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Individuals met Monday to brainstorm future strategies for recruiting and compensating University faculty.

Faculty discuss compensation

Strategic planning working group holds public forum to address scholars' recruitment, retention

By Grace Hollis

Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

University faculty and community members met in a public forum in the Newcomb Ballroom Monday to address faculty recruitment, retention and development. The forum was the first in a weeklong series of strategic planning events addressing issues the University will face in the next seven years.

In a University-wide email sent Sunday, University President Teresa Sullivan said the strategic planning process will "help us chart a course for U.Va.'s future as we approach its third

century." Sullivan described the process as a broadly inclusive effort that will involve faculty, staff, students and alumni.

The faculty recruitment committee began as one of seven working groups formed in October as part of the strategic planning effort.

University officials anticipate a significant increase in the need for faculty in the next 10 years, as many established faculty members are expected to retire. Impending faculty retirement brings to light questions of faculty recruitment and

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StudCo visits Richmond

Legislative Affairs committee lobbies for University at state legislature

By Erik Payne Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Student Council's Legislative Affairs committee traveled to Richmond Monday morning to meet with Virginia legislators about issues important to the University.

The committee seeks to represent "the interests of University students in the Virginia state government, and [encourage] student participation in the political process," according to Council's

a paid lobbying staff stationed in Richmond, the student body has no direct voice.

"Sometimes the student body's interest could diverge from the administration or there may be difference in priorities, and our visit hopes to bridge that gap," said committee co-chair George Wang, a fourth-year College student and Cavalier Daily opinion

Committee members brought three main issues to the table:

website. While the University has the Board of Visitors and the June leadership crisis, rising tuition rates and the ratio between instate and out-of-state students.

In addition, the committee advocated for three pieces of legislation, including HB 1881, which would require the Board to add a voting student member and a voting member of the Faculty Senate.

The second, HB 1952, would mandate the Board increase its

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Watering the Lawn



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Students headed to the first classes of the semester on a rainy Monday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Junior guard Kelsey Wolfe stepped into the starting lineup when senior Lexie Gerson suffered a season-ending hip injury. She now posts 12.3 points per game.

Wolfe relishes starting role

After playing sparingly for two seasons, junior guard emerges as Virginia's early-season standout

By Michael Eilbacher Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Success in college sports

is a fickle thing. With so many talented players and limited playing time, it takes a combination of determination and opportunity to make a mark. Her first two years at Virginia, junior guard Kelsey Wolfe spent much of her time on the bench. But after a summer of focused preparation and an unexpected opening in the starting lineup, Wolfe has impacted the Cavaliers in a big way.

A highly touted player out of Seneca Valley High School in Germantown, Md., Wolfe was the 2010 Gatorade Maryland Player of the Year and came to Virginia as ESPN's No. 55 recruit in the nation. Yet Wolfe saw limited action in her freshman season, averaging just nine minutes

Her sophomore season brought a new coach and a new system, as Joanne Boyle replaced long-time head coach Debbie Ryan. The change in style was a tough transition for the entire Virginia squad, but Wolfe particularly failed to find consistent minutes and never cracked the starting

lineup that season. "Last year, everybody had to learn our system, and Kelsey was involved in that," Boyle said. "She just had a couple of people that were as good [as her] and were finding time, and her role was more coming off the bench. She was great in practice, but she was trying to find her role in games. Especially as a scorer and shooter, your confidence can waver, and I think that happened to her last year."

Wolfe averaged less than three points a game, but she took lessons from the more experienced players on the team.

"Whenever she knew that [she] was lacking in something, she took heart in what the coaches were saying and worked on it," senior guard China Crosby said of Wolfe. "You learn a lot from watching the game, and I really think that she learned a lot watching us."

Wolfe channeled disappointment from her first two seasons into a renewed commitment to improving her play. She dedicated herself to work in the gym and said the offseason helped her "get [her] body right for the upcoming season.

"I think she made some adjustments in the spring and decided that she was going to go into the summer and work hard and not worry about anyone other than herself," Boyle said. "What I got back were incredible reports about how committed and how much of a gym rat she was, and how good she was playing this summer.'

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The trouble with tradition

SEAN MCGOEY

The University of Virginia is a school with a rich tradition of traditions. Some, like Easters, have passed by, whereas others, such as the nomenclature — "Academical Village," "first years," "Grounds" have persisted through the years. Recently, the University's emphasis on tradition carried

over to the athletic department. For those hibernating from news during winter break: The Virginia football program recently made some staff changes. Jon Tenuta and Tom O'Brien highlighted the team's hires and will serve as Mike London's associate head coaches. Tenuta also became the new defensive coordinator, while

O'Brien will coach tight ends. At first glance, these hires pay homage to Virginia tradition. Both have connections to the George Welsh era. Tenuta was a graduate assistant during Welsh's first season in 1982, and O'Brien joined Welsh's staff the same year and coached under the Virginia legend for 15 years, including six seasons as Welsh's offensive coordinator. O'Brien in particular is a throwback to the glory days of Cavalier football. He coached the explosive offense led by quarterback Shawn Moore that split the 1989 ACC championship and the Tiki Barber-led attack that did the same in 1995.

Bringing back faces from the heyday of Virginia football seems the perfect way to recapture old glories, right?

Perhaps. But then the question becomes: Do we want to recapture old glories or forge a new legacy of success? Should we try to recapture the greatest era of Virginia football, or do we try to top it so that future generations

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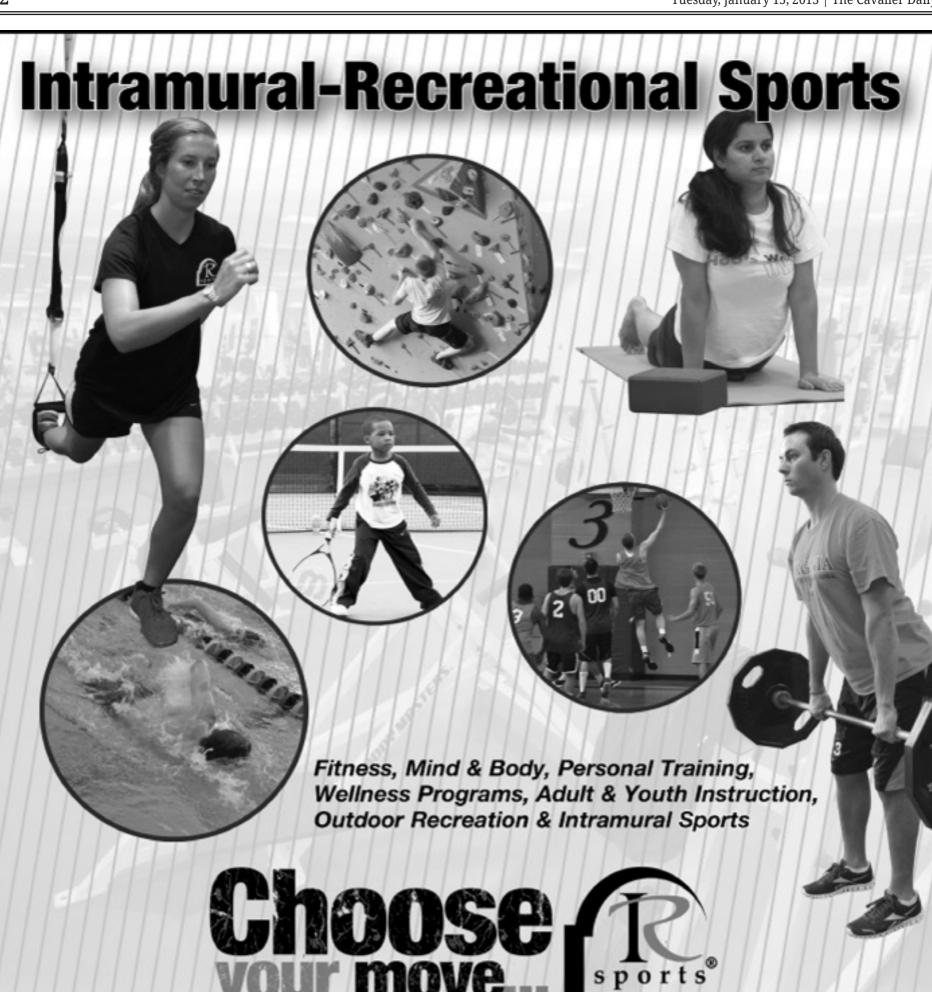
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Clouds and rain begin to move out in the morning as high pressure builds.

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Partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 30s.



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John Morton, director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, spoke at the Miller Center Monday about "The Next Great Immigration Debate."

NEWS

IN BRIEF

Morton talks immigration

U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement director discusses recent reforms

By Jordan Bower Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

The University's Miller Center of Public Affairs hosted a forum Monday evening featuring John Morton, the director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

The forum, titled "What Now? The Next Great Immigration Debate," focused on immigration reforms that occurred under Morton's watch and possible future changes. Douglas Blackmon, a contributing editor for The Washington Post and the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II", hosted the forum. Blackmon is the chair of the Miller Center's forum program.

Morton is a graduate of the University's Law School and was confirmed as ICE director in 2009. He had previously worked in the Department of Justice for 15 years, serving in several positions, including as assistant U.S. attor-

ney. ICE was created by a post-9/11 merger between the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Customs Service.

"In practice, [ICE does] two things: We enforce the nation's immigration laws ... and we are also the principal investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security," Morton said. "But given the nature of immigration's unsettled place in the American conscience, [the enforcement of immigration law] tends to be the part of our mission that dominates the public perception of the agency."

During Morton's time as director, illegal immigration rates declined despite a lack of comprehensive national immigration reform. Blackmon discussed some factors contributing to this downward trend.

"Millions of once-undocumented workers are staying in their home countries; the Obama administration has deported record numbers of foreigners; spending on immigration enforcement topped \$18 billion last year," Blackmon said. "Yet the importance of immigration in American politics remains as potent as ever."

There has been "a continued emphasis by the president on reforming our laws," Morton said. He said the president's immigration reform plan has four key goals: border security, interior enforcement, a path to citizenship for longtime residents for whom "removal en masse doesn't make sense" and making sure "that our legal immigration system reflects the reality of who wants to come here who we want to keep.'

Morton also talked about increasing the selectivity in choosing the approximately 400,000 persons who are deported each year.

"You have one of two answers: It can be the first 400,000 people you run across ... or it can be those 400,000 people that make the most sense from a policy perspective," Morton said. "We need to focus on those people who are most deserving of our enforcement attention, and from my perspective that starts first and foremost with criminal offenders."

Kiplinger ranks U.Va. second in "best value"

The University offers the include student-faculty ratios,

nation's public colleges and universities, according to the 2012-13 Kiplinger rankings released this month . Kiplinger has ranked the University third on its list for the previous three years.

advice, ranks public institutions

second "best value" among the admission rates, on-time gradu-

ation rates, sticker price and financial aid programs, according to Kiplinger's website.

The report follows a strong autumn for the orevious three years. University in Kiplinger, a Washington, D.C.- public college rankings. In Octo-

based publisher of business ber the University was ranked forecasts and personal-finance second among public schools by U.S. News & World Report and by a combination of academic in August the school topped a come from the humanities and and financial metrics. Criteria Forbes magazine list of public the professional schools," Sul-

schools, excluding military acad-

The Kiplinger rankings are weighted toward academic metrics, which comprise 55 percent of the overall ranking. In a memo sent to the Board of Visitors last May, University President Teresa Sullivan warned that the University's academic prestige, touted in national rankings, came primarily from the strength of a few departments.

"Our traditional strengths and international reputation have

livan said, calling for a renewed focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Cost considerations, including financial aid availability and average graduate indebtedness, are factored into the remaining 45 percent of Kiplinger's calculations. Kiplinger also ranks a separate list of best-value schools for out-of-state students, on which the University ranked fourth.

"These issues of affordability and tuition rates are increasingly getting attention from the public, and I think rightfully so," University spokesperson McGregor McCance said. "These are areas that U.Va. has always tried to keep in mind and they have heightened awareness right now overall."

The University's tuition and fees increased by 3.7 percent this year, the smallest rate increase in a decade.

The University of North Carolina maintained its number-one ranking for the 12th consecutive year. Seven Virginia schools ranked in the top 100 — the third-most of any state behind

California and New York. —compiled by Andrew Elliott

Faculty | Working groups chart course for U.Va. future

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how the school should treat its faculty members.

Nursing School Dean Dorrie Fontaine, chair of the faculty recruitment, retention and development working group, cited statistics that show of the 1,000 tenured faculty members

at the University, 350 will retire by 2020. The Commerce School and the Nursing School will see fewer retirements, with 10 percent and 25 percent of their faculty retiring, respectively. The College may lose up to 40 percent of its faculty, she said.

Forum attendees discussed the faculty issues the University currently faces. Such issues include effective strategies for attracting new faculty, the possibility of on-Grounds child care and the feasibility of tuition benefits for faculty members' children.

Strong faculty recruitment and retention is necessary to keep the University among elite-ranked institutions, Law Prof. George Cohen, the chair of the Faculty Senate, said in an

"The steering committee is looking to have all the working groups come up with several concrete proposals that can then be discussed and refined and incorporated into the strategic plan," Cohen said. "The public forums are just one way that people can provide

input.". Faculty have gone five years without salary raises. In November, Sullivan announced that the University would commit \$65 million to raise faculty salaries during the next four years.

StudCo | Members propose increasing out-of-state numbers

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transparency, and the third, HB 1978, would require the Board to have at least one member with experience in higher education administration or as a professor in the study of higher education.

In recent years the University has seen drastic cuts in aid from the commonwealth. Compared to Virginia's other top public universities, the University receives a lower percentage of its operating budget from state funds — about 10.2 percent. By comparison, Virginia Tech receives about 19 percent of its operating budget from the state and James Madison University receives just under 27 percent.

Committee members said they think the University should receive an increased percentage of state funds.

Committee co-chair Megan Mohr, a second-year College student, said the University "serves more students than William and Mary and James Madison, but the proportion of academic funding at James Madison and Virginia Tech is significantly higher."

Wang said there was no reason the University should receive a lower percentage of funding than other public state schools.

"We are not expecting the state to provide a significantly higher proportion [compared to other schools], but an increase of 1-2 percent in state support would go a long way to helping us," he said.

To combat the shortage of state funding, the committee lobbied to alter in-state and out-of-state student representation.

Out-of-state students are an important source of revenue for the University, paying \$36,788 in annual tuition compared to the in-state rate of \$11,794..

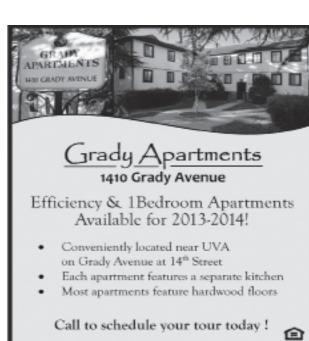
During a 25-year period the University has almost doubled in-state undergraduate enrollment — from 6,692 in fall 1986 to 10,132 in fall 2011. During the same period, the University increased out-of-state undergraduate enrollment by a mere 172 students — from 4,287 to 4,459,

according to data from the University's Office of Institutional Assessment & Studies.

Instead of increasing tuition for all students, the committee has proposed a slightly different alternative.

"We asked that more out-of-state students be admitted but not to cut out [in-state students]," said fourthyear College student Alex Reber, Council's chair of the representative body. "[This] allows for more funding to the University because out-of-state [students] pay more. It adds diversity and increases the quality of educa-

The committee makes its annual trip to Richmond to promote the voice of the student body and to promote civic engagement among committee members, Wang said. The committee did not make a recommendation about the confirmation of Rector Helen Dragas' reappointment while speaking to legislators. Council Tuesday plans to present a resolution that encourages the General Assembly to deny Dragas' reappointment.



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Wrong turn

Gov. Bob McDonnell's proposal to raise transportation revenue with a sales tax increase is unfair and economically harmful

Gov. Bob McDonnell had a plan — this is how it goes. Dispatched Tuesday of last week, his plan aims to reform Virginia taxes to enhance transportation infrastructure. It does this by making two changes. The state sales tax — currently sitting at a flat five percent, the 43rd highest of all U.S. states — would be upped to 5.8 percent. The state gas tax would be stripped altogether – making Virginia the first state to do so and earning McDonnell an unlikely title: "progressive." And cutting the gas tax is a bold, intuitive move; but coupling this with an increase in sales tax is a disingenuous, political tactic that helps finance the state's deficits at the expense of its poor.

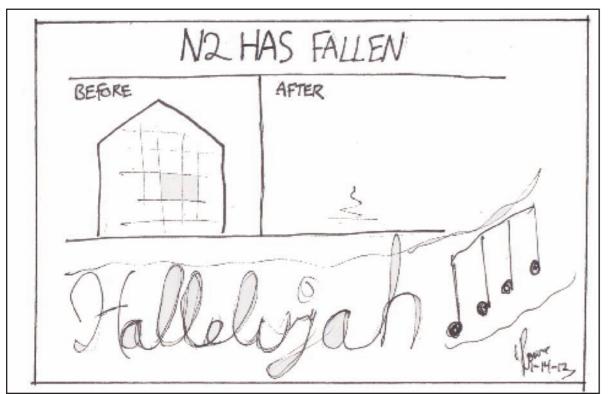
So first the round of applause. McDonnell's proposal to eliminate the gas tax draws curiosity, initially, and is furthermore economically sound. The fuel tax has long been used to fund road construction in Virginia. McDonnell smartly points out that the gas tax hasn't changed with inflation, making it a poor source of revenue that costs much for consumers while doing little to fund infrastructure. A weak tax at the pump has left state roads bumpy and transportation stalled as accounts slowly leak money.

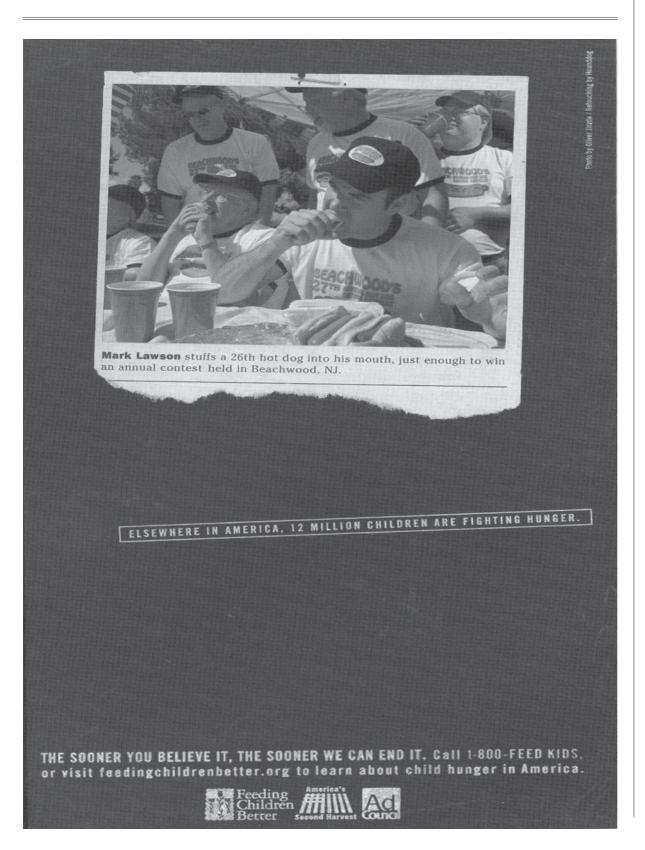
Opponents say raising the gas tax could prevent pollution and re-fuel state transportation, especially considering Virginia's gas tax, at 17.5 percent, is one of the nation's lowest. But removing it altogether will not necessarily jack-up the hours spent driving because no other states have done so, this argument lacks any evidence — while putting more money in citizens' pockets.

It would be ideal if changing the gas tax would itself provide the solution. We agree with McDonnell, however, that changing the gas tax alone isn't enough to close deficits in transportation revenue. Unfortunately, McDonnell has hitched the issue of gas tax revenue to a more controversial sales tax agenda. Tied to his proposal to slash gas taxes is the initiative to raises the sales tax. The sales tax notoriously affects low-income parts of the citizenry. Given that they spend more of their income on consumption than wealthier people, a bump in the sales tax affects them especially.

Alternatively, McDonnell could reduce the gas tax and make up the revenue in a more equitable way to consumers. One example is a Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax that has gained popularity in Europe. Such a tax would charge drivers based on the miles they travel: a more just approach to funding state transportation. If you spend more time on the road, you spend more time damaging and congesting it — and therefore a tax on miles, rather than gas, makes drivers pay in a manner that isn't dependent on the size of their wallets or the miles their cars get per gallon.

Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe





Featured online reader comment

"An excellent commentary on the very sad state of affairs at UVA, in the state of Virginia, and beyond. We are on a slippery slope, as our very democracy and public power are at stake here. This is akin to the efforts of Occupy Wall Street, here too the monied forces committed to suppressing public freedom are mighty."

"Bob," responding to the Jan. 8 lead editorial, "It's over: Dragas will most likely be confirmed"

Letters to the editor

Caring Americans

In response to Ashley Spink's column, "Loaded arguments," (Jan. 14) I would like to point out that her arguments, though wellwritten, are incomplete. She argues that it's high time for the government to address gun control laws. Respectfully, I disagree. Let me be clear: I'm not a gun fanatic, nor will I ever plaster "Y'all cain't take ma guns!" across

the back of a muddy pickup — in fact I've only ever fired a gun once or twice before at a range (poorly).

The events at Sandy Hook rightfully shook up the nation, and it's natural at a time like this to point fingers — "Well, it was the government's fault for not having strict enough gun control!" Ms. Spinks argues that the heart of this issue is figuring out what legislation will "ensure gun safety." Guns are literally weapons that project deadly missiles by explosive force at incomprehensibly fast

rates. Does that sound safe? No legislation on earth could ever "ensure gun safety," because, by nature, guns are not safe.

As Americans, we are powerful and, though we don't take responsibility for every bad choice a person makes, we do have the responsibility to lift up one another. America, let's love each other. Let's teach our children to include the awkward kid in the corner. Let's watch feel-good movies on Fridays. Let's give our kids video games that teach critical thinking rather than annihilation. Let's go outside and enjoy the fresh air. Let's breathe together.

The problem here is that creating a loving community isn't as easy as pointing fingers and lobbying congress to restrict guns or video games. But easier isn't always better. This is our best bet for ensuring a safer nation. It's up to us.

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Breaking bad values

The recent rape case in India must draw attention to the need for change in a neopatriarchal society

BOUT two weeks ago, a 23-year-old woman in New Delhi, India boarded a bus at night when she was raped by a group of men, beaten, not just an abstraction; it is a

and thrown onto **DENISE TAYLOR** the side of the road. After days of OPINION COLUMNIST

struggling to stay alive, the woman, accompanied by a male friend who tried to save her, finally passed away in a nearby hospital.

Since then, thousands have joined anti-rape protests across India and have voiced the oftenstifled concern of the attitude toward rape in Indian society. And in addition to the protests themselves, official data has shown that rape cases in India have increased a shocking 800 percent over the past 40 years.

While it's impossible to point to an exact cause of this jump, there's no doubt that in 2013, more women walk the streets in India than ever before. In fact, in parting from the traditional customs of staying at home, one could even say that India's urban, more "modern" women — the ones who dare to be out at 9 p.m. watching a movie with a male friend — have made themselves more vulnerable to public violence despite theoretically having the willpower and education to combat it.

So what's stopping them? In 2013, these women are exactly

the ones protesting not only the rape, but also the greater problem of India's attitude toward rape. This attitude is

serious reflection of the traditional values that limit the sexual roles of

Indian women. Even the phrase most commonly used for "rape" in Hindi translates to "to steal the honor of" — a concept that, regardless of GDP, educational levels, or general development, stays tactful within Indian soci-

For this reason, the protests seldom come without criticism even from the highest, most educated officials. Indian Congressional Parliament member Abhijit Mukherjee went so far as to call the rape protestors "dented and painted women" who "go to discos, have little connection with ground realities and are making candlelight vigils fashionable for the sake of being fashionable." While Mukherjee has since apologized for the comment, his attitude is a reflection of how rape is a problem that is not only ignored, but also trivialized.

And it's not just Parliament. The Indian police force has been accused of either ignoring rape cases or treating them with extreme insensitivity. Statistics have shown that more than 70 percent of India's rape perpetrators in 2011 are crimi $nal\bar{s}$ at large, and that excludes the thousands of cases that go unreported. Women who

do choose to report cases of rape are met with demeaning interrogation, as was the case with the teenager raped a few days after the Delhi incident, who

was forced to answer questions like "Did they first open the jeans or the

As seen with the police, while millions can aftest to the fact that India is a progressive, modern nation, the idea that women "invite trouble on themselves by being careless," whether it be through the way they dress or act, continues to permeate Indian society. Regardless of the level of education or formal "equality" they've been granted, Indian women - as in many Eastern societies — find themselves stuck in a neopatriarchy where formal crimes are trumped by a greater societal mindset that is not quite as simple as constitutional change. In such a neopatriarchy, rape and other violence against women could happen over and over with no way to stop it culturally or otherwise.

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chy, it's almost impossible to attack the logic behind it without attacking the fundamentals of Indian culture. We attacking the fundamentals stress gender equality, yet in a nation where Indira Ghandi and

> countless other females have taken high positions, men and women already have the same rights on paper. We emphasize "education," yet education presents itself without the slightest enforcement of societal equality. We encourage a secular government, yet India has a history of practicing this ever since its independence from Britain.

> This is not to say that the West is in a position to offer remedies. The issue of rape is by no means specific to India, and is in fact just as relevant in the rest of the world — especially the United States. A report by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network suggests that 54 percent of sexual assaults in the United States are never reported to the police, and worse, 97 percent

of rapists will not spend a day in prison. What differs, though, are not the statistics, but the local and regional attitudes toward them.

As we see in the case of the 23-year-old Indian woman, the legal prevention of sexual assault and the cultural condemnation of it are two different issues — the latter of which is lacking in a neopatriarchy. Because of this, what India really needs is not a formal reform, but rather an informal one. While such reform, of course, is one of the most difficult types of change to implement in any society, the protests of recognition are a step in the right direction. The mere hope of having men abandon their traditional perspectives is not enough, as the only real change would come if India's youth, and specifically young women, further localize the concern toward attitudes of rape as well as the victims themselves. As Indian rape victim and activist Sohaila Abdulali said, it must be known that rape is neither shameful nor disgraceful for a woman, because while "[she] was wounded, [her] honor

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The fear factor

The proper response to the recent shooting is one of precaution without paranoia

■ HE TRANQUILITY and homeliness of the holiday season this year has been shattered by the brutal shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in New-

town, Connecticut, leaving the country in a state of dis-

tress. The media has again, as in previous shooting tragedies, become a circus: the shooter, whom I will not name here as he would have liked to be publicized, has now been immortalized, with every nook and cranny of his life analyzed for possible motives. Some television programs offered a play-byplay of the shooting as if it were a football game. Any tragedy of this proportion is bound to be politicized, and indeed Sandy Hook has reignited the gun control debate as both pro-gun and anti-gun advocates are using the incident to galvanize their sides.

President Obama called for a ban on private ownership of assault rifles; the NRA has responded to the incident by calling for armed security around schools — a "good guy with a gun" to deter and neutralize possible threats. That so much sound and fury can come from the Sandy Hook shooting can be explained by a simple fact: trag-

edy is so politically efficacious precisely because it inspires such great fear. It is easy to see that Sandy Hook is but another episode that contributes to a

greater culture of ROLPH RECTO fear so painfully present today. OPINION COLUMNIST

One could perhaps argue that, in some sense, fear is good — it makes us vigilant, prepared and able to respond effectively to calamitous situations in the future. But it is also apparent that our paranoiac tendencies make us act irrationally. It is not a coincidence that a surge in Islamophobia followed the September 11, 2001 attacks. Combined with the ignorance of the general public concerning Islamic culture and also concerning the difference between violent religious extremists and ordinary believers, Muslims and Middle Easterners in general — have been targets of discrimination in the post-9/11 United States. Hopefully I do not need to tell you that this discrimination is unjustified. I am worried that all the political energy inspired by Sandy Hook will be used for similarly irrational ends, whether it be discriminating against a specific group of people — like, for example, the mentally ill — or curtailing the rights of citizens in general. And I am not just referencing the Second Amendment — acts of terror, as we have experienced, are used as excuses for greater

measures of surveillance and control. Sandy Hook will undoubtedly be used as an excuse to mistrust one's neighbors, one's coworkers, one's classmates; in short, anyone

and everyone. taking their kids out of public schools to homeschool them instead. Lament the death of the American community, and I will tell you exactly what did it – paralysis by fear, fear that the people around you are the next to be immortalized in infamy on

This culture of fear is by no means a recent development. In his 1949 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, William Faulkner diagnosed the ailment of the society of his time, which was then in the throes of the Cold War, as "a general and universal physical

the 6 o'clock news.

fear." Rather than focusing on the "old verities and truths of the heart" — that of "love and honor and pity and pride and compassion and sacrifice" —

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up," and it Already we are seeing the begin- becomes apparent that the ailning of this: some parents are ment of fear has not waned but rather persisted and intensified. "The basest of all things is to be afraid," Faulkner tells us, and indeed our response to Sandy Hook is full of baseness and lacks any sense of nobility.

Perhaps the hardest realization we have to make is that, unless we live in a completely proctored society, tragedies like Sandy Hook are nearly inevitable. Yes, maybe they can happen less often and at a lesser magnitude, but we must acknowledge the fact that our system is not perfect — our hospitals will not help all those who are mentally

ill; the police do not have the power to patrol every inch of our neighborhoods. Put in this way, it only becomes a matter of statistics. Do not mistake this as an endorsement for quietism we should be outraged and distraught anytime something like Sandy Hook happens. Tragedy should never become routine. But if we temper our response with the sense that tragedy is a fact of life, then perhaps we can respond with grace instead of being paralyzed by fear and acting irrationally.

In the same speech where he decries the prevalence of fear, Faulkner also says that "man will not merely endure: he will prevail." This he thinks because man possesses a spirit capable of nobility. By the same token, I believe that we will move forward as a society after Sandy Hook, and that the media circus and political vitriol at present will cease. Such can only be possible, however, if we refuse to accept a culture of fear and actively renounce the paralysis and irrationality that such a culture engenders.

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MLL drafts three Cavs

During last Friday evening's Major League Lacrosse amateur draft, the Hamilton Nationals All-American Chris LaPierre and one of the nation's top

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IN BRIEF

the secondstraight No. 2 overall pick to hail from Virginia. Senior Matt White went No. 28 overall to the Charlotte

Hounds, and the New York Lizards retained their rights to senior Charlie Streep after selecting him as No. 52 in last

year's draft. A year after the Ohio Machine drafted former Virginia attacker Steele Stanwick as No. 2, LaPierre became the Cavaliers' 16th all-time first round pick, which ties the program with Syracuse for the most nationwide.

Given the menacing defensive threat LaPierre has posed

throughout his career, it is hardly surprising major league scouts hold him in such esteem. made senior midfielder and Aformer all-state football player

> lacrosse prospects in high school, LaPierre has twice earned All-ACC and USILA All-American honors. The Medford, N.J. native led Virginia in

ground balls each of the past few seasons, an unusual feat for a midfielder not specializing in face-offs.

White, meanwhile, has transformed into a sharpshooting staple of the Cavalier attack. He is best known for a scintillating 2011 NCAA tournament performance in which he scored eight goals and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team while propelling the Cavaliers to a national title. White has also tallied 55 goals and 36 assists in his career. He will likely assume a more integral role in Virginia's offense this season after the departures of Stanwick, Chris Bocklet and Colin Briggs.

Streep — who transferred to Virginia from Bucknell in fall 2012 — will don Virginia orange and navy for the first time this spring after missing the 2012 season with injury. He totalled 76 career goals and 28 career assists for Bucknell, earning honorable mention All-American recognition for his last full season with the Bison in 2011. To capitalize on his remaining year of eligibility, Streep enrolled as a graduate student in the Education School.

Although the MLL draft occurs before the college lacrosse season, drafted athletes are permitted one final year of eligibility of collegiate play before reporting to their teams.

—compiled by Fritz Metzinger



Chris Jacob | Cavalier Daily

The Hamilton Nationals selected senior midfielder and All-American Chris LaPierre with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2013 Major League Lacrosse draft.

AROUND THE ACC

The heralded Duke men's basketball team toppled then-No. 2 Louisville, No. 3 Kentucky and No. 4 Ohio State en route to its own top ranking this season but hit a roadblock against its North Carolina neighbors Saturday. The Wolfpack toppled the Blue Devils 84-76 as senior Richard

Howell's 18 points and 16 boards propelled NC State to its 10th-straight win. NC State junior forward C.J. Leslie added 25 points. The win propelled NC State back into the national spotlight after two early losses against Oklahoma State and then-No. 3 Michigan had curbed the program's

preseason hype ... The storm surrounding Miami's scan-dal-plagued football program may finally reach a head. The Associated Press reported the NCAA's investigation phase of the university's pay-for-play allegations is nearly complete, and the organization will soon begin its sanctioning deliberations. Miami elected to forgo bowl eligibility for the past two years, hoping its preemptive action may soften a potentially devastating NCAA punishment ... The ACC swept college soccer's most prestigious individual awards with North Carolina's junior midfielder Crystal Dunn and

Maryland's junior forward Patrick Mullins receiving the 2012 MAC Hermann Trophy Saturday. Dunn also earned the ACC's Defense Player of the Year honors, and Mullins paced Maryland with 17 goals and 10 assists.

-compiled by Ashley Robertson

W Bball | Crosby celebrates teammate's turn to 'shine'

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Despite her strong work in the offseason, a starting position still seemed unlikely for Wolfe. Virginia had strong guards in seniors Lexie Gerson, an All-ACC defensive player last season, and Crosby, who was returning from an injury. But when Gerson suffered a season-ending hip injury earlier this year, Boyle tapped Wolfe to fill the sudden opening in her lineup. Stepping in as a starter for the first time in her Virginia career was a daunting task, but the guard felt confident in her preparation.

"I had a little bit of jitters, but formed a dynamic backcourt stands that her success is tied

I think in the preseason, and the weeks leading up to that game, I had some confidence in practice and from every-body," Wolfe said. "[I had] a little bit of nerves but not too

Wolfe's impact was immediate. She scored 10 points in the season opener against James Madison, a 78-57 win, and that game only opened the floodgates. Wolfe broke through in her second game for 22 points and nine rebounds against Penn, leading Virginia in both categories. Her 12.3 points game this season for the team lead with junior of the team's 16 games this Ataira Franklin, and Wolfe has season. But she also under-

duo with Crosby.

"She plays very aggressively on both ends of the floor," Boyle said. "I don't think she wavers in her decision-making. Last year, she would pass on shots. This year, she wants the ball in her hands at all time, whether at the end of the game or the beginning of the game."

The season has marked a stunning transformation for Wolfe, who is shooting better than 30 percent from 3-point territory and 80 percent from the field. Wolfe has led the Cavaliers in scoring in

to her teammates.

"They give me confidence," she said. "They have confidence in my shot. It really helps to feed off of China, Ataira, Talia [McCall], Simone [Egwu], and just everybody coming off the bench. Them having confidence in me allows me to have confidence in myself."

Wolfe's breakout season may surprise Cavalier fans, but her teammates never doubted the guard's innate talents.

"All the work that she put in the summertime, all the work that she's put in since she was a first year, it's not surprise at all," Crosby said. "I'm happy

that she's finally shining when she needs to."

With the meat of the ACC schedule still ahead of the Cavaliers, Wolfe must maintain her strong play against even fiercer competition. If her recent play is any indication, however, she has no intention of slowing down. Most recently, Wolfe scored 24 points in Sunday's win against

It may have been a long road to a starting job, but after finally securing one, Wolfe is not letting go.

"When the opportunity is given to you, you have to take advantage of it, and she did," Boyle said.

McGoey | London's low-risk hires look to past, not future

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look back to the London era, not the Welsh era, as the purple patch of gridiron glory for the Cavaliers?

O'Brien is an accomplished offensive coach. Even though he will not directly coach the quarterbacks or coordinate the offense — Bill Lazor returns in both of those capacities for 2013 — his work with Russell Wilson at NC State inspires hope that he can have a positive effect on Philip Sims, Greyson Lambert and any other Virginia quarterbacks during his tenure here. I also hope Tenuta's long-

time coaching experience can improve upon last year's often-

shaky defensive performance. But something about bringing back two figures with previous Virginia connections, especially connections to "the good times," still screams "safe hires" to me.

I get it. London is entering his fourth year at Virginia unsure whether he'll get a fifth. A coach on the hot seat is not exactly in the position to make risky hires and bring in young, comparatively unproven coaches with an eye toward developing those coaches in the long term. Those hires are the domain of longtenured fixtures such as Mack Brown at Texas or brand-new coaches with natural leeway, such as Kevin Sumlin at Texas A&M. London fits neither of those descriptions. His 8-4 2011 season and bowl trip seems fluky when sandwiched by 4-8 seasons. Even though he took over a program in shambles, London's clock may be ticking.

Still, I would have liked to see a bit more boldness in the new hires. Maybe the next Kliff Kingsbury or Will Muschamp - bright minds who eventually parlayed their success as coordinators under Sumlin and Brown, respectively, into head coaching jobs — were out there

to be found. Maybe Virginia missed out by looking to the past instead of the future.

Of course, maybe I'm completely off-base. I'm neither the head coach making the hires nor the athletic director approving them. The program may truly believe bringing back a piece of the Welsh era can show the current team that, despite popular belief, there is some tradition of excellence associated with Virginia football. When announcing the hires, London highlighted that "three of [the coaches] have strong ties to Virginia and they have firsthand knowledge and experiences of what makes our university a special place."

Maybe London decided that the best way to get the Cavaliers to play up to the high bar of the '80s and '90s was to expose them to men who were part of those same teams. But I hope the athletic department did not just bring back recognizable faces from Virginia's past to appease present fans while sacrificing the program's future.

More importantly, no matter the reasons for their hiring, I hope O'Brien and Tenuta's historical ties provide the shot in the arm the current Virginia football program needs.



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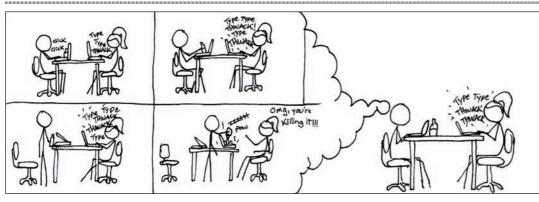
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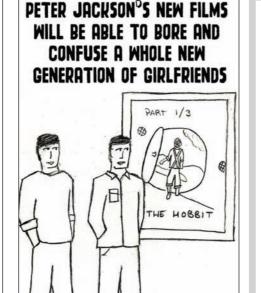
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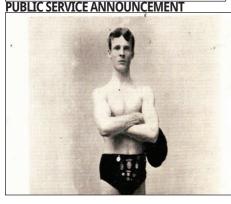


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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've a novel perspective and verbal facility. This makes you fun at parties. Snoop around and see what's going on for this weekend. Make sure you're invited to mingle in a mix of people who would interest you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The climate around you is wildly energized. Chances are it's an attractive someone who charges your imagination so. This person is your ideal muse, at least for now, though he or she never has to know about this playful casting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A missed opportunity might have you wanting to scream, flail and kung fu the seemingly evil drywall.

Take it easy on yourself ... and the plaster. Opportunities always look bigger going than

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Presenting your ideas in an eloquent way may prove difficult even though you've worked so diligently to prepare. If you can't convince them, confuse them. You'll scrape by and live to persuade another day.

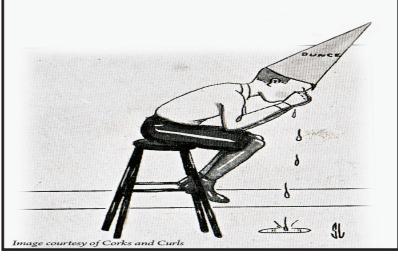
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One important decision will excavate you from the problems of your past. If you trust your vision -- and not the prejudiced perspective of others -- you'll glow in the light at the end of the tunnel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're daring with your fun and need to be with people who also see the current situation as a game. An Aries can help you make sport of the intriguing possibilities that have been spinning in your intellect.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 15), Though you are selective about whom you spend time with, special people will enjoy and celebrate your warmth this year because you are super hot. You're busy over the next six weeks being of service to others' pets.

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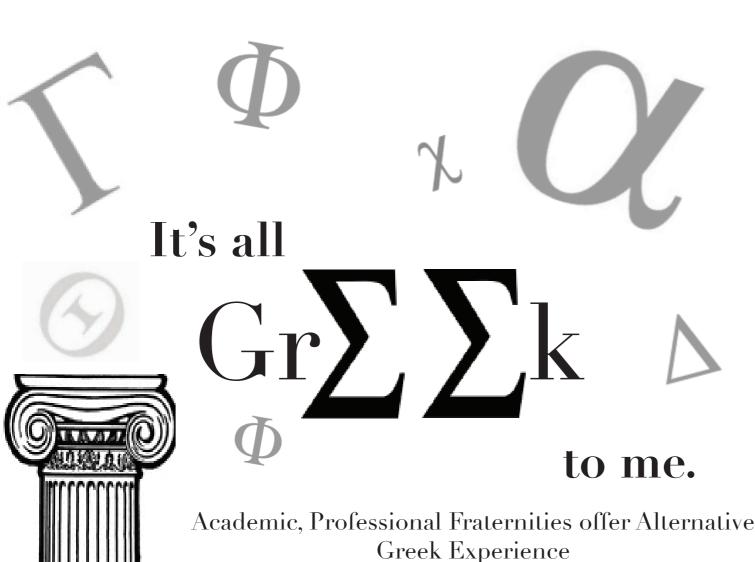
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Having a social life in college doesn't always lend itself well to academics or professional growth. After all, how much of your career can be based on an extensive knowledge of red Solo cups and all-night movie marathons? Yet in some facets of the University's greek system, students mix work and play.

Professional fraternities — often overshadowed this time of year by hordes of girls dressed in "snappy casual" and boys haunted by the prospect of pledging — act both as a social unit and a source of academic and career-related camaraderie. Centered around a major or field of study, these groups often recruit both men and women on the basis of one thing — passion.

"We are all interested in the same things, which makes [the fraternity] a very intimate organization," said third-year College student Sydney Strader, treasurer of chemistry fraternity Alpha

Strader, who has been a member of Alpha Chi Sigma since the fall of her second year, said she was pleasantly surprised that the recruitment process was based more on interest than grades. Though recruitment for professional fraternities is usually structured in typical Greek fashion, with both formal and informal rounds, events tend to be more laid-back since they are operating on a much smaller scale. Alpha Chi Sigma currently has about 20 members.

"It's more a family than a friend group,"

Members said the fraternity's professional focus directs its philanthropic activities. Each spring, Alpha Chi Sigma holds "ChemFest," a festival to spur interest in the sciences among local elementary school students.

Brothers and sisters of Trigon Engineering Society, which operates like a professional fraternity, find themselves assisting with career-building events put on by the School of Engineering.

"Our biggest strength is that we are a very close-knit group of people," said Trigon Presi-

dent Doug Koenig, a fourth-year Engineering student. "We spend a lot of time together both in the social and service scene. This is probably the reason the E-school keeps coming to us for help [because] we really enjoy helping them out."

The benefits of joining a professional fraternity often extend beyond the University, said third-year Commerce student Nick Jones, the president of business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. Judged by two Wall Street executives as part of his pledging process, Jones said he found the organization's alumni network impressive and useful.

"In the business world, a lot of doing well is who you know," Jones said. Alpha Kappa Psi has made a point of inviting alumni to many of their large social events, such as Foxfield and their annual garden party for graduating members.

"We tend to be more inwardly focused," Jones said. "We have speakers just for members instead of opening them up to the University as a whole, because [we've found] there's no better way to learn anything than with one-on-one mentorship.

Still, joining an academic or professional fraternity doesn't mean all work and no play. The groups are mainly social, members said. And not all social events are casual ones. Big parties, date functions — professional fraternities have incorporated these into their calendars as well. During recruitment, Trigon hosts a Fire and Ice party, a Seven Deadly Sins Progressive and a wine and cheese night.

Strader said one of the biggest benefits of joining her group was that throughout her time at the University, there was always a constant: her fraternity house. Strader even spent last Spring Break at the house with other fraternity members, just fixing it up as an excuse to spend more time together.

"That's my friend group now," Strader said. "And the amazing thing is it's people I never would've met otherwise.'

How to Hoo



ANNE-MARIE ALBRACHT A rush survival guide

ear potential new members, this week's column goes out to you. Keep on rushin' on.

The "how to" of rush is that there is no how to. Don't waste your time overanalyzing the system or searching for a formula. It won't work. I'll be the first to admit that rush is not easy. It's exhausting, deflating and frustrating. These may be my last words because our vice president of PR might strangle me after reading this, but it's true, we all know it. The best and only advice I can give you

is how to survive and thrive. First, you just need to put yourself to bed at 10 o'clock every night this week after consuming about a gallon's worth of water. You may wet the bed for the first time since third grade, but you'll be okay with that when you save yourself from an unfortunate fainting incident because of dehydration — it happens, even in January — or a day full of searing headaches, which happens even more frequently. You're also going to need to put Mellow Mushroom, Jimmy John's and the College Inn's number into your phone. O-Hill isn't going to cut it this

week, kids. Take advantage of your Pi Chi. God bless Alexa Vasiliadis, wherever she is, for listening to me talk in circles for an hour and a half at the Starbucks on the Corner. Pi Chis understand our Greek system better than almost anyone else. Their sole job this week is to keep you guys sane and happy. And while you're at it, stop swapping opinions with your friends. Every time you go to a house for a round you get a little taste of that sorority's flavor, but everyone has different taste buds and therefore a different experience. This is not the time to start liking licorice just because everyone else does. Tune out all the background noise and make this decision all about you. Blindly following others won't do you any favors in the long run.

On a similar note, remember to keep an open mind. Knowing what you want in the broader scheme of life is usually a good thing but not so much when it comes to sorority rush. You have to take a leap of faith and trust the process. I know you guys are sick of hearing that, but there's a reason people repeat it ad nauseam. Sometimes the computer system knows where you belong even more than you do. The bottom line is that almost everyone gets cut from somewhere, usually mul-

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of winter break I usually spend

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Resolutions for 2013

ord on the street is naire, the eve of all eves would it's 2013. What does

a lot like 2003. Destiny's Child is back together, Justin Timberlake is putting out a new album and, I swear on Lizzie McGuire, I haven't seen this many Razor scooters since I crimped my hair. Things are either looking really bad or really good.

In high school, New Year's Eve was an overhyped,

overdressed night where glitter lingered with more tenacity than your health teacher's favorite sexually transmitted disease. Foolishly, I thought that since I was College Student Extraordi-

finally live up to the buzz. Sadly, that look like? So far, it was not the case. Despite

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all the macho male claims of increased tolerance, the state of the bathrooms the next morning proved that a buzz was something most people never even saw.

Luckily, I came to the realization that, unlike in high school, the new year marked the beginning of a new semester

of classes. And with a little more wisdom under my belt, I had the power to turn New Year's into a positive thing. I realized I could actively decide to change the less perfect aspects of my college life thus far. I realized that by undergoing this process, my spring semester was bound to exceed even my wildest dreams. Unfortunately, it was not until much, much later that I realized I was still covered in glitter. It really is the herpes of arts and

Feeling creative, I thought I could call these changes "resolutions." They were as follows.

I resolved to better embody the inquisitive spirit characteristic to institutions of higher learning. After all, though my parents would never say so, I knew they secretly worried about flushing their money down the toilet. I figured I had to find some way to assure them that a) never fear, minimal flushing is occurring in dorms and b) next semester, I would get serious about getting serious. Seriously.

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Winter's Breaking Goals

or me, winter break has always been about goalsetting. Without the pressure of class and with nothing to worry about but basketball, winter break is the

ideal time to better myself.

My winter break goal list usually looks something like this:

1. Become fluent

in French 2. Learn Mozart's Symphony No. 25

in G minor 3. Be able to do a split in a hand-

stand 4. Eliminate all

carbs and fats from my diet

reasonable goals. I have five

weeks, after all. The first day

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At the End of the Day



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television and maybe showering if I feel up to it. This is my time to decompress. I shouldn't be putting any pressure on myself just yet,

I tell myself. The second day is usually about the same, although I might get up to make a cup of coffee, and use that caffeine energy to brush my teeth. The third day, I take the massive step of putting on real clothes

and venturing away from my bed to the great outdoors.

Then, because winter break is

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Albracht | 'Remember, real life is nothing like rush'

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tiple places. Do not allow those setbacks to cloud your judgment and turn you off from sorority life. Some of the happiest girls I know had awful rush experiences but are adamant today that they ended up where they truly belonged. It's easy to get caught up in the recruitment process, but remembering that there's a bigger picture will not only keep you sane but will also help you find that perfect place for you.

Finally, be yourself and get weird. I'm serious; you have a very limited amount of time to talk to these sorority women who see hundreds of potential new members each day. We're only human and our memories can only hold so much, so talk about what it is that makes you you. The girls you click with will remember your uncanny Marcel the Shell impression and love you for it.

LIFE

Remember, real life is nothing like rush. We don't curl our hair for class, and we definitely don't have a team of girls standing at the front door cheering as you walk in the house. After nine days, recruitment ends, the sweats come on, the makeup comes off and the ice cream comes out. Do yourself a favor this week and listen to your gut. Ignore the tasty snacks and clever skits and ask yourself where you want to be when the decorations come down, the house gets messy and things get real. Answer that

question truthfully and you'll not only find your home away from home, you'll also find the sisters you never knew you were

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I resolved to get to the bottom of the tough questions first. If one consumes liquor before beer, is he truly in the clear? If one consumes beer before liquor, will he really never have been sicker? Are there actual foxes at Foxfield? Should I be prepared for this? And what exactly is a wahoo? Wikipedia defines it as a "scombrid fish found worldwide in tropical and subtropical seas." It is also the name of a fish taco restaurant in Lincoln, Neb. Could the Internet suck any more?

I resolved to use my time more wisely. Why rewatch "How I Met Your Mother" on Netflix when I can use my roommate's HBO Go password? Let me tell you, HBO Go is a gold mine. Shows are only 30 minutes, so you can watch 24 of them and wind up sitting in bed for 11 more hours than you planned without batting an eye. It's brilliant.

I resolved to be more efficient. Who says you can't combine learning and leisure? I even have a plan. I'll keep up with "Girls," so I can educate myself about how traumatic and depressing my

life will be when I'm broke and alone in four years, and "Downton Abbey" so I can feel smart and classy because of the accents even when they're talking about sex. Flawless.

I resolved to better present myself. I also scheduled no classes on Friday mornings. Mission accomplished. On a side note, I'd like to issue a retroactive apology to anyone who had to see me on Fridays last semester. I know it must have been hard to believe someone who isn't Lady Gaga can look that bad without makeup. If it makes you feel any better, know that when I looked at myself, I was just as shocked and appalled as you were. But I promise: It was just a weekly anomaly and I did not actually get my hair-styling lessons from Medusa.

I resolved to continue expanding my network of friends, even as I begin to really find where I fit into the University community. Upon close reflection, I realized none of my close friends from first semester have cars, and this simply will not do.

I resolved to eat better. I will do this by not eating at the dining hall. Ever.

I resolved to make 2013 one for the books. I also resolved to not read my books. You can't have

So bonne chance, everyone, and start enjoying spring semester. And before you do, don't be afraid to take the time to get your priorities in order. Alphabetically, of course, so that "parties" comes before "studies."

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my vacation, I spend time with the friends, family, acquaintances, next door neighbors and anyone within earshot who wants to hear me complain about what a miserable semester I had and how I'm taking this time to decompress.

Usually when I return home it's time for dinner, and I might

open my copy of French Vogue that I purchased before school ended while I microwave a TV meal. A little Salisbury steak gravy might splash onto a picture of a waifish blonde model with that French pout in her lips. I'll get it later, I tell myself as I start a new season of a show I've never heard of on

My keyboard loses its dusty

coating as I start using it as an extra dresser for clothes I don't feel like washing during vacation. Sometimes I even plink out a little melody if my pants land on the keys the right way.

The next thing I know, school is three days away and I need to organize my syllabi, consider what books I actually want to purchase and get new notebooks and pens.

Winter break has been an excellent exercise in bettering myself, if you define bettering yourself as sleeping until your hunger forces you to get out of bed to make a sandwich. If you define bettering yourself as mastering the art of the postpractice marathon nap, then this break I succeeded. I push the mess of crap off my desk to find a post-it note to make a

to-do list, and I find a yellowed scrap of paper with the words "Winter Break Goals" on top.

Oh well. I flip it over and start scribbling plans for the spring semester. At least I got a lot of rest this time around.

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