

The Red Zone

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The period of time between the beginning of the fall semester and Thanksgiving Break during which the greatest number of sexual assaults occur on college campuses.

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Fourth-year student passes away

Students gather Tuesday at University Chapel to honor Margaret Lowe

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Fourth-year College student Margaret Lowe passed away Tuesday. She was pursuing a Classics major at the University while planning to go to medical school, and enjoyed outdoor activities such as biking, swimming and hiking.

Lowe's death was confirmed in an email to the student body sent Wednesday morning.

Lowe suffered a brain hemorrhage at Lannigan Field while on a run, Dean of Students Allen Groves said. Though two Medicine students immediately performed CPR, she never regained consciousness.

A Nashville native, Lowe was dedicated to many organizations in and outside of the University. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and of Bike & Build, the group with which she biked across the country twice. She was also involved in the Reformed University Fellowship; was a volunteer coordinator for Camp Kesem, a camp which provides support for children whose parents have cancer; and worked with ADAPT, a group that works to combat alcohol and drug abuse.

Lowe's nickname at Camp Kesem was "Sunshine," fourth year Commerce student Mary Kate Helm said in an email.

"When Margaret was in your life, you felt it," Helm said. "She electrified a room, sweeping everyone up with her energy and enthusiasm. She enjoyed everything."

Lowe's dedication to philanthropy and caring for others inspired those around her, Pi Beta Phi President Rachel Kappel, a fourth year Curry student, said in an email.

"Her vivacious love for life and her heart-warming smile were infectious," Kappel said. "Margaret put her whole self into everything she did, without fear of failure or judgement."

In honor and remembrance of Lowe, students gathered at the Chapel Tuesday night for a service celebrating her life.

A memorial service will be held in Nashville on Saturday. A second service, organized by Fourth Year Trustees, will be held on Grounds Sept. 12.

Lowe is survived by her parents, Sandy and Whitson, and her brothers, John and Mark. Instead of flowers, Lowe's family has asked contributions be made to Camp Kesem and Bike and Build.



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A letter penned by Thomas Jefferson to Richard Richardson, the overseer of Monticello, discussing Jefferson's rental of slaves will be up for auction in Boston Sept. 28.

In the letter, dated Jan. 8, 1801, then-Vice President Jefferson requests the managers of Monticello rent slave labor from neighbors to rectify a botched land deal with John G. Craven. Though there are nearly 18,000 known letters written by Jefferson,

Jefferson letter to be sold at auction

Correspondance details slave rentals, Thomas Jefferson Foundation vice president describes letter as shocking

son, this particular letter has very specific historical significance.

It is rare to find letters of Jefferson's which have context about slaves he personally owned, said Bobby Livingston, executive vice president of RR Auction.

"Jefferson is having financial difficulty and he can't get slaves to work on his projects, so he's trying to rent them from his neighbor to finish the project," Livingston said. "He's been attacked in the press and he's trying to avoid being exposed for his financial difficulty. He wasn't a very good businessman. [He] is about to win the Electoral College... he doesn't want any embarrassment."

In the letter, Jefferson wrote in careful terms how much he is willing to pay for various slaves, many of whom are well known today as having worked for or were owned by Jefferson, Livingston said.

"I am very sorry indeed to hear of so poor a chance for hiring laborer," Jefferson wrote. "It will be a serious embarrassment (sic) to me. I am in hopes you will have been able [t]o procure me some."

It is shocking for the modern eye to see Jefferson price slave rentals in his own handwriting, said Dr. Andrew J. O'Shaughnessy, vice president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

"It is possibly because he, in so

many ways, transcended his own time period that we tend to hold him more responsible for slavery than any of the other Founding Fathers," O'Shaughnessy said in an email. "It is ironic because he wrestled with the subject more publicly than the other leaders of the revolution and he denounced the system of slavery in his published writings."

Jefferson's letter shows the everyday business of running a plantation in early America, and renting slaves was a normal, everyday practice for planters like Jefferson, History Prof. Max Edelson said.

"This is the sort of document that historians need [in order] to understand the past," Edelson

said, "and it should really be in the possession of a library or an archive, hopefully collected with other materials about Jefferson as a slave owner."

The implications of slave trade such as Jefferson outlines in this letter have far-reaching impacts that are still lingering today, Livingston said.

"Everything going on in the country right now, with race relations so volatile, we forget that the President of the United States owned slaves and dealt in slave trade," Livingston said. "[The Founding Fathers] allowed this institution to exist, and the pain of it is still obvious in our country."

Career Center preps students for on-Grounds interviews

Preparation week aims to give participants learning experience

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The University Career Center began its first On-Grounds Interview Prep Week Tuesday, a series of events designed for University alumni within certain industries to give students feedback on resumes, interview skills and other job application materials.

The programming executes the UCC's new strategy of providing students with feedback more tailored to their prospective industries, said Jennifer Harvey, the associate director of the business career community.

"When you come to the Resume Roundtable Workshop, you get the opportunity to speak with employers and alumni in the industry to get feedback on your resume," Harvey said.

Because on-Grounds interviews begin the week of Sept. 20, this week was the best time to hold the event, Director of Employee Relations David Lapinski said. In order to prepare students in a timely manner, the UCC wanted to begin early.

"We needed a mechanism to really start to prepare third- and fourth-years in particular right before the rush of on-Grounds interviews," Lapinski said.

The UCC brought in alumni

to mentor students by reaching out to the Alumni Association and alumni within companies, Lapinski said.

"We worked through the Alumni Association to build that bridge and that was a bridge to other [alumni]," Lapinski said.

Paul Nolde, the former president of the Young Alumni Council and current chair of the UCC advisory board, said the week's events are not about recruiting, but about giving students the learning experience the University values.

"The UCC is embracing that tradition of U.Va. and ensuring that value is created through

that human to human interaction here on-grounds," Nolde said.

So far, the UCC has 189 companies signed up to hold On-Grounds Interviews. This number is already higher than those of past years and is expected to grow throughout the spring and fall. Harvey attributes this growing number to the University's reputation, the skill sets University graduates hold and the improving economy.

"Whether you're coming from the College or Engineering, you're coming with very valuable resources and set of skills," she said. "I think employers respect that and want to leverage

those skills in their workforce."

Further, Lapinski said employers are beginning to visit college campuses more and more to explore student talents. As the economy has become more competitive, companies have found it more difficult to find top talent by staying in their offices.

The UCC plans to continue to hold this event due to student demand, Lapinski said.

"After 24 hours of registering, we went on a waitlist with 160 students on the waitlist," Lapinski said. "We're at capacity for each of these events, so I think our plan is to definitely continue that."

Liberal debating society applies for CIO status

Roosevelt Society hopes to provide non-exclusionary forum for discussion

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The Roosevelt Society — a debating society focused on liberal perspectives of current issues and events — recently applied for CIO status at the University.

Its website, the Roosevelt Review, publishes its ideas in a way that is accessible to the University community, Editor-in-Chief Olivier Weiss said.

"[The website] acts as the

mouthpiece of the Roosevelt Society by expressing the positions that we take about liberal policy and demonstrating the spirit and personality of the society," the second-year College student said.

Weiss said the society is more important than ever in light of difficult events which occurred over the 2014-2015 school year.

"We want to stress these issues and provide for a forum on-Grounds to discuss them frankly and enhance political and public

discourse," Weiss said.

Weiss said the focus on liberal debate set the society apart from similar organizations.

"We base ourselves on the center left of the political spectrum," Weiss said. "There should be a liberal voice on Grounds not only advancing the liberal cause but also questioning it."

Weiss also said the non-exclusionary nature of the society sets it apart from other organizations by providing a forum in which all are encouraged to share their

ideas.

"We want real genuine enthusiasm and would prefer to have a solid base of really committed members," Weiss said.

The group must submit a business plan, a constitution and have at least ten members before the application can be considered for CIO status. Groups approved as CIOs gain access to resources that many on-Grounds groups do not have otherwise, according to third-year Leadership student Emily Lodge, Student Council

vice president for organizations.

"In a perfect world we would be able to approve of them all, but unfortunately we have limited space and limited funding," Lodge said.

The Roosevelt Society hopes to use the status as a CIO to give back to the University community, Weiss said.

"We hope to really serve U.Va. in a way that its founding and principles demand and that trains the leaders of tomorrow," Weiss said.



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The program is under the Office of Engagement oversight, but many of the events and decisions are internally organized by students.

Student Ambassadors reach out to prospective students

Program includes connections to alumni, current students, U.Va. Clubs globally

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As the 2015-16 academic year begins, the Student Ambassadors are working to connect University alumni and prospective students.

The Student Ambassadors, a group which spearheads annual local send-off functions for incoming first years on behalf of the University, act as student liaisons for the Office of Engagement. The program is operational on a global scale, with ambassadors hosting events across the world for potential University students.

The role of student ambassador was created by the Office of Engagement in 2010 to connect University alumni, parents and friends of the University with current students, according to the group's website.

The organization represents the University in a variety of capacities, including organizing and operating family weekends, Lawn Society lunches, facilitating local send-off events and placing congratulatory phone calls to recently accepted students.

Student Ambassador President Bharvya Maheshwari, a third-year College student, said the group serves communities which don't always receive attention from students on Grounds.

"Most student organizations are just involved directly in the University community," Maheshwari said. "[Student Ambassadors] are the connection between high school prospective stu-

dents, current students, and alumni."

Student Ambassador Daniel Justus, a fourth-year College student, said the program is beneficial to the alumni involved in University clubs as well as to prospective students.

"I think it helps bring alumni closer to the University, especially alumni who aren't necessarily in metropolitan areas and that live in areas that don't have a huge U.Va. presence," Justus said.

Justus, who is originally from a small rural town in Southwest Virginia, said the program also helps to recruit students from smaller areas.

"I get to give a picture of the University that prospective students may not get from faculty, staff or alumni," Justus said.

Although the Office of Engagement maintains oversight of the organization, many of the program's events and decisions are internally operated and handled, a process Justus said is in line with the University tradition of student self-governance.

"Even though we are under the Office of Outreach and Engagement, for the most part, students do maintain the authority in terms of administrative issues," Justus said.

Though Justus said he thinks the Student Ambassador program is ultimately a positive one, he said he hopes to see continued outreach in underrepresented areas.

"Anecdotally, I noticed that there is a big emphasis on areas that are well-represented, but that doesn't mean that the areas that aren't well-represented should be any less valued," Justus said.

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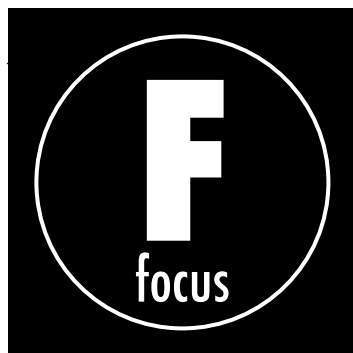
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In the nine days since classes have kicked off, the University community has received two emails detailing the reports of two separate sexual assaults. These assaults have taken place during what sexual assault prevention groups and educators refer to as the “red zone,” or the period in the first six to 10 weeks of schools during which most sexual assaults occur on college campuses.

The University and the red zone

Claire Kaplan, director of the University Women's Center, said this trend is realized at the University and is consistent with what occurs at universities nationwide. However, cause of the pattern remains unclear.

“Common sense would say these are people who are vulnerable because they are away from home for the first time, and there are people who take advantage of that,” Kaplan said.

Benjamin Rexrode, community service and crime prevention coordinator for the University's police department, agreed with Kaplan's diagnosis.

University police see the spike in assaults during the red zone, but exact statistics are difficult to pinpoint, Rexrode said.

“Statistics sometimes aren't going to be an accurate reflection of what's happening,” he said. “There are a lot more sexual assaults going on than what is reported.”

Being in an unfamiliar environment can also contribute, said Alex Pinkleton, a fourth-year College student and president of One Less.

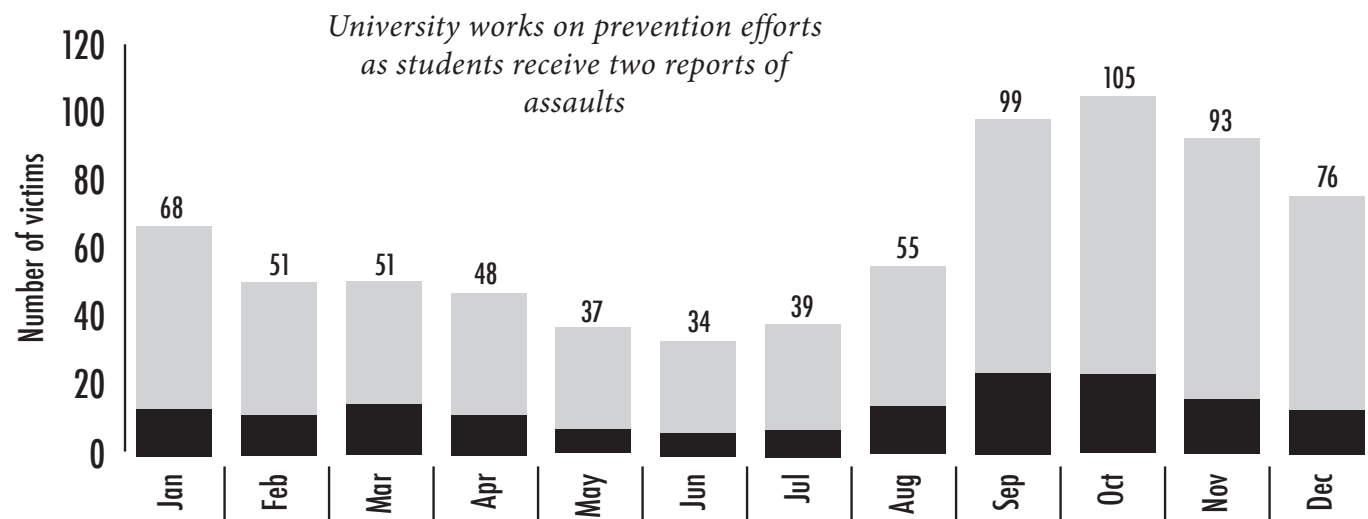
“The main factor is that it's a new environment,” Pinkleton said. “It's not being completely comfortable with your surroundings or knowing everyone when you go out.”

Dismantling the red zone: University prevention efforts

Student groups and University administration have been

Navigating the RED ZONE

Women's Center	434-982-236
Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA)	800-656-467
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	434-243-5150



Sexual assault on campuses by month

■ Forced sexual assault only
■ Incapacitated sexual assault only

*Statistics taken from a 2007 National Institute of Justice Campus Sexual Assault study of 657 sexual assault victims

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collaborating on initiatives to address the high incidence of sexual assault in the red zone.

One Less and One in Four recently launched a program called Dorm Norms, which aims to facilitate conversations with first years about how they can be active bystanders and intervene if they see a harmful situation. Dorm Norms is co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students.

“We're trying to create early this idea that U.Va. is not a place that tolerates sexual assaults,”

said third-year College student Will Henagan, an executive team member on the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition. “I think we've got a lot of momentum behind our efforts right now, especially coming out of a traumatic year.”

The cooperation between students and administration has been beneficial, Pinkleton said.

“Incoming students are getting the message that sexual assault is not being tolerated,

and that's what we really need,” Pinkleton said.

Rexrode said he trains resident advisors to talk to first-year residents about sexual assault and bystander intervention. He also teaches self-defense classes to students and encourages communication between parents and their children.

The Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition is also partnering with bars and restaurants on the Corner and Downtown to prevent sexual violence, Henagan said. The SVPC has donated #HoosGotYourBack t-shirts and stickers to bars in restaurants to spread awareness about the sexual assault prevention.

Pinkleton emphasized the importance of survivor support during the red zone.

“It's very important that people know how to respond if someone tells them that they've been sexually assaulted, like telling a responsible employee,” Pinkleton said.

In conjunction with the new

University reporting system, responsible employees are obligated to report any assault they know of to the University. Responsible employees are distinguished from confidential employees, who are not obligated to report incidents to the University.

Pinkleton said the University has improved prevention efforts in the past year.

“We've owned up to the fact that it is happening. We know it's a problem specifically here,” Pinkleton said. “I think that makes people not only more aware, but more willing to do something about it.”

Moving forward

The best way to prevent sexual assault is to look out for friends and have conversations about intervening in dangerous situations, Kaplan said.

“The only way [sexual assault] is going to go away is by taking away the supports of the systems that allow it to exist,” Kaplan said. “Think about how

your life would be different if this type of violence didn't exist.”

There are a few things every student should keep in mind, Kaplan said.

“Don't assume that [somebody has] your well being in mind,” she said. “Try to be sober enough to where you can actually function. And just because someone is drunk doesn't mean you can have sex with them.”

If someone shares their assault experience with you, the best thing to do is support and believe them, Henagan said. Provide them with resources to report the assault if they wish, and support their decision to report or not.

There are many resources available for survivors of sexual assault at the University and in Charlottesville. These include the Women's Center (434-982-2361), the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (800-656-4673) and Counseling and Psychological Services (434-243-5150).

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Junior quarterback Matt Johns has the keys to the Virginia offense heading into this weekend's season opener in Pasadena. Last year, Johns played in all 12 games, starting three.

Football kicks off 2015 season at UCLA

Johns, Rosen face off at quarterback Saturday afternoon at Rose Bowl

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Virginia football kicks off its 126th season against No. 13 UCLA Saturday. Converging on the Rose Bowl are two quarterbacks cut from different cloths, yet both carry the burden of expectations heading into the 2015 college football season.

Starting under center for Virginia is junior Matt Johns, a largely unheralded three-star recruit from Central Bucks South High School in Warrington, Pa.

Johns' opposite is true freshman Josh Rosen, the No. 1 pro-style quarterback in the class of 2015.

Rosen racked up offers from traditional powerhouses Florida State, Notre Dame and Texas just to name a few, while Johns received only the one scholarship offer from the Cavaliers.

But being lightly recruited does not affect Johns, at least not in a negative manner. It drives Virginia's signal caller.

"It's one of the reasons I play with a chip on my shoulder ... It helps me put everything aside and not listen to that noise," Johns said.

Johns received his first real taste of quarterbacking in last year's season opener at home against then-No. 7 UCLA — he also made a brief appearance against VMI in 2013 but did not throw the ball. Coach Mike London opted to swap out starter Greyson Lambert after a disastrous

first-half performance, which included two pick sixes.

Coming on in relief, Johns orchestrated a 75-yard drive that ended with a touchdown pass to then-freshman wideout Andre Levine in the last minute of the first half to trim the Bruins' lead to 21-10.

Virginia would outscore UCLA 10-7 in the second half, but the 21 points scored by the Bruin defense in the second quarter provided them enough cushion as UCLA won 28-20.

"That was a game that Matt kind of showed that he had a little bit of stuff in him, and that he could be — eventually be a good player here," London said.

Johns made eight more appearances at quarterback, including three starts, in 2014 and threw for 1,109 yards and eight touchdowns.

During the same time, Rosen was lighting up opposing defenses for St. John Bosco in Bellflower, Calif. As a senior, Rosen threw for 3,186 yards and 29 touchdowns with a 63.6 completion percentage.

Rosen beat out junior Jerry Neuheisel to become the only true freshman quarterback to start a season opener for the Bruins and the first to start a game since Drew Olson did so midway through the 2002 campaign.

Tabbing Rosen the starting quarterback presents a break in the continuity that coach Jim Mora so enjoyed. Brett Hundley, now with the

Green Bay Packers, started under center in all 40 games between 2013 and 2015 before declaring for the NFL Draft.

"It's going to be interesting to see how our offense reacts to a new quarterback under center for the first time in three years," Mora said. "I'm sure there will be some plays where you hold your breath a little."

Rosen should be expected to make rookie mistakes Saturday, and Cavaliers defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta will try to force as many errors as possible by ratcheting up the pressure. Tenuta's love of the blitz is well-documented, and he will likely throw everything he has at the 18 year old.

But Mora has placed his quarterback in a position to succeed as Rosen is surrounded by skilled playmakers and a more solid offensive line.

The Bruins' offensive line was less than firm during the 2014 opener. Then-junior Jake Brendel sat out due to injury, which forced then-sophomore guard Scott Quessenberry to slide into the center slot. Freshman Najee Toran filled Quessenberry's spot at right guard.

Virginia's front seven was able to take advantage of the reconfigured UCLA line. The Cavaliers sacked Hundley five times and held the Bruins to three yards per carry.

Part of the challenge facing Virginia is generating an effective rush. All three defenders that recorded sacks of Hundley — linebackers

Henry Coley and Max Valles with two apiece and fellow linebacker Daquan Romero with one — are gone, as is defensive end Eli Harold.

The Cavalier defensive linemen and linebackers must now do it on the fly against a veteran front line.

"The offensive line sets the tone and the tempo of our offense," Mora said.

Aiding Rosen's transition to the college game is his backfield mate junior Paul Perkins, the Pac-12's leading rusher a year ago. In 2014, Perkins lugged the ball 250 times and accrued 1,572 yards and nine touchdowns. Perkins rushed for 80 yards against the Cavaliers last season.

Having a reliable rushing threat allows Mora the chance to ease Rosen into his first collegiate start.

"Coach Mora feels they can take some of the load off of him and as long as he facilitates getting the ball to those players and run their system," London said. "Obviously they believe that he can do that."

Currently a 19.5-point underdog, few outside the program give the Cavaliers a chance against the Bruins, but that does not mean this team does not believe in its quarterback.

"We have this one guy that we can roll with and this whole team, this whole program trusts this guy and believes in this guy," senior wide receiver Canaan Severin said.

Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Women's soccer preps for West Coast swing

Freshmen make early contributions for No. 1 Cavaliers, Swanson says star forward Doniak is 'day to day' after pulling hamstring

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Virginia women's soccer fans remember the moment well: with close to seven minutes remaining on the clock, Florida State senior forward Jamia Fields froze one defender with an inside-out move and created enough space to uncoil a left-footed strike. The ball skidded between a pair of legs and beside Cavalier junior goalkeeper Morgan Stearns for a goal. Woefully, that's all she wrote.

Nine months and one day removed from that 1-0 defeat at the 2014 College Cup final in Boca Raton, Fla., the now-No. 1 Cavaliers head out west with a 3-0 record in 2015. Defending champion and previous No. 1 Florida State fell 3-2 to in-state rival No. 14 Florida Sunday.

With a target fastened on its back, Virginia will either take care of business in the Golden State, Friday at No. 14 UCLA (2-1) and Sunday at No. 19 Pepperdine (3-1), or else suffer a similar fate as the Seminoles four days ago.

"We're excited to go out to California," senior forward Brittany Ratcliffe said. "UCLA and Pepperdine

are really good teams. But even if the level [of our opponent] goes up, we just have to play our game because as long as we play Virginia soccer we're going to do well."

So far, the Cavaliers have outscored opponents — UNC Wilmington, Cal Poly, and Delaware — 16 to one. Virginia's defense has been a reliable force thanks to the leadership and tenacity of its center backs, senior Emily Sonnett and junior Kristen McNabb, and Stearns in goal.

Concern, if any, rests with the offense and how much higher its shooting percentage could be at this point. Virginia has netted only 16 of its 91 total shots — 17.6 percent.

"In some ways, we're generating good chances," Virginia coach Steve Swanson said. "We're getting the ball to places where we can do damage. But in other instances, we've just got to be better on our conversion rate. We're certainly not going to get 30 shots a game, so it's how well can we convert the chances that we get."

The Bruins and Waves have conceded an average of 5.3 and 7.8 shots per game, respectively. So the Cavaliers cannot rely on sheer volume of shots to produce goals this weekend.

Fortunately, Virginia should have

its elite finisher and senior forward Makenzy Doniak back up top. Doniak — who tallied 20 goals a season ago — missed the final 35 minutes Friday and all of Sunday's game with a pulled left hamstring, which Swanson has optimistically characterized as "day to day." The Cavaliers understand how central "Mak" is to their team.

"It was definitely a little nerve-racking to be without her, because she's so good," freshman midfielder Betsy Brandon said. "She's very powerful and obviously a top goal scorer. It's very nice to have someone who can run on to anything and pull you out of any situation too."

If for some reason Doniak has a setback and can't lace up her cleats this weekend, Virginia has the depth to endure, which is perhaps its finest quality. In addition to a cast of emergent upperclassmen, including junior defender Meghan Cox and sophomore forward Veronica Latisko, the team benefits from a strong freshman class.

For example, freshman midfielder Courtney Petersen came off the bench and played more minutes, 71, than any field player in the 6-1

win over Delaware. She tallied three points — one goal, one assist — and has six on the season.

Other rookies — including Brandon, who's started two of three games, forwards Lorato Sargeant and Ayan Adu, and midfielders Montana Sutton and Christiana Sullivan — have contributed quality minutes to the cause. Cavalier veterans love to see this youth movement.

"I think the more and more we play and the more we integrate our first years ... like, you can tell when they come in the level doesn't drop," Ratcliffe said. "It's hard to tell who's a first year and who's a fourth year. It's awesome. That's what we want, a deep team that can perform no matter who's on the field."

Swanson acknowledges that this depth and unity — 29 players with different personalities and roles who've come together already — are two strengths of his team. But, like any visionary leader, he's quicker to point out several areas where his players must improve.

"We still have work to do," he said. "At times, we are playing too slow for the way a defense is playing us. Our crossing isn't as consistent as I'd like it to be. Our movement in

and around the box isn't as consistent as I'd like it to be. Our decisions on when to penetrate centrally ... again, sometimes we are forcing it when we shouldn't."

The Cavaliers will get to where Swanson wants them to go — well, if that's possible. As an assistant on the U.S. Women's National Team this summer, Swanson probably even saw room for improvement among those world champions. But this refusal to be complacent is what makes Virginia's soccer coach one of the best in this country.

Swanson's players always seem to respond, whether at the professional or collegiate level. They put in the hard work and believe in the group. They embrace tests like the two that await Virginia this weekend on the West Coast.

"Big challenge, you know," Swanson said. "I think we're obviously going to get their best shots, certainly from what happened last year. It'll be two good teams in three days. We'll have our work cut out for us, but I think it's what we need at this point in time. We're ready to go."

Kickoffs are scheduled for 7 p.m. (PST) Friday at UCLA and 1 p.m. (PST) Sunday at Pepperdine.

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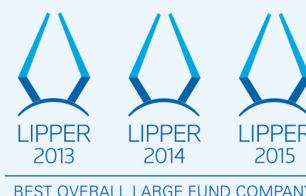
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Men's soccer braces for Golden Hurricane

No. 2 Virginia seeks to protect 'fortress' after double-overtime loss to Tulsa in 2014 road opener

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The second-ranked Cavaliers Men's Soccer team hosts Tulsa Friday night looking to avenge a gut-wrenching 1-0 double overtime loss last season.

Virginia (1-0-0, 0-0 ACC) looks to build continuity and resolve this season, building off last weekend's season-opening win over Charlotte. Although the Cavaliers clearly had the edge, they tired late and look to this week as time to recover before they host Tulsa, (1-0-1, 0-0 American) a team that upset them in Oklahoma last season.

"We start off with recovering, take it easy on Monday, and on Tuesday we start out strong and get some work in, junior midfielder Riggs Lennon said, "towards the end of the week we start to focus on the opponent ahead...and then set up in our formation to adapt to Tulsa's play and work on our tactics."

Tulsa is one of three strong out-of-conference matchups coach George Gelnovatch has scheduled as the Cavaliers, once again, boast one

of the most difficult schedules in the nation.

"The past 5 years our schedule has always been 1 or 2 in NCAA's RPI index," Gelnovatch said, "I believe that we have the depth and the talent to make a schedule like that with the understanding that we're probably going to lose some but with our schedule... you're playing great teams, you're going to win some of them, and that recipe has worked for us."

That recipe worked to perfection last season, as Virginia hit its stride as a 16-seed in the NCAA tournament, knocking off national powerhouses Georgetown and UCLA on the way to a national championship.

"I think it's good for us to see what we're up against, and get our confidence up," Lennon said, "because you want to peak at the end of the season, towards the ACCs and NAACAs so I think we get that hard competition early and by the end we're ready for whoever it is."

Virginia's opening night loss to Tulsa last season was humbling for a team ranked third in preseason. In a hostile environment, the Cavaliers struggled throughout, kept alive by the play of goalkeeper Calle Brown,

who recorded a career-high nine saves.

"They pretty much dominated us at their place last year," senior midfielder Todd Wharton said, "so them coming up here this year will be a lot different but we know they're going to come out strong just like every team will...and we'll be ready for them."

What was most notable that night—beyond Brown's play and Tulsa's defense—was the atmosphere in Hurricane Stadium, which was over capacity at 2,234 fans. Virginia's home field, Klöckner Stadium, has often been referred to as one of the loudest atmospheres, so as Tulsa comes to visit, the team will be looking for noise and energy from the entire fanbase.

"Their crowd was out and rowdy," Lennon said, "we need to show them Klöckner, we've got to prove to them that it was a fluke. We call Klöckner the fortress, so we want everyone out there supporting us and showing them what we can do at home."

For Virginia to achieve that goal, they must be disciplined in training this week under the watchful gaze of Gelnovatch, who is in his 20th season,

seeking the team's third championship in six years.

"Fitness and form," Gelnovatch said, "getting everybody on the same page at this time of year. You have so little time to get your team fit and in form, so that's a primary focus early on."

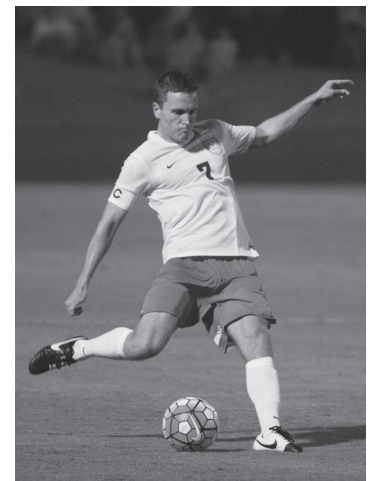
Additionally, Gelnovatch and his staff will be looking to further incorporate the team's new recruiting class, acclimating them to stiffer competition and pushing them in training.

"It's tough every year, because every first year class is different," Wharton said, "These guys have a good attitude, they've got immense talent...but we're pushing them along and letting them know they're going to get through it."

This preparation will be integral on Friday. Tulsa boasts the AAC preseason defensive player of the year, senior defender Bradley Bourgeois, who may be the best defender Virginia's trio of freshman standouts has played against.

Luckily, with the Cavaliers' challenging preseason and tough first match, this class' transition process has been more swift.

"I don't think I have to convey



Hannah Mussi | The Cavalier Daily

Senior midfielder Todd Wharton made the All-ACC Third Team last year.

[how tough this is], we've already played Georgetown and Charlotte, two of the toughest teams we're going to play all year," Gelnovatch said, "we're only three weeks in and I think they know, just with the teams we've played to date."

The third matchup ever between the two teams will kickoff on Friday night at 7 p.m. at Klöckner stadium.

Wynne races to men's victory at season-opening U.Va. Duals

The Virginia men's and women's cross country teams competed in the season-opening U.Va. Duals Wednesday night at Panorama Farms in Earlysville, Va. Both ranked in the top 25 to start the year, the men scored a trio of

wins, while the women started more slowly.

Pegged to finish second in the ACC, the No. 9 Cavalier men posted wins against Charlotte, Liberty and Norfolk State. Junior Henry Wynne paced the field, finishing in 11 minutes, 51 seconds,

while fellow juniors Mike Marsella and Connor Rog also placed in the top five. Junior Adam Visokay and graduate student Silas Frantz completed Virginia's scoring five.

Meanwhile, the No. 16 Virgin-

ia women came up empty against Charlotte, James Madison and Liberty. Junior Brooke Grice provided a bright spot for the Cavaliers, placing 10th. Freshman Alexia Roux, sophomores Katie Roche and Sarah Mattison, and

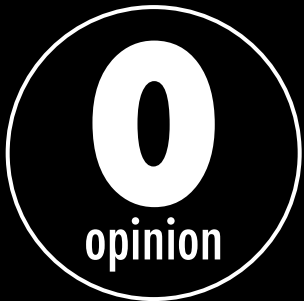
graduate student Iona Lake also ran for Virginia.

The Cavaliers compete Sept. 26 at the Virginia/Panorama Farms Invitational.

—Compiled by Matthew Morris

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Hazing is more than just a Greek problem

A recent lawsuit reminds us of the prevalence of hazing in numerous University groups

A former University student and swim team member has filed a lawsuit against other members of his team alleging he was hazed by them. The lawsuit has been scheduled for trial in September 2016.

The former student, Anthony Marcantonio, alleges he and other first-year swimmers were subjected to numerous forms of hazing, including being forced to drink beer, liquor, milk and prune juice and suffering verbal abuse and forced sexual contact. Marcantonio’s allegations serve as a necessary reminder of the pervasive nature of hazing — that it is not just confined to Greek life.

The tendency to link hazing and Greek life does not exist without reason. But sometimes this association can make us forget about the prevalence of hazing in any hierarchically or competitively organized student group, including those at our University. Contractually independent organizations face similar risks to fraternities and sororities; hushed anecdotes of

what club sports teams, a capella groups and even debating societies make their new members do could certainly qualify as hazing under the University’s definition.

In fact, Greek life, since it has institutional checks and balances in place — as well as an entire University office devoted to regulating it — can be more easily held accountable for reported acts of hazing compared with CIOs or other student groups. If a different kind of student group hazes new or current members, it may receive less attention and perhaps even less understanding on the part of the victims that they have been hazed or should report it, since each group’s brand of hazing may be different and not as well-known.

As an issue, hazing requires much more proactive, widespread analysis than what it currently receives, as much of the current focus revolves around Greek life. This year, with the introduction of two educational modules, the University administration took a proactive stance

against alcohol abuse and sexual and gender-based violence, requiring students to complete these modules in order to access their University accounts. A module on hazing would be a welcome addition to this requirement.

As we seek to make this University — and all college campuses — safe, welcoming and violence-free, we should not let the issue of hazing escape our focus. This latest lawsuit regarding the swim team provides us with an opportunity to tackle this issue head on and with much more diligence.

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of hazing, you can report that incident at the University’s Just Report It site or by calling the Office of the Dean of Students at 434-924-7133.

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Don't cave to consulting

The financial services sector undermines our highest aspirations

On Aug. 19, I received an email invitation to attend McKinsey & Company's information session, linking videos entitled "The Benefits of Becoming a Business Analyst" and "What Do Business Analysts go on to Achieve?" Several days later I received the same memo, this time forwarded to me by a fellow fourth-year. On Aug. 25, I received an invitation to attend one of five recruiting events hosted by Bain & Company, another top-tier management consulting firm. On Aug. 27, I received yet another invitation enclosing the same memo, this time forwarded by my very own editor-in-chief.

Perhaps at some point I was individually labeled as a suitable candidate for such a career (though I consider that debatable). A more probable explanation for why Bain and McKinsey have suddenly become such a ubiquitous presence in my life is the sheer influence that such companies have on college campuses. It's not that I've earned the privilege of being placed on their recruitment radars, but that they've somehow acquired the privilege of being placed on mine — regardless of whether I want them there.

Nearly every fourth-year experi-

ences the undue pressure of having to justify four years of costly education by securing some notable next step:

law, medicine, high finance. The problem is the latter of the three has flooded the job market with millions of opportunities to make

money by helping others make more money. Management consultancy, advertising, public relations, lobbying — these are all examples of financial services that have come to displace alternative career choices by culturally attributing greatest value to careers centered on finance. Our culture here at the University reflects this reality: to be successful after college is to secure a respectable spot within the same industry. Big consulting firms welcome us because we welcome them.

Several writers, including anthropologist Karen Ho and political activist George Monbiot have argued a corporate cult of elitism and high-achievement siphons off the brightest students every year by tempting them with glimpses into the high life. They entice college seniors with parties, sports events and personal invitations, planting the idea that top University graduates become analysts, analysts become associates and associates become vice

presidents. The message they instill is that eventually you too can join the highest echelon of society — that of the corporate elite.

I never asked for them, and yet here they are — in my inbox, flooding conversation and catching the imaginations of my fellow peers. Already, a half dozen of my good friends will be accepting two-year analyst positions at similar firms, and for seemingly different reasons, too. One friend who studies math and philosophy is drawn to the challenges in logic and problem-solving analyst

souls.

My peers express ambivalence toward these positions because, despite being offered a continuous stream of novel challenges, business analysts, for the most part, serve businesses, which in turn, exist to profit. And to readily abandon the myriad noble ideals to which one is exposed during college for a comparably shallow pursuit in life should indeed be at least a little unsettling.

That said, management consulting firms and other financial service companies are not inherently evil; they do not intend to subvert the open-mindedness that college aims to instill. They are simply a symptom of an overly competitive, individualistic culture that posits independent financial security as the hallmark of a successful career. Greater

income equals greater security, which combined affords one high status within a society that equate status with wealth. So long as our University fosters the sorts of attitudes and values associated with this culture, the liberal arts will have little bearing on students' decisions moving forward.

Surely there are alternative

post-undergraduate options that enable one to learn and grow without sacrificing even the slightest degree of dignity. Millions within our generation are already showing a greater tendency to choose part-time jobs over traditional long-term careers so they can make just enough money to live and pursue passions on the side. And as Swarthmore Psychology Professor Barry Schwartz argues in his compelling piece, "Rethinking Work," most people do not work simply to make money anyway, but to improve the lives of others. Studies have even shown such motivation applies evenly across the spectrum of socioeconomic standing.

Why must we repeatedly resort to an industry that, while perhaps encompassing its own noble outlets, remains deeply entrenched within the same culture that keeps us from doing what we truly love? I have confidence we can start rethinking our self-serving competitive culture here on Grounds, so the values we collect through college can guide us into our next, nobler steps in life — regardless of how uncertain those steps may be.

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cases entail. Another humanities student, who happened to walk up to me as I was writing this piece (on his way to a Boston Consulting Firm info session), similarly enjoys the intellectual stimulation of working through business problems. Oddly these same individuals admitted, somewhat half-jokingly, that they had sold their

Race, depression and Sandra Bland

Whatever the cause of her death, her treatment raises disturbing questions

The past few years have seen racial tension rise to the forefront of the national consciousness, bringing up the issue of unequal and unethical treatment of individuals of different races. A non-stop hail of breaking stories has revealed in vivid detail the mistreatment of entire African-American communities by police, disturbingly brought to light by the racist policing techniques used by Ferguson police. Stories of unarmed black men slain by police have dominated the news cycle: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Eric Garner — these names endure in our minds. The bloody arrest of Martese Johnson by three overzealous Alcoholic Beverage Control officers even brought this tension to our Grounds.

Sandra Bland's death on July 13 seemed to be a continuation of this trend. Bland, a 28-year-old African-American woman, was found dead in her cell, a plastic trash bag wrapped around her neck, three days after her arrest for assaulting a police officer who had pulled her over for switching lanes without a turn signal.

Her death was declared a suicide but many people, especially her family members, think the circumstances of her death are suspicious.

They see her death as a violent continuation of the same abuse of power by police against African-American citizens, and accusations of foul play were quick to arise.

In their defense, the police department presented evidence of Bland's depression and past attempts at suicide and released some videotape of the outside of her cell. Portions of her intake form have been shown, though also closely scrutinized, revealing her suicidal thoughts. Bland's family has countered by adamantly stating she would never harm herself in that fashion. Her new job, they say, among other positive events in her life, could not leave Sandra in a mindset to commit suicide. They have labeled the focus on her issues with depression, perhaps reasonably, as a feeble attempt to distract focus from the suspicious circumstances in which she was found.

However, even if this is an attempt

to distract, this argument still has value. Depression is by far the most common cause of suicide. If that was the cause of Sandra's death, it was not about her strength or how well her life was going. Her decision to take her life, if indeed she did, would be due to the depression she faced, the same depression that causes thousands of others to take their lives each year. Despite that, her family's response is natural. The shock, confusion and anger that a loved one's family members feel leave them desperately searching for answers, trying to find a reason. The recent string of officer related deaths of African-Americans makes it simple to connect this to a nationwide pattern. But suicide is rarely simple.

Moreover, in disregarding Sandra's issues with depression, her family may be unwittingly absolving the police of a lesser but still significant offense. If, as the department states, Sandra indicated her issues with depression and suicide, then why was she not put on a suicide watch? Bland's admission of her past attempts at suicide and her characterization of her mood on the day of

her arrest as "very depressed" should have been a clear warning sign to the intake officers that special care was called for. Instead, they displayed a callous lack of concern for the welfare of their inmate. While on suicide watch, Sandra Bland would have been checked on at least every hour. Instead, her last two check-ins were almost two hours apart. "Protect and serve" shouldn't have ceased to apply when Sandra was arrested or when the door to her cell was locked. She still deserved care and protection, things her jailers were unwilling or unable to provide.

An investigation into what happened will hopefully put some of these questions to rest. I don't know what happened to Sandra Bland, be it murder or suicide. The only person who knows for sure what happened in that jail cell died there. Until her death is fully investigated, all claims to either side will have little factual basis. Rather, I would like to say to those who think Sandra's situation would not have credited her response should think again. Disbelief inevitably accompanies suicide, it being unthinkable to loved ones and friends

that someone they knew so well had such hidden and terrible pain. It is no surprise Sandra's family does not believe she took her life. No matter what happens, they will be left with a burden of grief and questions.

Whatever the results of an investigation, the fact remains that Sandra's death was an unnecessary tragedy. And even if it reveals that Sandra did take her own life, the officers involved are far from blameless. At the least excessive force and possibly racial profiling occurred in the traffic stop, and the jailers displayed a blatant disregard for the mental and physical health of their patient. If they had valued their inmates' lives enough to spend a few extra minutes a day looking out for them, it's possible Sandra's death could of have been prevented. The police department will still have to answer for the actions of its officers. But murder? Of that, it may be innocent.

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The failures of Federal Work-Study

The program does not serve the interests of those it is supposed to help

In principle, Federal Work-Study is a highly beneficial program for institutions of higher learning and students across the nation. The program's initiative, according to the United States Department of Education, is to provide "needy" students with "funds for part-time employment... to finance the costs of postsecondary education." In other words, the DOE subsidizes the wages for part-time, on-campus jobs so colleges and universities have an incentive to hire more student employees.

Although FWS operates differently depending on the needs of a particular institution and the demographics of its students, most institutions impose ceilings on the wages a student can earn — usually in terms of how often a student can work in a particular week. For example, the University indicates in the Student Handbook that FWS employees "may not work more than 20 hours per week... when class is officially in session."

A case can certainly be made for a strictly-imposed ceiling on weekly work hours for students; the primary goals of a student pursuing postsecondary education are generally to acquire knowledge and learn skills for the professional world, so an institu-

tion should feel compelled to have its students focus on these goals as much as possible. However, when this weekly ceiling — along with the FWS program in general — is analyzed further, it appears the reasoning behind it may not be as innocent as it seems, as this policy essentially benefits the University more than it does its students.

The FWS awards students receive represent the maximum amount of annual wages the federal government will subsidize for an on-campus, part-time employee. As a result, according to the Student Handbook, once a student has earned the entirety of her work-study award, she "must either stop working or obtain departmental approval to continue working." University employers, then, have no obligation to retain student employees once these workers have reached their annual wage limit; in fact, employers face a huge spike in the cost of wages after this limit, as the government subsidizes 70 percent of these costs.

Moreover, a 20-hour work week fits in quite nicely with the maximum annual FWS wages a student can earn: at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, a student working 20 hours per week during a 30-week

school year would earn \$4,350, just slightly above the maximum FWS award of \$4,000. The true achievement, then, of a ceiling on work hours is evident: because FWS employees cannot work more than 20 hours in a given week, the University never has to pay the full cost of wages to a large portion of its part-time student employees.

Naturally, it is in the University's best interest to cut costs, but these costs should not be cut in a realm that directly influences students'

truly need a source of income — and need more than \$4,000 of income in a given school year — are better off not accepting the federal government's work-study award, for if they are hired independently of the FWS program, they do not face the risk of losing their job after earning a certain amount of money.

The fundamental problem with this convoluted system is clear: because FWS students are given significant preferential treatment by university employers, students who need the additional income but choose not to accept the award face the risk of not being hired at all, especially at institutions like the University of Virginia, which has nearly monopolized the job market within walking distance of Central Grounds.

Thus, a few important questions need to be asked of those who designed the FWS program. Why is the maximum work-study award so low? Why does the federal government label students as "needy" and then deny these students the right to earn more than \$4,000 in a given school year? What purpose does a 20-hour maximum workweek

serve other than to reduce inconvenience in the form of cost for university employers?

The lack of conversation about such a damaged system is appalling. Government aid for part-time jobs should provide students with the opportunities to go above and beyond, not victimize students who strive to work as much as they possibly can. Students are choosing to provide a service to their institutions' communities on top of their academic and extracurricular workloads, so why are their respective institutions treating them like uniformed pawns in a cost-cutting chess match?

Subsidizing the cost of hiring part-time employees can be a great government initiative, if it is enacted correctly and responsibly. It is time to engage our University in a conversation about what a correct and responsible work initiative for students should look like. It is time for the leaders of our institution to realize the current one does not even come close to preserving the best interests of the students. It is time, above all, to restore the autonomy of the part-time student worker.

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abilities to live comfortably. Work-study positions often pay upwards of \$12 per hour, meaning students receiving the maximum FWS award can only work eight 20-hour weeks or less in a semester before the students' employers have every right to fire them, regardless of merit or quality of work. Thus, students who

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Career Center's Connecting with Employers 101, 4 p.m., Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall
Career Center's Consulting Symposium (RSVP Required), 6 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom
Jefferson Society Interviews, 12-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Hotel C, West Range
Greece and the Eurozone: Crisis Averted or Crash Test Dummies?, 5 p.m., The Miller Center
HackCville's The Story of Kaleo, 5 p.m., HackCville (#9 Elliewood Ave. on the Corner)
National Alliance on Mental Illness Interest Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 114
Monroe Society Information Session, 7 p.m., Maury Room 104
Hoos Ready Information Session, 8-9 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 124

Friday 9/4
Second Year Council's Back to School Success, 11-1 p.m., The South Lawn
College Colors Day, 12-2 p.m., TJ's Locker (Aquatics and Fitness Center)
Middle Eastern Leadership Council Friday, 4 p.m., Lawn Room 41
Men's Soccer vs. Tulsa, 7 p.m., Klöckner Stadium
UPC: Jurassic World (\$3 tickets in SAC), 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Newcomb Theater
Jefferson Society Interviews, 12-5 p.m., Hotel C, West Range
Chinese Student Association's Icebreaker Night, 6-9 p.m., Ern Commons
McCormick Observatory Public Night, 9-11 p.m., McCormick Observatory

Saturday 9/5
Volleyball vs. Appalachian State, 10 a.m., Memorial Gymnasium
Volleyball vs. Iowa State, 7 p.m., Memorial Gymnasium
Volleyball vs. VCU, 7 p.m., Memorial Gymnasium
UPC: Jurassic World (\$3 tickets in SAC), 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Newcomb Theater

Sunday 9/6
Relay for Life's Vermonster Challenge, 2 p.m., McCormick Quad
University Guide Service Information Session, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., Ern Commons

Monday 9/7
Undergraduate Research Network's Research Fair, 4 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom
UVA Clubs Student Ambassadors Information Session, 5-6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 134
University Guide Service Information Session, 6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 122
Monroe Society Information Session, 7 p.m., Maury Room 104
Screening of the To Write Love on Her Arms Movie, 7 p.m., Grit Coffee (The Corner)

Tuesday 9/8
Undergraduate Research Network's Garden Party, 3-5 p.m., Garden One
Finding Calm in the Storm: How to Help Friends Deal with Trauma, 4-6 p.m., Ern Commons
Career Center's Career Fair Simulation, 5 p.m., Newcomb Hall Ballroom
Cav's Serve Cville, 5-6:30 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom
University Guide Service Information Session, 6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 124
WUVA Information Session, 6 p.m., New Cabell Room 309
Men's Soccer vs. George Mason, 7 p.m., Klöckner Stadium
Monroe Society Information Session, 8 p.m., Chemistry Building Room 304

Wednesday 9/9
Futures in Fashion Association's Fashion Mixer, 5-7 p.m., Open Grounds
CAPS Suicide Prevention Training, 5-6 p.m., OHill Forum
University Guide Service Information Session, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m., Minor Hall Room 125
Undergraduate Research Network's Women in Research, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Open Grounds
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"Depression Cherry" opens with a slow burn — a single organ tone which grows into an airy open chord, buoyed by the introduction of a light and tinkling electronic drum loop, all of which faintly crescendo to meet the rich, gentle voice of lead singer Victoria Legrand. Echoing pianos swirl together as layered backing vocals intone wordless accompaniment. There is a restrained sense of joy under the dark, almost-brooding arrangement. It sounds like a slow-dance number from a 1980s movie, stripped of gaudiness and cliché, bared down to a beautiful, emotional core.

This is the music of Beach House, a duo from Baltimore, Maryland. Shimmering and textural yet deceptively minimalist, the songs on "Depression Cherry" stretch well

beyond the confines of the "dream-pop" label often applied to the band. Take the second track, "Sparks," which places a sharp electric guitar riff over looped, heavily echoing vocals before introducing a heavy, slightly dissonant keyboard progression. The result is dense and lush, the synthetic quality of the keyboard contrasting with Legrand's hushed vocals and the sweeping scope of Alex Scally's guitar.

Beach House has been around since 2004 and has gained consistent critical acclaim since their 2006 debut, "Beach House." Through 2012's "Bloom," Beach House's sound progressed slowly from extremely stripped-down and somewhat experimental to something larger, in some ways closer to indie-rock, featuring more prominent drums and songs slightly more in line with other contemporary electro-pop.

"Depression Cherry," characterized by the band as a return to their

early work's simplicity, feels more like a synthesis and a great step forward. The songs certainly are simpler since the arrangements consist only of keyboard, guitar, voice, electronic drums and limited additional synth ornamentation. They're also incredibly catchy to the point that several songs sound vaguely familiar on the first listen. This is not to say "Depression Cherry" sounds unoriginal; rather, the melodies are so cleverly composed they feel inherently satisfying, like something you forgot you knew.

Mid-album song "10:37," for instance, has more in common in terms of form with a folk song or a spiritual than with anything in contemporary pop. The melody is simple, foregrounding the reverb-laden production and elusive lyrics like "Here she comes, all parts of everything / Stars in the mother-hand / With the dark, thunder above you / Come to a song."



Courtesy Beach House

"Depression Cherry" is a striking album, mellow and filled with little complexities that grow more apparent with each listen. The songs are masterfully crafted and arranged to form a cohesive, musical aesthetic — a swirling wall of sound at once

melancholy and deeply satisfying. From its opening note to the fadeout of the closing guitar riff, "Depression Cherry" is something to experience, a step beyond anything else Beach House has done before.

Could this be the last VMAs?

Miley Cyrus-helmed affair created new memes, memorable gaffes

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This past weekend's 32nd annual VMAs, hosted by Miley Cyrus, were quite the spectacle. In a word, the show was crude, simply put. No one should be surprised, because of Miley's attention-grabbing, unapologetic persona in the media. Cyrus is notorious for her topless Instagram photos, which have become rather standard and tasteless. With her tongue wagging in defiance, she is also quite vocal about her blatant appreciation of popular drugs such as marijuana and "molly."

This year's award show started on a positive note, with Nicki Minaj performing "Trini Dem Girls" from her latest album in true Trinidadian fashion. With costumes and choreography to die for, her performance got even better as she brought out Taylor Swift to perform "Bad Blood" alongside her. This surprise from two female superstars effectively ended their feud from earlier this year with a fantastic performance!

While the tone for the VMAs was fun and light to begin with, things took a turn as soon as Miley took the stage. While some of her jokes were funny, most of them didn't land. It seemed as though most of attempted comedy was wrapped up in how much she loves smoking marijuana and doing drugs. This tired trope became completely unbearable by the end of the show.

Beyond Miley's annoying pot-smoking references, insane costumes and her incredibly predictable "nip-slip" moment, all of the performances from the show were near perfect. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis had spot-on choreography, Demi Lovato and Iggy Azalea looked surprisingly good on stage together, Tori Kelly's voice was beyond perfect, Justin Bieber broke down in tears after his amazing performance and who can forget Miley's bawdy closing number.

However, it wouldn't be the VMAs without some shocking moments, which sent the Internet ablaze and created fodder for a whole new line of memes. First on the list, was Nicki Minaj's vicious assault on Miley Cyrus. Upon accepting her award for Best Hip Hop Video ("Anaconda"), Nicki thanked her fans and her pastor before shredding Miley on stage. Nicki was referring to a recent New York Times interview in which Miley Cyrus spoke out against Nicki Minaj for sparking an internet feud with Taylor Swift after not being nominated for Video of the Year.

A shouting match ensued, with Miley and Nicki yelling at one another from across the VMA's stage. And from this we have now gained a new celebrity feud (which may debatably have been scripted). Scripted or not, it was a huge shock and added to the drama of the night.

The second "meme-able" moment came when Kanye West was awarded the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award. This part of the ceremony was preceded

by a short film that featured instrumentals from Kanye West's song, "Runaway" and a monologue about how great and visionary an artist Kanye is. It sounded like Kanye wrote an essay about how awesome he is. Typical Kanye, right?

After all that prattle, none other than Taylor Swift made an introductory speech about how much she "loved" Kanye. This would have been a great moment, except Taylor appeared to be a huge Kanye fan even after his rude display at the 2009 VMAs. It all seemed terribly contrived.

Taylor went on to state how the first album she bought was Kanye West's debut album, "The College Dropout," when she was 12 years old. This seems odd because the album was released in 2004 when Taylor Swift was only 14 years old.

Finally, after Taylor was done trying to be sentimental, Kanye took the stage. Nay, Kanye stole the stage and ranted for over ten minutes. Every few minutes he would say something disjointed, unclear and incoherent, but still incredibly passionate — consider his introductory "listen to the kids" call to action. Kanye spoke about various topics like his daughter, his dissonance with award shows, how much hate he gets for how he treated Taylor Swift, how high he was at the moment and other nonsensical things. This culminated in his announcement of his running in the 2020 presidential election. This shocker stirred up tidal waves (no pun intended) online, as "#Kanye2020" and "#VoteKanye" became popular trends.

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