence on Grounds.

“The team will assist the Board in determining what cultural and institutional changes must be made within the University community to make it clear that sexual violence will never be tolerated,” Hudson said in the letter.

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leased a statement addressing Virginia residents in response to the decision. Kaine asked law enforcement officials to respect citizens’ right to protest the grand jury decision. Kaine said encouraged protesters to demonstrate peacefully.

“Going forward, it’s critically important that we do more as a nation to address the tense relationship between law enforcement and local communities that was prevalent well before this tragedy, particularly in communities of color,” the statement read. “Our criminal justice system should never give anyone in America reason to doubt its fairness. It’s on us to work through

these challenges in Virginia, Missouri and across the country.”

Though various American cities such as Chicago and Los Angeles have recently staged protests, Jenkins said Charlottesville is unlikely to respond as vocally.

“I don’t [foresee] any large scale action from the Charlottesville community,” Jenkins said. “In a lot of places, there are very real racial tensions. Charlottesville

is a smaller city to begin with, and while there is a history of racial tension, it does not seem to be the same sort of history as there is in the larger cities. There is a completely different community at play.”

Omenyi said the community needs to engage in discussion to create sustainable change in the American justice system. Omenyi said once protests subside, there

will likely be more proactive initiatives for change.

“Of course this can be regarded as a black issue, but the amount of support that we have is ridiculously diverse,” she said. “This is more of an American problem than a black problem. Now that protests are over, I think people are ready to sit down and talk about changes as we move forward.”

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immigration process legally, economically and socially. In a press release, the IRC affirmed support for Obama’s plan, noting the potential to enrich and strengthen the community.

“Temporary status will allow immigrants to ... improve their

job and educational prospects, and lower their risks of experiencing labor exploitation and other forms of abuse,” the release said. “Status for immigrants will also facilitate their deeper civic and community engagement. All of these things make our communities stronger and safer, and enrich our social and cultural life.”

However, the IRC also said Obama’s announcement alone is not enough to solve the issues surrounding immigration.

“The U.S. needs comprehensive immigration reform, including pathways to citizenship for those already here and more legal migration opportunities for future generations of immigrants,” the release said. “The IRC calls

upon the 114th Congress to work together to pass comprehensive immigration legislation, built on a foundation of compassion, fairness and common sense.”

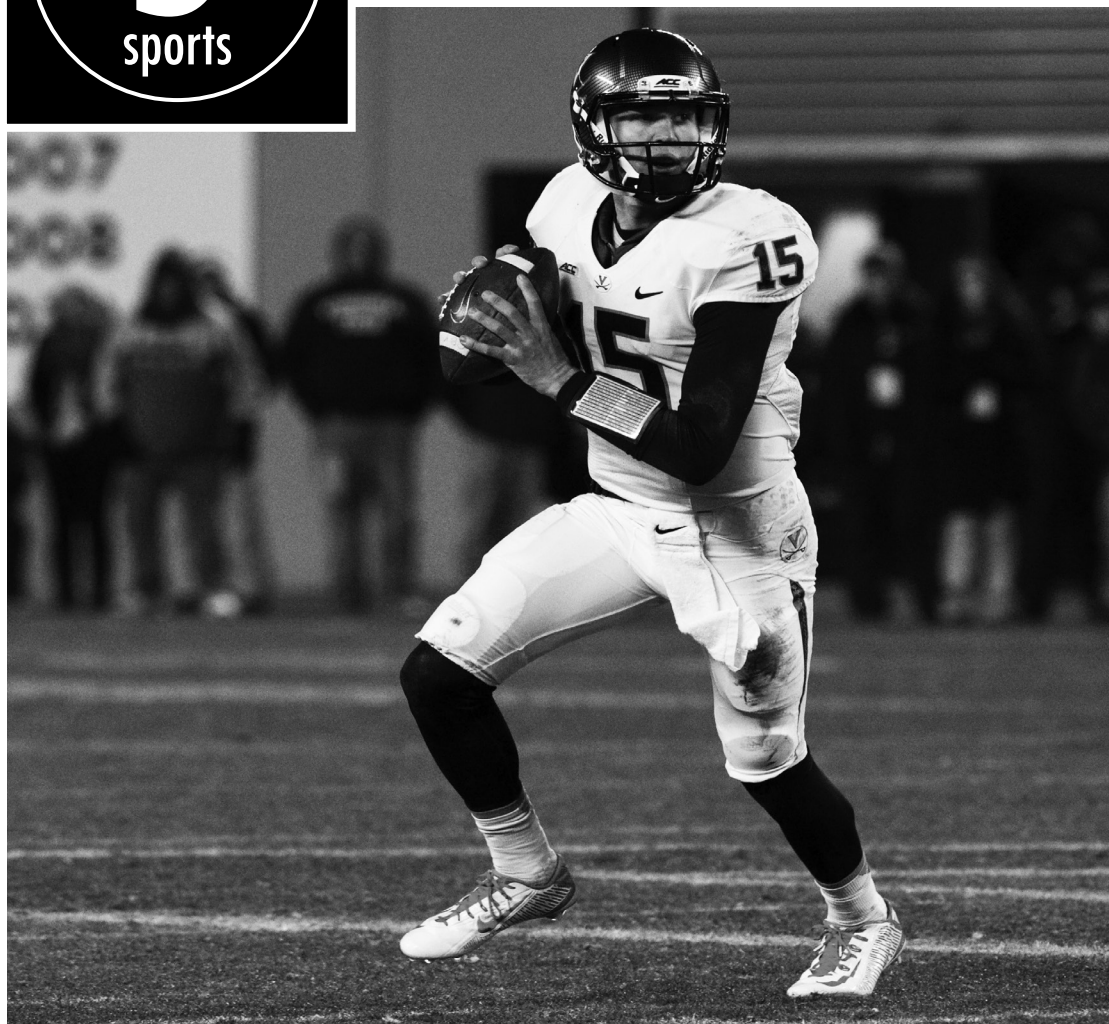
Luque said she feels the temporary nature of Obama’s plan could be its biggest downfall. The plan does not apply to recent cases or future immigrants, nor does it confer citizenship or the per-

manent right to stay in the United States to those affected. The plan, in effect, delays the deportation of families and individuals without criminal background for three years.

She said she would like for Congress to pass more permanent legislation to address immigration.



Cavaliers fall in Blacksburg, 24-20



Porter Dickie | The Cavalier Daily

Sophomore backup quarterback Matt Johns entered the game on the final drive after sophomore quarterback Greyson Lambert was injured. Johns led the Cavaliers down to Virginia Tech's 36-yard line, but was sacked on fourth and five to end the game.

The Virginia football team fell to Virginia Tech 24-20 Friday night in Blacksburg, leaving coach Mike London's Cavaliers just one win short of a bowl game and sending the Hokies to their 22nd consecutive bowl-game appearance under coach Frank Beamer.

Virginia (5-7, 3-5 ACC) and Virginia Tech (6-6, 3-5 ACC) each made game-changing plays throughout a rollercoaster evening at Lane Stadium, but the Hokies laughed last on junior quarterback Michael Brewer's nine-yard touchdown pass to redshirt freshman tight end Bucky Hodges with 1:48 to play.

Despite an injury to sophomore quarterback Greyson Lambert on the first play of the ensuing drive, the Cavaliers — directed by sophomore backup quarterback Matt Johns — marched down to the Virginia Tech 36-yard line on sophomore wide receiver Keeon Johnson's 18-yard reception with 12 seconds remaining.

Staring down fourth and five, Johns rolled to his right and ran out of options, as Hokies sophomore defensive end Ken Ekanem sacked him to seal the game in Virginia Tech's favor.

Just minutes before, Virginia had the momentum and the Hokies were in hot water.

After Lambert connected with senior tight end Zachary Swanson for a go-ahead 20-yard touchdown reception with 2:55 to go, the Cavaliers held a 20-17 lead. Lambert completed seven straight passes in taking Virginia from its own 11-yard line to the Hokie end zone.

Lambert finished the day 15-of-32 for 211 yards, a touchdown and an interception, while Brewer — who briefly left the game in the first half — completed 15-of-33 passes for 235 yards, two scores and a pick-six by Virginia junior defensive tackle David Dean.

At the start of the game, the Cavaliers and Hokies traded field goals. Virginia Tech struck touchdown pay-dirt first when freshman free safety C.J. Reavis blocked Virginia senior co-captain Alec Vozenilek's punt in the Cavalier end zone. Hodges recovered the ball for a 10-3 Hokie lead.

Virginia answered on junior place kicker Ian Frye's 21-yard field goal and Dean's defensive touchdown.

Virginia Tech regained the lead at 17-13 on Brewer's 36-yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver Cam Phillips with 15 seconds left in the third quarter, setting up the late-game drama.

—compiled by Matthew Morris

Residual anger

I am angry.

Angry that Virginia posted its third straight losing season. Angry that we missed a bowl. Angry that my friends from Virginia Tech get bragging rights for the 11th year in a row. This must stop.

I've tip-toed around expressing my true feelings this season, opting to fixate on annoying statistical tidbits and analysis instead. For example, after the collapse against North Carolina, I didn't use my column to rant; I used it to discuss how the Cavaliers just couldn't seem to score any points in the second-half.

In one column this year, I blamed play-calling and coaching decisions as the reason for a loss. That's because there have been so many bright spots for this team, especially compared to last season. The defense, lead by the likes of Anthony Harris, Max Valles and Henry Coley,

ranked 30th in the country. Kevin Parks gave inspiring performances every week. I wanted to focus on the good of the season, since I was so excited that there actually was some to write about.

Now that the season is over, I regret taking this approach. I wish I would've called out the dink-and-dump offense Virginia employed all season. I wish I said something about how a run up the middle on first down and a screen on third down nearly every single possession is just a baffling way to run an offense.

I called it "conservative," but that was my nice way of saying "bad".

The only thing that keeps me from wishing I could completely redo this season is that the fact that this was a special team, and they deserve praise for what they accomplished. The Cavaliers more than doubled their win total from 2013, and proba-

bly more impressively, gave fans hope that they could win every week.

This is why I'm so upset. This team had the potential to win at least eight games. If Virginia played the way it did against Miami against North Carolina, Duke and Virginia Tech, the final outcome would never have been in question. And the Cavaliers would be in the post-season.

I could drive myself insane thinking about the what-ifs. What if London didn't choose to go for it on fourth down in the third quarter against the Hokies in a game that was almost certainly going to be decided by one possession?

(Ian Frye would've hit the 33-yard field goal, and Virginia's final possession would've been played to get three points instead of six.)

All we can do is look to the future. Unfortunately, many do not see the future as a very bright place. Go look at any pro-Virginia article, or better yet the Cavaliers SB Nation blog Streaking the Lawn. People are absolutely

furios, and threatening to not buy tickets for next year, which is a concern as Scott Stadium saw its lowest attendance numbers in years with at least 20,000 empty seats every single week.

I'm not going to get involved in this "London should be gone" discussion, because it doesn't matter what any of us think; he's coming back for another year, so my opinion is irrelevant. All I know is that he absolutely has to make drastic changes if Virginia hopes to avoid finishing last in the Coastal Division, as it has five times in the last six years.

The players on the roster are incredibly talented. The offensive line is extremely young and outperformed expectations this year, and it is in position to be a strong point of the team moving forward. The same goes for the receiving corps, which returns Canaan Severin — who everyone now knows from his superhuman catch. Defensively, Valles, Eli Harold, and star freshman Quin Blanding will all be back. Virginia is no cupcake.

The coaching staff needs to figure out how to use these tal-

ents more effectively and ensure they are disciplined enough so that they aren't penalized for 12 men on the field at critical moments anymore.

Six of eight assistant coaches have expiring contracts. I'm not here to lobby for anyone to lose their job, but bringing in some new blood to challenge the status quo wouldn't hurt. Heck, just ask Nick Saban. Bringing in the aggressive, pass-minded offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin to complement the Tide's usual bruising rushing attack has worked out pretty well for the nation's top-ranked team.

I wish I had some sort of optimistic pun to end this final column with, but I don't. I hope the program has learned lessons from this season and will use them to improve next year. It will need to be better than this year, with games at UCLA, as well as against Notre Dame and Boise State. Most importantly though, I hope we can take down Tech. Eleven years is an absurdly long time to lose to a bunch of turkeys.



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No. 8 Virginia wins two, Barclays Classic

Cavaliers defeat La Salle, Rutgers to take tournament title, Gill averages 14.5 points, named Most Valuable Player

Jacob Hochberger
Associate Editor

The eighth-ranked Virginia men's basketball team traveled to the Barclays Center this weekend for the third annual Barclays Center Classic. The Cavaliers squared off against La Salle in the semifinals before besting Rutgers Saturday night in the championship.

The Cavaliers (7-0) showcased their trademark pack-line defense throughout the two contests, defeating La Salle (4-2) 64-56 Friday night followed by an impressive 45-26 win against the Scarlet Knights (3-3) the next night, while working through noticeable offensive struggles.

Against La Salle, Virginia — led by junior guard Malcolm Brogdon's 20-point effort — jumped out to an early lead, going up 6-0 in the first four minutes. The Cavaliers continued that momentum for the rest of the 20-minute period as they took an 18-point advantage into the break, appearing to be in total control against an overpowered opponent.

"Coach just told us to come out, work hard and focus on our fundamentals," Brogdon said. "Our focus is defense, but on the offensive end we really worked the ball around looking for the best shots."

But the Explorers turned the game on its head coming out of the locker room. After visiting the charity stripe just once in the first 20 minutes, La Salle — keyed by redshirt sophomore guard Jordan Price, who also posted 20 points — attacked the lane as often as possible, forcing five Virginia players into foul trouble while taking 24 free throws. With 1:25 to play in the second half, the Explorers had narrowed the deficit to just five points.

"Sometimes when teams get down like that they really get aggressive, put their shoulders down and drive hard," coach Tony Bennett said. "It's really hard, with the rules emphasis to keep them off the line. It's just tough and we didn't handle their aggressiveness so well but that's what happens early in the season."

Though La Salle was able to



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Junior forward Anthony Gill averaged 14.5 points in the two-game Barclays Center Classic, propelling the Cavaliers to a pair of wins and earning tournament MVP honors.

impose its will following the 13:16 mark — when Virginia led by 20 — the Cavaliers were unable to put up much of a fight on the offensive end, shooting just 36.4 percent in the second half. Junior guard Justin Anderson — who has averaged nearly 17 points per game and is shooting a career-best 68.2 percent from behind the arc — couldn't find his offensive groove, shooting just 4-of-11 while committing

four fouls.

"I like the fact that we were really laboring offensively," Bennett said. "I thought we got hesitant and passed up some shots, but we thought that if we could push it and get on the offensive glass then we'd be okay, and we were."

If Virginia's offensive struggles weren't enough to make Friday's contest a nail biter, the profound effect the officiating

crew had on the game frustrated both teams. The Cavaliers and Explorers combined for 44 personal foul calls — and caused Virginia to shy away from its signature defensive aggression. Virginia allowed nearly eight points more than its nation-leading 44.6 points per game, and struggled to gain any sort of momentum.

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Sonnett, Brian lead Cavaliers past No. 1 UCLA to College Cup

In what may be the defining game in coach Steve Swanson's tenure at Virginia, the fourth-ranked Virginia women's soccer team (22-2) topped No. 1 overall seed UCLA (21-1-2) in the Elite Eight in Los Angeles to advance to the program's second consecutive College Cup appearance.

Taking on the No. 1 overall seed is daunting, and the Cavaliers' Friday night matchup had more intrigue than usual due to recent history between the two women's soccer powerhouses. Last year, the Bruins ended Virginia's season with a suspenseful win in penalty kicks following a 1-1 tie through regulation and overtime.

This time, however, the Cavaliers had other plans. The first 30 minutes were predicta-

bly nip-and-tuck, until Virginia broke through in the 33rd minute. Junior defender Emily Sonnett — a surprising offensive force who has scored four goals this season — streaked down the middle of the field and found junior forward Mackenzy Doniak on the wing. Doniak fired a shot on goal that was saved, but Sonnett followed up the miss and put the Cavaliers ahead, snapping the Bruins' 969-minute shutout streak, which dated back to Oct. 9.

The Cavaliers carried the lead into the break, though against such a challenging opponent, one goal was never going to be enough. In the 71st minute, senior midfielder Morgan Brian gathered a UCLA clearance at the top of the box and put away her 10th goal of the

season to double Virginia's lead on the first shot of the second half.

Just three minutes later, UCLA cut the lead in half when senior defender Caprice Dydasco knocked in a peculiar goal off the far post from an end line service. But the Bruins' late surge was not enough, as Virginia secured its second-ever victory against the top-ranked team in the country.

The Cavaliers return to play Friday at 5 p.m. in the NCAA tournament semifinals against No. 1 seed Texas A&M in Boca Raton, Florida. With a win, Virginia would earn the opportunity to play for program's first-ever national championship.

—compiled by Jacob Hochberger

Junior defender Emily Sonnett scored the first goal of the game in the 33rd minute, breaking No. 1 UCLA's 969-minute shutout streak in the process.



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16th-seeded Cavaliers down No. 1 Notre Dame

The Virginia men's soccer team always looked at its 3-0 loss against Notre Dame in the ACC tournament as an anomaly. After all, it had tied the Fighting Irish playing a man down back in September.

After defeating North Carolina-Wilmington, 3-1, last Sunday and seeing top-seeded Notre Dame (12-5-4, 6-1-1 ACC) snatch a narrow 2-1 victory against Ohio State in their respective second round matchups, the Cavaliers had a chance at revenge.

And Sunday night, they delivered.

The 16th-seeded Cavaliers (12-6-2, 3-3-2 ACC) prevailed 1-0 against their conference rivals in a defensive-heavy battle thanks to a goal in the 82nd minute by sophomore midfielder Nicko Corriveau.

Following a free kick into the box, freshman midfielder Pablo

Aguilar — starting in place of injured senior midfielder Eric Bird — had his shot deflected by a Fighting Irish defender. But Corriveau found himself in the right place at the right time, immediately following the deflection with a low rip to the bottom left corner of the net, well out of reach of Notre Dame senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall.

Senior goalkeeper Calle Brown — who recorded two saves on the night — and the rest of the Cavalier defense held strong, surviving an onslaught of four shots by Notre Dame in the final eight minutes to secure their invitation to the quarterfinals.

The Cavaliers will move on to face No. 8 Georgetown (14-4-4, 6-2-1 Big East) — who defeated No. 9 Syracuse 2-1 earlier in the day — Saturday in Washington, D.C.

—compiled by Robert Elder



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Sophomore midfielder Nicko Corriveau scored the game-winning goal in the 82nd minute off of a deflected shot from freshman midfielder Pablo Aguilar.

M BBALL | Virginia defense limits Scarlet Knights to 26 points

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"I think we just didn't adjust to how they were calling the game," junior forward Anthony Gill said. "We saw that they were calling the little tic-tac fouls and we didn't really adjust to how they were calling it, so that affected our game in the end."

Throughout the weekend Virginia seemed to feed off of a Barclays Center crowd clearly pulling for the reigning ACC champions. Each time the defense held its opponent to under 10 seconds on the shot clock, a roar would rise throughout the crowd. Following the championship win, many of the 4,105 fans in attendance linked arms to sing the "Good Ol' Song."

"It's great, a lot of U.Va. fans are from New York," Bennett said. "That's neat because last year when we came for the Sweet 16, there were a lot of Virginia people there. There's a great alumni base here, so for them to

stick with us past many bedtimes sure meant a lot. The fans have embraced this team and I think they realize these guys were far from perfect but the young men represent what the fans want them to represent."

In Virginia's second game of the weekend, the Cavaliers came out flat, shooting an uncharacteristically low 28.6 percent from the field and a puzzling 1-of-9 from behind the arc in the first half. Though Virginia has had success shooting the three early this season, Rutgers boasts a starting lineup devoid of anyone over six-foot-nine, so Virginia's propensity to continue shooting — and missing — three pointers was questionable, especially considering the team only took seven three-pointers the night before.

"I think in the second half we were looking inside," Bennett said. "We said that we had to go inside more because they played a little volleyball with our shots early and we had a little trouble,

but we re-established our inside game, we got [Gill] some touches down there, and I thought we were better at that in the second half."

Though both of the Scarlet Knights' guards had played a full 40 minutes the previous night, they were able to lead Rutgers on a 15-6 run to finish the first half. Rutgers entered the break up 18-17, leaving a previously raucous crowd silent and looking for answers.

The answer for Virginia, as it has been since Bennett arrived in Charlottesville, was defense. The pack-line wore down Rutgers, forcing the Scarlet Knights' dynamic backcourt into a combined 25 percent shooting. Additionally, as Virginia bore down in the paint, Rutgers began to fire up desperation three-pointers without success, going 0-of-13 for the game.

The Cavaliers' defense continued to impress, and held Rutgers to just eight points in the second half, for a total of 26 for the game

— the fewest points Virginia has allowed in the shot clock era and the fewest points the Scarlet Knights have scored since the 1942-43 season.

"It's pretty cool to be a part of," Anderson said. "It's one of those things that you look back on when you graduate, so you can come back and know that you did that, but that's what we want to do. We want to continue to do what we do defensively and impose our will on that end."

Gill, who averaged 14.5 points through the two games, was named tournament MVP, and Anderson, who scored 17 points and had five rebounds, was named to the all-tournament team. However, in typical Virginia fashion, the pair both credited their success to the team, as Bennett played nine players against La Salle and the entire team in the championship.

"Depth is going to be huge, that's what we had last year that made us a good tournament team," Anderson said. "We tell

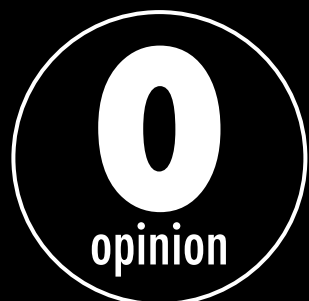
those guys to stay ready no matter what and they do a great job doing that, they bring that lift and it was great to see those guys out there getting comfortable and getting loose a little bit."

The Cavaliers' Barclays Center Classic win comes in the midst of a tumultuous time for Virginia fans.

"It's been a tough semester for everyone, but if we can offer an escape, then that's important for the Charlottesville community," Gill said. "If fans can come out and see us working hard and see our shining faces on the court then that's what we want. ... There's no added pressure though."

Following a short break, Virginia hits the road once again, traveling to former ACC rival Maryland Wednesday evening for the Big Ten-ACC Challenge. Tip-off is at 9:15 p.m. and the game will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

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Comment of the day

“Please continue to push for more awareness of the service workers on-grounds. They are ignored and devalued to the hilt. Hoping and praying more students give this population the humane acknowledgment it deserves.”

“Kay” responding to George Knaysi’s Nov. 25 column, “Love thy neighbor.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

Zero-tolerance, 100 percent support

A zero-tolerance policy against sexual assault must not contradict the principles of victim advocacy

At a special meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Visitors unanimously passed a zero-tolerance motion on sexual assault. The resolution was reported by national media, including The Washington Post and Inside Higher Ed.

Passing the resolution is a first step in patching up the Board and the University’s image, which has been damaged by media reports of the way the University has handled sexual assault cases going back as many as 30 years. That is not to say the Board only passed this resolution to make themselves look better, but it remains to be seen whether the resolution will turn into action that actually improves the climate at the University.

It is unclear right now what a zero-tolerance policy against sexual assault will look like. Rector George Martin said efforts will be in place by the beginning of next semester.

The words “zero-tolerance” may conjure the assumption of

mandatory expulsion for sexual assault, but we discussed in our previous editorial why such a policy will not improve the situation at the University, because victims may be less likely to file complaints with only one outcome available.

A term like “zero-tolerance” is emotive; it embodies a uniform conviction, which perhaps the University now needs. But within that conviction, there must be room for nuance to accommodate for the complexities of the problem of sexual violence. Whatever this zero-tolerance policy entails, it is vital that it not contradict the principles of victim advocacy which are so essential to forming a strong survivor support network.

Fourth-year College student and President of One Less Ashley Brown said she expects from the administration “The strongest support system for survivors.” The Board of Visitors has declared what they do not stand for — sexual vi-

olence. But students are also asking their administration to declare what (or rather who) they do stand for — survivors of sexual violence.

With the passage of this resolution, the Board is pushing back against the assumption that the University administration turns a blind eye to the problem of sexual violence, and is asserting that they want to achieve justice in these cases. But getting justice involves two major components — the infrastructure which facilitates fair adjudications, and the participation of a complainant. For some survivors, going through an adjudication is a component of the healing process. Others have to feel like they can stand on their own two feet before they can report. The best policy the Board of Visitors can adopt is twofold: zero-tolerance against offenders, and 100 percent commitment to helping the survivors regain their strength.

One potential administra-

tive policy to support survivors we can borrow from the University’s Council of Chair and Directors, who suggest providing victim’s advocates and legal council to sexual assault survivors. Another policy, which we have already discussed, is mandating all faculty go through Survivor Support Network training to increase awareness about what needs their students might have if they have experienced trauma.

Sexual violence is a crime against the community, because it corrupts the community’s sense of safety. But it is first and foremost a crime against an individual, a violation of bodily autonomy and a denial of free will. It is easy for the leaders of an institution to identify what does not belong in the community and condemn it. It is more difficult for them to turn to the community members who have been violated and help to restore their internal senses of security. From our Board of Visitors, we need to ask for both.

Man in the mirror

University students must change their own actions first to strengthen the overall community

Nate Menninger
Opinion Columnist

There’s no denying that our school faces an unprecedented situation: the accumulation of countless unthinkable, abhorrent circumstances that threaten to literally and figuratively tear down the walls of our homes and the security of our community. No matter who you are, major or year, student or professor, you can’t help but feel lost. Lost in an unwanted, relentless maelstrom of emotions: anger and anguish, disgust and despair. We are forced to question ourselves, our university and the community of Charlottesville. Why? How could such traumatic events riddle our University, the second best public school in the nation?

We’ve all contemplated the recent events, discussed them with our friends, our family and our teachers. We’ve thought about what has possibly provoked such intolerable behavior. But more often than not, our conversations and thoughts end in blame. We assign and create causal relationships, in part because of human nature. In the case of late, some blame the

administration for a failure to communicate. Others blame Greek life for enticing such behavior. Some blame the Rolling Stone article, and others blame those who ignore it. But almost all of us blame someone.

Of course, we can always find fault with others, with how they handled or mishandled a particular issue. We can always judge, but in such judgment, in thrusting the responsibility onto others, we only perpetuate the negative attitudes that we seek to abolish. Realistically, the only thing we can immediately change is ourselves and our actions. As a community, we have not only helped to create a permissive culture here at the University but also failed to destroy one. Whether you’re a first-year or a fourth-year, when you enrolled at the University you signed an unwritten pledge to the community of Charlottesville, to promote and maintain the safety of those around you. Blaming others only detracts from our communal goal.

Recently some students went so far in their blame that they penned a letter (published in the Cavalier Daily) that demands certain administrative actions. In the letter, which bears the signature, “The students

who vandalized the Phi Psi house,” assailants threatened to cause further harm if their demands are not met. At the core, I understand these students’ frustrations. I understand their desire to stop simply thinking and to act. However such extremist actions only expand the toxic veil that continues to overshadow Grounds.

Vandalism, rioting, and other recent demonstrations unnecessarily threaten the safety, both mentally and physically, of innocent people. As in the case of Phi Psi, many current fraternity members, some of whom reside in the Rugby Road house, were neither enrolled in the University nor official members of the fraternity at the time of the crime. These completely innocent members now lie at our mercy, and unfortunately we are mistreating them. They suffer from inescapable disdain, scorn and hatred. They fear the crashing of rocks through their windows and the constant demoralizing banter heard around Grounds. Like ourselves, these in-

nocent Phi Psi members are students. They are human beings. Moreover, they too are lost.

What we must remember throughout the coming months and years is our integrity. Integrity, at the core of the honor code, binds us together. It forms a creed according to which we must live

with ourselves and reanalyze our own actions, seeking to promote a more positive community. It is not just with the goal of eliminating the so called “rape culture” here at the University, but rather promoting a new culture. A culture where the honor code isn’t merely a memorized phrase signed when submitting a test or the fear of being expelled after cheating, but rather an IOU left at Little Johns and a promise to pay double next time. A culture where first-years don’t just binge drink in their dorm room to escape their RA, but rather learn how to drink safely and responsibly. And most importantly, a culture where we don’t just strive to *not* do something, but rather where we force ourselves *to do* something. It starts with you and yourself and from there it expands. Avoid violence and adhere to a amiable, promotable message just as Martin Luther King Jr. did. For while a negative attitude is contagious, a positive attitude yields twice as much punch.



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our college lives: a dedication to ourselves and our community. We are all lost: faculty, administration, students and friends. We are all people, struggling to figure out just how to trudge through this muddy sludge and emerge in a stronger, better connected community.

So what must we do then? We must start small. We must start

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De-deviling the details

Emotion and logic are both necessary to produce change

Drew Kiser
Guest Viewpoint

"After we march down Rugby Road and chant and vent our anger to the world, we must lay down our picket signs, sit down at our computers and educate ourselves about the complexities we are dealing with. Read the new sexual misconduct policy. Read about Title IX. Read about how to be a victim's advocate. Come to the discussion table and listen to other people's opinions."

-From the Managing Board's editorial, "The devil is in the details."

I chafe under the implication that a visceral response is somehow at odds with being an informed student. The Cavalier Daily's managing board has it backwards: our emotions are not something that we have to "vent," not a hysterical fit we need to get out of our system before making progress. In fact, these emotional responses (the dis-

gust at the disrespect of women, the anger at rapists and administrators, the hope of reform) are the engines that make change possible. When one researches the sexual misconduct policy, when one reads about Title IX, one should not be satiated. The heightened understanding of our situation should not dissuade protest, but encourage and improve it. It is not, as the Managing Board suggests, a process of catharsis followed by edification. Rather it is a perpetuated cycle, in which every protest provides direction for research which, in turn, informs protest. Emotion and logic are two sides of the same coin, both necessary for action; to deny one and glorify the other is a crippling error.

Furthermore, there is a dangerous implication in the above editorial. The Managing Board imagines protest is an uninformed action, when really, the opposite is true. The best protesters are the most informed. Thus, rallies led by faculty

members are not only large in scale, but are well-honed and enriched by research. This editorial supports a false dichotomy between information and demonstration.

Of course, I advocate for in-depth research into the sticky policies of Title IX and sexual misconduct, as well as the nature and history of Greek life. But when research reveals that the Sexual Misconduct Board has never expelled a student for rape, should we be comforted by what we learn? When it is proven that boys in fraternities are more likely to adhere to "traditional" ideals of gender as well as engage in coercive sex, should we stay complacent? Should we be glad we put down our pickets? On the contrary. The deeper we go into these policies the more we should recognize that, despite all these amorphous and evasive complexities, the intangi-

ble rape culture has very real roots and very real manifestations. Just because it is not an easy thing to understand, does not mean women are not in actual frat houses, nor that the Sexual Misconduct Board

punish any individual or specific frat because the underlying cause is too pernicious or too pervasive to address. But this is ignoring the fact that rape is committed not by rape culture, but by individual rapists. When people advocate for cultural shifts instead of changes in policy (or, worse, instead of punishing the guilty) they exchange action for concept, and through inaction, feed the culture they intend to kill.

To channel blame from the physical to the abstract is a self-defeating sublimation. Rape culture can only be upheaved through actual means. The Managing Board argues for inaction under the guise of edification. But without action, education is limp. And if, through your research, you fail to uncover the systemic ills that link rape culture and the culture of the University, I suggest you go deeper.

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has humiliated and muted myriad survivors, nor that Greek life, as a whole, is complicit through money and cathexis in a system of privilege and entitlement. To ignore these symptoms in deference to the spectral disease is not only poor medicine, but poor logic.

I have heard time and time again that it would be a mistake to

Administrative separation

Poor race relations at the University begin with a separation of white and black students by the administration

In 1987, the University's Task Force on Afro-American Affairs issued a report called "An Audacious Faith." Among many issues, the report noted a need to improve the then-Afro-American Studies program; the need to hire more black faculty; the need for a better allocation of resources to the Office of African-American Affairs (OAAA); and a need to improve relations between the University and the black community in Charlottesville. In 2007, University students and organizations compiled "An Audacious Faith II." The issues in the first report and second differ very little, and now, in 2014, those issues seem highly relevant still. Taken together, the lack of administrative response to these ongoing issues is problematic.

This lack of response could be due to a lack of communication between the black undergraduate community and the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS). The Office of African-American Affairs is a fantastic resource, but, according to several student leaders, the administration often treats it as the primary resource for black students, funneling those students into a specific set of administrators and separating them from ODOS. Joy Omenyi, president of

the Black Student Alliance (BSA), points in particular to administrators' tendencies to carbon copy Maurice Apprey, Dean of African-American Affairs, whenever emailing black students, among other ways of diverting those students to OAAA. "Everything Dean Groves has to do for a typical student," she says, "If it were a black student, either Dean Apprey would be taking care of it or he'd be in the room while they take care of it." She adds, "In all actuality, Dean Apprey is our Dean of Students."

VJ Jenkins, president of the University's chapter of the NAACP, also noted experiences in which administrators directed him to OAAA unnecessarily. "OAAA has become a crutch of the University administration," Jenkins wrote in an email. "The persisting attitude seems to be, 'Why deal with it, when someone else can?'"

Dean Groves highlights that "ODOS is a resource to all students," but it appears black students in particular do not feel this way. Although Groves insists that "if a student comes in to see ODOS, we handle it directly," for whatever reason there is a very problematic disconnect between ODOS and these members of the student body.

And this tendency to separate the black community administratively can affect perceptions of student race-relations; because there's no facilitated, sustained dialogue on the subject, the administration and student body both tend to discuss the issue reactively, if and when racially-motivated acts occur. This can contribute, according to Dean Apprey, to the belief that such acts are a-historical or anomalous. "I think administrators like good news, in general, and that's the nature of the work. Who wants to deal with racial conflict every day?" Apprey notes. But personally, Apprey says, "I wake up every morning wondering what is going to rear its ugly head. If nothing happens, I'm very happy; if something happens, I'm not surprised. Those of us who are steeped in history, that's how we think."

As Apprey says, racial conflicts at the University are neither a-historical nor infrequent. According to Omenyi, "Every single weekend when someone crosses Beta Bridge they get called the n-word. . . there are plenty of incidents and just because they're not reported doesn't mean they don't occur." BSA Political Action Chair Aryn Frazier agrees, writing in an email that "race relations are in need of improvement."

But the administration fails to acknowledge this. As my fellow columnist Nazar Aljassar noted last year, the administrative re-

sponse to the painting of a racial slur on Beta Bridge treated it, as Apprey alluded to, as though the incident was isolated. But, Frazier says, "we can't act like people exist in a vacuum." Dean Groves noted in an email his belief that "the vast majority of students of all races at UVA work collaboratively and in a respectful and inclusive manner with one another." Though he cited that "there is room for improvement," this overwhelmingly positive view of race relations does not appear to align with student experiences.

And perhaps this is due to a general disinterest in the black community. Omenyi says, "Not even making direct contact with Dean Groves, I already know what his favorite CIOs are." While Groves says "we try to be equitable in the attention we provide," students do not agree. When the BSA hosted a rally in response to the ongoing racial conflict in Ferguson, administrators did show up — but, Omenyi says, it was "not in solidarity or to show support." It appears it was (ironically) to police the event.

Of course, student race relations cannot be solved solely by administrative attention. But that appears to be the right place to start. Apprey cites the need "to have structures in place, so that when the conflicts come, they do not become malignant." This includes promoting dialogue about issues of race — and the admin-

istration can and should lead such dialogues. As Omenyi notes, "With the administration leading the conversation, I think it's more powerful."

Frazier says the solution starts with changing administrative rhetoric to acknowledge the widespread nature of prejudice. "If administrators would engage in a serious conversation on race relations. . . I think the student body would follow suit," she says.

But dialogue is not the only appropriate response. As Omenyi notes — and as was outlined in "An Audacious Faith II" — the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African-American Studies (AAAS) is still a program and not a department. The Office of African-American Affairs is still housed in an un-renovated building that was intended to be a temporary location for that office. The African-American student population has dropped to 6 percent, and the African-American graduation rate has dropped over 6 percent in the past decade. When the problems facing black students mirror those facing students in 1987, an administrative response is necessary.

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Seeking public input

The public editor asks about the shortcomings of The Cavalier Daily as a comprehensive news source

Christopher Broom
Public Editor

I came onboard as the public editor for The Cavalier Daily as the shift to a digital first platform began. What had been a five days a week, traditionally-formatted newspaper print publication with a website became a multimedia publishing enterprise with twice a week tabloid style print issues. New mobile apps were developed and Twitter feeds more prominently used and featured.

Looking back over the changes and the progress of how the various elements of the digital-first and print products have developed, a few things strike me. The print issues have been used to good effect. Many of them are issues with a particular focus including news reports, Opinion columns and Life features or columns. When The Cavalier Daily brings its various lenses to focus on the same broad topic — such as employment after

graduation, housing while at the University or race at the University — they do some of their best work. The articles inform while the columnists analyze and offer insight, humor and perspective. In some cases — when focusing on Charlottesville Pride or gender identity, for example — the paper likely serves to raise awareness of issues that are important for some members of our community but which are not necessarily well known or broadly understood. The history of The Cavalier Daily as a print publication still shows through on Mondays and Thursdays. The issues are well designed, well thought out and well executed.

The various Cavalier Daily Twitter feeds continue to get better. I'd like to see more scheduled tweets and to know that each story or column is tweeted out, at the very least, under its respective section Twitter feed. Live tweeting, as I've written about previously, is also a real strength of the Cavalier Daily staff. I'd love to see more live

tweeting wherever possible; I think it's a service to readers that no other source can offer. Apart from scheduled events (sports or major speakers), live tweeting does seem to depend on timing and chance more than most aspects of news reporting.

I have criticized graphics in previous columns but over the course of the year they have been used more effectively online. In print they have looked good all year, but I felt they weren't used as well as they could be digitally. I still think more of the main graphics should be less static and more interactive or at least dynamic especially for the longer focus issues with more lead time.

I mentioned in my last column that the mobile apps feel disconnected from the rest of the Cavalier Daily platforms, and I think it's

true generally. I only look through the mobile iOS app on my phone because it's a part of my process for looking at everything the Cavalier Daily is doing. The mobile version of the website is more useful and

One thing that has become clear in the last couple of months is that the comment system online, while good for leaving a comment, is a difficult place for readers to carrying on a conversation. I'm not sure whether that's a feature or a bug. The Cavalier Daily doesn't have to be all things to all people and I'm not sure it needs to be a place for in-depth, ongoing conversations.

What do you want to see from the Cavalier Daily? What is the paper to you? Do you use the mobile apps? Do you follow the twitter feeds? What do you want to see from the paper and how do you want to see it? Let me know via email at the link below or on Twitter @cdpubliceditor.

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more consistent with the desktop browser version of the paper. The idea of having a mobile app is, frankly, pretty cool but I'm not sure it's worth much in the way of resources or energy so long as the mobile browser version of the website is available.

Love thy neighbor

The muted response to the death of a contracted University employee brings to question who we value in our community

Emanuel Brown, a contracted University employee, died in a men's restroom in the basement of New Cabell Hall two weeks ago. If you're like me, you probably missed this event — and there have been only two short mentions in this newspaper since. We certainly do not need the burden of another tragedy at this point in the semester, but Mr. Brown's death — one quite literally at the center of our University — deserves more attention. In light of recent events, we confront the question: who is included in our University community, and why hasn't Mr. Brown's death been given more attention?

First, I offer an excerpt from the 61-year-old's obituary, as posted in The Daily Progress: "Emanuel was a very devoted member of Covenant Church where he has served as an Elder for 10 years. For the past three years, he served as the First Chair Elder or lay leader for the Elder body. He also served on the board for the Hope Community Center since its inception in 1998. A devout Christian, Emanuel was known for counseling and leading souls to the Lord, and providing comfort in their darkest hours. Emanuel touched a countless number of lives in the church as well as



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in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County community. In addition to his work in the church and community, Emanuel was the owner of Brown's Cleaning Service, a business he built and worked alongside with his wife Janice. He was well respected for his hard work by his customers and his employees. Prior to opening his own business, Emanuel worked at the University of Virginia Medical Center as a Transportation Supervisor for nine years. He was also an avid sports fan and supporter of the University of Virginia Athletics..."

This was a man who contributed to and cared for both our University community and the larger Charlottesville one — but, as a contracted employee, does he count as a member of our beloved "community?" The social theory scholar Paul James defines community broadly: "a group or network of persons who are connected (objectively) to each other by relatively durable social relations that extend beyond immediate genealogical ties, and who mutually define that relationship (subjectively) as important to their social identity and social practice." Less formally, we might define a community as a group of

individuals who are consistently engaged with the University in some capacity. In a similar vein, perhaps simply being either a student, volunteer, or someone hired by this university makes you a member. I do not know how Mr. Brown personally felt about this University, but under any of these definitions, his history suggests he was indeed a member of the University of Virginia community.

Recently, there has been much talk about what constitutes our "community." In response to tragedies involving students, we've held vigils and protests; we've written articles, chalked the sidewalks, and even spray-painted. A death of a University employee in New Cabell Hall sounds shocking, so why did no one notice?

There are several reasons that might explain the lack of attention, though they do not justify it. Was it the timing? In the wake of Hannah Graham's murder and Connor Cormier's suicide, Mr. Brown's death occurred during a time of widespread emotional exhaustion. Much has taken place since Mr. Brown's death, too, including the explosive reaction to

Rolling Stone's article on sexual assault at the University, as well as the suicide of Peter D'Agostino. Some might also say — in a futile task of ranking and comparing tragedies — that Mr. Brown's death does not have the tragic impact of the other events this semester: he died of medical causes at the mature age of 61. Further, perhaps twenty-somethings might be less inclined to identify with someone old enough to be their grandfather. Still this doesn't quite explain the lack of response



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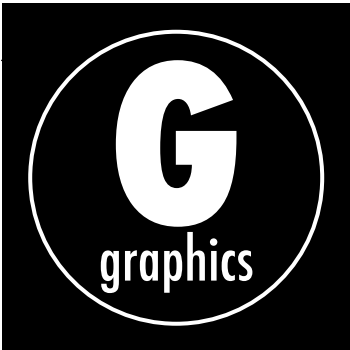
either, for if a professor's body were to be found in New Cabell, surely a different reaction would take place.

It seems most likely to be Mr. Brown's role in this community — as a contracted worker who cleaned our facilities — that de-

nies him our community's attention. Last year's homicide of Jarvis Brown, a 22 year-old O'Hill Dining Hall employee, comes to mind. His death received a largely mixed and muted reaction among students, and this newspaper's editorial identified two reasons for this: a deficiency in student empathy and a perceived divide between students and workers. These same two problems, I believe, are responsible for the reaction to Emanuel Brown's passing.

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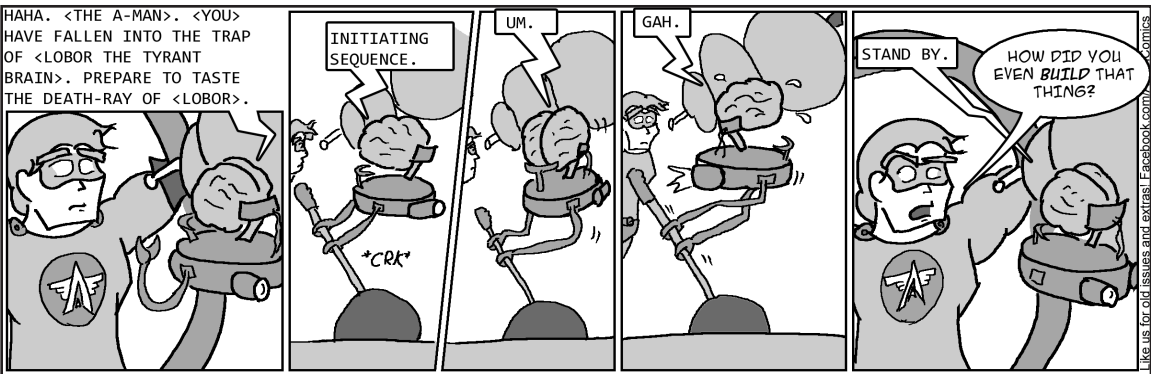
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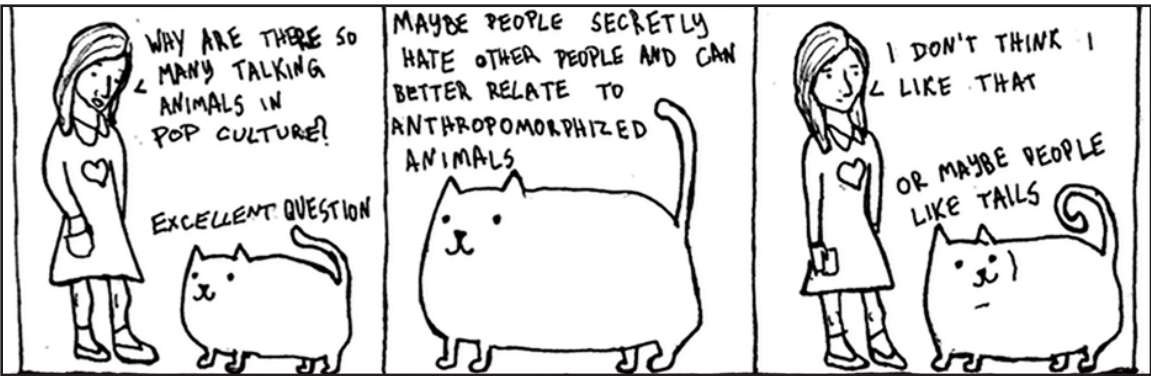
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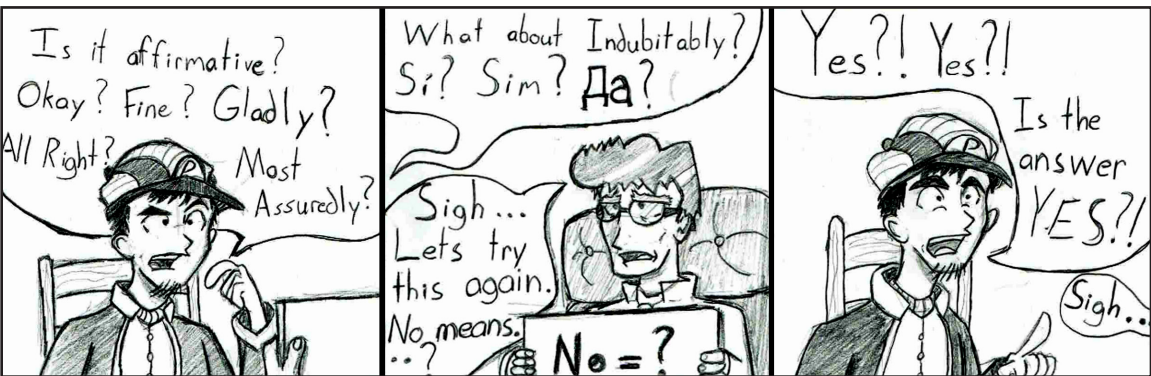
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Learning compassionate medicine

Compassionate Care Initiative aims to improve patient experience by teaching providers to care for themselves

"By cultivating this compassionate workforce, patient satisfaction improves, errors are minimized and overuse decreases, which in turn reduces costs to the health care system," Muir said.

The Compassionate Care Initiative seeks to combat stress in the workplace, which decreases productivity and lowers the quality of care.

"In the health care field, and with many professions, clinicians who are distracted, stressed, tired and unmotivated tend to be more reactive, and make unethical decisions regarding patient care," Muir said. "If we can train our brains to notice a particular negative or reactive emotional state we are in, then we are that much closer to understanding the filters we apply to decision-making that can be particularly harmful for the greater good."

As part of its goal, CCI advocates a three-part strategy: mindfulness, compassion and connectedness.

"Mindfulness is moment-to-moment awareness about your internal and external environment," Muir said. "Compassion is having a true desire to alleviate suffering for yourself and others, whether it be physical or emotional. Connectedness means coming to the realization that our friendships, family, nature and priorities are all related."

The initiative hosts a series of events — including meditations available most weekdays, along with several drop-in events open to anyone in the University community, including meditation groups, yoga and Mindful Lunches.

The office also hosts monthly events, such as RX3 artistic workshops — advocating Resilience, Reflection and Relationships — and nursing student resiliency retreats at Morven Farms.

The initiative also offers several courses.

"Academic courses offered by the initiative include Mind-



Courtesy University of Virginia

From upper-level classes to small discussions to yoga and meditation sessions, students work closely with nurses, doctors and professors, learning compassion for themselves and their future patients.

fulness and Compassion, in which students engage in contemplative practices and uncover the scientific evidence behind mind-body training and neuroplasticity," Muir said. "This semester we are offering a Foundations of Medical Yoga for Health Professionals."

Muir's own involvement with the initiative began when she took the Mindfulness and Compassion class.

"To learn that there was an evidence base behind these contemplative practices that I saw first-hand helping me perform better academically, professionally with my patients in clinic and overall in terms of my health, was incredibly empowering," said Muir. "I asked to join the initiative and now serve as the leader of the student ambassadors and assistant project manager."

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The bystander effect describes the human tendency to remain uninvolved in a crisis, with the assumption someone else will intervene. Documented across psychology literature, the effect is something several student groups are working to combat.

Members of One Less and One-in-Four, both student-led sexual assault prevention groups, emphasize the importance of being an active bystander. The groups work to educate students about the danger of ignoring a potentially harmful situation and advocate bystander intervention within the University community.

Peer educators say the first step in being an active bystander is recognizing a potentially harmful situation, particularly by paying attention to body language. For example, if someone is crossing their arms or turning away from someone they are

talking to, they may be uncomfortable with the situation.

"I think we can talk all we want about structural and other cultural changes, but it starts with stepping up and not being afraid to lose a little bit of our social capital to make sure everyone at our school stays safe," said fourth-year College student Will Cadigan, co-chair of the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition. "By being active bystanders, we can show that we care about this issue and we will be there to support [survivors] no matter what."

After evaluating your surroundings, advocates say your intuitions can be strong signals about dangerous surroundings.

"Maybe you were a little bit wrong, [but] does it matter? ... No," said Emily Renda, project coordinator for Sexual Assault Response and Prevention in the Dean of Students Office. "At the end of the day, it doesn't really harm anybody. It might be a little bit embarrassing, but I think we can all benefit from learning to be embarrassed more often."

In presenting on bystander intervention, peer education groups teach the "Three Ds"

along the spectrum of bystander behavior: Direct, Delegate and Distract.

"Direct" advocates confronting the person involved in the



Courtesy One in Four

One-in-Four and One Less promote bystander intervention as a way to combat sexual assault on Grounds.

situation.

"If you're a person who feels comfortable going up and saying, 'Hey is everything OK?' that's great; that is a part of the community of trust and really fosters our strong community, but you can do whatever you

feel comfortable doing," Cadigan said.

"Delegate" asks individuals to find someone else who may be more capable of handling the situation. This can range from alerting a bartender of a suspicious situation to calling 911.

"I can't tell you how many Charlottesville police officers and UPD officers have told me, 'We would always, always prefer that somebody called us rather than didn't. We would rather show up and have nothing be wrong than show up and [see] something terrible happened,'" Renda said.

The third D, "Distract," involves doing something creative to intervene in a potentially harmful situation.

"One of my favorite distractions is, if it's a friend of yours, go up and say 'help me find my phone or my wallet,'" Cadigan said. "It makes them leave with you and creates a real pause."

Renda says bystander intervention does not necessarily mean taking action before an event has happened. Though prevention is ideal, if a traumatic event has occurred, an important form of intervention is

being a supportive friend.

"Being an active bystander means stepping in to say, 'Hey are you OK? I noticed that you seemed a little off today,' or 'I am here for you,'" Renda said.

Peer educators also emphasize how part of being an active bystander is knowing when to take a step back, acknowledge what you are feeling and discover how to best direct your emotions.

"It's OK to be really confused and angry and [hurt] and frustrated and exhausted," Renda said. "Every last one of those is a legitimate response to what's happened in our community."

After students understand their own emotions, Renda said, they can channel this emotion toward examination of their own actions, words and thoughts to prevent themselves from perpetuating the problem at hand.

"We are all mad about our culture, right? We are our culture," Renda said. "So what everybody needs to do with that anger right now is look in the mirror and think twice about everything we do that reinforces the culture that we live in."

Student sexual assault survivors speak out

Rolling Stone's flame ignites reaction to a pre-existing spark

Margaret Mason
Feature Writer

Fourth-year College student Annie Forrest has worked as a survivor advocate and anti-sexual violence activist for most of her time at the University. Forrest was a first year when she was raped in October 2011.

After her assault, Forrest faced the deep, personal effects of collegiate rape culture. At first, she suffered in silence. But more than a year later, Forrest chose to share her story through the national photography project, Project Unbreakable.

According to their website, Project Unbreakable aims "to give a voice to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse, featuring photographs of survivors holding posters with quotes from their abusers." When the organization published her photo, Forrest catapulted from silent survivor to

powerful advocate with the click of a camera.

"My mom was concerned about the backlash I would receive ... but what happened when I posted it on Facebook was an outpouring of love," Forrest said. "Honestly, I wasn't prepared for all the positivity and support. It was overwhelming in a beautiful way."

Following her public acknowledgement of being a survivor, Forrest became involved with One Less and the Sexual Assault Resource Agency, becoming an advocate at the University and within the local community. Through these organizations, Forrest was able to both find a support system and build support for others.

"Other survivors started coming forward to me with their own stories, [which] was something I had no idea would happen," Forrest said. "In trying to empower myself, I ended up empowering other people indirectly. I realized I'm the voice for a lot of people who aren't

comfortable sharing their own stories."

Third-year College student Alex Pinkleton — also a survivor, advocate and member of One Less — works to empower other survivors by sharing her story.

"[My own experiences and] hearing stories from friends and other people in the community made me realize how significant of a problem [sexual assault] is here," Pinkleton said. "Advocacy work has been an outlet for a lot of my anger and frustration that I have surrounding the issue. I'm hoping that it helps other people in terms of allowing them support."

Forrest, Pinkleton and other advocates at the University have worked continuously alongside the administration in recent years to increase awareness and improve sexual assault policies.

A recent article in Rolling Stone claimed the University lacks a "radical feminist culture," which in part, the author claims, led to the preva-



Courtesy Annie Forrest

Fourth-year student Annie Forrest, a survivor of sexual assault, shared her story through Project Unbreakable.

lence of sexual assault on Grounds. Forrest said she disagrees, saying she believes true advocacy goes beyond staging a well-organized protest.

"I think creating positive relationships with the administration, fraternities and student groups is a more effective way of being an advocate," Forrest said. "It's important to remember to be intentional and purposeful with your type of support. In One Less, we try to focus on tangible ways [students] can look inside ourselves and see how we're contributing to the culture

and change it."

Forrest hopes students' passion for anti-sexual assault advocacy persists beyond the initial reaction to the recent Rolling Stone article.

"I really do implore our community to not let [the action] stop in the coming weeks," Forrest said. "There is no instant gratification — the only thing we can do is start to change our culture, which is going to take a really long time."

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Top 10 ways to prepare for the holidays

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Life Columnist

1 Sing Christmas carols

What better way to showcase your holiday spirit than by filling the air with your beautiful singing voice? Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way to wherever you're going and don't listen to anyone who tells you to stop.

Try caroling to every classroom in New Cabell, or each apartment in GrandMarc. It's like trick-or-treating, but more festive! If anyone laughs or calls you names for singing, just continue about Rudolph — remind them he now leads Santa's sleigh, and at least you'll be a little jolly as you fail your finals.

4 Only wear red and green

According to the Internet, the origin of red and green as Christmas' primary colors can be traced back to the holly tree and its red berries. It's a shame they had to pick such clashing colors. Weren't they thinking about the future of fashion? Regardless, there are no other color combinations more universally recognized for the holidays than red and green, so bust out your best sweaters and pants and showcase your holiday cheer. Feel free to add some funkiness to your wardrobe and switch it up from the traditional bright red and forest green — the more, the merrier!

7 Come up with a life plan

Yes, I know it sounds insane, but humor me for a little bit. You survived the interrogations about your life by family members on Thanksgiving. You're feeling great for having managed to dodge such tough questions as "What are you doing next summer?" and "What job can you actually get with that degree?" You're about to have to survive the mental breakdown that is finals and be expected to have answers for the aforementioned questions merely a few days later. Prepare yourself and either find an internship in the next 10 minutes, or come up with some elaborate excuses. And no, Uncle Jimmy, I'm still not going to follow you back on Instagram. Yes, this red cup is full of water.

10 Take lots of pictures

For the 12 snaps in her Snapstory, my best friend Snapchatted me: 12 of her puppy, 11 of her family, 10 of her dinner, nine of her new shoes, eight of her Starbucks, seven on some ice skates, six "look I'm #domestic," five more of her dog, four from her car, three from bed, two at a mall and one high school friend selfie.

2 Study for finals

Spending your time studying isn't the most cheerful thing to do, but nothing ruins the holiday season more than that friend who can't stop complaining how many finals she failed. Refrain from being Ebenezer Scrooge and get your life together, because the time between Thanksgiving and finals is shorter than you think. And you can only bank on praying for a really severe, snow day-inducing white Christmas for so long — fill your (egg)noggin with real studying before it's too late. An all-nighter in Clemons is so much worse when you have to trek home in the cold.

5 Start shopping for gifts

This is the most wonderful time of the year, especially for retail. Every store has a sale for the month of December, citing reasons like, "Wow, Santa has a beard? 30 percent off!" or "We just discovered that low-fat milk makes a great healthy substitute for cream in your coffee so celebrate this revelation with us and get free shipping on your next order of \$200 or more!" Plus, it's a known fact that making the very important decision of which Yankee Candle to pick out for mom takes time — one must sniff every candle in the store before picking the winning scent.

8 Make a list, check it twice

Not just for Santa! Don't forget anything ever again — from the gifts you have to buy, to the meetings you have to attend, to the holiday exercise regimen you're never going to keep. At least feign a semblance of organization and make a to-do list for the next few weeks. There's nothing worse than thinking your final is at 2 p.m. and realizing too late that it was in fact several hours earlier (I can neither confirm nor deny that this has actually happened to me.) But, in actuality, your brain, wallet and sanity will thank you if you preemptively lay out everything you need to do for the next few weeks. The holidays can feel not-so-jolly when you're extremely stressed out, so help yourself keep up the cheer by taking a page out of Santa's book.

3 Eat everything

Trekking home in the cold won't be as bad if you make like a polar bear and start bulking up for the winter now. Use whatever excuse you like: accidentally forgetting to go to the gym, accidentally buying three boxes of Christmas cookies, not letting any of your Plus Dollars go to waste. Take a hint from Santa and add on that extra layer of padding — more of you means more of you to love.

6 Decorate your house

Deck your halls with bells of holly and jolly up your living space with some holiday cheer. This is a perfect opportunity to finally use those Christmas lights you begged your mom to buy you in your pre-fall semester shopping quest for the most Pinteresting apartment room ever. While you're at it, cover yourself in lights, cover your friends in lights, and cover your car in lights, too. Stage your own Lighting of the Lawn to share your holiday cheer and perfect the ratio of Peppermint Schnapps to hot chocolate for actual Lighting of the Lawn. Or, hang some mistletoe above your door and enforce mistletoe rules the next time you have people over.

9 Find a new TV show to watch

V#Winterbreakiscoming. Prepare yourself for spending long days on the couch over break and find a new show on Netflix to watch. Holiday season is very emphatically synonymous with Holi-no way I'm moving from this spot season, so jingle all the way through an episode or 12 of a new television show in your inevitable finals procrastination. But remember to save some episodes for Winter Break — you're going to want something to look forward to once finals are actually over. Plus, emotionally investing yourself in a television show is a good way to convince your family that you have a (semi) legitimate hobby. And an easy way to avoid annoying relatives.



Spoon University comes to Grounds

Online food blog sets the table for discussion about healthy eating habits

Brittany Hsieh
Feature Writer

Second-year College students Juliet Patarek and Talia Greenberg hosted a tailgate on the Lawn last Saturday to celebrate the launch of the University chapter of Spoon University, an online food publication run by students across the country.

"Students have to realize that food is very important," Patarek said. "[Eating] is time for them to take a break from their work, sit down with friends and talk about [their] day. I think that it is important to take time to eat balanced meals, sit down and relax."

Spoon University has chapters at 45 colleges ranging from Stanford University to University of Florida, helping students "eat intelligently."

"Our main outlet is our website [where] we have reviews on local Charlottesville restaurants and different recipes available," Patarek said. "Spoon's main purpose is to bring back conversation that has been lost around the dinner table."

Greenberg encouraged Patarek to join her in starting a chapter of Spoon on Grounds after hearing about it from her friends at the University of Michigan, where Spoon has a large presence.

"We are both from New York, we both live to eat, we are both constantly worrying about our next meal — so we went for it," Patarek said. "Talia was by my side as I went through the application process [of creating a University chapter]."

Some of Spoon University's major goals for college students are promoting healthy eating and discouraging microwavable dinners by providing quick meal alternatives.

"We want to show students that what they think is not possible, is possible," Patarek said. "You can cook quickly and get back to the library to study efficiently."

Patarek and Greenberg said Charlottesville — with a wide variety of restaurants and easy access to sustainable food — is a great location for a Spoon chapter, allowing students to create an open dialogue about local food.

"We are opening a medium for people to comment, Instagram and give us ideas for articles," fourth-year College student Paola Croce said. "This is what Spoon is — opening a channel for communication." Patarek and Greenberg want to create a sense of community and serve as an outlet for students to heal.

"This semester has been really hard on everyone, and I think Spoon can be a healing

tool," Croce said. "I think U.Va., right now, needs to go back to being healthy in general, in so many ways. A way of healing is through food. Food opens a wide channel of dialogue and love."

With finals quickly approaching, Patarek predicts studying will take priority and eating will come second. Spoon plans to sponsor events during finals week to provide students with healthy food and energy as they take their exams.

"As we enter extremely stressful times, Spoon would love to be there to hand out good food," Croce said. "On top of what has happened recently and upcoming finals, I feel like little contributions [we can give to] students, such as free coffee, will help them and Spoon wants to be the organization to do it."

Moving forward, Patarek and Greenberg want to involve as many community members as possible in Spoon University and to establish a strong Spoon family.

"We are trying to create a little family of our own, a Spoon family," Patarek said. "I want us to develop our own little culture. I want the Spoon U.Va. community to be more intimate and build deep relationships with each member of the team and I think we will be able to do that."



Courtesy Spoon University

Spoon University, a food blog with chapters across the country, aims to create an open dialogue among students and promote the importance of sitting down for a healthy meal during times of high stress.

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In the same Rolling Stone article, a third-year student — identified by only her first name, Jackie — came forward with details of a gang-rape she experienced at the University chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity during her first year. In the article, she describes being discouraged against reporting the

rape, as her friends feared social repercussions that might come from outing the fraternity members for their crime.

Following the article's publication, many students expressed shock and anger toward Jackie's friends' reported reaction to her attack. Forrest, however, said this reaction is typical due to a lack of education surrounding sexual assault.

"People think Jackie's friends' response to her assault was un-

sual, but I don't think it is," Forrest said. "No one questioned my situation. It's not their fault it happened and I didn't report, but at the same time if they did question it, my story may have been different."

Pinkleton said a large part of the problem surrounding reporting starts with those closest to the survivor.

"I think [many] times the issue that survivors have [is] either friends of the accused or their own

friends [saying] things in defense of the perpetrator before they come to the defense of the survivors," Pinkleton said. "Now that this article has come out, people realize we do have a lot of survivors in the community that we need to support, and [we must] act on their behalf before acting on behalf of the perpetrator."

Forrest said cultural change occurs on an individual level — as friends, responders and fellow hu-

man beings.

"I'd like to see the status quo change here, and support for survivors begin from the first moment a sexual assault happens," Forrest said. "We have a responsibility to each other as human beings on the most basic level to take care of each other [and] we have a responsibility as U.Va. students to take care of each other. We cannot let it stop after this story isn't told anymore."

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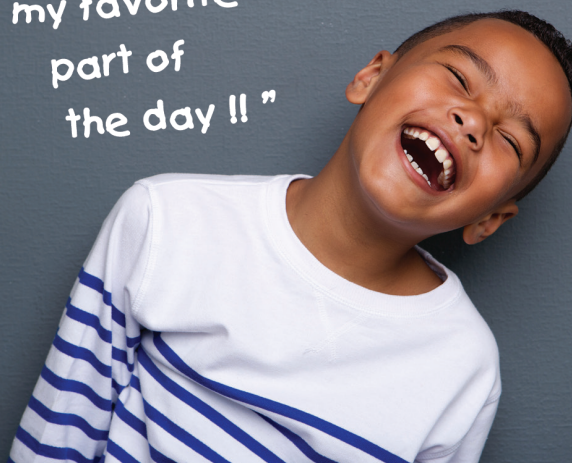
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