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# NEWS

## This week in-brief

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### U.Va. announces scholarship for first-generation students with \$100 million donation

The University announced \$100 million gift as a part of the Honor the Future campaign last weekend. The money is for a new scholarship program to attract first-generation students to the University. The gift was announced by University President Jim Ryan at a dinner for donors and community members on the South Lawn held Oct. 12.

The gift comes from David and Jane Walentas of New York. David Walentas is a graduate of the College and Darden school in the class of 1961 and 1964, respectively.

The majority of the gift — \$75 million — will be allocated to scholarships. The remaining \$25 million will fund graduate fellowships and additional professorships through the Jefferson Scholars Foundation and the Darden School of Business.

The Walentas Scholars will identify in-state first-generation students, as well as students from Rochester, New York, where Walentas grew up, and from New York City,

where he made his career. Schools in these three areas will nominate candidates to compete for the scholarship each year, starting in 2022. There will be 60 undergraduate students enrolling as Walentas Scholars, and the scholarships will cover the entire cost of attendance at the University.

“I cannot imagine a better way to honor the future than by making a significant and lasting commitment to first-generation college students,” University President Jim Ryan said in the press release. “This gift from David Walentas will serve as a cornerstone of the \$5 billion campaign we are launching this weekend and will have an enduring impact on the University of Virginia and on those who attend it.”

Part of Ryan’s strategic plan is aimed toward creating opportunity and accessibility for first-generation students. Both Ryan and David Walentas were the first in their families to graduate college.



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David and Jane Walentas donated money for a scholarship during the fundraising campaign.

### ‘Honor the Future’ Campaign hosts academic panel on the future of finance



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The panelists discussed engagement with new analytic technologies.

The University’s Honor the Future Campaign began Oct. 12 with an academic panel discussing the impact of data analysis research on the financial market and how the University is preparing students to enter the field of finance. The panel was part of a larger series of events on Grounds aimed at helping donors choose which aspects of University President Jim Ryan’s “Good and Great” 10-year strategic plan to fund. About 40 people were in attendance.

Alice Handy — founder of Investure, an investment management firm — moderated an hour-long discussion between Asst. Darden Prof. Michael Albert, McIntire Prof. Michael Gallmeyer, Narges Tabari — research scientist at

the Data Science Institute — and Engineering Prof. William Scherer.

Scherer repeatedly praised the University’s initiative to produce well-rounded, liberal arts educated students. Gallmeyer supported this view by commending the broad liberal arts background of the University and commenting on students’ abilities to think outside the box.

The panelists agreed that a liberal arts mindset, paired with the tools of analytical technologies — such as machine learning models — was a strong asset for students to have in order to successfully tackle problems in the financial market.

### U.Va. hosts academic panel on the future of democracy for ‘Honor the Future’ Campaign

The University hosted a faculty panel discussing the health of democracy and the University’s efforts to promote civic engagement. The panel was part of a larger series of events on Grounds aimed at helping donors choose which aspects of University President Jim Ryan’s “Good and Great” 10-year strategic plan to fund.

Mary Kate Cary, a professor of practice in the Department of Politics and former speechwriter for former President George H.W. Bush, moderated the hour-long discussion in the Newcomb Ballroom between Melody Barnes, co-director of the University’s Democracy Initiative and former advisor to former President Barack Obama; Micah Schwartzman, director of the University’s Karsh Center for Law and Democracy; Ian Solomon, dean of the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy; Larry Terry, executive director of the University’s Weldon Cooper Center

for Public Service; and Larry Sabato, director of the University’s Center for Politics. Around 75 community members, faculty and alumni attended the panel.

The panelists all praised the University for its long-standing commitment to educating students and conducting research on topics related to preserving democracy. William Antholis, director and CEO of the Miller Center of Public Affairs, said prior to the discussion that Thomas Jefferson envisioned the University as being the greatest place in the world to study democracy.

The University launched its Democracy Initiative last year to fund research and curriculum exploring issues related to democracy around the world, and its 10-year strategic plan lists democracy research as a central part of making U.Va. the best public university by 2030.



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The panelists discussed the University’s efforts to advance democracy.

### Jackson, Lee statues vandalized Monday morning for the second time in a month



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The Charlottesville Police Department is currently investigating both cases.

Officers from the Charlottesville Police Department responded to a report of vandalism to the Stonewall Jackson statue in Court Square Park at 8 a.m. Monday, according to Charlottesville Police Public Information Officer Tyler Hawn. The noses and hands of the allegorical figures on the base of the statue appear to have been chipped away.

“Upon arrival, officers discovered physical damage and paper signs covering the posted “No Trespassing” signs,” Hawn said.

Hours later, the CPD responded to reports of similar vandalism to the Robert E. Lee statue in Market Street Park. The CPD’s Investigations Bureau is currently investi-

gating both vandalism cases, Hawn said.

The Lee and Jackson statues were vandalized less than one month ago, following State Judge Richard Moore’s ruling granting a permanent injunction against removing the Confederate statues. Both statues were found marked with “1619” in black spray paint. 1619 is in reference to the first year slave ships were brought from Africa to North America.

The City of Charlottesville is appealing their defeated lawsuit to have the statues removed. The first hearing was scheduled for Tuesday.

# U.Va. hopes to divert 70 percent of waste at next football game

The event aims to educate people on waste management

Maryann Xue | Staff Writer

The University's Office of Sustainability and Virginia Football are hosting their annual Green Game at Scott Stadium this Saturday. In addition to competing against Duke University in football, U.Va. is also competing against other colleges across the nation as part of the Gameday Recycling Challenge, an initiative to reduce waste by increasing recycling and composting at football games.

"We definitely have a culture of consumption and unfortunately a lot of that waste goes to the landfill, despite it being items that could be recycled or composted," said Lela Garner, the University's sustainability coordinator. "Some percentage of items that end up in the landfill can be diverted but they unfortunately aren't."

Last year, the University achieved a waste diversion rate of 63.4 percent, meaning that 63.4 percent of all the waste from game day — both inside the stadium and from surrounding tailgates — was diverted from the landfill. This placed the University second in the Atlan-

tic Coast Conference and 10th in the nation. Over 42,000 pounds of waste were recycled, another 3,000 pounds were composted and the total waste generated per person went down 39 percent compared to 2017.

This is the University's 11th year participating in the challenge. While the ultimate goal is to create a zero waste event where 90 percent of the waste generated is diverted, the target for this year is a waste diversion rate of over 70 percent, according to Garner. Exactly 104 student volunteers have signed up to help at the event, more than in any previous year.

"It's really nice to be able to say 'we're competing against Tech!' and 'we're competing against Duke!' to see who can divert [more] waste," Garner said. "While that competition component is certainly a fun twist to the volunteering event, I think most people actually want to get involved. They want to help steward the community, they want to interact with fans, and they want to do something good at the end of the day."

Volunteers are broken down into three shifts that take place before, during and after the game.

The first shift of volunteers is responsible for engaging with tailgaters across Grounds, handing out recycling bags and encouraging them to recycle. They also ask tailgaters to take any waste they've generated back home with them.

For the second shift, volunteers are sent directly into the stadium, where they stand by the waste bins and help people sort their waste during the game. The final shift requires over half of the volunteers, who "sweep the bowl" after the game is over, according to Garner. They collect the compost, recycling and landfill — and make sure that all the waste gets sorted properly.

Second-year College student Brooke Crouch volunteered at the event last year and is volunteering again this year. She believes the event provides a valuable opportunity to interact with the broader University and Charlottesville community and generate conversations about sustainability and waste.



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Virginia will face Duke at Scott Stadium on Saturday evening for the annual Green Football Game.

"[Last year] we spent hours sorting through people's trash, combing the Bowl for waste people left in their seats, and educating fans on how to properly sort their waste," Crouch said. "It was definitely a lot of work, but I really felt like I was having a tangible impact and making a difference."

One of the main purposes of the event is to educate people about sorting their waste and get them out of the habit of throwing waste directly in the landfill. By engaging in sustainable practices, people can easily reduce their individual environmental impact.

"It's important to have these conversations from an educational standpoint," Garner said. "I think a lot of people are intentionally throwing their items in the landfill but they don't know that they have these options of recycling and composting."

According to Garner, the University is fortunate enough to have its own recycling team that hand sorts all the recycling generated on Grounds at an on-site facility. To obtain data about the amount of waste generated, the Office of Sustainability partners with UVA Recycling and Black Bear Composting. They also work with Aramark, the University's dining service, to try and swap out landfill versions with compostable versions, such as swapping large popcorn bins for brown paper bags that can be composted.

In addition to the Green Game for football, there is also an annual basketball Green Game in the spring. The Office of Sustainabili-

ty holds smaller events throughout the year such as the Green Sports Weekend in September that aimed to divert waste from volleyball, field hockey and soccer games, but their main focus is basketball and football due to the sheer amount of participants at these games. A crowd of 57,826 — the largest since 2015 — attended Virginia football's 31-24 win over Florida State University on Sept. 13. Last season, the men's basketball team averaged 14,087 fans per game.

"Something that makes Green Game really important is that we do have a waste diversion goal for the University," Garner said. "Participating in larger events like this can really impact our numbers in terms of waste generation. While it's important to do these larger events, I also wanted to make a note that we can help minimize waste at any size event."

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# The rundown on the race for Charlottesville City Council

Six candidates are vying for three seats on the dais

Ali Sullivan, Sevy Van Der Werf & River Stone | Senior Associate Editor & Staff Writers

With the Nov. 5 election less than three weeks away, six candidates are in the race for three open spots on the Charlottesville City Council.

Names on the Democratic ticket include Sena Magill, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook. The three are taking on three other Independent candidates — Bellamy Brown, Paul Long and John Edward Hall.

Incumbent Democratic councilors Wes Bellamy, Kathy Galvin and Mike Signer declined

to run for another four-year term. Mayor Nikuyah Walker and Vice Mayor Heather Hill, the other two incumbent councilors, are currently serving terms that will expire Dec. 2021.

To understand each candidate's platform, The Cavalier Daily interviewed the candidates about their policy ideas, their thoughts on the University's relationship to Charlottesville and how they think students play a role in local government.



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## Sena Magill

A Charlottesville resident since she was six years old, Magill initially planned to run for City Council when her now elementary-school-age daughter completed high school. After the deadly Unite the Right rally attracted hundreds of white supremacists to Charlottesville in August 2017, Magill decided that she couldn't wait another eight years.

"In August of 2017, Charlottesville kind of blew up, and my husband was hurt on August 11 and had his carotid artery torn, and then suffered a stroke later," Magill said. "Also, my daughter and I were actually out of town, visiting family, and she had to watch her favorite after school teacher show up on TV, bleeding."

Magill, who announced her run for council in January, outlined four of the most important issues for Charlottesville — affordable housing, transportation, climate change and racial equity. To tackle these issues, she hopes to focus on the City's zoning code, making the incumbent council's climate goals a reality, improving the current transit system, and recognizing and addressing unconscious racial biases through initiatives like the Police Civilian Review Board.

Despite these ambitions, Magill appreciates the incumbent council's work, particularly in the arena of climate change. In July, the City committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 — a plan considered to be one of the most ambitious in the state.

"The City has adopted an amazing, aggressive climate change goal, but now we actually have to work towards making that happen," Magill said. "Now we need to really get the policy, the nuts and bolts, the actual 'do' to make that climate change goal an actual reality."

She added that improving the mass transit system in and around the City would mitigate climate problems and the affordable housing crisis all at once. With improved mass transit, those who work in Charlottesville — but who don't own a car — have expanded options for housing beyond City limits.

On the topic of the University's relationship with Charlottesville, Magill — a University graduate — expressed optimism for the future.

"President Ryan, I really feel like he's listening," Magill said.

Although she noted that the University has a noticeable effect on the housing stock available in the City, Magill added that the University is a financial and intellectual asset for the City. She also encouraged students to get involved with local government, saying that something as simple as attending a City Council meeting can help a student engage and network with the community.

"Finding ways to go beyond the University walls and getting involved in local governments, getting involved in boards and commissions, getting involved in area nonprofits," Magill said. "All of that looks really good on your resume, and it also starts engaging into the actual community itself."



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## Michael Payne

Michael Payne sees running for City Council as an extension of his organizing work.

An organizer for Habitat for Humanity, the Charlottesville Low-Income Housing Coalition and co-founder of Indivisible Charlottesville, Payne's roots are in advocating for affordable housing.

"Top priorities for me are one, affordable housing — which intersects with so many other issues in the City — two, local action on climate change; and three, the growing economic inequality and the racial wealth gap and racial disparities in the City," Payne said.

To address escalating rents within City limits, Payne plans to spur reinvestment in and redevelopment of public housing, update the zoning code — which hasn't been changed since 2003 — and complete the City's affordable housing strategy. Like Magill, he sees an improved transit system as critical to mitigating climate change, alongside fossil fuel divestment and clean energy.

For Payne, the promotion of equitable growth and community wealth building can begin to address the City's racial and economic inequality.

"When it comes to economic inequality, I think the City [should create] a plan for community wealth building and how we can use institutions like land trusts, community development corporations, co-ops, community gardens to ... ensure the economic growth happening in town actually benefits everyone," Payne said.

In reference to the University, Payne characterized its relationship to the City as historically checkered. He noted that the University has made steps towards bolstering town-gown relations through initiatives like the Community Working Group, but further progress will require additional action.

"Historically, I think there's definitely a divide between the University and the local community," Payne said. "From the community, [there's] a lack of trust about the University's intentions and the role that it's played in the Charlottesville community."

To facilitate genuine collaboration with the City, Payne said the University should listen to Community Working Group's recommendations, expand wages for contracted workers, pay taxes on its real estate within city limits and partner with the City on affordable housing initiatives — which could, for example, include requiring students to live on Grounds for more years.

Payne added that University students have a lot of power in the Charlottesville community, and not just in terms of voting. While students play a huge role in election outcomes — especially in an off-year election like this one — they can also, through community organizing, push the University towards progress.

"The reality is that the University often listens more to UVa. students than to community members who have no connection to the University," Payne said. "If the University community and the Charlottesville community are able to really come together ... we can see things like the University divesting from fossil fuels and taking more action on housing."

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## Lloyd Snook

Lloyd Snook announced his candidacy this January, motivated by the dysfunctionality he saw among the current Council members. He emphasized the problem of a severe lack of trust between counselors, pointing to the dysfunctionality of the Council retreat in December. He also pointed to the realization soon after that the City was having trouble holding onto staff.

However, Snook is still optimistic for the future efficacy of the Council.

Snook has lived in Charlottesville for 58 years and founded the law firm Snook & Haughey, P.C., in 1985. Snook has served as President of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association, Co-President of the Greenbrier Elementary School PTO, President of the Piedmont Housing Alliance and Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Charlottesville.

Some of the issues he considers to be most pressing include affordable housing, the achievement gap in City schools and local action on climate change.

To address the achievement gap in City schools, he advocates for increased funding to the City of Promise and Boys and Girls Club programs.

With relation to action on climate change, Snook focused on divesting from fossil fuels, making changes to the transportation system and utilizing more solar panels, even in historic areas.

To address affordable housing, he plans to support improved transportation, changed zoning, re-development of current housing and more streamlined City regulations on auxiliary dwelling units — extra units such as a basement apartment or separate small house situated on low-density property.

“Those will tend to be affordable units and the more of those we can add the better off the marketplace will be,” Snook said. “In some cases, it will help seniors stay in their homes longer.”

When it comes to Snook’s perception of the relationship between Charlottesville and the University, he focused on the positive growth that has occurred.

“The major function of the University representatives [during the 1980s] was to say no,” Snook said. “Right now, I think we have from President Ryan an expression of a greater degree of willingness to compromise and to work together.”

Snook also expressed interest in student involvement in Charlottesville planning, alongside the involvement of the President and other University officials.

“[Planning] can be at the level of student council meeting with planning commissioners,” Snook said. “I think there’s a great opportunity for students who want to be activists and not merely show up once a year or so.”



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## Paul Long

The Cavalier Daily was unable to contact Paul Long for comment.

Long’s current campaign marks his fourth run for City Council. His name appeared on the ballot in 2009, 2011 and 2017, but Long has not yet served on the council. Frustrated by the current state of City Council, he decided to run yet again.

Main priorities for Long include transportation, the establishment of temporary homeless shelters and a restructuring of local government. Like other candidates, Long hopes to bring about an expanded regional public transportation system — a Regional Transit Authority that would include the City and Albemarle County as well as Fluvanna, Louisa, Green and Orange counties.

Long, who has lived in Charlottesville for 21 years, has also suggested the City seize the controversial Dewberry Hotel — an eleven-story, unfinished building on the Downtown Mall — via eminent domain. Other proposals include promoting rehabilitation over jail time for nonviolent drug offenders and using local funds for year-round homeless shelters.



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## Bellamy Brown

Another Charlottesville native, Bellamy Brown is running on a platform of restoring government integrity, respect and transparency, as well as tackling issues related to affordable housing, the city transit system and clean energy.

Brown’s specific goals for office are building collaborative relationships, tackling housing infrastructure issues and pushing for the creation of more recreational activities for children from low-income families. He also hopes to broaden economic opportunity in Charlottesville for all citizens through assisting employers in creating jobs.

A James Madison University alumnus and veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Brown has a background in politics and finance. He is one of three candidates running as an independent, citing this as an advantage for nonpartisan, honest governing.

“The first thing that I would do is just continue to build upon the collaborative mindset and relationships that I’ve built so here so far,” said Brown. “You have to have collaboration if you’re going to be able to get anything done.”

Brown was motivated to run for office in the wake of the Unite the Right Rally.

“We definitely have some race aspects (in Charlottesville) that we still have to continue to work through,” said Brown, the only nonwhite candidate in the race. “Really getting back to a space where we’re able to disagree with each other, but we’re not necessarily attacking each other.”

Brown also hopes to create better relations between the City and University.

“There’s obviously a dichotomy between the two worlds,” says Brown, who argues that University encroachment into the town is mostly due to lack of housing stock.

“But I think ... changing the dynamic between the University and the community is something that’s starting to take shape,” Brown said. “We’re in a space where we have great ground for building better relationships.”

Even for who students plan to stay in Charlottesville only temporarily, Brown stressed the importance of getting involved in local politics and getting out to vote.

“Local government matters because local government does have a significant aspect on the safety of the students around the community,” Brown said. “Even if you’re here for four years, you obviously will be concerned about student safety.”



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## John Hall

John Hall’s current campaign marks his second bid for council. In 2017, he placed fifth out of five candidates in the race for two open seats on City Council.

In the past, Hall has been banned from University property, City Hall and Albemarle Public Schools. In Aug. 2019, Hall was prohibited from County school properties after “after a series of disruptive visits to schools and school offices.” Although no longer banned from City Hall, the candidate’s no trespass order at the University, first issued in 2006, remains in effect.

Hall, who is running as an independent, briefly withdrew from the race in April before refiling before the deadline.

The Cavalier Daily was unable to contact Hall for comment.

## LIFE

## Tailgate food essentials – how to keep your team winning

Game-day food that is sure to score every time

Madison McNamee | Food Columnist

Food is fuel, but just because you might not be the one playing on the field doesn't mean you shouldn't load up for the big game. While I do identify as a sports junkie, I am also a junkie when it comes to food. I'm talking junk food — more specifically, tailgate food. Football games are fun on their own, but they simply feel incomplete without some game-day grub. Fall, football, friends and food just makes sense, and if you're a crowd-pleaser like me, you'll want to make sure you've got something for everyone at your tailgate. Here are five game-day essentials to make sure your tailgate stays winning while your team does the same.

## 1. Chick-fil-A Nuggets Trays

To kick this off, I'm going with a classic. Everyone knows that wings go hand-in-hand with sports, but I'll do you one better. Save yourself the hassle of having to discard the bones, and go for some Chick-fil-A nuggets instead. It's easy finger food that can cater to anyone's liking because there is a variety of sauces to change up the dish. From the traditional Chick-fil-A sauce to Polynesian, honey mustard, garlic herb ranch, zesty buffalo and even sweet

and spicy sriracha, there's something for everyone. A 64-nugget platter can be bought for about \$28.50 from most Chick-fil-A's, which is a touchdown for me.

## 2. Barbeque

Nuggets are obviously not enough. Your team is going to need much more protein to bulk up for this win. Tackle the tailgate scene by supplying some barbeque for your guests. What's great about this dish is its versatility — it can be an entree of ribs or sandwiches or just a side dish if you want to provide some mini sliders. The sweet taste of barbeque contrasts with the savory meat and the saltiness of the sides to combine for an undefeatable meal. It also pairs extremely well with the cheesy delectableness of mac and cheese, so you'll definitely earn that extra point if you bring that to accompany it too.

## 3. Veggie Tray

Veggies? At a tailgate? While this might sound like a fumble of my words, just hear me out. Since you're carb-loading for the game and filling up on proper protein, you might as well throw in some micronutrients as well. Also, you have to acknowledge the potential

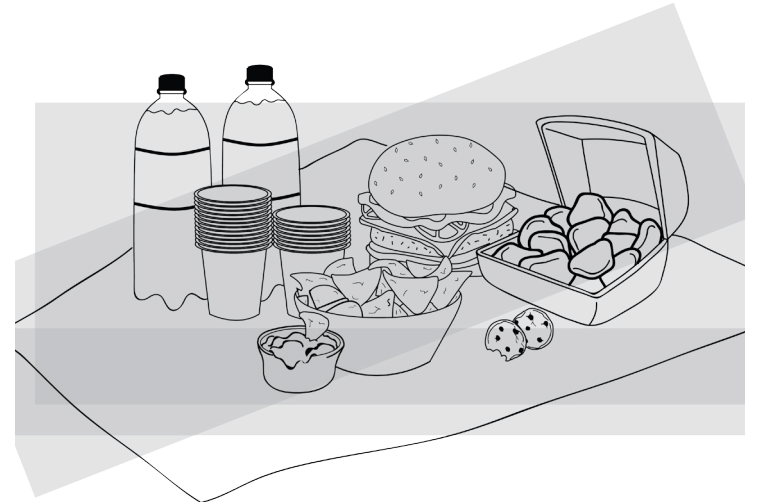
veggie-heads at your tailgate. Even though this dish will most likely go untouched, at least it will give your set-up some color. You might even score and fool some bypassers, making it seem like you've got your life together since you're eating vegetables. Plus, if you can intercept some ranch or hummus for your veggies, you might even get some takers on this vegetarian-inspired side dish.

## 4. Dips

It might seem basic, but it's a classic. Why risk throwing a hail mary when this dish is sure to win for you every time? Chips and dip are a salty snack that is suitable for anyone. Simply buy any kind of chips and a variety of dips to please your fans. Tortilla chips are an ideal vehicle for salsa or guacamole, as well as queso, French onion, buffalo chicken, beans and spinach dip. Chips will carry your team, and your dip, to the end zone on this play.

## 5. Cookies

Dessert is basically like the fourth quarter — it matters just as much as the rest of the game, and there's no stopping now. Cookies are a reliable player when it comes to sweets. I mean, have you ever



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met anyone who doesn't like cookies? Brownies could be unpleasant for chocolate-haters, and cupcakes could be too overwhelming at the end of this long matchup between your waistband and your stomach. Cookies are a safe bet to make sure you'll secure the win at the end of this game. Chocolate chip is a classic, but if you really want to support your Hoos, spice your tailgate up with some festive blue and orange-frosted sugar cookies.

It's football season, which inevitably means tailgate season too. Now that you've got your game plan, you're set to fuel up for game day and win the pre-game scene. Proper nourishment is important before football games, even if you're not playing, and you deserve to treat yourself to the comfort food of tailgates.

## My life as a crazy football fanatic

What being a die-hard fan has taught me about life's emotional extremes

Zachary Forstot | Life Columnist

The last seconds ticking down on the clock that Sunday afternoon at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore were joyous. Dozens of football fanatics began barking like dogs — imitating one of the Cleveland Browns' mascots — because their beloved Browns had just trounced the Baltimore Ravens. Packed into a corner of the stands next to the field, I was proud to be standing alongside my fellow hooligans clad in our orange, sweat-stained Browns jerseys.

Overcome with euphoria, I joined the crowd in the cheering and dog-barking as Browns players jogged off the field toward the locker room. Minutes later, we were leaving the stadium — soaking in every last second of the victory before returning to our respective homes, jobs and classes.

During the football off-season from February to August, football fanaticism is like an old favorite vi-

nyl sitting on the shelf and gathering dust. But as soon as September hits, it's dusted off and played on its turntable for 17 weeks straight. By February, the football fan — not bored in the least by all this repetition — sadly retires it back on the shelf as yet another season comes to a close.

However, this description of typical football fanaticism does not necessarily pertain to Browns fans. Instead of listening to a cherished album all those months, Browns fans listen to the equivalent of nails scratching on a chalkboard. Basically, being a Browns fan isn't just crazy — it's pure masochism.

Between 2003 and 2019, the Cleveland Browns have compiled a record of 76 wins, 185 losses and one tie alongside its grand total of zero playoff appearances. For the past decade-and-a-half, a losing football team is all I have known. Although the defeats are broken up intermit-

tently by a victory — like the one in Baltimore — losing has become a way of life for me.

I have sat in front of the TV, cursed, bawled my eyes out and punched walls 185 times as Browns players have walked with heads hung low beneath the jeers of dissatisfied Browns fans. The rest of these Sunday afternoons are nothing short of gloomy as I contemplate what had gone wrong in yet another Browns' defeat.

Disappointment is also paired with rage. The Zach that is normally even-tempered and reserved turns into a rabid, screaming fanatic, cursing the Browns and every sorry player who put on a Browns jersey.

Nevertheless, in the midst of my misery there is always hope as the next week passes and Sunday nears. The vinyl starts anew, and with it the unfulfilling hope that maybe — just maybe — this week might be

different from the last. Perhaps the Browns might actually win, and I could wear my jersey the next day beaming with pride.

Being a Browns fan for the past 16 years has made me a person I do not like — I can barely handle the scarce highs and excess of emotional lows. In retrospect, a quiet hobby like sewing would have saved me hours of agita. Yet, I am forever drawn to the Browns. Like a moth to lamplight, I just can't help myself.

Admittedly, a small piece of me enjoys the passion and pain that comes with being a fanatic Cleveland Browns fan. My joy is doubled knowing that I am not alone in my absurd dedication because I have other Browns fans whom I can call family — including my brother, who became a Browns fan many years ago.

So, what is the reason for my continued support of a failure of

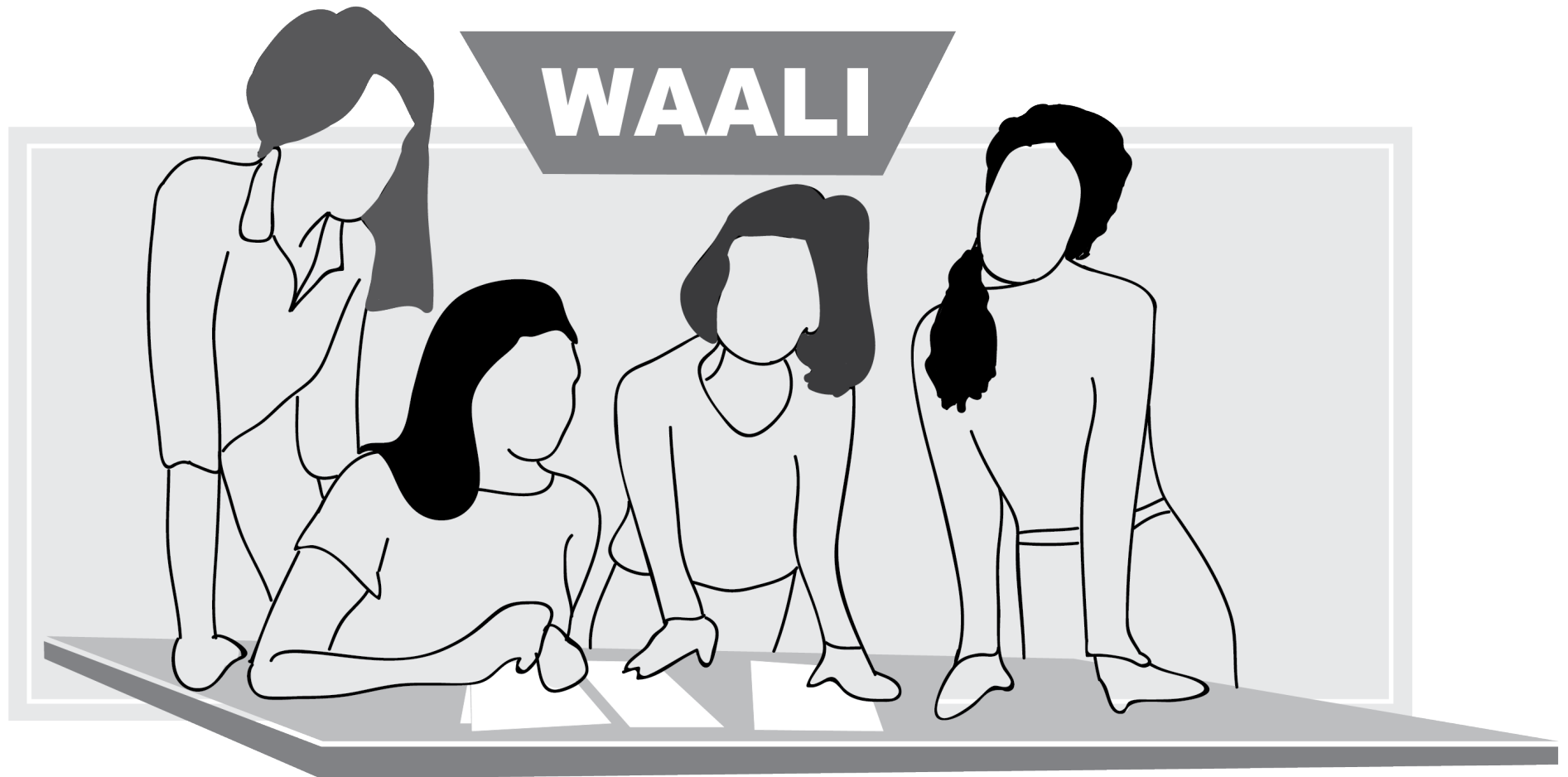
a franchise? It's not loyalty to the hometown team since I am not from Cleveland, and it's definitely not due to the team's glory years in the 1950s and 1960s. The reason I am a Browns fan is in fact so irrational that, in a way, it makes perfect sense for a fanatic to have such a reason.

It's because of their colors — brown and orange. And that's it. Admittedly, I was five years old when I picked the Browns to be my favorite team. And as a completely irrational sports fan, I have to stick with them as my devotion has now grown too deep to untangle myself from the team. Since I am too far gone to turn back, I will stay true to my Browns — so let that record spin.

# Empowering Asian American women through WAALI

The Women's Asian American Leadership Initiative creates a safe space to critically engage with others

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Third-year College student Jasmine Mao grew up in a predominantly white town and school district. As a first-year at the University, she spent little time thinking about her Asian American identity and its impact on her life. It wasn't until her second-year when Mao enrolled in Professor Sylvia Chong's "Introduction to Asian American Studies" course that she developed an interest in what it means to be Asian in America. This sudden desire to connect with her Asian American identity set her on a new path towards personal transformation.

"So many moments in the class have been pivotal for me," Mao said. "I honestly don't think I would be who I am without that class."

Eager to explore her personal identity, Mao searched for Asian American communities within the University to help connect with others that share her same experiences. After scrolling through the multicultural student newsletter, she came across an advertisement for the Women's Asian American Leadership Initiative — a relatively new student-led organization that aims to empower Asian-American women and create a safe space for students to discuss issues that impact their identities.

WAALI is open to second- and third-year Asian American women

seeking an inclusive and welcoming place to actively engage with others who share their same experiences. To join, students complete an on-line application, which is followed by an in-person interview. While facilitators seek members who will be committed to the program and engaged during discussions, the application and interview process is primarily geared towards getting to know the student better. With less than 10 members in the current group, this intimate environment allows students to connect on a personal level.

"I think the application and interview process are a bit misleading because we are not looking for a specific person but want to make sure you are passionate about what we are passionate about and that you have an interest in discussing these things with us," said Ariana Nazar, third-year College student and WAALI co-facilitator.

The program lasts eight weeks and concludes right before Thanksgiving. Throughout the spring semester, facilitators begin the recruitment process for the next year's fall cohort and encourage students to apply. In April, WAALI facilitators consolidate all the applications and begin their interview process.

Each year, the facilitators of the organization select nine topics to

cover throughout the fall semester. Facilitators value and encourage input from its members on specific topics or current issues they feel most passionate about. This helps narrow down the pool of topics when selecting the final nine. Facilitators use their personal knowledge and experience as well as the input from new members to establish a semester outline and a set of guidelines.

"This is our form of advocacy — helping others become more educated, aware and prepared when they face some of the issues that Asian American women have to deal with," Nazar said.

Members meet on Monday evenings for two hours and either engage in group discussions or hear from guest speakers with first-hand experience and knowledge about the obstacles Asian American women encounter. So far, members have held discussions about how their identity intersects with and pervades the professional environment and Asian American representation in media. In addition, both faculty members and student activists who identify as Asian American women have come in to discuss their personal experiences.

"I learned a lot, especially how the University treats its Asian American female professors," said second-year College student Kath-

ryn Gatuslao. "It is nice when you can make a reference to something and other people in the room actually understand what you are talking about."

Other topics include a discussion on mental health and its intersection with both an Asian American and female identity. A female psychologist from the University's Counseling and Psychological Services shared her insights on the subject matter. In addition, WAALI held a conversation on domestic violence during the 2018 to 2019 term, which called attention to the high percentages of Asian American women who suffer from domestic violence. According to the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, 21 to 55 percent of Asian women in the US report physical or sexual violence.

Facilitators start each meeting by having everyone share their highs and lows for the week. This allows facilitators to check in with their members and offer support. Moreover, facilitators have incorporated "her stories" into the curriculum where each member receives 10 minutes to share a part of their life or identity that they are passionate about.

"These are all really incredible discussions we had because I learned that some people in the room share the same feelings that I

did, but I also learned how others experiences differed from mine," said second-year College student Niya Venkatraman. "It also feels good to know that you are not alone."

The members of WAALI appreciate the perspectives and processes that the program uses to incorporate and discuss the many aspects of being an Asian American woman. The program also gives them a space to be themselves.

"There are not a lot of programs that take an intersectional approach where you can talk about what it means to be a woman, but also an Asian American woman," said Kim Salac, third-year College student and current co-facilitator. "For me, that is a big mission of WAALI."

WAALI continues to make an impact on past members who are now more conscious of their Asian American identity and want to critically engage with others that share these identities. After participating in WAALI, Mao decided to start her own student organization called Asians Radicalizing Together. She hopes to create a community-based collective for Asian American students seeking leftist political engagement.

"I owe a lot to WAALI in that I wouldn't even have considered an idea like this before," Mao said.

# Top 10 ways to get into the fall spirit

Wrap up in a cozy blanket, turn on some football and drink a pumpkin spice latte — happy fall, Hoos.

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## 1. Break out the wardrobe

As the temperature drops below 70 degrees, open up that closet and toss your tank tops and shorts to the back. It's all about denim and oversized sweaters now. It's finally boot season, so keep your feet warm with fluffy socks and boots of every variety. Fall wardrobes are optimal for staying cozy and always on-trend.

## 2. Heat up those drinks

In the summertime, iced drinks are all the rage. Milkshakes or iced lattes were essential to the hydration of students everywhere. It's time for a switch to our favorite warm, autumnal beverages — pumpkin spice lattes for everyone. Other fall flavors include hot apple cider, cinnamon, caramel, hot chocolate and of course — traditional coffee. Warm up your insides so that going to and from class won't feel as chilly as the thermometer makes it seem.



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## 3. Tune in for football

No matter your team or their record, football season is in full swing. Monday and Thursday nights have a guaranteed study break time, and Sunday's opportunities to stream football games are aplenty. Both the NFL and collegiate seasons are in high-gear, so make sure to root for the Hoos — even if your professional team isn't doing so hot.

## 4. Halloween is not a one-day event — it's a 31-day "Spooky Season"

If you haven't started planning your plethora of Halloween costumes and outfits for the upcoming weekends, it is definitely time. Decorate your room with pumpkins, ghosts and bowls of candy galore. Welcome fall by celebrating this iconic holiday — that class is unfortunately never canceled.



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## 5. Go apple picking

Carter Mountain Orchard is only about a 20-minute drive away — that's the beauty of living within view of the Appalachian Mountains. Apples are in season, so take your favorite pals, don some cute fall outfits and go pick some apples — don't forget to grab a fresh apple cider while you're up there. The sunset colors are even more vibrant when offset by the deep blue of the ridges at the top of Carter Mountain — ideal for enjoying amidst the crisp fall air, apple cider in hand.

## 6. Satisfy your inner kid — stomp on those fallen leaves

Make the walks around Grounds much more fun by enjoying the crunch of leaves. There are leaves everywhere, and the only way to top off the ambiance of a fall evening is with the sound of footsteps crunching dried, colorful leaves. If you're feeling ambitious, find a rake and make a pile on the Lawn for you and all your friends.

## 7. Hiking trips are a must

There are a variety of hikes available for students — from sunrise hikes at Humpback Rock to stretches of the Appalachian Trail and Crabtree Falls — embrace your nature-loving side and find a group to make this excursion. It's a fabulous way to get some exercise in and see the iconic Blue Ridge Mountains during the fall.

## 8. Explore Charlottesville's community

Surrounded by a community of artists and local entrepreneurs, fall weekends are filled with bustling local farmer's markets. Stock up on some fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables for the week, and taste-test a variety of pastries or fresh-pressed juices. You could also grab a bouquet of fresh flowers or a pumpkin for your living room table.

## 9. Find your favorite fall comfort food

While fall-themed outfits and blankets can help keep the cold air at bay, hearty meals are the most important to keep you warm. Mashed potatoes, chicken, casseroles or pastas — any warm meal behind cold and foggy windows can highlight a perfect fall evening. Laughter and full bellies are what dinners are all about — especially in the coming months.



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## 10. Pass your midterms and make it to Thanksgiving break

Fall break has come and gone, which means it is officially midterm season. Six weeks of classes have passed, so I know you can make it through seven more before Thanksgiving arrives. Push through and before you know it, you'll be back home watching some highly-anticipated football on Black Friday — pumpkin pie not required, but definitely recommended.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Tony Bennett shines at ‘Honor the Future’ concert

The 93-year-old, 19-time Grammy Award winner stopped by the Rotunda Saturday night to perform some of his hits

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As part of the myriad of festivities occurring over the weekend for the University’s “Honor the Future: The Campaign for the University of Virginia” event, legendary singer Tony Bennett was invited to perform a special show on the steps of the Rotunda Saturday night. Bennett is an icon in the music world, having sold more than 50 million records and earned two Emmys and 19 Grammys — including the Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been performing since the 1950s and has shown no signs of slowing down, having toured with everyone from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, as recently as 2015.

While the concert mainly drew in alumni attending fundraising events for the University and Charlottesville locals, there were pockets of students

that attended. Second-year College student Erin Rafferty explained that the accessibility of the event was one reason why she attended.

“I really appreciated that it was a free event and something different to do on a Saturday night,” she said. “I like listening to jazz sometimes and I figured this would be fun because it’s not normally the kind of music I listen to. Plus, my mom really loves Tony Bennett.”

Despite Bennett’s status as one of the most iconic performers in the industry, there were noticeably empty seats scattered throughout the audience. Marketing towards students for this event was somewhat subdued. The main promotion for the performance was a series of emails sent out to the student body, where the singer’s

event took up only one sentence. This concert felt like it was more for the donors and alumni of the University rather than the current students, thus missing the chance to expose a talent like Tony Bennett to a new generation of fans.

The Grammy winner was given a special introduction by another legend — at least by University standards — basketball coach Tony Bennett, much to the delight of the crowd. Bennett wasted no time delving into his hits, singing “Rags to Riches,” “Just in Time,” and ending with a crowd-favorite, “I Left My Heart in San Francisco.”

He sang with his longtime quartet, Lee Musiker on the piano, Gray Sargent on the guitar, Harold Jones on the drums and Marshall Wood on

the bass. Bennett barely stopped to say thank you in between each set, instead choosing to let the songs speak for themselves. He transitioned from song to song with a flow that let the listeners to easily shift from one song to the next, and a fast cadence allowed the audience to fully immerse in each performance without getting bored.

At 93, Bennett kept his set mellifluous and his audience engaged. His voice has grown weathered over his decades in show business, contrasting from the smooth singing he was once known for. The raspiness and aged quality of his voice adds a new layer of meaning to Bennett’s songs, giving them a sense of vulnerability and poignancy. The setlist reflected his incredible longevity, referencing his age in songs like “I’m Old Fashioned,”

where he smiled gently after singing “I know I’m old-fashioned / But I don’t mind it / That’s how I want to be / As long as you agree / To stay old fashioned with me.”

Though Bennett makes light of his age in his songs, he also conveys a twinge of sadness, adding the weight of the years that have passed to each song and gently pleading with the audience to stay with him. His set was lined with nostalgia, as Bennett wooed people in with his familiar and now-raspy voice, inviting them to listen and reminisce. The polish and subtlety behind some of the songs may be gone, but Bennett’s power and ability to emote reigns supreme. The listeners know that he has lived every word he sings, from the youthful sparks of love to aged heartbreak.



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## A soundtrack that sets ‘The Standard’

Hoos don’t lose and neither do these tracks

Kate Granruth & Robin Schwartzkopf | Arts & Entertainment Editors

Haven’t you heard? We’re a football school now. Don’t worry about our recent losses — these songs capture the essence of the long uphill journey of Virginia Football and will get you pumped to watch your favorite team crush the remainder of this season. They might not aid you in your grieving process as you mourn the loss of “The Adventures of CavMan,” but they’ll definitely kill at your next pregame.

+	“Lights Up”	Harry Styles	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “Shine, step into the light / Shine, so bright sometimes / Shine, I’m not ever going back”
+	“Remember the Name”	Fort Minor	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “This is ten percent luck / Twenty percent skill / Fifteen percent concentrated power of will / Five percent pleasure / Fifty percent pain / And a hundred percent reason to remember the name”
✓	“‘Till I Collapse”	Eminem and Nate Dogg	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “‘Til the roof comes off, ‘til the lights go out / ‘Til my legs give out, can’t shut my mouth / ‘Til the smoke clears out and my high perhaps / I’m a rip this s—t till my ‘til my bones collapse”
✓	“Started from the Bottom”	Drake	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “Started from the bottom, now we’re here / Started from the bottom, now my whole team f—kin’ here”
+	“Survivor”	Destiny’s Child	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “I’m a survivor (what), I’m not gon’ give up (what) / I’m not gon’ stop (what), I’m gon’ work harder (what) / I’m a survivor (what), I’m gonna make it (what) / I will survive (what), keep on survivin’ (what)”
✓	“What a Feeling”	One Direction	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “Whatever chains are holding you back / Holding you back, don’t let ‘em tie you down”
✓	“Throw It Back”	Missy Elliot	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “Walk up in this thing (Thing) / I be on my game (Game) / If it’s competition (‘Tition) / I put them to shame (Shame)”
+	“Automatically in Love”	Carly Rae Jepsen	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “Automatically in love / Right away, baby, it’s a real rollercoaster / When the wind goes the other way”
+	“Cold”	Rico Nasty and Kenny Beats	Lyric most relevant to the Hoos: “This ain’t no bud, this s—t ain’t gon’ fade away / No, it won’t fade away, shots like a fade-away / Smile in a hater’s face, watch what the f—k you say”
✓	“Don’t Worry Baby”	The Beach Boys	Lyrics most relevant to the Hoos: “Don’t worry, baby / Everything will turn out alright.”

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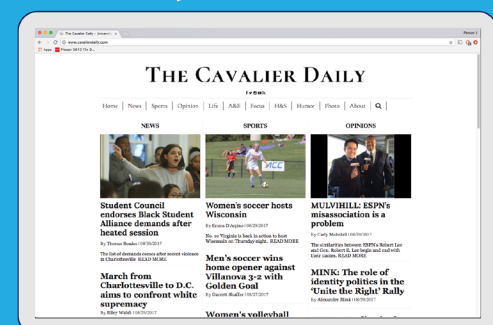
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# SPORTS

## Virginia's offense needs to innovate

How Virginia can reinvent and reinvigorate its struggling offense

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Virginia football has had a lot of highlights this season. A 4-0 start, heroic quarterback and premier defense are just a couple of them. However, one issue still plagues the Cavaliers six games into the season — an offense that lacks imagination and dynamism.

Virginia entered the 2019 season with hopes to win the ACC Coastal and secure a second consecutive bowl win. After a 2018 campaign that ended with a 28-0 shutout of South Carolina in the Belk Bowl, the Cavaliers had plenty of reasons to be confident. Many key players from the 2018 roster returned this year, including preseason All-American senior cornerback Bryce Hall and senior quarterback Bryce Perkins.

The Cavaliers' confidence was soaring early, after opening up the season with four consecutive wins and peaking at No. 18 in the AP Poll.

However, Virginia benefitted from an easy early-season schedule. The Cavaliers recorded an impressive road victory over ACC foe Pittsburgh in the opener. Their next three victories came against William & Mary, Florida State and Old Dominion — teams with a combined record of 6-12.

After its comeback win over Old Dominion, Virginia's attention turned to a road date with then-No. 10 Notre Dame — a football powerhouse and 2018 College Football Playoff finalist.

Virginia led 17-14 at halftime and looked in control of the game. However, it didn't take long for the Fighting Irish to find their rhythm and strike back. Notre Dame would go on to outscore the Cavaliers 21-3 in the second half on its way to a 35-20 victory. Despite a promising start, the end result left more issues unresolved than solved for Virginia.

Going on the road to battle a top-ten team is never easy. With a bye week following the loss and a reeling Miami next on the schedule, the Cavaliers knew they were still in a position to reach their lofty goals.

That would change when Virginia ended up losing 17-9 to the Hurricanes Friday night. The Hurricanes started off the game with a long fourth down conversion that resulted in a touchdown to go up 7-0. However, from that point on, the Cavaliers looked in control.

Virginia drove the ball inside Miami's 25-yard line six times, yet only came away with nine points. In a game where the red-zone offense struggled and the running game failed to break through, Virginia's recurring offensive issues caught up to them again — this time against a much weaker opponent.

Offensive coordinator Robert

Anae's offense was promising early in the year but, recently, his schemes have been exposed. If Anae doesn't adapt his offense to the increasing quality of his opponent's defenses, Virginia's hopes of winning the ACC Coastal are gone.

The Cavaliers' offensive issues start up front. Against inferior opponents such as William & Mary and Old Dominion, the Cavaliers dominated the trenches. Against Notre Dame, they were the ones dominated, and the line struggled once more against Miami. While Virginia's offensive line is critical for both the passing and running games and needs an influx of talent, there are still steps that can be taken to bolster the offense.

### Diversify the running game

Anae's inability to find creative ways to run the football has been a detriment to the team's success. Despite having a power back in sophomore Wayne Taulapapa, a quick freshman running back in Mike Hollins and two elusive receiving backs in junior PK Kier and sophomore Lamont Atkins, Anae hasn't been able to effectively utilize this plethora of talent. All of Virginia's running backs combined have 94 carries, while Perkins has 84 himself.

The feature back all year has been Taulapapa, leading all running backs with 57 carries. Anae has been adamant in sticking with Taulapapa, despite Hollins and other backs showing promise at different points during the season. The problem with Taulapapa is that he lacks the requisite burst of speed to reach the edge and explode down the field. Anae's typical run design has been inefficiently plunging the ball up the middle with Taulapapa, who is averaging just 3.7 yards per carry on the season. Anae hasn't been able to create wrinkles in the running game nor take advantage of Hollins, who has a quicker first cut and better burst, and is averaging 6.5 yards per carry.

### Spread out the defense

At this point in the season, defenses know what is coming with the run game. With Taulapapa unable to hit the edge, defensive coordinators don't have to worry about losing positioning on the defensive line or stacking more than four or five players in the box.

If Anae incorporates Kier and Atkins more on swing or screen passes to the outside, opposing defensive coordinators would have to gameplan for a lot more out of the backfield. Working the duo into the offense would create a balanced run-pass combination at the running back position with a unique blend of speed, elusiveness and power. Spreading the ball to the edge of



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Virginia's offensive line struggled in the latest two matchups at Notre Dame and Miami, giving up eight and five sacks, respectively.

the field would keep opposing inside linebackers and safeties guessing and prevent them from stacking the box — this would relieve some pressure on the Cavaliers' offensive line and Perkins as well.

### Incorporate Kelly and Kemp in the passing game

With the offense's inability to run the football, defending against the Virginia passing attack becomes much easier. It allows opposing teams to rush four defensive linemen and drop seven into coverage. Without a dialed-up blitz, the expectation is that the offensive linemen will be able to handle the four-man rush. However, this hasn't been the reality. Defensive ends have been able to use sheer power and speed to beat the Virginia tackles and get to Perkins. With seven players in coverage, it is hard for Perkins to hit his first read, as he needs time to work through his progressions. Against Notre Dame, the Cavaliers allowed eight sacks and had four total rushing yards in the game. Once the Fighting Irish figured out that Perkins would have to throw his way to victory, Notre Dame refocused on pass pressure and defense at halftime, and Coach Bronco Mendenhall and Anae failed to react.

Anae can improve his scheme by

using speedy sophomore receivers Tavares Kelly Jr. and Billy Kemp IV more heavily. While the pair doesn't have the ability to run precise routes into the middle of opposing zone coverages, the two wideouts possess elite speed on the outside. By throwing quick screens and running end arounds with Kelly and Kemp, it opens up the middle of the defense, which makes life easier for Perkins. Once the edge opens up, Anae could begin to incorporate motions into the offense, which would force the linebackers to cover shift to address the new threat. As a result, lanes for Taulapapa would open up between the tackles, and a running game would be able to develop.

### Take more shots down the field

A lot of what the Cavaliers do on offense relies on the success of the run-pass option, where Perkins has the decision to hand the ball off inside or pull it out to throw a quick pass. However, Anae has become overly reliant on the RPO and has failed to take shots deep down the field. In an RPO, the first read is often the only read as the play develops extremely quickly. Since the offense doesn't call plays for Perkins to move the ball deep down the field, safeties can play up to the line of scrimmage and defend

short routes. Taking more shots down the field will open up shallow routes. Ideally, Virginia would run play action passes that would create more holes, but until the offense establishes a run game, that option isn't available.

Many of Virginia's offensive struggles stem from the struggles on the offensive line. However, Anae and Mendenhall must accept that weakness of the team and find ways to deal with it. By using quicker receivers and running backs and attempting more deep passes, the offense can open the field up for Perkins and become multi-dimensional. At the moment, Perkins looks for his first read, and when it is not there, is forced to tuck the ball and scramble due to his poor offensive line. That won't change until Anae mixes up the offense to keep defenses guessing and hold opponents accountable.

In a season where the Virginia defense has been excellent, the offense must find a way to produce. There is no questioning the talent on this Virginia team, but there are clear ways to utilize that talent better. If the Cavaliers can accomplish this, they will be well on their way to the ACC Coastal crown.

# Virginia deserves to be on College GameDay

The world deserves to see Lee Corso in a Cavalier mask

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When Virginia football downed William & Mary 52-17, launching them to No. 25 in the AP Poll, it was the earliest the Cavaliers had been ranked in a season since 2005. From higher attendance numbers to consecutive weeks in the top 25, Virginia football has made strides in the 2019 season.

However, even as they are currently tied for first in the ACC Coastal Division, there is one thing the Cavaliers have yet to accomplish — be featured on ESPN's College GameDay program.

College GameDay is a pre-game show broadcast by ESPN that focuses on a featured college football game every week. In fact, the show is hosted on the campus of the home team playing in that game.

Hosts Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, Lee Corso and Rece Davis — along with a celebrity guest — offer analysis of the day's games, interact with fans and finish with a specific prediction for the featured game.

During this infamous segment, Corso dons the headgear of the team's mascot that he predicts will win the game.

The requirements for the featured game include a Saturday kickoff, typically at night, as well as excitement and significance.

So where has College GameDay graced with their presence? They've hosted Ohio State a record 18 times, followed by Alabama, Florida and LSU 13 times. In total, 91 schools have appeared on the show.

And where has College GameDay not come? They've never travelled to Scott Stadium in Charlottesville.

Virginia has Cav Man galloping across the field, the Good Ol' Song and near-constant tributes to the 2019 NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship. What more could College GameDay want?

On a more serious note, Virginia is one of only 10 schools from a Power 5 football conference yet to host College GameDay. The Cavaliers are joined by

Minnesota, Maryland, Duke, Wake Forest, UC Berkeley, Syracuse, Illinois, Kansas and Rutgers.

Syracuse was ranked No. 22 in pre-season polls, but fell out of the top 25 by week 3. UC Berkeley was also briefly ranked in weeks 4 and 5, as was Wake Forest in weeks 6 and 7. Maryland was ranked No. 21 in week 3.

Though Virginia fell out of the top 25 after a road loss to Miami this past week, the Cavaliers were still ranked for five consecutive weeks and could move back into the top 25 with a home win against Duke Saturday.

In other words, Virginia held a position in the top 25 for longer than any of its other GameDay-scorned counterparts.

It's worth noting that GameDay's successful college basketball spin-off has visited John Paul Jones Arena four times since the program's inception in 2005 — once every year since 2015. Clearly, ESPN has nothing against the Cavaliers themselves.

While Virginia was struggling with attendance for home games as recently as 2017, attendance numbers have skyrocketed this season. According to Virginia Athletics, the opening home game against William & Mary saw the highest student attendance since 2008, and that record could be surpassed later this season with Virginia Tech coming to Charlottesville Nov. 29.

A notable opportunity missed by GameDay was the Virginia victory against Florida State Sept. 14, which coincided with the raising of the NCAA National Championship banner and was attended not only by large amounts of students but also by former Virginia men's basketball guard Kyle Guy and former Virginia defensive end Chris Long.

The Cavaliers' matchup with Duke this weekend would have been another fine opportunity as both teams are tied at the top of the ACC Coastal. However, ESPN chose to feature the Michigan and Penn State game in-

stead.

Additionally, Virginia hasn't defeated Virginia Tech since 2003 and, with both teams currently sitting at 4-2 overall, their regular season finale is sure to be a nail-biter. However, with the game happening on a Friday, it is ineligible for College GameDay.

ESPN's dismissal of the Duke and Florida State games makes a 2019 GameDay trip to Charlottesville unlikely. Nevertheless, College GameDay's disregard for Virginia football shouldn't go unnoticed. Virginia's historic start to the season, combined with an exciting team, electrifying atmosphere and unpredictable division, makes it a clear candidate to host College GameDay soon.

Maybe that means next season Virginia fans will finally get to see Corso put on Cavalier headgear.

## Virginia vs. Duke — a breakdown

Cavaliers look to bounce back from two consecutive losses

Vignesh Mulay | Sports Editor

Reeling from back-to-back losses to No. 8 Notre Dame and Miami, Virginia football will look to get back on track when it hosts Duke Saturday afternoon. Virginia and Duke are currently tied at the top of the ACC Coastal division, with both teams vying for a spot in the ACC Championship game. Let's take a look at some key players and keys to the game that can help the Cavaliers (4-2, 2-1 ACC) defeat the Blue Devils (4-2, 2-1 ACC) for the fifth straight time.

### Players to watch:

*Sophomore running back Wayne Taulapapa*

While senior quarterback Bryce Perkins may be the undisputed leader of Virginia's offense, Taulapapa is still a critical part of the system. In the Cavaliers' last two games — their only losses of the season — Taulapapa ran for a combined 58 yards and zero touchdowns, averaging less than 3.5 yards per carry in both games. In his three prior starts, Taulapapa had 152 total yards and five touchdowns. After a stellar start to 2019, Taulapapa's production has slowed down considerably, and offensive struggles have followed. Without a consistent running game, the Virginia offense has become one-dimensional and predictable. The opposing defense can focus all its attention on pass pressure and defense, placing a huge burden on Perkins and

the Cavaliers' offensive line. For Virginia to breathe some life into the offense, Taulapapa needs to start being an impact player again — an explosive runner and a threat at the goal line.

### Junior safety De'Vante Cross

The Virginia defense suffered a huge blow against Miami last weekend when NFL prospect and senior cornerback Bryce Hall was carted off the field due to a left ankle injury. Bronco Mendenhall announced Monday at his weekly press conference that Hall had undergone surgery and was not expected to return this season. Against the Hurricanes, Cross replaced Hall at outside corner opposite junior cornerback Nick Grant. Formerly a quarterback and wide receiver at Virginia, Cross made the switch to safety full-time this season and has started every game. Under very difficult circumstances, Cross' performance after Hall's injury had mixed results. At times, Cross did everything right but, at other points, he gave up yardage on plays that could have been prevented. With preseason All-American Hall in the lineup, Virginia always had a shutdown defender covering one side of the field. Without that security blanket, the Cavaliers will need Cross to produce at a high level immediately Saturday. While Duke senior quarterback Quentin Harris may not be an elite passer, he's good enough to

beat secondaries that make mistakes. Expect Coach David Cutcliffe and the Blue Devils to test Cross early and often. The Pennsylvania native will need to be ready.

### Keys to the game:

*Play hard all four quarters*

While Duke has had an up-and-down 2019 season, the one constant this season for the Blue Devils, however, has been big scoring runs. Duke has produced scoring runs of at least 24 straight points in each of its last five games. In other words, the Blue Devils' offense doesn't need much time to score a lot of points. Duke's 28-point second quarter against Georgia Tech and its 20-point fourth quarter against Pittsburgh are prime examples of the team's offensive explosiveness. The Virginia defense has been excellent all year, but it can't afford to ease up against the Blue Devils. If the Cavaliers allow Duke to get into a rhythm, there could be a huge momentum shift in the Blue Devils' favor — one from which Virginia may not recover.

### Figure out the offensive line

In 2019, the offensive line has been Virginia's most anemic unit. The Cavaliers' line has been porous, inconsistent and ineffective in both the passing and rushing games. Virginia allowed 13 sacks combined across the last two games, losing a total of 83 yards in the process. Against Notre Dame, the



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Junior safety De'Vante Cross replaced senior cornerback Bryce Hall against Miami.

poor performance from the offensive line led to just 0.1 rushing yards per play. It was only marginally better against Miami when the Cavaliers ran for 2.4 yards per play. Leading the team in sacks and tackles respectively, junior defensive end Victor Dimukeje and senior linebacker Koby Quansah will be the key difference-makers for Duke. If the Virginia offensive line can find some way to be half-decent against the likes of Dimukeje and Quansah and the rest of the Blue Devils, the Cavaliers' chances of winning this game will see a major boost.

Despite losing former quarterback

Daniel Jones to the NFL — selected sixth overall by the New York Giants — Duke is as dangerous as ever this season. The team defeated Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech by wide margins and lost just one conference game narrowly to Pittsburgh. As Virginia gears up to welcome Duke to Charlottesville, expect a tight battle to be decided in the fourth quarter.

The game will kick off at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon from Scott Stadium.

# Midseason update: ACC Coastal Power Rankings

Virginia leapfrogged by Pittsburgh and North Carolina in the contentious Coastal division

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At the midway point of Virginia football's season, it is an opportune time to assess Virginia's current position in the divisional race. With two consecutive losses and an overall record of 4-2, the Cavaliers no longer remain at the top of the Coastal division. With five out of the seven teams trading positions week after week and a spot in the ACC Championship on the line, no one in the division is safe.

## 1. Pittsburgh (4-2, 1-1 ACC)

Last week: Bye

This week: Friday at Syracuse

The reigning Coastal division champions have largely disproven my preseason evaluation. After predicting the Panthers to remain in mediocrity for the entirety of the season, they have made significant strides from week one to week six. Pittsburgh lost convincingly to formerly-ranked Virginia in week one but has since gone on to beat previously-ranked No. 16 UCF 35-34 at home and nearly upset No. 7 Penn State on the road. Since beating UCF in week four, the Panthers won easily against Delaware in week five and took down a resurgent Duke team on the road in week six 33-30. Junior quarterback Kenny Pickett remains the primary weapon in the Panthers' pass-heavy offensive scheme, although he's only tallied mediocre numbers — 1370 total passing yards, 6 touchdowns and a quarterback ranking of 63 in five games he started. Looking ahead to the remainder of the season, Pittsburgh's schedule might be the easiest of the Coastal division contenders, facing an All-ACC six-game stretch of teams — none of its future opponents have a better record than 4-2 thus far. Moreover, Pittsburgh seems to perform better as the season progresses. Given their premier wins, team identity and easy remaining schedule, the Panthers sit atop the Coastal division.

## 2. North Carolina (3-3, 2-1 ACC)

Last week: Bye

This week: Saturday at Virginia Tech

Do not let its record fool you — North Carolina is a good football team. While its three wins are relatively unimpressive, North Carolina has gone toe-to-toe with the best of the best this season. Most notably, the Tar Heels were inches away from upsetting former No. 1 Clemson, as well nearly beating Wake Forest — who has a 5-1 record — and No. 24 Appalachian State. With a new but experienced coaching staff and

breakout freshman quarterback Sam Howell, North Carolina has responded exceptionally well to last season's 2-9 struggles. Offensively, Howell, sophomore running back Javonte Williams and sophomore receiver Dyami Brown have certainly been the premier performers in a dynamic scoring offense. Statistically, Howell has contributed 15 touchdowns along with Williams' three and Brown's five. Things haven't been spotless for North Carolina but, without a doubt, the Tar Heels are the most surprising team in the Coastal. Up ahead, North Carolina will be tested, starting with Virginia Tech on the road and then Duke and Virginia the following two weeks.

## 3. Virginia (4-2, 2-1 ACC)

Last week: 9-17 loss at Miami Oct. 11

This week: Saturday vs. Duke

After a promising 4-0 start to the season, Virginia has exited the top 25 and hit a mid-season slump with two consecutive losses on the road. Last week's performance really took the division by surprise. Against Miami, who sits in the bottom half of the Coastal division with a 1-2 ACC record, Virginia displayed a stagnant offense, heavily reliant on senior quarterback Bryce Perkins. The Cavaliers' weaknesses include poor ball security, an ineffective running game, a problematic offensive line and an inability to score in the red zone. Defensively, the Cavaliers held their own and performed to standard but lost preseason All-American and senior cornerback Bryce Hall. Regardless, the Cavaliers are 4-2 with a team full of playmakers and the steady, reputable Coach Bronco Mendenhall. Virginia's position in the Coastal is bound to change given its response this week against Duke. This is a good opportunity for Virginia to rebound at home and get back on track for the remainder of the season.

## 4. Duke (4-2, 2-1 ACC)

Last week: 41-23 win vs. Georgia Tech Oct. 12

This week: Saturday at Virginia

Duke's first half of the season places it firmly in the middle of the pack. Duke's current 4-2 record is generous. The Blue Devils' schedule thus far has been relatively easy, playing North Carolina A&T and Middle Tennessee State in weeks two and three. The Blue Devils' only impressive win came in week four with a 45-10 drubbing of Virginia Tech. Most recently, Duke put together



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Reeling from two consecutive losses, Virginia falls in the midseason ACC Coastal Power Rankings.

a strong offensive performance against divisional opponent Georgia Tech, putting up a 28-point second quarter. Duke's streaky play will be put to the test in week seven against Virginia. The Blue Devils have improved on both sides of the ball, but their team identity has yet to be discovered. After Virginia, Duke will face North Carolina and No. 8 Notre Dame, making a late season surge very difficult. Unless they win this weekend at Virginia, the Blue Devils' chances to move up the divisional rankings are slim.

## 5. Virginia Tech (4-2, 1-2 ACC)

Last week: 34-17 win vs. Rhode Island Oct. 12

This week: Saturday vs. North Carolina

This week, Virginia Tech has a golden opportunity to catapult up the rankings with a matchup against North Carolina. Virginia Tech's resume thus far is lackluster. The Hokies have posted wins against Old Dominion, Furman, Miami and Rhode Island. Similarly to Duke, the Hokies seem to be getting better as more games are played. In week five against Miami, Coach Justin Fuente made a change at quarterback, replacing senior Ryan Willis with sophomore Hendon Hooker. Based on Hooker's performances in games

against Miami and Rhode Island, Fuente may have found his future quarterback. Last weekend, Hooker threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns against Rhode Island. However, on the other side of the ball, the defense continues to be an issue, allowing Rhode Island to linger into the fourth quarter. Struggles in the secondary and penalties signal a lack of discipline and continue to set this team back. However, do not count out the coaching ability of defensive coordinator Bud Foster to tighten things up. This week is a huge opportunity for the Hokies and expect it to be a close one.

## 6. Miami (3-3, 1-2 ACC)

Last week: 17-9 win vs. Virginia Oct. 11

This week: Saturday vs. Georgia Tech

Miami stays relevant with a home victory over formerly No. 20 Virginia. Looking at its three losses, Miami put up fights against good football teams — No. 9 Florida, North Carolina and Virginia Tech. Considering these competitive games plus the upset over Virginia, the Hurricanes look better on paper than they are. Their other two wins both came at home against Bethune-Cookman and Central Michigan. With red-shirt freshman quarterback Jar-

ren Williams cleared for practice, the Hurricanes have a decision to make at the quarterback position — either Williams or sophomore N'Kosi Perry. While the win against Virginia staved off an 0-3 start in conference play, there is still plenty of uncertainty around Miami. Fortunately for the Hurricanes, the second half of the season is favorable, facing Georgia Tech, Louisville and Florida International, and Miami has a decent chance to hang around .500.

## 7. Georgia Tech (1-5, 0-3 ACC)

Last week: 23-41 loss at Duke Oct. 12

This week: Saturday at Miami

Unfortunately for Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets are the only team to remain in the same position as my preseason rankings — bottom of the Coastal. Taking one look at their record, the Yellow Jackets struggles are evident. Transitioning from the long-time triple option offense, first-year Coach Geoff Collins is still in the adjustment period. With an even tougher second half schedule, it's almost impossible to imagine Georgia Tech turning its season around.

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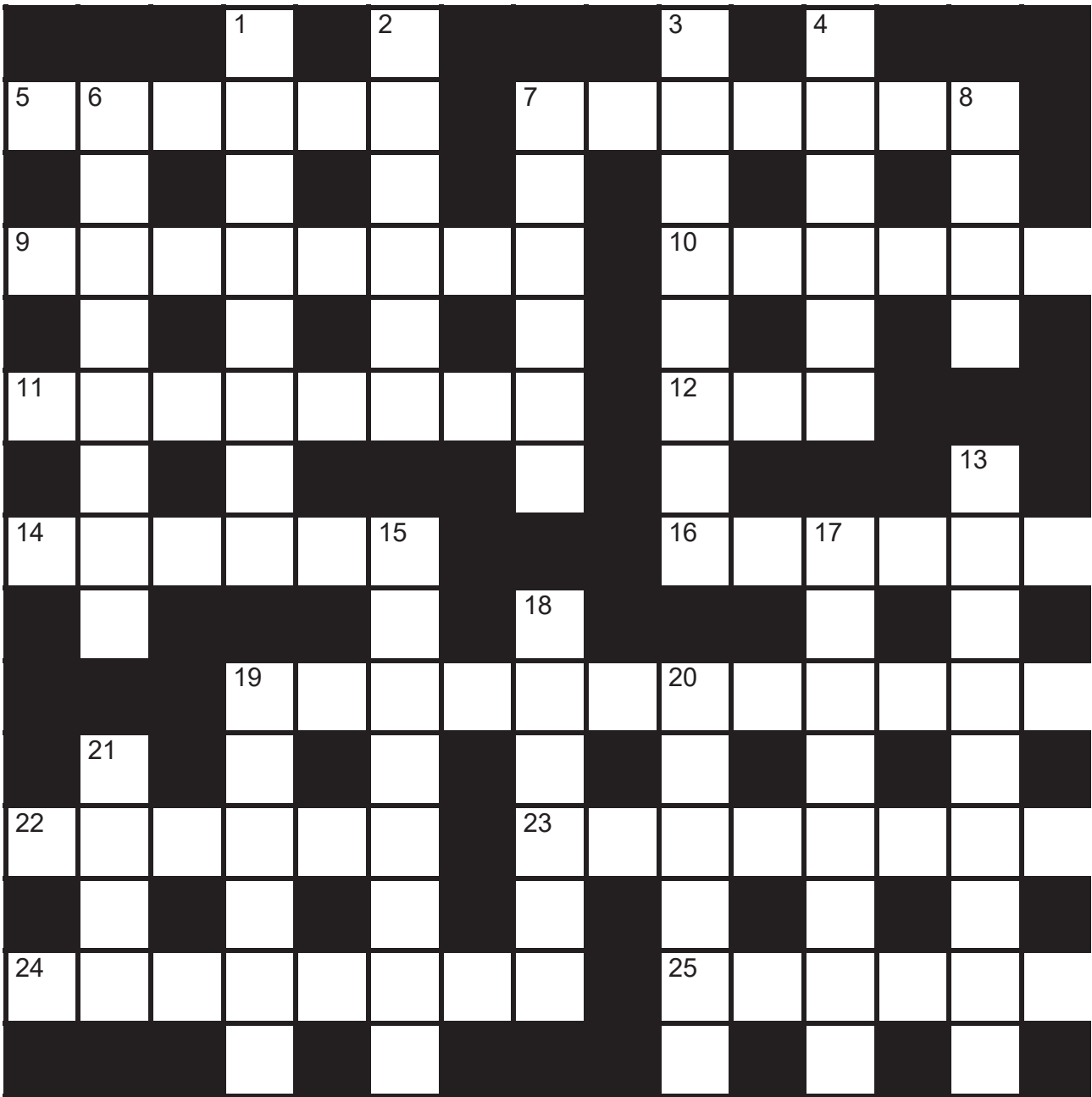
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Across

- 5 Stick firmly to
- 7 Classically, a woman's bedroom
- 9 Type of Italian dessert
- 10 Hyphenated phrase used to describe the latest iPhone, maybe
- 11 A couple of Tonys who share a surname — one sang at the Rotunda last weekend, the other turned down a raise
- 12 Dull routine
- 14 Compound word whose more common form ends in "-tender"
- 16 Acquire, get
- 19 One Tony famously left his heart here
- 22 Acidity test
- 23 Writ ordering someone to attend court
- 24 The manner in which one of the Tonys turned down his raise
- 25 "What's cookin', good-\_\_\_?"

Down

- 1 Each year — in financial terms
- 2 Withstand, abstain
- 3 Much-hyped HBO show starring Zendaya
- 4 Type of bird that shares a syllable with titmouse
- 6 Where to park cars
- 7 Injured skin
- 8 What both Tonys undoubtedly are, regardless of whether or not they take raises
- 13 Birth state of one of the Tonys
- 15 Archaic term for a perfect person or thing
- 17 Red, white and blue, for example
- 18 Harsh and loud, like the family of instruments from which this adjective gets its name
- 19 Effortlessly or purely
- 20 Small bite
- 21 With "in," instead



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# OPINION

## LEAD EDITORIAL

# U.Va. must reform the Hospital's debt collection policies

*Though the University has enacted some change, it cannot fully address the problem without completely ending their practices*

In light of the recent reporting that uncovered the aggressive debt collection tactics employed by the U.Va. Health System, the University has announced changes it will be making to the billing process. These reforms include revised financial assistance guidelines which will allow more low-income patients to get partial or complete relief from their medical debt. However, the University stopped short of ceasing all lawsuits against indebted patients, citing legal obstacles. It instead opted to institute a threshold that limits lawsuits to only debts above \$1,000 and against patients who earn at least 400 percent above the federal poverty line. We praise the University's quick adoption of new policies to redress the problematic practices of the hospital, but we also urge

the administration to work diligently to end all debt collection lawsuits. The new financial assistance guidelines, which will come into effect on Jan. 1, are a much-needed improvement to the current draconian guidelines. They will create a sliding scale of eligibility for assistance. The plan ranges from fully writing off bills for people who earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line and have less than \$50,000 in assets to a 40 percent reduction for people who earn below 400 percent of the poverty line regardless of assets. This is significantly more generous than the current guidelines, which only help people if they are at or lower than the federal poverty line and own fewer than \$3,200 in assets. To put that in perspective, according to The

Daily Progress, "low-income families with as little as \$4,000 in a savings account were dunned for outstanding medical bills, as well as court fees and lawyer fees." This is grossly inappropriate and the University is rightfully changing it. With that in mind, however, the crux, of the debt collection scandal was the aggressive legal strategy taken by the hospital that devastated people's lives, so any suitable response to it will include a complete renouncement of those actions. The simple — once-thought-to-be-obvious — fact is that a publicly funded organization should not be kicking families out of their homes because someone got sick. While the University reforms do mitigate the risk of that happening, they don't eliminate it. The University's reason for

not stopping all lawsuits against patients is that it is legally obligated as a state agency to collect unpaid bills. Yet, it is unclear to us how that could be the case considering that VCU Health, another health system run by a public university, recently halted all lawsuits against patients. Perhaps there are sound legal reasons as to why the University cannot immediately end the practice. If that is the case, then University officials should follow through with their plan to lobby the General Assembly. Moreover, they should do so with the same level of aggressiveness used to squeeze every last penny from its poorest patients. And if it is successful, U.Va. should stop all suits against patients the minute it is lawful. The manner in which the University conducted debt collection

for medical bills is absolutely unacceptable and should never be allowed to happen again. While we are pleased with the progress the University has made thus far, we will not be fully satisfied until the hospital renounces all lawsuits against patients over unpaid medical bills.

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# Adopt the New College Curriculum

*The New College Curriculum is a groundbreaking academic progression for higher education, and rejecting it would be a spectacular mistake*

The New College Curriculum is a groundbreaking academic progression for higher education and rejecting it would be a spectacular mistake

Last semester I wrote a column in ardent defense of the College's New College Curriculum. I argued the criticisms of the New Curriculum "could not be further from the truth" and I highlighted the importance of the curriculum, its faculty, its courses, and its benefits not only to UVa., but to higher education itself. Additionally, I expressed my belief the New Curriculum frees first-year students' minds from the confines of traditional secondary education and engages students and faculty in innovative ways.

The College faculty is gearing up for a vote on October 18 on the status of the New College after a three-year opt-in pilot phase. They face a decision with incredible weight — whether to adopt the New Curriculum across the College and catapult the University forward, or instead throw away years of research and development to stick with the status quo. The fate of the University's academic standing, the future of its students, and the shape of higher education for decades to come all rest on the decision of the College faculty.

The Traditional Curriculum, the "default" of the College, has not been updated since the 1970s. It is absurd

that a student then, without the internet and without our contemporary socio-economic and political discourses, followed the same course of study as a student today. The Traditional Curriculum does not prompt students to examine aesthetic integration in society, observe and analyze our classifications of identity, challenge our ethical norms, or transcend the boundaries of knowledge. It simply does not fit in our contemporary time, and has

and philosophical inquiry to historical perspectives to living systems, courses in the Literacies equip students with the tools necessary to adapt to our ever-changing modern world — quantification and data analysis, foreign languages and rhetoric — and courses in the Engagements cover the four fields of liberal arts — aesthetics, difference, ethics and empiricism. Together, the three areas of the New Curriculum build an unparalleled academic ex-

other — take their research, further it and turn it into real, tangible change in their community. The Engagement Labs are preparing students to be the civic citizens our society so desperately needs, and increasing the connectivity between UVa. and Charlottesville.

As an Undergraduate Fellow in the New Curriculum — one of the dozens of second- and third-year undergraduate students who have committed to guiding Lab groups — I've seen my

is so important. It is critical that this exposure is continued and expanded if the University wants to hold its place in the upper echelons of higher education, continue its upward momentum, and close the gap between itself and the Charlottesville community.

The New College Curriculum is the future of higher education in this country. It has shown its capability to produce students who are well-versed in the major issues of our time, where our society stands, and where we need to go. It encourages students to examine the integration of aesthetics into all aspects of our society, and pushes them to the boundaries of our scientific knowledge. It challenges students to analyze our self-classification based on differences in identity, and question why we subscribe — or don't — to the dominant ethical systems of our community. Perhaps more important than all else, it provides first-year students with an experience unachievable at any other university in the country. A faculty rejection of the New College Curriculum would be a spectacular mistake — a missed opportunity and an academic regression. The College faculty must vote to adopt the New College Curriculum.

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**It's time for a curriculum that better reflects the needs of our University, our community and our contemporary discourse.**

reached a point of hindrance on academic progress. It's time for a curriculum that better reflects the needs of our University, our community, and our contemporary discourse. It's high time for the Traditional Curriculum to be replaced.

The New College Curriculum is a stunning example of academic progress. Its three requirement areas — the Engagements, Literacies and Disciplines — are each uniquely crafted to ensure students are prepared for higher-level academic studies and well-versed in the issues of our contemporary time. Courses in the Disciplines encompass everything from artistic

experience, incomparable to any peer institution.

New to the Curriculum this fall, the Engagement Labs are a groundbreaking supplement to the main Engagement courses. Not to be confused with a traditional STEM lab, the Engagement Labs group first-year students together and task them with identifying, researching and analyzing an issue pertinent to the University and Charlottesville community. At the end of the academic year, students will be given the opportunity to apply for grant funding for their project. With this funding, students would have an opportunity unlike any

students produce incredible work on affordable housing and classism, the culture of perfectionism at the University, and on-Grounds microcosms of global socio-political inequalities and conflicts. The work students are doing in the Engagement Labs is more analogous to work in an upper-level seminar than the type of work required in traditional first-year introductory courses.

Students in the New Curriculum are exposed to the intersections of academic fields and interdisciplinary thought far earlier than students in other curricula or at other universities. That's why the New Curriculum

# Allow college athletes to profit from endorsements

*Fair Pay to Play helps preserve the integrity of college sports*

California passed the "Fair Pay to Play Act," on Sept. 30, allowing college athletes in California to be paid for the commercial use of their name, image and likeness — something the NCAA prohibits. The new law is a long-overdue victory for college football and basketball players, who collectively generate billions of dollars for the NCAA and college athletic programs each year without receiving any financial compensation. Virginia should follow California's lead to help collegiate athletes get financial payment they deserve.

A common argument against paying college athletes is that doing so would undermine the competitive parity of college football and basketball competitions. The claim is that established schools would be able to perpetually outbid smaller universities for top recruits, creating an unfair advantage that would harm the competitive rigor of the NCAA. But law does not allow schools to directly pay their athletes. Rather, it lets athletes to sign endorsement contracts with companies making apparel, products or advertisements, in order to receive a slice of the profits. The amount an athlete can earn will

be based not on which school he plays for, but on his ability to increase his endorsement value through excellent on-court performance. As such, competitive parity will not be hurt.

Even so, the NCAA has adamantly opposed any legislation allowing college athletes to earn a share of the financial value they generate. The NCAA has maintained that college athletes should not be paid because they are "amateur student-athletes,"

apparel contracts for merchandise and ticket sales. All the while, NCAA stipulations require that none of this money accrues to the athletes.

Many argue that playing college sports itself is a valuable educational opportunity that gives players the chance to prove their athletic ability and to be drafted into professional sports teams. However, according to NCAA Recruiting Facts, only 1.1 percent of college men's basketball

spend 40 to 50 hours a week practicing, leaving little time for academics. Most college athletes practice day and night, but emerge from college with no professional future, no substantive education and no compensation.

For those who nonetheless maintain that college athletes should not receive financial payment, it is important to realize the cracks in the current system. In September 2017, the Justice Department arrested 10

endorsement contracts, which will reduce the desire to enter illegal payment schemes.

Furthermore, the Fair Pay to Play law will make an especially big difference to low-income players. Shabazz Napier, a point guard for the Minnesota Timberwolves, said that when he played college basketball at the University of Connecticut, there were "hungry nights where I'm not able to eat." Amateur or not, student athletes should not be forced to go to bed hungry when many like Napier generate revenue for their schools.

Legislators in other states, including New York, Florida and Illinois, are proposing similar legislation to California's. These efforts will give college athletes a well-deserved slice of the financial value generated by their stellar athletic performance and preserve the integrity of college sports. Hopefully the Commonwealth of Virginia can follow in these footsteps and bring compensation to athletes who have time and time again demonstrated their worth.

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**By passing Fair Pay to Play, California has taken an important first step in moving college sports towards a fairer system.**

an artful phrase that disguises the enormous level of financial value and corporate involvement in the college sports. While college athletes go unpaid, the NCAA and college athletic departments generate massive revenues. Last year, the NCAA, a non-profit organization, collected \$1.1 billion in revenue, mainly from TV and video game contracts. Top college athletic departments raked in over \$100 million, primarily from

and 1.5 percent of college men's football athletes move onto professional sports. Players who do not become professional athletes — the vast majority — are in effect dedicating their college careers and risking physical injury to play a sport that generates enormous revenues for all stakeholders except themselves. True, many of these players receive full cost scholarships and in theory are given a free education, but student-athletes

people, including basketball coaches, financial advisors and sports agents for secretly channeling payment to college basketball players and their families. By preventing athletes from being paid their market value, the NCAA has created an environment that encourages recruiting via under-the-table compensation. Fair Pay to Play solves this problem. The law gives athletes the opportunity to legitimately earn money through

# HUMOR

## Dating at U.Va.

College means freedom. For some reason, back in high school, your parents thought that JUST because they fed, housed, clothed and drove you that they had the right to tell you what to do. Now, you're a 100 percent independent college kid — well except for the few bucks that the 'rents spot you for tuition and housing but that can't be too much right? You can do WHATEVER you want — sleep until 3 p.m., go out on a Tuesday night, skip those pesky classes (there's always SOMEONE trying to ruin your fun huh?). But most importantly you can DATE whoever you please. There are so many fish in the sea, but how do you even start? Profess your love to that cute girl in class who you've admired for a semester but never said a word to? Take somebody on a date to Newcomb dining hall? Buy somebody a drink and HOPE that they have a 5 minute

conversation with you in return? No worries reader, yours truly will guide you through everything you need to know to successfully date at U.Va.

What are you looking for in a partner? Somebody to chill with? Somebody smarter than you to help you with your classes? Some eye-candy so your old friends on Instagram will know that you're cool now? Whatever the case, with our \*super diverse\* student population, you're sure to find somebody you vibe with. I mean, we have people from ALL over: Northern Virginia, Richmond and even Virginia Beach! How exotic!

Clubs are definitely a good starting point to find somebody with similar interests. For example, you can join UGuides if you're looking for people who enjoy telling you they're in UGuides, the Jefferson Society if you want an intellectual who's never free Fri-

day nights or perhaps an acapella group if you dream of being serenaded with a One Direction song. Applying to Comm clubs will help you learn the most important party of dating — getting used to rejection. Of course, there's always The Cavalier Daily, and I heard the new humor columnist is pretty cute.

Classes work just as well! Trust me, hitting on people in your group project is completely socially acceptable. It's not like they can't just stop talking to you if they aren't interested! Besides, you're a busy student, and combining flirting and studying saves so much time. Also, if you are crushing on somebody in your class, you'll be super motivated to do well! How else do you think I survived accounting?

Finally, for the lazy people out there, there's always Tinder. You can swipe right and left in the

comfort of your own home. Make sure to upload some good (unrealistic) pictures of yourself! Group pictures are definitely a good idea, maybe she'll confuse you with your more attractive friends and swipe right! The matches will start rolling in in no time, but most of them will probably go to James Madison University or be high schoolers. Once you've found somebody who actually goes here, all you have to do is send a witty first message. Something that will help you stand out from the rest of the pack. Something super original like "hey what's up?" would be perfect.

Now for the actual date. Unless you're one of the lucky few with a car, you're basically stuck with somewhere on the Corner. Anywhere besides Sheetz should work. Snatch some flowers from Garden VI if you want to make a good impression. What do you even talk about though? How much money

your dad makes? How many Instagram followers you have? How much Tech sucks? If you want to take my word for it, the best thing to do is take an interest in the other person. What makes them tick? What makes them get out of bed in the morning (besides their 9 AM). And, most importantly, do they snore? When it comes time to pay the bill, fellas, we know the appropriate thing to do. But say, theoretically, if you \*accidentally\* forgot your wallet, a promise to Venmo them later works just as well.

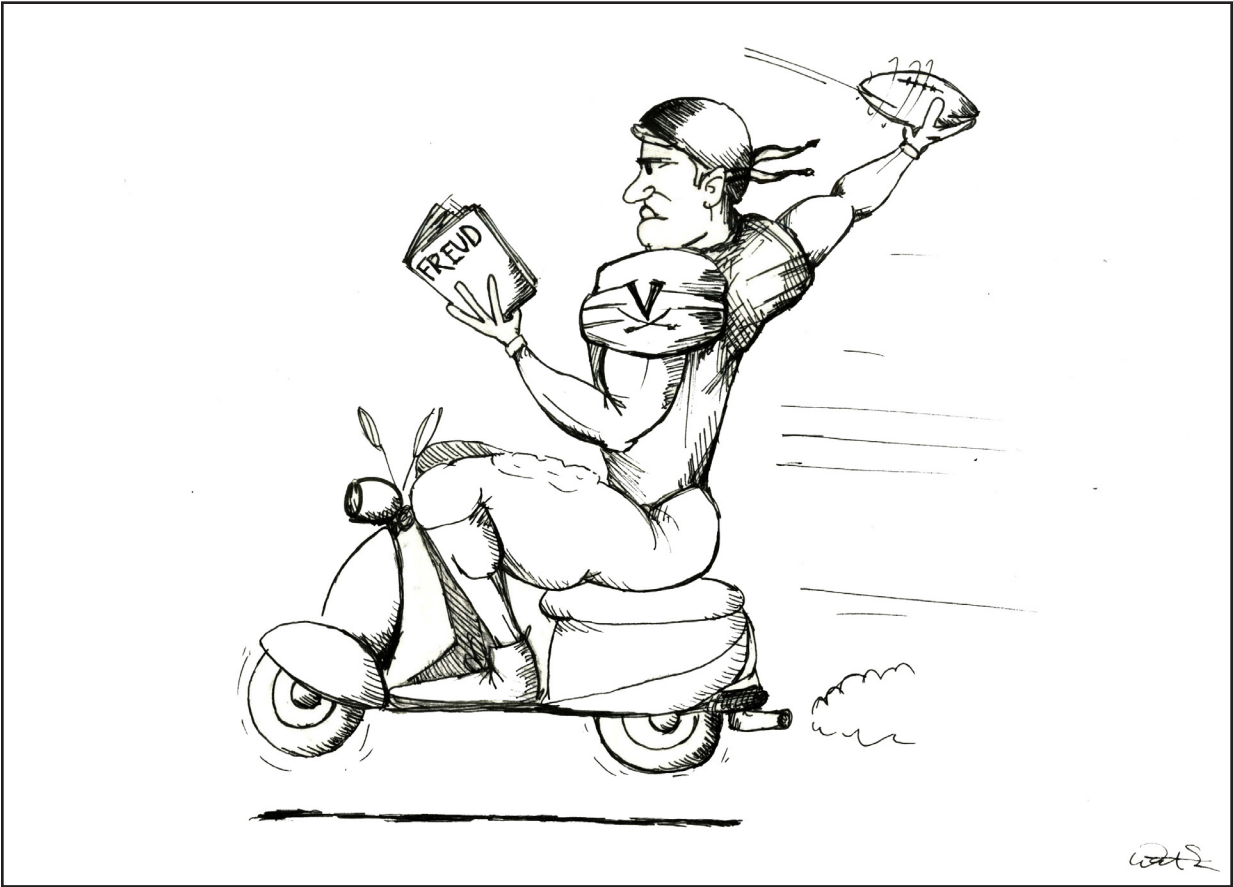
Nobody said dating would be easy. But, one day, when you finally have a date to that formal, you'll realize it was all worth it. That is, until you see your grades at the end of the semester.

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# HEALTH & SCIENCE

## Students use sports analytics to predict performance

Students and faculty generate statistical models to predict ability and wins for the Cavalier football team, other varsity and professional sports

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With new advances in technology, students and faculty researchers at the University have begun applying science to sports by using data analytics to predict the future success of both individual athletes and entire teams. William T. Scherer, professor of systems and information engineering and associate chair of Engineering Systems and Environment, along with engineering students completing their capstone projects, has been collaborating with the University's football team for the past five years or so to optimize recruitment strategies and performance.

Additionally, students at HackCville — a local organization that offers semester-long courses in areas such as programming and data science — are also engaging in the field of sports analytics, studying outcomes of professional golf and basketball tournaments. Whether in University engineering courses or data science classes at HackCville, sports analytics continues to grow in popularity, especially with reports from the University football team that the information improves outcomes on and off the field.

One group of students advised by Scherer in recent years developed two models focused on recruiting. The first, the "Diamond in the Rough" model, predicts which lower-ranked high school football players might one day be in the NFL. Results can inform coaching staff about which recruits to pursue because, as Scherer said, outcompeting prominent football schools for high-profile recruits is unlikely.

"There are some players out there with three or two [out of five] stars with incredible potential and we can get them," Scherer said. "The model can predict whether they will have good forward success in college, and we found that there was actually very little correlation between composite scores provided and actual college performance."

The second model returns a rating that attempts to measure an athlete's grit, or how tough a player is. Though this characteristic of a player may appear difficult to measure empirically, Scherer and his students assigned the scores with the assistance of IBM Watson, a supercomputer that incorporates artificial intelligence and analytics. After IBM Watson attached certain personality traits to recruits based on their Twitter feeds, students used their own algorithm to deter-

mine the final scores.

"So we try to predict performance, but the other part of the equation is we want to pick who is going to fit well in the current U.Va. system, which is a hardcore, tough system with a rigorous coach that has high standards," Scherer said.

Scherer and the engineering students recognize that football players are student athletes, meaning that their performance in the classroom can affect their ability to execute on the field too. As such, capstone projects aim to forecast the undergraduate GPA of possible recruits.

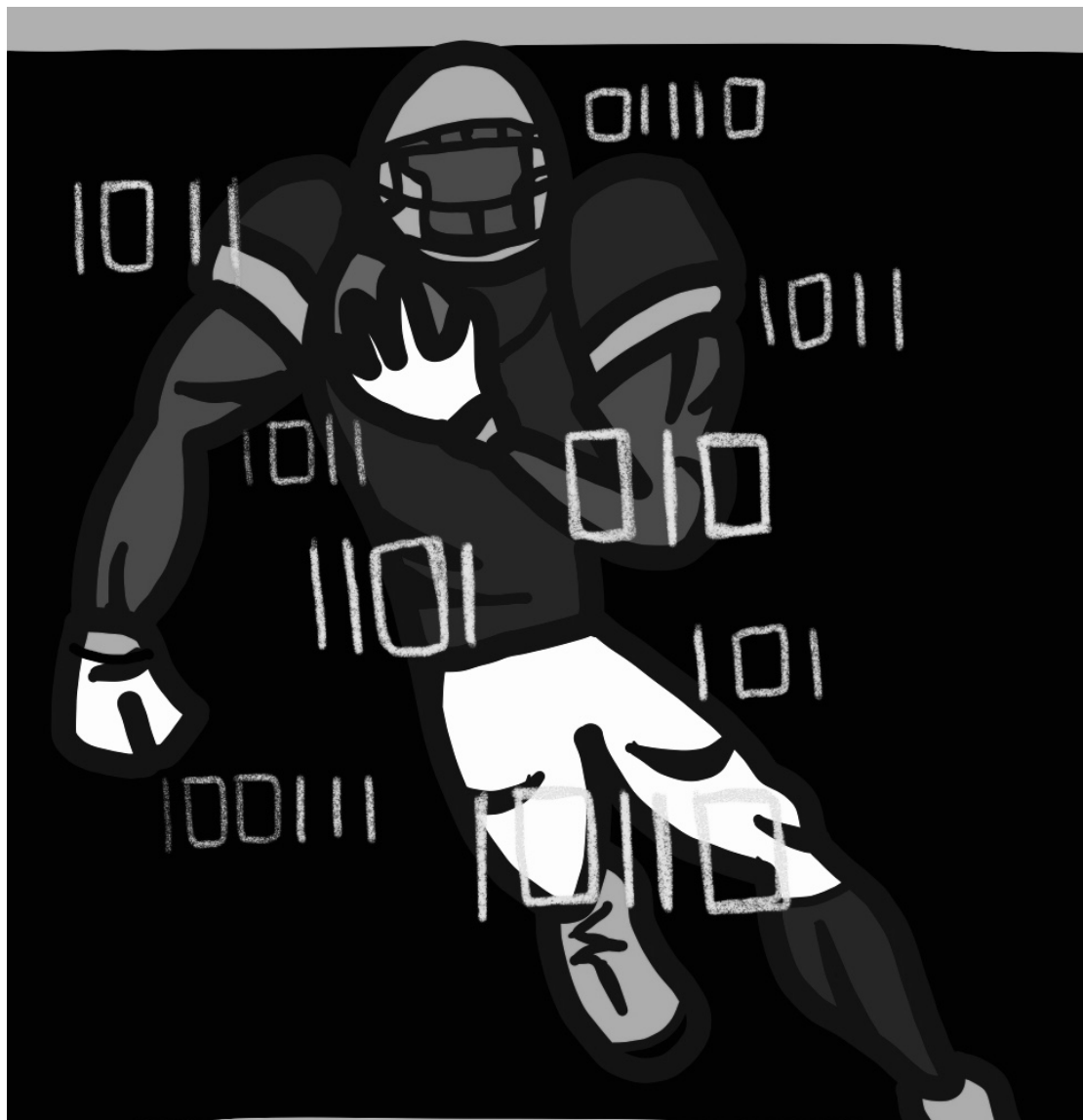
"We compute the likelihood that they will actually come to U.Va., how well we think they are going to perform, how tough they are or their grit and their GPA," Scherer said. "For every high school player in America we can get the coaches' estimates of those four things."

Practices also serve as indicators of successful execution in games. Therefore, training content and exertion factor into overall performance. To give the Cavaliers a competitive edge, athletes on multiple teams, including football and field hockey, regularly wear sensors underneath their uniforms during practices and games. These "wearables" collect physiological data on heart rates and body positioning that capstone projects analyze to help direct the intensity and types of workouts players complete.

Other research provides game-time recommendations. Scherer cited a shift in the football team's mentality when it came to fourth downs, a change that is reflected across the sport. According to 10 years of data recorded for every play in Division I football, when facing the choice between fourth down and punting the ball, a team should play out the fourth down rather than punt the ball if the team is inside of their own 40 yard line.

"We have data on every player in college football in the last 15 years ... and we can look at the statistics on what tends to work and what doesn't work based on this kind of team you're playing and the kind of offense you have," Scherer said.

Students seek opportunities to apply data analytics to sports outside of the University as well. Aaron Gu, third-year Engineering student and program leader of HackCville, has been investigating data released by the Professional Golfers' Association. Primarily, he is interested in a metric called strokes gained, which



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analyzes how well golfers are playing at specific distances from the green relative to professional PGA players. With this information, Gu can predict how well a player may perform in the next year, based on this year's statistics.

As a program leader for HackCville, Gu also dedicates his time to teaching a course in data science. In this work, he instructs students on topics ranging from data analysis and visualization to machine learning. The program model encourages students to create projects centered on their own interests, which for some students means analyzing data from sports.

For example, one of his previous students examined the chances that NCAA basketball players had at becoming starters in the NBA. This model used machine learning

to create an algorithm, which could assess current NCAA basketball players' prospects based on previous data. It predicted that former college basketball players Kyle Guy and Zion Williamson both have high chances of starting.

"It's really [cool] seeing ... our players at home," Gu said, reflecting on his student's project. "We're having a good chance of being All-Stars in the NBA."

While sports analytics in Charlottesville largely constitutes joint and independent faculty and student ventures in academia and HackCville at this time, Scherer revealed that one of the current engineering capstone projects proposes a plan for a new performance analytics center at the University. Since many coaches have expressed interest in incorporating data ana-

lytics into their programs, Scherer said, the students, in conjunction with the University's athletic department, will outline an initiative that encompasses sports analytics research, and even potentially a sports analytics major and minor. The goal is to streamline the process of constructing and deploying predictive models for the majority, if not all, of the varsity sports teams at the University.

"We're meeting with all the coaches of all the teams to see what they think, what are their needs, what would they want to do with the data," Scherer said. "The fun thing about the performance analytics center is that you could develop the same kind of models for other sports, be it women's golf, men's lacrosse or swimming."



Ten years ago, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Morgan Harrington, a 20-year-old Virginia Tech student, disappeared from John Paul Jones Arena, having travelled to Charlottesville to attend a Metallica concert with friends. After months of searching, her remains were discovered in a rural area 8 miles outside of Charlottesville.

On this anniversary of Morgan's disappearance, take a moment to remember this bright, talented young woman – a devoted daughter, sister, and friend who is greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her to this day.

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Please also take a moment to consider how we can take care of our friends and loved ones here in our University community and beyond. In most situations of sexual harm - sexual assault, abuse, and harassment, there are bystanders along the way who notice that something isn't right. This could be a degrading remark someone makes to their partner, body language that indicates someone feels unsafe, or noticing someone who seems to have been separated from their friends. The Hoos Got Your Back program at the University of Virginia exists to train students, faculty, and staff to learn ways they can realistically and safely intervene when they notice a situation that makes them worried about the potential for harm. Learn more about Hoos Got Your Back and how to intervene here: <https://hoosgotyourback.virginia.edu/>

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